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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

In the preparation of the present edition of this work, the author has taken pains, in response to a general demand in that behalf, to incorporate a very great number of additional citations to decided cases, in which the terms or phrases of the law have been judicially defined. The general plan, however, has not been to quote seriatim a number of such judicial definitions under each title or heading, but rather to frame a definition, or a series of alternative definitions, expressive of the best and clearest thinking and most accurate statements in the reports, and to cite in support of it a liberal selection of the best decisions, giving the preference to those in which the history of the word or phrase, in respect to its origin and use, is reviewed, or in which a large number of other decisions are cited. The author has also taken advantage of the opportunity to subject the entire work to a thorough revision, and has entirely rewritten many of the definitions, either because his fresh study of the subject-matter or the helpful criticism of others had disclosed minor inaccuracies in them, or because he thought they could profitably be expanded or made more explicit, or because of new uses or meanings of the term. There have also been included a large number of new titles. Some of these are old terms of the law which had previously been overlooked, a considerable number are Latin and French words, ancient or modern, not heretofore inserted, and the remainder are terms new to the law, or which have come into use since the first edition was published, chiefly growing out of the new developments in the social, industrial, commercial, and political life of the people.

Particularly in the department of medical jurisprudence, the work has been enriched by the addition of a great number of definitions which are of constant interest and importance in the courts. Even in the course of the last few years medical science has made giant strides, and the new discoveries and theories have brought forth a new terminology, which is not only much more accurate but also much richer than the old; and in all the fields where law and medicine meet we now daily encounter a host of terms and phrases which, no more than a decade ago, were utterly unknown. This is true—to cite but a few examples—of the new terminology of insanity, of pathological and criminal psychology, the innumerable forms of nervous disorders, the new tests and reactions, bacteriology, toxicology, and so on. In this whole department I have received much valuable assistance from my friend Dr. Fielding H. Garrison, of this city, to whose wide and thorough scientific learning I here pay cheerful tribute, as well as to his constant and obliging readiness to place at the command of his friends the resources of his well-stored mind.

Notwithstanding all these additions, it has been possible to keep the work within the limits of a single volume, and even to avoid materially increasing its bulk, by a new system of arrangement, which involves grouping all compound and descriptive terms and phrases under the main heading or title from which they are radically derived or with which they are conventionally associated, substantially in accordance with the plan adopted in the Century Dictionary and most other modern works of reference.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

The dictionary now offered to the profession is the result of the author's endeavor to prepare a concise and yet comprehensive book of definitions of the terms, phrases, and maxims used in American and English law and necessary to be understood by the working lawyer and judge, as well as those important to the student of legal history or comparative jurisprudence. It does not purport to be an epitome or compilation of the body of the law. It does not invade the province of the text-books, nor attempt to supersede the institutional writings. Nor does it trench upon the field of the English dictionary, although vernacular words and phrases, so far as construed by the courts, are not excluded from its pages. Neither is the book encyclopedic in its character. It is chiefly required in a dictionary that it should be comprehensive. Its value is impaired if any single word that may reasonably be sought between its covers is not found there. But this comprehensiveness is possible (within the compass of a single volume) only on condition that whatever is foreign to the true function of a lexicon be rigidly excluded. The work must therefore contain nothing but the legitimate matter of a dictionary, or else it cannot include all the necessary terms. This purpose has been kept constantly in view in the preparation of the present work. Of the most esteemed law dictionaries now in use, each will be found to contain a very considerable number of words not defined in any other. None is quite comprehensive in itself. The author has made it his aim to include all these terms and phrases here, together with some not elsewhere defined.

For the convenience of those who desire to study the law in its historical development, as well as in its relations to political and social philosophy, place has been found for numerous titles of the old English law, and words used in old European and feudal law, and for the principal terminology of the Roman law. And in view of the modern interest in comparative jurisprudence and similar studies, it has seemed necessary to introduce a considerable vocabulary from the civil, canon, French, Spanish, Scotch, and Mexican law and other foreign systems. In order to further adapt the work to the advantage and convenience of all classes of users, many terms of political or public law are here defined, and such as are employed in trade, banking, and commerce, as also the principal phraseology of international and maritime law and forensic medicine. There have also been included numerous words taken from the vernacular, which, in consequence of their interpretation by the courts or in statutes, have acquired a quasi-technical meaning, or which, being frequently used in laws or private documents, have often been referred to the courts for construction. But the main body of the work is given to the definition of the technical terms and phrases used in modern American and English jurisprudence.

In searching for definitions suitable to be incorporated in the work, the author has carefully examined the codes, and the compiled or revised statutes, of the various states, and from these sources much valuable matter has been obtained. The definitions thus enacted by law are for the most part terse, practical, and of course authoritative. Most, if not all, of such statutory interpretations of words and phrases will be found under their appropriate titles. Due prominence has
also been given to definitions formulated by the appellate courts and embodied in the reports. Many of these judicial definitions have been literally copied and adopted as the author's definition of the particular term, of course with a proper reference. But as the constant aim has been to present a definition at once concise, comprehensive, accurate, and lucid, he has not felt bound to copy the language of the courts in any instance where, in his judgment, a better definition could be found in treatises of acknowledged authority, or could be framed by adaptation or re-arrangement. But many judicial interpretations have been added in the way of supplementary matter to the various titles.

The more important of the synonyms occurring in legal phraseology have been carefully discriminated. In some cases, it has only been necessary to point out the correct and incorrect uses of these pairs and groups of words. In other cases, the distinctions were found to be delicate or obscure, and a more minute analysis was required.

A complete collection of legal maxims has also been included, comprehending as well those in English and Law French as those expressed in the Latin. These have not been grouped in one body, but distributed in their proper alphabetical order through the book. This is believed to be the more convenient arrangement.

It remains to mention the sources from which the definitions herein contained have been principally derived. For the terms appertaining to old and middle English law and the feudal polity, recourse has been had freely to the older English law dictionaries, (such as those of Cowell, Spelman, Blount, Jacob, Cunningham, Whishaw, Skene, Tomlins, and the "Termes de la Ley," ) as also to the writings of Bracton, Littleton, Coke, and the other sages of the early law. The authorities principally relied on for the terms of the Roman and modern civil law are the dictionaries of Calvinus, Scheller, and Vicat, (with many valuable suggestions from Brown and Burrill), and the works of such authors as Mackeldyey, Hunter, Browne, Hallifax, Wolff, and Maine, besides constant reference to Gaius and the Corpus Juris Civilis. In preparing the terms and phrases of French, Spanish, and Scotch law, much assistance has been derived from the treatises of Pothier, Merlin, Toullier, Schmidt, Argles, Hall, White, and others, the commentaries of Erskine and Bell, and the dictionaries of Dalloz, Bell, and Escriche. For the great body of terms used in modern English and American law, the author, besides searching the codes and statutes and the reports, as already mentioned, has consulted the institutional writings of Blackstone, Kent, and Bouvier, and a very great number of text-books on special topics of the law. An examination has also been made of the recent English law dictionaries of Wharton, Sweet, Brown, and Mozley & Whitley, and of the American lexicographers, Abbott, Anderson, Bouvier, Burrill, and Rapalje & Lawrence. In each case where aid is directly levied from these sources, a suitable acknowledgment has been made. This list of authorities is by no means exhaustive, nor does it make mention of the many cases in which the definition had to be written entirely de novo; but it will suffice to show the general direction and scope of the author's researches.

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A. The first letter of the English alphabet; used to distinguish the first page of a folio from the second, marked b, thus: Coke, Litt. 114a, 114b; or the first page of a book, the first footnote on a printed page, the first of a series of subdivisions, etc., from the following ones, which are marked b, c, d, e, etc.

It is also used as an abbreviation for many words of which it is the initial letter.

An abbreviation of adversus used for versus, indicating the parties to an action.

At Roman criminal trials the judge, on a table covered with wax, provided for the purpose, inscribed the letter A (absolvo) when he voted to acquit.

The letter A (i. e. antiquo, "for the old law") was inscribed upon Roman ballots to indicate a vote against a proposed law. Tayl. Civ. Law, 191, 192.

An adulteress among the Puritans was condemned to wear the initial letter "A" in red cloth on her dress.

In Latin phrases a preposition, denoting from, by, in, on, of, at, and is of common use as a part of a title.

In French phrases it is also a preposition, denoting of, at, to, for, in, with.


A/C. In bookkeeping it means account. As used in a check it has been held not a direction to the bank to credit the amount of the check to the person named but rather a memorandum to identify the transaction in which the check was issued. Marsh v. First State Bank & Trust Co. of Canton, 185 Ill. App. 29, 32.

A. D. Lat. Contractions for Anno Domini, (in the year of our Lord).

A. M. Lat. Ante meridian. After the general use of solar time became obsolete, the abbreviations "A. M." and "P. M." in designating time remained in use to distinguish between forenoon and afternoon. Orvik v. Casselman, 105 N. W. 1105, 1106, 15 N. D. 34.

A. R. Anno regni, the year of the reign; as, A. R. V. R. 22, (Anno Regni Victorii Reginae vicessimo secundo,) in the twenty-second year of the reign of Queen Victoria.

A. U. C. Lat. ab urbe condita. From the foundation of the city, Rome. The era from which Romans computed time, being assumed to be 753 years before the Christian Era.

AVER ET TENER. L. Fr. (L. Lat. habendum et tenendum.) To have and to hold. Co. Litt. §§ 523, 524. A aver et tener a laivre et a ses heires, a tous jours,—to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever. Id. § 625. See Aver et Tener.

A CELO USQUE AD CENTRUM. From the heavens to the center of the earth.

A communis observantia non est recedendum. From common observance there should be no departure; there must be no departure from common usage. 2 Coke, 74; Co. Litt. 1862, 2299, 365a; Wing. Max. 752, max. 203. A maxim applied to the practice of the courts, to the ancient and established forms of pleading and conveyancing, and to professional usage generally. Id. 752-755. Lord Coke applies it to common professional opinion. Co. Litt. 1862, 364b.

A CONSILII. (Lat. consilium, advice.) Of counsel; a counselor. The term is used in the civil law by some writers instead of a responsio. Spelman, "Apocrisarius."
A CUEILLETTE. In French law. In relation to the contract of affreightment, signifies when the cargo is taken on condition that the master succeeds in completing his cargo from other sources. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 543.


A DIE DATUS. From the day of the date. Hatter v. Ash, 1 Er. Raym. 84. Used in leases to determine the time or running of the estate, and when so used the time includes the day of the date. Doe v. Watton, 1 Cowp. 159, 191. But for contrary construction, see Haths v. Ash, 2 Salk. 415.

A digniori fieri debet denominatio. Denomination ought to be from the more worthy. The description (of a place) should be taken from the more worthy subject (as from a will). Fleta, lib. 4, c. 10, § 12.

A digniori fieri debet denominatio et resolutio. The title and exposition of a thing ought to be derived from, or given, or made with reference to, the more worthy degree, quality, or species of it. Wing. Max. 265, max. 75.

A FORFAIT ET SANS GARANTIE. In French law. A formula used in indorsing commercial paper, and equivalent to "without recourse."

A FORTIORI. With stronger reason; much more. A term used in logic to denote an argument to the effect that because one ascertained fact exists, therefore another, which is included in it, or analogous to it, and which is less improbable, unusual, or surprising, must also exist.

A GRATIA. From grace or favor; as a matter of indulgence, not of right.

A justitia (qua quodam fonte) omnia jura emanant. From justice, as a fountain, all rights flow. Bract. 2 b.


Applied also to a process or proceeding. Kelw. 159.

Out of the regular or lawful course; incidentally or casually. Bract. fol. 42 b; Fleta, lib. 3, c. 15, § 13.

From the side of; denoting closeness of intimacy or connection; as a court held before auditors specialiter a latere regis destinatiae. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 2, § 4.

Apostolic; having full powers to represent the Pope as if he were present. Du Cange, Legati a latere; 4 Bla. Com. 308.

A LIBELLIS. L. Lat. An officer who had charge of the libelli or petitions addressed to the sovereign. Calvin. A name sometimes given to a chancellor, (cancellarius,) in the early history of that office. Spelman, "Cancellarius."

A l'impossible nul n'est tenu. No one is bound to do what is impossible.

A ME. (Lat. ego, I.) A term in feudal grants denoting direct tenure of the superior lord. 2 Bell, H. L. Sc. 133.

Unjustly detaining from me. He is said to withhold a me (from me) who has obtained possession of my property unjustly. Calvinus, Lex. To pay a me, is to pay from my money.

A MENSA ET THORO. Lat. From table and bed, but more commonly translated, from bed and board. A kind of divorce, which is rather a separation of the parties by law, than a dissolution of the marriage.

A NATIVITATE. From birth, or from infancy. Denotes that a disability, status, etc., is congenital. 3 Bla. Comm. 332; Reg. Orig. 296 b.

A non posse ad non esse sequitur argumentum necessarie negative, fiet non affirmativae. From impossibility to non-existence the inference follows necessarily in the negative, though not in the affirmative. That which cannot be done is not done. Hob. 336 b.

A PALATIO. L. Lat. From palatium, (a palace.) Counties palatine are hence so called. 1 Bl. Comm. 117. See Palatium.

A PRENDRE. L. Fr. To take; to seize. Bref a prendre la terre, a writ to take the land. Fet Ass. § 51. A right to take something out of the soil of another is a profit a prendre, or a right coupled with a profit. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 125, § 115. Distinguished from an easement. 5 Adol. & E. 758. Sometimes written as one word, apprendre, apprendre. See Profit a prendre.

Rightfully taken from the soil. 1 N. & P. 172; Waters v. Lilley, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 146, 16 Am. Dec. 333.

A piratis aut latronibus capti liberi permanent. Persons taken by pirates or robbers remain free. Dig. 49, 15, 19, 2; Gro. de J. B. lib. 3, c. 3, § 1.

A piratis aut latronibus capta dominion non mutat. Things taken or captured by pirates and robbers do not change their ownership. Rynk. bk. 1, c. 17; 1 Kent, Comm. 108, 154. No right to the spoil vests in the piratical captors; no right is derivable from them to any receptors in prejudice of the original owners. 2 Wood. Lect. 428.

A POSTERIORI. Lat. From the effect to the cause; from what comes after. A term used in logic to denote an argument founded on ex-

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periment or observation, or one which, taking ascertained facts as an effect, proceeds by synthesis and induction to demonstrate their cause.

A PRIORI. Lat. From the cause to the effect; from what goes before. A term used in logic to denote an argument founded on analogy, or abstract considerations, or one which, positing a general principle or admitted truth as a cause, proceeds to deduce from it the effects which must necessarily follow.

A QUO. Lat. From which. A court a quo (also written "a quæ") is a court from which a cause has been removed. The judge a quo is the judge in such court. Clegg v. Alexander, 6 La. 339.

A term used, with the correlative ad quem (to which), in expressing the computation of time, and also of distance in space. Thus, dies a quo, the day from which and dies ad quem, the day to which, a period of time is computed. So, terminus a quo, the point or limit from which, and terminus ad quem, the point or limit to which, a distance or passage in space is reckoned.

A RENDRE. (Fr. to render, to yield.) That which is to be rendered, yielded, or paid. Profits à rendre comprendent rents and services. Ham. N. P. 192.

A rescriptis valet argumentum. An argument from rescripts [i.e. original writs in the register] is valid. Co. Litt. 11 a.

A RESPONSIS. L. Lat. In ecclesiastical law. One whose office it was to give or convey answers; otherwise termed responsabilis, and apocrisiarius. One who, being consulted on ecclesiastical matters, gave answers, counsel, or advice; otherwise termed a consiliarius. Spelman, "Apocrisiarius."

A RETRO. L. Lat. Behind; in arrear. Et redditus provenientes inde à retro fuorit, and the rent issuing therefrom be in arrear. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 55, § 2; c. 62, § 14.

A RUBRO AD NIGRUM. Lat. From the red to the black; from the rubric or title of a statute (whieh, anciently, was in red letters), to its body, which in the ordinary black. Tray. Lat. Max. Bell, "Rubric," Erskine, Inst. 1, 1, 46.

A summo remedio ad inferiorem actionem non habetur regressus, neque auxilium. From (after using) the highest remedy, there can be no recourse (going back) to an inferior action, nor assistance, (derived from it.) Fleta, lib. 6, c. 1, § 2. A maxim in the old law of real actions, when there were grades in the remedies given; the rule being that a party who brought a writ of right, which was the highest writ in the law, could not afterwards resort or descend to an inferior remedy. Bract. 1129; 3 Bl. Comm. 193, 194.

A tempesta cujus contrarii memoria non existit. From time of which memory to the contrary does not exist.

A verbis legis non est recedendum. From the words of the law there must be no departure. 5 Coke, 119; Wing. Max. 25. A court is not at liberty to disregard the express letter of a statute, in favor of a supposed intention. 1 Steph. Comm. 71; Broom, Max. 268.

A VINCULO MATRIMONII. Lat. From the bond of matrimony. A term descriptive of a kind of divorce, which effects a complete dissolution of the marriage contract. See Divorce.

Ab absus ad usum non valet consequentia. A conclusion as to the use of a thing from its abuse is invalid. Broom, Max. 17.

A B ACTIS. Lat. An officer having charge of acta, public records, registers, journals, or minutes; an officer who entered on record the acta or proceedings of a court; a clerk of court; a notary or actuary. Calvin, Lex. Jurid. See "Acta." This, and the similarly formed epithets à cancellà, à secretis, à libellis, were also anciently the titles of a chancellor, (cancellarius,) in the early history of that office. Spelman, "Cancellarius."

A B AGENDO. Disabled from acting; unable to act; incapacitated for business or transactions of any kind.

A B ANTE. Lat. Before; in advance. Thus, a legislature cannot agree ab ante to any modification or amendment to a law which a third person may make. Allen v. McKean, 1 Summ. 306, Fed. Cas. No. 229.

A B ANTECEDENTE. Lat. Beforehand; in advance. 5 M. & S. 110.

A B ANTIQUO. Of old; of an ancient date.

A B assuetus non fit injuria. From things to which one is accustomed (or in which there has been long acquiescence) no legal injury or wrong arises. If a person neglect to insist on his right, he is deemed to have abandoned it. Amb. 645; 3 Brown, Ch. 639; Jenk. Cent. Introd. vi.

A B EPISTOLIS. Lat. An officer having charge of the correspondence (epistole) of his superior or sovereign; a secretary. Calvin.; Spiegelius.


A B INCONVENIENTI. From hardship, or inconvenience. An argument founded upon the hardship of the case, and the inconvenience or disastrous consequences to which a different course of reasoning would lead. In re Halsey Electric Generator Co., 175 F. 253, eff State of New Jersey v. Lovell, 179 F. 321, 102 C. C. A. 565, 31 L. R. A. (N. S.) 988, cert den 31 S. Ct. 471, 219 U. S. 587; 55 L. Ed. 347; Barber As-
AB INITIO. Lat. From the beginning; from the first act; entirely; as to all the acts done; in the inception. A party may be said to be a trespasser, an estate to be good, an agreement or deed to be void, a marriage or act to be unlawful, ab initio. Plow. 66, 164; 1 Bl. Comm. 440; 11 East 396; Sackrider v. McDonald, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 253; Hopkins v. Hopkins, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 369; In re Miller's & Manufacturers' Ins. Co., 106 N. Y. 483, 493, 97 Minn. 98; State v. Poulin, 74 A. 119, 105 Mo. 224, 24 L. R. A. (N. S.) 408, 134 Am. St. Rep. 543; Bennett v. Bennett, 53 So. 986, 160 Ala. 618, L. R. A. 1916C, 693.


AB INITIO MUNDI. Lat. From the beginning of the world. Ab initio mundi ugete ad hodiernum diem, from the beginning of the world to this day. Y. B. M. 1 Edw. III. 24.


AB INTESTATE. Lat. In the civil law. From an intestate; from the intestate; in case of intestacy. Hereditas ab intestato, an inheritance derived from an intestate. Inst. 2, 9, 6. Successio ab intestato, succession to an intestate; or in case of intestacy. Id. 3, 2, 3; Dig. 38, 6, 1. This answers to the descent or inheritance of real estate at common law. 2 Bl. Comm. 490, 516; Story, Conf. Laws, § 480. "Heir ab intestato." 1 Burr. 420. The phrase "ab intestato" is generally used as the opposite or alternative of ex testamento, (from, by, or under a will.) Vel ex testamento, vel ab intestato (hereditates) portent,—inheritances are derived either from a will or from an intestate, (one who dies without a will.) Inst. 2, 9, 6; Dig. 29, 4; Cod. 6, 14, 2.

AB INVITO. Lat. Unwillingly. By or from an unwilling party. A transfer ab invito is a compulsory transfer.

AB IRATO. Lat. By one who is angry. A devise or gift made by a man adversely to the interest of his heirs, on account of anger or hatred against them, is said to be made ab irato. A suit to set aside such a will is called an action ab irato. Merlin, Répert. Ab irato, See Robinson v. Duvall, 27 App. D. C. 535, aff. 28 S. Ct. 260, 207 U. S. 583, 52 L. Ed. 351; Snell v. Weldon, 87 N. E. 1022, 239 Ill. 279.

AB URBE CONDITA. See A. U. C.

ABACTOR. In Roman law. A cattle thief. Also called abigens, g. v.

ABADENGO. In Spanish law. Land owned by an ecclesiastical corporation, and therefore exempt from taxation. In particular, lands or towns under the dominion and jurisdiction of an abbot. Escriche, Dicc. Raz.

ABALIENATIO. In Roman law. The perfect conveyance or transfer of property from one Roman citizen to another. This term gave place to the simple alienatio, property which is used in the Digest and Institutes, as well as in the feudal law, and from which the English "alienation" has been formed. Inst. 2, 8, pr.; Id. 2, 1, 40; Dig. 50, 16, 28; Calvinus, Lex., Abalienatio.

ABAMITA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather's sister, (fabaet soror.) Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 3; Calvinus, Lex. Called amita maxima. Id. 38, 10, 17. Called, in Bracton, abamita magna. Bract. fol. 658.

ABANDON. To desert, surrender, forsake, or cede. To relinquish or give up with intent of never again resuming one's right or interest. Burroughs v. Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., 220 P. 132, 159, 109 Or. 404. To give up or to cease to use. Southern Ry. Co. v. Commonwealth, 165 S. E. 63, 67, 128 Va. 176. To give up absolutely; to forsake entirely; to renounce utterly; to relinquish all connection with or concern in; to desert. Commonwealth v. Louisville & N. R. Co., 256 S. W. 101, 102, 201 Ky. 670. It includes the intention, and also the external act by which it is carried into effect.

ABANDONEE. A party to whom a right or property is abandoned or relinquished by another. Applied to the insurers of vessels and cargoes. Lord Ellenborough, C. J. 3 Manci & S. 82; Abbott, J., Id. 87; Holroyd, J., Id. 89.


The giving up of a thing absolutely, without reference to any particular person or purpose, as throwing a jewel into the highway; leaving a thing to itself, as a vessel at sea; vacating property with the intention of not returning, so that it may be appropriated by the next comer. 2 Bl. Comm. 9, 19; Pidge v. Pidge, 3 Met. (Mass.) 266; Breedlove v.
In France and other countries it is the surrender of a vessel and freight by the owner of the same to a person having a claim arising out of a contract made with the master. American Transp. Co. v. Moore, 5 Mich. 385; Poth. Chart. § 2, art. 3, § 51.

In Patent Law

As applied to inventions, abandonment is the giving up of his rights by the inventor, as where he surrendered his idea or discovery or relinquished the intention of perfecting his invention, and so threw it open to the public, or where he negligently postponed the assertion of his claims or fails to apply for a patent, and allows the public to use his invention without objection. Woodbury, etc., Machine Co. v. Keith, 101 U. S. 479, 485, 25 L. Ed. 939; American Hide, etc., Co. v. American Tool, etc., Co., 1 Fed. Cas. 647; Mast v. Dempster Mill Co. (C. C.) 71 Fed. 701; Bartlette v. Crittenden, 2 Fed. Cas. 981; Pitts v. Hall, 19 Fed. Cas. 754. There may also be an abandonment of a patent, where the inventor dedicates it to the public use; and this may be shown by his failure to sue infringers, to sell licences, or otherwise to make efforts, to realize a personal advantage from his patent. Ransom v. New York, 4 Blatchf. 157, 20 Fed. Cas. 283.

Of Rights in General

The relinquishment of a right. It implies some act of relinquishment done by the owner without regard to any future possession by himself, or by any other person, but with an intention to abandon; 14 M. & W. 780; Dyer v. Sanford, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 365, 43 Am. Dec. 399; Dawson v. Daniel, 2 Flp. 309, Fed. Cas. No. 3,669; Moore v. Sherman, 159 F. 666, 52 Mont. 542.

Abandonment is properly confined to incorporeal hereditaments, as legal rights once vested must be divested according to law, though equitable rights may be abandoned. Great Falls Co. v. Worster, 15 N. H. 422; Cox v. Coalesal Cavern Co., 278 S. W. 56, 230 Ky. 673; Crippen v. Nicolson’s Exrs., 1 Hen. & M. Co., 423; Barker v. Salmon, 2 Metc. (Mass.) 22; Inhabitants of School Dist. No. 4 v. Benson, 31 Me. 381, 52 Am. Dec. 615.

Of Easements in General


Of Oil Lease

The relinquishment of a right, resting upon the intention of the parties. “Forfeiture,” as distinguished from “abandonment,” does not

Of Right of Way

Of Water Right
To "abandon" a water right means to desert or forsake it. The intent and an actual relinquishment must concur. In Re Willow Creek, 144 P. 505, 522, 74 Or. 592; Central Trust Co. v. Culver, 129 P. 233, 234, 23 Colo. App. 317; Sander v. Bull, 135 P. 489, 492, 76 Wash. 1; O'Shea v. Doty, 215 P. 638, 639, 68 Mont. 316; Lindblom v. Round Valley Water Co., 173 P. 994, 996, 178 Cal. 450.

Of Mining Claim
Relinquishment of a claim held by location without patent, where the holder voluntarily leaves his claim to be appropriated by the next comer, without any intention to retake or resume it, and regardless of what may become of it in the future. McKay v. McDougall, 25 Mont. 258, 64 P. 689, 87 Am. St. Rep. 395; St. John v. Kidd, 26 Cal. 263, 272; Oreamuno v. Uncle Sam Min. Co., 1 Nev. 215; Derry v. Ross, 5 Colo. 295; Tripp v. Silver Dyke Mining Co., 224 P. 272, 274, 70 Mont. 120. The leaving of a claim by the owner with the express or implied intention of not returning to it, and leaving it open to subsequent location. O'Hanlon v. Ruby Gulch Mining Co., 135 P. 913, 918, 48 Mont. 65. The term includes both the intention to abandon and the act by which the abandonment is carried into effect. Peachy v. Frisco Gold Mines Co. (D. C. Ariz.) 294 F. 659, 663. It differs from "forfeiture," which occurs by operation of law, without regard to the appropriator's intention, when he fails to comply with the statutory conditions. Shank v. Holmes, 137 P. 871, 875, 15 Ariz. 229.

Of Contract
To constitute "abandonment" of a contract by conduct, action relied on must be positive, unequivocal, and inconsistent with the existence of the contract. Mood v. Methodist Episcopal Church South (Tex. Civ. App.) 289 S. W. 481, 484.

Of Actions and Proceedings Therein
The result of a failure for an indefinite period to prosecute an action or suit. Meris v. Phifer State Bank, 105 So. 150, 90 Fla. 55, unless caused by an injunction, Barton v. Burbank, 71 So. 134, 138 La. 997. By statute in some states a definite time has been stated which will render a suit abandoned and subject to dismissal. City of Los Angeles v. Superior Court of California in and for Tuolumne County, 197 P. 79, 185 Cal. 405; Wheeler v. Whitney, 194 N. W. 777, 156 Minn. 362; Teutonia Loan & Building Co. v. Connolly, 63 So. 63, 64, 133 La. 401; Public Utilities Commission v. Smith, 131 N. E. 371, 375, 298 Ill. 161.


Failure to perform the conditions necessary to a valid appeal or writ of error is usually considered the abandonment thereof. Lewis v. Martin, 98 So. 635, 210 Ala. 401. Taking out a second writ of error is an abandonment of the first. Board of Public Instruction for Marion County v. Goodwin, 104 So. 779, 89 Fla. 379.

Of Children

The "abandonment," which, in California (Civil Code, § 224), New York (Domestic Relations Law, § 111), North Carolina (Code 1931, § 189), Utah (Compiled Laws 1917, § 20) and Washington (Rem. Comp. St. Supp. 1927, § 1506) gives a right of adoption without the parents' consent, may consist of placing the child on some doorstep, or leaving it in some convenient place in the hope that some one will find and take charge of it, or abandonment entirely to chance or fate. Jensen v. Earley, 228 P. 217, 220, 63 Utah, 604. Abandonment in this connection does not mean that a parent has no interest in the child's welfare. It means rather a withdrawal or neglect of parental duties. In re Potter, 85 Wash. 617, 149 P. 23; In re Bistany, 201 N. Y. 864, 865, 121 Misc. 540; Truelove v. Parker, 132 S. E. 295, 299, 191 N. C. 430.

Of Domicile
Permanent removal from the place of one's domicile with the intention of taking up a residence elsewhere and with no intention of returning to the original home except temporarily. Stafford v. Mills, 81 A. 1093, 57 N. J. Law, 570; Mills v. Alexander, 21 Tex. 154; Jarvis v. Moe, 38 Wis. 440.
Abandonment of a public office is a species of resignation, but differs from resignation in that resignation is a formal relinquishment, while abandonment is a voluntary relinquishment through nonuser. Steingruber v. City of San Antonio (Tex. Com. App.) 220 S. W. 77, 78; State v. Harmon, 98 A. 804, 805, 115 Me. 265. Abandonment of an office creating a vacancy is not wholly a matter of intention, but may result from the complete abandonment of duties of such a continuance that the law will infer a relinquishment. Wilkinson v. City of Birmingham, 68 So. 509, 1002, 193 Ala. 839.

By Husband or Wife


ABANDONMENT FOR TORTS. In the civil law. The relinquishment of a slave or animal who had committed a trespass to the person injured, in discharge of the owner's liability for such trespass or injury. Just. Inst. 4, 8, 9. A similar right exists in Louisiana. Fitzgerald v. Ferguson, 11 La. Ann. 390; Civil Code, art. 2221.

ABANDUN, ABANDUM, or ABANDONUM. Anything sequestered, proscribed, or abandoned. Abandon, I. e., in bancum res missa, a thing banned or denounced as forfeited or lost, whence to abandon, desert, or forsoake, as lost and gone. Cunningham; Cowell.

ABARNARE. Lat. To discover and disclose to a magistrate any secret crime. Leges Comuni, cap. 10.

ABATAMENTUM. L. Lat. In old English law. An abatement of freehold; an entry upon lands by way of interposition between the death of the ancestor and the entry of the heir. Co. Litt. 277a; Yel. 151.

ABATARE. To abate. Yel. 151.

ABATE. To throw down, to beat down, destroy, quash. 3 Shars. Bla. Com. 168; Case v. Humphrey, 6 Conn. 140; Klamath Lumber Co. v. Bamber, 142 P. 339, 74 Or. 287. See Abatement; Abatement and Revival.

ABATEMENT. Of Debts

In equity, when equitable assets are insufficient to satisfy fully all the creditors, their debts must abate in proportion, and they must be content with a dividend, for aequitas est quasi aequitatibus.

Of Freehold

The unlawful entry upon and keeping possession of an estate by a stranger, after the death of the ancestor and before the heir or devisee takes possession. Such entry is technically called an "abatement," and the stranger an "abator." It is, in fact, a figurative expression, denoting that the rightful possession or freehold of the heir or devisee is overthrown by the unlawful intervention of a stranger. Abatement differs from intrusion, in that it is always to the prejudice of the heir or immediate devisee, whereas the latter is to the prejudice of the reversioner or remainder-man; and disseisin differs from them both, for to disseise is to put forcibly or fraudulently a person seized of the freehold out of possession. 1 Co. Inst. 277a; 3 Bl. Comm. 166; Brown v. Burdick, 25 Ohio St. 268. By the ancient laws of Normandy, this term was used to signify the act of one who, having an apparent right of possession to an estate, took possession of it immediately after the death of the actual possessor, before the heir entered. (Howard, Anciennes Lois des Français, tome 1, p. 539.)

Of Legacies

A proportional diminution or reduction of the pecuniary legacies, when the funds or assets out of which such legacies are payable are not sufficient to pay them in full. Ward, Leg. p. 369, c. 6, § 7; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 555; 2 Bl. Comm. 512, 513; Brown v. Brown, 79 Va. 648; Nelstrath's Estate, 66 Cal. 350, 5 P. 597; Towe v. Swasey, 106 Mass. 190; Brant v. Brant, 40 Mo. 290; Armstrong's Appeal, 63 Pa. 312; In re Hawgood's Estate, 135 N. W. 117, 123, 37 S. D. 365.

Of Nuisance

The removal of a nuisance. 3 Bla. Comm. 5. See Nuisance.

In Contracts

A reduction made by the creditor for the prompt payment of a debt due by the payor or debtor. Wesh. Ins. 7.

In Mercantile or Revenue Law

A drawback or rebate allowed in certain cases on the duties due on imported goods, in consideration of their deterioration or damage suffered during importation, or while in store. A diminution or decrease in the amount of tax imposed upon any person. Varied remedies and procedure are provided by the different states for the abatement and equalization of taxes. Rogers v. Gookin, 85 N. E. 405, 195 Mass. 434; State v. McVey, 115 N. W. 647, 103 Minn. 485; Central National Bank v. City of Lynn, 259 Mass. 1, 156 N. E. 42.
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In Chancery Practice.

A suspension of all proceedings in a suit, from the want of proper parties capable of proceeding therein. See 2 Tidd Pr. 392; Story Eq. Pl. § 354; Witt v. Ellis, 2 Cold. (Tenn.) 38.

It differs from an abatement at law in this; that in the latter the action is entirely dead and cannot be revived; but in the former the right to proceed is merely suspended, and may be revived. 3 Bla. Comm. 301; Boynton v. Boynton, 21 N. H. 245; Sto. Eq. Pl. § 20 n. § 354; Ad. Eq. 493; Mist. Eq. Pl. by Jeremy 57; Brooks v. Jones, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 244; Clarke v. Mathewson, 12 Pet. 161, 9 L. Ed. 1041; Kronenberger v. Heimemann, 104 Ill. App. 156; Zoellner v. Zoellner, 46 Mich. 511, 9 N. W. 831; Spring v. Webb (D. C. Vt.) 227 F. 481, 483; F. A. Mfg. Co. v. Hayden & Clemons (U. S. C. C. A. Mass. 1921) 273 F. 374.

All declaratory and dilatory pleas in equity are said to be pleas in abatement, or in the nature thereof; see Story, Eq. Pl. § 798.

In England, in equity pleading, declaratory pleas to the jurisdiction and dilatory to the persons were (prior to the judicature act) sometimes, by analogy to common law, termed "pleas in abatement."

Of Actions at Law

The overthrow of an action caused by the defendant's pleading some matter of fact tending to impeach the correctness of the writ or declaration, which defeats the action for the present, but does not debar the plaintiff from recommencing it in a better way. 3 Bla. Comm. 301; 1 Chit. Pl. (6th Lond. Ed.) 446; Guild v. Richardson, 6 Pick. (Mass.) 370; Doe v. Penfield, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 308; Sayles v. Daniels Sales Agency, 196 F. 405, 100 Or. 37; Wirtelle v. Grand Lodge A. O. U. W., 111 Neb. 302, 136 N. W. 310. See Flea in Abatement.

ABATOR. In real property law, a stranger who, having no right of entry, contrives to get possession of an estate of freehold, to the prejudice of the heir or devisee, before the latter can enter, after the ancestor's death. Litt. § 397. In the law of torts, one who abates, prostrates, or destroys a nuisance.

ABATUDA. Anything diminished. Moneta abatuta is money clipped or diminished in value. Cowell; Dufresne.

ABAVIA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-grandmother. Inst. 3, 6, 4; Dig. 38, 10, 1, 6; Bract. fol. 689.

ABAVITA. A great-great-grandfather's sister. Bract. fol. 689. This is a misprint for abasita (q.v.). Burill.

ABAVUNCULUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-grandmother's brother (abavus frater). Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 3; Calvins, Lex. Called avunculus maximus. Id. 38, 10, 17. Called by Bracton and Fleta abavunculus magnus. Bract. fol. 683; Fleta, lib. 6, c. 2, § 19.

ABAYUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-grandfather. Inst. 3, 6, 4; Dig. 38, 10, 1, 6; Bract. fol. 67a.

ABBACY. The government of a religious house, and the revenues thereof, subject to an abbot, as a bishopric is to a bishop. Cowell. The rights and privileges of an abbot.

ABBEY. A monastery or nunnery for the use of an association of religious persons, having an abbot or abbess to preside over them.

ABBOT. A prelate in the 13th century who had had an immemorial right to sit in the national assembly. Taylor, Science of Jurisp. 287.

ABBOT, ABBAT. The spiritual superior or governor of an abbey. Feminine, Abbess.

ABREVIAE OF ADJUDICATION. In Scotch law. An abstract of the decree of adjudication, and of the lands adjudged, with the amount of the debt. Adjudication is that diligence (execution) of the law by which the real estate of a debtor is adjudged to belong to his creditor in payment of a debt; and the abbreviate must be recorded in the register of adjudications.


ABREVIATIONS. Shortened conventional expressions, employed as substitutes for names, phrases, dates, and the like, for the saving of space, of time in transcribing, etc. Abbott. The abbreviations in common use in modern times consist of the initial letter or letters, syllable or syllables, of the word. Anciently, also, contracted forms of words, obtained by the omission of letters intermediate between the initial and final letters were much in use. These latter forms are now more commonly designated by the term contraction. Abbreviations are of frequent use in referring to text-books, reports, etc., and in indicating dates, but should be very sparingly employed, if at all, in formal and important legal documents. See 4 C. & P. 51; 9 Co. 48; 1 East 180, n. As to how far a judicial record may contain abbreviations of English words without invalidating it, see Stein v. Meyers, 233 Ill. 190, 97 N. E. 297.

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Abbreviationum illae numerus et sensus accipien-
dus est, ut concessio non sit iasia. In abbreviations, such number and sense is to be taken that the grant be not made void. 9 Coke, 48.

ABBREVIATORS. In ecclesiastical law. Officers whose duty it is to assist in drawing up the Pope's briefs, and reducing petitions
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into proper form to be converted into papal bulls.

ABROCHMENT, or ABROACHMENT. The act of forestalling a market, by buying up at wholesale the merchandise intended to be sold there, for the purpose of selling it at retail. See Forestalling the Market.

ABBUTTALS. See Abuttals.

ABDUCTION. The act of a sovereign in renouncing and relinquishing his government or throne, so that either the throne is left entirely vacant, or is filled by a successor appointed or elected beforehand. Also, where a magistrate or person in office voluntarily renounces or gives it up before the time of service has expired. The act of abdicating; giving up of office, power or authority, right or trust; renunciation. McCormick v. Engstrom, 241 P. 685, 686, 119 Kan. 688.

It differs from resignation, in that resignation is made by one who has received his office from another and restores it into his hands, as an inferior into the hands of a superior; abdication is the relinquishment of an office which has devolved by act of law. It is said to be a renunciation, quitting, and relinquishing, so as to have nothing further to do with a thing, or the doing of such actions as are inconsistent with the holding of it. Chambers.

An instrument purporting to be a renunciation and "abdication" of rights to property may constitute in legal effect an "assignment." In re Johnston's Estate, 263 N. W. 376, 377, 196 Wis. 599.

ABEDITORIUM. An abbotory or hiding place, to hide and preserve goods, plate or money. Jacob.

ABDUCTION. In criminal law. The offense of taking away a man's wife, child, or ward, by fraud and persuasion, or open violence. 8 Bl. Comm. 139-141; Humphrey v. Pope, 122 Cal. 253, 54 P. 847; State v. George, 33 N. C. 567; State v. Chisenhall, 106 N. C. 676, 11 S. E. 518; People v. Seeley, 37 Hun (N. Y.) 190; State v. Hopper, 119 S. E. 799, 772, 186 N. C. 405.

The unlawful taking or detention of any female for purposes of marriage, concubinage, or prostitution. 4 Steph. Com. 81; People v. Crotty, 55 Hun, 611, 9 N. Y. S. 937. In many states this offense is created by statute and in most cases applies to females under a given age. By statute in some states, abduction includes the withdrawal of a husband from his wife, as where another woman alienates his affection and entices him away and causes him to abandon his wife. King v. Hanson, 13 N. D. 85, 99 N. W. 1055.

ABEARANCE. Behavior; as a recognition to be of good abearance signifies to be of good behavior. 4 Bl. Comm. 251, 255.

ABEREMURDER. (From Sax. abere, apparent, notorious; and mord, murder.) Plain or downright murder, as distinguished from the less heinous crime of manslaughter, chance medley. It was declared a capital offense, with or without confinement, by the laws of Canute, c. 93, and of Hen. I. c. 13. Speelman; Cowell; Blount.

ABESSE. Lat. In the civil law. To be absent; to be away from a place. Sald of a person who was extra continentia urbis, (beyond the suburbs of the city.)

ABET. To encourage, incite, or set another on to commit a crime. This word is always applied to aiding the commission of a crime. To abet another to commit a murder is to command, procure, or counsel him to commit it. Old Nat. Brev. 21; Co. Litt. 475.

"Abet" and "abettor" are nearly synonymous terms as generally used; but, strictly speaking, the former term does not imply guilty knowledge or felonious intent, whereas the word "abet" includes knowledge of the wrongful purpose and counsel and encouragement in the commission of the crime. People v. Ebright, 122 Cal. 456, 56 P. 331, 56 Am. St. Rep. 50; People v. Morine, 128 Cal. 638, 62 P. 106; State v. Empey, 79 Iowa, 450, 44 N. W. 707; Raiford v. State, 59 Ala. 106; White v. People, 81 Ill. 333; State v. Ankrom, 101 S. E. 925, 927, 55 W. Va. 570; People v. William Yee, 174 P. 343, 345, 37 Cal. App. 579; State v. Smith, 133 P. 512, 515, 103 Ariz. 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 366; People v. Powers, 127 N. E. 681, 682, 283 Ill. 609.

See Abetter; Aid and Abet.


ABETTOR. In criminal law. An instigator, or setter on; one who promotes or procures a crime to be committed. Old Nat. Brev. 21. One who commands, advises, instigates, or encourages another to commit a crime; a person who, being present or in the neighborhood, incites another to commit a crime, and thus becomes a principal. See State v. Baldwin, 137 S. E. 590, 591, 192 N. C. 566.

The distinction between abettors and accessories is the presence or absence at the commission of the crime. Cowell; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 34. Presence and participation are necessary to constitute a person an abettor.

ABEYANCE. In the law of estates. In expectation, remembrance, and contemplation of law; the condition of a freehold when there is no person in being in whom it is vested. In such cases the freehold has been said to be in nueibus (in the clouds), McKown v. Mc-

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Kown, 117 S. E. 557, 559, 93 W. Va. 689; in
pendenti (in suspension); and in gremio legis
(in the bosom of the law). It has been de-
clared by some that there is such a thing as an
estate in abeyance; Pearne, Cont. Rem. 513.
See also the note to 2 Sharsw. Bla. Comm
107; 1 P. Wms. 518; 1 Plowd. 29. Where
there is a tenant of the freehold, the remain-
der or reversion in fee may exist for a time
without any particular owner, in which case
it is said to be in abeyance; Lyle v. Richards,
9 S. & R. (Pa.) 307; 3 Plowd. 29 a, b, 35 a;
1 Washb. R. P. 47.

The term may also be applied to the fran-
chise of a corporation; Trustees of Dart-
mouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. (U. S.)
691, 4 L. Ed. 629. So, too, personal property
may be in abeyance or legal sequestration, as
in case of a vessel captured at sea from its
captors until it becomes invested with the
character of a prize; 1 Kent, 192; 1 C. Rob.
Adams, 130; 5 Ed. 97, n.; or the rights of prop-
erty of a bankrupt, pending adjudication; Bank
v. Sherman, 101 U. S. 403, 25 L. Ed. 896. See
Dillingham v. Snow, 5 Mass. 555; Jewett v.
Burroughs, 15 Mass. 464.

Sometimes “abeysance” is used to denote a
condition of being undetermined. Fenn v.
American Rattan & Reed Mfg. Co., 130 N. E.
129, 130, 75 Ind. App. 146.

ABIATICUS, or AVIATICUS. L. Lat. In
feudal law. A son’s son; a grandson in the
male line. Du Cange, Avius; Spelman; Lib.
Feud., Baraterii, tit. 8, cited 1d.

ABIDE. To accept the consequences of; to
rest satisfied with.

With reference to an order, judgment, or
decree of a court, to perform, to execute.
Taylor v. Hughes, 3 Greenl. (Me.) 433; Hodge
v. Hodgdon, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 294; Jackson v.
State, 20 Kan. 88, 1 P. 317; Petition of Gris-
wold, 13 R. I. 125. Where a statute pro-
vides for a recognition “to abide the judg-
ment of the court,” one conditioned “to await
the action of the court” is not sufficient; Wil-
son v. State, 7 Tex. App. 38. And under Ala-
abama Code 1928, § 1943, defendant does not
“abide the judgment” of the appellate court
until costs of appeal are paid. Ex parte Tilly-
ery, 22 Ala. App. 183, 114 So. 15. And see
State v. Gregory, 265 Iowa, 707, 216 N. W.
17, 19.

To abide and satisfy is used to express the
execution or performance of a judgment or
order by carrying it into complete effect; Ericson v. Elder, 34 Minn. 371, 25 N. W. 804.
Cp. Woolfolk v. Jones (D. C. Va.) 216 F. 807,
809.

Where it is said by an appellate court that
costs are to abide the final result, “abide” is
synonymous with conform to. Getz v. John-
ston, 125 A. 689, 691, 145 Md. 426.

To abide by an award means to await the
award without revoking the submission. It
does not mean to “acquiesce in” or “not dis-
pute,” in the sense of not being at liberty to

contest the validity of the award when made;
Hunt v. Wilson, 6 N. H. 36; Quimby v. Mel-
vin, 35 N. H. 198; Marshall v. Reed, 48 N. H.
36, 40; Shaw v. Hatch, 6 N. H. 102; Weeks v.
Trask, 18 A. 415, 81 Me. 127, 2 L. R. A. 532.

ABIDING BY. In Scotch law. A judicial
declaration that the party abides by the deed
on which he founds, in an action where the
deed or writing is attacked as forged. Un-
less this be done, a decree that the deed is
false will be pronounced. Pat. Comp. It has
the effect of pledging the party to stand the
consequences of founding on a forged deed.

ABIDING CONVICTION. A definite convi-
cution of guilt derived from a thorough ex-
amination of the whole case. Hopt v. Utah,
120 U. S. 439, 7 S. Ct. 614, 30 L. Ed. 708.
A settled or fixed conviction. Davis v. State,
62 So. 1027, 1033, 8 Ala. App. 147.

ABIGATORES. See Abigeus.

ABIGEATUS. Lat. In the civil law. The
offense of stealing or driving away cattle.

See Abigeus.

ABIGEIL. See Abigeus.

ABIGERE. Lat. In the civil law. To drive
away. Applied to those who drove away ani-
mals with the intention of stealing them. Ap-
plied, also, to the similar offense of cattle
stealing on the borders between England and
Scotland. See Abigeus.

To drive out; to expel by force; to produce
abortion. Dig. 47, 11, 4.

ABIGEUS. Lat. (Pl. abigei, or more rare-
ly abigatorem.) In the civil law. A stealer of
cattle; one who drove or drew away (sub-
traxit) cattle from their pastures, as horses
or oxen from the herds, and made booty of
them, and who followed this as a business or
trade.

The term was applied also to those who drove
away the smaller animals, as swine, sheep, and
goats. In the latter case, it depended on the
number taken, whether the offender was fur (a common
thief) or abigeus. But the taking of a single horse
or ox seems to have constituted the crime of abige-
atus. And those who frequently did this were clear-
ly abigei, though they took but an animal or two
at a time. Dig. 47, 14, 3, 2. See Cod. 9, 37;
Nov. 23, c. 15, § 1; 4 El. Comm. 239.

ABILITY. When the word is used in stat-
utes, it is usually construed as referring to
pecuniary ability, as in the construction of
Tenterden’s Act (q. v.); 1 M. & W. 101.

A Wisconsin Act (1885), making a husband
“being of sufficient ability” liable for the sup-
port of an abandoned wife, contemplates earn-
ing capacity as well as property actually own-
ed; State v. Witham, 70 Wis. 473, 35 N. W.
884; a contrary view was taken in Washburn v.
Washburn, 9 Cal. 475, where the term was
limited to the possession by the husband of the
means in property to provide such neces-

The ability to buy, required in a purchaser as a condition to the broker's right to a commission, is the financial ability to meet the required terms of the sale, and does not mean solvency or ability to respond in damages for a breach of the contract. Stewart v. Skl., 114 S. E. 71, 25 Ga. App. 17. See Able to Purchase.

A voter's "ability to read" within meaning of election statutes is satisfied if he can read in a reasonably intelligent manner sentences composed of words in common use and of average difficulty, although each word may not be always accurately pronounced, and "ability to write" is satisfied if he can by use of alphabetical signs express in a fairly legible way words of common use and average difficulty, though each word may not be accurately spelled. Williams v. Hays, 193 S. W. 1066, 1067, 173 Ky. 170. But the mere ability to write one's name and post office address, and nothing more, is insufficient. Murrell v. Allen, 203 S. W. 313, 314, 180 Ky. 604.

ABISHERING, or ABISHERSING. Quit of amercements. It originally signified a forfeiture or amercement, and is more properly mihisering, mishisering, or misthering, according to Spelman. It has since been termed a liberty of freedom, because, wherever this word is used in a grant, the persons to whom the grant is made have the forfeitures and amercements of all others, and are themselves free from the control of any within their fee. Terms de la Ley, 7.

ABJUDICATIO. In old English law. The depriving by a thing by the judgment of a court; a putting out of court; the same as forisjudicatio, forjudgment, forjudger. Co. Litt. 100a, b; Townsh. Pl. 49. A removal from court. Calvinsus, Lex. Used to indicate an adverse decision in a writ of right: Thus, the land is said to be abjudged from one of the parties and his heirs. 2 Poll. & Mail. 62.

ABJURATION. A renunciation or abandonment by or upon oath.

In English Law

The oath by which any person holding office in England was formerly obliged to bind himself not to acknowledge any right in the Pretender to the throne of England; 1 Bla. Com. 355; 13 and 14 W. III, c. 6, repealed by 30 and 31 Vic. c. 59.

It also denotes an oath abjuring certain doctrines of the church of Rome.

ABJURATION OF ALLEGIANCE. In American law. Every alien, upon application to become a citizen of the United States, must declare on oath or affirmation before the court where the application is made, amongst other things, that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity which he owes to any foreign prince, state, etc. 8 U.S.A. § 351.

ABJURATION OF THE REALM. In ancient English law. A renunciation of one's country, a species of self-imposed banishment, under an oath never to return to the kingdom unless by permission. This was formerly allowed to criminals, as a means of saving their lives, when they had confessed their crimes, and fled to sanctuary. See 4 Bl. Comm. 332; Avery v. Everett, 110 N. Y. 317, 18 N. E. 145, 1 L. R. A. 264, 6 Am. St. Rep. 388; 11 East, 301; 2 Kent, 150, n.; Terms de la Ley; 2 Poll. & Mail. 588. See Abjure.

ABJURE. To renounce, or abandon, by or upon oath. See Abjuration.

"The decision in Arthur v. Broadax, 3 Ala. 567, affirms that if the husband has abjured the state, and remains abroad, the wife, meanwhile trading as a femme sole, could recover on a note which was given to her as such. We must consider the term 'abjure,' as there used, as implying a total abandonment of the state; a departure from the state without the intention of returning, and not a renunciation of one's country, upon an oath of perpetual banishment, as the term originally implied."

Meade v. Hughes, 15 Ala. 146, 1 Am. Rep. 123.

ABLE-BODIED. As used in a statute relating to service in the militia, this term does not imply an absolute freedom from all physical ailment. It imports an absence of those palpable and visible defects which evidently incapacitate the person from performing the ordinary duties of a soldier. Darling v. Bowden, 10 Vt. 132. Ability to perform ordinary labor is not the test. Town of Marlborough v. Sisson, 20 Conn. 37.

ABLE TO EARN. The phrase "able to earn," as used in the Workmen's Compensation Act in reference to wages an injured employee is able to earn subsequent to his injury, does not mean the maximum sum earned in any one week, but a fair average of the weekly wages which an employee is able to earn covering a sufficient period of time to determine his earning capacity. Reeves v. Dietz, 1 La. App. 501, 505. See also, Mt. Olive & Staunton Coal Co. v. Industrial Commission, 134 N. E. 16, 301 Ill. 521.

ABLE TO PURCHASE. One is able to purchase, within the requirement that a purchaser found by a broker, to entitle him to commission, must be ready, willing, and able to purchase, if one is financially able, that is to say, able to command the necessary funds to close the deal within the time required, even though part of the money must be obtained on the purchased property itself. Pellaton v. Brunski, 231 P. 583, 584, 69 Cal. App. 301. But see Bateman v. Richard, 232 P. 443, 445, 105 Okl. 272, and Reynor v. Mackrell, 164 N. W. 335, 161 Iowa, 210, 1 A. L. R. 223, holding that a person, to be able to purchase, must have the money for the cash payment, and not merely property on which he could raise it. See, also, Peters v. Mullins, 277 S. W. 316, 317, 211 Ky. 123. See Financially Able.

ABLEGATI. Papal ambassadors of the second rank, who are sent to a country where
ABLOCATIO

there is not a nuncio, with a less extensive commission than that of a nuncio. This title is equivalent to envoy.

ABLOCATIO. A letting out to hire, or leasing for money. Calvin. Sometimes used in the English form “allocation.”

ABMATERTERA. Lat. In the civil law, a great-grandmother’s sister, (abavia soror). Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 3. Called matertera maxima. Id. 38, 10, 17. Called, by Bracton, abmatertera magna. Bract. fol. 669.

ABNEPOS. Lat. A great-grandson. The grandson of a grandson or granddaughter. Calvins, Lex.

ABNEPTIS. Lat. A great-granddaughter. The granddaughter of a grandson or granddaughter. Calvins, Lex.


One’s home; habitation; place of dwelling or residence. The term is commonly so used in statutes relating to service of process. Camden Auto Co. v. Mansfield, 113 A. 175, 176, 120 Me. 187; De Laval Separator Co. v. Hoff- berger, 154 N. W. 387, 389, 101 Wis. 344; Armour & Co. v. Strahan, 93 So. 364, 130 Miss. 109; L. J. Mueller Furnace Co. v. Dreibelbis (Mo. App.) 229 S. W. 240, 241. See also, In re Barklow (D. C. Or.) 282 F. 892, 894. See Domiciile; Residence.

ABOGADO. Sp. An advocate. See Bozero.


ABOLITION. The destruction, annihilation, abrogation, or extinguishment of anything. Thus, authority to shorten a school year does not include authority to close a school, for the mere shortening of a term is to be distinguished from its abolition. Peterson v. Pratt, 167 N. W. 101, 183 Iowa, 462.

Also the leave given by the sovereign or judges to a criminal accuser to desist from further prosecution. 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21.

In the Civil, French and German law, abolition is used nearly synonymously with pardon, remission, grace. Dig. 38, 4, 3, 3. There is, however, this difference: grace is the generic term; pardon, according to those laws, is the elemy which the prince extends to a man who has participated in a crime, without being a principal or accomplice; remission is made in cases of involuntary homicides, and self-defence. Abolition is used when the crime cannot be remitted. The prince then may, by letters of abolition, remit the punishment, but one remains, unless letters of abolition have been obtained before sentence. Encycl. de D’Alembert.

ABORDAGE. Fr. In French commercial law. Collision of vessels.

ABORTIFACIENT. In medical jurisprudence. A drug or medicine capable of, or used for, producing abortion.

ABORTION. The expulsion of the fetus at a period of utero-gestation so early that it has not acquired the power of sustaining an independent life.

The unlawful destruction, or the bringing forth prematurely, of the human fetus before the natural time of birth; State v. Magnell, 3 Pennwili (Del.) 307, 31 A. 606.

The act of bringing forth what is yet imperfect. Also the thing prematurely brought forth, or product of an untimely process. Sometimes loosely used for the offense of procuring a premature delivery; but strictly, the early delivering is the abortion; causing or procuring abortion is the full name of the offense. Abbott; Smith v. State, 33 Me. 48, 59, 54 Am. Dec. 607; State v. Crook, 16 Utah, 212, 51 P. 1091; Belt v. Spaulding, 17 Or. 130, 20 P. 827; Mills v. Commonwealth, 13 Pa. 651; Wells v. New England Mut. L. Ins. Co., 191 Pa. 207, 43 A. 126, 53 L. R. A. 827, 71 Am. St. Rep. 763.

ABORTIVE TRIAL. A term descriptive of the result when a case has gone off, and no verdict has been pronounced, without the fault, contrivance, or management of the parties. Jebb & R. 51.

ABORTUS. Lat. The fruit of an abortion; the child born before its time, incapable of life.

ABOUT. Almost or approximately; near in time, quantity, number, quality, or degree.

When used with reference to time, the term is of flexible significance, varying with the circumstances and the connection in which it is employed. Burlington Grocery Co. v. Heaphy’s Estate, 126 A. 525, 528, 98 Vt. 122. But its use does not necessarily render time immaterial, nor make a contract one terminable at will. Costello v. Siemens-Carey Co., 167 N. W. 551, 552, 140 Minn. 208. In a charter party, “about to sail” means just ready to sail. [1893] 2 Q. B. 274. And when it is said that one is “about” to board a street car, it means “in the act of.” Fox v. Denver City Tramway Co., 143 P. 278, 280, 57 Colo. 511.

With relation to quantity, the term suggests only an estimate of probable amount. Barke- meyer Grain & Seed Co. v. Hannant, 213 P. 208, 210, 66 Mont. 129. Its import is that the actual quantity is a near approximation to that mentioned, and it has the effect of providing against accidental variations. Nor- rington v. Wright, 6 S. Ct. 12, 115 U. S. 138, 29 L. Ed. 386; Cavender v. B. Johnson & Son (Mo.,
App.) 212 S. W. 53, 54. It may be given practically the same effect as the phrase more or less. Pierce v. Miller, 187 N. W. 105, 107, 107 Neb. 851.

As to number, it merely implies an estimate of a particular lot or class and not a warranty. Holland v. Rock, 50 Nev. 340, 259 P. 415.

In connection with distance or locality, the term is of relative significance, varying with the circumstances. Parker v. Town of Pittsfield, 92 A. 21, 26, 88 Vt. 155. Thus, an employee on an elevator on the employer’s premises is “about the premises” within the Workmen’s Compensation Act. Lienau v. Northwestern Telephone Exch. Co., 186 N. W. 945, 946, 151 Minn. 258; Novack v. Montgomery Ward & Co., 198 N. W. 296, 298, 189 Minn. 405. Likewise, a workman 200 feet from a factory at a time of injury was “about” the factory. Wise v. Central Dairy Co., 248 P. 501, 503, 121 Kan. 258.

“About” may be synonymous with “on” or “upon,” as in a statute making it an offense to carry weapons concealed on or about the person. State v. Brunson, 111 So. 321, 323, 182 La. 902; State v. Scanlan, 273 S. W. 1062, 1065, 308 Mo. 683. The phrase, “about the person,” is broad enough to include the carriage of a pistol or revolver in a grip, satchel, or hand bag held in the hand or connected with the person, State v. Blazovich, 107 S. E. 291, 89 W. Va. 612, or on the running board of an automobile. Armstrong v. State, 255 S. W. 701, 98 Tex. Cr. R. 333. See, also, Lilseyer v. Helbig, 94 A. 47, 48, 87 N. J. Law. 308; Emerson v. State, 190 S. W. 485, 90 Tex. Cr. R. 354; Paulk v. State, 261 S. W. 770, 780, 97 Tex. Cr. R. 415. “About” means near by, close at hand, convenient of access, and within such distance of the party so having it as that such party could, without materially changing his position, get his hand on the pistol, etc. Welch v. State, 262 S. W. 485, 97 Tex. Cr. R. 617; People v. Nemoth, 152 N. E. 537, 322 Ill. 51.

ABOUTISSEMBA. Fr. An abuttal or abutment. See Guyot, Répét. Univ. “Aboutissements.”

ABOVE. Higher; superior. As, court above, plaintiff or defendant above. Above all incumbrances means in excess thereof; Williams v. McDonald, 42 N. J. Eq. 305, 7 A. 886.

Principal; as distinguished from what is auxiliary or instrumental. Ball to the action, or special bail, is otherwise termed bail above. 3 Bl. Comm. 291. See Below.

As used in an act establishing a city court with jurisdiction “above” the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, the word “above” was held synonymous with “without.” Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. Nellwood Lumber Co., 94 S. E. 88, 87, 21 Ga. App. 309.

ABOVE CITED, or MENTIONED. Quoted before. A figurative expression taken from the ancient manner of writing books on scrolls, where whatever is mentioned or cited before in the same roll must be above. Encyc. Lond.

APATRUS. Lat. A great-great-uncle; or, a great-great-grandfather’s brother (ab patrater). Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 3; Du Cange, Patruus. Called by Bracton and Fleta, abpatrus magnus. Bract. fol. 688; Fleta, lib. 6, c. 2, § 17. It sometimes means uncle, and sometimes great-uncle.

ABRIDGE. To reduce or contract; usually spoken of written language.

In Copyright Law

To epitomize; to reduce; to contract. It implies preserving the substance, the essence, of a work, in language suited to such a purpose. In making extracts there is no condensation of the author’s language, and hence no abridgment. To abridge requires the exercise of the mind; it is not copying. Between a compilation and an abridgment there is a clear distinction. A compilation consists of selected extracts from different authors; an abridgment is a condensation of the views of one author. Story v. Holcombe, 4 McLean, 303, 310, Fed. Cas. No. 13,407.

In Practice

To shorten a declaration or count by taking away or severing some of the substance of it. Brooke, Abr., Com., Dig. Abridgment; 1 Viner, Abr. 109. See Abridgment.

ABRAGMENT. Condensation; contraction. An epitome or compendium of another and larger work, wherein the principal ideas of the larger work are summarily contained.

Abridgments of the law are brief digests of the law, arranged alphabetically. The oldest are those of Fitzherbert, Brooke, and Rolle; among somewhat more modern works are those of Viner, Comyns, and Bacon. (1 Steph. Comm. 51.) The term “digest” has now supplanted that of “abridgment.” Sweet. With few exceptions, the old abridgments are not entitled to be considered authoritative. See 2 Wils. 1, 2; 1 Burr. 364; 1 W. Bla. 101; 3 Term 64, 241; and an article in the North American Review, July, 1826, p. 8, by Justice Story, which is reprinted in his “Miscellaneous Writings,” p. 79. See Abridge.

ABRIDGMENT OF DAMAGES. The right of the court to reduce the damages in certain cases. Vide Brooke, tit. “Abridgment.”

ABROAD. In English chancery law, beyond the seas.

ABROGATE. To annul, repeal, or destroy; to annul or repeal an order or rule issued by a subordinate authority; to repeal a former law by legislative act, or by usage.

ABROGATION. The destruction or annulling of a former law, by an act of the legislative power, by constitutional authority, or by usage.

It stands opposed to _reversion; and is distinguished from _derogation, which implies the taking away only some part of a law; from _subrogation,
which denotes the adding a clause to it; from dispensation, which only sets it aside in a particular instance; and from antikation, which is the refusing to pass a law. Encyc. Lond.

Express abrogation is that literally pronounced by the new law either in general terms, as when a final clause abrogates or repeals all laws contrary to the provisions of the new one, or in particular terms, as when it abrogates certain preceding laws which are named.

Implied abrogation takes place when the new law contains provisions which are positively contrary to former laws, without expressly abrogating such laws; De Armas' Case, 10 Mart. O. S. (La.) 172; Bernard v. Vignaud, 10 Mart. O. S. (La.) 560; and also when the order of things for which the law has been made no longer exists. See Ex parte Lum Poy (D.C.) 22 F. (2d) 600.

ABSCOND. To go in a clandestine manner out of the jurisdiction of the courts, or to lie concealed, in order to avoid their process. Malvin v. Christoph, 7 N. W. 6, 54 Iowa, 562.

To hide, conceal, or abscond oneself clandestinely, with the intent to avoid legal process. Smith v. Johnson, 43 Neb. 754, 62 N. W. 217; Hoggett v. Emerson, 8 Kan. 262; Ware v. Todd, 1 Ala. 200; Kingsland v. Worsham, 15 Mo. 657; Johnstone v. Thompson, 2 La. 411. See Absconding Debtor.

ABSCONDING DEBTOR. One who absconds from his creditors. An absconding debtor is one who lives without the state, or who has intentionally concealed himself from his creditors, or withdrawn himself from the reach of their suits, with intent to frustrate their just demands. Thus, if a person departs from his usual residence, or remains absent therefrom, or conceals himself in his house, so that he cannot be served with process, with intent unlawfully to delay or defraud his creditors, he is an absconding debtor; but if he departs from the state or from his usual abode, with the intention of again returning, and without any fraudulent design, he has not absconded, nor absented himself, within the intendment of the law. Stafford v. Mills, 57 N. J. Law, 374, 32 A. 7; Fitch v. Walke, 5 Conn. 117; Martin v. Barrett (Mo. App.) 294 S. W. 410; Little v. Long, 197 A. 412, 93 N. J. Law, 99; Kershbaum v. London Guarantee & Accident Co., 133 A. 229, 232, 236 Pa. 218. A party may abscond, and subject himself to the operation of the attachment law against absconding debtors, without leaving the limits of the state. Field v. Adreon, 7 Md. 209.

A debtor who is shut up from his creditors in his own house is an absconding debtor. Ives v. Curtiss, 2 Root (Conn.) 133; Bennett v. Avant, 2 Sneed (Tenn.) 152.

ABSENCE. The state of being absent, removed, or away from one's domicile, or usual place of residence. See Maley v. Pennsylvania

vania R. Co., 101 A. 911, 914, 258 Pa. 73, L. R. A. 1918A, 563.

Absence is of a fivefold kind: (1) A necessary absence, as in banished or transported persons; this is entirely necessary; (2) Xerosis and voluntary, as upon the account of the commonwealth, or in the service of the church. (3) A probable absence, according to the civilians, as that of students on the score of study. (4) Entirely voluntary, on account of trade, merchandise, and the like. (5) Absence cum dolo et culpae, as not appearing to a writ, subpoena, citation, etc., or to delay or defeat creditors, or avoiding arrest, either on civil or criminal process. Ayliff.


In Scotch Law

Want or default of appearance. A decree is said to be in absence where the defender (defendant) does not appear. Ersk. Inst. bk. 4, tit. 3, § 6.

ABSENT. Being away from; at a distance from; not in company with. Paline v. Drew, 44 N. H. 306, where it was held that the word when used as an adjective referred only to the condition or situation of the person or thing spoken of at the time of speaking without reference to any prior condition or situation of the same person or thing, but when used as a verb implies prior presence. It has also been held to mean "not being in a particular place at the time referred to," and not to import prior presence; [1882] A. C. 339; 62 L. J. C. P. 107; 62 L. T. 159.

The term absent defendants does not embrace non-resident defendants but has reference to parties resident in the state, but temporarily absent therefrom; Wash v. Heard, 27 Miss. 400; Wheeler v. Wheeler, 35 Ill. App. 123. See, however, Seimer v. James Dickinson Farm Mortg. Co. (D. C. Ill.) 289 F. 601, 603, holding that a foreign corporation is "absent" from the state, and limitation does not run in its favor.

A Judge, disqualified to act in a case, is "absent from the county," within Kentucky Civ. Code Prac. § 273, authorizing the clerk of court to grant an injunction or temporary restraining order. Dark Tobacco Growers Co-op. Ass'n v. Wilson, 297 S. W. 902, 1923 Ky. 559.

A deceased stockholder's employee is not "absent" from duty so as to entitle his heirs or assignees, under a contract, to his share of the profits, etc., less the cost of a capable person to fill his position. Nichols v. Olympia Vanser Co., 226 P. 794, 794, 192 Wash. 2.
As a verb, "absent" means to take or withdraw to such a distance as to prevent intercourse; to depart from. People v. Day, 152 N. E. 496, 497, 221 Ill. 552.

ABSENT-MINDEDNESS. A state of mind in which the person affected fails to respond to the ordinary demands on his attention. Webster. See Racine Tire Co. v. Grady, 206 Ala. 423, 88 So. 337.

ABSENTE. Lat. Being absent; often used in the old reports of one of the judges not present at the hearing of a cause. 2 Mod. 14. Absente Reo. The defendant being absent.

ABSENTEE. One who dwells abroad; a landlord who resides in a country other than that from which he draws his rents. The discussions on the subject have generally had reference to Ireland. McCul. Pol. Econ.; 33 Brit. Qtr. Rev. 455.

One who is absent from his usual place of residence or domicile.

In Louisiana law, one who has left his residence in a state leaving no one to represent him; Bartlett v. Wheeler, 31 La. Ann. 540; or who resides in another state but has property in Louisiana; Penn v. Evans, 28 id. 576. It has been also defined as one who has never been domiciled in the state and who resides abroad. Civil Code La. art. 3356; Dreville v. Cecullu, 18 La. Ann. 695; Morris v. Bienvenu, 30 La. Ann. 878. One person cannot be both, at the same time, in the meaning of the law, a resident and an absentee. Savant v. Mercadal, 66 So. 961, 962, 136 La. 248; Spence v. Spence, 105 So. 28, 29, 158 La. 961.

ABSENTEES, or DES ABSENTEES. A parliament so called was held at Dublin, 10th May, 8 Hen. VIII. It is mentioned in letters patent 29 Hen. VIII.

Absentem accipere debemus, cum qui non est eo loci in quo petitur. We ought to consider him absent who is not in the place where he is demanded (or sought). Dig. 50, 16, 199.

Absentia ejus qui reipublicae causa estab, neque ei neque aliis damnos esse debet. The absence of him who is away in behalf of the republic (on business of the state) ought not to be prejudicial either to him or to another. Dig. 50, 17, 140.

ABSOILE, ASSOIL, ASSOILE. To pardon; to deliver from excommunication. Stannford, Pl. Cr. 72; Kelham; Cowell.

Absoluta sententia expositore non indiget. An absolute sentence or proposition (one that is plain without any scruple, or absolute without any saving) needs not an expositer. 2 Inst. 633.

ABSOLUTE. Complete; perfect; final; without any condition or incumbrance; as an absolute bond (simplex obligatio) in distinction from a conditional bond.

An absolute estate is one that is free from all manner of condition or incumbrance; an estate in fee simple; Johnson v. McIntosh, 8 Wheat. 543, 5 L. Ed. 681; Fuller v. Missrooms, 32 S. C. 314, 14 S. E. 714; Columbia Water Power Co. v. Power Co., 172 U. S. 492, 19 S. Ct. 247, 43 L. Ed. 321; Bradford v. Martin, 201 N. W. 574, 576, 190 Iowa, 250; Middleton v. Dudding (Mo. Sup.) 183 S. W. 413, 444. A rule is said to be absolute when on the hearing it is confirmed and made final.

A conveyance is said to be absolute, as distinguished from a mortgage or other conditional conveyance; 1 Poth. Mort. 125; Kalezali v. Sullivan (C. C. A. Hawaii) 242 F. 446, 452; Gogarn v. Connors, 153 N. W. 1068, 188 Mich. 161.

Absolute property is where a man hath solely and exclusively the right and also the occupation of movable chattels; distinguished from a qualified property, as that of a bailee; 2 Sharsw. Bla. Com. 388; 2 Kent 347.

Absolute rights are such as appertain and belong to particular persons merely as individuals or single persons, as distinguished from relative rights, which are incident to them as members of society; 1 Sharsw. Bla. Com. 123; 1 Chit. Pr. 32.

An absolute duty is one that is free from every restriction; unconditional; determined; not merely provisional; irrevocable.


An "absolute power of disposition," in the absence of statute, would be one by which the holder of the power might dispose of the property as fully and in the same manner as he might dispose of his individual estate acquired by his own efforts. In re Briggs' Will, 167 N. Y. 623, 635, 101 Misc. 191.


"Absolute control" as used in Motor Vehicle Act means such control as makes the operation of the car safe, in view of, and as determined by, the apparent situation and surroundings, and does not require that it shall be susceptible of instant stoppage. Goff v. Clark'sburg Dairy Co., 103 S. E. 58, 69, 86 W. Va. 237. As to absolute control of a mine, see People v. Boggs, 243 I. 478, 481, 75 Cal. App. 469; and of an estate, see Strickland v. Strickland, 111 N. E. 908, 909, 231 Ill. 614.


ABSOLUTELY. Completely; wholly; without qualification; without reference or relation to, or dependence upon, any other person, thing, or event. Thus, absolutely void means utterly void; Peasevoll v. Chapin, 44 Pa. 9. Absolutely necessary may be used to make the idea of necessity more emphatic; State v. Tetrack, 34 W. Va. 137, 11 S. E. 1002. An "absolutely necessary repair," within terms of Wisconsin St. 1925, § 55.02, prohibiting parking of vehicles except for making absolutely necessary repairs, includes repair of a punctured tire. Long v. Steffen, 194 Wis. 179, 215 N. W. 892, 893, 61 A. L. R. 1155.

A devise of property to have "absolutely" means without condition, exception, restriction,qualification or limitation. In re Darr's Estate, 206 N. W. 2, 3, 114 Neb. 118, and creates a fee-simple estate. Ryder v. Oates, 82 S. E. 508, 510, 173 N. C. 599; In re Reynold's Estate, 100 A. 60, 63, 94 Vt. 149.

ABSOLUTION.

In the Civil Law

A sentence whereby a party accused is declared innocent of the crime laid to his charge.

In Canon Law

A juridical act whereby the clergy declare that the sins of such as are penitent are remitted. Among Protestants it is chiefly used for a sentence by which a person who stands excommunicated is released or freed from that punishment. Encyc. Brit.

In French Law

The dismissal of an accusation.

The term acquittal is employed when the accused is declared not guilty, and absolution when he is recognised as guilty but the act is not punishable by law or he is exonerated by some defect of intention or will. Merlin, Répért.

ABSOLUTISM. In politics. A system of government in which public power is vested in some person or persons, unchecked and uncontrolled by any law, institution, constitutional device, or coordinate body.

ABSOLVITOR. In Scotch law. An acquittal; a decree in favor of the defendant in any action.

ABSOQUE. Without. Occurs in phrases taken from the Latin; such as those immediately following.

ABSOQUE ALIQUO INDE REDENDO. Lat. Without reserving any rent therefrom; without rendering anything therefrom. A term used of a free grant by the crown. 2 Rolle, Abr. 592.

ABSOQUE CONSIDERATIONE CURÆ. In old practice. Without the consideration of the court; without judgment. Flota, lib. 2, c. 47, § 13.

ABSOQUE HOC. Without this. These are technical words of denial, used in pleading at common law by way of special traverse, to introduce the negative part of the plea, following the affirmative part or inducement. Martin v. Hammon, 8 Pa. 270; Zents v. Legg, 70 Pa. 102; Hite v. Kier, 35 Pa. 72; Reiter v. Morton, 96 Pa. 229; Turnpike Co. v. McCullough, 25 Pa. 306. See, also, Traverse.

ABSOQUE IMPETITIO VASTI. Without impeachment of waste; without accountability for waste; without liability to suit for waste. A clause often confusedly inserted in leases (as the equivalent English phrase sometimes is) signifying that the tenant or lessee shall not be liable to suit (impeitio) or challenged, or called to account, for committing waste. 2 Bl. Comm. 258; 4 Kent, Comm. 78; Co. Litt. 220a; Litt. § 332. See Waste.

ABSOQUE TALI CAUSA. Lat. Without such cause. A form of replication, now obsolete, in an action ex delicto which works a general denial of the whole matter of the defendant's plea of do injuria. Gould, Pl. c. 7; § 10; Steph. Pl. 101.

ABSTENTION. In French law. Keeping an heir from possession; also tacit renunciation of a succession by an heir. Mezi. Répért.


ABSTRACT, v. To take or withdraw from; as, to abstract the funds of a bank. Sprague v. State, 206 N. W. 69, 70, 188 Wis. 422.

Under the National Bank Act, "abstraction" is the act of one who, being an officer of a national banking association, wrongfully takes or withdraws from it any of its moneys, funds, or credits, with intent to injure or defraud it or some other person or company, and, without its knowledge or consent or that of its board of directors, converts them to the use of himself or of some person or company other than the bank. It is not necessarily the same as embezzlement, larceny, or misapplication of funds. United States v. Harper (C. C.) 33 F. 474; United States v. Northway, 129 U. S. 237, 7 S. Ct. 559, 30 L. Ed. 644; United States v. Youseff (C. C.) 91 F. 265; United States v. Taintor, 28 Fed. Cas. 7; United States v. Breeze (D. C.) 181 F. 925; Chapman v. Nieman (Tex. Civ. App.) 276 S. W. 302, 308; Ferguson v. State, 187 S. W. 271, 278, 80 Tex. Cr. R. 333; State v. Hudson, 117 S. E. 122, 126, 93 W. Va. 485.

ABSTRACT OF A FINE. In old conveyancing. One of the parts of a fine, being an ab-
tract of the writ of covenant, and the concord, naming the parties, the parcels of land, and the agreement. 2 Bl. Comm. 331; Shep. Touch. 3. More commonly called the "note" of the fine. See Fine; Concord.

ABSTRACT OF RECORD. A complete history in short, abbreviated form of the case as found in the record; complete enough to show that the questions presented for review have been properly reserved. Poshek v. Marceline Coal & Mining Co. (Mo. App.) 231 S. W. 70; State ex rel. Wallace State Bank v. Trimble, 272 S. W. 72, 73, 308 Mo. 275. It should be a synopsis or summary of the facts, rather than a table of contents of the transcript. Wing v. Brasher, 191 P. 1106, 1108, 59 Mont. 10.

ABSTRACT OF TITLE. A condensed history of the title to land, consisting of a synopsis or summary of the material or operative portion of all the conveyances of whatever kind or nature, which in any manner affect said land, or any estate or interest therein, together with a statement of all liens, charges, or liabilities to which the same may be subject, and of which it is in any way material for purchasers to be apprised. Warr. Abst. § 21; Stevenson v. Polk, 71 Iowa, 278, 32 N. W. 340; Union Safe Deposit Co. v. Chisholm, 39 Ill. App. 647; Banker v. Caldwell, 5 Minn. 94 (Gil. 46); Heinsen v. Lamb, 117 Ill. 549, 7 N. E. 75; Smith v. Taylor, 82 Cal. 538, 23 P. 217; Geithman v. Ehler, 107 N. E. 150, 183, 265 Ill. 579; Duncan v. Kelley, 229 P. 425, 426, 163 Okl. 74; Wright v. Bott (Tex. Civ. App.) 163 S. W. 360, 365; Sheehan v. McKinstry, 210 P. 167, 170, 105 Or. 473, 34 A. L. R. 1315.


Abundans cautaula non nocet. Abundant or extreme caution does no harm. 11 Co. 6; Fleet, lib. 1, c. 28, § 1; 6 Wheat. 108. This principle is generally applied to the construction of instruments in which superfluous words have been inserted more clearly to express the intention.

ABSORVITY. That which is both physically and morally impossible; and that is to be regarded as morally impossible which is contrary to reason, so that it could not be imputed to a man in his right senses. State v. Hayes, 81 Mo. 574, 585. Anything which is so irrational, unnatural, or inconvenient that it cannot be supposed to have been within the intention of men of ordinary intelligence and discretion. Black, Interc. Laws, 104; Graves v. Scales, 90 S. E. 430, 173 N. C. 915.

Of Corporate Franchise or Entity


Of Female Child


Of Discretion


The term is commonly employed to justify an interference by a higher court with the exercise of discretionary power by a lower court and is said by some authorities to imply not merely error of judgment, but per-
or moral delinquency. The exercise of an honest judgment, however erroneous it may appear to be, is not an abuse of discretion. 


Murray v. Buell, 74 Wis. 14, 41 N. W. 1010; Sharon v. Sharon, 75 Cal. 1, 16 P. 345; State Board of Medical Examiners v. Spears, 247 P. 563, 565, 70 Colo. 558.

Of Distress

The using an animal or chattel distrained, which makes the distrainer liable as for a conversion.

Of Process

There is said to be an abuse of process when an adversary, through the malicious and unfounded use of some regular legal proceeding, obtains some advantage over his opponent. Wharton.


Hotel Supply Co. v. Reid, 89 So. 137, 138, 16 Ala. App. 563.

ABUSE, v. To make excessive or improper use of a thing, or to employ it in a manner contrary to the natural or legal rules for its use; to make an extravagant or excessive use, as to abuse one's authority.

In the civil law, the borrower of a chattel which, in its nature, cannot be used without consuming it, such as wine or grain, is said to abuse the thing borrowed if he uses it.

It has been held to include misuse; Erle & North-East R. Co. v. Casey, 26 Pa. 287; to signify to injure, diminish in value, or wear away by improper use; id.; to be synonymous with injure; Dawkins v. State, 58 Ala. 376, 29 Am. Rep. 754.


ABUT. To reach, to touch. In old law, the ends were said to abut, the sides to adjoin. Cro. Jac. 184. And see Lawrence v. Killiam, 11 Kan. 409, 511; Springfield v. Green, 120 Ill. 260, 11 N. E. 261.


Though the usual meaning of the word is that the things spoken of do actually adjoin, "bounding and abutting" have no such inflexible meaning as to require lots assessed actually to touch the improvement; Cohen v. Cleveland, 43 Ohio St. 190, 1 N. E. 359; Cincinnati v. Batsche, 52 Ohio St. 324, 40 N. E. 21, 27 L. R. A. 536; Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co. v. City of Quincy, 27 N. E. 192, 136 Ill. 583, 28 Am. St. Rep. 334; 1 Ex. D. 336; contra, Holt v. City Council, 127 Mass. 408. See, also, Board of Com'r's of Licking County v. Bolin, 124 N. E. 45, 46, 99 Ohio St. 117; Anderson v. Town of Albemarle, 109 S. E. 262, 264, 182 N. C. 434.

ABUTMENTS. The walls of a bridge adjoining the land which support the end of the roadway and sustain the arches. The ends of a bridge, or those parts of it which touch the land. Board of Chosen Freeholders of Sussex County v. Strader, 18 N. J. Law, 108, 35 Am. Dec. 530; Hardwell v. Town of Jamaica, 15 Vt. 438.

ABUTTALS. Fr. The butttings or boundings of lands, showing to what other lands, highways, or places they belong or are abutting. Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Toml. It has been used to express the end boundary lines as distinguished from those on the sides, as "buttals and sidings"; Cro. Jac. 153.

ABUTTER. One whose property abuts, is contiguous, or joins at a border or boundary,
as where no other land, road, or street intervenes.

ABUTTING OWNER. An owner of land which abuts or adjoins. The term usually implies that the relative parts actually adjoin, but is sometimes loosely used without implying more than close proximity. See Abut.

AC ETIAM. (Lat. And also.) The introduction of the statement of the real cause of action, used in those cases where it was necessary to allege a fictitious cause of action to give the court jurisdiction, and also the real cause in compliance with the statutes. It is sometimes written acetiam. 2 Stra. 922. This clause is no longer used in the English courts. 2 Will. IV. c. 39. 3 Bla. Comm. 258. See Bill of Middlesex under Bill, definition 2.

AC ETIAM BILLE. And also to a bill. See Ac Etiam.

AC SI. (Lat. As if.) Townsh. Pl. 23, 27. These words frequently occur in Old English statutes. Lord Bacon expounds their meaning in the statute of uses: "The statute gives entry, not simpliciter, but with an ac si." Bac. Read. Uses, Works, iv. 195.

ACADEMY. An institution of learning. An association of experts in some particular branch of art, literature, or science. In its original meaning, an association formed for mutual improvement, or for the advancement of science or art; in later use, a species of educational institution, of a grade between the common school and the college. Academy of Fine Arts v. Philadelphia County, 22 Pa. 406; Commonwealth v. Banks, 195 Pa. 597, 49 A. 277; Blackwell v. State, 28 Ark. 178; Mary S. Fithian Night School & Academy v. College Board of Presbyterian Church in United States, 102 A. 855, 856, 88 N. J. Eq. 406. See School.

ACAPTE. In French feudal law. A species of relief; a seigniorial right due on every change of a tenant. A feudal right which formerly prevailed in Languedoc and Guyenne, being attached to that species of hereditary estates which were granted on the contract of emphyteusis. Guyot, Inst. Feud. c. 5, § 12.

ACCEDAS AD CURIAM. (Lat. That you go to court.) An original writ out of chancery directed to the sheriff, for the purpose of removing a replevin suit from a Court Baron or a hundred court to one of the superior courts of law. It directs the sheriff to go to the lower court, and enroll the proceedings and send up the record. See Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 18; Dy. 169; 3 Bl. Comm. 34.

ACCEDAS AD VICE COMITEM. L. Lat. (You go to the sheriff.) A writ formerly directed to the coroners of a county in England, commanding them to go to the sheriff, where the latter had suppressed and neglected to re-

turn a writ of pose, and to deliver a writ to him requiring him to return it. Reg. Orig. 88. See Pose.

ACCELERATION. The shortening of the time for the vesting in possession of an expectant interest. Wharton.
The word is also used in reference to contracts for payment of money in what is usually called an "acceleration clause" by which the time for payment of the debt is hastened or advanced because of breach of some condition such as failure to pay interest when due, McCormick v. Daggett, 162 Ark. 16, 257 S. W. 558; Stern v. Rainier, 136 Iowa, 665, 157 N. W. 442; Insolvency of the maker, Wright v. Seaboard Steel & Manganese Corporation (C. C. A.) 272 F. 507; or failure to keep mortgaged premises insured, Porter v. Schroll, 50 Kan. 297, 114 P. 213.

ACCEPT. To receive with approval or satisfaction; to receive with intent to retain. See Fleming v. Law, 28 Cal. App. 110, 131 P. 385, 389; Morris v. State, 102 Ark. 513, 145 S. W. 213, 214. Also, in the capacity of drawee of a bill, to recognize the draft, and engage to pay it when due. It is not equivalent to "acquisese." Applett v. Empire Inv. Co., 194 P. 461, 462, 90 Or. 533. For its meaning under certain statutes, see Lee v. Continental Ins. Co. (D. C. Ky.) 292 F. 408, 411; State v. Miller, 181 N. W. 745, 746, 173 Wis. 412; Northwestern Consol. Milling Co. v. Rosenberg (C. C. A. Pa.) 287 F. 785, 788; Ruediger v. Dennis, 201 S. W. 945, 190 Mo. App. 102; Davis v. State, 275 S. W. 1099, 1091, 101 Tex. Cr. R. 243.

ACCEPTANCE. The taking and receiving of anything in good part, and as it were a tacit agreement to a preceding act, which might have been defeated or avoided if such acceptance had not been made. Brooke, Abr.
The act of a person to whom a thing is offered or tendered by another, whereby he receives the thing with the intention of retaining it, such intention being evidenced by a sufficient act.

In the Law of Sales
An acceptance implies, not only the physical fact of receiving the goods, but also the intention of retaining them. Omaha Beverage Co. v. Temp Brew Co., 171 N. W. 704, 707, 185 Iowa, 1189; Mueller v. Simon (Tex. Civ. App.) 183 S. W. 63, 64. If an article is found defective, but is returned and used, it may be held to be a sufficient acceptance; Logan v. Berkshire Apartment Ass'n, 3 Misc. 296, 22 N. Y. S. 776; Noel & McGehee v. Kaufman Buggy Co., 196 S. W. 237, 32 Ky. Law Rep. 576; Edwards v. Woolridge, 52 Tex. Civ. App. 512, 115 S. W. 920; Ohio Electric Co. v. Wisconsin-Minnesota Light & Power Co., 155 N. W. 112, 113, 161 Wis. 632.
The acceptance of goods sold under a contract which would be void by the statute of
frauds without delivery and acceptance involve something more than the act of the vendor in the delivery. It requires that the vendee should also act, and that his act should be of such a nature as to indicate that he receives and accepts the goods delivered as his property. He must receive and retain the articles delivered, intending thereby to assume the title to them, to constitute the acceptance mentioned in the statute. Rodgers v. Phillips, 40 N. Y. 524. See, also, Snow v. Warner, 10 Metc. (Mass.) 132, 43 Am. Dec. 417. There must be some unequivocal act, with intent to take possession as owner. Vacuum Ash & Soot Conveyer Co. v. Huyler's, 127 A. 263, 294, 101 N. J. Law, 147.

A "conditional acceptance" is in effect a statement that the offer is willing to enter into a bargain differing in some respects from that proposed in the original offer. The conditional acceptance is, therefore, itself a counter offer and rejects the original offer, so that thereafter even an unqualified acceptance of that offer will not form a contract. Hoskins v. Michener, 137 P. 724, 33 Idaho, 681.

In Marine Insurance

The acceptance of an abandonment by the underwriter is his assent, either express or to be implied from the surrounding circumstances, to the sufficiency and regularity of the abandonment. Its effect is to perfect the insured's right of action as for a total loss, if the cause of loss and circumstances have been truly disclosed. Rap. & Law.

Of Bills of Exchange

An engagement to pay the bill in money when due. 4 East 72; Hunt v. Security State Bank, 179 P. 248, 251, 91 Or. 362. The act by which the person on whom a bill of exchange is drawn (called the "drawee") assents to the request of the drawer to pay it, or, in other words, engages, or makes himself liable, to pay it when due. 2 Bl. Comm. 409; Cox v. National Bank, 100 U. S. 704, 25 L. Ed. 769; Bell-Wyland Co. v. Bank of Sugiuen, 218 P. 763, 95 Okl. 67. It may be by parol or in writing, and either general or special, absolute or conditional; and it may be impliedly, as well as expressly, given. 3 Kent, Comm. 58, 59; Story, Bills, §§ 238, 251. But the usual and regular mode of acceptance is by the drawee's writing across the face of the bill the word "accepted," and subscribing his name; after which he is termed the acceptor. Id. § 248.

The following are the principal varieties of acceptances:

Absolute. An express and positive agreement to pay the bill according to its tenor.


Express. An undertaking in direct and express terms to pay the bill; an absolute acceptance.

Implied. An undertaking to pay the bill inferred from acts of the drawee of a character which fairly warrant such an inference.

Partial. An acceptance varying from the tenor of the bill.

An acceptance to pay part of the amount for which the bill is drawn, 1 Strange 214; Freeman v. Ferot, 2 Wash. C. C. 480, Fed. Cas. No. 5,587; or to pay at a different time, 14 Johns. 592; Hatcher v. Stolworth, 25 Miss. 373; Molloy, b. 2, c. 19, § 20; or at a different place, 4 M. & S. 465, would be partial.

Qualified. One either conditional or partial, and which introduces a variation in the sum, time, mode, or place of payment.

Supra protest. An acceptance by a third person, after protest of the bill for non-acceptance by the drawee, to save the honor of the drawer or some particular indorser.

A general acceptance is an absolute acceptance precisely in conformity with the tenor of the bill itself, and not qualified by any statement, condition, or change. Rowe v. Young, 2 Brod. & B. 180; Todd v. Bank of Kentucky, 3 Bush (Ky.) 628.

A special acceptance is the qualified acceptance of a bill of exchange, as where it is accepted as payable at a particular place "and not elsewhere." Rowe v. Young, 2 Brod. & B. 180. See Trade Acceptance.

ACCEPTANCE AU BESON. Fr. In French law. Acceptance in case of need; an acceptance by one on whom a bill is drawn au besoin, that is, in case of refusal or failure of the drawee to accept. Story, Bills, §§ 65, 254, 255.

ACCEPTARE. Lat.

In Old Pleading
To accept. Acceptavit, he accepted. 2 Strange, 817. Non acceptavit, he did not accept. 4 Man. & G. 7.

In the Civil Law
To accept; to assent; to assent to a promise made by another. Gro. de J. B. lib. 2, c. 11, § 14.

ACCEPTEUR PAR INTERVENTION. In French law. Acceptor of a bill for honor.
ACCEPTATION. In the civil and Scotch law. A release made by a creditor to his debtor of his debt, without receiving any consideration. Ayl. Pand. tit. 26, p. 570. It is a species of donation, but not subject to the forms of the latter, and is valid unless in fraud of creditors. Merl. Répert.

The verbal extinction of a verbal contract, with a declaration that the debt has been paid when it has not; or the acceptance of something merely imaginary in satisfaction of a verbal contract. Sanders' Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 586.

ACCEPTOR. The person who accepts a bill of exchange, (generally the drawee,) or who engages to be primarily responsible for its payment.

ACCEPTOR SUPER PROTEST. One who accepts a bill which has been protested, for the honor of the drawer or any one of the indorsers.

ACCESS. Approach; or the means, power, or opportunity of approaching. Sometimes importing the occurrence of sexual intercourse; otherwise as importing opportunity of communication for that purpose as between husband and wife.

In real property law, the term "access" denotes the right vested in the owner of land which adjoins a road or other highway to go and return from his own land to the highway without obstruction. Chicago, etc., R. Co. v. Milwaukee, etc., etc., R. Co., 95 Wis. 561, 70 N. W. 678, 37 L. R. A. 856, 60 Am. St. Rep. 136; Ferguson v. Covington, etc., R. Co., 108 Ky. 602, 67 S. W. 400; Reining v. New York, etc., R. Co. (Super. Duff.) 13 N. Y. S. 238. See also, Colb v. Commissioners of Lincoln Park, 67 N. E. 5, 6, 8, 292 Ill. 427, 63 L. R. A. 261, 95 Am. St. Rep. 258. "Access" to property does not necessarily carry with it possession. People v. Breneuauer, 106 N. Y. S. 801, 506, 101 Misc. 156. A deed, however, which conveys land and "also the right of access to the adjoining park and use of parking on same," may be deemed to convey not merely the right to pass through the park in order to reach the spring, but to convey a right of entry into the park as a park and by implication, the right to the use and enjoyment of the park. Getz v. Knoxville Power & Light Co., 290 S. W. 409, 414, 154 Tenn. 545.

The right of "access to public records" includes not only a legal right of access, but a reasonable opportunity to avail oneself of the same. American Surety Co. of New York v. Sandberg (D. C. Wash.) 225 F. 150, 155.

In Casen Law

The right to some benefit at some future time.


ACCESSORY. See Accessory.

ACCESSIO. In Roman law. An increase or addition; that which lies next to a thing, and is supplementary and necessary to the principal thing; that which arises or is produced from the principal thing; an "accessory obligation" (q. v.). Calvins, Lex. Jurid. One of the modes of acquiring property, being the extension of ownership over that which grows from, or is united to, an article which one already possesses. Mather v. Chapman, 40 Conn. 382, 397, 16 Am. Rep. 46. Accessio includes both accession and accretion as used in the common law. See Adjunctio.

ACCESSIO. Coming into possession of a right or office; increase; augmentation; addition.

The right to all which one's own property produces, whether that property be movable or immovable; and the right to that which is united to it by accession, either naturally or artificially. 2 Kent, 360; 2 Bl. Comm. 404.

A principle derived from the civil law, by which the owner of property becomes entitled to all which it produces, and to all that is added or united to it, either naturally or artificially, (that is, by the labor or skill of another,) even where such addition extends to a change of form or materials; and by which, on the other hand, the possessor of property becomes entitled to it, as against the original owner, where the addition made to it by his skill and labor is of greater value than the property itself, or where the change effected in its form is so great as to render it impossible to restore it to its original shape. Burrill, Betts v. Lee, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 348, 4 Am. Dec. 389; Lampton v. Preston, 1 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 263, 19 Am. Dec. 104; Eaton v. Munroe, 62 Me. 65; Pulcifer v. Page, 32 Me. 404, 54 Am. Dec. 582; Wetherbee v. Green, 22 Mich. 311, 7 Am. Rep. 653. In Blackwood Tire & Vulcanizing Co. v. Auto Storage Co., 182 S. W. 515, 133 Tenn. 515, L. R. A. 1916E, 24, Ann. Cas. 1017C, 1128, this principle was applied in favor of the conditional seller who, on nonpayment, retook the automobile sold, together with tire casings which the buyer had fitted thereto.

In International Law

The absolute or conditional acceptance by one or several states of a treaty already concluded between other sovereignties. Merl. Répert. It may be of two kinds: First, the formal entrance of a third state into a treaty so that such state becomes a party to it; and this can only be with the consent of the original parties. Second, a state may accede to a treaty between other states solely for the pur-
pose of guarantee, in which case, though a party, it is affected by the treaty only as a guarantor. 1 Oppenheim, Int. L. sec. 532. See Adhesion.

Also, the commencement or inauguration of a sovereign's reign.

ACCESSION, DEED OF. In Scotch law. A deed executed by the creditors of a bankrupt or insolvent debtor, by which they approve of a trust given by their debtor for the general behoof, and bind themselves to concur in the plans proposed for extricating his affairs. Bell, Diet.

Accessorium non ductil, sed sequitur suum princip. Co. Litt. 152a, 358a. That which is the accessory or incident does not lead, but follows, its principal.

Accessorius sequitur naturam sui principis. An accessory follows the nature of his principal. 3 Inst. 139. One who is accessory to a crime cannot be guilty of a higher degree of crime than his principal.

ACCESSORY. Anything which is joined to another thing as an ornament, or to render it more perfect, or which accompanies it, or is connected with it, as an incident, or as subordinate to it, or which belongs to or with it; for example, the halter of a horse, the frame of a picture, the keys of a house.


Storage batteries were held not to be automobile accessories under the Revenue Act. Philadelphia Storage Battery Co. v. Lodere (D. C. Pa.) 21 F. (2d) 330, 321; McCaughn v. Electric Storage Battery Co. (C. C. A.) 63 F. (2d) 715.

In Criminal Law

Contributing to or aiding in the commission of a crime. One who, without being present at the commission of a felonious offense, becomes guilty of such offense, not as a chief actor, but as a participant, as by command, advice, instigation, or concealment; either before or after the fact or commission; a partece criminis. 4 Bl. Comm. 35; Cowell. One who is not the chief actor in the offense, nor present at its performance, but in some way concerned therein, either before or after the act committed. Code Ga. 1882, § 4306 (Pen. Code 1926, § 44). People v. Schwartz, 22 Cal. 160; Fixmer v. People, 153 Ill. 123, 38 N. E. 687; State v. Berger, 121 Iowa, 581, 96 N. W. 1094; People v. Ah Ping, 27 Cal. 489; United States v. Hartwell, 26 Fed. Cas. 195; Hilt v. Commonwealth, 109 S. E. 597, 600, 131 Va. 782; State v. Thomas, 130 A. 475, 477, 106 Conn. 757.

An "accessory" to a crime is always an "accomplice." People v. Ah Gee, 174 P. 371, 373, 37 Cal. App. 1. In certain crimes, there may be no accessories; all who are concerned are principals. These are (according to many authorities) treason, and all offenses below the degree of felony; 4 Bla. Comm. 35; Com. v. McAttee, 8 Dana (Ky.) 28; Williams v. State, 12 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 58; Com. v. Ray, 3 Gray (Mass.) 448; Schmidt v. State, 14 Mo. 137; Sanders v. State, 18 Ark. 198; Stevens v. People, 67 Ill. 557; Griffith v. State, 90 Ala. 538, 8 So. 812; U. S. v. Boyd, 45 F. 551; In re Burr, 4 Cr. 472, 501; U. S. v. Fries, Fed. Cas. No. 5127.

—Accessory before the fact. One who, being absent at the time a crime is committed, yet procures, counsels, or commands another to commit it; and, in this case, absence is necessary to constitute him an accessory, for, if he be present at any time during the transaction, he is guilty as principal. Plow. 97; 1 Hale, P. C. 615, 616; 4 Steph. Comm. 90, note n.


—Accessory during the fact. One who stands by without interfering or giving such help as may be in his power to prevent the commission of a criminal offense. Farrell v. People, 8 Colo. App. 524, 46 P. 841.

—Accessory after the fact. One who, having full knowledge that a crime has been committed, conceals it from the magistrate, and harbors, assists, or protects the person charged with, or convicted of, the crime. Code Ga. 1852, § 4308 (Pen. Code 1926, § 47); Pen. Code Cal. § 32; Code Cr. Proc. Tex. 1911, art. 86 (Vernon's Ann. C. C. P. art. 53).

All persons who, after the commission of any felony, conceal or aid the offender, with knowledge that he has committed a felony, and with intent that he may avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction, or punishment, are accessories. Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 9219; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 3935.

An accessory after the fact is a person who, knowing a felony to have been committed by another, receives, relieves, comforts or assists the felon, in order to enable him to escape from punishment, or the like. 4 Bla. Comm. 97; 1 Russ. Crimes, 171; United States v. Hartwell, 26 Fed. Cas. 150; Albright v. State,

In its proper use the term excludes negligence; that is, an accident is an event which occurs without the fault, carelessness, or want of proper supervision of the person affected, or which could not have been avoided by the use of that kind and degree of care necessary to the exigency and in the circumstances in which he was placed. Brown v. Kendall, 6 Cush. (Mass.) 292; United States v. Boyd (C. C.) 45 F. 851; Arminio v. Abertia, 5 N. M. 333; 25 P. 777; St. Louis, etc., R. Co. v. Barnett, 65 Ark. 253, 45 S. W. 550; Aurora Branch R. Co. v. Grimes, 13 Ill. 586; Sprecher v. Ensinger, 149 N. W. 97, 99, 107 Iowa, 118; Hoffman v. Peerless White Lime Co., 317 Mo. 80, 296 S. W. 704, 772; Industrial Commission of Ohio v. Roth, 120 N. E. 172, 174, 98 Ohio St. 34, 6 A. L. R. 1463. But see Schneider v. Provident L. Ins. Co., 24 Wis. 25, 1 Am. Rep. 157. It has been said, moreover, that the word "accident" does not have a settled legal signification; Klopfenstein v. Union Traction Co., 212 P. 1067, 1068, 112 Kan. 770; and that in its ordinary meaning it does not negative the idea of negligence on the part of the person whose physical act caused the occurrence. Campbell v. Jones, 132 P. 635, 636, 73 Wash. 688.

See Act of God.

In Equity

Such an unforeseen event, misfortune, loss, act, or omission as is not the result of any negligence or misconduct in the party. Fran. Max. 87; Story, Eq. Jur. § 78; Eaton on Equity § 129; Engler v. Knoblaugh, 110 S. W. 16, 131 Mo. App. 451.

The meaning to be attached to the word "accident," in relation to equitable relief, is any unforeseen and undesigned event, productive of disadvantage. Wharton.

An accident relatable in equity is such an occurrence, not the result of negligence or misconduct of the party seeking relief in relation to a contract, as was not anticipated by the parties when the same was entered into, and which gives an undue advantage to one of them over another in a court of law. Code Ga. 1582, § 3112 (Clv. Code 1926, § 4567). And see Bostwick v. Stiles, 35 Conn. 195;
ACCORD.

In the Civil Law

One who inhabits or occupies land near a place, as one who dwells by a river, or on the bank of a river. Dig. 43, 13, 3, 6.

In Feudal Law

A husbandman; an agricultural tenant; a tenant of a manor. Spielman. A name given to a class of villeins in Italy. Barr. St. 392.

ACCOMENDA. In maritime law. A contract between the owner of goods and the master of a ship, by which the former intrusts the property to the latter to be sold by him on their joint account.

In such case, two contracts take place: First, the contract called mandatum, by which the owner of the property gives the master power to dispose of it; and the contract of partnership, in virtue of which the profits are to be divided between them. One party runs the risk of losing his capital; the other, his labor. If the sale produces no more than first cost, the owner takes all the proceeds. It is only the profits which are to be divided. Emorig. Mar. Laws, § 5.

ACCOMODATED PARTY. One to whom the credit of the accommodation party is loaned, and is not necessarily the payee, since the inquiry always is as to whom did the maker of the paper loan his credit as a matter of fact. Wilhoit v. Seavall, 246 Ill. 1033, 1015, 121 Kan. 239, 48 A. L. R. 1273; German American State Bank v. Watson, 143 P. 637, 638, 99 Kan. 686; Neylon v. Liberty Nat. Bank of Pawhuska, 259 P. 545, 546, 126 Okl. 188.

ACCOMMODATION. An arrangement or engagement made as a favor to another, not upon a consideration received; something done to oblige, usually spoken of a loan of money or commercial paper; also a friendly agreement or composition of differences. Abbott; Geller, Ward & Hasner Hardware Co. v. Drozda, 217 S. W. 557, 558, 206 Mo. App. 91; Sales v. Martin, 191 S. W. 480, 482, 173 Ky. 616. The word implies no consideration. William D. Seymour & Co. v. Castell, 107 So. 143, 145, 100 La. 371.

ACCOMMODATION BILL OR NOTE. See Accommodation Paper.

ACCOMMODATION INDOREEMENT. See Indorsement.

ACCOMMODATION LANDS. Land bought by a builder or speculator, who erects houses thereon, and then leases portions thereof upon an improved ground-rent.

ACCOMMODATION MAKER. One who puts his name to a note without any consideration.
with the intention of lending his credit to the
accommodated party, and in this connection
"without consideration" means "without con-
sideration to the accommodating party di-
rectly."
Suerken, 188 P. 613, 614, 45 Cal. App. 736;
Exum v. Mayfield (Tex. Civ. App.) 296 S. W.
481, 482; State Bank of Omaha v. Huffman,
160 N. W. 115, 117, 100 Neb. 396. One who
receives no part of the proceeds, which are
used exclusively for another maker's benefit,
as in discharging his own personal obligation.
Backer v. Grummett, 178 P. 312, 313, 39 Cal.
App. 101.

ACCOMMODATION PAPER. An accommo-
dation bill or note is one to which the ac-
commodating party, be he acceptor, drawer,
or indorser, has put his name, without con-
sideration, for the purpose of benefiting or
accommodating some other party who desires
to raise money on it, and is to provide for the
bill when due. Miller v. Larned, 103 Ill. 562;
Jefferson County v. Burlington & M. R. Co.,
66 Iowa, 885, 16 N. W. 601, 22 N. W. 899;
Gillmann v. Henry, 33 Wis. 465, 10 N. W.
682; Peale v. Addicks, 174 Pa. 543, 34 A.
201; Warren Nat. Bank, Warren, Pa., v.
Suerken, 188 P. 613, 45 Cal. App. 736; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. v. Brown, 165 N. W.
70, 152 Iowa, 1044; State Bank of Omaha v.
Huffman, 160 N. W. 115, 100 Neb. 396; State
S. W. 145, 149; Stubbs Hotel Co. v. Beiss-
barth, 174 N. W. 217, 218, 43 N. D. 191; Gard-
iner v. Holcomb, 82 Cal. App. 342, 255 P. 523,
527; Smith v. Funston, 208 N. W. 778, 777,
50 S. D. 175; Exum v. Mayfield (Tex. Civ.
App.) 296 S. W. 481, 482.

ACCOMMODATION PARTY. One who has
signed an instrument as maker, drawer, ac-
tceptor, or indorser without receiving value
therefor, and for the purpose of lending his
name to some other person as means of securing
credit. Boone Nat. Bank v. Evans (Iowa) 213
N. W. 786, 790; Miller v. White, 50 Utah, 145,
238 P. 585, 589; Patrick v. Arkansas Nat.
Bank, 292 S. W. 143, 148, 172 Ark. 1108; Co-
olumbia Motor Truck & Trailer Co. v. Banlet,
199 N. W. 612, 227 Mich. 651. The term there-
fore does not include one who, for the ac-
commodation of the maker, guaranteed the
payment of a note. Noble v. Beeman-Spaul-
ding-Woodward Co., 131 P. 1006, 1010, 65 Or.
93.

ACCOMMODATION TRAIN. One designed
to accommodate local travel by stopping at
most stations. Gray v. Chicago, M. & St. P.
R. Co., 59 N. E. 950, 951, 159 Ill. 400. In
another aspect It is a train designed to carry
passengers as well as freight. White v. Ill.
Cent. R. Co., 55 So. 593, 595, 99 Miss. 651;
Thacker v. Ill. Cent. R. Co. (Miss.) 55 So.
595.

ACCOMMODATION WORKS. Works which
a railway company is required to make and
maintain for the accommodation of the owners
or occupiers of land adjoining the railway;
"e., gates, bridges, culverts, fences, etc.
8 Vict. c. 20, § 68.

ACCOMODATUM. The same as commo-
datum, q. v.

ACCOMPANY. To go along with. Webster's
Dict. The word has been defined judicially
as cases involving varied facts; thus, a boy
driver was held not accompanying the team
when he was running to stop it. Willis v.
Semmes, 71 So. 865, 866, 111 Miss. 589. A
motion based on answer already deposited
with the clerk of court is accompanied with
copy of answer. Los Angeles County v. Lewis,
177 P. 154, 155, 179 Cal. 598. An automobile
driver under sixteen is not accompanied by an
adult person unless the latter exercises super-
vision over the driver. Rush v. McDonnell,
106 So. 175, 179, 214 Ala. 47. An unlicensed
driver is not accompanied by a licensed driver
unless the latter is near enough to render ad-
vice and assistance. Hughes v. New Haven
Taxicab Co., 87 A. 721, 87 Conn. 416.

ACCOMPLICE. In criminal law. A person
who knowingly, voluntarily, and with common
intent with the principal offender unites in
the commission of a crime. Clapp v. State,
94 Tenn. 198, 30 S. W. 214; People v. Bolanger,
71 Cal. 17, 11 P. 799; State v. Umble, 115 Mo.
492, 22 S. W. 578; Carroll v. State, 45 Ark.
589; State v. Little, 27 Or. 283, 21 P. 152; Peo-
lle v. Seifert, 51 Cal. App. 195, 235 P. 189,
190; Hewett v. State, 88 Okl. 105, 259 P.
144, 146; Minter v. State, 159 S. W. 286, 300,
70 Tex. Cr. R. 634; Slinger v. U. S. (C. C. A.
N. J.) 278 F. 415, 419. One who is in some way
concerned or associated in commission of
crime; partaker of guilt; one who aids or
assists, or is an accessory. McLendon v. U. S.
(C. C. A. Mo.) 19 F.(2d) 465, 466.

As specifically applied to witnesses for the
state and the necessity for corroborating them,
"accomplice" includes all persons connected
with the offense by an unlawful act or omis-
sion either before, at the time of, or after
the commission of the offense, whether such
witness was present or participated in the crime
or not. Chandler v. State, 290 S. W. 1002,
1003, 89 Tex. Cr. R. 309; Scales v. State, 217
S. W. 149, 150, 86 Tex. Cr. R. 433; State v.

The term includes all the participes crimin-
is, Durden v. State, 68 So. 550, 551, 12 Ala.
App. 185, whether they are considered, in
strict legal propriety, as principals in the first
or second degree, or merely as accessories
before or after the fact. In re Rowe, 77 F. 161,
23 C. C. A. 103; People v. Bolanger, 71 Cal.
17, 11 P. 799; Armstrong v. State, 33 Tex. Cr.
R. 417, 26 S. W. 829; Cross v. People, 47 Ill.
152, 85 Am. Dec. 474; Norris v. State, 269 S.
W. 46, 47, 168 Ark. 151; Stevens v. State, 185
S. W. 778, 780, 111 Ark. 290. But in Ken-
tucky it has been held that "accomplice" does
not include an accessory after the fact, El-
mendorf v. Commonwealth, 188 S. W. 485, 489, 171 Ky. 410; Mareum v. Commonwealth, 4 S.W.(2d) 728, 223 Ky. 831; see, however, Commonwealth v. Barton, 156 S. W. 113, 114, 153 Ky. 465. And the same rule has been announced elsewhere. State v. Lyons, 175 N. W. 680, 691, 144 Minn. 348; People v. Sapp, 118 N. E. 416, 421, 222 Ill. 51; State v. Seward (Mo. Sup.) 247 S. W. 150, 154.

A feigned accomplice has been defined as one who co-operates with view of aiding justice to detect a crime. State v. Verganadis, 50 Nev. 1, 248 P. 800, 903. See, also, Savage v. State, 170 S. W. 730, 735, 75 Tex. Cr. R. 213; Smith v. U. S. (C. C. A. Okl.) 17 F.(2d) 722, 724.

ACCORD, n. A satisfaction agreed upon between the party injuring and the party injured which, when performed, is a bar to all actions upon this account. Kromer v. Helm, 75 N. Y. 576, 31 Am. Rep. 491; Harrgrave v. City of Colfax, 154 P. 824, 829, 59 Wash. 467. An agreement to accept, in extinction of an obligation, something different from or less than that to which the person agreeing to accept is entitled. Civ. Code Cal. § 1521; Comp. Laws N. D. 1915, § 5525; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 784; Reilly v. Barrett, 115 N. E. 453, 454, 220 N. Y. 170.

It may arise both where the demand itself is unliquidated or in dispute, and where the amount and nature of the demand is undisputed, and it is agreed to give and take less than the demand. J. P. Morgan Paving Co. v. Carroll, 211 Ala. 131, 99 So. 660, 64 L. A. 267.


See Accord and Satisfaction; Compromise and Settlement.

ACCORD, v. In practice. To agree or concur, as one judge with another. "I accord." Eyrce, C. J., 12 Mod. 7. "The rest accorded." 7 Mod. 361.

ACCORD AND SATISFACTION. An agreement between two persons, one of whom has a right of action against the other, that the latter should do or give, and the former accept, something in satisfaction of the right of action different from, and usually less than, what might be legally enforced. When the agreement is executed, and satisfaction has been made, it is called "accord and satisfaction." 3 Blackstone's Comm. 15; Franklin Fire Ins. Co. v. Hamill, 6 Md. 170; Rogers v. Spokane, 9 Wash. 168, 87 P. 300; Davis v. Noaks, 8 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 494; Lytle v. Clifton, 261 S. W. 664, 666, 149 Tenn. 665; Bux ford v. Inge Const. Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 279 S. W. 513, 515; McPike Drug Co. v. Williams, 280 P. 904, 104 Ohi. 244; In re Trexler Co. of America, 35 Del. Ch. 76, 132 A. 144, 145; Reliance Life Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., v. Garth, 68 So. 571, 572, 102 Ala. 81; Reilly v. Barrett, 115 N. E. 488, 484, 220 N. Y. 170; Walker v. Burt, 109 S. E. 45, 44, 182 N. C. 225.

See, also, Civ. Code Cal. §§ 1521, 1523, quoted and applied in Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. v. Universal Electric & Gas Co., 241 P. 76, 80, 197 Cal. 376.

More recently, a broader application of the doctrine has been made, where one promise or agreement is set up in satisfaction of another. The rule is that an agreement or promise of the same grade will not be held to be in satisfaction of a prior one, unless it has been expressly accepted as such; as, where a new promissory note has been given in lieu of a former one, to have the effect of a satisfaction of the former, it must have been accepted on an express agreement to that effect. Pulliam v. Taylor, 50 Miss. 251; Continental Nat. Bank v. McGeoch, 92 Wis. 286, 66 N. W. 696; Heath v. Vaughn, 11 Colo. App. 384, 53 P. 229; Story v. Maclay, 6 Mont. 492, 13 P. 195; Swofford Bros. Dry Goods Co. v. Goss, 65 Mo. App. 55; Rogers v. Spokane, 9 Wash. 168, 37 P. 300; Heaverich v. Steele, 57 Minn. 221, 58 N. W. 982; Newman v. Nickell, 194 P. 710, 50 Cal. App. 138; Andrews v. First Nat. Bank, 203 P. 156, 55 Cal. App. 138; Anglo-California Trust Co. v. Wallace, 209 P. 78, 58 Cal. App. 625; People's State Bank v. Penello, 210 P. 432, 59 Cal. App. 174; Nortaze State Bank v. Cooper, 102 P. 1169, 99 Kan. 741; Auld v. Walker, 186 N. W. 1005, 197 Neb. 676; First Nat. Bank v. Schultz, 207 N. W. 446, 113 Neb. 346; Jackson v. Home Nat. Bank of Baird (Tex. Civ. App.) 185 S. W. 868; Hill v. Texas Trust Co. of Austin (Tex. Civ. App.) 236 S. W. 767. See Acceptance; Composition; Compromise; Novation.

ACCORDANCE. Agreement; harmony; concord; conformity. Webster, Dict.

In Accordance With

An act done in accordance with a purpose once formed is not necessarily an act done in pursuance of such purpose, for the purpose may have been abandoned before the act was done. State v. Robinson, 20 W. Va. 713, 742.

A charter providing that a city's power of taxation shall be exercised "in accordance with the state Constitution and laws means in a manner not repugnant to or in conflict or inconsistent therewith. City of Norfolk v. Norfolk Landmark Pub. Co., 28 S. E. 959, 960, 95 Va. 564. The words "in accordance with this act" as used in N. M. Laws 1899, c. 22, § 25, dealing with validity of tax titles, was not improperly interpreted as meaning "under this act." Straus v. Foxworth, 34 S. Ct. 42, 44, 231 U. S. 162, 58 L. Ed. 193.


ACCOUCHEMENT. The act of a woman in giving birth to a child. The fact of the accouchement, which may be proved by the direct testimony of one who was present, as a
physician or midwife, is often important evidence in proving parentage.


A statement in writing, of debts and credits, or of receipts and payments; a list of items of debts and credits, with their respective dates. Rensselaer Glass Factory v. Reid, 5 Cow. (N. Y.) 593.

The word is sometimes used to denote the balance, or the right of action for the balance, appearing due upon a statement of dealings; as where one speaks of an assignment of accounts; but there is a broad distinction between an account and the mere balance of an account, resembling the distinction in logic between the premises of an argument and the conclusions drawn therefrom. A balance is but the conclusion or result of the debt and credit sides of an account. It implies mutual dealings, and the existence of debt and credit, without which there could be no balance. McWilliams v. Allan, 45 Mo. 574.

The word “account” is flexible in meaning, meaning, among other things, valuation; worth; value. Ex parte Means, 230 Ala. 373, 76 So. 294. It has no invariable technical meaning; In re McLean (D. C. Wash.) 270 F. 349, 359, and may refer either to past or future indebtedness. Semel v. Braun, 157 N. Y. S. 907, 908, 914 Misc. 235. It means invariably in mercantile transactions an itemized account, Brooks v. International Shoe Co., 133 Ark. 386, 208 S. W. 1697, and a suit on a quantum meruit is not a suit on an account, Pollard v. Carlisle (Mo. App.) 238 S. W. 921, 922.

Account closed. An account to which no further additions can be made on either side, which remains still open for adjustment and set-off, which distinguishes it from an account stated. Bass v. Bass, 8 Pick. (Mass.) 187; Volkening v. De Graff, 81 N. Y. 288; Mandeville v. Wilson, 5 Cranch, 15, 3 L. Ed. 23.


Account duties. Duties payable by the English customs and inland revenue act, 1881, (44 Vic. c. 12, § 85,) on a donatio mortis causa, or on any gift, the donor of which dies within three months after making it, or on joint property voluntarily so created, and taken by survivorship, or on property taken under a voluntary settlement in which the settlor had a life-interest.

Account payable. “Accounts payable” are contract obligations owing by a person on open account. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. v. Karpas, 137 Va. 714, 120 S. E. 321, 322.

Account rendered. An account made out by the creditor, and presented to the debtor for his examination and acceptance. When accepted, it becomes an account stated. Wiggins v. Burkham, 10 Wall. 129, 19 L. Ed. 884; Stebbins v. Niles, 25 Miss. 267; Freeland v. Cocks, 17 Va. (3 Munf.) 332.

Account settled. One in which the balance has been in fact paid, thereby differing from an account stated. See Dempsey v. McGinnis, 219 S. W. 148, 150, 203 Mo. App. 494; McCarty v. Chalfant, 14 W. Va. 581, 549.

Account stated. The settlement of an account between the parties, with a balance struck in favor of one of them; an account rendered by the creditor, and by the debtor assented to as correct, either expressly, or by implication of law from the failure to object. Preston v. La Belle View Corporation, 212 N. W. 298, 192 Wis. 188; Cutno Co. v. Weeks, 213 N. W. 413, 414, 203 Iowa, 581; McMahon v. Brown, 106 N. E. 579, 578, 219 Mass. 23; Harrison v. Henderson, 72 P. 578, 67 Kan. 292; Detmier v. Fulls, 251 P. 306, 307, 122 Kan. 99; Lowry v. Law, 150 P. 690, 693, 27 Cal. App. 483. No particular form is necessary; it may be oral, written, partly oral and partly written. Murphy v. Smith, 226 P. 206, 206, 26 Ariz. 394. An account stated is not ordinarily recognized in Virginia and West Virginia, except as between merchant and merchant, and principal and agent, with mutual accounts. Price Hill Colliery Co. v. Pinkney, 122 S. E. 434, 436, 96 W. Va. 74; Ivy Coal Co. v. Long, 139 Ala. 535, 36 So. 722; Zacarino v. Pallottl, 49 Conn. 38; McLellan v. Crofton, 6 Me. 307; James v. Fellowes, 20 La. Ann. 116; Lockwood v. Thorne, 18 N. Y. 285; Holmes v. Puse, 19 Or. 223, 22 P. 961; Phillips v. Belden, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 1; Ware v. Manning, 56 Ala. 239, 5 So. 622; Morse v. Minton, 101 Iowa, 606, 70 N. W. 681; Patillo v. Allen-West Commission Co. (C. C. A. Ark. 1904) 131 F. 890. This was also a common count in a declaration upon a contract under which the plaintiff might prove an absolute acknowledgment by the defendant of a liquidated demand of a fixed amount, which implies a promise to pay on request. It might be joined with any other count for a money demand. The acknowledgment or admission must have been made to the plaintiff or his agent. Wharton.

Mutual accounts. Accounts comprising mutual credits between the parties; or an existing credit on one side which constitutes a ground for credit on the other, or where there
is an understanding that mutual debts shall be a satisfaction or set-off pro tanto between the parties. McConnell v. Arkansas Collin Co., 287 S. W. 1007, 172 Ark. 87; McNeil v. Garland, 27 Ark. 343.


—Public accounts. The accounts kept by officers of the nation, state, or kingdom, of the receipt and expenditure of the revenues of the government.

ACCOUNT, or ACCOUNT RENDER. In practice, "Account," sometimes called "account render," was a form of action at common law against a person who by reason of some fiduciary relation (as guardian, bailiff, receiver, etc.) was bound to render an account to another, but refused to do so. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 116; Co. Litt. 172; Griffith v. Willing, 3 Bin. (Pa.) 317; Travers v. Dyer, 24 Fed. Cas. 142; Stevens v. Coburn, 71 Vt. 261, 44 Atl. 354; Portsmouth v. Donaldson, 32 Pa. 202, 22 Am. Dec. 752.

In England, this action early fell into disuse; and as it is one of the most dilatory and expensive actions known to the law, and the parties are held to the ancient rules of pleading, and no discovery can be obtained, it never was adopted to any great extent in the United States. But in some states this action was employed, chiefly because there were no chancery courts in which a bill for an accounting would lie. The action is peculiar in the fact that two judgments are rendered, a preliminary judgment that the defendant do account with the plaintiff (quod computet) and a final judgment (quod recuperet) after the accounting for the balance found due. Field v. Brown, 146 Ind. 283, 45 N. E. 464; Travers v. Dyer, 24 Fed. Cas. 142.

ACCOUNT-BOOK. A book kept by a merchant, trader, mechanic, or other person, in which are entered from time to time the transactions of his trade or business. Such books, when regularly kept, may be admitted in evidence. Greenl. Ev. §§ 115–118.

ACCOUNT IN BANK. See Bank Account.

ACCOUNTABLE. Subject to pay; responsible; liable. Where one indorsed a note "A. C. accountable," it was held that, under this form of indorsement, he had waived demand and notice. Furber v. Caverly, 42 N. H. 74.

ACCOUNTABLE RECEIPT. An instrument acknowledging the receipt of money or personal property, coupled with an obligation to account for or pay or deliver the whole or some part of it to some person. State v. Riebe, 27 Minn. 315, 7 N. W. 262.

ACCOUNTANT. One who keeps accounts; a person skilled in keeping books or accounts; an expert in accounts or bookkeeping. See U. S. ex rel. Liebmann v. Flynn (D. C. N. Y.) 16 F.(2d) 1068, 1067; Frazer v. Shelton, 150 N. E. 997, 320 Ill. 253, 48 A. L. R. 1088.

A person who renders an account. When an executor, guardian, etc., renders an account of the property in his hands and his administration of the trust, either to the beneficiary or to a court, he is styled, for the purpose of that proceeding, the "accountant."

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, or ACCOUNTANT GENERAL. An officer of the court of chancery, appointed by act of parliament to receive all money lodged in court, and to place the same in the Bank of England for security. 12 Geo. I. c. 32; 1 Geo. IV. c. 55; 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, §§ 18–22, 39. See Daniell, Ch. Pr. (4th Ed.) 1007 et seq. The office, however, has been abolished by 35 & 36 Vict. c. 44, and the duties transferred to her majesty's paymaster general.

ACCOUNTANTS, CHARTERED. Persons skilled in the keeping and examination of accounts, who are employed for the purpose of examining and certifying to the correctness of accounts of corporations and others. The business is usually carried on by corporations. See Auditor.

ACCOUNTING. The making up and rendition of an account, either voluntarily or by order of a court. Buxton v. Edwards, 134 Mass. 567, 575. In the latter case, it imports a rendition of a judgment for the balance ascertained to be due. Apple v. Smith, 190 P. 8, 10, 106 Kan. 717. The term may include payment of the amount due. Pyatt v. Pyatt, 46 N. J. Eq. 285, 18 A. 1048.


ACCOUPLE. To unite; to marry. Ne unques accouple, never married.
ACCREDIT. In international law. (1) To acknowledge; to receive as an envoy in his public character, and give him credit and rank accordingly. Burke. (2) To send with credentials as an envoy. Webst. Dict. This latter use is now the accepted one.

ACCREDULITARE. L. Lat. In old records. To purge an offense by oath. Blount; Whishaw.

ACCRESCERE. In the civil and old English law. To grow to; to increase; to pass to, and become united with, as soil to land per alluvionem. Dig. 41, 1, 30, pr. The term is used in speaking of islands which are formed in rivers by deposit; Calvinus, Lex.; 3 Kent 428. It is used in a related sense in the common-law phrase jus acressendi, the right of survivorship; 1 Washb. R. P. 426.

In Pleading
To commence; to arise; to accrue. Quod actio non accredit infra se anno, that the action did not accrue within six years; 3 Chit. Pl. 914.

ACCRETION. The act of growing to a thing; usually applied to the gradual and imperceptible accumulation of land by natural causes, as out of the sea or a river. Accretion of land is of two kinds: By alluvion, i.e., by the washing up of sand or soil, so as to form firm ground; or by derrliction, as when the sea shrinks below the usual water-mark.


As used in a mortgage on cattle, with all increase thereof and accretions thereto, the word "accretions" is not confined to the results of natural growth, but includes the additions of parts from without, i.e., of cattle subsequently added to the herd. Stockyards Loan Co. v. Nichols (C. C. A. Okt.) 293 F. 511, 513, 1 A. L. R. 547.

See Accrue; Avulsion; Allusion; Relicition.

In the Civil Law
The right of heirs or legatees to unite or aggregate with their shares or portions of the estate the portion of any co-heir or legatee who refuses to accept it, fails to comply with a condition, becomes incapacitated to inherit, or dies before the testator. In this case, his portion is said to be "vacant," and is added to the corpus of the estate and divided with it, the several shares or portions of the other heirs or legatees being thus increased by "accretion." Anderson v. Lucas, 204 S. W. 969, 968, 140 Tenn. 338; Emeric v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 528, 2 P. 418; Succession of Hunter, 45 La. Ann. 262, 12 So. 312. Under a deed of trust: Miller v. Douglass, 213 N. W. 520, 322, 192 Wis. 486.

ACCRUE. To encroach; to exercise power without due authority.
To attempt to exercise royal power. 4 Bl. Comm. 76. A knight who forcibly assaulted and detained one of the king's subjects till he paid him a sum of money was held to have committed treason, on the ground of accroachment. 1 Hale, P. C. 80.

In French Law
To delay. Whishaw.

ACCRACHER. Fr. In French law. To delay; retard; put off. Accrocher un procès, to stay the proceedings in a suit.

ACCRUAL, CLAUSE OF. See Accrue, Clause of.

ACCRUAL BASIS. Books are kept on an accrual rather than cash basis where books show sales by accounts receivable and purchases by accounts payable, and set up inventories at beginning and end of year. Consolidated Tea Co. v. Bowers (D. C. N. Y.) 19 F.(2d) 382.

ACCRUE. To grow to; to be added to; to attach itself to; as a subordinate or accessory claim or demand arises out of, and is joined to, its principal; thus, costs accrue to a judgment, and interest to the principal debt.

ACCRUER (or ACCRUAL), CLAUSE OF.
An express clause, frequently occurring in the case of gifts by deed or will to persons as tenants in common, providing that upon the death of one or more of the beneficiaries his or their shares shall go to the survivor or survivors. Brown. The share of the deceased is then said to accrete to the others.

ACCRUING. Inchoate; in process of maturing. That which will or may, at a future time, ripen into a vested right, an available demand, or an existing cause of action. Cochran v. Taylor, 13 Ohio St. 382.

ACCRUING COSTS. Costs and expenses incurred after judgment.

ACCRUING INTEREST. Running or accumulating interest, as distinguished from accrued or matured interest; interest daily accumulating on the principal debt but not yet due and payable. Gross v. Partenheimer, 159 Pa. 556, 28 A. 370.

ACCRUING RIGHT. One that is increasing, enlarging, or augmenting. Richards v. Land Co., 54 P. 209, 4 C. C. A. 290.

ACCT. An abbreviation for "account" of such universal and immemorial use that the courts will take judicial notice of its meaning. Heatton v. Aihley, 108 Iowa, 112, 78 N. W. 798.


ACUMULATIONS. When an executor or other trustee masses the rents, dividends, and other income which he receives, treats it as a capital, invests it, makes a new capital of the income derived therefrom, invests that, and so on, he is said to accumulate the fund, and the capital and accrued income thus procured constitute accumulations. Hussey v. Sargent, 116 Ky. 53, 75 S. W. 211; In re Rogers' Estate, 179 Pa. 609, 36 A. 840; Thorn v. De Breteuil, 98 App. Div. 405, 83 N. Y. S. 840. Testamentary trusts held not to provide for accumulation beyond statutory periods: Henderson v. Henderson, 97 So. 333, 361, 210 Ala. 73; Swain v. Bowers, 91 Ind. App. 307, 158 N. E. 598, 604; In re Hartman's Estate, 213 N. Y. S. 502, 506, 126 Misc. 862. See Perpetuity.

ACCUMULATIVE. That which accumulates, or is heaped up; additional. Said of several things heaped together, or of one thing added to another.

ACCUMULATIVE JUDGMENT. Where a person has already been convicted and sentenced, and a second or additional judgment is passed against him, the execution of which is postponed until the completion of the first sentence, such second judgment is said to be accumulative.

As to accumulative "Legacy," see that title.

Accusare nemo se deflet, nisi aorun Deo. No one is bound to accuse himself, except before God. See Hardres, 139.

ACUSATION. A formal charge against a person, to the effect that he is guilty of a punishable offense, laid before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction to inquire into the alleged crime. Coplon v. State, 73 So. 225, 228, 15 Ala. App. 331. See Accuse.

A neglect to accuse may in some cases be considered a misdeemor, or misprision (where these); 1 Browne, Civil Law 247; 1 id. 393; Inst. 12, 4, r. 18.


Accusator post rationabile tempus non est audendi, nisi se bene de omissione excusaverit. Moore, 517. An accuser ought not to be heard after the expiration of a reasonable time, unless he can account satisfactorily for the delay.

ACCUSATORY PART. The "accusatory part" of an indictment is that part where the offense is named. Deaton v. Commonwealth, 295 S. W. 167, 168, 220 Ky. 343.

ACUSE. To bring a formal charge against a person, to the effect that he is guilty of a crime or punishable offense, before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction to inquire into the alleged crime. People v. Frey, 112 Mich. 251, 70 N. W. 548; People v. Braman, 30 Mich. 480; Castle v. Houston, 19 Kan. 426, 27 Am. Rep. 127; Gordon v. State, 102 Ga. 673, 29 S. E. 444; Pen. Code Texas, 1895, art. 240.

In its popular sense "accusation" applies to all derogatory charges or imputations, whether or not they relate to a punishable legal offense, and however made, whether orally, by newspaper, or otherwise. State v. Pat-
terson, 196 S. W. 3, 5, 271 Mo. 99; State v. South, 5 Rich. Law (S. C) 489; Com. v. Andrews, 132 Mass. 263; People v. Braman, 30 Mich. 460. But in legal phraseology, it is limited to such accusations as have taken shape in a prosecution. United States v. Patterson, 150 U. S. 65, 14 Sup. Ct. 20, 37 L. Ed. 999.

ACUSED. The person against whom an accusation is made; one who is charged with a crime or misdemeanor. See People v. Braham, 30 Mich. 468. The term cannot be said to apply to a defendant in a civil action; Castle v. Houston, 19 Kan. 417, 37 Am. Rep. 127; and see Mosby v. Ins. Co., 31 Gratt. (Va.) 629.

"Accused" is the generic name for the defendant in a criminal case, and is more appropriate than either "prisoner" or "defendant." 1 Car. & K. 131.

ACCUSSER. The person by whom an accusation is made.

ACCUSTOMED. Habitual; often used; synonymous with usual; Farwell v. Smith, 16 N. J. Law, 133.

ACEPHALI. The levelers in the reign of Hen. I., who acknowledged no head or superior. Leges H. 1; Cowell. Also certain ancient heretics, who appeared about the beginning of the sixth century, and asserted that there was but one substance in Christ, and one nature. Wharton; Gibbon, Rom. Emp. ch. 47.

ACEQUIA. In Mexican law. A ditch, channel, or canal, through which water, diverted from its natural course, is conducted, for use in irrigation or other purposes. Where irrigation is necessary, as in New Mexico, there is much legislation respecting public ditches and streams, and those used for the purpose of irrigation are declared to be "public ditches or acequias." Comp. L. N. Mex. tit. 1, c. 1, § 6 (Comp. St. 1929, §§ 151-401).

ACHAT, also ACHATE, ACHATA, ACHET. In French law. A purchase or bargain. Cowell.

It is used in some of our law-books, as well as achetor, a purchaser, which in some ancient statutes means surveyor. Stat. 56 Edw. III; Merlin, Repert.

ACHERSET. In old English law. A measure of grain, conjectured to have been the same with our quarter, or eight bushels. Cowell.

ACKNOWLEDGE. To, own, avow, or admit; to confess; to recognize one's acts, and assume the responsibility therefor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. In conveyancing. The act by which a party who has executed an instrument of conveyance as grantor goes before a competent officer or court, and declares or acknowledges the same as his own and voluntary act and deed. The certificate of the officer on such instrument that it has been so acknowledged. Bristol v. Buck, 201 App. Div. 100, 194 N. Y. S. 55, 55; Herron v. Harbour, 75 Okl. 127, 182 P. 243, 244, 29 A. L. R. 905; Rasmussen v. Stone, 30 N. D. 451, 152 N. W. 809, 810; Billington v. Dunn, 217 Ky. 164, 259 S. W. 213, 214; Rogers v. Pell, 154 N. Y. 513, 49 N. E. 75; Strong v. United States (D. C) 34 F. 17; In re Virgin (D. C. Ga.) 224 F. 128, 130; Williford v. Davis, 106 Okl. 208, 232 P. 828, 851; Burbank v. Ellis, 7 Neb. 136.

The term is also used of the act of a person who avows or admits the truth of certain facts which, if established, will entail a civil liability upon him. Thus, the debtor's acknowledgment of the creditor's demand or right of action will toll the statute of limitations. Ft. Scott v. Hickman, 112 U. S. 150, 163, 5 Sup. Ct. 56, 28 L. Ed. 636; Wade v. Sheehan (Tex. Civ. App.) 226 S. W. 444; York v. Hughes (Tex. Civ. App.) 275 S. W. 229, 231; Hayes Pump & Planter Co. v. Taylor, 114 Kan. 350, 219 P. 283, 239; Nixon v. Ramsey, 40 Cal. App. 240, 150 P. 849, 850; Oltmanns v. Glenn, 78 Okl. 70, 188 P. 860, 888; Taylor v. Desoto Lumber Co., 137 Miss. 829, 102 So. 290, 261; Wenz v. Wenz, 222 Mass. 314, 110 N. E. 569. Admission is also used in this sense. Roanes v. Archer, 4 Leigh (Va.) 259. To denote an avowal of criminal acts, or the concession of the truth of a criminal charge, the word "confession" seems more appropriate.

Of a Child

An avowal or admission that the child is one's own; recognition of a parental relation, either by a written agreement, verbal declarations or statements, by the life, acts, and conduct of the parties, or any other satisfactory evidence that the relation was recognized and admitted. In re Spencer (Sur.) 4 N. Y. S. 395; In re Hunt's Estate, 86 Hun, 232, 33 N. Y. S. 256; Blythe v. Ayres, 96 Cal. 532, 31 P. 915, 19 L. R. A. 40; Bailey v. Boyd, 59 Ind. 292.

The "public acknowledgment" of paternity, under Civ. Code Cal. § 230, is the opposite of private acknowledgment, and means the same kind of acknowledgment a father would make of his legitimate child. In re Baird's Estate, 193 Cal. 225, 223 P. 974, 994.

In General

—Acknowledgment money. A sum paid in some parts of England by copyhold tenants on the death of their lords, as a recognition of their new lords, in like manner as money is usually paid on the attornment of tenants. Cowell; Blount. Called a fine by Blackstone; 2 Bla. Com. 98.

—Separate acknowledgment. An acknowledgment of a deed or other instrument, made by a married woman, on her examination by the officer separate and apart from her husband. Hutchinson v. Stone, 79 Fla. 157, 84 So. 151, 154.
ACOLYTE. An inferior church servant, who, next under the sub-deacon, follows and waits upon the priests and deacons, and performs the offices of lighting the candles, carrying the bread and wine, and paying other servile attendance. Spelman; Cowell.


ACQUEREUR. In French and Canadian law. One who acquires title, particularly to immovable property, by purchase.

ACQUEST. An estate acquired newly, or by purchase. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 56.

ACQUÉTS. In the civil law. Property which has been acquired by purchase, gift, or otherwise than by succession. Immovable property which has been acquired otherwise than by succession. Merl. Répert.

Profits or gains of property, as between husband and wife. Civil Code La. art. 2402. The profits of all the effects of which the husband has the administration and enjoyment, either of right or in fact, of the produce of the joint industry of both husband and wife, and of the estates which they may acquire during the marriage, either by donations made jointly to them both, or by purchase, or in any other similar way, even though the purchase be only in the name of one of the two, and not of both. See Community; Conquêts.

ACQUIESCENCE. To give an implied consent to a transaction, to the accrual of a right, or to any act, by one's mere silence, or without express assent or acknowledgment. Matthews v. Murchison (C. C.) 17 F. 780; Cass County v. Plotner, 149 Ind. 116, 43 N. E. 633; Scott v. Jackson, 89 Cal. 258, 26 P. 806.


It is to be distinguished from avowed consent, on the one hand, and from open discontent or opposition, on the other.

It arises where a person who knows that he is entitled to impeach a transaction or enforce a right neglects to do so for such a length of time that, under the circumstances of the case, the other party may fairly infer that he has waived or abandoned his right. City of Rome v. Reese, 91 N. E. 890, 30 Ohio St. 559; Scott v. Jackson, 89 Cal. 258, 26 P. 898; Lowndes v. Wicks, 69 Conn. 15, 36 A. 1072; Norfolk & W. R. Co. v. Perdue, 40 W. Va. 447, 21 S. E. 755.

Acquiescence and laches are cognate but not equivalent terms. The former is a submission to, or resting satisfied with, an existing state of things, while laches implies a neglect to do that which the party ought to do for his own benefit or protection. Hence laches may be evidence of acquiescence, Laches, imports a merely passive assent, while acquiescence implies active assent. Ocmulgee River Lumber Co. v. Ocmulgee Valley R. Co. (D. C. Ga.) 235 F. 161, 162; Redick v. Pinese, 120 Me. 169, 93 A. 45, 47; Lux v. Haggard, 69 Cal. 255, 19 P. 674, 678; Kenyon v. National Life Ass'n, 20 App. Dev. 276, 57 N. Y. S. 69; Johnson-Brinkman Commission Co. v. Missouri Pac. R. Co., 135 Mo. 345, 28 S. W. 797, 26 L. R. A. 849, 47 Am. St. Rep. 675.


See Admission; Confession; Estoppel; Ratification.

ACQUIETANDIS PLEGISI. A writ of justice, formerly lying for the surety against a creditor who refuses to acquit him after the debt has been satisfied. Reg. of Wris 155; Cowell; Blount.


It is regularly applied to a permanent acquisition. A man is said to obtain or procure a mere temporary acquisition. But "acquire" is sometimes used in the sense of "procure." Jolly v. McCoy, 30 Cal. App. 479, 172 P. 618,
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619: it does not necessarily mean that title has passed. Godwin v. Tuttle, 70 Or. 424, 141 P. 1129, 1127; State v. District Court of Third Judicial Dist. in and for Granite County, 79 Mont. 1, 254 P. 863, 865. It has been held to include a taking by devise, Santa Clara Female Academy v. Sullivan, 116 Ill. 375, 6 N. E. 168, 56 Am. Rep. 778; and by bequest, U. S. v. Merriam, 41 S. Ct. 69, 70, 263 U. S. 179, 68 L. Ed. 240, 20 A. L. R. 1547.

ACQUIRED. Coming to an intestate in any other way than by gift, devise, or descent from a parent or the ancestor of a parent. In re Miller's Will, 2 Lea (Tenn.) 54.

ACQUIRED RIGHTS. Those which a man does not naturally enjoy, but which are owing to his own procurement, as sovereignty, or the right of commanding, or the right of property. Borden v. State, 11 Ark. 519, 527, 44 Am. Dec. 217.

ACQUISITION. The act of becoming the owner of certain property; the act by which one acquires or procures the property in anything. Used also of the thing acquired.


Original acquisition is by which a man secures a property in a thing which is not at the time he acquires it, and in its then existing condition, the property of any other individual. It may result from occupancy: 2 Kent, 289; accession; 2 Kent, 293; intellectual labor—namely, for inventions, which are secured by patent rights; and for the authorship of books, maps, and charts, which is protected by copyrights; 1 Bouv. Inst. 508, n.

Derivative acquisitions are those which are procured from others. Goods and chattels may change owners by act of law in the cases of forfeiture, succession, marriage, judgment, insolvency, and inestancy; or by act of the parties, as by gift or sale.

An acquisition may result from the act of the party himself, or those who are in his power acting for him, as his children while minors; Gale v. Parrot, 1 N. H. 28. See Dig. 41. 1. 53; Inst. 2. 9. 3.

See Accession.

ACQUIT. To release, absolve, or discharge one from an obligation or a liability; or to legally certify the innocence of one charged with crime. Dolloway v. Turrill, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 388, 400.

ACQUIT À CAUTION. In French law. Certain goods pay higher export duties when exported to a foreign country than when they are destined for another French port. In order to prevent fraud, the administration compels the shipper of goods sent from one French port to another to give security that such goods shall not be sent to a foreign country. The certificate which proves the receipt of the security is called "acquit à caution." Argus, Fr. Merc. Law, 543.

ACQUITMENT. See Absolution.

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In Contracts

A release, absolution, or discharge from an obligation, liability, or engagement.

According to Lord Coke, there are three kinds of acquittal, namely: by deed, when the party releases the obligation; by prescription; by tenure; Co. Lit. 159 a.

In Criminal Practice

The legal and formal certification of the innocence of a person who has been charged with crime; a deliverance or setting free a person from a charge of guilt.


Acquittals in fact are those which take place when the jury, upon trial, finds a verdict of not guilty.

Acquittals in law are those which take place by mere operation of law; as where a man has been charged merely as an accessory, and the principal has been acquitted. 2 Co. Inst. 364. Compare State v. Walton, 138 N. C. 486, 119 S. E. 886, 888.

See Jeopardy; Autrefs Acquit; Convict.

In Feudal Law

The obligation on the part of a mesne lord to protect his tenant from any claims, entries,
or molestations by lords paramount arising out of the services due to them by the mesne lord. See Co. Litt. 100a.

ACQUITTANCE. In contracts. A written discharge, whereby one is freed from an obligation to pay money or perform a duty. It differs from a release in not requiring to be under seal. Pothiser, Oblig. n. 781. See 3 Salk. 268; Co. Litt. 212 a, 273 a; Milliken v. Brown, 1 Rawle (Pa.) 381.

This word, though perhaps not strictly speaking synonymous with "receipt," includes it. A receipt is one form of an acquittance; a discharge is another. A receipt in full is an acquittance, and a receipt for a part of a demand or obligation is an acquittance pro rata. State v. Shelters, 51 Vt. 104, 31 Am. Rep. 678.

ACQUITTED. Released; absolved; purged of an accusation; judicially discharged from accusation; released from debt, etc. Includes both civil and criminal prosecutions. Dolloway v. Turrill, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 383, 399. See Acquittal.


Originally the word "acre" (acer, aker, or Sax. aceber) was not used as a measure of land, or to signify any determinate quantity of land, but to denote any open ground, (latum quantwmet agram,) wide champain, or field, which is still the meaning of the German aker, derived probably from the same source, and is preserved in the names of some places in England, as Castle Acre, South Acre, etc. Burrill. Originally a strip in the fields that was ploughed in the forenoon. Maitland, Domestay and Beyond, 387.

ACRE FOOT. 325,800 gallons, or the amount of water which will cover one acre one foot in depth. Rowles v. Hadden (Tex. Civ. App.) 210 S. W. 251, 258.

ACRE RIGHT. "The share of a citizen of a New England town in the common lands. The value of the acre right was a fixed quantity in each town, but varied in different towns. A 10-acre lot or right in a certain town was equivalent to 113 acres of upland and 12 acres of meadow, and a certain exact proportion was maintained between the acre right and salable lands." Messages, etc., of the Presidents, Richardson, X, 230.

ACREFIGHT, or ACRE. A camp or field fight; a sort of duel, or judicial combat,anciently fought by single combatants, English and Scotch, between the frontiers of the two kingdoms with sword and lance. Called "campfight," and the combatants "champions," from the open "acre" or "field" that was the stage of trial. Cowell.

ACROMIAL PROCESS. A point in the region of the shoulder about where the arm joins or fits into the shoulder blade. Mus- kogee Electric Traction Co. v. Mueller, 134 P. 51, 52, 39 Okl. 63.


ACT, v. In Scotch practice. To do or perform judicially; to enter of record. Surety "acted in the Books of Adjournal." 1 Broun, 4.

ACT, n. In its most general sense, this noun signifies something done voluntarily by a person; the exercise of an individual's power; an effect produced in the external world by an exercise of the power of a person objectively, prompted by intention, and proximately caused by a motion of the will. In a more technical sense, it means something done voluntarily by a person, and of such a nature that certain legal consequences attach to it. Duncan v. Landis, 106 F. 830, 45 C. C. A. 666; Y. & O. Coal Co. v. Puszka, 132 N. E. 51, 32, 20 Ohio App. 248; Jefferson Standard Life Ins. Co. v. Myers (Tex. Com. App.) 284 S. W. 216, 218. Thus a grantor acknowledges the conveyance to be his "act and deed," the terms being synonymous.

In its general legal sense, the word may denote something done by an individual, as a private citizen, or as an officer; or by a body of men, as a legislature, a council, or a court of justice; including not merely physical acts, but also decrees, edicts, laws, judgments, resolve[s], awards, and determinations. Some general laws made by the Congress of the United States are styled Joint resolutions, and these have the same force and effect as those styled acts. But see Hawes & Co. v. Trigg Co., 62 S. E. 558, 562, 159 Va. 155. Compare Herbring v. Brown, 190 P. 268, 330, 22 Or. 176; Decker v. Vaughan, 177 N. W. 388, 392, 209 Mich. 565.

An instrument in writing to verify facts. Webster, Dict.

It is used in this sense of the published acts of assembly, congress, etc. In a sense approaching this, it has been held in trials for treason that letters and other written documents were acts; 1 Post. Cr. Cas. 336; 2 Stark. 116.

BL. LAW DICT. (3D ED.)
An act is a writing which states in a legal form that a thing has been said, done, or agreed. Merl. Répért.

Private acts are those made by private persons as registrars in relation to their receipts and expenditures, schedules, acquittances, and the like.

Acts under private signature are those which have been made by private individuals under their hands.

Public acts are those which have a public authority, and which have been made before public officers, are authorized by a public seal, have been made public by the authority of a magistrate, or which have been extracted and been properly authenticated from public records.

In Practice

Anything done by a court and reduced to writing; a decree, judgment, resolve, rule, order, or other judicial proceeding. In Scotch law, the orders and decrees of a court, and in French and German law, all the records and documents in an action, are called “acts.”

In Legislation


Acts are either public or private. Public acts (also called general acts, or general statutes, or statutes at large) are those which relate to the community generally, or establish a universal rule for the governance of the whole body politic. Private acts (formerly called special, Co. Litt. 1263a) are those which relate either to particular persons (personal acts) or to particular places (local acts), or which operate only upon specified individuals or their private concerns. Public acts are those which concern the whole community and of which courts of law are bound to take judicial notice. Burke v. New Orleans Ry. & Light Co., 83 So. 51, 54, 133 La. 389; Chambers v. Atchison, T. & S. F. R. Co., 32 Ariz. 102, 255 P. 1062, 1063.

A “special” or “private” act is one operating only on particular persons and private concerns; a “local act” is one applicable only to a particular part of the legislative jurisdiction. Trumner v. School Dist. No. 55 of Muskellsheen County, 172 P. 946, 947, 56 Mont. 90.

The words bill and law are frequently used synonymously with act, People v. City of Buffalo, 191 N. Y. S. 706, 712, 173 App. Div. 231, but incorrectly; Sedgwick County Court v. Bailey, 13 Kan. 506; a bill being only the draft or form of the act presented to the legislature but not enacted; Southwark Bank v. Com., 26 Pa. 446. “Act” does not include ordinances or regulations made by local authorities, or even statutes having only a local application; People v. City of Buffalo, 127 N. Y. S. 338, 949, 83 Misc. 275; although sometimes used interchangeably with “measure” and “law”; Whittemore v. Taral, 216 S. W. 669, 677, 140 Ark. 493.

In Scotch Practice

An abbreviation of actor, (proctor or advocate, especially for a plaintiff or pursuer,) used in records. “Act. A. Alt. B.” an abbreviation of Actor, A. Alter, B.; that is, for the pursuer or plaintiff, A., for the defender, B. 1 Broun, 336, note.

In General


—Act in pais. An act done out of court, and not a matter of record. A deed or an assurance transacted between two or more private persons in the country, that is, according to the old common law, upon the very spot to be transferred, is matter in pais. 2 Bl. Comm. 294.

—Act of attainer. A legislative act, attainting a person. See Attainer.

—Act of bankruptcy. Any act which renders a person liable to be proceeded against as a bankrupt, or for which he may be adjudged bankrupt. These acts are usually defined and classified in statutes on the subject. Duncan v. Landis, 106 Fed. 899, 45 C. C. A. 606; In re Chapman (D. C.) 99 Fed. 395.

—Act of curatory. In Scotch law. The act extracted by the clerk, upon any one’s acceptance of being curator. Forb. Inst. pt. 1, b. 1, c. 2, tit. 2. 2 Kames, Eq. 291. Corresponding with the order for the appointment of a guardian, in English and American practice.

—Act of God. In the civil law, vis major. Any misadventure or casualty is said to be caused by the “act of God” when it happens by the direct, immediate, and exclusive operation of the forces of nature, uncontrolled or uninfluenced by the power of man and without human intervention, and is of such a character that it could not have been prevented or escaped from by any amount of foresight or prudence, or by any reasonable degree of care or diligence, or by the aid of any appliances which the situation of the party might reasonably require him to use. Inevitable accident, or casualty; any accident produced by any physical cause which is irresistible, such as lightning, tempests, perils of the seas, an inundation, or earthquake; and also the sudden illness or death of persons. People v. Tubbs, 37 N. Y. 386; Central of Georgia Ry. Co. v. Hall, 124 Ga. 229, 22 S. E. 679, 4 L. R. A. (N. S.) 598, 110 Am. St. Rep. 170, 4 Ann. Cas. 128; Feneley v. New York & Waist House, 136 A. 554, 555, 105 Conn. 647, 50 A. L. R. 1539; Northern Irr. Co. v. Dodd (Tex. Civ. App.) 162 S. W. 948, 948; Parish v. Parish, 94 S. E. 315, 316, 21 Ga. App. 275; Gans S. S. Line v. Wilhelmsen (C. C. A. N. Y.) 275 F. 254, 261; London Guarantee & Accident Co. v. Industrial Accident Commission of California, 202 Cal. 239, 255 P. 1066, 54
Act of honor. When a bill has been protested, and a third person wishes to take it up, or accept it, for honor of one or more of the parties, the notary draws up an instrument, evidencing the transaction, called by this name.

Act of indemnity. A statute by which those who have committed illegal acts which subject them to penalties are protected from the consequences of such acts.

Act of insolvency. Within the meaning of the national currency act, an act which shows a bank to be insolvent, such as nonpayment of its circulating notes, bills of exchange, or certificates of deposit; failure to make good the impairment of capital, or to keep good its surplus or reserve; in fact, any act which shows that the bank is unable to meet its liabilities as they mature, or to perform those duties which the law imposes for the purpose of sustaining its credit. In re Manufacturers' Nat. Bank, 5 Biss. 504, Fed. Cas. No. 9,651; Hayden v. Chemical Nat. Bank, 84 Fed. 574, 28 C. C. A. 548.

Act of law. The operation of fixed legal rules upon given facts or occurences, producing consequences independent of the design or will of the parties concerned; as distinguished from "act of parties." Also an act performed by judicial authority which precedes or precludes a party from fulfilling a contract or other engagement. Taylor v. Taintor, 16 Wall. 396, 21 L. Ed. 287; Metcalf v. State, 57 Okl. 94, 156 P. 305, 306, L. R. A. 1916E, 385.

Act of parliament. A statute, law, or edict, made by the British sovereign, with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons, in parliament assembled. Acts of parliament form the legis scripta, i. e., the written laws of the kingdom.


Act of sale. In Louisiana law. An official record of a sale of property, made by a notary who writes down the agreement of the parties as stated by them, and which is then signed by the parties and attested by witnesses. Hodge v. Palms, 117 Fed. 396, 54 C. C. A. 570.

Act of settlement. The statute (12 & 13 Wm. III. c. 2) limiting the crown to the Princess Sophia of Hanover, and to the heirs of her body being Protestants. 1 Bla. Com. 128; 2 Staph. Com. 290. One clause of it made the tenure of judges' office for life or good behavior independent of the crown.

Act of state. An act done by the sovereign power of a country, or by its delegate, within the limits of the power vested in him. An
ACT ON PETITION. A form of summary proceeding formerly in use in the high court of admiralty, in England, in which the parties stated their respective cases briefly, and supported their statements by affidavit. 2 Dod. Adm. 174, 184; 1 Hagg. Adm. 1, note.

ACTA DIURNARIA. Lat. In the Roman law. Daily acts or chronicles; the public registers or journals of the daily proceedings of the senate, assemblies of the people, courts of justice, etc. Supposed to have resembled a modern newspaper. Brande. Thus: I do not find the thing published in the acta diurna (daily records of affairs); Tacitus, Ann. 3, 3; Alinson, Lex.; Smith, Lex.


Aeta in uno judicio non probant in ali o si lupi sententias. Things done in one action cannot be taken as evidence in another, unless it be between the same parties. Truy, Lat. Max. 11.

ACTA PUBLICA. Lat. Things of general knowledge and concern; matters transacted before certain public officers. Calvinus, Lex.

ACTE. In French law, denotes a document, or formal, solemn writing, embodying a legal attestation that something has been done, corresponding to one sense or use of the English word "act." Thus, actes de naissance are the certificates of birth, and must contain the day, hour, and place of birth, together with the sex and intended christian name of the child, and the names of the parents and of the witnesses. Actes de mariage are the marriage certificates, and contain names, professions, ages, and places of birth and domicile of the two persons marrying, and of their parents; also the consent of these latter, and the mutual agreements of the intended husband and wife to take each other for better and worse, together with the usual attestations. Actes de décès are the certificates of death, which are required to be drawn up before any one may be buried. Les actes de l'état civil are public documents. Brown.

ACTE AUTHENTIQUE. A deed executed with certain prescribed formalities, in the presence of a notary, mayor, greffier, huissier, or other functionary qualified to act in the place in which it is drawn up. Argles, Fr. Merc. Law, 50.

ACTE DE FRANCISATION. The certificate of registration of a ship, by virtue of which its French nationality is established.

ACTE D'HÉRITIER. Act of inheritance. Any action or fact on the part of an heir which manifests his intention to accept the succession; the acceptance may be express or tacit. Duverger.

ACTE EXTRAJUDICIAIRE. A document served by a huissier, at the demand of one party upon another party, without legal proceedings.

ACTING. Performing; operating. See Meyer v. Johnston, 64 Ala. 608, 605. Also employed to designate a locum tenens who is performing the duties of an office to which he does not himself claim title; State Bank of Williams v. Gish, 167 Iowa, 526, 149 N. W. 600, 601; e. g., "Acting Supervising Architect." Fraser v. United States, 16 Ct. Cl. 514. An acting executor is one who assumes to act as executor for a decedent, not being the executor legally appointed or the executor in fact. Morse v. Allen, 99 Mich. 306, 58 N. W. 327.
ACTIO

An acting trustee is one who takes upon himself to perform some or all of the trusts mentioned in a will. Sharp v. Sharp, 2 Barn. & Ald. 415.

ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action or suit; a right or cause of action. It should be noted that this term means both the proceeding to enforce a right in a court and the right itself which is sought to be enforced.

The first sense here given is the older one. Justinian, following Celsius, gives the well-known definition: Actio nihil aliud est quom jus perpetuum in judicio quod sit debetur, which may be thus rendered: An action is simply the right to enforce one's demands in a court of law. See Inst. Jus 4, 6, de Actionibus; Pollock, Expansion of C. L. 92.

ACTIO AD EXHIBENDUM. An action for the purpose of compelling a defendant to exhibit a thing or title in his power. It was preparatory to another action, which was always a real action in the sense of the Roman law; that is, for the recovery of a thing, whether it was movable or immovable. Merl. Quest. tome 1, 84.

ACTIO AESTIMATORIA; ACTIO QUANTI MINORIS. Two names of an action which lay in behalf of a buyer to reduce the contract price proportionately to the defects of the object, not to cancel the sale; the judex had power, however, to cancel the sale. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332, 505.

ACTIO ARBITRARIA. Action depending on the discretion of the judge. In this, unless defendant would make amends to plaintiff as dictated by the judge in his discretion, he was liable to be condemned. Id. 825, 987.

ACTIO BONÆ FIDEI. (Lat.: An action of good faith.) A class of actions in which the judge might at the trial ex officio, take into account any equitable circumstances that were presented to him affecting either of the parties to the action. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 210, 218.


ACTIO CIVILIS. In the common law. A civil action, as distinguished from a criminal action. Bracton divides personal actions into criminala et civilia, according as they grow out of crimes or contracts. Bract. fol. 101b. Actiones civiles are those forms of remedies which were established under the rigid system of the civil law, the jure civili. See Actio Honoraria.

ACTIO COMMODATI. Included several actions appropriate to enforce the obligations of a borrower or a lender. Id. 305.

ACTIO COMMODATI CONTRARIA. An action by the borrower against the lender, to compel the execution of the contract. Poth. Prét à Usage, n. 75.

ACTIO COMMODATI DIRECTA. An action by a lender against a borrower, the principal object of which is to obtain a restitution of the thing lent. Poth. Prét à Usage, nn. 65, 68.

ACTIO COMMUNI DIVIDUNDO. An action to procure a judicial division of joint property. Hunter, Rom. Law, 194. It was analogous in its object to proceedings for partition in modern law.

ACTIO CONDUCTIO INDEBITATI. An action by which the plaintiff recovers the amount of a sum of money or other thing he paid by mistake. Poth. Fromutuum, n. 140; Merl. Répert.

ACTIO CONFESSORIA. An affirmative petitory action for the recognition and enforcement of a servitude. So called because based on plaintiff's affirmative allegation of a right in defendant's land. Distinguished from an actio negatoria, which was brought to repel a claim of defendant to a servitude in plaintiff's land. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 324.

ACTIO DAMNI INJURIA. The name of a general class of actions for damages, including many species of suits for losses caused by wrongful or negligent acts. The term is about equivalent to our "action for damages."

ACTIO DE DOLO MALO. An action of fraud; an action which lay for a defrauded person against the defrauder and his heirs, who had been enriched by the fraud, to obtain the restitution of the thing of which he had been fraudulently deprived, with all its accesories (cum omnibus causis); or, where this was not practicable, for compensation in damages. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 227.

ACTIO DE PECULIO. An action concerning or against the peculium, or separate property of a party.

ACTIO DE PECUNIA CONSTITUTA. An action for money engaged to be paid; an action which lay against any person who had engaged to pay money for himself, or for another without any formal stipulation. Inst. 4, 6, 9; Dig. 13, 5; Cod. 4, 18.

ACTIO DE TIGNO JUNCTO. An action by the owner of material built by another into his building. If so used in good faith double their value could be recovered; if in bad faith, the owner could recover suitable damage for the wrong, and recover the property when the building came down. So. Afr. Leg. Dict.

ACTIO DEPOSITI CONTRARIA. An action which the depositary has against the depositor, to compel him to fulfill his engagement towards him. Poth Du Dépôt, n. 69.
ACTIO DEPOSITI DIRECTA. An action which is brought by the depositor against the depositary, in order to get back the thing deposited. Poth. Du Dépôt, n. 60.

ACTIO DIRECTA. A direct action; an action founded on strict law, and conducted according to fixed forms; an action founded on certain legal obligations which from their origin were accurately defined and recognized as actionable. See Actio Utilis.

ACTIO EMPTI. An action employed in behalf of a buyer to compel a seller to perform his obligations or pay compensation; also to enforce any special agreements by him, embodied in a contract of sale. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332, 355.

ACTIO EX CONDUCTO. An action which the bailor of a thing for hire may bring against the bailee, in order to compel him to redeliver the thing hired.

ACTIO EX CONTRACTU. In the civil and common law. An action of contract; an action arising out of, or founded on, contract. Inst. 4, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 102; 3 Bl. Comm. 117.

ACTIO EX DELICTO. In the civil and common law. An action of tort; an action arising out of fault, misconduct, or malfeasance. Inst. 4, 6, 15; 3 Bl. Comm. 217. Ex maleficio is the more common expression of the civil law; which is adopted by Bracton. Inst. 4, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 102, 103.

ACTIO EX LOCATO. An action upon letting; an action which the person who let a thing for hire to another might have against the hirer. Dig. 19, 2; Cod. 4, 65.

ACTIO EX STIPULATU. An action brought to enforce a stipulation.

ACTIO EXERCITORIA. An action against the exercitor or employer of a vessel.

ACTIO FAMILIAE ERCISCUANDÆ. An action for the partition of an inheritance. Inst. 4, 6, 20; 1d. 4, 17, 4. Called, by Bracton and Fleta, a mixed action, and classed among actions arising ex quasi contractu. Bract. fol. 1009; 1d. fol. 436, 444; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60. § 1.

ACTIO FURTI. An action of theft; an action founded upon theft. Inst. 4, 1, 19-17; Bract. fol. 444. This could be brought only for the penalty attached to the offense, and not to recover the thing stolen, for which other actions were provided. Inst. 4, 1, 19. An appeal of larceny. The old process by which a thief can be pursued and the goods vindicated. 2 Holdsw. Hist. Eng. L. 202.

ACTIO HONORARIA. An honorary, or praetorian action. Dig. 44, 7, 25, 35. Actiones honorariae are those forms of remedies which were gradually introduced by the prae tors and sediles, by virtue of their equitable powers, in order to prevent the failure of justice which too often resulted from the employment of the actiones civiles. These were found so beneficial in practice that they eventually supplanted the old remedies, of which in the time of Justinian hardly a trace remained. Mackeldy, Civ. L. § 194; 5 Savigny, System.

ACTIO IN FACTUM. An action adapted to the particular case, having an analogy to some actio in jus, the latter being founded on some subsisting acknowledged law. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 212. The origin of these actions is similar to that of actions on the case at common law.

ACTIO IN PERSONAM. In the civil law. An action against the person, founded on a personal liability; an action seeking redress for the violation of a jus in personam or right available against a particular individual.

In admiralty law. An action directed against the particular person who is to be charged with the liability. It is distinguished from an actio in rem, which is a suit directed against a specific thing (as a vessel) irrespective of the ownership of it, to enforce a claim or lien upon it, or to obtain, out of the thing or out of the proceeds of its sale, satisfaction for an injury alleged by the claimant.

ACTIO IN REM. In the civil and common law. An action for a thing; an action for the recovery of a thing possessed by another. Inst. 4, 6, 1. An action for the enforcement of a right (or for redress for its invasion) which was originally available against all the world, and not in any special sense against the individual sued, until he violated it. See In Rem.

ACTIO JUDICATI. An action instituted, after four months had elapsed after the rendition of judgment, in which the judge issued his warrant to seize, first, the movables, which were sold within eight days afterwards; and then the immovables, which were delivered in pledge to the creditors, or put under the care of a curator, and if, at the end of two months, the debt was not paid, the land was sold. Dig. 42, 1; Cod. 5, 34. According to some authorities, if the defendant then utterly denied the rendition of the former judgment, the plaintiff was driven to a new action, conducted like any other action, which was called actio judicati, and which had for its object the determination of the question whether such a judgment had been rendered. The exact meaning of the term is by no means clear. See Savigny, Syst. 305, 411; 3 Ortolan, Just. §§ 2033.

ACTIO LEGIS AQUILLÆ. An action under the Aquillian law; an action to recover damages for maliciously or injuriously killing or wounding the slave or beast of another, or injuring in any way a thing belonging to another. Otherwise called damnit injuria actio.
ACTIO MANDATI. Included actions to enforce contracts of mandate or obligations arising out of them. Hunter, Rom. Law, 316.

ACTIO MIXTA. A mixed action; an action brought for the recovery of a thing, or compensation for damages, and also for the payment of a penalty; partaking of the nature both of an actio in rem and in personam. Inst. 4, 6, 16, 18, 19, 20; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 209.

ACTIO NEGATORIA (or NEGATIVA). An action brought to repel a claim of the defendant to a servitude in the plaintiff's land. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 324. See Actio Concessoria.

ACTIO NEGOTIORUM GESTORUM. Included actions between principal and agent and other parties to an engagement, whereby one person undertook the transaction of business for another.

ACTIO NON. In pleading. The Latin name of that part of a special plea which follows next after the statement of appearance and defense, and declares that the plaintiff "ought not to have or maintain his aforesaid action thereof against" the defendant (In Latin, actionem non habere debeo). 1 Chit. Plead. 531; 2 id. 421; Stephens, Plead. 394.

ACTIO NON ACCREVIT INFRA SEX ANNOS. The name of the plea of the statute of limitations, when the defendant alleges that the plaintiff's action has not accrued within six years.

ACTIO NON ULTERIUS. In English pleading. A name given to the distinctive clause in the plea to the further maintenance of the action, introduced in place of the plea puis darrein continuance; the averment being that the plaintiff ought not further (ulterius) to have or maintain his action. Steph. Pl. 64, 65, 401.

ACTIO NOXALIS. A noxal action; an action which lay against a master for a crime committed or injury done by his slave; and in which the master had the alternative either to pay for the damage done or to deliver up the slave to the complaining party. Inst. 4, 8, pr.; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 4, tit. 8. So called from noxa, the offense or injury committed. Inst. 4, 5, 1.

ACTIO PERSONALIS. In the civil and common law. A personal action. The ordinary term for this kind of action in the civil law is actio in personam, (q. v.), the word personalis being of only occasional occurrence. Inst. 4, 6, 8, in tit.; Id. 4, 11, pr. 1. Bracon, however, uses it freely, and hence the personal action of the common law. Bract. fol. 102a, 159b. See Action.

ACTIO PIGNORATITIA. An action of pledge; an action founded on the contract of pledge (pignus). Dig. 13, 7; Cod. 4, 24.

ACTIO PÆNALIS. Called also actio ex delicto. An action in which a penalty was recovered of the delinquent. Actiones pœnales and actiones mixta comprehended cases of injuries, for which the civil law permitted redress by private action, but which modern civilization universally regards as crimes; that is, offences against society at large, and punished by proceedings in the name of the state alone. Thus, theft, receiving stolen goods, robbery, malicious mischief, and the murder or negligent homicide of a slave (in which case an injury to property was involved), gave rise to private actions for damages against the delinquent. Inst. 4, 1. De obligationibus quæ ex delicto nascentur; id. 2. De bonis et raptis; id. 3. De iure Aquilia. And see Mackelday, Civ. L. § 196; 5 Savigny, System, § 210.

ACTIO PRÆJUDICIALIS. A preliminary or preparatory action. An action instituted for the determination of some preliminary matter on which other litigated matters depend, or for the determination of some point or question arising in another or principal action; and so called from its being determined before, (prior, or præ judicatum.)

ACTIO PRÆSCRIPTIS VERBIS. A form of action which derived its force from continued usage or the responsum prudentium, and was founded on the unwritten law. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 212. The distinction between this action and an actio in factum is said to be, that the latter was founded not on usage or the unwritten law, but by analogy to or on the equity of some subsisting law; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 212.

ACTIO PRÆTORIA. A pretorian action; one introduced by the pretor, as distinguished from the more ancient actio civilis, (q. v.) Inst. 4, 6, 3; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 207.

ACTIO PRO SOCIO. An action of partnership. An action brought by one partner against his associates to compel them to carry out the terms of the partnership agreement. Story, Parta., Bennett ed. § 332; Pothier, Contr. de Société, n. 34.

ACTIO PUBLICIANA. An action which lay for one who had lost a thing of which he had bona fide obtained possession, before he had gained a property in it, in order to have it restored, under color that he had obtained a property in it by prescription. Inst. 4, 6, 4; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 4, tit. 6, § 1311; Halifax, Anal. b. 3, c. 1, n. 9. It was an honorary action, and derived its name from the pretor Publicius, by whose edict it was first given. Inst. 4, 6, 4.

ACTIO QUOD JUSSU. An action given against a master, founded on some business done by his slave, acting under his order, (jussu). Inst. 4, 7, 1; Dig. 15, 4; Cod. 4, 26.

ACTIO QUOD METUS CAUSA. An action granted to one who had been compelled by un-
lawful force, or fear (metus causa) that was not groundless, (metus probabilis or justus,) to deliver, sell, or promise a thing to another. Bract. fol. 1088; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 226.

ACTIO REALIS. A real action. The proper term in the civil law was rei vindicatio. Inst. 4, 6, 3.

ACTIO REDHIBITORIA. An action to cancel a sale in consequence of defects in the thing sold. It was prosecuted to compel complete restitution to the seller of the thing sold, with its produce and accessories, and to give the buyer back the price, with interest, as an equivalent for the restitution of the produce. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332. See Redhibitory Action.

ACTIO RERUM AMOTORUM. An action for things removed; an action which, in cases of divorce, lay for a husband against a wife, to recover things carried away by the latter in contemplation of such divorce. Dig. 25, 2; id. 25, 2, 25, 30. It also lay for the wife against the husband in such cases. Id. 25, 2, 7, 11; Cod. 5, 21.

ACTIO RESCISSORIA. An action for restoring plaintiff to a right or title which he has lost by prescription, in a case where the equities are such that he should be relieved from the operation of the prescription. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 226.

ACTIO SERVIANA. An action which lay for the lessor of a farm, or rural estate, to recover the goods of the lessee or farmer, which were pledged or bound for the rent. Inst. 4, 6, 7.

ACTIO STRICTI JURIS. An action of strict right. The class of civil law personal actions, which were adjudged only by the strict law, and in which the judge was limited to the precise language of the formula, and had no discretionary power to regard the bona fides of the transaction. See Inst. 4, 6, 28; Galus, iii. 137; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 210; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 218.

ACTIO TUTELAE. Action founded on the duties or obligations arising on the relation analogous to that of guardian and ward.

ACTIO UTILIS. A beneficial action or equitable action. An action founded on equity instead of strict law, and available for those who had equitable rights or the beneficial ownership of property. Actions are divided into actiones directas or utiles. The former are founded on certain legal obligations which from their origin were accurately defined and recognized as actionable. The latter were formed analogically in imitation of the former. They were permitted in legal obligations for which the actiones directas were not originally intended, but which resembled the legal obligations which formed the basis of the direct action. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 207.

ACTIO VENDITI. An action employed in behalf of a seller, to compel a buyer to pay the price, or perform any special obligations embodied in a contract of sale. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332.

ACTIO VI BONORUM RAPTORUM. An action for goods taken by force; a species of mixed action, which lay for a party whose goods or moveables (bona) had been taken from him by force, (vit) to recover the things so taken, together with a penalty of triple the value. Inst. 4, 2; id. 4, 6, 19. Fractus describes it as being de rebus mobilibus vi abstiati sive raptatis, (for movable things taken away by force, or robbed.) Bract. fol. 1069.

ACTIO VULGARIS. A legal action; a common action. Sometimes used for actio directa. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 207.

Actio non datur non damnificata. An action is not given to one who is not injured. Jenk. Cent. 69.

Actio non facti rei, nisi mens sit rea. An act does not make one guilty, unless the intention be bad. Loft. 37.

Actio penalis in haredem non datur, nisi forte ex damno locupletior hares factus sit. A penal action is not given against an heir, unless, indeed, such heir is benefited by the wrong.


Actio qualibet it sua via. Every action proceeds in its own way. Jenk. Cent. 77.

ACTION. Conduct; behavior; something done; the condition of acting; an act or series of acts.

In Practice


An action is an ordinary proceeding in a court of justice by which one party prosecutes another for the enforcement or protection of a right, the redress or prevention of a wrong, or the punishment of a public offense. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 22; Code N. Y. § 2 (Civil Pr. Act, § 4); Code N. C. 1883, § 126 (Code 1831, § 392); Rev. Code N. D. 1899, § 5156 (Comp.

An action is merely the judicial means of enforcing a right. Code Civ. A. 1903, § 3151 (Civil Code 1956, § 3007).

Action is the form of a suit given by law for the recovery of that which is one's due; the lawful demand of one's right. Co. Litt. 284b, 285a.

An action is a legal proceeding by a party complainant against a party defendant to obtain the judgment of the court in relation to some right claimed to be possessed, or some remedy claimed to be given by law, to the party complaining. Haley v. Eureka County Bank, 21 Nev. 127, 56 Pac. 64, 12 L. R. A. 815.

In a quite common sense, action includes all the formal proceedings in a court of justice attendant upon the demand of a right made by one person of another in such court, including an adjudication upon the right and its enforcement or denial by the court.

Cases holding that various proceedings in question therein were not actions: State v. Superior Court of Spokane County, 110 Wash. 467, 187 P. 736 (attachment proceeding); Temple v. Riverland Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 238 S. W. 666, 669 (arbitration); U. S. v. Cleveland (D. C. Ala.) 281 F. 249, 259 (criminal prosecution); Wynn v. Commonwealth, 135 Ky. 644, 249 S. W. 734, 734 (criminal prosecution); McClelland v. State, 121 Ohio St. 45, 127 N. E. 409, 410 (writ of citation); Campbell v. Common Council of City of Watertown, 46 S. D. 574, 185 N. W. 442 (certiorari); De Loyer v. Britt, 312 N. Y. 565, 109 N. E. 57 (mandamus); Head v. Fuller, 122 Miss. 15, 118 A. 714, 715 (petition to compel father to support child); Richardson County v. Drainage Dist. No. 2 of Richardson County, 96 Neb. 109, 147 N. W. 255, 256 (drainage proceedings); State v. Superior Court for Perry County, 145 Wash. 576, 261 P. 110, 111 (condemnation proceeding).
Cases holding that various proceedings were actions: In re Wilcox, 90 Kan. 466, 135 P. 855 (disbarment proceeding); Simpson v. Simpson, 273 Ill. 99, 112 N. E. 276, 277 (proceeding to probate a will); Byrne v. Byrne (Mo. Sup.) 211 S. W. 291, 292 (will contest); Pigeon v. Employers' Liability Assur. Corporation, 216 Mass. 61, 102 N. E. 923, 335, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 707 (workman's compensation proceeding); Mason v. U. S. (C. C. A. Ill.) 1 F. (2d) 271, 290 (criminal prosecution); People v. Luederer, 192 N. E. 372, 372 (mandamus); In re Fordinan, 88 Conn. 435, 129 A. 588, 311 (naturalization proceeding).

Classification of Actions

Civil actions are such as lie in behalf of persons to enforce their rights or obtain redress of wrongs in their relation to individuals.

Criminal actions are such as are instituted by the sovereign power, for the purpose of punishing or preventing offenses against the public.

Penal actions are such as are brought, either by the state or by an individual under permission of a statute, to enforce a penalty imposed by law for the commission of a prohibited act.

Common-law actions are such as will lie, on the particular facts, at common law, without the aid of a statute.

Statutory actions are such as can only be based upon the particular statutes creating them.

Popular actions, in English usage, are those actions which are given upon the breach of a penal statute, and which any man that will may sue on account of the king and himself, as the statute allows and the case requires. Because the action is not given to one especially, but generally to any that will prosecute, it is called "action popular;" and, from the words used in the process, (quia iam pro domino regis cognitum quam pro se ipso, who sue as well for the king as for himself,) it is called a qua ius action. Tomlin.

Real, personal, mixed. Actions are divided into real, personal, and mixed. See Infra.

Local action. An action is so termed when all the principal facts on which it is founded are of a local nature; as where possession of land is to be recovered, or damages for an actual trespass, or for waste affecting land, because in such case the cause of action relates to some particular locality, which usually also constitutes the venue of the action. Miller v. Ricokey (C. C.) 127 F. 577; Crook v. Pitcher, 61 Md. 613; Belrue v. Rosser, 26 Grat. (Va.) 541; McLeod v. Railroad Co., 58 Vt. 727, 6 Atl. 648; Ackerson v. Erie R. Co., 31 N. J. Law, 311; Texas & P. R. Co. v. Gay, 86 Tex. 571, 23 S. W. 598, 25 L. R. A. 52. An action is styled a "local action" if the subject-matter thereof is situated in a county, other than one in which the parties reside and the primary and principal relief sought relates to such subject-matter; such action must be brought and tried in the county where such subject-matter is situated. State v. District Court of Blue Earth County, 150 Minn. 512, 185 N. W. 953. Actions are deemed transitory where the transactions on which they are founded might have taken place anywhere, but are local where the cause in nature could only have arisen in one place. Taylor v. Sommers Bros. Match Co., 35 Idaho, 30, 204 F. 472, 474.

Transitory actions are those founded upon a cause of action not necessarily referring to or arising in any particular locality. Their characteristic feature is that the right of action follows the person of the defendant. Brown v. Brown, 155 Tenn. 530, 296 S. W. 356, 358. Actions are "transitory" when the transactions relied on might have taken place anywhere, and are "local" when they could not occur except in some particular place; the distinction being in the nature of the subject of the injury, and not in the means used or the place at which the cause of action arises. Brady v. Brady, 161 N. C. 324, 77 S. E. 235, 236, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 279; Taylor v.
In General

- Action forounding. An action by a creditor to obtain a sequestration of the rents of land and the goods of his debtor for the satisfaction of the debt, or to enforce a distress.

- Action of abstracted multures. An action for multures or tolls against those who are thriled to a mill, i.e., bound to grind their corn at a certain mill, and fail to do so. Bell.

- Action of adherence. See Adherence.

-Mixed action. An action partaking of the twofold nature of real and personal actions, having for its object the demand and restitution of real property and also personal damages for a wrong sustained. 3 Bl. Comm. 118; Hall v. Decker, 48 Me. 257. Mixed actions are those which are brought for the specific recovery of lands, like real actions, but comprise, joined with this claim, one for damages in respect of such property; such as the action of waste, where, in addition to the recovery of the place wasted, the demandant claims damages; the writ of entry, in which, by statute, a demand of mesne profits may be joined; and dower, in which a claim for detention may be included. 46 Me. 255. In the civil law. An action in which some specific thing was demanded, and also some personal obligation claimed to be performed; or, in other words, an action which proceeded both in rem and in personam. Inst. 4, 6, 20.

-Personal action. In the civil law. An action in personam. A personal action seeks to enforce an obligation imposed on the defendant by his contract or delict; that is, it is the contention that he is bound to transfer some dominion or to perform some service or to repair some loss. Gaius, bk. 4, § 2. In common law. An action brought for the recovery of some debt or for damages for some personal injury, in contradistinction to the old real actions, which related to real property only. See 3 Bl. Comm. 117. Boyd v. Cronan, 71 Me. 286; Doe v. Waterloo Min. Co. (C. C.) 43 Fed. 219; Osborn v. Fall River, 140 Mass. 508, 5 N. E. 483. An action which can be brought only by the person himself who is injured, and not by his representatives.

-Real action. At the common law. One brought for the specific recovery of lands, tenements, or hereditaments. Steph. Pl. 3; Crocker v. Black, 16 Mass. 448; Hall v. Decker, 48 Me. 256; Doe v. Waterloo Min. Co., 48 Fed. 229; Mathews v. Sniggs, 75 Okl. 106, 152 P. 703, 706. They are drotual when they are based upon the right of property, and possessory when based upon the right of possession. They are either writs of right; writs of entry upon disseisin (which lie in the per, the per et cul, or the post), intrusion, or alienation; writs ancestral possessory, as mort d'ancestor, aed, bessale, cessinage, or nuper oblit. Com. Dig. Actions (D 2). The former class was divided into drotual,
ACTION IN PERSONAM, IN REM. See In Personam, In Rem.

ACTION OF A WRIT. A phrase used when a defendant pleads some matter by which he shows that the plaintiff had no cause to have the writ sued upon, although it may be that he is entitled to another writ or action for the same matter. Cowell.

ACTION OF ASSUMPSIT. See Assumpsit.

ACTION OF BOOK DEBT. A form of action for the recovery of claims, such as are usually evidenced by a book-account; this action is principally used in Vermont and Connecticut. Terrill v. Beecher, 9 Conn. 344; Stoking v. Sage, 1 Conn. 75; Green v. Pratt, 11 Conn. 265; May v. Brownell, 3 VT. 463; Easly v. Eakin, Cooke (Tenn.) 388; Bradley v. Goodey, 1 Day (Conn.) 105; Smith v. Gilbert, 4 Day (Conn.) 105; Newton v. Higgins, 2 VT. 360.

ACTION ON CONTRACT. An action brought to enforce rights whereof the contract is the evidence, and usually the sufficient evidence. Kokusai Kisen Kabushiki Kaisha v. Argos Mercantile Corporation (C. C. A. N. Y.) 280 F. 700, 701.

ACTION ON THE CASE. A species of personal action of very extensive application, otherwise called "trespass on the case," or simply "case," from the circumstance of the plaintiff's whole case or cause of complaint being set forth at length in the original writ by which formerly it was always commenced. 3 Bl. Comm. 122; Mobile L. Ins. Co. v. Randell, 74 Ala. 179; House v. Pry (C. C.) 66 Fed. 201; Sharp v. Curtiss, 15 Conn. 526; Wallace v. Wilmington & N. R. Co., 8 Houst. (Del.) 529, 18 A. 518. In its most comprehensive signification it includes assumpsit as well as an action in form ex delicto; at present when it is mentioned it is usually understood to mean an action in form ex delicto.

It is founded on the common law or upon acts of Parliament, and lies generally to recover damages for torts not committed with force, actual or implied; or having been occasioned by force where the matter affected was not tangible, or the injury was not immediate but consequential; or where the interest in the property was only in reversion, in all of which cases trespass is not sustainable; 1 Chit. Pl. 132. See Assumpsit.

ACTION REDHIBITORY. See Redhibitory Action.

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE. One in which plaintiff asserts his own estate and declares generally that defendant claims some estate in the land, without defining it, and avers that the claim is without foundation, and calls on defendant to set forth the nature of his claim, so that it may be determined by decree. It differs from a "suit to remove a cloud," in that plaintiff therein declares on his own title, and also avers the source and nature of defendant's claim, points out its defect, and prays that it may be declared void as a cloud on plaintiff's estate. Manning v. Gregoire, 97 Or. 354, 192 P. 406, 407. The apparent difference between an action to restore a lost instrument and one to quiet title is that, in the former, ordinarily both the titles of plaintiff and defendant are derivated in the complaint, which must disclose that, notwithstanding an apparent interest of defendant the property belongs to plaintiff; and in the latter action the complaint need only allege the ultimate fact of plaintiff's interest and defendant's outstanding claim. Nicholson v. Nicholson, 67 Mont. 517, 216 P. 328, 329, 31 A. L. R. 548. See, also, Slette v. Review Pub. Co., 71 Mont. 518, 230 P. 550, 551.

ACTIONABLE. That for which an action will lie; furnishing legal ground for an action.

ACTIONABLE FRAUD. Deception practiced in order to induce another to part with property or surrender some legal right; a false representation made with an intention to deceive; may be committed by stating what is known to be false or by professing knowledge of the truth of a statement which is false, but in either case, the essential ingredient is a falsehood uttered with intent to deceive. Marsh v. Fuller, 40 N. Y. 575; Farrington v. Bullard, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 512; Hecht v. Metzler, 14 Utah, 468, 48 Pac. 37, 60 Am. St. Rep. 906; Sawyer v. Prickett, 19 Wall. 146, 22 L. Ed. 105.

ACTIONABLE MISREPRESENTATION. A false statement respecting a fact material to the contract and which is influential in procuring it. Wise v. Fuller, 29 N. J. Eq. 257.

ACTIONABLE NEGLIGENCE. The breach or nonperformance of a legal duty, through neglect or carelessness, resulting in damage or injury to another. Roddy v. Missouri Pac. R. Co., 104 Mo. 294, 15 S. W. 1112, 12 L. R. A. 746, 24 Am. St. Rep. 333; Boardman v. Creighton, 95 Me. 154, 49 A. 663; Hale v. Grand Trunk R. Co., 60 VT. 605, 15 A. 300, 1
L. R. A. 187; Fidelity & Casualty Co. v. Outts, 95 Me. 162, 49 Atl. 673.

ACTIONABLE NUISANCE. Anything injurious to health, or indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. Civil Code Cal. § 3479; Grandona v. Lovdal, 76 Cal. 611, 21 Pac. 566, 12 Am. St. Rep. 131; Cooper v. Overton, 102 Tenn. 211, 52 S. W. 183, 45 L. R. A. 591, 73 Am. St. Rep. 864.

ACTIONABLE WORDS. In the law of libel and slander. Such words as naturally imply damage. Dahm v. O'Connell, 161 N. Y. 509, 911, 96 Misc. 582. Words which import a charge of some punishable crime or some offensive disease, or impute moral turpitude, or tend to injure a party in his trade or business, are said to be "actionable per se." Barnes v. Franky, 31 Me. 321; Lemons v. Wells, 75 Ky. 117; Mayrant v. Richardson, 1 Nott & McC. 347, 9 Am. Dec. 707; Cadly v. Brooklyn Union Pub. Co., 23 Misc. Rep. 409, 51 N. Y. Supp. 198; Barnett v. Phelps, 97 Or. 242, 191 P. 502, 503; Shaw v. Killingsworth, 213 Ala. 655, 106 So. 138, 139; Du Pont Engineering Co. v. Nashville Banner Pub. Co. (D. C.) 13 F.(2d) 186, 195; Ecuyer v. New York Life Ins. Co., 101 Wash. 247, 172 P. 339, 362. Words actionable at law without allegation of special damages are ordinarily designated as "actionable per se." Kluender v. Semann, 203 Iowa, 68, 212 N. W. 526, 527. Words "actionable per se" are those which law presumably must actually, proximately, and necessarily damage defendant and for which general damages are recoverable; words "actionable per quod" are those not actionable per se upon their face, but are only actionable in consequence of extrinsic facts showing circumstances under which they were said or the damages resulting to slandered party therefrom. Smith v. Mustain, 210 Ky. 445, 276 S. W. 154, 155, 44 A. L. R. 386. See, also, Libelous per se.

ACTIONARE. L. Lat. (From actio, an action.) In old records. To bring an action; to prosecute, or sue. Thorn's Chron.; Whishaw.

ACTIONARY. A foreign commercial term for the proprietor of an action or share of a public company's stock; a stockholder.

ACTIONES LEGIS. In the Roman law. Legal or lawful action; actions of or at law, (legitima actiones.) Dig. 1, 2, 2, 6.

ACTIONES NOMINATÆ. (Lat. named actions.) In the English chancery. Writs for which there were precedents. The statute of Westminster, 2, c. 24, gave chancery authority to form new writs in consimili casu; hence the action on the case.

ACTIONS. (Fr.) Shares of corporate stock. Compare Actionary.

ACTIONS ORDINARY. In Scotch law. All actions which are not reconditory. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 18.

ACTIONS RESCISSORY. In Scotch law. These are either (1) actions of proper improbation for declaring a writing false or forged; (2) actions of reduction-improbation for the production of a writing in order to have it set aside or its effect ascertained under the certification that the writing if not produced shall be declared false or forged; and (3) actions of simple reduction, for declaring a writing called for null until produced. Ersk. Prin. 4, 1, 5.

Actionum genera maxime sunt servanda. The kinds of actions are especially to be preserved. Loft. 460.

ACTIVE. That is in action; that demands action; actually subsisting; the opposite of passive. An active debt is one which draws interest. An active trust is a confidence connected with a duty. An active use is a present legal estate.

ACTIVE TRUST. See Trust.

ACTIVITY. A recreational "activity" is a physical or gymnastic exercise, an agile performance, such as dancing. McClure v. Board of Education of City of Visalia, 38 Cal. App. 500, 176 P. 711, 712.

ACTON BURNEL, STATUTE OF. In English law. A statute, otherwise called Statutum Mercatorum or de Mercatoribus, the statute of the merchants, made at a parliament held at the castle or village of Acton Burnel in Shropshire, in the 11th year of the reign of Edward I. 2 Reeves, Eng. Law, 153-162. It was a statute for the collection of debts, the earliest of its class, being enacted in 1258. A further statute for the same object, and known as De Mercatoribus, was enacted 13 Edw. I. (c. 3). See Statute Merchant.

ACTOR. In Roman Law.

One who acted for another; one who attended to another's business; a manager or agent. A slave who attended to, transacted, or superintended his master's business or affairs, received and paid out monies, and kept accounts. Burrill.

The word has a variety of closely-related meanings, very nearly corresponding with manager. Thus, *actor domini*, manager of his master's farm; *actor ecclesiæ*, manager of church property; *actores provinciarum*, tax-gatherers, treasurers, and managers of the public debt. *Actor ecclesiæ.*—An advocate for a church; one who protects the temporal interests of a church. *Actor villæ.* The steward or head-bailiff of a town or village. Cowell.

A plaintiff or complainant. In a civil or private action the plaintiff was often called
by the Romans "petitor:" In a public action (causa publica) he was called "accusator." The defendant was called "reus," both in private and public causes; this term, however, according to Cicero, (De Orat. H. 42) might signify either party, as indeed we might conclude from the word itself. In a private action, the defendant was often called "adversarius," but either party might be called so.

Also, the term is used of a party who, for the time being, sustains the burden of proof, or has the initiative in the suit.

In Old European Law

A patron, proctor, advocate, or pleader; one who acted for another in legal matters; one who represented a party and managed his cause. An attorney, bailiff, or steward; one who managed or acted for another. The Scotch "doer" is the literal translation.

Actor qui contra regulam quid adduxit, non est audiendus. A plaintiff (or pleader) is not to be heard who has advanced anything against authority, (or against the rule.)

Actor sequitur forum rei. According as rei is intended as the genitive of re, a thing, or reus, a defendant, this phrase means: The plaintiff follows the forum of the property in suit, or the forum of the defendant's residence. Branch, Max. 4. Home, Law Tr. 232; Story, Conf. L. § 252 k; 2 Kent 462.

Actore non probante reus absolvitur. When the plaintiff does not prove his case the defendant is acquitted (or absolved.) Hob. 103.

Actori incumbitonus probandi. The burden of proof rests on the plaintiff, (or on the party who advances a proposition affirmatively.) Hob. 103.

ACTORNAY. In old Scotch law. An attorney. Skene.

ACTRIX. Lat. A female actor; a female plaintiff. Calvinus, Lex.

Acts Indicate the intention. 8 Co. 146b; Broom, Max. 301.

ACTS OF COURT. Legal memoranda made in the admiralty courts in England, in the nature of pleas.

ACTS OF POSSESSION. To constitute adverse possession, acts of possession must be such as, if seen by the party whose claim is sought to be divested, would apprise him that the party doing the acts claimed the ownership of the property. Crosby v. City of Greenville, 185 Mich. 452, 150 N. W. 246, 248.

ACTS OF SEDERUNT. In Scotch law. Ordinances for regulating the forms of proceeding, before the court of session, in the administration of justice, made by the judges, who have the power by virtue of a Scotch act of parliament passed in 1540. Ersk. Prin. § 14.

ACTUAL. Real; substantial; existing presently in act, having a valid objective existence as opposed to that which is merely theoretical or possible.

Something real, in opposition to constructive or speculative; something existing in act. Astor v. Merritt, 111 U. S. 292, 4 Sup. Ct. 415, 28 L. Ed. 401; Kelly v. Ben. Ass'n, 46 App. Div. 79, 61 N. Y. Supp. 394; State v. Wells, 31 Conn. 213; Pascagoula Nat. Bank v. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (D. C. Ga.) 3 F. (2d) 465, 467. It is used as a legal term in contradistinction to virtual or constructive as of possession or occupation; Cleveland v. Crawford, 7 Hun (N. Y.) 636; or an actual settler, which implies actual residence; McIntrye v. Sherwood, 82 Cal. 139, 22 Pac. 937. An actual seizure means nothing more than seizure, since there was no fiction of constructive seizure before the act. L. R. 6 Exch. 203.

Actually is opposed to seemingly, pretendedly, or feignedly, as actually engaged in farming means really, truly, in fact; In re Strawbridge & Mays, 39 Ala. 367; Ayer & Lord Tie Co. v. Commonwealth, 208 Ky. 606, 271 S. W. 693, 694; Morris & Co. v. Commonwealth, 116 Va. 912, 85 S. E. 408, 411; Baron v. Wisnowski, 102 N. J. Law, 46, 130 A. 450, 451.


ACTUAL AUTHORITY. In the law of agency, such authority as a principal intentionally confers on the agent, or intentionally or by want of ordinary care allows the agent to believe himself to possess. Civ. Code Cal. § 2316; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 6337.


ACTUAL CHANGE OF POSSESSION. In statutes of frauds. An open, visible, and unequivocal change of possession, manifested by the usual outward signs, as distinguished from a merely formal or constructive change. Randall v. Parker, 3 Sandif. (N. Y.) 69; Murch
v. Swensen, 40 Minn. 421, 42 N. W. 290; Dodge v. Jones, 7 Mont. 121, 14 Pac. 707; Stevens v. Irwin, 15 Cal. 503, 76 Am. Dec. 500.


ACTUAL MARKET VALUE. In custom laws. The price at which merchandise is freely offered for sale to all purchasers; the price which the manufacturer or owner would have received for merchandise, sold in the ordinary course of trade in the usual wholesale quantities. United States v. Sisco (D. C. Wash.) 292 F. 1001, 1011.

ACTUAL SALE. Lands are "actually sold" at a tax sale, so as to entitle the treasurer to the statutory fees, when the sale is completed; when he has collected from the purchaser the amount of the bid. Miles v. Miller, 5 Neb. 272.

ACTUAL VIOLENCE. An assault with actual violence is an assault with physical force put in action, exerted upon the person assaulted. The term violence is synonymous with physical force, and the two are used interchangeably in relation to assaults. State v. Wells, 31 Conn. 210. Tanner v. State, 24 Ga. App. 132, 100 S. E. 44.

ACTUARIO. In Roman law. A notary or clerk. One who drew the acts or statutes, or who wrote in brief the public acts. An officer who had charge of the public baths; an officer who received the money for the soldiers, and distributed it among them; a notary. An actor, which see. Du Cange.

ACTUARY. In English ecclesiastical law. A clerk that registers the acts and constitutions of the lower house of convocation; or a registrar in a court christian. Also an officer appointed to keep savings books accounts; the computing officer of an insurance company; a person skilled in calculating the value of life interests, annuities, and insurances.

ACTUM. Lat. 'A deed; something done.'

ACTUS. In the civil law. An act or action. Non tantum verbis, sed etiam acta; not only by words, but also by act. Dig. 46. 8. 5. As a species of right of way, consisting in the right of driving cattle, or a carriage, over the land subject to the servitude. Inst. 2, 3, pr. It is sometimes translated a "road," and included the kind of way termed "iter," or path. Lord Coke, who adopts the term "actus" from Bracton, defines it a foot and horse way, vulgarly called "pack and prime way;" but distinguishes it from a cart-way. Co. Litt. 50a; Boyden v. Achenbach, 79 N. C. 539.

In Old English Law

An act of parliament; a statute. 8 Coke 40. A distinction, however, was sometimes made between actus and statutum. Actus parliamenti was an act made by the lords and commons; and it became statutum, when it received the king's consent. Barring. Obs. St. 46, note b.


Actus Dei nemini est damnosus. The act of God is hurtful to no one. 2 Inst. 287. That is, a person cannot be prejudiced or held responsible for an accident occurring without his fault and attributable to the "act of God." See Act of God.

Actus Dei nemini facit injuriam. The act of God does injury to no one. 2 Bl. Comm. 122. A thing which is involuntary by the act of God, which no industry can avoid, nor policy prevent, will not be construed to the prejudice of any person in whom there was no laches. Broom, Max. 230.

Aetus inceptus, cuius perfectio pendet ex volunfate partium, revocari potest; si autem pendet ex voluntate tertiarum personarum, vel ex contingenti, revocari non potest. An act already begun, the completion of which depends on the will of the parties, may be revoked; but if it depend on the will of a third person, or on a contingency, it cannot be revoked. Bac. Max. reg. 20.

Aetus judiciarius coram non judice irritus habetur, de ministeriali autem a quocunque provenit ratum esto. A judicial act by a judge without jurisdiction is void; but a ministerial act, from whomsoever proceeding, may be ratified. Loftt, 458.

Aetus legis nemini est damnosus. The act of the law is hurtful to no one. An act in law shall prejudice no man. 2 Inst. 287.

Aetus legis nemini facit injuriam. The act of the law does injury to no one. 5 Coke, 116.
Actus legitimi non recipiunt modum. Acts required to be done by law do not admit of qualification. Hob. 353; Branch, Princ.

Ad Capium Vuli. Adapted to the common understanding.

Actus me invito factus non est meus actus. An act done by me, against my will, is not my act. Branch, Princ.

Actus non facit reum, nisi mens sit rea. An act does not make (the doer of it) guilty, unless the mind be guilty; that is, unless the intention be criminal. 3 Inst. 107. The intent and the act must both concur to constitute the crime. Lord Kenyon, C. J., 7 Term 514; Broom, Max. 306.

Ad Captum Vulgi. For collecting; as an administrator or trustee ad colligendum. 2 Kent 414.

Actus repugnus non potest in esse produc. A repugnant act cannot be brought into being, i.e., cannot be made effectual. Plowd. 355.

Actus servi in his quibus opera ejus communiter adhibita est, actus domini habetur. The act of a servant in those things in which he is usually employed, is considered the act of his master. Lofft, 227.

AD. Lat. At; by; for; near; on account of; to; until; upon; with relation to or concerning.

AD ABUNDANTI OREM CAUTELAM. L. Lat. For more abundant caution. 2 How. State Tr. 1182. Otherwise expressed, ad cautelam ex superabundant. Id. 1163.

AD ADMITTENDUM CLERICUM. For the admitting of the clerk. A writ in the nature of an execution, commanding the bishop to admit his clerk, upon the success of the latter in a quare impedit.

AD ALIUD EXAMEN. To another tribunal; belonging to another court, cognizance, or jurisdiction.

AD ALIUM DIEM. At another day. A common phrase in the old reports. Yearb. P. 7 Hen. VI. 13.

AD ASSISAS CAPIENDAS. To take assises; to take or hold the assises. Bract. fol. 110a; 3 Bl. Comm. 185, 352. Ad assisam capiendam; to take an assise. Bract. fol. 1106.

AD AUDIENDAM CONSIDERATIONEM CURIAE. To hear the judgment of the court. Bract. 383 b.

AD AUDIENDUM ET TERMINANDUM. To hear and determine. St. Westm. 2, cc. 29, 30. 4 Bla. Com. 278.

AD BARRAM. To the bar; at the bar. 3 How. State Tr. 112.

AD BARRAM EVOCA TUS. Called to the bar. 1 Ld. Raym. 59.

AD CAMPi PARTEM. For a share of the field or land, for champert. Flea, lib. 2, c. 36, § 4.

AD CAMPUM. For collecting; as an administrator or trustee ad colligendum. 2 Kent 414.

AD COMPOUM BONe DEFUNCT. For collecting the goods of the deceased. See Administration of Estates.

AD COMMUNE NOCUMENTUM. To the common nuisance. Broom & H. Com. 196.

AD COMMUNEM LEGEM. At common law. The name of a writ of entry (now obsolete) brought by the reversioners after the death of the life tenant, for the recovery of lands wrongfully alienated by him.


AD COMPOTUM REDDENDUM. To render an account. St. Westm. 2, c. 11.

AD CULPAM. Until misbehavior.

AD CURIAM. At a court. 1 Saik. 185. To court. Ad curiam vocare, to summon to court.

AD CUSTAGIA. At the costs. Toullier; Cowell; Whishaw.

AD CUSTUM. At the cost. 1 Bl. Comm. 314.

AD DAMN. In pleading. "To the damage." The technical name of that clause of the writ or declaration which contains a statement of the plaintiff's money loss, or the damages which he claims. Cole v. Hayes, 78 Me. 539, 7 Atl. 391; V. Vincent v. Life Ass'n, 75 Conn. 650, 55 Atl. 177.

AD DEFENDENDUM. To defend. 1 Bl. Comm. 227.

AD DIEM. At a day; at the day. Townsh. Pl. 23. Ad alem diem. At another day. Y. B. 7 Hen. VI. 13. Ad certum diem, at a certain day. 2 Strange. 747. Solvit ad diem; he paid at or on the day. 1 Chit. Pl. 485.

Ad ea qua frequentius accidunt jura adaptantur. Laws are adapted to those cases which most frequently occur. 2 Inst. 137; Broom, Max. 43.

Laws are adapted to cases which frequently occur. A statute, which, construed according to its plain words, is, in all cases of ordinary occurrence, in no degree inconsistent or unreasonable, should not be varied by construction in every case, merely because there is one possible but highly improbable case in which the law would operate with great severity and against our notions of justice. The utmost that can be contended is that the construction of the statute should be varied in that particular case, so as to obviate the injustice. 7 Exch. 549; 8 Exch. 778.
AD EFFECTUM. To the effect, or end. Co. Litt. 204a; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 502, § 2143. Ad effectum sequentem, to the effect following. 2 Salk. 417.

AD EVERSIONEM JURIS NOSTRI. To the overthrow of our right. 2Kent 91.

AD EXCambiUM. For exchange; for compensation. Bract. fol. 129, 375.

AD EXHÆREDAITIONEM. To the disinheritson, or disinhiring; to the injury of the inheritance. Bract. fol. 15a; 3 Bl. Comm. 288. Formal words in the old writ of waste, which calls upon the tenant to appear and show cause why he hath committed waste and destruction in the place named, ad exæheredationem, etc.; 3 Bla. Com. 228; Fitzherbert, Nat. Brev. 65.

AD EXITUM. At issue; at the end (of the pleadings). Steph. Pl. 24.

AD FACIENDUM. To do. Co. Litt. 204a. Ad faciendum, subjiciendum et recipiendum; to do, submit to, and receive. Ad faciendum juratamilliam; to make up that jury. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 65, § 12.

AD FACTUM PRÆSTANDUM. In Scotch law. A name descriptive of a class of obligations marked by unusual severity. A debtor ad fac. præs. is denied the benefit of the act of grace, the privilege of sanctuary, and the oecsis bonorum; Erskine, Inst. lib. 3, tit. 3, § 82; Kames, Eq. 216.

AD FEODI FIRMAM. To fee farm. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 50, § 30.

AD FIDEM. In allegiance. 2Kent, Comm. 56. Subjects born ad fædem are those born in allegiance.

AD FILUM AQUÆ. To the thread of the water; to the central line, or middle of the stream. Usque ad filum aquæ, as far as the thread of the stream. Bract. fol. 208b; 255a. A phrase of frequent occurrence in modern law; of which ad medium filum aquæ (q.v.) is another form, and etymologically more exact.

AD FILUM VIÆ. To the middle of the way; to the central line of the road. Parker v. Inhabitants of Framingham, 8 Metc. (Mass.) 260.

AD FINEM. Abbreviated ad fìn. To the end. It is used in citations to books, as a direction to read from the place designated to the end of the chapter, section, etc. Ad finem litter, at the end of the suit.

AD FIRMAM. To farm. Derived from an old Saxon word denoting rent. Ad firmam nostis was a fine or penalty equal in amount to the estimated cost of entertaining the king for one night. Cowell. Ad feodi firmam, to fee farm. Spelman.

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AD FUNDANDAM JURISDICTIONEM. To make the basis of jurisdiction. [1908] 2K. B. 555.

AD GAOLAS DELIBERANDAS. To deliver the gaols; to empty the gaols. Bract. fol. 109b. Ad gaolam deliberandum; to deliver the gaol; to make gaol delivery. Bract. fol. 110b.

AD GRAVAMEN. To the grievance, injury, or oppression. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 47, § 10.

AD HOC. For this; for this special purpose. An attorney ad hoc, or a guardian or curator ad hoc, is one appointed for a special purpose, generally to represent the client or infant in the particular action in which the appointment is made. Sallier v. Rosteet, 108 La. 378, 32 South. 383; Bienvenu v. Insurance Co., 83 La. Ann. 212.

AD HOMINEM. To the person. A term used in logic with reference to a personal argument.

AD HUNC DIEM. At this day. 1 Leon. 90.

AD IDEM. To the same point, or effect. Ad idem facit, it makes to or goes to establish the same point. Bract. fol. 27b.

AD INDE. Thereunto. Ad inde requisitus, thereunto required. Townsh. Pl. 22.

AD INFINITUM. Without limit; to an infinite extent; indefinitely.

AD INQUIRENDUM. To inquire; a writ of inquiry; a judicial writ, commanding inquiry to be made of anything relating to a cause pending in court. Cowell.

AD INSTANTIAM. At the instance. 2 Mod. 44. Ad instantiam partis, at the instance of a party. Hale, Com. Law. 28.

AD INTERIM. In the meantime. An officer ad interim is one appointed to fill a temporary vacancy, or to discharge the duties of the office during the absence or temporary incapacity of its regular incumbent.

AD JUDICIUM. To judgment; to court. Ad judicium provocare; to summon to court; to commence an action; a term of the Roman law. Dig. 5, 1, 13, 14.

AD JUNGENDUM AUXILJUM. To joining in aid; to join in aid. See Ad Prayer.

AD JURAS REGIS. To the rights of the king; a writ which was brought by the king's clerk, presented to a living against those who endeavored to eject him, to the prejudice of the king's title. Reg. Writs 61.

AD LARGUM. At large: as, title at large; assize at large. See Dane, Abr. c. 114, art. 16, § 7. Also at liberty; free, or unconfined. Ire ad largum, to go at large. Plowd. 37. At large; giving details, or particulars; in
extenso. A special verdict was formerly called a verdict at large. Plowd. 92.

AD LIBITUM. At pleasure. 3 Bla. Com. 292.

AD LITEM. For the suit; for the purposes of the suit; pending the suit. A guardian ad litem is a guardian appointed to prosecute or defend a suit on behalf of a party incapacitated by infancy or otherwise.

AD LUCRANDUM VEL PERDENDUM. For gain or loss. Emphatic words in the old warrants of attorney. Reg. Orig. 21, et seq. Sometimes expressed in English, "to lose and gain." Plowd. 201.

AD MAJOREM CAUTELAM. For greater security. 2 How. State Tr. 1152.

AD MANUM. At hand; ready for use. Et quereas sectum habeat ad manum; and the plaintiff immediately have his suit ready. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 44, § 2.

AD MEDIUM FILUM AQUÆ. To the middle thread of the stream. See Ad Filum Aquæ.

AD MEDIUM FILUM VÆ. To the middle thread of the way.

AD MELIUS INQUIRENDUM. A writ directed to a coroner commanding him to hold a second inquest. See 45 Law J. Q. B. 711.

AD MORDENDUM ASSUETUS. Accustomed to bite. Cro. Car. 254. A material averment in declarations for damage done by a dog to persons or animals. 1 Chit. Pl. 388; 2 Chit. Pl. 597.

AD NOCUMENTUM. To the nuisance, or annoyance; to the hurt or injury. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 52, § 19. Ad nocumentum liberis tenementi sui, to the nuisance of his freehold. Formal words in the old assise of nuisance. 3 Bl. Comm. 221.

Ad officium justiciariorum spectat, unieaque coram eis placanti justitiam exhibere. It is the duty of justices to administer justice to every one pleading before them. 2 Inst. 451.

AD OMISSA VEL MALE APPRETIATA. With relation to omissions or wrong interpretations. 3 Ersk. Inst. 9, § 56.

AD OPUS. To the work. See 21 Harv. L. Rev. 264, citing 2 Poll. & Maitl. 232 et seq.; Use.

AD OSTENDENDUM. To show. Formal words in old writs. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 65, § 12.

AD OSTIIUM ECCLESIÆ. At the door of the church. One of the five species of dover formerly recognized by the English law. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 149; 2 Bl. Comm. 132.

AD PIOS USUS. Lat. For pious (religious or charitable) uses or purposes. Used with reference to gifts and bequests.

AD PROSEQUENDAM. To prosecute. 11 Mod. 362.

Ad proximum antecedens fiat relatio nisi impediatur sententia. Relative words refer to the nearest antecedent, unless it be prevented by the context. Jenk. Cent. 180.

AD PUNCTUM TEMPORIS. At the point of time. Sto. Bailm. § 263.

AD QUÆRIMONIAM. On complaint of.

AD QUEM. To which. A term used in the computation of time or distance, as correlative to a quo; denotes the end or terminal point. See A. Quo.

The terminus a quo is the point of beginning or departure; the terminus ad quem, the end of the period or point of arrival.

Ad questiones facti non respondent judices; ad questiones legis non respondent juratores. Judges do not answer questions of fact; judges do not answer questions of law. 8 Coke, 385; Co. Litt. 285.

Ad questiones legis judices, et non juratores, respondent. Judges, and not jurors, decide questions of law. 7 Mass. 279.

AD QUOD CURIA CONCORDAVIT. To which the court agreed. Yearb. P. 20 Hen. VI. 27.

AD QUOD DAMNUM. The name of a writ formerly issuing from the English chancery, commanding the sheriff to make inquiry "to what damage" a specified act, if done, will tend. Ad quod damnum is a writ which ought to be sued before the king grants certain liberties, as a fair, market, or such like, which may be prejudicial to others, and thereby it should be inquired whether it will be a prejudice to grant them, and to whom it will be prejudicial, and what prejudice will come thereby. There is also another writ of ad quod damnum, if any one will turn a common highway and lay out another way as beneficial. Termes de la Ley. The writ of ad quod damnum is a common-law writ, in the nature of an original writ, issued by the prothonotary, and in condemnation proceedings is returnable to and subject to confirmation of the Superior Court. Elbert v. Scott, 5 Boyce (Del.) 1, 90 A. 587.

AD QUOD NON FUIT RESPONSUM. To which there was no answer. A phrase used in the reports, where a point advanced in argument by one party was not denied by the other; or where a point or argument of counsel was not met or noticed by the court; or where an objection was met by the court, and not replied to by the counsel who raised it. 3 Coke, 9; 4 Coke, 40.

AD RATIONEM PONERE. To cite a person to appear. A technical expression in the old records of the Exchequer, signifying, to put

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to the bar and interrogate as to a charge made; to arraign on a trial.

AD RECOGNOSCEM. To recognize. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 65, § 12. Formal words in old writs.

AD recte docendum soperit, primum inquirere nomina, quia rerum cognitio a nominibus rerum dependet. In order rightly to comprehend a thing, inquire first into the names, for a right knowledge of things depends upon their names. Co. Litt. 68.

AD RECTUM. (L. Lat.) To right. To do right. To meet an accusation. To answer the demands of the law. Habeant eos ad rectum. They shall render themselves to answer the law, or to make satisfaction. Bract. fol. 124 b.

AD REPARATIONEM ET SUSTENTATIONEM. For repairing and keeping in suitable condition.

AD RESPONDENDUM. For answering; to make answer; words used in certain writs employed for bringing a person before the court to make answer in defense in a proceeding, as in habeas corpus ad respondendum and capias ad respondendum, q. v.

AD SATISFACIENDUM. To satisfy. The emphatic words of the writ of capias ad satisfaciendum, which requires the sheriff to take the person of the defendant to satisfy the plaintiff's claim.

AD SECTAM. At the suit of. Commonly abbreviated to ad s. Used in entering and indexing the names of cases, where it is desired that the name of the defendant should come first. Thus, "B. ad s. A." Indicates that B. is defendant in an action brought by A., and the title so written would be an inversion of the more usual form "A. v. B."

AD STUDIENDUM ET ORandum. For studying and praying; for the promotion of learning and religion. A phrase applied to colleges and universities. 1 Bl. Comm. 467; T. Raym. 101.

AD TERMINUM ANNORUM. For a term of years.

AD TERMINUM QUI PRETERIT. For a term which has passed. Words in the Latin form of the writ of entry employed at common law to recover, on behalf of a landlord, possession of premises, from a tenant holding over after the expiration of the term for which they were demised. See Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 201.

Ad tristem partem strenua est suspicio. Suspicion lies heavy on the unfortunate side.

AD TUNC ET IBIDEM. In pleading. The Latin name of that clause of an indictment containing the statement of the subject-matter "then and there being found."

AD ULTIMAM VIM TERMINORUM. To the most extended import of the terms; in a sense as universal as the terms will reach. 2 Eden, 54.

AD USUM ET COMMODUM. To the use and benefit.

AD VALENTIAM. To the value. See Ad Valorem.

AD VALOREM. According to value. Duties are either ad valorem or specific; the former when the duty is laid in the form of a percentage on the value of the property; the latter where it is imposed as a fixed sum on each article of a class without regard to its value. The term ad valorem tax is as well defined and fixed as any other used in political economy or legislation, and simply means a tax or duty upon the value of the article or thing subject to taxation. Bailey v. Fuqua, 21 Miss. 501; Pingree v. Auditor General, 120 Mich. 95, 78 N. W. 1025, 44 L. R. A. 679; Blue Coach Lines v. Lewis, 294 S. W. 1050, 1058, 220 Ky. 116.

AD VENTREM INSPICIENDUM. To inspect the womb. A writ for the summoning of a jury of matrons to determine the question of pregnancy.

Ad vim majorem vel ad causas fortuitas non teneatur quis, nisi sua culpa intervenerit. No one is held to answer for the effects of a superior force, or of accidents, unless his own fault has contributed. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 72, § 16.

AD VITAM. For life. Bract. fol. 135b. In feodo, vel ad vitam; in fee, or for life. Id.

AD VITAM AUT CULPAM. For life or until fault. Words descriptive of a tenure of office "for life or good behavior," equivalent to quamdiu bene se gesserit.

AD VOLUNTATEM. At will. Bract. fol. 27a. Ad voluntatem domini, at the will of the lord.

AD WARACTUM. To fallow. Bract. fol. 2288. See Waractum.


ADAWLUT. Corrupted from Adalat, justice, equity; a court of justice. The terms "De-wanny Adawlut" and "Foujdartay Adawlut" denote the civil and criminal courts of justice in India. Wharton.

ADCORDABILIS DENARI. Money paid by a vassal to his lord upon the selling or exchanging of a feud. Enc. Lond.

ADD. To unite; attach; annex; join. Board of Com'rs of Hancock County v. State, 110 Ind. 473, 22 N. E. 10.

ADDICERE. Lat. In the civil law. To adjudge or condemn; to assign, allot, or deliver; to sell. In the Roman law, addico was one of the three words used to express the extent of the civil jurisdiction of the praetors.
ADDICT. As defined in Acts 1894, No. 157, one who has acquired the habit of using spirituous liquors or narcotics to such an extent as to deprive him of reasonable self-control. Interdiction of Gasquet, 54 So. 884, 888, 147 La. 722.

ADDICTIO. In the Roman law. The giving up to a creditor of his debtor's person by a magistrate; also the transfer of the (deceased) debtor's goods to one who assumes his liabilities.

Additio probat minoritatem. An addition to a name proves or shows minority or inferiority, 4 Inst. 80; Wing. Max. 211, max. 60. That is, if it be said that a man has a fee tail, it is less than if he has the fee.

This maxim is applied by Lord Coke to courts, and terms of law; minoritas being understood in the sense of difference, inferiority, or qualification. Thus, the style of the king's bench is coron regis, and the style of the court of chancery is coron domino rege in cancellaria; the addition showing the difference. 4 Inst. 80. By the word “fee” is intended fee-simple, fee-tail not being intended by it, unless there be added to it the addition of the word “tail.” 2 Bl. Comm. 106; Litt. § 1.

ADDITION. Whatever is added to a man's name by way of title or description. Cowell.

In English law, there are four kinds of additions, additions of estate, such as yeoman, gentleman, esquire; additions of degree, or names of dignity, as knight, earl, marquis, duke; additions of trade, mystery, or occupation, as scrivener, painter, joiner, carpenter; and additions of place of residence, as London, Chester, etc. The only additions recognized in American law are those of mystery and residence.

At common law there was no need of addition in any case; 2 Ld. Raym. 388; it was required only by est. 1 Hen. V, c. 5, in cases where process of outlawry lies. In all other cases it is only a description of the person, and common reputation is sufficient; 2 Ld. Raym. 489.

In addition to means not exclusive of, but by way of increase or accession to, in re Daggett's Estate, 2 Con. Sur. 230, 9 N. Y. S. 652; Washington Loan & Trust Co. v. Hammond, 51 App. D. C. 260, 273 P. 569, 571.

In the Law of Insurance


In the Law of Liens

Within the meaning of the mechanic's lien law, an “addition” to a building must be a lateral addition. It must occupy ground without the limits of the building to which it constitutes an addition, so that the lien shall be upon the building formed by the addition and the land upon which it stands. An alteration in a former building by adding to its height, or to its depth, or to the extent of its interior accommodations, is merely an “alteration,” and not an “addition.” Putting a new story on an old building is not an addition. Updike v. Skillman, 27 N. J. Law, 132. See, also, Lamson v. Maryland Casualty Co., 196 Iowa, 1185, 194 N. W. 70, 71.

An “addition” is that which has become united with or become a part of. See Georgia Southern & F. Ry. Co. v. Tifton Produce Co., 139 Ga. 323, 327 S. E. 771, 772; Judge v. Bergman, 258 Ill. 126, 101 N. E. 574, 576; In re Thorn's Estate, 133 Cal. 512, 92 P. 19, 22.

In French Law

A supplementary process to obtain additional information. Guyot, Répert.

ADDITIONAL. This term embraces the idea of joining or uniting one thing to another, so as thereby to form one aggregate. Hurst Home Ins. Co. v. Dentley, 175 Ky. 723, 194 S. W. 910, 911, L. R. A. 1917E, 750; Rose v. Sullivan, 50 Mont. 490, 155 P. 562, 563; Payne v. Albright (Tex. Civ. App.) 235 S. W. 258, 259; Griebel v. School Dist. No. 6 of Rooks County, 110 Kan. 317, 203 P. 718, 719. Thus, “additional security” imports a security, which, united with or joined to the former one, is deemed to make it, as an aggregate, sufficient as a security from the beginning. State v. Hull, 63 Miss. 626; Searcy v. Cullman County, 196 Ala. 297, 71 So. 664, 665.

ADDITIONAL BURDEN. See Eminent Domain.

ADDITIONALES. In the law of contracts. Additional terms or propositions to be added to a former agreement.


ADDED PARLIAMENT. The parliament which met in 1614. It sat for but two months and none of its bills received the royal assent. Taylor, Jurispr. 399.

ADDONE, Addonae. L. Fr. Given to. Kelham.

ADDRESS. That part of a bill in equity wherein is given the appropriate and technical description of the court in which the bill is filed.

In Legislation. A formal request addressed to the executive by one or both branches of the legislative body, requesting him to per-
form some act. It is provided as a means for the removal of judges deemed unworthy, though the causes of removal would not warrant impeachment. It is not provided for in the Constitution of the United States; and even in those states where the right exists it is exercised but seldom.

A place of business or residence.

ADDRESS TO THE CROWN. When the royal speech has been read in Parliament, an address in answer thereto is moved in both houses. Two members are selected in each house by the administration for moving and seconding the address. Since the commencement of the session 1890–1891, it has been a single resolution expressing their thanks to the sovereign for his gracious speech.

ADDUCE. To present, bring forward, offer, introduce. Used particularly with reference to evidence. Tuttle v. Story County, 56 Iowa, 316, 9 N. W. 292.

"The word 'adduced' is broader in its signification than the word 'offered,' and, looking to the whole statement in relation to the evidence below, we think it sufficiently appears that all of the evidence is in the record." Beatty v. O'Connor, 106 Ind. 81, 5 N. E. 880; Brown v. Griffin, 40 Ill. App. 558.

ADEEM. To take away, recall, or revoke. To satisfy a legacy by some gift or substituted disposition, made by the testator, in advance. Tolman v. Tolman, 85 Me. 317, 27 Atl. 184. See Aedemption.

In case the identical thing bequeathed is not in existence, or has been disposed of and does not form part of the testator's estate at the time of his death, the legacy is "extinguished" or "adeemed," and the legatee's rights are gone. Welch v. Welch, 113 So. 197, 198, 197 Miss. 728.

ADELANTADO. In Spanish law. The military and political governor of a frontier province. This office has long since been abolished. Also a president or president judge; a judge having jurisdiction over a kingdom, or over certain provinces only. So called from having authority over the judges of those places. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 4, l. 1.

ADELING, or ATHELING. Noble; excellent. A title of honor among the Anglo-Saxons, properly belonging to the king's children. Spelman.

ADEMPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A revocation of a legacy; an ademption. Inst. 2, 21, pr. Where it was expressly transferred from one person to another, it was called translatio. Id. 2, 21, 1; Dig. 34, 4.


"The word 'ademption' is the most significant, because, being a term of art, and never used for any other purpose, it does not suggest any idea foreign to that intended to be conveyed. It is used to describe the act by which the testator pays to his legatee, in his life-time, a general legacy which by his will he had proposed to give him at his death. (1 Rep. Leg. p. 365.) It is also used to denote the act by which a specific legacy has become inoperative on account of the testator having parted with the subject." Langdon v. Astor, 16 N. Y. 40.


ADEO. Lat. So, as. Adeo plene et integre as fully and entirely. 10 Coke, 65.

ADEQUATE. Sufficient; proportionate; equally efficient; equal to what is required; suitable to the case or occasion; satisfactory. Elbert County v. Brown, 16 Ga. App. 834, 86 S. E. 651, 652; Nagle v. City of Billings, 77 Mont. 205, 250 P. 445, 446.

ADEQUATE CARE. Such care as a man of ordinary prudence would himself take under similar circumstances to avoid accident; care proportionate to the risk to be incurred. Wallace v. Wilmington & N. R. Co., 8 Houst. (Del.) 528, 18 Atl. 818.

ADEQUATE CAUSE. Sufficient cause for a particular purpose. Pennsylvania & N. Y. Canal & R. Co. v. Mason, 109 Pa. 296, 58 Am. Rep. 722. In criminal law, adequate cause for the passion which reduces a homicide committed under its influence from the grade of murder to manslaughter, means such cause as would commonly produce a degree of anger, rage, resentment, or terror, in a person of ordinary temper, sufficient to render the mind incapable of cool reflection. Insulting words or gestures, or an assault and battery so slight as to show no intention to inflict pain or injury, or an injury to property accompanied by violence are not adequate causes. McKaskle v. State, 96 Tex. Cr. R. 635, 260 S. W. 588, 589; Pickens v. State, 86 Tex. Cr. R. 657, 218 S. W. 755, 758; Vollentine v. State, 77 Tex. Cr. R. 522, 179 S. W. 108; Solis v. State, 76 Tex. Cr. R. 230, 174 S. W. 313, 344; Lamb v. State, 75 Tex. Cr. R. 75, 169 S. W. 1158, 1163; Wisnoski v. State, 68
ADEQUATE COMPENSATION


ADEQUATE COMPENSATION (to be awarded to one whose property is taken for public use under the power of eminent domain means the full and just value of the property, payable in money. Buffalo, etc., R. Co. v. Ferris, 26 Tex. 588. It includes Interest. Texarkana & Ft. S. Ry. Co. v. Brinkman (Tex. Civ. App.) 298 S. W. 832, 833. It may include the cost or value of the property to the owner for the purposes for which he designed it. Elbert County v. Brown, 19 Ga. App. 884, 89 S. E. 651, 653.

ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION. One which is equal, or reasonably proportioned, to the value of that for which it is given. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. §§ 244–247. An adequate consideration is one which is not so disproportionate as to shock our sense of that morality and fair dealing which should always characterize transactions between man and man. Eaton v. Patterson, 2 Stew. & P. (Ala.) 9, 18; U. S. Smelting, Refining & Milling Co. v. Utah Power & Light Co., 33 Utah, 168, 197 P. 902, 905; Schader v. White, 173 Cal. 441, 160 P. 557, 559; Greenwood v. Greenwood, 96 Kan. 591, 152 P. 657, 659; In re Felton’s Estate, 176 Cal. 663, 169 P. 392, 394.

ADEQUATE PROVOCATION. An adequate provocation to cause a sudden transport of passion that may suspend the exercise of judgment and exclude premeditation and a previously formed design is one that is calculated to excite such anger as might obscure the reason or dominate the will of an ordinarily reasonable man. Rivers v. State, 75 Fla. 401, 78 So. 313, 344; Commonwealth v. Webb, 252 Pa. 187, 97 A. 188, 191.

ADEQUATE REMEDY. One vested in the complainant, to which he may at all times resort at his own option, fully and freely, without let or hindrance. Wheeler v. Bedford, 54 Conn. 244, 7 Atl. 22; George S. Chatfield Co. v. Reeves, 67 Conn. 63, 69 A. 750, 751, L. R. A. 1916D, 221; Chicago & N. W. R. Co. v. Railroad and Warehouse Commission of Minnesota (D. C. Minn.) 250 F. 387, 392. A remedy which is plain and complete and as practical and efficient to the ends of justice and its prompt administration as the remedy in equity. Keppler v. Woolsey, 4 Neb. (Unof.) 232, 93 N. W. 1005; St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. v. McElvain (D. C. Mo.) 233 P. 123, 135; Blackstone Hall Co. v. Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., 39 R. I. 66, 97 A. 484, 488; Jones v. Stearns, 97 Vt. 37, 122 A. 118, 119, 31 A. L. R. 653; Dells Paper & Pulp Co. v. Willow River Lumber Co., 170 Wis. 19, 173 N. W. 517, 522; Cook v. Panhandle Refining Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 267 S. W. 1070, 1073. A remedy that affords complete relief with reference to the particular matter in controversy, and is appropriate to the circumstances of the case. City of Mt. Vernon v. Borman & Reed, 100 Ohio St. 1, 125 N. E. 118, 120; State v. Huwe, 103 Ohio St. 546, 134 N. E. 458, 459. A remedy to be adequate, precluding resort to mandamus, must not only be one placing relator in statu quo, but must itself enforce in some way performance of the particular duty. State v. Erickson, 104 Conn. 542, 132 A. 683, 686.

ADESSE. In the civil law. To be present; the opposite of adesse. Calvin.

ADEU. Without day, as when a matter is finally dismissed by the court. Ales adeu, go without day. Y. B. 5 Edw. II. 173. See Adieu.

ADFERRUMINATIO. In the civil law. The welding together of iron; a species of adjunctio, (q. v.). Called also forrumination. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 270; Dig. 6, 1, 23, 5.

ADHERENCE. In Scotch law. The name of a form of action by which the mutual obligation of marriage may be enforced by either party. Bell. It corresponds to the English action for the restitution of conjugal rights. Wharton.

ADHERING. Joining, leagued with, clearing to; as, “adhering to the enemies of the United States.”

Rebels, being citizens, are not “enemies,” within the meaning of the constitution; hence a conviction for treason, in promoting a rebellion, cannot be sustained under that branch of the constitutional definition which speaks of “adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort.” United States v. Greathouse, 2 Abb. (U. S.) 364, Fed. Cas. No. 15,254.

ADHESION. The entrance of another state into an existing treaty with respect only to a part of the principles laid down or the stipulations agreed to. Opp. Int. L § 533.

Properly speaking, by adhesion the third state becomes a party only to such parts as are specifically agreed to, and by accession it accepts and is bound by the whole treaty. See Accession.

ADHIBERE. In the civil law. To apply; to employ; to exercise; to use. Adhibere diligentiam, to use care. Adhibere vim, to employ force.

ADIATION. A term used in the laws of Holland for the application of property by an executor. Wharton.

ADIEU. L. Fr. Without day. A common term in the Year Books, implying final dismissal from court.

ADIPOCERE. A waxy substance (chemically marga rate of ammonium or ammoniacal soap) formed by the decomposition of animal matter protected from the air but subjected to
moisture; in medical jurisprudence, the substance into which a human cadaver is converted which has been buried for a long time in a saturated soil or has lain long in water.

ADIRATUS. Lost; strayed; a price or value set upon things stolen or lost, as a recompense to the owner. Cowell.

ADIT. In mining law, an entrance or approach; a horizontal excavation used as an entrance to a mine, or a vent by which ores and water are carried away; an excavation "in and along a lode," which in statutes of Colorado and other mining states is made the equivalent of a discovery shaft. Gray v. Truby, 6 Colo. 278; Electro-Magnetic M. & D. Co. v. Van Auken, 9 Colo. 204, 11 P. 50.

ADITUS. An approach; a way; a public way. Co. Litt. 56a.


Under a statute authorizing a city to operate a waterworks for such city and adjacent territory, “adjacent territory” means the suburbs of the city not within the limits of another municipality, Johnson City v. Weeks, 123 Tenn. 277, 130 S. W. 327, 338, 2 A.L.R. 143.

ADJECTIVE LAW. The aggregate of rules of procedure or practice. As opposed to that body of law which the courts are established to administer, (called “substantive law,”) it means the rules according to which the substantive law is administered. That part of the law which provides a method for enforcing or maintaining rights, or obtaining redress for their invasion. Anderson v. Wirkman, 67 Mont. 176, 215 P. 224, 227.

ADJOINING. The word in its etymological sense, means touching or contiguous, as distinguished from lying near to or adjacent. Broun v. Texas & N. O. R. Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 295 S. W. 670, 674; Plainfield-Union Water Co. v. Inhabitants of City of Plainfield, 84 N. J. Law, 634, 87 A. 448, 450. And the same meaning has been given to it when used in statutes. City of New York v. Alhfeldt, 151 N. Y. S. 403, 404, 88 Misc. 524. See Adjacent.

ADJOURN. To put off; defer; postpone. To postpone action of a convened court or body until another time specified, or indefinitely, the latter being usually called to adjourn sine die. Bispham v. Tucker, 2 N. J. Law, 253; Reynolds v. Cropsey, 241 N. Y. 389, 150 N. E. 303; Village of Coon Valley v. Spellum, 190 Wis. 140, 208 N. W. 916, 917.

The primary significaation of the term “adjourn” is to put off or defer to another day specified. But it has acquired also the meaning of suspending business for a time—deferring, delaying. Probably, without some limitation, it would, when used with reference to a sale on foreclosure, or any judicial proceeding, properly include the fixing of the time to which the postponement was made. La Farge v. Van Wagensen, 14 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 54; People v. Martin, 5 N. Y. 22; Waldroup v. Kansas City Southern Ry. Co., 131 Ark. 458, 198 S. W. 369, 371, L. R. A. 1918B, 1081; Town of Athens v. Miller, 190 Ala. 82, 66 So. 702, 704.

ADJOURNAL. A term applied in Scotch law and practice to the records of the criminal courts. The original records of criminal trials were called “hulks of adjournal” or “books of adjournal,” few of which are now extant. An “act of adjournal” is an order of the court of judicature entered on its minutes. Adjournamentum est ad diem diuere seu diem dare. An adjournment is to appoint a day or give a day. 4 Inst. 27. Hence the formula “eat sine die.”

ADJOURNATUR. L. Lat. It is adjourned. A word with which the old reports very frequently conclude a case. 1 Id. Raym. 602; 1 Show. 7; 1 Leon. 58.

ADJOURNED SUMMONS. A summons taken out in the chambers of a judge, and afterwards taken into court to be argued by counsel.

ADJOURNED TERM. In practice. A continuance, by adjournment, of a regular term. Harris v. Gest, 4 Ohio St. 473; Kingsley v. Bagby, 2 Kan. App. 23, 41 P. 991. Distinguished from an “additional term,” which is a
distinct term. Id. An adjourned term is a continuation of a previous or regular term; it is the same term prolonged, and the power of the court over the business which has been done, and the entries made at the regular term, continues. Van Dyke v. State, 22 Ala. 57; Carter v. State, 14 Ga. App. 242, 80 S. E. 535, 534.

ADJOURNMENT. A putting off or postponing of business or of a session until another time or place; the act of a court, legislative body, public meeting, or officer, by which the session or assembly is dissolved, either temporarily or finally, and the business in hand dismissed from consideration, either definitely or for an interval. If the adjournment is final, it is said to be sine die. See Johnson City v. Tennessee Eastern Electric Co., 138 Tenn. 632, 182 S. W. 587, 589.

In the Civil Law
A calling into court; a summoning at an appointed time. Du Cange.

In General
—Adjudgment day. A further day appointed by the judges at the regular sittings at nisi prius to try issue of fact not then ready for trial.

—Adjournment day in error. In English practice. A day appointed some days before the end of the term at which matters left undone on the affirmation day are finished. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1176.

—Adjournment in eyre. The appointment of a day when the justices in eyre mean to sit again. Cowell; Spelman.


Adjudged does not mean the same as decided (contra, under statute, State v. District Court, 208 P. 963, 965, 64 Mont. 181), nor is one disqualified as a witness who "shall, upon conviction, be adjudged guilty of perjury" merely by verdict of guilty or until sentence; Blauffus v. People, 69 N. Y. 107, 25 Am. Rep. 148. It was said by Gibson, C. J., that the word "can be predicated only of an act of the court"; Searight v. Com., 33 S. & R. (Pa.) 301. Compare Drinkhouse v. Van Ness, 202 Cal. 359, 190 P. 965, 874; People ex rel. Strohsahl v. Strohsahl, 222 N. Y. S. 319, 324, 221 App. Div. 85.


ADJUDICATIO. In the civil law. An adjudication. The judgment of the court that the subject-matter is the property of one of the litigants; confirmation of title by judgment. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 204.

ADJUDICATION. The giving or pronouncing a judgment or decree in a cause; also the judgment given. People ex rel. Argus Co. v. Hugo, 168 N. Y. S. 25, 27, 101 Misc. 481; Spaulding v. Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York, 96 Vt. 97, 117 A. 276, 278. The term is principally used in bankruptcy proceedings, the adjudication being the order which declares the debtor to be a bankrupt.

In French Law
A sale made at public auction and upon competition. Adjudications are voluntary, judicial, or administrative. Duverger.

In Scotch Law
A species of diligence, or process for transferring the estate of a debtor to a creditor, carried on as an ordinary action before the court of session. A species of judicial sale, redeemable by the debtor. A decree of the lords of session, adjudging and appropriating a person's lands, hereditaments, or any heritable right to belong to his creditor, who is called the "adjudger," for payment or performance. Bell; Eruk. Inst. c. 2, tit. 12, §§ 39-55; Forb. Inst. pt. 3, b. 1, c. 2, tit. 6.

In General
—Adjudication contra hereditatem jacentem. When a debtor's heir apparent renounces the succession, any creditor may obtain a decree cognitionis causae, the purpose of which is that the amount of the debt may be ascertained so that the real estate may be adjudged.

—Adjudication in bankruptcy. See Bankruptcy.

—Adjudication in implement. An action by a grantee against his grantor to compel him to complete the title.


An additional judge sometimes appointed in the Court of Delegates, q. v.

ADJUNCTIO. In the civil law. Adjunction; a species of accessio, whereby two things belonging to different proprietors are brought into firm connection with each other; such as interweaving, (interleustra); welding togeth-
ADM EASUREMENT OF PASTURE


ADJUTANT GENERAL. The term “civil adjutant general” is used as one of convenience merely to designate state adjutant general who has not been officially recognized by War Department. People v. Newlon, 77 Colo. 516, 238 P. 44, 47.

Adjuvari quippe nos, mon decipi, beneficio operat. We ought to be favored, not injured, by that which is intended for our benefit. (The species of bailment called “loan” must be to the advantage of the borrower, not to his detriment.) Story, Bailm. § 275. See 8 El. & Bl. 1051.

ADLAMWR. In Welsh law. A proprietor who, for some cause, entered the service of another proprietor, and left him after the expiration of a year and a day. He was liable to the payment of 30 pence to his patron. Wharton.

ADELEGARE. To purge one’s self of a crime by oath.

ADMANUENSIS. A person who swore by laying his hands on the book.

ADM EASUREMENT. Ascertainment by measure; measuring out; assignment or apportionment by measure, that is, by fixed quantity or value, by certain limits, or in definite and fixed proportions.

ADM EASUREMENT OF DOWER. In practice. A remedy which lay for the heir on reaching his majority to rectify an assignment of dower made during his minority, by which the doweress had received more than she was legally entitled to. 2 Bl. Comm. 136; Gilb. Uses, 379. The remedy is of rare occurrence. See 1 Washb. R. 225, 236; Jones v. Brewer, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 314; McCormick v. Taylor, 2 Ind. 336. In some of the states the statutory proceeding enabling a widow to compel the assignment of dower is called “admeasurement of dower.”

ADM EASUREMENT OF PASTURE. In English law. A writ which lay between those that have common of pasture appendant, or by vicinage, in cases where any one or more of them suffered the common with more cattle than they ought. Bract. fol. 229a; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 318, § 358. The remedy is now abolished in England; 3 Sharsw. Bla. Com. 259, n.; and in the United States; 3 Kent 419.
ADMEASUREMENT, WRIT OF. It lay against persons who usurped more than their share, in the two following cases: Admeasurement of dower, and admeasurement of pasture. Terres de la Ley.


ADMEZATORES. In old Italian law. Persons chosen by the consent of contending parties, to decide questions between them. Literally, mediators. Spelman.

ADMINICILE. In Scotch Law

An aid or support to something else. A collateral deed or writing, referring to another which has been lost, and which it is in general necessary to produce before the tenor of the lost deed can be proved by parol evidence. Ersk. Inst. b. 4, tit. 1, § 55. Used as an English word in the statute of 1 Edw. IV. c. 1, in the sense of aid, or support.

In the Civil Law


ADMINICULAR. Auxiliary or subordinate to. "The murder would be adminicular to the robbery," (i.e., committed to accomplish it.) The Marianna Flora, 3 Mason, 121, Fed. Cas. No. 9080.

ADMINICULAR EVIDENCE. In ecclesiastical law. Auxiliary or supplementary evidence; such as is presented for the purpose of explaining and completing other evidence.

ADMINICULATE. To give adminicular evidence.

ADMINICULATOR. An officer in the Romish church, who administered to the wants of widows, orphans, and afflicted persons. Spelman.

ADMINICULUM. Lat. An adminicle; a prop or support; an accessory thing. An aid or support to something else, whether a right or the evidence of one. It is principally used to designate evidence added in aid or support of other evidence, which without it is imperfect. Brown.

ADMINISTER. To discharge the duties of an office; to take charge of business; to manage affairs; to serve in the conduct of affairs, in the application of things to their uses; to settle and distribute the estate of a decedent. Hunter v. City of Louisville, 208 Ky. 562, 271 S. W. 690, 691.

Also, to give, as an oath; to direct or cause to be taken. Gilchrist v. Comfort, 34 N. Y. 256; Brinson v. State, 89 Ala. 105, 8 South. 527; State v. Van Wormer, 103 Kan. 308, 173 P. 1076, 1081.

In physiology, and in criminal law, to administer means to cause or procure a person to take some drug or other substance into his or her system; to direct and cause a medicine, poison, or drug to be taken into the system. State v. Jones, 4 Pennewill (Del.) 109, 53 Atl. 861; McCaughy v. State, 156 Ind. 41, 59 N. E. 169; La Beau v. People, 34 N. Y. 223; Sumpter v. State, 11 Fla. 247; Robbins v. State, 8 Ohio St. 131; Aven v. State, 102 Tex. Cr. R. 478, 277 S. W. 1080, 1081; Leary v. State, 14 Ga. App. 797, 82 S. E. 471, 472; People v. Thien, 49 Cal. App. 18, 102 P. 557, 561.

Neither fraud nor deception is a necessary ingredient in the act of administering poison. To force poison into the stomach of another; to compel another by threats of violence to swallow poison; to furnish poison to another for the purpose and with the intention that the person to whom it is delivered shall commit suicide therewith, and which poison is accordingly taken by the suicide for that purpose; or to be present at the taking of poison by a suicide, participating in the taking thereof, by assistance, persuasion, or otherwise, each and all of these are forms and modes of "administering" poison. Blackburn v. State, 23 Ohio St. 146.

ADMINISTRATION. In public law. The administration of government means the practical management and direction of the executive department, or of the public machinery or functions, or of the operations of the various organs of the sovereign. The term "administration" is also conventionally applied to the whole class of public functionaries, or those in charge of the management of the executive department. People v. Salsbury, 134 Mich. 537, 96 N. W. 936; House v. Creveling, 147 Tenn. 553, 250 S. W. 357, 358.

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES. The management and settlement of the estate of an intestate, or of a testator who has no executor, performed under the supervision of a court, by a person duly qualified and legally appointed, and usually involving (1) the collection of the decedent's assets; (2) payment of debts and claims against him and expenses; (3) distributing the remainder of the estate among those entitled thereto.

The term is applied broadly to denote the management of an estate by an executor, and also the management of estates of minors, lunatics, etc., in those cases where trustees have been appointed by authority of law to take charge of such estates in place of the legal owners. Bouvier; Crow v. Hubard, 62 Md. 565. Administration is principally of the following kinds viz.: Ad colligendum bona defuncti. To collect the goods of the deceased. Special letters of administration granted to one or more persons, authorizing them to collect and preserve the goods of the deceased, are so called. 2 Bl. Comm. 505; 2 Steph. Comm. 241. These are otherwise termed "letters ad colligendum;"
and the party to whom they are granted, a
“collector.”

An administrator ad colligendum is the
mere agent or officer of the court to collect
and preserve the goods of the deceased unless
some one is clothed with authority to admin-
ister them, and cannot complain that another
is appointed administrator in chief. Flora v.
Mennice, 12 Ala. 536.

Ancillary administration is auxiliary and
subordinate to the administration at the place
of the decedent’s domicile; it may be taken
out in any foreign state or country where as-
sets are locally situated, and is merely for
the purpose of collecting such assets and pay-
ing debts there.

Cum testamento annexo. Administration
with the will annexed. Administration
granted in cases where a testator makes a
will, without naming any executor; or
where the executors who are named in the
will are incompetent to act, or refuse to act;
or in case of the death of the executors, or
the survivor of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 503, 604.

De bonis non. Administration of the goods
not administered. Administration granted
for the purpose of administering such of the
goods of a deceased person as were not ad-
mnistered by the former executor or admin-
istrator. 2 Bl. Comm. 300; Sims v. Waters,
65 Ala. 442; Clemens v. Walker, 40 Ala. 198;
Tecker v. Horner, 10 Phila. (Pa.) 122.

De bonis non cum testamento annexo.
That which is granted when an executor dies
leaving a part of the estate unadministered.
Conklin v. Egerton, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 430;
Clemens v. Walker, 40 Ala. 122.

Durante absentia. That which is granted
during the absence of the executor and until
he has proved the will.

Durante minori aete. Where an infant is
made executor; in which case administration
with will annexed is granted to another,
during the minority of such executor, and
until he shall attain his lawful age to act.
See Godo. 102.

Foreign administration. That which is ex-
ercised by virtue of authority properly con-
ferred by a foreign power.

Pendente lite. Administration during the
suit. Administration granted during the
pendency of a suit touching the validity of a
will. 2 Bl. Comm. 503; Cole v. Wooden, 18
N. J. Law, 15, 20.

Public administration is such as is con-
ducted (in some jurisdictions) by an officer
called the public administrator, who is ap-
pointed to administer in cases where the in-
testate has left no person entitled to apply
for letters.

General administration. The grant of au-
thority to administer upon the entire estate of
a decedent, without restriction or limitation,
whether under the intestate laws or with
the will annexed. Clemens v. Walker,
40 Ala. 198.

Special administration. Authority to ad-
minister upon some few particular effects of
a decedent, as opposed to authority to ad-
minister his whole estate. In re Senate Bill,
12 Colo. 193, 21 P. 482; Clemens v. Walker,
40 Ala. 192.

Letters of Administration

The instrument by which an administrator
or administratrix is authorized by the probate
court, surrogate, or other proper officer, to
have the charge and administration of the
goods and chattels of an intestate. See
Mutual Ben. L. Ins. Co. v. Tisdale, 51 U. S.
245, 20 L. Ed. 314.

ADMINISTRATION SUIT. In English prac-
tice. A suit brought in chancery, by any one
interested, for administration of a decedent’s
estate, when there is doubt as to its solvency.
Stimson.

ADMINISTRATIVE. Pertaining to administra-
tion. Particularly, having the character
of executive or ministerial action. In this
sense, administrative functions or acts are
distinguished from such as are judicial. Peo-
1; Commonwealth v. Benn, 284 Pa. 421, 131
A. 253, 257; Ex parte Taylor, 68 Fla. 61, 66
So. 202, 205. Ann. Cas. 1916A, 701; Western
Union Telegraph Co. v. Tax Commission of
Ohio (D. C. Ohio) 21 F. (2d) 535, 535; Blue
Bus Co. v. Marshall, 116 Ohio St. 116, 155 N.
E. 614. Synonymous with “executive.”
An administrative act concerns daily affairs as
distinguished from permanent matters.
People v. Graham, 70 Colo. 509, 203 P. 277,
278.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW. That branch of
public law which deals with the various or-
gans of the sovereign power considered as in
motion, and prescribes in detail the manner
of their activity, being concerned with such
topics as the collection of the revenue, the
regulation of the military and naval forces,
citizenship and naturalization, sanitary mea-
ures, poor laws, coinage, police, the public
safety and morals, etc. See Holl. Jur. 305–
307.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. Politically
and as used in constitutional law, an officer
of the executive department of government,
and generally one of inferior rank; legally,
a ministerial or executive officer, as distinguished
from a judicial officer. People v. Salisbury,
134 Mich. 537, 96 N. W. 936.

ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY. One not judi-
cial, but provided by commission or board
created by legislative power. Kansas City
Southern R. Co. v. Ogden Levee Dist. (C. C.
A. Ark.) 15 F. (2d) 637, 642.

ADMINISTRATOR, in the most usual sense
of the word, is a person to whom letters of
administration, that is, an authority to ad-
minister the estate of a deceased person, have been granted by the proper court. He resembles an executor, but, being appointed by the court, and not by the deceased, he has to give security for the due administration of the estate, by entering into a bond with sureties, called the administration bond. Smith v. Gentry, 16 Ga. 51; Collamore v. Wilder, 19 Kan. 78.

By the law of Scotland the father is what is called the "administrator-in-law" for his children. As such, he is ipso jure their tutor while they are pupils, and their curator during their minority. The father's power extends over whatever estate may descend to his children, unless where that estate has been placed by the donor or grantor under the charge of special trustees or managers. This power in the father ceases by the child's discontinuing to reside with him, unless he continues to live at the father's expense; and with regard to daughters, it ceases on their marriage, the husband being the legal curator of his wife. Bell.

**In the Civil Law**

A manager or conductor of affairs, especially the affairs of another, in his name or behalf. A manager of public affairs in behalf of others. Calvin. A public officer, ruler, or governor. Nov. 95, cl.; Cod. 12, 8.

**Domestic Administrator**

One appointed at the place of the domicile of the decedent; distinguished from a foreign or an ancillary administrator.

**Foreign Administrator**

One appointed or qualified under the laws of a foreign state or country, where the decedent was domiciled.

**Public Administrator**

An official provided for by statute in some states to administer upon the property of intestates in certain cases. See Rocca v. Thompson, 223 U. S. 317, 32 S. Ct. 207, 56 L. Ed. 433.

**ADMINISTRATRIX.** A woman who administers, or to whom letters of administration have been granted.

**ADMINISTRAVIT.** Lat. He has administered. Used in the phrase pleno administravit, which is the name of a plea by an executor or administrator to the effect that he has "fully administered" (lawfully disposed of) all the assets of the estate that have come to his hands.

**ADMLR.**

**In Old English Law**

A high officer or magistrate that had the government of the king's navy, and the hearing of all causes belonging to the sea. Cowell.

**In the Navy**

Admiräl is also the title of high naval officers; they are of various grades,—rear admiral, vice-admiral, admiral, admiral of the fleet, the last named being the highest. But by Act of Jan. 24, 1873 (17 Stat. 418), certain grades ceased to exist when the offices became vacant.

**ADMIRALITAS.** L. Lat. Admiralty; the admiralty, or court of admiralty.

**In European Law**

An association of private armed vessels for mutual protection and defense against pirates and enemies.

**ADMIRALTY.** A court which has a very extensive jurisdiction of maritime causes, civil and criminal, controversies arising out of acts done upon or relating to the sea, and questions of prize. It is properly the successor of the consular courts, which were emphatically the courts of merchants and sea-going persons, established in the principal maritime cities on the revival of commerce after the fall of the Western Empire, to supply the want of tribunals that might decide causes arising out of maritime commerce.

Also, the system of jurisprudence relating to and growing out of the jurisdiction and practice of the admiralty courts.

**In English Law**

The court of the admiral, perhaps erected by Edward III, 5 Bla. Comm. 69, or as early as the time of Henry I.

The building where the lords of the admiralty transact business.

See Admiralty, First Lord of the.

**In American Law**

ADMISSIBILITY. Pertinent and proper to be considered in reaching a decision. Used with reference to the issues to be decided in any judicial proceeding. As applied to evidence, the term means that it is of such a character that the court or judge is bound to receive it; that is, allow it to be introduced.

ADMISSION.

To Practise as Attorney at Law

The act by which attorneys and counsellors become recognized as officers of the court and are allowed to practice.

Of Testimony or Evidence

Admission or concession by a party in pleading or as evidence. See Admissions.

To Membership In Corporation

The act of a corporation or company by which an individual acquires the rights of a member of such corporation or company.

To Bail

The order of a competent court or magistrate that a person accused of crime be discharged from actual custody upon the taking of bail. Comp. Laws Nev. 1900, § 4460 (Comp. Laws 1829, § 11100); Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 1492 (Code 1890, § 13-1301); People v. Solomon, 5 Utah, 277, 15 Pac. 4; Shelby County v. Simmons, 33 Iowa, 345. Admitting to bail is a judicial act; and by "allowing bail" or "admitting to bail" is not meant the formal justification, subscription, or acknowledgment by the sureties, the term first mentioned relating to the order determining that the offense is bailable and fixing the amount of undertaking, and "taking the bail" meaning the final acceptance or approval of it by the court. Cлатоп County v. Wuoio, 95 Or. 30, 186 P. 547.

In English Ecclesiastical Law

The act of the bishop, who, on approval of the clerk presented by the patron, after examination, declares him fit to serve the cure of the church to which he is presented, by the words "admissit te habitem," I admit thee able. Co. Litt. 344a; 4 Coke, 79; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 183, § 123. ADMISSIONALIS. In European law. An usher. Spelman.

ADMISSIONS.

Confessions, concessions or voluntary acknowledgments made by a party of the existence of certain facts. Roosevelt v. Smith, 40 N. Y. S. 381, 11 Misc. 323. More accurately regarded, they are statements by a party, or some one identified with him in legal interest, of the existence of a fact which is relevant to the cause of his adversary. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. Stovall-Pace Co., 30 Ga. App. 326, 118 S. E. 62, 63. They are against the interest of the party making them. Burkhart v. Millikan, 76 Ind. App. 480, 130 N. E. 387, 389; Little Fy Oil Co. v. Stanley, 90 Okl. 265, 217 P. 377, 378.

The term "admission" is usually applied to civil transactions and to those matters of fact in criminal cases which do not involve criminal intent, while the term "confession" is generally restricted to acknowledgments of guilt. People v. Velaar, 59 Cal. 457; Colburn v. Groton, 69 N. H. 151, 28 Atl. 96, 22 L. R. A. 763; State v. Porter, 35 Or. 135, 49 P. 954; People v. Fowler, 173 Cal. 366, 157 P. 386, 387; State v. Stevens, 60 Mont. 390, 160 P. 266, 268; State v. Weston, 102 Or. 102, 20 P. 1085, 1087; State v. Cook, 188 Iowa, 655, 175 N. W. 674, 676; Pringle v. State, 198 Miss. 923, 67 S. 465, 457; People v. Rupert, 316 Ill. 38, 146 N. E. 458, 459; Commonwealth v. Hayward, 247 Mass. 13, 141 N. E. 571, 572; Bates v. Commonwealth, 184 Ky. 1, 174 S. W. 766, 797; Parrish v. State, 90 Fla. 25, 105 So. 139, 138; Bessey v. State, 23 Ga. App. 544, 112 S. E. 168; State v. Lindsey, 20 N. M. 526, 194 P. 877, 878.

Direct, called also express, admissions are those which are made in direct terms. Implied admissions are those which result from some act or failure to act of the party. Incidental admissions are those made in some other connection, or involved in the admission of some other fact. Judicial admissions are those made in court by a person's attorney for the purpose of being used as a substitute for the regular legal evidence of the facts at the trial. Probst v. St. Louis Basket & Box Co., 200 Mo. App. 506, 207 S. W. 891, judgment affirmed State ex rel. St. Louis Basket & Box Co. v. Reynolds, 254 Mo. 372, 224 S. W. 401; Clark-Montana Realty Co. v. Butte & Superior Copper Co. (D. C.) 253 F. 547, aff Butte & Superior Copper Co. v. Clark-Montana Realty Co., 218 F. 600, 140 C. A. 599, cert den Butte & Superior Copper Co. v. Clark-Montana Realty Co., 23 S. Ct. 581, 247 U. S. 516, 52 L. Ed. 1243, aff 23 S. Ct. 231, 249 U. S. 12, 63 L. Ed. 417; People v. Pretswein, 167 N. W. 1000, 202 Mich. 1; Martin v. State (Okl. Cr. App.) 257 P. 424. Such as are made voluntarily by a party, which appear of record in the proceedings of the court. Formal acts done by a party or his attorney in court on the trial of a cause for the purpose of dispensing with proof by the opposing party of some fact claimed by the latter to be true. Wiley v. Rutland R. Co., 86 Vt. 504, 86 A. 806, 810. See Acquiescence; Quasi-Admissions.
In Pleading

The acknowledgment or recognition by one party of the truth of some matter alleged by the opposite party, made in a pleading, the effect of which is to narrow the area of facts or allegations required to be proved by evidence. Connecticut Hospital v. Brookfield, 69 Conn. 1, 36 Atl. 1017.

In Equity. Partial admissions are those which are delivered in terms of uncertainty, mixed up with explanatory or qualifying circumstances.

Pleasant admissions are those which admit the truth of the matter without qualification, whether it be asserted as from information and belief or as from actual knowledge. See Burrell v. Hackley, 35 F. 533; Schnaufer v. Aste, 148 F. 867; Gouwens v. Gouwens, 222 Ill. 223, 78 N. E. 507, 113 Am. St. Rep. 395; Perry v. United States School Furniture Co., 292 Ill. 103, 93 N. E. 444; Town of Punta Gorda v. Charlotte Realty & Investment Co., 93 Fla. 253, 111 So. 631.

At Law. In pleadings in confession and avoidance, admission of the truth of the opposite party's pleading is made.

Express admissions may be made of matters of fact only. See Confession and Avoidance.

ADMIT. To allow, receive, or take; to suffer one to enter; to give possession; to license. Gregory v. United States, 17 Blatchf. 223, 10 Fed. Cas. 1105.

"Admits," as used in Immigration Act, § 19 (8 USCA § 150), providing for deportation of alien who admits the commission of a felony, means an unequivocal acknowledgment of guilt. Ex parte Tosi (D. C. Mis.) 2 F. (2d) 268, 269. See Admissions; Admittance.

ADMITTANCE. In English law. The act of giving possession of a copyhold estate. It is of three kinds: (1) Upon a voluntary grant by the lord, where the land has escheated or reverted to him. (2) Upon surrender by the former tenant. (3) Upon descent, where the heir is tenant on his ancestor's death. 2 Bla. Comm. 383.

ADMITTENDO CLERICO. An old English writ issuing to the bishop to establish the right of the Crown to make a presentation to a benefice. A writ of execution upon a right of presentation to a benefice being recovered in quare impedit, addressed to the bishop or his metropolitan, requiring him to admit and institute the clerk or precentor of the plaintiff. Reg. Orig. 39a.

ADMITTENDO IN SOCIUM. A writ for associating certain persons, as knights and other gentlemen of the county, to justices of assize on the circuit. Reg. Orig. 206.


ADMONITION. A reprimand from a judge to a person accused, on being discharged, warning him of the consequences of his conduct, and intimating to him that, should he be guilty of the same fault for which he has been admonished, he will be punished with greater severity. Merlin, Répertoire. The admonition was authorized as a species of punishment for slight misdemeanors. In ecclesiastical law, this is the lightest form of punishment.

Any authoritative oral communication, or statement by way of advice or caution by the court to the jury respecting their duty or conduct as jurors, the admissibility or nonadmissibility of evidence, or the purpose for which any evidence admitted may be considered by them. Miller v. Noell, 153 Ky. 659, 257 S. W. 373, 374.

ADMONITO TRINA. The threefold warning given to a prisoner who stood mute, before he was subjected to peine forte et dure (q. v.). 4 Bl. Comm. 325; 4 Steph. Comm. 391.

ADMORTIZATION. The reduction of property of lands or tenements to mortmain, in the feudal customs.

ADM'R. This abbreviation will be judicially presumed to mean "administrator." Moseley v. Martin, 87 Ala. 216, 221.

ADNEPOS. The son of a great-great-grandson. Calvinus, Lex.

ADNEPTIS. The daughter of a great-great-granddaughter. Calvinus, Lex.

ADNICHILED. Annulled, canceled, made void. 25 Hen. VIII.

ADNIHILARE. In old English law. To annul; to make void; to reduce to nothing; to treat as nothing; to hold as or for nought.

ADNOTATIO. In the civil law. The subscription of a name or signature to an instrument. Cod. 4, 19, 5, 7.

A rescript (q. v.) of the prince or emperor, signed with his own hand, or sign-manual. Cod. 1, 19, 1. "In the imperial law, casual homicide was excused by the indulgence of the emperor, signed with his own sign-manual, annotatione principis." 4 Bl. Comm. 187.

ADOBE. Earth. In arid or desert regions, an alluvial or playa clay from which bricks are made for construction of houses, called "adobe" houses. See Sweeney v. Jackson County, 93 Or. 96, 178 P. 365, 376.

ADOLESCENCE. That age which follows puberty and precedes the age of majority. It commences for males at fourteen, and for females at twelve years, and continues until twenty-one years complete.
ADOPT. To accept, appropriate, choose, or select; to make one's own (property or act) which was not so originally.

To adopt a route for the transportation of the mail means to take the steps necessary to cause the mail to be transported over that route. Rhodes v. U. S., Dev. Cl. Ct. 47. To adopt a contract is to accept it as binding, notwithstanding some defect which entitles the party to repudiate it. Thus, when a person affirms a voidable contract, or ratifies a contract made by his agent beyond his authority, he is sometimes said to adopt it. Sweet. Surely, however, the word "adopt" should be used to apply to void transactions, while the word "ratify" should be limited to the final approval of a voidable transaction by one who theretofore had the optional right to relieve himself from its obligations. Cossen Oil & Gas Co. v. Hendrickson, 96 Okl. 206, 231 P. 96, 99; United German Silver Co. v. Brenson, 22 Conn. 266, 102 A. 647, 648. "Adoption" of a contract by one not a party thereto is mere nature of a novation. Edwards v. Heralds of Liberty, 233 Pa. 548, 107 A. 305, 306. See Affirm.

To accept, consent to, and put into effective operation; as in the case of a constitution, constitutional amendment, ordinance, or by-law. Real v. People, 42 N. Y. 282; People v. Norton, 59 Barb. (N. Y.) 101.

Adopting a Code. Legislature's employment of such words imports an intention to incorporate into a statute, or to enact and make of force as a statute, every provision in the entire work under consideration. City of Albany v. Nix, 21 Ala. App. 164, 106 So. 129, 200; Raugh v. City of La Grange, 161 Ga. 80, 130 S. E. 69, 71.


Adoption of children was a thing unknown to the common law; but it was a common practice under the Roman law and in those countries where the Roman law prevails, as France and Spain. Modern statutes authorizing adoption are taken from the civil law, and to that extent modify the rules of the common law as to the succession of property. Butterfield v. Sawyer, 187 Ill. 269, 60 N. E. 113, 52 L. A. 75, 79 Am. St. Rep. 246; Vidal v. Conmagaza, 11 La. Ann. 516; Eckford v. Knox, 67 Tex. 200, 2 S. W. 372.

Adoption and legitimation. Adoption, properly speaking, refers only to persons who are strangers in blood (In re Landers' Estate, 136 N. Y. S. 1035, 1038, 100 Misc. 625; Marshall v. Marshall, 136 Cal. 791, 239 P. 36, 37), and is not synonymous with "legitimation," which refers to persons of the same blood. Where one acknowledges his illegitimate child and takes it into his family and treats it as if it were legitimate, it is not properly an "adoption" but a "legitimation." Blithy v. Ayres, 96 Cal. 182, 31 P. 515, 19 L. R. A. 40. But this distinction is not always observed. In re Presby's Estate, 113 Okt. 190, 240 P. 89, 90.

To accept an alien as a citizen or member of a community or state and invest him with corresponding rights and privileges, either (in general and untechnical parlance) by naturalization, or by an act equivalent to naturalization, as where a white man is "adopted" by an Indian tribe. Hampton v. Mays, 4 Ind. T. 503, 69 S. W. 1115.

ADOPTION. The act of one who takes another's child into his own family, treating him as his own, and giving him all the rights and duties of his own child. See In re Chambers' Estate, 153 N. Y. S. 625, 628, 112 Misc. 551. A juridical act creating between two persons certain relations, purely civil, of paternity and filiation. 6 Demol. § 1. The relation thereby created is a statutory status, not a contractual relation. Ellis v. Nevius Coal Co., 100 Kan. 187, 163 P. 654; Wells v. Zenz, 83 Cal. App. 137, 255 P. 484, 487. Though legal adoption may confer on person adopted rights of actual relationship of child, simple "adoption" extends only to his treatment as member of the household. Zimmerman v. Thomas, 152 Md. 283, 136 A. 637, 638; Ellis v. Nevius Coal Co., 100 Kan. 187, 163 P. 654. See, also, Adopt.

ADOPTIVE ACT. An act of legislation which comes into operation within a limited area upon being adopted, in manner prescribed therein, by the inhabitants of that area.

ADOPTIVUS. Lat. Adoptive. Applied both to the parent adopting and the child adopted. Inst. 2, 13, 4; 1d. 3, 1, 10-14.

ADPROMISSOR. In the civil and Scotch law. A guarantor, surety, or cautioner; a peculiar species of fiadeusor; one who adds his own promise to the promise given by the principal debtor, whence the name.

ADQUIETO. Payment. Blunt.

ADRECTARE. To set right, satisfy, or make amends.

ADRHAMIRE. In old European law. To undertake, declare, or promise solemnly; to pledge; to pledge one's self to make oath. Speelman.

ADRIFT. Sea-weed, between high and low water-mark, which has not been deposited on the shore, and which during flood-tide is moved by each rising and receding wave, is adrift, although the bottom of the mass may touch the beach. Anthony v. Gifford, 2 Allen (Mass.) 549.

ADROGATION. In the civil law. The adoption of one who was impubes; that is, if a male, under fourteen years of age; if a female, under twelve. Dig. 1, 7, 17, 1.

ADS. An abbreviation for ad sectum (q. v.), meaning "at the suit of." Bowen v. Sewing Mach. Co., 56 Ill. 11.

ADSCENDENTES. Lat. In the civil law. Descendants. Dig. 23, 2, 68; Cod. 5, 5, 6.

ADSCRIPTI. See Adscriptus.
ADSCRIPTI GLEBÆ. Slaves who served the master of the soil, who were annexed to the land, and passed with it when it was conveyed. Calvinus, Lex.

In Scotland, as late as the reign of George III., laborers in colliers and salt works were bound to the coal-pit or salt work in which they were engaged, in a manner similar to that of the adscripti of the Romans. Bell. These servis adscripti (or adscriptitii) glebes held the same position as the villicus regarding of the Normans; 2 Bla. Com. 82. See 1 Poll. & Malt. 372.

ADSCRIPTITII. Lat. A species of serfs or slaves. See 1 Poll. & Malt. 372.

Those persons who were enrolled and liable to be drafted as legionary soldiers. Calvinus, Lex.

ADSCRIPTUS. In the civil law. Added, annexed, or bound by or in writing; enrolled, registered; united, joined, annexed, bound to, generally. Servus colonus adscriptus, a slave annexed to an estate as a cultivator. Dig. 19, 2, 54, 2. Fundus adscriptus, an estate bound to, or burdened with a duty. Cod. 11, 2, 3.

ADSESSORES. Side judges. Assistants or advisers of the regular magistrates, or appointed as their substitutes in certain cases. Calvinus, Lex. See Assessor.

ADSTIPULATOR. In Roman law. An accessory party to a promise, who received the same promise as his principal did, and could equally receive and exact payment; or he only stipulated for a part of that for which the principal stipulated, and then his rights were coextensive with the amount of his own stipulation. One who supplied the place of a procurator at a time when the law refused to allow stipulations to be made by procuration. Sandars, Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 348.

ADULT. In the Civil Law

A male infant who has attained the age of fourteen; a female infant who has attained the age of twelve. Dom. Liv. Prel. tit. 2, § 2, n. 8.

In the Common Law

One who has attained the legal age of majority, generally 21 years, though in some states women are legally "adults" at 18. Scheuault v. State, 10 Tex. App. 410; George v. State, 11 Tex. App. 95; Wilson v. Lawrence, 70 Ark. 540, 69 S. W. 570.

ADULTER. Lat. One who corrupts; one who seduces another man's wife. Adulter solidorum. A corruptor of metals; a counterfeiter. Calvinus, Lex.

ADULTERA. In the civil law. An adulteress; a woman guilty of adultery. Dig. 48, 5, 4, pr.; Id. 48, 5, 15, 8.

ADULTERATION. The act of corrupting or debasing; the act of mixing something impure or spurious with something pure or genuine, or an inferior article with a superior one of the same kind. State v. Norton, 24 N. C. 40. The term is generally applied to the act of mixing up with food or drink intended to be sold other matters of an inferior quality, and usually of a more or less deleterious quality. Grosvenor v. Duffy, 121 Mich. 220, 80 N. W. 19; Com. v. Hufnul, 185 Pa. 376, 39 A. 1652; People v. West, 44 Hun (N. Y.) 152.

ADULTERATOR. Lat. A corrupter. In the civil law. A forger; a counterfeiter. Adulteratores monetae, counterfeiters of money. Dig. 48, 19, 16, 9.

ADULTERINE. Begotten In an adulterous intercourse. Those are not deemed adulterine who are begotten of a woman openly married through ignorance of a former wife being alive. In the Roman and canon law, adulterine bastards were distinguished from such as were the issue of two unmarried persons, and the former were treated with more severity, not being allowed the status of natural children, and being ineligible to holy orders.


ADULTERINE GUILDS. Traders acting as a corporation without a charter, and paying a fine annually for permission to exercise their usurped privileges. Smith, Wealth Nat. b. 1, c. 10.

ADULTERIUM. A fine anciently imposed for the commission of adultery.

ADULTEROUS BASTARDS. Those produced by an unlawful connection between two persons, who at the time of the child was conceived, were, either of them or both, connected by marriage with some other person. Civil Code La. art. 182.


A wife did not commit "adultery" where, due to insanity, the element of intent was lacking. Laido v. Laido, 177 N. Y. S. 396, 198 App. Div. 886. It is sometimes said that the term "adultery" has no technical meaning in law distinct from its ordinary sense. State v. Hart, 30 N. D. 363, 153 N. W. 672, 673.

In some states, however, as was also true under the Roman and Jewish law, this crime is committed only when the woman is married to a third person; the unlawful commerce of a married man with an unmarried woman not being the grade of adul-
tery. Com. v. Call, 21 Pick. (Mass.) 599, 32 Am. Dec. 284, and note; Com. v. Etwell, 2 Metc. 190, 39 Am. Dec. 338. In other jurisdictions, both parties are guilty of adultery, even though only one of them is married. Goddard v. State, 158 S. W. 274, 275, 70 Tex. Civ. R. 600; State v. Alamanos, 104 Ark. 66, 67, 7 Boyce (Del.) 135. In some jurisdictions, also, a distinction is made between double and single adultery, the former being committed where both parties are married to other persons, the latter where only one is so married. State v. Fowell, 59 Wis. 55, 6 N. W. 239; State v. Searle, 56 Vt. 518; State v. Lewis, 16 N. J. Law, 280, 32 Am. Dec. 337; Hood v. State, 55 Ind. 352, 28 Am. Rep. 21; State v. Connoway, Tapp. (Ohio) 99; State v. Weatherby, 43 Mo. 258, 69 Am. Dec. 53; Hunter v. U. S., 1 Pin. (Wis.) 9, 39 Am. Dec. 277.

The term "criminal conversation" (q.v.). In its general and comprehensive sense, is synonymous with "adultery" (Rash v. Pratt, 1 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 18, 111 A. 265, 228) but in its more limited and technical significance it is adultery in the aspect of a tort. Turner v. Heerlin, 152 Ky. 85, 208 S. W. 23, 4 A. L. R. 562.

Open and Notorious Adultery

To constitute living in open and notorious adultery, the parties must reside together publicly in the face of society, as if conjugal relations existed between them, and their so living and the fact that they are not husband and wife must be known in the community. Gill v. State, 32 Okl. Cr. 278, 240 P. 1075, 1076; Burns v. State, 17 Okl. Cr. 26, 182 P. 739, 740; Copeland v. State, 133 P. 258, 10 Okl. Cr. 1. See, also, People v. Stern, 207 Ill. App. 154; McCullough v. State, 107 Tex. Cr. R. 258, 296 S. W. 530.

ADVANCE, v. To pay money or render other value before it is due; to furnish something before an equivalent is received; to loan; to furnish capital in aid of a projected enterprise, in expectation of return from it. Powell v. Allan, 70 Cal. App. 665, 204 P. 369, 344; Howland v. Jacobs (Mo. Sup.) 223 Mo. 285, 287; William F. Mosser Co. v. Cherry River Boom & Lumber Co., 290 Pa. 67, 138 A. 85, 87.

An agreement to "advance" money for personal property implies a loan with property as pledge, rather than a payment of purchase money in sale. Shelley v. Byers, 73 Cal. App. 44, 238 P. 177, 182.


"Advancement," unlike "ademption" (q.v.), applies only to cases of intestacy. Ellard v. Ferris, 91 Ohio St. 320, 119 N. E. 476, 479, L. R. A. 1916C, 618; Harper v. Harris (C. A. A. N. M.) 264 F. 44, 46, 32 A. L. R. 727. To constitute an "advancement," the donor must irrevocably part with his title in the subject-matter, and such title must become vested in the donees during the lifetime of the donor. Greene v. Greene, 145 Miss. 87, 119 So. 218, 222, 49 A. L. R. 955. Whether there was an advancement or not depends on the intention of the donor. Leach v. Leach, 162 Minn. 153, 226 N. W. 448, 449; Payne v. Payne, 125 Va. 55, 104 S. E. 713, 714.

An advancement, as its legal accretion, does not involve the idea of obligation or future liability to answer. It is a pure and irrevocable gift made by a parent to a child in anticipation of such child's future share of the parent's estate. In re Long's Estate, 254 Pa. 379, 39 A. 1066, 1076; Fell v. Bradshaw, 336 Iowa, 106, 215 N. W. 395; Appeal of Yundt, 13 Pa. 590, 23 Am. Dec. 496. An advancement is any provision by a parent made to and accepted by a child out of his estate, either in money or property, during his life-time, over and above the obligation of the parent for maintenance and education. Code Ga. 1883, § 2079 (Civ. Code 1925, § 4032). An "advancement by portion," within the meaning of the statute, is a sum given by a parent to establish a child in life, (as by starting him in business,) or to make a provision for the child, (as on the marriage of a daughter). L. R. 29 Eq. 156. See Ademption; Gift.

ADVANCES. Moneys paid before or in advance of the proper time of payment; money or commodities furnished on credit; a loan or gift, or money advanced to be repaid conditionally. Vall v. Vall, 10 Barb. (N.Y.) 69; Laffin, etc., Powder Co. v. Burkhardt, 97 U. S. 110, 24 L. Ed. 373.

This word, when taken in its strict legal sense, does not mean gifts, (advancements), and does mean a sort of loan; and, when taken in its ordinary and usual sense, it includes both loans and gifts,—loans more readily, perhaps, than gifts. Nolan v. Bolton, 25 Ga. 355; Linderman v. Carmine, 255 Mo. 62, 164 S. W. 614, 617; Landrum & Co. v. Wright, 11 Ala. App. 406, 80 So. 892.

Payments advanced to the owner of property by a factor or broker on the price of goods which the latter has in his hands, or is to receive, for sale.

"Loans" are repayable at maturity, while "advances" are not repayable by party receiving them, but are covered by proceeds of consigned goods. People ex rel. James Talcott, Inc., v. Goldfogel, 211 N. Y. S. 122, 123, 215 App. Div. 723.


ADVENA. In Roman law. One of foreign birth, who has left his own country and settled elsewhere, and who has not acquired citizenship in his new locality; often called aliquus. Du Cange.

ADVENT. A period of time recognized by the English common and ecclesiastical law, beginning on the Sunday that falls either upon St. Andrew’s day, being the 30th of November, or the next to it, and continuing to Christmas day. Wharton.

ADVENTITIOUS. That which comes incidentally, fortuitously, or out of the regular course. “Adventitious value” of lands, see Central R. Co. v. State Board of Assessors, 40 N. J. Law, 1, 7 A. 506.

ADVENTITIOUS. Lat. Fortuitous; incidentally; coming from an unusual source. Adventitia bona are goods which fall to a man otherwise than by inheritance. Adventitia dos is a dowry or portion given by some friend other than the parent.

ADVENTURA. An adventure. 2 Mon. Angl. 615; Townsh. Pl. 50. Plotson, jetson, and lagon are styled adventure maris, (adventures of the sea.) Hale, De Jure Mar. pt. 1, c. 7.

ADVENTURE.

In Mercantile Law

Sending goods abroad under charge of a supercargo or other agent, at the risk of the sender, to be disposed of to the best advantage for the benefit of the owners.

The goods themselves so sent.

In Marine Insurance

A very usual word in policies of marine insurance, and everywhere used as synonymous, or nearly so, with “perils.” It is often used by the writers to describe the enterprise or voyage as a “marine adventure” insured against. Moores v. Louisville Underwriters (C. C.) 14 Fed. 233.

In General

—Adventure, bill of. In mercantile law. A writing signed by a merchant, stating that the property in goods shipped in his name belongs to another, to the adventure or chance of which the person so named is to stand, with a covenant from the merchant to account to him for the produce.

—Gross adventure. In maritime law. A loan on bottomry. So named because the lender, in case of a loss or expense incurred for the common safety, must contribute to the gross or general average.


ADVENTURER. One who undertakes uncertain or hazardous actions or enterprises. It is also used to denote one who seeks to advance his own interests by unscrupulous devices on the credulity of others. It has been held that to impute that a person is an adventurer is a libel; 18 L. J. C. P. 241.

ADVERSARIA. (From Lat. adversa, things remarked or ready at hand.) Rough memorandum, common-place books.

ADVERSARY. A litigant-opponent, the opposite party in a writ or action.

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING. One having opposing parties; contested, as distinguished from an ex parte application; one of which the party seeking relief has given legal warning to the other party, and afforded the latter an opportunity to contest it. Excludes an

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ADVERSE. Opposed; contrary; in resistance or opposition to a claim, application, or proceeding.

ADVERSE INTEREST. The "adverse interest" of a witness, so as to permit cross-examination by the party calling him, must be so involved in the event of the suit that a legal right or liability will be acquired, lost, or materially affected by the judgment, and must be such as would be promoted by the success of the adversary of the party calling him. Dinger v. Friedman, 279 Pa. 5, 123 A. 641, 643.


ADVERSE PARTY. An "adverse party" entitled to notice of appeal is every party whose interest in relation to the judgment or decree appealed from is in conflict with the modification or reversal sought by the appeal; every party interested in sustaining the judgment or decree. Harrigan v. Gleichrist, 121 Wis. 127, 99 N. W. 909; Mohr v. Byrne, 132 Cal. 265, 64 Pac. 257; Fitzgerald v. Cross, 50 Ohio St. 444; In re Clarke, 74 Minn. 8, 78 N. W. 700; Herriman v. Menzies, 115 Cal. 16, 44 Pac. 600, 35 L. R. A. 318, 56 Am. St. Rep. 81; Pacific Live Stock Co. v. Ellison Ranching Co., 45 Nev. 1, 192 P. 282; Wyoming Hereford Ranch v. Hammond Pacing Co., 31 Wyo. 222, P. 1927, 1028; Fairchild v. Plank, 189 Iowa, 639, 179 N. W. 64, 67; In re Chewaucan River, 89 Or. 659, 171 P. 402, 175 P. 421, 427; In re McGevenor's Estate, 77 Mont. 182, 250 P. 812, 815; Texas Employers' Ins. Ass'n v. Shilling (Tex. Com. App.) 289 S. W. 996, 997. Any party who would be prejudicially affected by a modification or reversal of the judgment appealed from. Wright v. Spencer, 38 Idaho, 447, 221 P. 846; Great Falls Natl. Bank v. Young, 67 Mont. 325, 215 P. 631, 632.


In a statute requiring that case-made shall be served on "opposing" party, opposite is synonymous with "adverse." In re Weh-shah-she-me-ten-he's Estate, 111 Okl. 177, 239 P. 177, 178. And the term "opposing party" is not necessarily confined to plaintiffs as against defendants, or vice versa. Liddorff v. Pfaum, 115 Or. 142, 236 P. 277; Arwood v. Hill's Ad'mrs, 115 Va. 233, 127 S. E. 603, 605.


ADVERSUS. In the civil law. Against, (contra.) Adversus bonos mores, against good morals. Dig. 47, 10, 15.

Adversus extraneos vitiosa possessio prodesse solet. Prior possession is a good title of ownership against all who cannot show a better. D. 41. 2. 53; Salmond, Jurispr. 638.


ADVERTISEMENT. Notice given in a manner designed to attract public attention; information communicated to the public, or to an individual concerned, as by handbills or the newspaper. Montford v. Allen, 111 Ga. 18, 38 S. E. 305; Haffner v. Barnard, 123 Ind. 429, 24 N. E. 152; Com. v. Johnson, 3 Pa. Dist. R. 222; People v. McKeen, 76 Cal. App. 114, 243 P. 808, 900; Fauntleroy v. Mardis, 123 Miss. 353, 85 So. 96, 97.

A sign-board, erected at a person's place of business, giving notice that lottery tickets are for sale there, is an "advertisement," within the meaning of a statute prohibiting the advertising of lottery tickets. Com. v. Hoover, 5 Pick. (Mass.) 42.

ADVERTISEMENTS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH. Certain articles or ordinances drawn up by Archbishop Parker and some of the bishops in 1564, at the request of Queen Elizabeth, the object of which was to enforce decency and uniformity in the ritual of the church. The queen subsequently refused to give her official sanction to these advertisements, and left them to be enforced by the bishops under their general powers. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 810; 2 Prob. Div. 276; Id. 354.

ADVICE. View; opinion; the counsel given by lawyers to their clients; an opinion expressed as to wisdom of future conduct.

The instruction usually given by one merchant or banker to another by letter, Inform-
ing him of shipments made to him, or of bills or drafts drawn on him, with particulars of date, or sight, the sum, and the payee. Bills presented for acceptance or payment are frequently dishonored for want of advice.

Letter of Advice

A communication from one person to another, advising or warning the latter of something which he ought to know, and commonly apprising him beforehand of some act done by the writer which will ultimately affect the recipient. It is usual and perfectly proper for the drawer of a bill of exchange to write a letter of advice to the drawee, as well to prevent fraud or alteration of the bill, as to let the drawee know what provision has been made for the payment of the bill. Chit. Bills, 162.

ADVOCARE, ADVISARI. Lat. To consult, deliberate, consider, advise; to be advised. Occurring in the phrase curia advisari vult, which see (usually abbreviated cur. ade. vult, or C. A. V.,) the court wishes to be advised, or, to consider of the matter.

ADVISE. To give an opinion or counsel, or recommend a plan or course of action; also to give notice. Long v. State, 23 Neb. 33, 36 N. W. 310. To encourage. Voris v. People, 75 Colo. 574, 227 P. 551, 553.

This term is not synonymous with "persuade" (Wilson v. State, 38 Ala. 411), or with "direct" or "instruct." Where a statute authorizes the trial court to advise the jury to acquit, the court has no power to instruct the jury to acquit. The court can only counsel, and the jury are not bound by the advice. People v. Horn, 70 Cal. 17, 11 P. 493. "Ad-"vice" imports that it is discretionary or optional with the person addressed whether he will act on such advice or not. State v. Downing, 23 Idaho, 549, 150 P. 461, 462; Brown v. Brown, 180 N. C. 433, 194 S. E. 889, 890.

ADVISED. Prepared to give judgment, after examination and deliberation. "The court took time to be advised." 1 Leon. 187.

ADVISEDLY. With deliberation; intentionally. 15 Moore F. C. 147.

ADVERSEMENT. Deliberation, consideration, consultation; the consultation of a court, after the argument of a cause by counsel, and before delivering their opinion. Clark v. Read, 5 N. J. Law, 486; In re Hoberst, 150 U. S. 662, 14 Sup. Ct. 221, 37 L. Ed. 1211.

ADVISORY. Counselling, suggesting, or advising, but not imperative or conclusive. A verdict on an issue out of chancery is advisory, Watt v. Starke, 101 U. S. 252, 25 L. Ed. 826.


ADVOCARE. Lat. To defend; to call to one's aid; to vouch; to warrant.

ADVOCASSIE. L. Fr. The office of an advocate; advocacy. Kelham.

ADVOCATA. In old English law. A patroness; a woman who had the right of presenting to a church. Spelman.

ADVOCATE, v. To speak in favor of; defend by argument. Ex parte Bernat (D. C.) 255 F. 429, 432.

ADVOCATE, n. One who assists, defends, or pleads for another; one who renders legal advice and aid and pleads the cause of another before a court.

A person learned in the law, and duly admitted to practice, who assists his client with advice, and pleads for him in open court. Holthouse.

An assistant; advisor; a pleader of causes.

Derived from advocare, to summon to one's assistance; advocatus originally signified an assistant or helper of any kind, even an accomplice in the commission of a crime; Cicero, Pro Caecina, c. 8; Livy, lib. II. 55; III. 47; Tertullian, De Idololatr. cap. xxiii.; Petron. Satyr. cap. xvi. Secondarily, it was applied to one called in to assist a party in the conduct of a suit; Inst. 1, 11, D. 50, 13. de extr. cogn. Hence, a pleader, which is its present signification.

In the Civil and Ecclesiastical Law

An officer of the court, learned in the law, who is engaged by a suitor to maintain or defend his cause.

In General

—Advocate general. The adviser of the crown in England on questions of naval and military law.

—Lord Advocate. The principal crown lawyer in Scotland, and one of the great officers of state of Scotland. It is his duty to act as public prosecutor; but private individuals injured may prosecute upon obtaining his concurrence. He is assisted by a solicitor general and four junior counsel, termed "advocates-depute." He has the power of appearing as public prosecutor in any court in Scotland, where any person can be tried for an offense, or in any action where the crown is interested. Wharton.

—Queen's advocate. A member of the College of Advocates, appointed by letters patent, whose office is to advise and act as counsel for the crown in questions of civil, canon, and international law. His rank is next after the solicitor general.

ADVOCATI. Lat. In Roman law. Patrons; pleaders; speakers.

ADVOCATI ECCLESIE. Advocates of the church. A term used in the ecclesiastical law to denote the patrons of churches who presented to the living on an avoidance. This term was also applied to those who were retained to argue the cases of the church. These were of two sorts: those retained as pleaders
to argue the cases of the church and attend to its law-matters; and advocates, or patrons of the advowson. Cowell; Spelman, Gloss.

**ADVICATI FISCI.** In civil law. Those chosen by the emperor to argue his cause whenever a question arose affecting his revenues. 3 Bla. Comm. 27. Advocates of the fisc, or revenue; fiscal advocates, (qui causam fiscet epissent.) Cod. 2, 9, 1; Id. 2, 7, 13. Answering, in some measure, to the king's counsel in English law.

**ADVCATIA.** In the civil law. The quality, function, privilege, or territorial jurisdiction of an advocate. The functions, duty, or privilege of an advocate. Du Cange, Advocatia.

**ADVOCATION.** In Scotch law. A process by which an action may be carried from an inferior to a superior court before final judgment in the former.

**ADVOCATIONE DECIMARUM.** A writ which lay for tithes, demanding the fourth part or upwards, that belonged to any church.

**ADVOCATOR.**

In Old Practice

One who called on or vouched another to warrant a title; a voucher. Advocatus; the person called on, or vouched; a voychee. Spelman; Townsh. Pl. 45.

In Scotch Practice

An appellant. 1 Broun, R. 67.

**ADVOCATUS.** A pleader; a narrator. Bracton, 412 a, 372 b.

In the civil law. An advocate; one who managed or assisted in managing another's cause before a judicial tribunal. Called also "patronus." Cod. 2, 7, 14. But distinguished from causidicus. Id. 2, 6, 6.

**ADVOCATUS DIABOLI.** In ecclesiastical law. The devil's advocate; the advocate who argues against the canonization of a saint.

Advocatus est, ad quem pertinet jus adversationis alienius ecclesia, ut ad ecclesiam, nomine proprie, non alieno, possit præsente. A patron is he to whom appertains the right of presentation to a church, in such a manner that he may present to such a church in his own name, and not in the name of another. Co. Litt. 119.


**ADVOUTRY.** In old English law. Adultery between parties both of whom were married. Hunter v. U. S., 1 Pin. (Wis.) 91, 39 Am. Dec. 277. Or the offense by an adulteress of continuing to live with the man with whom she committed the adultery. Cowell; Termes de la Ley. Sometimes spelled "advowtry." See Advoutrer.

**ADVOWEE, or ADVOWEE.** The person or patron who has a right to present to a benefice. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 14.

**ADVOWEE PARAMOUNT.** The sovereign, or highest patron.

**ADVOWSON.** In English ecclesiastical law. The right of presentation to a church or ecclesiastical benefice; the right of presenting a fit person to the bishop, to be by him admitted and instituted to a certain benefice within the diocese, which has become vacant. 2 Bl. Comm. 21; Co. Litt. 119 b, 120 a. The person enjoying this right is called the "patron" (patronus) of the church, and was formerly termed "advocatus," the advocate or defender, or in English, "advowee." Id.; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 129, § 117.

He who possesses this right is called the patron or advocate. When there is no patron, or he neglects to exercise his right within six months, it is called a lapsed, and a title is given to the ordinary to collate to a church: when a presentation is made by one who has no right, it is called a usurpation.

**Advowsons are of different kinds, viz.:**

—**Advowson appendant.** An advowson annexed to a manor, and passing with it, as incident or appendant to it, by a grant of the manor only, without adding any other words. 2 Bl. Comm. 22; Co. Litt. 120, 121; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 130, § 118.

—**Advowson collative.** Where the bishop happens himself to be the patron, in which case (presentation being impossible, or unnecessary) he does by one act, which is termed "collation," or conferring the benefice, all that is usually done by the separate acts of presentation and institution. 2 Bl. Comm. 22, 23; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 131, § 119.

—**Advowson deanative.** Where the patron has the right to put his clerk in possession by his mere gift, or deed of donation, without any presentation to the bishop, or Institution by him. 2 Bl. Comm. 29; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 131, § 119.

—**Advowson in gross.** An advowson separated from the manor, and annexed to the person. 2 Bl. Comm. 22; Co. Litt. 120; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 130, § 118; 3 Steph. Comm. 116.

—**Advowson presentative.** The usual kind of advowson, where the patron has the right of presentation to the bishop, or ordinary, and moreover to demand of him to institute his clerk, if he finds him canonically qualified. 2 Bl. Comm. 22; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 131, § 119.

**ADVOWTRY.** See Advoutry.

**ÆDES.** Lat. In the civil law. A house, dwelling, temple, place of habitation, whether in the city or country. Dig. 30, 41, 5. In the country everything upon the surface of the soil passed under the term "ædes." Du Cange; Calvin.
ÆDIFICARE. Lat. In civil and old English law. To make or build a house; to erect a building. Dig. 45, 1, 75, 7.

Ædificare in tuo proprio solo non liceat quad alteri noceat. 3 Inst. 201. To build upon your own land what may injure another is not lawful.

A proprietor of land has no right to erect an edifice on his own ground, interfering with the due enjoyment of adjoining premises, as by overlooking them, or by throwing water from the roof and eaves upon them, or by obstructing ancient lights and windows. Broom, Max. 360.

Ædificatum solo solo edit. What is built upon land belongs to or goes with land. Broom, Max. 172; Co. Litt. 4a.


ÆDILE. In Roman law. An officer who attended to the repairs of the temples and other public buildings; the repairs and cleanliness of the streets; the care of the weights and measures; the providing for funerals and games; and to regulating the prices of provisions. Alnsworth, Lex.; Smith, Lex.; Du Cange.

ÆDILITUM EDICTUM. In the Roman law. The Ædilitan Edict; an edict providing remedies for frauds in sales, the execution of which belonged to the curule Ædiles. Dig. 21, 1. See Cod. 4. 68.

That provision by which the buyer of a diseased or imperfect slave, horse, or other animal was relieved at the expense of the vendor who had sold him as sound knowing him to be imperfect. Calvinus, Lex.

ÆFESN. In old English law. The remuneration to the proprietor of a domain for the privilege of feeding swine under the oaks and beechees of his woods.

ÆGROTO. Lat. Being sick or indisposed. A term used in some of the older reports. "Holt ægroto." 11 Mod. 179.

ÆGYLDE. Uncompensated, unpaid for, unavenged. From the participle of exclusion, a, a, or ex, (Goth.) and gild, payment, requital. Anc. Inst. Eng.

ÆL. A Norman French term signifying "grandfather." It is also spelled "aiel" and "aile." Kelham.

Æqulor est disposito legis quam hominis. The disposition of the law is more equitable than that of man. 8 Coke, 152.

ÆQUITES. In the civil law. Equity, as opposed to strictum or sumnum jus, (q. v.) Otherwise called aqueum, aqueum bonum, aquum et bonum, aqueum et justum. Calvin.

Referring to the use of this term, Prof. Gray says (Nature and Sources of the Law 290): "Austin and Maine take aqueus as having an analogous meaning to equity; they apply the term to those rules which the pretors introduced through the Edict in modification of the jus civile, but it seems to be an error to suppose that aqueitas had this sense in the Roman Law." He quotes Prof. Clark (Jurisprudence 387) as doubting "whether aqueitas is ever clearly used by the Roman jurists to indicate simply a department of law" and expresses the opinion that an examination of the authorities more than justifies his doubt. Aequitas is opposed to strictum jus and varies in meaning between reasonable modification of the letter and substantial justice. It is to be taken as a frame of mind in dealing with legal questions and not as a source of law.

See Aequum et Bonum.

Æquitas agit in personam. Equity acts upon the person. 4 Bouv. Inst. n. 3733.

Æquitas est correctio legis generaliter late, qua parte deficit. Equity is the correction of that wherein the law, by reason of its generality, is deficient. Plowd. 375.

Æquitas est correctio quædam legi adhibita, quia ab eili aliquid propter generala sine exceptione comprehendens. Equity is a certain correction applied to law, because on account of its general comprehensiveness, without an exception, something is absent from it. Plowd. 467.

Æquitas est perfecta quædam ratio qua jus scriptum interpretatur et emendat; nulla scriptura comprehensa, sed solum in verâ ratione consistens. Equity is a certain perfect reason, which interprets and amends the written law, comprehended in no writing, but consisting in right reason alone. Co. Litt. 24b.

Æquitas est quasi æqualitas. Equity is as it were equality; equity is a species of equality or equalization. Co. Litt. 24.

Æquitas ignorantiae opitulatur, oscitantium non item. Equity assists ignorance, but not carelessness.

Æquitas non facit jus, sed juri auxiliatur. Equity does not make law, but assists law. Lofft, 379.

Æquitas nunquam contravenit legem. Equity never counteracts the laws.

Æquitas sequitur legem. Equity follows the law. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 64; 3 Woodd. Lect. 479, 482; Branch, Max. 8; 2 Bla. Com. 330; Gibb. 186; 2 Eden 316; 10 Mod. 3; 15 How. (U. S.) 296, 14 L. Ed. 696; 7 Allen (Mass.) 503; 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 277, 282.


Æquitas uxoribus, libris, creditoribus maxime favet. Equity favors wives and children, creditors most of all.

ÆQUUM ET BONUM. "The Roman conception involved in 'aequum et bonum' or
'aquitas' is identical with what we mean by 'reasonable' or nearly so. On the whole, the natural justice or 'reason of the thing' which the common law recognizes and applies does not appear to differ from the 'law of nature' which the Romans identified with jus gentium, and the medieval doctors of the civil and common law boldly adopted as being divine law revealed through man's natural reason." Sir F. Pollock, Expans. of C. L. 111, citing [1902] 2 Ch. 661, where jus naturale and aquum et bonum were taken to have the same meaning.

Aquum et bonum est lex legum. What is equitable and good is the law of laws. Hob. 224.

ÆQUUS. Lat. Equal; even. A proviso in a will for the division of the residuary estate ex aqua among the legatees means equally or evenly. Archer v. Morris, 61 N. J. Eq. 152, 47 Atl. 275.

ÆRA, or ERA. A fixed point of chronological time, whence any number of years is counted; thus, the Christian era began at the birth of Christ, and the Mohammedan era at the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina. The derivation of the word has been much contested. Wharton.

ÆRARIUM. Lat. In the Roman law. The treasury, (focus.) Calvin.

AÉRIAL NAVIGATION. See Aeronautics.

AERODROME. A term originally applied by Professor Langley to his flying machine but now used in the same sense as "airport" (q. v.).

AERONAUT. This term under some statutes includes every person who, being in or upon an airship or anything attached thereto, undertakes to direct its ascent, course, or descent in the air, or the ascent, course, or descent in the air of anything attached to such airship.

Under the Uniform Aeronautics Act it includes aviator, pilot, balloonist, and every other person having any part in the operation of aircraft while in flight. See Aeronautics.


AERONAUTICS. The science, art, or practice of sailing in or navigating the air. It is divided into two branches: aerostation, dealing with machines which, like balloons, are lighter than air; and aviation, dealing with artificial flight by machines which are heavier than air. Dew v. Travelers' Ins. Co., 95 N. J. Law, 533, 112 A. 659, 890, 14 A. L. R. 955.


See, also, Aircraft; Airship; Airport; Airway; Aviation.

AEROPLANE. See Aircraft; Hydro-Aeroplane; Seaplane.

AEROSTATION. See Aeronautics.

ÆS. Lat. In the Roman law. Money, (literally, brass;) metallic money in general, including gold. Dig. 9, 2; 2, pr.; Id. 9, 2, 27, 5; Id. 50, 16, 159.

ÆS ALIENUM. A civil law term signifying a debt. Literally translated, the money of another. The civil law considered borrowed money as the property of another, as distinguished from ex suum, one's own money.

ÆS SUUM. One's own money. In the Roman law. Debt; a debt; that which others owe to us, (quod ait nobis debent.) Dig. 50, 18, 213.

ÆSNECIA. In old English law. Esnecy; the right or privilege of the eldest born. Spelman; Glanyv. lib. 7, c. 3; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 66, §§ 5, 6.

ÆSNECIUS. See Aeneas; Aeschnia.

ÆSTHETIC. Relating to that which is beautiful or in good taste. People v. Wolf, 216 N. Y. S. 741, 744, 127 Misc. 382.

ÆSTIMATIO CAPITIS. Lat. The value of a head. In Saxon law. The estimation or valuation of the head; the price or value of a man. The price to be paid for taking the life of a human being. By the laws of Athelstan, the life of every man not excepting that of the king himself, was estimated at a certain price, which was called the were, or aestimatio capitis. Crabb, Eng. Law, c. 4.

Æstimatio prateriti delicti ex postremo facto nuseum erexit. The weight of a past offense is never increased by a subsequent fact. Bacon.

ÆTAS. Lat. In the civil law. Age.

ÆTAS INFANTILLAE (also written infantilis) PROXIMA. The age next to infancy; the first half of the period of childhood (pueritiae,) extending from seven years to ten and a half. Inst. 3, 20, 9; 4 Bl. Comm. 22. See Age.

ÆTAS LEGITIMA. Lawful age; the age of twenty-five. Dig. 3, 5, 27, pr.; Id. 26, 2, 32, 2; Id. 27, 7, 1, pr.
ÆTAS PERFECTA. Complete age; full age; the age of twenty-five. Dig. 4, 4, 32; Id. 22, 3, 25, 1.

ÆTAS PRIMA. The first age; Infancy, (infantia). Cod. 6, 61, 8, 3.

ÆTAS PUBERTATI PROXIMA. The age next to puberty; the last half of the period of childhood (pueritia), extending from ten and a half years to fourteen, in which there might or might not be criminal responsibility according to natural capacity or incapacity. Under twelve, an offender could not be guilty in will, neither after fourteen could he be supposed innocent, of any capital crime which he has fact committed. Inst. 3, 20, 9; 4 Bl. Comm. 22. See Age.

ÆTATE PROBANDA. A writ which inquired whether the king's tenant holding in chief by chivalry was of full age to receive his lands. It was directed to the escheater of the county. Now disused.

ÆTHELING. In Saxon law. A noble; generally a prince of the blood.

AFFAIR. (Fr.). A law suit.


AFFECTED WITH A PUBLIC INTEREST. This phrase, used as a basis for legislative regulation of prices, means something more than "quasi public," or "not strictly private," and similar phrases employed as a basis for upholding police regulation in respect to the conduct of particular businesses. A business is not affected with a public interest merely because the public derives benefit, accommodation, ease or enjoyment from its existence or operation. The price or charge for admissions to theaters or places of amusement or entertainment is not a matter "affected with a public interest." Tyson & Bro.-United Theatre Ticket Offices v. Banton, 273 U. S. 418, 47 S. Ct. 429, 429, 71 L. Ed. 718, 58 A. L. R. 1239.

Affectio tua nominem imponit operi tuo. Your disposal (or motive, intention) gives name (or character) to your work or act. Bract. fol. 29, 1010.

AFFECTION. The making over, pawning, or mortgaging of a thing to assure the payment of a sum of money, or the discharge of some other duty or service. Crabb, Technol. Dict. In a medical sense, an abnormal bodily condition. A local "affection" is not a local disease within the meaning of an insurance policy, unless the affection has sufficiently developed to have some bearing on the general health. Cady v. Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York, 113 N. W. 967, 971, 134 Wis. 222, 17 L. R. A. (N. S.) 260.

AFFEKTUS. Disposition; intention, impulse or affection of the mind. One of the causes for a challenge of a juror is propter affectum, on account of a suspicion of bias or favor. 3 Bl. Comm. 363; Co. Litt. 156.

Affectus punitur licet non sequatur effectus. The intention is punished although the intended result does not follow. 9 Coke. 55.

AFFEUR. To assess, liquidate, appraise, fix in amount.

To offer an amercement. To establish the amount which one merced in a court-leet should pay. See Amercement.

To offer an account. To confirm it on oath in the exchequer. Cowell; Blount; Spelman.

AFFEERORS. Persons who, in court-leet, upon oath, settle and moderate the fines and amercements imposed on those who have committed offenses arbitrarily punishable, or that have no express penalty appointed by statute. They are also appointed to moderate fines, etc., in courts-baron. Cowell.

AFFERMER. L. Fr. To let to farm. Also to make sure, to establish or confirm. Kelham.

AFFIANCE. To assure by pledge. A plighting of troth between a man and woman. Littleton, § 39.

An agreement by which a man and woman
promise each other that they will marry together. Pothier, Traité du Mariage, n. 24. Co. Litt. 34 a. See Dig. 23, 1, 1; Code, 5. 1. 4.

AFFIANT. The person who makes and subscribes an affidavit. The word is used, in this sense, interchangeably with "deponent." But the latter term should be reserved as the designation of one who makes a deposition.

AFFIDARE. To swear faith to; to pledge one's faith or do fealty by making oath. Cowell. Used of the mutual relation arising between landlord and tenant; 1 Washb. R. P. 19; 1 Bla. Com. 367; Terms de la Loy, Fealty. Affidavit is of kindred meaning.

AFFIDARI. To be mustered and enrolled for soldiers upon an oath of fidelity.

AFFIDATIO. A swearing of the oath of fidelity or of fealty to one's lord, under whose protection the quasi-vassal has voluntarily come. Brown.

AFFIDATIO DOMINORUM. An oath taken by the lords in parliament.

AFFIDATUS. One who is not a vassal, but who for the sake of protection has connected himself with one more powerful. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 46.

AFFIDAVIT. A written or printed declaration or statement of facts, made voluntarily, and confirmed by the oath or affirmation of the party making it, taken before an officer having authority to administer such oath. Cox v. Stern, 170 Ill. 442, 48 N. E. 996, 62 Am. St. Rep. 385; Hays v. Loomis, 84 Ill. 18. A statement or declaration reduced to writing, and sworn to or affirmed before some officer who has authority to administer an oath or affirmation. Quoted and approved in Shelton v. Berry, 10 Tex. 154, 70 Am. Dec. 328, and In re Breidt, 84 N. J. Eq. 222, 94 A. 214, 216.


An affidavit is an oath in writing, sworn before and attested by him who hath authority to administer the same. Knapp v. Duclo, 1 Mich. N. P. 189; Smith v. Smith (Ind. App.) 110 N. E. 1013, 1014.

An affidavit is always ex parte, and in this respect it is distinguished from a deposition, the matter of which is elicited by questions, and which affords an opportunity for cross-examination. In re Liter's Estate, 19 Mont. 474, 48 P. 753; State v. Quartier, 114 Or. 657, 236 P. 744, 745; Osborne v. Commonwealth, 214 Ky. 84, 282 S. W. 762, 763. But the word "affidavits" is sometimes used to include "depositions." U. S. v. Kaplan (D. C. Ga.) 296 F. 963, 970; State v. English, 71 Mont. 343, 220 P. 727, 728.

"Affidavits" are of two kinds; those which serve as evidence to advise the court in the decision of some preliminary issue or determination of some substantial right, and those which merely serve to invoke the judicial power. Worthen v. State, 189 Ala. 395, 66 So. 686, 688.

AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENSE. An affidavit stating that the defendant has a good defense to the plaintiff's action on the merits. The statements required in such an affidavit vary considerably in the different states where they are required. Called also an affidavit of merits (q. v.), as in Massachusetts.

AFFIDAVIT OF MERITS. One setting forth that the defendant has a meritorious defense (substantial and not technical) and stating the facts constituting the same. Palmer v. Rogers, 70 Iowa, 281, 30 N. W. 645.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE. An affidavit intended to certify the service of a writ, notice, or other document.

AFFIDAVIT TO HOLD TO BAIL. An affidavit required in many cases before the defendant in a civil action may be arrested. Such an affidavit must contain a statement, clearly and certainly expressed, by some one acquainted with the fact, of an indebtedness from the defendant to the plaintiff, and must show a distinct cause of action; 1 Chit. Pl. 156.

AFFILARE. L. Lat. To put on record; to file or affile. Affiliatur, let it be filed. 8 Coke, 160. De recordo affiliatum, affiled of record. 2 Id. Raym. 1476.

AFFILE. A term employed in old practice, signifying to put on file. 2 Maule & S. 202. In modern usage it is contracted to file.

AFFILIATE. The word "affiliate" under Acts Ky. 1912, c. 7, § 19, providing that in precincts where there was no registration electors might vote only the ballot of the party with which they declared their affiliation, requires the elector to in some way make plain the party he espouses and allies himself with; Heitzman v. Votier, 159 S. W. 625, 626, 155 Ky. 39; Commonwealth v. Carson, 171 Ky. 288, 188 S. W. 372.

AFFILIATION. The act of imputing or determining the paternity of a bastard child, and the obligation to maintain it.

In French Law
A species of adoption which exists by custom in some parts of France. The person affiliated succeeded equally with other heirs to the property acquired by the deceased to whom he had been affiliated, but not to that which he inherited.

In Ecclesiastical Law
A condition which prevented the superior from removing the person affiliated to another convent. Guoyot, Répért.

AFFINAGE. A refining of metals. Blount.
AFFINES. In the civil law. Connections by marriage, whether of the persons or their relatives. Calvinus, Lex.

Neighbors, who own or occupy adjoining lands. Dig. 10, 1, 12.

From this word we have affinity, denoting relationship by marriage; 1 Bla. Com. 44.

The singular, affinis, is used in a variety of related significations—a boundary; Du Cange: a partner or sharer, affinis culpa (an alder or one who has knowledge of a crime); Calvinus, Lex.

Affinis mei affinis non est mihi affinity. One who is related by marriage to a person related to me by marriage has no affinity to me. Shelf. Mar. & Div. 174.

AFFINITAS. Lat. In the civil law. Affinity; relationship by marriage. Inst. 1, 10, 6.

AFFINITAS AFFINITATIS. Remote relationship by marriage. That connection between parties arising from marriage which is neither consanguinity nor affinity. Chinn v. State, 47 Ohio St. 575, 20 N. E. 966, 11 L. R. A. 630; Davidson v. Whitehill, 87 Vt. 499, 89 A. 1061, 1065. This term signifies the connection between the kinsmen of the two persons married, as, for example, the husband's brother and the wife's sister. Erskine, Inst. 1. 6. 8.

AFFINITY. The connection existing, in consequence of marriage, between each of the married persons and the kindred of the other. Clawsen v. Ellis, 286 Ill. 81, 121 N. E. 242, 243; Sizemore v. Commonwealth, 210 Ky. 637, 276 S. W. 524, 525.

It is distinguished from consanguinity, which denotes relationship by blood. Affinity is the tie which exists between one of the spouses with the kindred of the other: thus, the relations of my wife, her brothers, her sisters, her uncles, are allied to me by affinity, and my brothers, sisters, etc., are allied in the same way to my wife. But my brother and the sister of my wife are not allied by the ties of affinity. Williams v. Foster (Tex. Civ. App.) 233 S. W. 120, 122; Clawsen v. Ellis, 121 N. E. 242, 243, 286 Ill. 81; Everett v. Ingram, 82 S. E. 563, 565, 142 Ga. 145. See Affinitas Affinitatis.

At Common Law

Relationship by marriage between the husband and the blood relations of the wife, and between the wife and the blood relations of the husband. 1 Bl. Comm. 434; Sollinger v. Earle, 45 N. Y. Super. Ct. 80; Tegarden v. Phillips (Ind. App.) 39 N. E. 212.

Affinity is distinguished into three kinds: (1) Direct, or that subsisting between the husband and his wife's relations by blood, or between the wife and the husband's relations by blood; (2) secondary, or that which subsists between the husband and his wife's relations by marriage; (3) collateral, or that which subsists between the husband and the relations of his wife's relations. Wharton.

In the Civil Law

The connection which arises by marriage between each of the married persons and the kindred of the other. Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 147; Poydras v. Livingston, 5 Mart. O. S. (La.) 285. A husband is related by affinity to all the consanguinei of his wife, and vice versa, the wife to the husband's consanguinei; for the husband and wife being considered one flesh, those who are related to the one by blood are related to the other by affinity. Gib. Cod. 412; 1 Bl. Comm. 435.

In a larger sense, consanguinity or kindred. Co. Litt. 157a.

Quasi Affinity

In the civil law. The affinity which exists between two persons, one of whom has been betrothed to a kinsman of the other, but who have never been married.

AFFIRM. To ratify, make firm, confirm, establish, reassert.

To ratify or confirm a former law or judgment. Cowell.

In the practice of appellate courts, to affirm a judgment, decree, or order, is to declare that it is valid and right, and must stand as rendered below; to ratify and reassert it; to concur in its correctness and confirm its efficacy. Boner v. Fall River County Bank, 25 Wyo. 260, 168 P. 726, 727.

To ratify or confirm a voidable act.

In Pleading

To allege or aver a matter of fact; to state it affirmatively; the opposite of deny or traverse.

In Practice

To make affirmation; to make a solemn and formal declaration or asseveration that an affidavit is true, that the witness will tell the truth, etc., this being substituted for an oath in certain cases. Also, to give testimony on affirmation.

In the Law of Contracts

A party is said to affirm a contract, the same being voidable at his election, when he ratifies and accepts it, waives his right to annul it, and proceeds under it as if it had been valid originally. Cf. Adopt.

AFFIRMANCE. In practice. The confirming, or ratifying of a former law, or judgment. Cowell; Blount.

The confirmation and ratification by an appellate court of a judgment, order, or decree of a lower court brought before it for review. See Affirm.


The ratification or confirmation of a voidable contract or act by the party who is to be bound thereby.

The term is in accuracy to be distinguished from ratification, which is a recognition of
the validity or binding force as against the party ratifying, of some act performed by another person; and from confirmation, which would seem to apply more properly to cases where a doubtful authority has been exercised by another in behalf of the person ratifying; but these distinctions are not generally observed with much care.

AFFIRMANCE DAY GENERAL. In the English court of exchequer, a day appointed by the judges of the common pleas, and barons of the exchequer, to be held a few days after the beginning of every term for the general affirmance or reversal of judgments. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1091.

AFFIRMANT. A person who testifies on affirmation, or who affirms instead of taking an oath. See Affirmation. Used in affidavits and depositions which are affirmed, instead of sworn to in place of the word “deponent.”

He is liable to all the pains and penalty of perjury, if he shall be guilty of willfully and maliciously violating his affirmation.

Affirmant, no neganti incumbit probatio. The burden of proof lies upon him who affirms, not upon one who denies. Steph. Pl. 84.


AFFIRMATION. In practice. A solemn and formal declaration orasseveration that an affidavit is true, that the witness will tell the truth, etc., this being substituted for an oath in certain cases.

A solemn religious asseveration in the nature of an oath. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 371.

Quakers, as a class, and other persons who have conscientious scruples against taking an oath, are allowed to make affirmation in any mode which they may declare to be binding upon their consciences, in confirmation of the truth of testimony which they are about to give. 1 Atk. 21, 46; Cown. 340, 389; 1 Leach Cr. Cas. 64; 1 Ry. & M. 77; Vail v. Nickerson, 6 Mass. 262; Com. v. Buzzell, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 153; Buller, N. P. 292.

AFFIRMATION OF FACT. A statement concerning a subject-matter of a transaction which might otherwise be only an expression of opinion but which is affirmed as an existing fact material to the transaction, and reasonably induces the other party to consider and rely upon it, as a fact. Stone v. McCarty, 64 Cal. App. 158, 220 P. 690, 694; Ireland v. Louis K. Liggett Co., 243 Mass. 243, 137 N. E. 371, 372.

AFFIRMATIVE. That which declares positively; that which avers a fact to be true; that which establishes; the opposite of negative.

The party who, upon the allegations of pleadings joining issue, is under the obligation of making proof, in the first instance, of matters alleged, is said to hold the affirmative, or, in other words, to sustain the burden of proof. Abbott.

As to affirmative “Damages,” “Plea,” “Proof,” “Warranty,” see those titles.

AFFIRMATIVE AUTHORIZATION. Something more than authority by mere implication. White, Gratwick & Mitchell v. Empire Engineering Co., 210 N. Y. S. 563, 572, 125 Misc. 47.

AFFIRMATIVE CHARGE. The general “affirmative charge” is an instruction to the jury that, whatever the evidence may be, defendant cannot be convicted under the count in the indictment to which the charge is directed. Coker v. State, 18 Ala. App. 350, 93 So. 364, 366.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE. In code pleading. New matter constituting a defense; new matter which, assuming the complaint to be true, constitutes a defense to it. Carter v. Eighth Ward Bank, 67 N. Y. S. 300, 33 Misc. 128.

AFFIRMATIVE PREGNANT. In pleading. An affirmative allegation implying some negative in favor of the adverse party. Fields v. State, 134 Ind. 46, 32 N. E. 780.

AFFIRMATIVE RELIEF. Relief, benefit, or compensation which may be granted to the defendant in a judgment or decree in accordance with the facts established in his favor; such as may properly be given within the issues made by the pleadings or according to the legal or equitable rights of the parties as established by the evidence. Garner v. Hannah, 6 Duer (N. Y.) 262. As used in a statute giving plaintiff right to dismiss at any time before trial if no affirmative relief is demanded in answer, “affirmative relief” has reference only to that relief for which defendant might maintain an action independently of plaintiff's claim and on which he might proceed to recovery, although plaintiff abandoned his cause of action or failed to establish it. Southwestern Surety Ins. Co. v. Walser, 77 Okl. 240, 188 P. 335, 336.

AFFIRMATIVE STATUTE. In legislation. A statute couched in affirmative or mandatory terms; one which directs the doing of an act, or declares what shall be done; as a negative statute is one which prohibits a thing from being done, or declares what shall not be done. Blackstone describes affirmative acts of parliament as those "wherein justice is directed to be done according to the law of the land." 1 Bl. Comm. 142.

AFFIX. To fix or fasten upon, to attach to, inscribe, or impress upon, as a signature, a seal, a trade-mark. Pen. Code N. Y. § 367. To attach, add to, or fasten upon, permanently, as in the case of fixtures annexed to real estate.
A thing is deemed to be affixed to land when it is attached to it by the roots, as in the case of trees, vines, or shrubs; or imbedded in it, as in the case of walls; or permanently resting upon it, as in the case of buildings; or permanently attached to what is thus permanent, as by means of cement, plaster, nails, bolts, or screws. Civ. Code Cal. § 680; Civ. Code Mont. 1895, § 1076 (Rev. Codes 1921, § 0009); McNally v. Connolly, 70 Cal. 3, 11 Pac. 320; Miller v. Waddingham (Cal.) 25 Pac. 688, 11 L. R. A. 510; Tolle v. Vandenberg, 44 Okl. 780, 146 P. 212, 213.

AFFIXUS. In the civil law. Affixed, fixed, or fastened to.

AFFORARE. To set a price or value on a thing. Blount.

AFFORATUS. Appraised or valued, as things vendible in a market. Blount.

AFFORCE. To add to; to increase; to strengthen; to add force to.

AFFORCE THE ASSISE. In old English practice. A method of securing a verdict, where the jury disagreed, either by confining them without meat and drink, or, more ancienly, by adding other jurors to the panel, to a limited extent, until twelve could be found who were unanimous. Bract. fol. 1858a, 282a; Fleta, ib. 4, c. 9, § 2; 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 267.

AFFORCIAMENTUM. In old English law. A fortress or stronghold, or other fortification. Cowell.

The calling of a court upon a solemn or extraordinary occasion. 1d.

AFFOREST. To convert land into a forest in the legal sense of the word.

AFFORESTATION. The turning of a part of a country into forest or woodland or subjecting it to forest law, q. v.

AFFOUAGE. In French law. The right of the inhabitants of a commune or section of a commune to take from the forest the fire-wood which is necessary for their use. Duverger.

AFFRANCHIR. L. Fr. To set free. Kelham.

AFFRANCHISE. To liberate; to make free.

AFFRAY. In criminal law. The fighting of two or more persons in some public place to the terror of the people. Wallace v. Commonwealth, 207 Ky. 122, 268 S. W. 909, 913; Cornley v. State, 88 Fla. 281, 102 So. 333, 334; Burton v. Com., 22 Ky. Law Rep. 1315, 60 S. W. 528; Thompson v. State, 70 Ala. 26; State v. Allen, 11 N. C. 356.

It differs from a riot in not being premeditated; for if any persons meet together upon any lawful or innocent occasion, and happen on a sudden to engage in fighting, they are not guilty of a riot, but an affray only; and in that case none are guilty except those actually engaged in it. Hawk. P. C. bk. 1, c. 65, § 3; 4 Bl. Comm. 146; 1 Russ. Crimes, 271; Supreme Council v. Garrigus, 104 Ind. 183, 3 N. E. 618, 64 Am. Rep. 268.

If two or more persons voluntarily or by agreement engage in any fight, or use any blows or violence towards each other in an angry or quarrelsome manner, in any public place to the disturbance of others, they are guilty of an affray, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. Rev. Code Iowa 1830, § 406 (Code 1897, § 1322).

Mere words cannot amount to an affray. But if one person, by such abusive language toward another as is calculated and intended to bring on a fight, induces the other to strike him, both are guilty of "affray." State v. Maney, 138 S. E. 441, 144 N. C. 34.

AFFRETEMENT. Affreightment; a contract for the hire of a vessel. From the Fr. fret, which, according to Cowell, meant tons or tonnage. Affreightement was sometimes used. Du Cange.


In French law, freighting and affreighting are distinguished. The owner of a ship freights it, (le freté;) he is called the freighter, (le fretur;) he is the letter or lessee, (locateur, locateur.) The merchant affreighters (affrout;) the ship, and is called the affreighter, (affreuteur;) he is the hirer, (locataire, conducteur.) Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, § 3.

AFFRETEMENT. Fr. In French law. The hiring of a vessel; affreightment (q. v.). Called also notissément. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 2; 1d. liv. 3, tit. 1, art. 1.

AFFRI. In old English law. Plow cattle, bullocks or plow horses. Affri, or affri caruc; beasts of the plow. Spelmán.

AFFORESAID. Before, or already said, mentioned, or recited; premised. Plowed. 67 Alabama Great Southern R. Co. v. Smith, 191 Ala. 643, 68 So. 56, 57. Foresaid is used in Scotch law.

Although the words "preceeding" and "aforsaid" generally mean next before, and "following" means next after, yet a different signification will be given to them if required by the context and the facts of the case. Simpson v. Robert, 35 Ga. 160.
AFORETHOUGHT. In criminal law. Deliberate; planned; premeditated; pre pense. State v. Peo, 9 Houst. (Del.) 488, 33 Atl. 257; Edwards v. State, 25 Ark. 444; People v. Ah Choy, 1 Idaho, 317; State v. Fiske, 63 Conn. 388, 28 Atl. 572. See Malice Aforethought; Premeditation; 4 Bla. Com. 190; Respublica v. Mulatto Bub, 4 Dall. (Pa.) 146, 1 L. Ed. 779; U. S. v. Cornell, 2 Mas. 91, Fed. Cas. No. 14,506.

"Aforethought" as used in the law of murder means thought of beforehand and for any length of time, however short, before the doing of the act, and is synonymous with premeditation. State v. Smith, 26 N. M. 483, 194 P. 569, 572.

AFRICAN DESCENT. Persons of African nativity or of "African descent" within the meaning of the Naturalization Act, as amended by Act July 14, 1870 (8 USCA § 359), are members of the negro races of Africa or their descendants by intermixture with races constituting free white persons, the negro races referred to being those from which the emancipated slaves in the United States descend. Ex parte Shahid (D. C. S. C.) 205 F. 812, 815.

AFTER. Later, succeeding, subsequent to, inferior in point of time or of priority or preference.

Its true meaning must be collected from the context and subject-matter; Sands v. Lyon, 18 Conn. 27; In re Waxman's Estate, 223 N. Y. S. 772, 773, 129 Misc. 829; Hyman Bros. Box & Label Co. v. Industrial Accident Commission, 151 F. 784, 788, 150 Cal. 423 (equivalent to "at"); New York Trust Co. v. Portland Ry. Co., 197 App. Div. 422, 189 N. Y. S. 346, 348 (equivalent to "on and after"). The words "after thirty days from notice" mean 30 days after the day on which the notice was received, excluding that day or fractions of it; Mathews Farmers & Mat. Live Stock Ins. Co. v. Moore, 58 Ind. App. 240, 108 N. E. 155, 157. But the words "after the filing" as used in sections 63 and 68 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 USCA §§ 103, 108) do not mean the day after that of filing, but refer to the very instant of filing if ascertainable. In re Ledbetter (D. C. Ga.) 267 F. 883, 896. A note payable generally "after date," is payable on demand. Love v. Perry, 90 S. E. 978, 379, 19 Ga. App. 96. When time is to be computed "after" a certain date, it is meant that such date should be excluded in the computation. Bigelow v. Wilson, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 485; Taylor v. Jacoby, 2 Pa. St. 405; Cromellan v. Brink, 29 Pa. St. 522.

AFTER-ACQUIRED. Acquired after a particular date or event. Thus, a judgment is a lien on after-acquired realty, i. e., land acquired by the debtor after entry of the judgment. Hughes v. Hughes, 152 Pa. 590, 26 A. 103.

AFTER-BORN CHILD. A statute making a will void as to after-born children means physical birth, and is not applicable to a child legitimated by the marriage of its parents. Appeal of McCulloch, 113 Pa. 247, 6 A. 253. See En Ventre Sa Mere; Posthumous Child.

AFTER-DISCOVERED. Discovered or made known after a particular date or event.

AFTER-DISCOVERED EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

AFTER SIGHT. This term as used in a bill payable so many days after sight, means after legal sight; that is, after legal presentment for acceptance. The mere fact of having seen the bill or known of its existence does not constitute legal "sight." Mitchell v. Degrand, 17 Fed. Cas. 494.

AFTERMATH. A second crop of grass mown in the same season; also the right to take such second crop. See 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 151.

"Aftermath" as used in the manufacture of window glass means the colder glass remaining on and in molten bath after drawing of glass cylinder. Okmulgee Window Glass Co. v. Window Glass Mach. Co., 265 F. 626, 630.

AFTERNOON. This word has two senses. It may mean the whole time from noon to midnight; or it may mean the earlier part of that time, as distinguished from the evening. When used in a statute its meaning must be determined by the context and the circumstances of the subject-matter. Reg. v. Knapp, 2 El. & Bl. 451, where an act forbidding innkeepers to have their houses open on Sunday during the usual hours of afternoon Divine Service was taken in the latter sense.


AGAINST. Adverse to; contrary; opposed to; without the consent of; in contact with. State v. Metzger, 28 Kan. 295; James v. Bank, 12 R. I. 400; Seabright v. Seabright, 28 W. Va. 465; Palmer v. Superior Mfg. Co. (D. C. N. Y.) 203 F. 1003, 1005. The meaning of the word varies according to the context. State v. Prather, 54 Ind. 63; First Avenue Coal & Lumber Co. v. Hite, 9 Ala. App. 251, 62 So. 1018, 1019. A guaranty "against loss" is a guaranty of collection. Wyman, Partridge & Co. v. Bible, 150 Minn. 26, 184 N. W. 45. "Against" signifies discord or conflict and not harmony. Olschewski v. Priester (Tex. Com. App.) 276 S. W. 647, 650; Patterson v. Carr, 158 Iowa, 88, 170 N. W. 265, 266. To constitute rape, the act must be committed without the consent or against the will of the woman; the phrases "against her will!" and "without her consent" denoting the manifestation of the utmost reluctance and the greatest re-
AGAINST THE FORM OF THE STATUTE

AGA maxim of the Mejne. Technical words which must be used in framing an indictment for a breach of the statute prohibiting the act complained of. The Latin phrase is contra formam statutit, g. o. State v. Murphy, 15 R. I. 543, 10 A. 585.


AGAINST THE WILL. Technical words which must be used in framing an indictment for robbery from the person, rape and some other offenses. Whittaker v. State, 50 Wls. 521, 7 N. W. 431, 36 Am. St. Rep. 856; Com. v. Burke, 105 Mass. 376, 7 Am. Rep. 331; Beyer v. People, 86 N. Y. 369. They are implied in, and hence may be omitted, from an information charging robbery and using the words "unlawfully, willfully, feloniously, forcibly, and violently." State v. Wilson, 136 La. 345, 67 So. 28.

AGALMA. An impression or image of anything on a seal. Cowell.

AGARD. L. Fr. An award. Nat fait agard; no award made.

AGARDER. L. Fr. To award, adjudge, or determine; to sentence, or condemn.

AGE. Signifies those periods in the lives of persons of both sexes which enable them to do certain acts which, before they had arrived at those periods, they were prohibited from doing. The length of time during which a person has lived or a thing has existed.

In the old books, "age" is commonly used to signify "full age," that is, the age of twenty-one years. Litt. § 259.

—Age of consent. This phrase is well understood as referring to the age as defined in the statute in the life of females when they are deemed capable of consenting to sexual intercourse, and also affords a basis for classification of the different kinds of rape denounced by the statute. Ex parte Hutchens, 246 S. W. 186, 188, 296 Mo. 331.

—Age of maturity. "Age of maturity" in a will means maturity in mind, character, and judgment. Commercial Bank & Trust Co. v. Noble, 146 Miss. 552, 112 So. 691.

—Legal age. The age at which the person acquires full capacity to make his own contracts and deeds and transact business generally (age of majority) or to enter into some particular contract or relation, as, the "legal age of consent" to marriage. See Capwell v. Capwell, 21 R. I. 101, 41 A. 1006; Montoya de Antonio v. Miller, 7 N. M. 289, 34 Pac. 40, 21 L. R. A. 699; Johnson v. Alexander, 39 Cal. App. 177, 178 P. 297, 298; Berry v. Winstorfer, 55 N. D. 310, 213 N. W. 26, 27; Perkins v. Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore, 138 Md. 299, 113 A. 877, 880.


AGENCY. A relation, created either by express or implied contract or by law, whereby one party (called the principal or constituent) delegates the transaction of some lawful business or the authority to do certain acts for him or in relation to his rights or property, with more or less discretionary power, to another person (called the agent, attorney, proxy, or delegate) who undertakes to manage the affair and render him an account thereof. State v. Hubbard, 58 Kan. 797, 61 Pac. 290, 39 L. R. A. 860; Sternaman v. Insurance Co., 170 N. Y. 13, 62 N. E. 763, 57 L. R. A. 318, 88 Am. St. Rep. 625; Wynegar v. State, 157 Ind. 577, 62 N. E. 33; Harkins v. Murphy, 51 Tex. Civ. App. 563, 112 S. W. 136, 137; Steele v. Lawyer, 47 Wash. 266, 91 P. 553; In re Cullinan, 99 N. Y. S. 1119, 1121, 114 App. Div. 509.

A contract by which one of the contracting parties confides the management of some affair, to be transacted on his account, to the other party, who undertakes to do the business and render an account of it. 1 Littmer. Prin. & Ag. 2.

A contract by which one person, with greater or less discretionary power, undertakes to represent another in certain business relations. Whart. Ag. 1.

A relation between two or more persons, by which one party, usually called the agent or attorney, is authorized to do certain acts for, or in relation to the rights or property of the other, who is denominated the principal, constituent, or employer.

"Agency," in its broadest sense, includes every relation in which one person acts for or represents another, C. M. Keys Commission Co. v. Miller, 50 Okt. 42, 137 P. 1029, 1030, and, in a more restricted sense, is the relation resulting where one party authorizes another to act for him in business dealings with third persons, Murphy v. Albany Pocan Development Co., 169 Iowa, 543, 151 N. W. 500, 502.

—Agency by estoppel. One created by operation of law and established by proof of such acts of the principal as reasonably lead to the conclusion of its existence. Sigel-Campion Live Stock Commission Co. v. Ardohain, 71 Colo. 410, 207 P. 52, 83. One which arises where the principal by his negligence permits his agent to exercise powers not granted to him, though the principal have no notice of the conduct of the agent. Dispatch Printing Co. v. National Bank of Commerce, 100 Minn. 440, 124 N. W. 236, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 74. The holding out of the agent as having authority must be known to the party with whom he dealt. Austin-Western Road Machinery Co.
Agency of necessity. A term sometimes applied to the kind of implied agency which enables a wife to procure what is reasonably necessary for her maintenance and support on her husband's credit and at his expense, when he fails to make proper provision for her necessities. Dostwick v. Brower, 49 N. Y. S. 1046, 22 Misc. 709.

Actual agency. That which exists where the agent is really employed by the principal. Weldenar v. N. Y. Life Ins. Co., 94 P. 1, 6, 39 Mont. 592.

Deed of agency. A revocable and voluntary trust for payment of debts. Wharton.

Exclusive agency. Though a contract giving a broker an "exclusive agency" as to property may be defined as an agreement by the owner that during the life of the contract he will not sell the property to a purchaser procured by another agent, which agreement does not preclude the owner himself from selling to a purchaser of his own procuring, yet a contract giving a broker "exclusive sale" is more than such exclusive agency, and is an agreement by the owner that he will not sell the property during the life of the contract to any purchaser not procured by the broker in question. Harris v. McPherson, 97 Conn. 164, 115 A. 723, 724, 24 A. L. R. 1530; Harris & White v. Stone, 137 Ark. 23, 207 S. W. 445, 444.


Implied agency. One created by the act of the parties and deduced from proof of other facts. Sigel-Campion Live Stock Commission Co. v. Ardohain, 71 Colo. 410, 207 P. 82, 83. It is an actual agency, established by proof of circumstances bearing upon the question, and does not require proof that the party with whom the agent dealt had knowledge of the facts establishing such proof. Austin Western Road Machinery Co. v. Commercial State Bank (Mo. App.) 255 S. W. 685, 688.

Ostensible agency. One which exists where the principal intentionally or by want of ordinary care causes a third person to believe another to be his agent who is not really employed by him. Weldenar v. N. Y. Life Ins. Co., 36 Mont. 592, 94 P. 1, 6. See, also, Agency by Estoppel.

Agnesia. In medical jurisprudence. Impotency generandi; sexual impotence; incapacity for reproduction, existing in either sex, and whether arising from structural or other causes.

Agendra. Sax. The true master or owner of a thing. Spelman.

Agenhina. In Saxon law. A guest at an inn, who, having stayed there for three nights, was then accounted one of the family. Cowell.


Agent. One who represents and acts for another under the contract or relation of agency. g. v. Fowler v. Cobb (Mo. App.) 292 S. W. 1084.

One who undertakes to transact some business, or to manage some affair, for another, by the authority and on account of the latter, and to render an account of it. 1 Livermore, Ag. 67. See Co. Litt. 207; 1 B. & P. 318; Thomas B. Jeffrey Co. v. Lockridge, 173 Ky. 282, 190 S. W. 1103, 1105; Blackwell v. Kercheval, 27 Idaho, 537, 149 P. 1060, 1062; Hall v. State, 21 Ariz. 261, 187 P. 577, 578.

Classification

Agents are either general or special. A general agent is one employed in his capacity as a professional man or master of an art or trade, or one to whom the principal confides his whole business or all transactions or functions of a designated class; or he is a person who is authorized by his principal to execute all deeds, sign all contracts, or purchase all goods, required in a particular trade, business, or employment. See Story, Ag. § 17; Thompson v. Michigan Mut. Life Ins. Co., 56 Ind. App. 502, 105 N. E. 780, 782; Little v. Minneapolis Threshing Mach. Co., 168 Iowa, 651, 147 N. W. 872, 873; Powell v. Powell v. King Lumber Co., 168 N. C. 332, 84 S. E. 1032, 1033; Continental Ins. Co. v. Schuman, 140 Tenn. 481, 205 S. W. 313, 317; Butler v. Maples, 9 Wall. 766, 19 L. Ed. 822; Jaques v. Todd, 3 Wend. (N. Y.) 93; Springfield Engine Co. v. Kennedy, 7 Ind. App. 502, 34 N. E. 866; Cruzan v. Smith, 41 Ind. 267; Goodwin v. Struck, 109 Ky. 285, 53 S. W. 781, 51 L. R. A. 668. An agent to manage buildings and lease and collect the rents is a "general agent" respecting the property. Daniel v. Pappas (C. C. A. Okl.) 16 F.(2d) 880, 888. An agent empowered to enter into contracts without consulting insurer is "general agent" notwithstanding restriction of his territory. London & Lancashire Ins. Co. v. McWilliams, 110 So. 909, 910, 215 Ala. 481. The term may be equivalent to "general manager." Abuc Trading & Sales Corporation v. Jennings, 151 Md. 392, 135 A. 166, 173; Pro

Agents employed for the sale of goods or merchandise are called "mercantile agents," and are of two principal classes,—brokers and factors (q. v.); a factor is sometimes called a "commission agent," or "commission merchant." Russ. Merc. Ag. 1.

Synonyms
The term "agent" is to be distinguished from its synonyms "servant," "representative," and "trustee." A servant acts in behalf of his master and under the latter's direction and authority, but is regarded as a mere instrument, and not as the substitute or proxy of the master. Turner v. Cross, 83 Tex. 218, 18 S. W. 575, 15 L. R. A. 342; People v. Treadwell, 69 Cal. 236, 19 P. 569. A representative (such as an executor or an assignee in bankruptcy) owes his power and authority to the law, which puts him in the place of the person represented, although the latter may have designated or chosen the representative. A trustee acts in the interest and for the benefit of one person, but by an authority derived from another person. A "servant" is a worker for another who deals ordinarily with things and who has no power to bring about contractual relations with third persons; while an "agent" is one who deals not only with things, but persons, using his own discretion as to means, and frequently establishing contractual relations between his principal and third persons. Rondleman v. Niagara Sprayer Co. (D. C. Ill.) 16 F. (2d) 123, 124. See, also, State v. Bond, 118 S. E. 276, 279, 94 W. Va. 365.

In International Law
A diplomatic agent is a person employed by a sovereign to manage his private affairs, or those of his subjects in his name, at the court of a foreign government. Wolff, Inst. Nat. § 1237.

In the Practice of the House of Lords and Privy Council
In appeals, solicitors and other persons admitted to practice in those courts in a similar capacity to that of solicitors in ordinary courts, are technically called "agents." Macph. Priv. Coun. 65.

In General
Agent and patient. A phrase indicating the state of a person who is required to do a thing, and is at the same time the person to whom it is done; as, when a man is indebted to another, and he appoints him his executor, the latter is required to pay the debt in his capacity of executor, and entitled to receive it in his own right; he is then agent and patient. Terms de la Ley.

General agent. One empowered to transact all business of principal at any particular time or any particular place; it may be equivalent to "general manager." Abuc Trading & Sales Corporation v. Jennings, 151 Md. 392, 135 A. 166, 173.

Local agent. One appointed to act as the representative of a corporation and transact its business generally (or business of a particular character) at a given place or within a defined district. See Frick Co. v. Wright, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 340, 55 S. W. 608; Moore v. Freeman's Nat. Bank, 92 N. C. 594; Western, etc., Organ Co. v. Anderson, 97 Tex. 432, 79 S. W. 517.

Managing agent. A person who is invested with general power, involving the exercise of judgment and discretion, as distinguished from an ordinary agent or employee, who acts in an inferior capacity, and under the direction and control of superior authority, both in regard to the extent of the work and the manner of executing the same. Reddington v. Mariposa Land & Min. Co., 19 Hun (N.Y.) 405; Taylor v. Granite State Prov. Ass'n, 136 N. Y. 343, 32 N. E. 992, 32 Am. St. Rep. 749; U. S. v. American Bell Tel. Co. (C. C.) 29 Fed. 33; Upper Mississippi Transp. Co. v. Whittaker, 16 Wis. 220; Foster v. Charles Betcher Lumber Co., 5 S. D. 57, 58 N. W. 9, 23 L. R. A. 490, 49 Am. St. Rep. 589. One who has exclusive supervision and control of some department of a corporation's business, the management of which requires of such person the exercise of independent judgment and discretion, will result in notice to the corporation. Federal Betterment Co. v. Reeves, 73 Kan. 107, 84 Pac. 560, 4 L. R. A. (N. S.) 460; Hatinen v. Payne, 150 Minn. 344, 155 N. W. 386, 387. As used in section 6274, Wilson's Statutes of Oklahoma 1906, an agent whose agency extends to all the transactions of the corporation within the state; one who has or is engaged in the management of the business of the corporation, in distinction from the management of a local or particular branch or department of said business. Waters Pierce Oil Co. v. Foster, 52 Okl. 412, 153 P. 169, 171.

Private agent. An agent acting for an individual in his private affairs; as distinguished
from a public agent, who represents the government in some administrative capacity.

—Public agent. An agent of the public, the state, or the government; a person appointed to act for the public in some matter pertaining to the administration of government or the public business. See Story, Ag. § 302; Whiteside v. United States, 93 U. S. 254, 23 L. Ed. 882.

—Real-estate agent. Any person whose business it is to sell, or offer for sale, real estate for others, or to rent houses, stores, or other buildings, or real estate, or to collect rent for others. Act July 13, 1866, c. 184, § 9, par. 25; 14 St. at Large, 118. Carstens v. McReavy, 1 Wash. St. 559, 25 Pac. 471.

Agentes et consentientes pari poena plecentur. Acting and consenting parties are liable to the same punishment. 5 Coke, 80.

In the Civil Law


In Old English Law

An acre (q. v.). Spelman.

AGER. Lat. In the civil law. A dam, bank or mound. Cod. 9, 38; Townsh. Pl. 48.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT. An assault with circumstances of aggravation, or of a heinous character, or with intent to commit another crime. In re Burns (C. C.) 113 Fed. 992; Norton v. State, 14 Tex. 393; Barker v. Green, 34 Ga. App. 574, 130 S. E. 599. See Assault.

Defined in Pennsylvania as follows: "If any person shall unlawfully and maliciously inflict upon another person, either with or without any weapon or instrument, any grievous bodily harm, or unlawfully cut, stab, or wound any other person, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, etc." Brightly, Purd. Dig. p. 494, § 167 (18 PS § 2113). Under Penal Code Tex. 1911, art. 3022 (Vernon's Ann. P. C. art. 1147), an assault becomes an aggravated assault when committed with a deadly weapon under circumstances not amounting to an intent to murder; Myers v. State, 186 S. W. 432, 73 Tex. Cr. R. 699; or when the instrument or means used is such as inflicts disgrace upon the person assaulted; Cirul v. State, 82 Tex. Cr. R. 8, 306 S. W. 1085; Scott v. State, 73 Tex. Cr. R. 622, 166 S. W. 739, 740 (indecent and improper fondling of the person). In Arizona, under Penal Code 1921, § 215, subd. 5 (Rev. Code 1925, § 4613), aggravated assault is different from simple assault only by infliction of serious bodily injury. Brimhall v. State, 31 Ariz. 323, 325 P. 165, 166, 53 A. L. R. 231.

AGGRAVATION. Any circumstance attending the commission of a crime or tort which increases its guilt or enormity or adds to its injurious consequences, but which is above and beyond the essential constituents of the crime or tort itself.

Matter of aggravation, correctly understood, does not consist in acts of the same kind and description as those constituting the gist of the action, but in something done by the defendant, on the occasion of committing the trespass, which, is, to some extent, of a different legal character from the principal act complained of. Hathaway v. Rice, 19 Vt. 107. So on an indictment for murder the prisoner may be convicted of manslaughter, for the averment of malice aforesaid is merely matter of aggravation. Co. Litt. 282 a.

In Pleading

The introduction of matter into the declaration which tends to increase the amount of damages, but does not affect the right of action itself. Steph. Pl. 257; 12 Mod. 597.

AGGREGATE. Composed of several; consisting of many persons united together; a combined whole. 1 Bl. Comm. 469. The entire number, sum, mass, or quantity of something. Bauer v. Rusets & Co., 306 Ill. 602, 158 N. E. 296, 208; In re Establishment of Restricted Residence Dist., 151 Minn. 115, 156 N. W. 292, 293.

AGGREGATE CORPORATION. See Corporation.

AGGREGATIO MENTIUM. The meeting of minds. The moment when a contract is complete. A supposed derivation of the word "agreement," q. v.

AGGREGATION. "Aggregation," in the law of patents, means that the claims in and of themselves, independently of the prior art, show that the elements are incapable of coacting to produce a unitary result. Krell Auto Grand Piano Co. of America v. Story & Clark Co. (C. C. A. Ind.) 207 F. 946, 951; Line Material Co. v. Brady Electric Mfg. Co. (C. C. A. Ill.) 7 F.(2d) 45, 50. The assembly of old elements, in a device in which each performs the same function in the same way as it did when used alone, without mutuality of action, interaction, or cooperation, is mere "aggregation" not involving invention. Lusil Engineering Co. v. Railroad Supply Co. (C. C. A. Ill.) 8 F.(2d) 965; In re Smith, 19 F.(2d) 678, 679, 57 App. D. C. 204.

AGGRESSOR. The party who first offers violence or offense. He who begins a quarrel or dispute, either by threatening or striking another. See Wilkie v. State, 35 Okl. Cr. 225, 242 P. 1057, 1059.

AGGRIEVED. Having suffered loss or injury; damned; injured.

A person in "prejudiced" or "aggrieved," in the legal sense, when a legal right is invaded by an act complained of or his pecuniary interest is directly affected by a decree or judgment. Glos v. People, 258 Ill. 332, 102 N. E. 762, 766, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 119; Wadsworth v. Cozad, 175 N. C. 13, 54 S. E. 670, 671. See next topic.

AGGRIEVED PARTY. Under statutes granting the right of appeal to the party aggrieved
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by an order or judgment, the party aggrieved is one whose pecuniary interest is directly affected by the adjudication; one whose right of property may be established or divested thereby. Duff v. Montgomery, 58 Miss. 185, 36 South. 67; McFarland v. Pierce, 151 Ind. 546, 45 N. E. 706; Lamar v. Lamar, 118 Ga. 684, 45 S. E. 498; Smith v. Bradstreet, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 264; Bryant v. Allen, 6 N. H. 118; Wiggin v. Swett, 6 Mete. (Mass.) 194, 39 Am. Dec. 716; Tillinghast v. Brown University, 24 R. I. 179, 52 Atl. 801; Lowery v. Lowery, 64 N. C. 110; Raleigh v. Rogers, 25 N. J. Eq. 506; McMahon v. Ruble, 135 Ark. 83, 201 S. W. 746; Standard Oil Co. of New York v. Board of Purification of Waters, 43 R. I. 336, 111 A. 887, 888; Williams v. Rice (Sup. Ct.) 201 N. Y. S. 43; Succession of Dickson, 148 La. 501, 87 So. 251, 252; Appeal of Cummings, 126 Me. 111, 136 A. 662, 663 (adoption proceedings); State v. Hunter, 152 Tenn. 233, 276 S. W. 639, 640 (disbarment proceedings; petitioner, individual member of bar, aggrieved); State v. Hudleston, 175 Ark. 666, 293 S. W. 353, 358 (disbarment proceedings; bar association aggrieved; contra. In re Dolphin, 210 N. Y. 89, 147 N. E. 538, 539 (disciplinary proceedings); Commonwealth v. Davidson, 269 Pa. 218, 112 A. 115 (lunacy inquisition); Madden v. Zoning Board of Review of City of Providence, 48 R. I. 175, 136 A. 493 (zoning board's proceedings). Or one against whom error has been committed. Kinealy v. Macklin, 67 Mo. 95. Or one against whom an appealable order or judgment has been entered. Ely v. Frisbie, 17 Cal. 260. Or any party having an interest recognized by law in the subject-matter, which interest is injuriously affected by judgment. Hornbeck v. Richards, 89 Mont. 27, 257 P. 1025, 1026.

A complainant who has received less than the relief demanded, or a defendant who has not been accorded the full amount of his set-off or counterclaim, is aggrieved by the judgment. Blanchard v. Noell, 33 N. J. Eq. 446, 91 A. 811. See, also, Kondas v. Washoe County Bank, 59 Nev. 351, 254 P. 1969, 1971. Conversely, a petitioner for probate of a will cannot be "aggrieved" by its admission. Appeal of Thompson, 114 Mo. 338, 86 A. 238, 239.

One who is under the necessity of answering or replying to irrelevant and redundant matter in a pleading is a "person aggrieved" thereby, who may move that it be stricken out under Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. § 546. Shea v. Kiley (Sup.) 197 N. Y. S. 670, 672.

"Party aggrieved" by officer's failure to execute and make return of process, so as to be entitled to recover penalty imposed by statute, is party at whose instance process was issued, or one having beneficial interest therein by transfer or assignment and not party to whom process was directed. Whitsett v. Wright, 165 Tenn. 207, 291 S. W. 447, 448.

AGILD. In Saxon law. Free from penalty, not subject to the payment of gild, or weergild; that is, the customary fine or pecuniary compensation for an offense. Spelman; Cowell.

AGILER. In Saxon law. An observer or informer.

AGILLARIUS. L. Lat. In old English law. A hayward, herdward, or keeper of the herd of cattle in a common field. Cowell.

AGIO. In commercial law. A term used to express the difference in point of value between metallic and paper money, or between one sort of metallic money and another. McCul. Dict.

An Italian word for accommodation.

AGIOTAGE. A speculation on the rise and fall of the public debt of states, or the public funds. The speculator is called "agioteur."

AGIST.  

In Ancient Law

To take in and give feed to the cattle of strangers in the king's forest, and to collect the money due for the same to the king's use. Spelman; Cowell.

In Modern Law

To take in cattle to feed, or pasture, at a certain rate of compensation. See Agistment.

AGISTATIO ANIMALIUM IN FORESTA. The drift or numbering of cattle in the forest.

AGISTER. See Agistor.

AGISTERS, or GIST TAKERS. Officers appointed to look after cattle, etc. See Williams, Common, 232.

AGISTMENT. The taking in of another person's cattle to be fed, or to pasture, upon one's own land, in consideration of an agreed price to be paid by the owner. Also the profit or recompense for such pasturing of cattle. Bass v. Pierce, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 593; Williams v. Miller, 88 Cal. 290, 9 Pac. 166; Auld v. Travis, 5 Cola. App. 533, 39 Pac. 357. It is a species of bailment. Patchen-Wilkes Stock Farm Co. v. Walton, 166 Ky. 705, 179 S. W. 828.

Tithe of Agistment was a small tithe paid to the rector or vicar on cattle or other produce of grass lands. It was paid by the occupier of the land and not by the person who put in his cattle to graze. Rawle, Exmoor 31.

In Canon Law

A composition or mean rate at which some right or due might be reckoned.

There is also agistment of sea-banks, where lands are charged with a tribute to keep out the sea; and terræ agistatae are lands whose owners must keep up the sea-banks. Holt-house.

AGISTOR. One who takes in horses or other animals to pasture at certain rates. Story, Ballim. § 443; Cox v. Chase, 99 Kan. 740, 163 P. 184, 186; Vaughan v. Bixby, 24 Cal. App. 641, 142 P. 100; Skinner v. Caughey, 64 Minn. 375, 67 N. W. 203.
An officer who had the charge of cattle pastured for a certain stipulated sum in the king's forest and who collected the money paid for them.

AGNATES. In the law of descents. Relations by the father, or on the father's side. This word is used in the Scotch law, and by some writers as an English word, corresponding with the Latin agnati, (q. v.). Ersk. Inst. b. 3, tit. 7, § 4.

AGNATI. In Roman law. The term included "all the cognates who trace their exclusive connection through males. A table of cognates is formed by taking each lineal ancestor in turn and including all his descendants of both sexes in the tabular view. If, then, in tracing the various branches of such a genealogical table or tree, we stop whenever we come to the name of a female, and pursue that particular branch or ramification no further, all who remain after the descendants of women have been excluded are agnates, and their connection together is agnatic relationship." Maine, Anc. Law, 142.

All persons are agnatically connected together who are under the same patria potestas, or who have been under it, or who might have been under it if their lineal ancestor had lived long enough to exercise his empire. Maine, Anc. Law, 144.

The agnate family consisted of all persons living at the same time, who would have been subject to the patria potestas of a common ancestor, if his life had been continued to their time. Hadl. Rom. Law, 131.

Cognates were all persons who could trace their blood to a single ancestor or ancestress, and agnates were those cognates who traced their connection exclusively through males. Maine, Anc. Law. Between agnati and cognati there is this difference: that, under the name of agnati, cognati are included, but not è converso; for instance, a father's brother, that is, a paternal uncle, is both agnatus and cognatus, but a mother's brother, that is, a maternal uncle, is a cognatus but not agnatus. (Dig. 38, 7, 5, pr.) Burrill.

AGNATIC. [From agnati, q. v.] Derived from or through males. 2 Bl. Comm. 296.

AGNATIO. In the civil law. Relationship on the father's side; the relationship of agnati; agnation. Agnatio a patre est. Inst. 3, 5, 4; 1d. 3, 6, 6.

AGNATION. Kinship by the father's side. See Agnates; Agnati.

AGNONOMEN. Lat. An additional name or title; a nickname. A name or title which a man gets by some action or peculiarity; the last of the four names sometimes given a Roman. Thus, Scipio Africanus, (the African,) from his African victories; Ainsworth; Calvus, Lex. See Nomen.

AGNOMINATION. A surname; an additional name or title; agnomen.

AGNUS DEI. Lat. Lamb of God. A piece of white wax, in a flat, oval form, like a small cake, stamped with the figure of a lamb, and consecrated by the pope. Cowell.


AGRAPHIA. See Aphasia.

AGRARIAN. Relating to land, or to a division or distribution of land; as an agrarian law.

AGRARIAN LAWS. In Roman law. Laws for the distribution among the people, by public authority, of the lands constituting the public domain, usually territory conquered from an enemy.

In common parlance the term is frequently applied to laws which have for their object the more equal division or distribution of landed property; laws for subdividing large properties and increasing the number of landholders.

AGRARIIUM. A tax upon or tribute payable out of land.

AGREAMENTUM. In old English law. Agreement; an agreement. Spelman.

AGREE. To concur; to come into harmony; to give mutual assent; to unite in mental action; to exchange promises; to make an agreement; to arrange; to settle. Mickelson v. Gypsy Oil Co., 110 Okl. 117, 238 P. 191, 198; In re Segregation of School Dist. No. 58 from Rural High School Dist. No. 1, 34 Idaho, 222, 200 P. 138, 139; Harvey v. Bodman, 212 Ala. 505, 103 So. 509, 572.

To concur or acquiesce in; to approve or adopt. Agreed, agreed to, are frequently used in the books, (like accord,) to show the concurrence or harmony of cases. Agreed per curiam is a common expression.

To harmonize or reconcile. "You will agree your books." 8 Coke, 67.

To say that a jury agrees upon a verdict is equivalent to find. Benedict v. State, 14 Wis. 423.

It sometimes means to grant or covenant, as when a grantor agrees that no building shall be erected on an adjoining lot; Hogan v. Barry, 140 Mass. 586, 10 N. E. 263; or a mortgagor agrees to cause all taxes to be paid; Mackay v. Trueman, 171 Mo. App. 42, 153 S. W. 502, 503.

AGRÉÉ. In French law. A person authorized to represent a litigant before the Tribunals of Commerce. If such person be a lawyer, he is called an avocat-agraé. Coxe, Manual of French Law.

AGREEANCE. In Scotch law. Agreement; an agreement or contract.
AGREED. Settled or established by agreement. This word in a deed creates a covenant.

This word is a technical term, and it is synonymous with "contracted," McKisick v. McKisick, Meigs (Tenn.) 453. It means, ex vi termini, that it is the agreement of both parties, whether both sign it or not, each and both consenting to it. Alkln v. Albany, V. & C. R. Co., 26 Barb. (N. Y.) 295.

The word "understood" in a contract is synonymous with "agreed." Phoenix Iron & Steel Co. v. Wilkoff Co. (C. C. A. Ohio) 263 F. 166, 157, 1 A. L. R. 1497; Mertz v. Fleming, 283 Wis. 58, 200 N. W. 855, 659.

AGREED CASE. An agreed statement of facts on which a case is submitted in lieu of evidence is not an "agreed case" under the statute (Rev. St. 1909, § 2117), or at common law. Byers v. Essex Inv. Co., 281 Mo. 375, 219 S. W. 570, 571. Nor is there a statement an "agreed case" within the Indiana statute (Burns' Ann. St. 1926, § 604), providing that parties may submit any matter of controversy upon an agreed statement of the facts, made out and signed by the parties, and accompanied by an affidavit that the controversy is real, and the proceedings in good faith. Reddick v. Board of Com'rs of Pulaski County, 14 Ind. App. 598, 41 N. E. 834; Struble-Werneke Motor Co. v. Metropolitan Securities Corporation, 93 Ind. App. 416, 178 N. E. 460.

AGREED ORDER. The only difference between an agreed order and one which is made in the due course of the proceedings in an action is that in the one case it is agreed to, and in the other it is made as authorized by law. Claffin v. Gibson (Ky.) 51 S. W. 438, 21 Ky. Law Rep. 337.

AGREED STATEMENT OF FACTS. A statement of facts, agreed on by the parties as true and correct, to be submitted to a court for a ruling on the law of the case. United States Trust Co. v. New Mexico, 183 U. S. 585, 22 Sup. Ct. 172, 46 L. Ed. 315; Reddick v. Pulaski County, 14 Ind. App. 598, 41 N. E. 834. See Case Stated.

AGREEMENT. A concord of understanding and intention, between two or more parties, with respect to the effect upon their relative rights and duties, of certain past or future facts or performances. The act of two or more persons, who unite in expressing a mutual and common purpose, with the view of altering their rights and obligations.


The consent of two or more persons occurring, the one in parting with, the other in receiving, some property, right, or benefit. Bac. Abr.

A promise, or undertaking. This is a loose and incorrect sense of the word. Wain v. Warlers, 5 East, 11.

The writing or instrument which is evidence of an agreement.

Classification

Agreements are of the following several descriptions, viz:  
Conditional agreements, the operation and effect of which depend upon the existence of a supposed state of facts, or the performance of a condition, or the happening of a contingency.

Executed agreements, which have reference to past events, or which are at once closed and where nothing further remains to be done by the parties.

Executory agreements are such as are to be performed in the future. They are commonly preliminary to other more formal or important contracts or deeds, and are usually evidenced by memoranda, parol promises, etc.

Express agreements are those in which the terms and stipulations are specifically declared and avowed by the parties at the time of making the agreement.

Implied agreement. (1) Implied in fact. One inferred from the acts or conduct of the parties, instead of being expressed by them in written or spoken words. (2) Implied in law: more aptly termed a constructive or quasi contract. One where, by action of law, a promise is imputed to perform a legal duty; one inferred by the law where the conduct of the parties with reference to the subject-matter is such as to induce the belief that they intended to do that which their acts indicate they have done. Baltimore & O. R. Co. v. U. S., 261 U. S. 592, 43 S. Ct. 425, 67 L. Ed. 816; Bixby v. Moor, 51 N. H. 403; Cuneo v. De Cuneo, 24 Tex. Civ. App. 136, 59 S. W. 254.

Parol agreements. Such as are either by word of mouth or are committed to writing, but are not under seal. The common law draws only one great line, between things under seal and not under seal. Wharton.

Synonyms Distinguished

The term "agreement" is often used as synonymous with "contract." Douglass v. W. L. Williams Art Co., 143 Ga. 546, 65 S. E. 903. Properly speaking, however, it is a wider term than "contract" (Anson, Cont. 4.) An agreement might not be a contract, because not fulfilling some requirement of the law of the place in which it is made. So, where a contract embodies a series of mutual
stipulations or constituent clauses, each of these clauses might be denominated an "agreement." The meaning of the contracting parties is their agreement. Whitney v. Wyman, 101 U. S. 396, 25 L. Ed. 1050.

"Agreement" is seldom applied to specialties; "contract" is generally confined to simple contracts; and "promise" refers to the engagement of a party without reference to the reasons or considerations for it, or the duties of other parties. Pars. Cont. 8.

"Agreement" is more comprehensive than "promise;" signifies a mutual contract, on consideration, between two or more parties. A statute (of frauds) which requires the agreement to be in writing includes the consideration. Wain v. Warters, 5 East, 10.

"Agreement" is not synonymous with "promise" or "undertaking;" but, in its more proper and correct sense, signifies a mutual contract, on consideration, between two or more parties, and implies a consideration. Andrews v. Pontue, 24 Wend. (N. Y.) 285.

An interlocutory judgment of divorce may be a contract or agreement within the meaning of a statute freeing the husband from liability for support. London Guarantee & Accident Co. v. Industrial Accident Commission, 181 Cal. 460, 184 P. 884, 886.

In General

—Agreement for insurance. An agreement often made in short terms preliminary to the filling out and delivery of a policy with specific stipulations.

—Agreement of sale; agreement to sell. An agreement of sale may imply not merely an obligation to sell, but an obligation on the part of the other party to purchase (cf. Maloney v. Aschaffenburg, 143 La. 599, 78 So. 761, 764; Loud v. St. Louis Union Trust Co., 313 Mo. 552, 281 S. W. 764, 755); while an agreement to sell is simply an obligation on the part of the vendor or promisor to complete his promise of sale; Treat v. White, 181 U. S. 264, 21 Sup. Ct. 611, 45 L. Ed. 853; Davis v. Roseberry, 95 Kan. 411, 148 P. 629, 630, 3 A. L. R. 564. Generally, anything short of passing the title is an "agreement to sell," not a sale. Neponsit Holding Corporation v. Ansorge, 215 App. Div. 371, 214 N. Y. S. 91, 96.


AGREEER. Fr. In French marine law. To rig or equip a vessel.Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 1.

AGREEZ. Fr. In French marine law. The rigging or tackle of a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 1; Id. tit. 11, art. 2; Id. liv. 3, tit. 1, art. 11.

AGRI. Arable lands in common fields.

AGRI LIMITATI.

In Roman Law

Lands belonging to the state by right of conquest, and granted or sold in plots. Sandars, Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 98.

In Modern Civil Law


AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY. A study of products of the soil, especially foods, their nutritive value, their intensive production, study of composition of soil, chemical methods of fertilization, prevention or amelioration of plant diseases, extinction of insects and other detrimental to agriculture, and in general study of animal and plant life with relation to the science of chemistry. In re Frasch's Estate, 211 N. Y. S. 685, 688, 125 Misc. Rep. 381.

AGRICULTURAL HOLDING. Land cultivated for profit in some way. Within the meaning of the English Agricultural Holdings act of 1883, the term will not include natural grass lands. Such lands are pastoral holdings. 32 S. J. 630.

AGRICULTURAL LAND. Land may be assessable as "agricultural land" though it be covered by native timber and underbrush, grass, and weeds. Milne v. McKinnon, 32 S. D. 627, 144 N. W. 117, 118. The term is synonymous with land "agricultural in character." State v. Stewart, 85 Mont. 1, 190 P. 129, 131.

AGRICULTURAL LIEN. A statutory lien in some states to secure money or supplies advanced to an agriculturist to be expended or employed in the making of a crop and attaching to that crop only. Clark v. Farrar, 74 N. C. 608, 630; Jones-Phillips Co. v. McCormick, 174 N. C. 82, 93 S. E. 440, 452.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT. That which is the direct result of husbandry and the cultivation of the soil. The product in its natural unmanufactured condition. Getty v. Milling Co., 40 Kan. 251, 19 Pac. 617. It has been held not to include beef cattle; Davis & Co. v. City of Macon, 64 Ga. 128, 37 Am. Rep. 69; but to include forestry products; Northern Cedar Co. v. French, 131 Wash. 394, 230 P. 887, 846.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. One for the promotion of agricultural interests, such as the improvement of land, breeds of cattle, etc.; Downing v. State Board of Agriculture, 129 Ind. 443, 28 N. E. 123, 614, 12 L. R. A. 661; or for giving agricultural fairs; Town of West Hartford v. Connecticut Fair Ass'n, 92 A. 432, 88 Conn. 627. See, also, Fairview Inv. Co. v. Lamberson, 25 Idaho, 72, 136 P. 606, 607.
AGRICULTURE. The cultivation of soil for food products or any other useful or valuable growths of the field or garden; tillage, husbandry; also, by extension, farming, including any industry practiced by a cultivator of the soil in connection with such cultivation, as breeding and rearing of stock, dairying, etc. The science that treats of the cultivation of the soil. Stand. Dict.; State v. Stewart, 58 Mont. 1, 190 P. 129, 131; Fleckles v. Hile, 88 Ind. App. 715, 149 N. E. 915; Davis v. Industrial Commission of Utah, 59 Utah, 607, 206 P. 127; Galvin v. Bustin, 113 Tex. 382, 257 S. W. 220, 221; Tower & Sons v. U. S., 9 Cl. Cust. App. 307, 308; Slaycord v. Horn, 179 Iowa, 936, 162 N. W. 249, 252, 7 A. L. R. 1285; People v. City of Joliet, 321 Ill. 385, 152 N. E. 139, 160. And see Binzel v. Grogan, 67 Wis. 147, 29 N. W. 896.

"Agriculture" refers to the field or farm with all its wants, appointments, and products, as distinguished from "horticulture," which refers to the garden, with its less important though varied products. Dillard v. Webb, 55 Ala. 468.

A person is actually engaged in agriculture (within the meaning of a statute giving him special exemptions) when he derives the support of himself and family in whole or in part from the cultivation of land; it must be something more than a garden, though it may be less than a field, and the uniting of any other business with this is not inconsistent with the pursuit of agriculture. Springer v. Lewis, 22 Pa. 199. See Bachelor v. Bickford, 62 Me. 558; Simons v. Lovell, 7 Hels. (Tenn.) 615.

AGUSADURA. In ancient customs, a fee, due from the vassals to their lord for sharpening their plowing tackle.

AHTEID. In old European law. A kind of oath among the Bavarians. Spelman, In Saxon law. One bound by oath, q. d. "oath-tied." From ath, oath, and tied. Id.

AID. To support, help, assist, or strengthen. Hines v. State, 16 Ga. App. 411, 88 S. E. 452, 454; State v. Harris, 74 Or. 573, 144 P. 100, 111, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 1156. To act in cooperation with. Cornett v. Commonwealth, 198 Ky. 296, 248 S. W. 540, 542. This word must be distinguished from its synonym "encourage," the difference being that the former connotes active support and assistance, while the latter does not; and also from "abet," which last word imports necessary criminality in the act furthered (see State v. Ankrom, 84 W. Va. 570, 103 S. E. 923, 927; Osborne v. Baughman, 85 Cal. App. 224, 259 P. 70, 71), while "aid," standing alone, does not. But see Acker v. State, 26 Ariz. 372, 226 P. 196, 201, holding that aid given by an accomplice implies guilty knowledge, and a definite aiding in the crime itself. See Abet.

AID AND ABET. In criminal law. That kind of connection with the commission of a crime which, at common law, rendered the person guilty as a principal in the second degree. It consisted in being present at the time and place, and doing some act to render aid to the actual perpetrator of the crime, though without taking a direct share in its commission. See 4 Bl. Comm. 34; People v. Dole, 122 Cal. 486, 55 Pac. 581, 68 Am. St. Rep. 50; State v. Tully, 102 Ala. 25, 15 South. 722; State v. Jones, 115 Iowa, 113, 85 N. W. 198; State v. Cox, 65 Mo. 29, 33; State v. Odbur, 317 Mo. 372, 255 S. W. 734, 736; Lasen v. Board of Dental Examiners, 24 Cal. App. 767, 142 P. 506, 507. See Accessory; Abettor; Alder and Abettor.

"Aid and abet" comprehend all assistance rendered by words, acts, encouragement, support, or presence, actual or constructive, to render assistance if necessary. Johnson v. State, 21 Ala. App. 586, 110 So. 65; State v. Davis, 191 Iowa, 730, 183 N. W. 314, 316. It is not sufficient that there is a more negative acquiescence not in any way made known to the principal malefactor. People v. Barnes, 311 Ill. 559, 143 N. E. 445, 447.

AID AND ASSIST. The words "aided and assisted," as used in the statute prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, as regards the condemnation or confiscation of vehicles, implies either knowledge on the part of the owner that the vehicle was being used for unlawful transportation, or such negligence or want of care as to charge him with such knowledge or notice. In re Gattina, 203 Ala. 517, 84 So. 760; State v. Hughes, 203 Ala. 90, 82 So. 104.

AID AND COMFORT. Help; support; assistance; counsel; encouragement.

As an element in the crime of treason (see Constitution of the United States, art. 3, § 3), the giving of "aid and comfort" to the enemy may consist in a mere attempt. It is not essential to constitute the giving of aid and comfort that the enterprise commenced should be successful and actually render assistance. Young v. United States, 97 U. S. 39, 62, 24 L. Ed. 992; U. S. v. Greathouse, 4 Sawy. 472, Fed. Cas. No. 15,254.

The voluntary execution of an official bond of a commissioner of the Confederacy from motives of personal friendship, is giving aid and comfort: U. S. v. Padelford, 9 Wall. (U. S.) 538, 19 L. Ed. 788; as is the giving of mechanical skill to build boats for the Confederacy; Gearing v. U. S., 3 Ct. of Cl. 372; otherwise, however, as to a devise to an alien enemy; In re Kleine's Will, 188 Iowa, 1769, 177 N. W. 604, 605, 11 L. R. 156.

AID BOND. See Bond.

AID OF THE KING. The king's tenant prays this, when rent is demanded of him by others.

AID PRAYER. In English practice. A proceeding formerly made use of, by way of petition in court, praying in aid of the tenant for life, etc., from the reversioner or remainderman, when the title to the inheritance was in question. It was a plea in suspension of the action. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

AID SOCIETIES. See Benefit Societies.
AIDER AND ABETTOR. One who advises, counsels, procures, or encourages another to commit the criminal act, State v. Hart, 186 N. C. 552, 120 S. E. 345, 346; Ratcliffe v. Walker, 117 Va. 509, 56 S. E. 575, 579, Ann. Cas. 1917E, 1022. He must share the criminal intent of the principal; State v. Reedy, 97 W. Va. 549, 127 S. E. 24, 25; Whitt v. Commonwealth, 221 Ky. 490, 208 S. W. 1101, 1103; Crawford v. State, 138 Miss. 147, 97 So. 534; and must be actually or constructively present when the crime is committed; Smiddy v. Commonwealth, 210 Ky. 556, 275 S. W. 872, 873. But one who incites or instigates the commission of a felony when he is neither actually nor constructively present is an "aider, abetter, or procurer" within the meaning of a statute. Lamb v. State, 69 Neb. 212, 95 N. W. 1050; Neal v. State, 175 N. W. 669, 670, 104 Neb. 56.

AIDER BY VERDICT. The healing or remission, by a verdict rendered, of a defect or error in pleading which might have been objected to before verdict.

The presumption of the proof of all facts necessary to the verdict as it stands, comes to the aid of a record in which such facts are not distinctly alleged.

AIDS. In feudal law, originally mere benevolences granted by a tenant to his lord, in times of distress; but at length the lords claimed them as of right. They were principally three: (1) To ransom the lord's person, if taken prisoner; (2) to make the lord's eldest son and heir apparent a knight; (3) to give a suitable portion to the lord's eldest daughter on her marriage. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24.

Also, extraordinary grants to the crown by the house of commons, which were the origin of the modern system of taxation. 2 Bl. Comm. 63, 64.

Reasonable Aid

A duty claimed by the lord of the fee of his tenants, holding by knight service, to marry his daughter, etc. Cowell.

AIEL (spelled also Apel, Aile, Ayle, and Aiel). L. Fr. A grandfather.

A writ which lieth where the grandfather was seized in his demesne as of fee of any lands or tenements in fee simple the day that he died and a stranger abateth or entereth the same day and disposesseth the heir. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 222; Termes de la Ley; 3 Bla. Com. 186; 2 Poll. & Maitl. 57. See Abatement of Freehold.

AIELLESE. A Norman French term signifying "grandmother." Kelham.

AILE. A corruption of the French word aieul, grandfather. See Aiel.

AILMENT. Within the meaning of an application for a benefit certificate, something which substantially impairs the health of the applicant, materially weakens the vigor of his constitution, or seriously deranges his vital functions, thereby excluding chronic rheumatism. National Americans v. Ritch, 121 Ark. 185, 180 S. W. 488, 489. The term "ailment," however, covers disorders which could not properly be called diseases. Cromens v. Sovereign Camp W. O. W. (Mo. App.) 247 S. W. 1033, 1034.

AIM A WEAPON. To aim a weapon at another is to point it intentionally. Livingston v. State, 6 Ga. App. 805 (2), 65 S. E. 812; Edwards v. State, 28 Ga. App. 466, 111 S. E. 748. The word "point," however, is not entirely synonymous. "Aim" denotes direction toward some minute point in an object, while "point" implies direction toward the whole object; but the word "point," as used in Comp. St. Okl. 1921, § 1980 (St. 1931, § 2391), implies intention, and in that respect is similar to the word "aim." Buchanan v. State, 25 Okl. Cr. 198, 219 P. 420, 423.

AINESSE. In French feudal law. The right or privilege of the eldest born; primogeniture; esemy. Guyot, Inst. Feud. c. 17.


AIR COURSES. As applied to the operation of coal mines, passages for conducting air. Ricardo v. Central Coal & Coke Co., 100 Kan. 95, 163 P. 641, 643. See Airway.

AIRCRAFT. As used in the Act of Congress of 1926 (49 USCA §§ 171–184), to encourage the use of aircraft in commerce, the term "aircraft" means any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, used, or designed for navigation or flight in the air, except a parachute or other contrivance designed for such navigation but used primarily as safety equipment.

As defined in the Uniform Aeronautics Act, § 1, adopted by 1982 in 21 states, the term includes balloon, airplane, hydroplane and every other vehicle used for navigation through the air. See Aeronautics; Airship; Hydro-Aeroplane.

AIRE. In old Scotch law. The court of the justices itinerant, corresponding with the English eyre, (q. v.) Skene de Verb. Sign. voc. Iter.

AIRPLANE. See Aeronautics; Hydro-Aeroplane; Aircraft; Airship.

AIRPORT. A place specially constructed and designed for the purpose of enabling airplanes or craft navigating the air to take off and to land safely and for the housing or anchoring of such craft when not in service.

As used in the air commerce act of 1926 (49 USCA §§ 171–184), the term "airport" means any locality either of water or land which is adapted for the landing and taking off of
AIRSHIP. Under some statutes the term "airship" includes every kind of vehicle or structure intended for use as a means of transporting passengers or goods, or both, in the air. As defined by the International Flying Convention of 1919, an airship means an aircraft using gas lighter than air as a means of support and having means of propulsion.

AIRWAY. In English law. A passage for the admission of air into a mine. To maliciously fill up, obstruct, or damage, with intent to destroy, obstruct, or render useless the airway to any mine, is a felony punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment at the discretion of the court. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 97, § 28. See Air Courses.

AIRWAY. In French law. The document pursuant to which an action or suit is commenced, equivalent to the writ of summons in England. Actions, however, are in some cases commenced by requête or petion. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 545.

AJUAR. In Spanish law. Paraphernalia. The jewels and furniture which a wife brings in marriage.

AJUTAGE (spelled also Adjutage). A conical tube used in drawing water through an aperture, by the use of which the quantity of water drawn is much increased.

When a privilege to draw water from a canal, through the forebay or tunnel, by means of an aperture, has been granted, it is not lawful to add an ajutage, unless such was the intention of the parties; Schuykill Nav. Co. v. Moore, 2 Whart. (Pa.) 477.

AKIN. In old English law. Of kin. "Next-a-kin." 7 Mod. 140.

AL. Law Fr. At the; to the. Al barre; at the bar. Al huis d’eoglise; at the church door.

ALÆ ECCLESÆ. The wings or side aisles of a church. Blount.

ALANERARIUS. A manager and keeper of dogs for the sport of hawking from alae, a dog known to the ancients. A falconer. Blount.

ALARM LIST. The list of persons liable to military watches, who were at the same time exempt from trainings and musters. See Prov. Laws 1775-76, c. 10, § 18; Const. Mass. c. 11, § 1, art. 10; Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1287.

ALBA FIRMA. In old English law. White rent; rent payable in silver or white money, as distinguished from that which was anciently paid in corn or provisions, called black mail, or black rent; redditus nigri. Spelman; Reg. Orig. 319b.

ALBACEA. In Spanish law. An executor or administrator; one who is charged with fulfilling and executing that which is directed by the testator in his testament or other last disposition. Emeric v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 529, 2 Pac. 418, 433.

ALBANAGIUM. In old French law. The state of alienage; of being a foreigner or alien.

ALBANUS. In old French law. A stranger, alien, or foreigner.

ALBINATUS. In old French law. The state or condition of an alien or foreigner.

ALBINATUS JUS. In old French law. The droit d’aubaine in France, whereby the king, at an alien’s death, was entitled to all his property, unless he had peculiar exemption. Repealed in June, 1791.

ALBUM BREVE. A blank writ; a writ with a blank or omission in it.

ALBUS LIBER. The white book; an ancient book containing a compilation of the law and customs of the city of London.

ALCABALA. In Spanish law. A duty of a certain per cent. paid to the treasury on the sale or exchange of property.

ÁLCALDE. The name of a judicial officer in Spain, and in those countries which have received their laws and institutions from Spain.
His functions somewhat resembled those of mayor in small municipalities on the continent, or justice of the peace in England and most of the United States. Castellero v. U. S., 2 Black, 17, 194, 17 L. Ed. 390.

ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS. "Alcoholic, spirituous and malt liquors" mean intoxicating liquors which can be used as a beverage, and which, when drunk to excess, will produce intoxication. Howard v. Acme Brewing Co., 143 Ga. 1, 83 S. E. 1096, 1097, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 91. Near beer, containing less than 2 per cent. of alcohol, is not a malt or alcoholic liquor. Village of Harrishville v. Chambers, 135 La. 767, 63 So. 193. But raw alcohol is included in prohibitions against selling "alcoholic, spirituous, or intoxicating liquors." C. J. Lincoln Co. v. State, 122 Ark. 204, 183 S. W. 173, 174. The terms "alcoholic liquors," "intoxicating or spirituous liquors," and "intoxicating liquors, including beer, ale, or wine" are used as synonymous terms in Selective Service Act, § 12 (50 USCA § 229 note), prohibiting sale of such liquors to members of the military forces while in uniform. U. S. v. Kinsel (D. C.) 263 F. 141, 142. See Intoxicating Liquor.

ALCOHOLISM. In medical jurisprudence. The pathological effect (as distinguished from physiological effect) of excessive indulgence in intoxicating liquors. It is acute when induced by excessive potations at one time or in the course of a single debauch. An attack of delirium tremens and alcoholic homicidal mania are examples of this form. It is chronic when resulting from the long-continued use of spirits in less quantities, as in the case of dipsomania.


ALDERMAN. A judicial or administrative magistrate. Originally the word was synonymous with "elder" or "senator;" but was also used to designate an earl, and even a king. See Aldermanus.

In English Law

An associate to the chief civil magistrate of a corporate town or city.

The word would seem to have been rather an appellation of honor, originally, than a distinguishing mark of office. Spelman, Gloss.

In American Cities

One of a board of municipal officers next in order to the mayor. State v. Waterman, 95 Conn. 414, 111 A. 623, 624. It has been held that the mayor is not a councilman or alderman. Board of Lights and Waterworks v. Dobbs, 151 Ga. 53, 105 S. E. 611, 612.

The aldermen are generally a legislative body, having limited judicial powers as a body, as in matters of internal police regulation, laying out and repairing streets, constructing sewers, and the like; though in many cities they hold separate courts, and have magisterial powers to a considerable extent.

ALDERMANNUS. L. lat. An alderman.

ALDERMANNUS CIVITATIS VEL BURGI. Alderman of a city or borough, from which the modern office of alderman has been derived. T. Raym. 435, 437.

ALDERMANNUS COMITATUS. The alderman of the county. According to Spelman, he held an office intermediate between that of an earl and a sheriff. According to other authorities, he was the same as the earl. 1 Bl. Comm. 136.

ALDERMANNUS HUNDREDI SEU WAPENTACHII. Alderman of a hundred or wapentake. Spelman.

ALDERMANNUS REGIS. Alderman of the king. So called, either because he received his appointment from the king or because he gave the judgment of the king in the premises allotted to him.

ALDERMANNUS TOTIUS ANGLIE. Alderman of all England. An officer among the Anglo-Saxons, supposed by Spelman to be the same with the chief justice of England in later times. Spelman.

ALE-CONNER. In old English law. An officer appointed by the court-leet, sworn to look to the assise and goodness of ale and beer within the precincts of the leet. Kitch. Courts, 46; Whishaw.

An officer appointed in every court-leet, and sworn to look to the assise of bread, ale, or beer within the precincts of that lordship. Cowell.

This officer is still continued in name, though the duties are changed or given up; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 501.

ALE-HOUSE. A place where ale is sold to be drunk on the premises where sold.

ALE SILVER. A rent or tribute paid annually to the lord mayor of London, by those who sell ale within the liberty of the city.

ALE-STAKE. A maypole or long stake driven into the ground, with a sign on it for the sale of ale. Cowell.

ALEA. Lat. In the civil law. A game of chance or hazard. Dig. 11, 5, 1. See Cod. 3, 43. The chance of gain or loss in a contract.

Aleator. Lat. (From alea, q. v., meaning dice). In the civil law. A gamester; one who plays at games of hazard. Dig. 11, 5; Cod. 3, 43.

Aleatory Contract. A mutual agreement, of which the effects, with respect both
to the advantages and losses, whether to all the parties or to some of them, depend on an uncertain event. Civil Code La. art. 2982; Moore v. Johnston, 8 La. Ann. 488; Losecco v. Gregory, 108 La. 643, 32 So. 985.

A contract, the obligation and performance of which depend upon an uncertain event, such as insurance, engagements to pay annuities, and the like.

A contract is aleatory or hazardous when the performance of that which is one of its objects depends on an uncertain event. It is certain when the thing to be done is supposed to depend on the will of the party, or when in the usual course of events it must happen in the manner stipulated. Civil Code La. art. 1778.

ALER A DIEU. L. Fr. In old practice. To be dismissed from court; to go quit. Literally, "to go to God."

ALER SANS JOUR. In old practice, a phrase used to indicate the final dismissal of a case from court without continuance. "To go without day."

ALEU. Fr. In French feudal law. An alodial estate, as distinguished from a feudal estate or benefit.

ALFET. A cauldron into which boiling water was poured, in which a criminal plunged his arm up to the elbow, and there held it for some time, as an ordeal. Du Cange.

ALGARUM MARIS. Probably a corruption of Laganum maris, lagun being a right, in the middle ages, like jetsam and flotsam, by which goods thrown from a vessel in distress became the property of the king, or the lord on whose shores they were stranded. Spelman; Jacob; Du Cange.


ALIA. Lat. Other things.

ALIA ENORMIA. Other wrongs. The name given to a general allegation of injuries caused by the defendant with which the plaintiff in an action of trespass under the common law practice concluded his declaration. Archb. Crim. Pl. 694.

ALIMENTA. A liberty of passage, open way, water-course, etc., for the tenant's accommodation. Kitchen.

ALIAS. Lat. Otherwise; at another time; in another manner; formerly.

ALIAS DICTUS. "Otherwise called." This phrase (or its shorter and more usual form, alias; see Kennedy v. People, 39 N. Y. 245), when placed between two names in a pleading or other paper indicates that the same person is known by both those names. A fictitious name assumed by a person is colloquially termed an "alias." State v. Nelson, 161 La. 423, 108 So. 794, 795; Ferguson v. State, 154 Ala. 63, 32 South. 780, 92 Am. St. Rep. 17; Turus v. Com., 6 Mete. (Mass.) 235; Kennedy v. People, 1 Cow. Cr. Rep. (N. Y.) 119. One indicted under various names connected by the word "alias" may be identified by any of them. Harris v. State, 19 Ala. App. 484, 98 So. 316, 317.

ALIAS WRIT. A second writ issued in the same cause, where a former writ of the same kind had been issued without effect. In such case, the language of the second writ is, "We command you, as we have before [scire alias] commanded you," etc. Roberts v. Church, 17 Conn. 142; Harris v. Walker, 2 Colo. App. 490, 31 Pac. 231; Ward v. Miller, 143 Ga. 104, 84 S. E. 480, 482; Carter Coal Co. v. Bates, 127 Va. 586, 105 S. E. 76, 78. It is used of all species of writs.

ALIBI. Lat. In criminal law. Elsewhere; in another place. A term used to express that mode of defense to a criminal prosecution, where the party accused, in order to prove that he could not have committed the crime with which he is charged, offers evidence to show that he was in another place at the time; which is termed, in the law, alibi. State v. Child, 40 Kan. 482, 20 Pac. 275; State v. Powers, 72 VT. 348, 47 Atl. 830; Peyton v. State, 54 Neb. 188, 74 N. W. 597; State v. Bosworth, 170 Iowa, 329, 152 N. W. 551, 555; Blackwell v. State, 79 Fla. 709, 96 So. 224, 227, 15 A. L. R. 465; State v. Summers, 96 A. 195, 196, 6 Boyce (Del.) 13; Peoples v. Schindweiler, 315 Ill. 553, 146 N. E. 525, 527; McCool v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 263 F. 55, 57; Colbeck v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 10 F.2d 401, 406. An "alibi" is a general traverse of the material averment of the indictment that the defendant committed the crime charged against him. Ragsdale v. State, 12 Ala. App. 1, 67 So. 783, 787. An "alibi" is strictly not a defense though usually called such in criminal procedure. State v. Norman, 163 Ohio St. 541, 154 N. E. 474. Where the state claims the offense was committed at one time and place, and the defense is merely that it was committed at another time and place, the issue of alibi is not presented. State v. Ivy (Mo. Sup.) 192 S. W. 783, 735.

ALIEN. n. A foreigner; one born abroad; a person resident in one country, but owing allegiance to another. In England, one born out of the allegiance of the king. In the United States, one born out of the jurisdiction of the United States, and who has not been naturalized under their constitution and laws. 2 Kent. Comm. 50; Ex parte Dawson, 3 Brd. Sup. (N. Y.) 136; Lynch v. Clarke, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 668; Lyons v. State, 47 Cal. 380, 7 Pac. 783; Breuer v. Beery, 194 Iowa, 421, 150 N. W. 717, 718; Ex parte (Ng) Fung Sing (D. C.) 6 F.2d 670, 671.

As to the effect of marriage on the status of women, whether they were originally aliens or cit-
ALIENABLE. Proper to be the subject of alienation or transfer.

ALIENAGE. The condition or state of an alien.

ALIENATE. To convey; to transfer the title to property. Co. Litt. 118a. Alien is very commonly used in the same sense. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 53.

"Sell, alienate, and dispose" are the formal words of transfer in Scotch conveyances of heritable property. Bell.

"The term alienate has a technical legal meaning, and any transfer of real estate, short of a conveyance of the title, is not an alienation of the estate. No matter in what form the sale may be made, unless the title is conveyed to the purchaser, the estate is not alienated." Masters v. Insurance Co., 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 630. See, also, Nichols & Shepard Co. v. Dunnington, 118 Ohio, 247, 248, P. 333, 335; Ellis v. Benton, 111 Nebr. 557, 81 N. W. 903; Blank v. Browne, 225 N. Y. S. 664, 668, 217 App. Div. 624. To "alienate" homestead real estate, as contemplated by Constitution, means to convey or transfer the legal title or the beneficial interest owned and held therein. Norton v. Baya, 88 Fla. 1, 102 So. 361, 363.

Alienatio liet probabitur, consensu tamen omnium, in quorum favorem prohibita est, potest fieri, et quilibet potest rescindere juri pro se introducto. Although alienation be prohibited, yet, by the consent of all in whose favor it is prohibited, it may take place; for it is in the power of any man to renounce a law made in his own favor. Co. Litt. 98.

Alienatio rei praefertur juri aceraecondi. Alienation is favored by the law rather than accumulation. Co. Litt. 185.

ALIENATION. In real property law. The transfer of the property and possession of lands, tenements, or other things, from one person to another. Termes de la Ley. It is particularly applied to absolute conveyances of real property. Conover v. Mutual Ins. Co., 1 N. Y. 290, 294. The term is inapplicable to mortgages. Worthington v. Tipton, 24 N. Y. 89, 172 P. 1048, 1049; Lohman State Bank v. Grim, 69 Mont. 444, 222 P. 1052, 1053; Moore v. Tillman, 170 Ark. 805, 282 S. W. 9, 11.

The act by which the title to real estate is voluntarily resigned by one person to another and accepted by the latter, in the forms prescribed by law. Cf. In re Ehrhardt (U. S. D. C.) 19 F.(2d) 406, 407 (bankruptcy proceedings).

The voluntary and complete transfer from one person to another, involving the complete and absolute exclusion, out of him who alienates, of any remaining interest or particle of interest, in the thing transmitted; the complete transfer of the property and possession of lands, tenements, or other things to another. Herring v. Kenell (Ind. Sup.)
ALIENATION


In Medical Jurisprudence
A generic term denoting the different kinds or forms of mental aberration or derangement.


ALIENATION OFFICE. In English practice. An office for the recovery of fines levied upon writs of covenant and entries.

Alienation pending a suit is void. 2 P. Wms. 482; 2 Atk. 174; 3 Atk. 392; 11 Ves. 194; Murray v. Ballow, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 566, 580.

ALIENEE. One to whom an alienation, conveyance, or transfer of property is made. See Alienor.

ALIENI GENERIS. Lat. Of another kind. 3 P. Wms. 247.

ALIENI JURIS. Lat. Under the control, or subject to the authority, of another person; e.g., an infant who is under the authority of his father or guardian; a wife under the power of her husband. The term is contrasted with Sui Juris, (q. v.).

ALIENIGENA. One of foreign birth; an alien. 7 Coke, 31.

ALIENISM. The state, condition, or character of an alien. 2 Kent, Comm. 50, 94, 69.

ALIENIST. One who has specialized in the study of mental diseases. State v. Reidel, 9 Houst. (Del.) 470, 14 A. 550, 552.

ALIENOR. He who makes a grant, transfer of title, conveyance, or alienation. Correlative of alience.

ALIENUS. Lat. Another's; belonging to another; the property of another. Aliens hominum, another's man, or slave. Inst. 4, 3, pr. Aliens res, another's property. Bract. fol. 193.

ALIGNMENT. The act of laying out or adjusting a line. The state of being so laid out or adjusted. The ground plan of a railway or other road or work as distinguished from its profile or gradients. Village of Chester v. Leonard, 68 Conn. 465, 37 Atl. 397. An adjustment to a line. Harner v. Monongalia County Court, 80 W. Va. 626, 92 S. E. 781, 785.

ALIKE. Similar to another. The term is not synonymous with "identical," which means "exactly the same." Carn v. Moore, 74 Fla. 77, 76 So. 337, 340.

ALIMENT. In Scotch law. To maintain, support, provide for; to provide with necessaries. As a noun, maintenance, support; an allowance from the husband's estate for the support of the wife. Paters. Comp. §§ 845, 850, 863.

In Civil Law
Food and other things necessary to the support of life; money allowed for the purpose of procuring these. Dig. 50, 16, 43.

In Common Law
To supply with necessaries. Purcell v. Purcell, 3 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 194.

ALIMENTA. Lat. In the civil law. Aliments; things necessary to sustain life; means of support, including food, (obitaria) clothing, (vestitus) and habitation, (habitatio). Dig. 34, 1, 6.

ALIMONY. The allowance made to a wife out of her husband's estate for her support, either during a matrimonial suit, or at its termination, when she proves herself entitled to a separate maintenance, and the fact of a marriage is established.


The allowance which is made by order of court to a woman for her support out of her husband's estate, upon being separated from him by divorce, or pending a suit for divorce. Pub. St. Mass. 1892, p. 1357. And see Bowman v. Worthington, 24 Ark. 322; Lynde v. Lynde, 64 N. J. Eq. 736, 52 Atl. 694, 58 L. R. A. 471, 97 Am. St. Rep. 692; Collins v. Collins, 80 N. Y. 1; Stearns v. Stearns, 66 Vt. 187, 23 Atl. 875, 44 Am. St. Rep. 896; In re Spen-

A maintenance afforded the wife, where the husband refuses to give it, or where his improper conduct compels her to separate from him; a provision for her to continue for their joint lives, or so long as they live separate, which, on the death of either, or upon their mutual consent to live together, ceases. Polley v. Polley, 97 A. 526, 527, 128 Md. 60.


By alimony we understand what is necessary for the nourishment, lodging, and support of the person who claims it. It includes education, when the person to whom the alimony is due is a minor. Civ. Code La. art. 230. Floyd v. Floyd, 91 Fla. 910, 90 So. 596, 598.

The term is commonly used as equally applicable to all allowances, whether annual or in gross, made to a wife upon a decree in divorce. Burrows v. Purple, 107 Mass. 492.

The matter of alimony is largely regulated by statute.


Permanent Alimony


"Maintenance" and "permanently alimony" are synonymous, and constitute an allowance in money to be recovered from the one in fault for support of innocent party. Phy v. Phy, 116 Or. 31, 256 P. 752, 753, 42 A. L. R. 498. And see Gilbert v. Hayward, 37 N. J. 306, 12 A. 520, 527.

Alimony in its strictly legal sense relates to the provisions made pendente lite, and hence the allowance provided the wife by Civ. Code S. Dak. § 92, is a permanent allowance for maintenance and not "permanent alimony." Warner v. Warner, 36 S. D. 573, 155 N. W. 60, 62. See also, Honey v. Honey, 244 P. 250, 251, 60 Cal. App. 759. Compare Emerson v. Emerson, 123 Md. 584, 57 A. 1033, 1035 (holding that in the absence of statute, in case of an absolute divorce the duty to support ceases and with it the right to alimony).

ALIO INTUITU. Lat. In a different view; under a different aspect. 4 Rob. Adm. & Pr. 151.

With another view or object; with respect to another case or condition. 7 East, 558; 6 M. & S. 231. See Diverso Intuitu.

Aliquid conceditur ne injuria remaneant imputata, quod alias non concedatur. Something is (will be) conceded, to prevent a wrong remaining unredressed, which otherwise would not be conceded. Co. Litt. 1976.

ALIQUID POSSESSIONIS ET NIHIL JURIS. Somewhat of possession, and nothing of right, (but no right). A phrase used by Bracton to describe that kind of possession which a person might have of a thing as a guardian, creditor, or the like; and also that kind of possession which was granted for a term of years, where nothing could be demanded but the usufruct. Bract. fol. 39a, 160a.

Aliquis non debeat esse judex in propria causâ, quia non potest esse judex et pars. A person ought not to be judge in his own cause, because he cannot act as judge and party. Co. Litt. 114; 3 Bl. Comm. 59.

ALIQUOT. Strictly, contained in something else an exact number of times. But as applied to resulting trusts, "aliquot" is treated as meaning fractional. Fox v. Shanley, 94 Conn. 250, 109 A. 249, 251. An "aliquot" part of an estate, as used in the rule that in order to create a resulting trust where several contribute to a purchase it shall appear that the sums severally contributed were for an aliquot part of an estate, means any definite interest. Hinsw. v. Russell, 220 Ill. 235, 117 N. E. 402, 308.

ALITER. Otherwise; as otherwise held or decided.

Alud est celare, aluud tacere. To conceal is one thing; to be silent is another. Lord Mansfield, 3 Burr. 190.

Alud est distinctia, aluud separatio. Distinction is one thing; separation is another. It is one thing to make things distinct, another thing to make them separable.

Alud est possidere, aluud esse in possessione. It is one thing to possess; it is another to be in possession. Hob. 183.

Aluud est vendere, aluud vendenti consentire. To sell is one thing; to consent to a sale (seller) is another thing. Dig. 50, 17, 160.
ALIUD EXAMEN. A different or foreign mode of trial. 1 Hale, Com. Law, 38.

ALIUNDE. Lat. From another source; from elsewhere; from outside. Evidence aliunde (i.e., from without the will) may be received to explain an ambiguity in a will. 1 Greenl. Eq. § 291.

ALIVE. A child to be born alive and capable of inheriting as a requisite to an estate by curtesy need be alive for only a moment of time; the word “alive” meaning that the child shall be alive and have an independent life of its own for some period after birth, and, while respiration at birth is evidence of such life and existence, proof of respiration from actual observation is not necessary to establish it, but other indications of life, such as the beating of the heart and the pulsation of the arteries, may be satisfactory evidence. Fleming v. Sexton, 172 N. C. 250, 90 S. E. 247, 249. Cf. Hydrostatic Test.

ALL. Collectively, this term designates the whole number of particulars, individuals, or separate items; distributively, it may be equivalent to “each” or “every.” State v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 66 Me. 510; Sherburne v. Sischo, 143 Mass. 442, 9 N. E. 797; Davis Trust Co. v. Price, 77 W. Va. 678, 88 S. E. 111; State v. Dilworth, 80 Mont. 102, 228 P. 246, 248; Middleton v. Stone, 163 Ky. 571, 174 S. W. 6, 8, Ann. Cas. 1917E, 84; Thurlow Co. v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 275, 276. Or to “any.” In re Licenses for Sale of Used Motor Vehicles (Iowa) 179 N. W. 609, 611. It is a general rather than a universal term, to be understood in one sense or the other according to the demands of sound reason. Kieffer v. Ehler, 18 Pa. 391; 9 Ves. Jr. 137. See Both.

ALL AND SINGULAR. All without exception. A comprehensive term often employed in conveyances, wills, and the like, which includes the aggregate or whole and also each of the separate items or components. McClaskey v. Barr (C. C.) 54 Fed. 798.

ALL DISABILITY. Under Workmen’s Compensation Act, § 306, par. (c), being 77 PS § 513, the term “all disability” includes both total and partial disability caused by a permanent injury to the leg or arm, or resulting from or relating to the permanent injury, and embraces not only all incapacity to labor, directly or indirectly arising from such permanent injury, but likewise cases of no incapacity at all. Bansch v. Fidler, 277 Pa. 573, 121 A. 507.

ALL FAULTS. A sale of goods with “all faults” covers, in the absence of fraud on the part of the vendor, all such faults and defects as are not inconsistent with the identity of the goods as the goods described. Whitney v. Boardman, 118 Mass. 242.

ALL FOURS. Two cases or decisions which are alike in all material respects, and precisely similar in all the circumstances affecting their determination, are said to be or to run on “all fours.”

ALL THE ESTATE. The name given in England to the short clause in a conveyance or other assurance which purports to convey “all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, and demand” of the grantor, lessor, etc., in the property dealt with. Dav. Conv. 98.

ALL THE MEMBERS. The provision of a church constitution that “all the members” can discharge their parish priest means that all shall have opportunity to participate, but not that all members must attend the meeting or vote in the affirmative for the discharge of the priest. Stryjewski v. Panfil, 269 Pa. 508, 112 A. 764, 765.

Allegans contraria non est audiendus. One alleging contrary or contradictory things (whose statements contradict each other) is not to be heard. 4 Inst. 279. Applied to the statements of a witness.

Allegans suam turpitudinem non est audiendus. One who alleges his own infamy is not to be heard. 4 Inst. 279.

Allegari non debuit quod probatum non relevat. That ought not to be alleged which, if proved, is not relevant. 1 Ch. Cas. 45.

ALLEGATA. In Roman law. A word which the emperors formerly signed at the bottom of their rescripts and constitutions; under other instruments they usually wrote signata or testata. Encyc. Lond.

ALLEGATA ET PROBATA. Lat. Things alleged and proved. The allegations made by a party to a suit, and the proof adduced in their support.

Allegatio contra factum non est admittenda. An allegation contrary to the deed (or fact) is not admissible.

ALLEGATION. The assertion, declaration, or statement of a party to an action, made in a pleading, setting out what he expects to prove. A material allegation in a pleading is one essential to the claim or defense, and which could not be stricken from the pleading without leaving it insufficient. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 463.


In Ecclesiastical Law

The statement of the facts intended to be relied on in support of the contested suit. In English ecclesiastical practice the word seems to designate the pleading as a whole;
the three pleadings are known as the allegations; and the defendant’s plea is distinguished as the defensive, or sometimes the responsive, allegation, and the complainant’s reply as the rejoining allegation.

In General

—Allegation of faculties. A statement made by the wife of the property of her husband, in order to obtain alimony. Lovett v. Lovett, 11 Ala. 763; Wright v. Wright, 3 Tex. 168. See Faculties.

ALLEGEO. To state, recite, assert, or charge; to make an allegation. To affirm, assert, or declare. State v. Hostetter (Mo. Sup.) 222 S. W. 750, 754.


ALLEGANCE. The obligation of fidelity and obedience which the individual owes to the government under which he lives, or to his sovereign in return for the protection he receives. It may be an absolute and permanent obligation, or it may be a qualified and temporary one. The citizen or subject owes an absolute and permanent allegiance to his government or sovereign, or at least until, by some open and distinct act, he renounces it and becomes a citizen or subject of another government or another sovereign. The alien, while domiciled in the country, owes a local and temporary allegiance, which continues during the period of his residence. Carlisle v. U. S., 16 Wall. 151, 21 L. Ed. 420; Jackson v. Goodell, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 19; U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark., 169 U. S. 649, 18 Sup. Ct. 456, 42 L. Ed. 890; Wallace v. Harmstad, 44 Pa. 501.

"The tie or ligament which binds the subject (or citizen) to the king (or government) in return for that protection which the king (or government) affords the subject (or citizen)." 1 Bl. Comm. 306. It consists in "a true and faithful obedience of the subject due to his sovereign," 7 Coke, 4b, and is a comparatively modern corruption of ligeance (legaentia), which is derived from liege (ligius), meaning absolute or unqualified. It signified originally liege fealty, i. e. absolute and unqualified fealty. 18 L. Q. Rev. 47.

Allegiance is the obligation of fidelity and obedience which every citizen owes to the state. Pol. Code Cal. § 55.

In Norman French. Allévation; relief; redress. Kelham.

Acquired Allegiance

That binding a citizen who was born an alien, but has been naturalized.

Local or Actual Allegiance

That measure of obedience which is due from a subject of one government to another government, within whose territory he is temporarily resident. From this are excepted foreign sovereigns and their representatives, naval and armed forces when permitted to remain in or pass through the country or its waters.

Natural Allegiance

In English law. That kind of allegiance which is due from all men born within the king’s dominions, immediately upon their birth, which is intrinsic and perpetual, and cannot be divested by any act of their own. 1 Bl. Comm. 369; 2 Kent, Comm. 42. In American law. The allegiance due from citizens of the United States to their native country, and also from naturalized citizens, and which cannot be renounced without the permission of government, to be declared by law. 2 Kent, Comm. 43-49. It differs from local allegiance, which is temporary only, being due from an alien or stranger born for so long a time as he continues within the sovereign’s dominions and protection. Post. Cr. Law, 184. Natural allegiance is said to be due to the king in his political, not his personal, capacity; L. R. 17 Q. B. D. 54, quoted in U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark., 169 U. S. 653, 18 Sup. Ct. 456, 42 L. Ed. 890; and so in the United States “it is a political obligation” depending not on ownership of land, but on the enjoyment of the protection of government; Wallace v. Harmstad, 44 Pa. 492; and it “binds the citizen to the observance of all laws” of his own sovereign; Adams v. People, 1 N. Y. 173.

ALLEGARE. To defend and clear one’s self; to wage one’s own law.

ALLEGING DIMINUITION. The allegation in an appellate court, of some error in a subordinate part of the nisi prius record. See Diminution.

ALLEVIARE. L. Lat. In old records. To levy or pay an accustomed fine or composition; to redeem by such payment. Cowell.

ALLEY. A narrow way designed for the special accommodation of the property it reaches. Atchison, T. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. City of Chanute, 95 Kan. 161, 147 P. 836, 837. In a plat or statute concerning cities or towns, it means a public way, unless the word “private” is prefixed or the context requires a different meaning. Payne v. Godwin, 147 Va. 1019, 133 S. E. 481, 483; Bellevue Gas & Oil Co. v. Carr, 61 Okl. 290, 161 P. 203, 204.

ALLIANCE. The relation or union between persons or families contracted by intermarriage; affinity.

In International Law

A union or association of two or more states or nations, formed by league or treaty, for the joint prosecution of a war, or for their mutual assistance and protection in repelling hostile attacks. The league or treaty by
which the association is formed. The act of confederating, by league or treaty, for the purposes mentioned.

If the alliance is formed for the purpose of mutual aid in the prosecution of a war against a common enemy, it is called an "offensive" alliance. If it contemplates only the rendition of aid and protection in resisting the assault of a hostile power, it is called a "defensive" alliance. If it combines both these features, it is denominated an alliance "offensive and defensive."

The term is also used in a wider sense, embracing unions for objects of common interest to the contracting parties, as the "Holy Alliance" entered into in 1815 by Prussia, Austria and Russia for the purpose of countering the revolutionary movement in the interest of political liberalism.

ALLISION. The running of one vessel into or against another, as distinguished from a collision, i.e., the running of two vessels against each other. But this distinction is not very carefully observed.


ALLOCATIONE FACIENDA. In old English practice. A writ for allowing to an accountant such sums of money as he hath lawfully expended in his office; directed to the lord treasurer and barons of the exchequer upon application made. Jacob.

ALLOCATO COMITATU. In old English practice. In proceedings in outlawry, when there were but two county courts holden between the delivery of the writ of exi gi facias to the sheriff and its return, a special exi gi facias, with an allocato comitatu issued to the sheriff in order to complete the proceedings. See Exigent.

ALLOCATUR. Lat. It is allowed. A word formerly used to denote that a writ or order was allowed.

A word denoting the allowance by a master or prothonotary of a bill referred for his consideration, whether touching costs, damages, or matter of account. Lee, Dict.

Special Allocatur

The special allowance of a writ (particularly a writ of error) which is required in some particular cases.

ALLOCATUR EXIGENT. A species of writ anciently issued in outlawry proceedings, on the return of the original writ of exigent. 1 Tidd, Pr. 128. See Exigent.

ALLOCATION. See Allocutus.

ALLOCUTUS. In criminal procedure, when a prisoner is convicted on a trial for treason or felony, the court is bound to demand of him what he has to say as to why the court should not proceed to judgment against him: this demand is called the "al·locutus," or "allocation," and is entered on the record. Archb. Crim. Pl. 173; State v. Ball, 27 Mo. 324.

ALLODARI. Owners of allodial lands. Owners of estates as large as a subject may have. Co. Litt. 1; Bac. Abr. "Tenure," A.

ALLODIAL. Free; not holden of any lord or superior; owned without obligation of vassalage or fealty; the opposite of feudal. Barker v. Dayton, 28 Wis. 384; Wallace v. Harmstad, 44 Pa. 499.

ALLODIUM. Land held absolutely in one's own right, and not of any lord or superior; land not subject to feudal duties or burdens.

An estate held by absolute ownership, without recognizing any superior to whom any duty is due on account thereof. 1 Wash. Real Prop. 16. McCartee v. Orphan Asylum, 9 Cow. (N. Y.) 511, 18 Am. Dec. 516.

ALLOGRAPH. A document not written by any of the parties thereto; opposed to autograph.

ALONGE. A piece of paper annexed to a bill of exchange or promissory note, on which to write endorsements for which there is no room on the instrument itself. Pardessus, n. 343; Story, Prom. Notes, §§ 121, 151; Fountain v. Booksater, 141 Ill. 461, 31 N. E. 17; Hang v. Riley, 101 Ga. 372, 29 S. E. 44, 40 L. R. A. 244; Bishop v. Chase, 136 Mo. 158, 56 S. W. 1080, 79 Am. St. Rep. 515; Clark v. Thompson, 194 Ala. 504, 69 So. 925.

ALLOT. To apportion, distribute; to divide property previously held in common among those entitled, assigning to each his rattle portion, to be held in severalty; to set apart specific property, a share of a fund, etc., to a distinct party. Glenn v. Glenn, 41 Ala. 552; Fort v. Allen, 110 N. C. 183, 14 S. E. 655; Millet v. Bilby, 110 Okl. 241, 237 P. 850, 661.

In the law of corporations, to allot shares, debentures, etc., to appropriate them to the applicants or persons who have applied for them; this is generally done by sending to each applicant a letter of allotment, informing him that a certain number of shares have been allotted to him. Sweet.

ALLOTMENT. A share or portion; that which is allotted. Partition, apportionment, division; the distribution of land under an inclosure act, or shares in a public undertaking or corporation. The term ordinarily and commonly used to describe land held by Indians after allotment, and before the issuance of the patent in fee that deprives the land of its character as Indian country. Estes v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 225 F. 980, 981; Harris v. Grayson, 90 Okl. 147, 216 P. 446, 449. See Allottee.

ALLOTMENT CERTIFICATE. A document issued to an applicant for shares in a com-
pany or public loan announcing the number of shares allotted or assigned and the amounts and due dates of the calls or different payments to be made on the same. An "allotment certificate," when issued to an enrolled member of the Five Civilized Tribes of the Indian Territory, is an adjudication of the special tribunal empowered to decide the question that the party to whom it issues is entitled to the land, and it is a conveyance of the right to this title to the allottee. Bow- en v. Carter, 42 Okl. 565, 144 P. 170, 173.

**ALLOTMENT NOTE.** In English law. A writing by a seaman, whereby he makes an assignment of part of his wages in favor of his wife, father or mother, grandfather or grandmother, brother or sister. Every allotment note must be in a form sanctioned by the board of trade. The allottee, that is, the person in whose favor it is made, may recover the amount in the county court. Mozley & Whitley.

**ALLOTMENT SYSTEM.** Designates the practice in England of dividing land in small portions for cultivation by agricultural laborers and other cottagers at their leisure, and after they have performed their ordinary day's work. Wharton.

**ALLOTMENT WARDEN.** By the English general inclosure act, 1845, § 108, when an allotment for the laboring poor of a district has been made on an inclosure under the act, the land so allotted is to be under the management of the incumbent and church warden of the parish, and two other persons elected by the parish, and they are to be styled "the allotment wardens" of the parish. Sweet.

**ALLOTTEE.** One to whom an allotment is made, who receives a ratable share under an allotment; a person to whom land under an inclosure act or shares in a public undertaking are allotted.

An "allottee," as the word is used in the act of April 21, 1894 (chapter 1492, 33 Stat. 150-204), is one, generally an Indian, freedman, or adopted citizen of a tribe of Indians, to whom a tract of land out of a common holding has been given by, or under the supervision of, the United States. Lynch v. Franklin, 57 Okl. 60, 130 P. 599, 600. The word does not include such allottee's heirs. Bradley v. Goddard, 45 Okl. 77, 145 P. 409, 410.

**ALLOW.** To grant, approve, or permit; as to allow an appeal or a marriage; to allow an account or claim. Also to give a fit portion out of a larger property or fund. Thurman v. Adams, 82 Miss. 204, 33 So. 944; Chamberlain v. Putnam, 10 S. D. 360, 73 N. W. 201; People v. Gilroy, 82 Hun, 500, 31 N. Y. Supp. 776; Hinds v. Marmolejo, 60 Cal. 231; Strans v. Wanamaker, 175 Pa. 213, 34 A. 652; Doak-Riddle-Hamilton Co. v. Raabe, 63 Ind. App. 230, 114 N. E. 415, 417; In re McLaren's Estate, 85 Mont. 536, 220 P. 527, 530. To sanction, either directly or indirectly, as opposed to merely suffering a thing to be done. People v. Duncan, 22 Cal. App. 430, 134 P. 797, 798. To acquiesce in. Luckie v. Diamond Coal Co., 41 Cal. App. 468, 150 P. 175, 181; Curtis & Gariside Co. v. Pigg, 39 Okl. 31, 134 P. 1125, 1129. To compel. Longren v. Missouri Pac. Ry. Co., 99 Kan. 757, 163 P. 183, 184. To permit; Kearns v. Kearns, 107 Pa. 575; Doty v. Lawson, 14 Fed. 592; 3 H. & C. 75; to yield; Doty v. Lawson, 14 Fed. 592; to suffer, to tolerate; Gregory v. U. S., 17 Blatchf. 325, Fed. Cas. No. 5,803; to fix; Hinds v. Marmolejo, 60 Cal. 229; Smith v. Board of Comrs of Washita County, 38 Okl. 436, 133 P. 177. To substitute by way of compensation something for another; Glenn v. Glenn, 41 Ala. 571. It is used as a synonym of intent by unlearned persons in wills; it is also used as an equivalent of I will; Ramsey v. Hanion, 33 Fed. 425.

**ALLOWANCE.** A deduction, an average payment, a portion assigned or allowed; the act of allowing. See Stone v. State, 197 Ala. 293, 72 So. 563, 557; Sawyer v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 10 F.2d 416, 421.

As distinguished from a "salary," which is a fixed compensation, decreed by authority and for permanence, and is paid at stated intervals, and depends upon time, and not the amount of the services rendered, "allowance" is a variable quantity. Blaine County v. Pyrah, 32 Idaho, 111, 178 P. 702, 703; Veterans' Welfare Board v. Riley, 158 Cal. 607, 206 P. 631, 537; Jones v. U. S., 60 Cal. 352, 354.

As used in S. Dak. Civ. Code, § 62, authorizing an allowance to the wife on divorce, it is not synonymous with "alimony" and authorizes setting aside specific property. Warne v. Warne, 36 S. D. 573, 156 N. W. 60, 62.

— Allowance pendente lite. In the English chancery division, where property which forms the subject of proceedings is more than sufficient to answer all claims in the proceedings, the court may allow to the parties interested the whole or part of the income, or (in the case of personality) part of the property itself. St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 86, § 57; Daniel, Ch. Pr. 1970.

—Special allowances. In English practice. In taxing the costs of an action as between party and party, the taxing officer is, in certain cases, empowered to make special allowances; i. e., to allow the party costs which the ordinary scale does not warrant. Sweet.

**ALLOY.** An inferior or cheaper metal mixed with gold or silver in manufacturing or coinage. As respects coinage, the amount of alloy is fixed by law, and is used to increase the hardness and durability of the coin. A compound of two or more metals. Trebacher-Chemische Werke Gesellschaft mit Beschränkter Haftung v. Roessler & Hasslacher Chemical Co. (C. C. A.) 219 F. 210, 211. A mixture or combination of metals while in state of fusion. Pittsburgh Iron & Steel
ALLOYNOUR. L. Fr. One who conceals, steals, or carries off a thing privately. Britt. c. 17.

ALLUVIO MARIS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. The washing up of the sea; the soil thus formed; formation of soil or land from the sea; maritime increase. Hale, Anal. § 8. "Alluvio maris is an increase of the land adjoining, by the projection of the sea, casting up and adding sand and sluff to the adjoining land, whereby it is increased, and for the most part by insensible degrees." Hale, de Jure Mar. pt. 1, c. 6.

ALLUVION. That increase of the earth on a shore or bank of a river, or to the shore of the sea, by the force of the water, as by a current or by waves, which is so gradual that no one can judge how much is added at each moment of time. Inst. 1, 2, t. 1, § 20. Ang. Water Courtes, 53. Jefferis v. East Omaha Land Co., 134 U. S. 178, 10 Sup. Ct. 518, 33 L. Ed. 872; Freeland v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 197 Pa. 529, 17 A. 745, 58 L. R. A. 205, 80 Am. St. Rep. 850; State v. Richardson, 72 So. 984, 986, 140 La. 329.

The term is chiefly used to signify a gradual increase of the shore of a running stream, produced by deposits from the waters. By the common law, alluvion is the addition made to land by the washing of the sea, or a navigable river or other stream, whenever the increase is so gradual that it cannot be perceived in any one moment of time. Livingston v. St. Clair County, 64 Ill. 58, 16 Am. Rep. 516.

Alluvion differs from avulsion in this: that the latter is sudden and perceptible. St. Clair County v. Livingston, 23 Wall. 46, 23 L. Ed. 50. See Accretion; Avulsion.

ALLY. A nation which has entered into an alliance with another nation. 1 Kent, Comm. 69.

A citizen or subject of one of two or more allied nations. Miller v. The Resolution, 2 Dall. (U. S.) 15, 1 L. Ed. 283; Siemund v. Schmidt (Mun. Ct. N. Y.) 185 N. Y. S. 935.

ALMANAC. A publication, in which is recounted the days of the week, month, and year, both common and particular, often distinguishing the fasts, feasts, terms, etc., from the common days by proper marks, pointing out also the several changes of the moon, tides, eclipses, etc.

ALMARIA. The archives, or, as they are sometimes styled, muniments of a church or library.

ALMESFEOH. In Saxon law. Alms-fee; alms-money. Otherwise called "Peter-pence." Cowell.

ALMOIN. Alms; a tenure of lands by divine service. See Frankalmoinige.

ALMONER. One charged with the distribution of alms. The office was first instituted in religious houses and although formerly one of importance is now in England almost a sinecure.

ALMOXARIFAZGO. In Spanish law. A general term, signifying both export and import duties, as well as excise.

ALMS. Charitable donations. Any species of relief bestowed upon the poor. That which is given by public authority for the relief of the poor.

ALMS FEE. Peter-pence (or Peter's pence), which see.

ALMSHOUSE. A house for the publicly supported paupers of a city or county. People v. City of New York, 36 Hun (N. Y.) 311. In England an almshouse is not synonymous with a workhouse or poorhouse, being supported by private endowment. An "almshouse" may be a public institution kept up by public revenues, or it may be an institution maintained by private endowment and contributions, where the indigent, sick, and poor are cared for without cost to themselves. State Board of Control v. Buckstegge, 18 Ariz. 277, 158 P. 837, 839.

ALNAGER, or ULNAGER. A sworn officer of the king whose duty it was to look to the assise of woolen cloth made throughout the land, and to the putting on the seals for that purpose ordained, for which he collected a duty called "alnage." Cowell; Termes de la Ley.

ALNETUM. In old records, a place where alders grow, or a grove of alder trees. Doomsday Book; Co. Litt. 4b.

ALOD, Aloe, Alodes, Alodis. L. Lat. In feudal law. Old forms of alodium or alodiius (q. v.). A term used in opposition to feodum or fief, which means property, the use of which was bestowed upon another by the proprietor, on condition that the grantee should perform certain services for the grantor, and upon the failure of which the property should revert to the original possessor. See 1 Poll. & Malt. 45.

ALODIAN. Sometimes used for alodial, but not well authorized. Cowell.

ALODIARI. See Alodarii.


ALONG. By, on, up to, or over, according to the subject-matter and context. Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 425; Walton v. R. Co., 67 Mo. 58; Benton v. Horsley, 71 Ga. 619; State v. Downes, 79 N. H. 505, 112 A. 248; Sioux BL. LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)
City Bridge Co. v. Miller (C. C. A.) 12 F. (2d) 41, 48. The term does not necessarily mean touching at all points; Com. v. Franklin, 133 Mass. 569; nor does it necessarily imply contact, Watts v. City of Winfield, 101 Kan. 470, 168 P. 319, 321.

ALSO. Beside; as well as; too. Lindley v. City and County of Denver, 64 Colo. 444, 175 P. 707, 708. In addition to, State v. Erickson, 75 Mont. 429, 244 P. 287, 295; Fessenden v. Coombs, 90 A. 817, 116 Me. 49; Irvine v. Irvine, 69 Or. 187, 136 P. 18, 19. Likewise, or in like manner. City of Birmingham v. Collins, 201 Ala. 479, 78 So. 385; Wilson v. Matson, 110 Neb. 630, 194 N. W. 735, 736; Cain v. Courter (Mo. Sup.) 215 S. W. 17, 19; Sargent v. Shumaker, 193 Cal. 122, 223 P. 464, 465. The word imports no more than “item” and may mean the same as “moreover”; but not the same as “in like manner”; Evans v. Knorr, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 65; nor is it synonymous with “other.” City of Princeton v. Gunter, 154 S. W. 151, 153, 106 Ark. 571. It may be (1) the beginning of an entirely different sentence, or (2) a copulative carrying on the sense of the immediately preceding words into those immediately succeeding. Stroud, Jud. Dict., citing 1 Jarm. 497 n.; 1 Salk. 239; Security State Bank v. Jones, 247 P. 862, 863, 121 Kan. 396.

ALT. In Scotch practice. An abbreviation of Alter, the other; the opposite party; the defendant. 1 Broun, 336, note.


ALTA VIA. L. Lat. In old English law. A highway; the highway. 1 Salk. 222. Alta via regia; the king’s highway; “the king’s high street.” Finch, Law, b. 2, c. 9.

ALTARAGE. In ecclesiastical law. Offerings made on the altar; all profits which accrue to the priest by means of the altar. Alger, Parerg. 61.

ALTEHEIM. A German word meaning “home for old people.” German Pioneer Verein v. Meyer, 63 A. 855, 70 N. J. Ed. 192.

ALTER. To make a change in; to modify; to vary in some degree; to change some of the elements or ingredients or details without substituting an entirely new thing or destroying the identity of the thing affected. Hannibal v. Winchell, 54 Mo. 177; Haynes v. State, 15 Ohio St. 450; Davis v. Campbell, 93 Iowa, 524, 61 N. W. 1063; Sessions v. State, 115 Ga. 18, 41 S. E. 259. See Alteration; Change.

The other; the opposite party. See Alt.

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This term is to be distinguished from its synonyms “change” and “amend.” To change may import the substitution of an entirely different thing, while to alter is to operate upon a subject-matter which continues objectively the same while modified in some particular.

If a check is raised, in respect to its amount, it is altered; if a new check is put in its place, it is changed. To “amend” implies that the modification made in the subject improves it, which is not necessarily the case with an alteration. An amendment always involves an alteration, but an alteration does not always amend. See Ex parte Woo Jan (D. C.) 223 F. 927, 940.


ALTERATION. Variation; changing; making different. See Alter.


Improvements which add to the height or depth of a building, or which change, increase, and repair the interior accommodations thereof, are repairs or alterations within the meaning of the Mechanics' Lien Act. Fehr Const. Co. v. Postel System of Health Building, 238 Ill. 634, 124 N. E. 315, 317; Hardwood Interior Co. v. Bull, 24 Cal. App. 129, 140 P. 702, 703.


An alteration is an act done upon the instrument by which its meaning or language is changed. If what is written upon or erased from the instrument has no tendency to produce this result, or to mislead any person, it is not an alteration. Oliver v. Hawley, 5 Neb. 444.

An alteration is said to be material when it affects, or may possibly affect, the rights of the persons interested in the document.

A "material alteration" of an instrument is one which makes it speak a language different in legal effect from that which it originally spoke, or which carries with it some change in the rights, interests, or obligations of the parties to the writing. McIntosh v. State, 98 S. E. 555, 556, 23 Ga. App. 515; Bank of Moberly v. Meals, 316 Mo. 1168, 286 S. W. 73, 77; Gray v. Williams, 91 Vt. 111, 99 A. 735, 736; Commercial Credit Co. v. Giles (Tex. Civ. App.) 207 S. W. 598, 608; Frazeren v. Oklahoma Star Oil Co., 93 Okl. 139, 191 Pac. 134; Dr. Ward's Medical Co. v. Wollast, 190 Mass. 211, 190 N. W. 735, 740.
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An act done upon a written Instrument, which, without destroying the identity of the document, introduces some change into its terms, meaning, language, or details is an alteration. See U. S. v. Sacks, 42 S. Ct. 38, 39, 297 U. S. 37, 66 L. Ed. 118; Spencer v. Trippelett (Tex. Civ. App.) 184 S. W. 712; Moore v. First Nat. Bank, 211 Ala. 367, 100 So. 349, 351; Crouch v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 295 F. 437, 439. This may be done either by the mutual agreement of the parties concerned (but this use of the word is rather colloquial than technical; such an alteration becomes a new agreement, superseding the original one; Leake, Cont. 430), or by a person interested under the writing without the consent, or without the knowledge, of the others. Smith v. Barnes, 51 Mont. 202, 149 P. 963, 967, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 330; Rice v. Jones, 102 Okl. 30, 225 P. 958, 960; Edwards v. Thompson, 39 Wash. 188, 169 P. 327, 328. In either case it is properly denominated an alteration; but if performed by a mere stranger, it is more technically described as a spoliation or mutilation. Knox v. Horne (Tex. Civ. App.) 299 S. W. 258, 260; Cochran v. Nebeker, 48 Ind. 462. The term is not properly applied to any change which involves the substitution of a practically new document. Kemper v. Simon, 185 N. Y. S. 393, 334, 119 Misc. Rep. 60. And it should in strictness be reserved for the designation of changes in form or language, and not used with reference to modifications in matters of substance. The term is also to be distinguished from "defacement," which conveys the idea of an obliteration or destruction of marks, signs, or characters already existing. An addition which does not change or interfere with the existing marks or signs, but gives a different tenor or significance to the whole, may be an alteration, but is not a defacement. Linney v. State, 6 Tex. 1, 55 Am. Dec. 756. Again, in the law of wills, there is a difference between revocation and alteration. If what is done simply takes away what was given before, or part of it, it is a revocation; but if it gives something in addition or in substitution, then it is an alteration. Appeal of Miles, 68 Conn. 237, 36 Atl. 39, 36 L. R. A. 176; In re Thorn's Estate, 183 Cal. 512, 192 P. 19, 22.

Alterius circumventio ali non praebet actionem. The deceiving of one person does not afford an action to another. Did. 50, 17, 49.

ALTERNAT. A usage among diplomatists by which the rank and places of different powers, who have the same right and pretensions to precedence, are changed from time to time, either in certain regular order or one determined by lot. In drawing up treaties and conventions, for example, it is the usage of certain powers to alternate, both in the preamble and the signatures, so that each power occupies, in the copy intended to be delivered to it, the first place. Wheat. Int. Law, § 157.


Alternativa petitio non est audienda. An alternative petition or demand is not to be heard. 5 Coke, 40.

ALTERNATIVE. One or the other of two things; giving an option or choice; allowing a choice between two or more things or acts to be done. See Malone v. Meres, 91 Fla. 709, 109 So. 677, 693.

ALTERNATIVE CONTRACT. A contract whose terms allow of performance by the doing of either one of several acts at the election of the party from whom performance is due. Crane v. Peer, 43 N. J. Eq. 553, 4 Atl. 72.

ALTERNATIVE OBLIGATION. An obligation allowing the obligor to choose which of two things he will do, the performance of either of which will satisfy the instrument. Where the things which form the object of the contract are separated by a disjunctive, then the obligation is alternative. A promise to deliver a certain thing or to pay a specified sum of money is an example of this kind of obligation. Civil Code La. art. 2066.


ALTERNATIVE REMEDY. Where a new remedy is created in addition to an existing one, they are called "alternative" if only one can be enforced; but if both, "cumulative."

ALTERNATIVE Writ. A writ commanding the person against whom it is issued to do a specified thing, or show cause to the court why he should not be compelled to do it. Allee v. McCoy, 2 Marv. (Del.) 465, 33 Atl. 359. Under the common-law practice, the first mandamus is an alternative writ; 3 Bla. Con. 111; but in modern practice this writ is often dispensed with and its place is taken by a rule to show cause. See Mandamus.

ALTERNIS VIGIBUS. l. Lat. By alternate turns; at alternate times; alternately. Co. Litt. 4a; Shap. Touch. 206.

ALTERUM NON LÆDERE. Not to injure another. This maxim, and two others, honeste civere, and sumpsit quique tribuere, (q. v.) are considered by Justinian as fundamental principles upon which all the rules of law are based. Inst. 1, 1, 3.

ALTUS NON TOLLENDI. In the civil law. A servitude due by the owner of a house, by which he is restrained from building beyond a certain height. Dig. 8, 2, 4; Sandars, Just. Inst. 119.

ALTUS TOLLENDI. In the civil law. A servitude which consists in the right, to him
who is entitled to it, to build his house as high
as he may think proper. In general, however,
every one enjoys this privilege, unless he is
restrained by some contrary title. Sandars,
Just. Inst. 119.

ALTO ET BASSO. High and low. This
phrase is applied to an agreement made be-
tween two contracting parties to submit all
matters in dispute, alto et basso, to arbitra-
tion. Cowell.

ALTUM MARE. L. Lat. In old English law.
The high sea, or sease. Co. Litt. 260b. The
deep sea. Super altum mare, on the high seas.
Hob. 2128.

ALUMNUS. A child which one has nursed;
a foster-child. Dig. 40, 2, 14.
Also a graduate from a school, college, or
other institution of learning.

ALVEUS. The bed or channel through which
the stream flows when it runs within its ordi-
nary channel. Calvinus, Lex.
Alveus derelictus, a deserted channel.
Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 274.

AMALGAMATION. Union of different races,
or diverse elements, societies, or corporations,
so as to form a homogeneous whole or new
body; interfusion; intermarriage; consoli-
dation; coalescence; as, the amalgamation of
stock. Stand. Diet.
In England it is applied to the merger or
consolidation of two incorporated companies
or societies.

The word has no definite meaning; it in-
volves the blending of two concerns into one;
[1004] 2 Ch. 298.

In the case of the Empire Assurance Corporation,
(1857,) L. R. 4 Eq. 347, the vice-chancellor said: "It
is difficult to say what the word 'amalgamate'
means. I confess at this moment I have not the
least conception of what the full legal effect of the
word is. We do not find it in any law dictionary,
or expounded by any competent authority. But I am
quite sure of this: that the word 'amalgamate'
cannot mean that the execution of a deed shall
make a man a partner in a firm in which he was
not a partner before, under conditions of which he
is in no way cognisant, and which are not the same
as those contained in the former deed." But in
Adams v. Yazoo & M. V. R. Co., 77 Miss. 194, 24
South. 200, 231, 80 L. R. A. 33, it is said that the
term "amalgamation" of corporations is used in the
English cases in the sense of what is usually
known in the United States as "merger," meaning
the absorption of one corporation by another, so
that the absorbing corporation continues in
existence, and differs from "consolidation," the
meaning of which is limited to such a union of two or more
corporations as necessarily results in the creation
of a third new corporation.

AMALPHITAN CODE OR TABLE. A collec-
tion of sea-laws, compiled about the end of the
eleventh century, by the people of Amalphi.
It consists of the laws on maritime subjects,
which were or had been in force in countries
bordering on the Mediterranean; and was for
a long time received as authority in those
countries. Aznli; Wharton. It became a
part of the law of the sea; The Scotia, 14

AMANUENSIS. One who writes on behalf of
another that which he dictates.

AMBACTUS. A messenger; a servant sent
about; one whose services his master hired
out. Spelman.

AMBASCIATOR. A person sent about in the
service of another; a person sent on a service.
A word of frequent occurrence in the
writers of the middle ages. Spelman.

AMBASSADOR. In international law. A
public officer, clothed with high diplomatic
powers, commissioned by a sovereign prince
or state to transact the international busi-
ness of his government at the court of the
country to which he is sent.
Ambassador is the commissioner who rep-
resents one country in the seat of govern-
ment of another. He is a public minister,
which, usually, a consul is not. Brown.
Ambassador is a person sent by one sovereign
to another, with authority, by letters of
credence, to treat on affairs of state. Ja-
cob.
A distinction was formerly made between
Ambassadors Extraordinary, who were sent
to conduct special business or to remain for
an indeterminate period, and Ambassadors
Ordinary, who were sent on permanent mis-
sions; but this distinction is no longer ob-
served.

Ambassadors are regarded as the personal
representatives of the head of the state which
sends them, and in consequence they are enti-
titled to special honors, and have special privi-
leges. The duties of an ambassador are
varied; he is the mouthpiece of communica-
tions from his state to the foreign country;
he must keep his government informed upon
all questions of interest to it; he must see
to the protection of citizens of his country
resident in the foreign state. A foreign am-
assador may authorize suit in our courts
in the name of his government. Russian Gov-
ernment v. Lehigh Valley R. Co. (D. C.) 293
F. 133. See Letter of Credence; Minister.

AMBER, or AMBRA. In old English law. A
measure of four bushels.

AMIDEXTER. Skillful with both hands;
one who plays on both sides. Applied an-
ciently to an attorney who took pay from both
sides, and subsequently to a juror guilty of
the same offense. Cowell.

Ambigua responsio contra proferentem est ac-
cipienda. An ambiguous answer is to be taken
against (is not to be construed in favor of)
him who offers it. 10 Coke, 59.

Ambiguis casibus semper prasumitur pra rege.
In doubtful cases, the presumption always is
in behalf of the crown. Lofft, Append. 248.
AMBIGUITAS

Lat. From ambiguous, doubtful, uncertain, obscure. Ambiguity; uncertainty of meaning.

Ambiguitas latens, a latent ambiguity; ambiguitas patens, a patent ambiguity. See Ambiguity.

Ambiguitas contra stipulatorem est. Doubtful words will be construed most strongly against the party using them.

Ambiguitas verborum latens verificatio suppletur; nam quo ex fato oritur ambiguous verificatio facti tollitur. A latent ambiguity in the language may be removed by evidence; for whatever ambiguity arises from an extrinsic fact may be explained by extrinsic evidence. Bae. Max. Reg. 23. Said to be "an unprofitable subtlety; inadequate and uninformative." Prof. J. B. Thayer in 6 Harv. L. 417.

Ambiguitas verborum patens nullat verificatio exodulatur. A patent ambiguity cannot be cleared up by extrinsic evidence (or is never holpen by avenment). Looff, 249; Bacon, Max. 25.


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Ambiguity of language is to be distinguished from unintelligibility and inaccuracy, for words cannot be said to be ambiguous unless their signification seems doubtful and uncertain to persons of competent skill and knowledge to understand them. Story, Contr. 272.

The term "ambiguity" does not include more inaccuracy, or such uncertainty as arises from the use of peculiar words, or of common words in a peculiar sense. Wig. Will's 174; In re Millet's Estate, 266 N. Y. 8, 162, 152 Misc. Rep. 745.

A will is ambiguous only when, after full consideration, it is determined judicially that no interpretation can be given to it. In re Altman's Estate, 188 N. Y. S. 463, 113 Misc. Rep. 476; In re Gosh's Estate, 159 N. Y. S. 1064, 103 Misc. Rep. 156.

AMBIGUITY UPON THE FACTUM. An ambiguity in relation to the very foundation of the instrument itself, as distinguished from an ambiguity in regard to the construction of its terms. The term is applied, for instance, to a doubt as to whether a testator meant a particular clause to be a part of the will, or whether it was, introduced with his knowledge, or whether a codicil was meant to republish a former will, or whether the residuary clause was accidentally omitted. Eatherly v. Eatherly, 1 Coll. (Tenn.) 481, 495, 78 Am. Dec. 499.

Ambiguum pactum contra vendedorum interpretandum est. An ambiguous contract is to be interpreted against the seller.

Ambiguum placitum interpretari debet contra proferentem. An ambiguous plea ought to be interpreted against the party pleading it. Co. Litt. 306b.

AMBIT. A boundary line, as going around an; an exterior or inclosing line or limit. Ellicott v. Pearl, 10 Pet. (U. S.) 412, 442, 9 L. Ed. 475.

The limits or circumference of a power or jurisdiction; the line circumscribing any subject-matter. As to the ambit of a port, see Leonis Steamship Co., Ltd., v. Rank, Ltd. (1907) 1 K. B. 344, 352; Fyman Bros. v. Dreyfus Bros. & Co. (1880) 24 Q. B. D. 152, 155.

AMBITUS. In the Roman law. A going around; a path worn by going around. A space of at least two and a half feet in width, between neighboring houses, left for the convenience of going around them. Calvin.

The procuring of a public office by money or gifts; the unlawful buying and selling of a public office. Inst. 4, 18, 11; Dig. 48, 14.

AMBULANCE. A vehicle for the conveyance of the sick or wounded. In time of war they are considered neutral and must be respected by the belligerents. Oppenheim, Int. L. 126.

AMBULANCE CHASER. A lawyer or his agent who follows up accidents in the streets.
and tries to induce the injured person to sue for damages, but not including employees and representatives of one charged with tort sent to the injured person to make an amicable adjustment if possible. Kelley v. Boyne, 239 Mich. 204, 214 N. W. 316, 318, 53 A. L. R. 273. A popular name for one who solicits negligence cases for an attorney. In re Newell, 160 N. Y. S. 275, 278, 174 App. Div. 94. See also, Ambulance Chasing.

**AMBULANCE CHASING.** A term descriptive of the practice of some attorneys, on hearing of a personal injury which may have been caused by the negligence or wrongful act of another, of at once seeking out the injured person with a view to securing authority to bring action on account of the injury. The practice has been described as in violation of the ethics of the legal profession, branding those who indulge in it with professional infamy. Chunes v. Duluth, W. & P. Ry. Co. (D. C.) 298 F. 964. See Weinard v. Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co. (D. C.) 298 F. 977.

**Ambulatoria est voluntas defuncti usque ad vita supremum exitum.** The will of a deceased person is ambulatory until the latest moment of life. Dig. 34, 4, 4.

**AMBULATORY.** (Lat. ambulare, to walk about). Movable; revocable; subject to change.

**Ambulatoria voluntas** (a changeable will) denotes the power which a testator possesses of altering his will during his life-time. Hattersley v. Bissett, 50 N. J. Eq. 577, 25 Atl. 322.

The court of king's bench in England was formerly called an “ambulatory court,” because it followed the king’s person, and was held sometimes in one place and sometimes in another. So, in France, the supreme court or parliament was originally ambulatory. 3 Bl. Comm. 38, 39, 41.

The return of a sheriff has been said to be ambulatory until it is filed. Wilmot, J., 3 Burr. 1644.

**AMBUSH.** The noun “ambush” means (1) the act of attacking an enemy unexpectedly from a concealed station; (2) a concealed station, where troops or enemies lie in wait to attack by surprise, an ambush; (3) troops posted in a concealed place for attacking by surprise. The verb “ambush” means to lie in wait, to surprise, to place in ambush. Dale County v. Gunter, 46 Ala. 118, 142, referred to in Durmeil v. State, 14 Okl. Cr. 540, 174 P. 290, 292, 1 A. L. R. 638.

**AMELIORATIONS.** Betterments; improvements. 6 Low. Can. 294; 9 Id. 503.

**AMENABLE.** Subject to answer to the law; accountable; responsible; liable to punishment. Miller v. Com., 1 Duv. (Ky.) 17; Pickelsimer v. Glazeuer, 173 N. C. 630, 92 S. E. 700, 704.

Also means tractable, that may be easily led or governed; formerly applied to a wife who is governable by her husband. Cowell.

**AMEND.** To improve; to make better by change or modification. See Alter.

To correct or rectify or to free from error. U. S. v. Dembowski (D. C.) 252 F. 894, 898.

**AMENDE HONORABLE.**

In Old English Law

A penalty imposed upon a person by way of disgrace or infamy, as a punishment for any offense, or for the purpose of making reparation for any injury done to another, as the walking into church in a white sheet, with a rope about the neck and a torch in the hand, and begging the pardon of God, or the king, or any private individual, for some delinquency.

In French Law

A punishment somewhat similar to this, which bore the same name, was common in France for offenses against public decency or morality. It was abolished by the law of the 23th of September, 1791; Merlin, Répert. In 1823 it was re-introduced in cases of sacrilege and was finally abolished in 1830.

In modern usage, an apology.

**AMENDMENT.**

In Practice

The correction of an error committed in any process, pleading, or proceeding at law, or in equity, and which is done either of course, or by the consent of parties, or upon motion to the court in which the proceeding is pending. 3 Bl. Comm. 407, 448; 1 Tidd, Pr. 696.


The office of a “trial amendment” is to supply allegations in a pleading after exception thereto has been sustained. Cottle v. Thompson (Tex. Civ. App.) 159 S. W. 455, 459.


A broad definition of the word “amendment” would include any alteration or change. State v. Le Blond, 108 Ohio St. 41, 140 N. E. 491, 494. It may be used interchangeably with “revision.” Pierce v. Solano County, 62 Cal. App. 465, 217 P. 545, 546.

**In Legislation.**

A modification or alteration proposed to be made in a bill on its passage, or an enacted law; also such modification or change when made. Brake v. Callison (C. C.) 122 Fed. 722;
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"Amendment" includes additions to, as well as corrections of, matters already treated, and there is nothing in the context of Const. art. 5, providing that Congress shall propose amendments, which suggests that it was used in a restricted sense. Christian Felgenspan, Inc., v. Bodine (D. C.) 264 F. 136, 190. See, also, State v. Fulton, 99 Ohio St. 168, 124 N. E. 172, 175.

AMENDS. A satisfaction given by a wrongdoer to the party injured, for a wrong committed. 1 Lill. Reg. 81.

AMENITY. In real property law. Such circumstances, in regard to situation, outlook, access to a water course, or the like, as enhance the pleasantness or desirability of an estate for purposes of residence, or contribute to the pleasure and enjoyment of the occupants, rather than to their indispensable needs. In England, upon the building of a railway or the construction of other public works, "amenity damages" may be given for the defacement of pleasure grounds, the impairment of riparian rights, or other destruction of or injury to the amenities of the estate.

In the law of easements, an "amenity" consists in restraining the owner from doing that with and on his property which, but for the grant or covenant, he might lawfully have done; sometimes called a "negative easement" as distinguished from that class of easements which compel the owner to suffer something to be done on his property by another. Equitable Life Assur. Soc. v. Brennan (Sup.) 24 N. Y. Supp. 741, 748.

AMENTIA. In medical jurisprudence. Insanity; idiocy. See Insanity.

AMERALIUS. L. Lat. A naval commander, under the eastern Roman empire, but not of the highest rank; the origin, according to Speelman, of the modern title and office of admiral. Speelman.

AMERCE. To impose an amercement or fine; to punish by a fine or penalty.

AMECREMENT. A pecuniary penalty, in the nature of a fine, imposed upon a person for some fault or misconduct, he being "in mercy" for his offense. It was assessed by the peers of the delinquent, or the afeorers, or imposed arbitrarily at the discretion of the court or the lord. Goodyear v. Sawyer (C. C.) 17 Fed. 9.

The difference between amercements and fines is as follows: The latter are certain, and are created by some statute; they can only be imposed and assessed by courts of record; the former are arbitrarily imposed by courts not of record, as courts-leet. Termes de la Ley, 40.

The word "amercement" has long been especially used of a mulct or penalty, imposed by a court upon its own officers for neglect of duty, or failure to pay over moneys collected. In particular, the remedy against a sheriff for failing to levy an execution or make return of proceeds of sale is, in several of the states, known as "amercement." In others, the same result is reached by process of attachment. Abbott, Stansbury v. Mfg. Co., 5 N. J. Law, 441.

AMERCEMENT ROYAL. In Great Britain a penalty imposed on an officer for a misdemeanor in his office.

AMERICAN. Pertaining to the western hemisphere or in a more restricted sense to the United States. See Beardsley v. Selectmen of Bridgeport, 53 Conn. 493, 3 A. 557, 55 Am. Rep. 152. It was assumed in Life Photo Film Corp. v. Bell, 154 N. Y. S. 763, 764, 90 Misc. Rep. 469, that the term "American" included all classes of citizens, native and naturalized, irrespective of where they originally came from.

AMERICAN CLAUSE. In marine insurance. A proviso in a policy to the effect that, in case of any subsequent insurance, the insurer shall nevertheless be answerable for the full extent of the sum subscribed by him, without right to claim contribution from subsequent underwriters. American Ins. Co. v. Griswold, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 399.

AMEUBLISSEMENT. In French law. A species of agreement which by a fiction gives to immovable goods the quality of movable. Merl. Répert.; 1 Law. Can. 25, 58.

AMI; AMY. A friend; as alien ami, an alien belonging to a nation at peace with us; prochelin ami, a next friend suing or defending for an infant, married woman, etc.

AMICABLE. Friendly; mutually forbearing; agreed or assented to by parties having conflicting interests or a dispute; as opposed to hostile or adversary.

AMICABLE ACTION. In practice. An action between friendly parties. An action brought and carried on by the mutual consent and arrangement of the parties, in order to obtain the judgment of the court on a doubtful question of law, the facts being usually settled by agreement. Lord v. Veazie, 8 How. 251, 252. It differs entirely from a "Moot" Case (q. v.). The words "arbitration" and "amicable lawsuit," used in an obligation or agreement between parties, are not convertible terms. The former carries with it
the idea of settlement by disinterested third parties, and the latter by a friendly submission of the points in dispute to a judicial tribunal to be determined in accordance with the forms of law. Thompson v. Moulton, 20 La. Ann. 535. See Case Stated.

**AMICABLE COMPOUNDERS.** In Louisiana law and practice. "There are two sorts of arbitrators,—the arbitrators properly so called, and the amicable compounders. The arbitrators ought to determine as judges, agreeably to the strictness of law. Amicable compounders are authorized to abate something of the strictness of the law in favor of natural equity. Amicable compounders are in other respects subject to the same rules which are provided for the arbitrators by the present title." Civ. Code La. arts. 3109, 3110.

**AMICUS CURÆ.** Lat. A friend of the court. A bystander (usually a counsel) who interposes and volunteers information upon some matter of law in regard to which the judge is doubtful or mistaken, or upon a matter of which the court may take judicial cognizance. Counsel in court frequently act in this capacity when they happen to be in possession of a case which the judge has not seen, or does not at the moment remember. The Claveresq (C. C. A.) 264 F. 276, 270; In re Perry, 83 Ind. App. 456, 148 N. E. 163, 165; Stâte v. City of Albuquerque, 31 N. M. 576, 249 P. 242, 248; Taft v. Northern Transp. Co., 56 N. H. 416; Birmingham Loan, etc., Co. v. Bank, 100 Ala. 249, 13 South. 945, 46 Am. St. Rep. 45; In re Columbia Real Estate Co. (D. C.) 101 Fed. 970.

It is also applied to persons who have no right to appear in a suit, but are allowed to introduce evidence to protect their own interests. Bass v. Fontieroy, 11 Tex. 669, 701, 702.

Leave to file briefs as amicus curiae will be denied when it does not appear that the applicant is interested in any other case that will be affected by the decision and the parties are represented by competent counsel, whose consent has not been secured; Northern Securities Co. v. U. S., 191 U. S. 555, 24 Sup. Ct. 319, 48 L. Ed. 296; where many cases are cited in the argument.


**AMITINUS.** The child of a brother or sister; a cousin; one who has the same grandfather, but different father and mother. Calvinus, Lex.

**AMITTERE.** Lat. In the civil and old English law. To lose. Hence the old Scotch "amitt."

**AMITTERE CURIAM.** To lose the court; to be deprived of the privilege of attending the court.

**AMITTERE LEGEM TERRÆ.** To lose the protection afforded by the law of the land.

**AMITTERE LIBERAM LEGEM.** To lose one's frank-law. A term having the same meaning as *amittere legem terræ,* (q. v.). He who lost his law lost the protection extended by the law to a freeman, and became subject to the same law as slaves or serfs attached to the land.

To lose the privilege of giving evidence under oath in any court; to become infamous, and incapable of giving evidence. Glanville 2. If either party in a wager of battle cried "craven" he was condemned *amittere liberam legem;* 3 Bla. Com. 340.

**AMNESTY.** A sovereign act of oblivion for past acts, granted by a government to all persons (or to certain persons) who have been guilty of crime or defect, generally political offenses—treason, sedition, rebellion,—and often conditioned upon their return to obedience and duty within a prescribed time.

A declaration of the person or persons who have newly acquired or recovered the sovereign power in a state, by which they pardon all persons who composed, supported, or obeyed the government which has been overthrown.

Express *amnesty* is one granted in direct terms.

Implied *amnesty* is one which results when a treaty of peace is made between contending parties. Vattel, 1, 4, 2, § 20.

The word "amnesty" properly belongs to international law, and is applied to treaties of peace following a state of war, and signifies there the burial in oblivion of the particular cause of strife, so that that shall not be again a cause for war between the parties; and this signification of "amnesty" is fully and poetically expressed in the Indian custom of burying the hatchet. And so amnesty is applied to rebellions which by their magnitude are brought within the rules of international law, and in which multitudes of men are the subjects of the clemency of the government. But in these cases, and in all cases, it means only "oblivion," and never expresses or implies a grant. Knote v. United States, 10 Ct. Cl. 407.

The distinction between amnesty and pardon is one rather of philological interest than of legal importance. But there are incidental differences of importance. Amnesty is the abolition and forgiveness of the offense; pardon is forgiveness. Knote v. U. S., 95 U. S. 149, 152, 24 L. Ed. 442; State v. Blalock, 61 N. C. 242, 247. The one overlooks offense; the other remits punishment. The first is usually addressed to crimes against the sover-
eignty of the state, to political offenses; the second condones infractions of the peace of the state. Amnesty is usually general, addressed to classes or even communities,—a legislative act, or under legislation, constitutional, or statutory,—the act of the supreme magistrate. Burdick v. United States, 35 S. Ct. 297, 271, 236 U. S. 78, 59 L. Ed. 476.

AMONG. Mingle with or in the same group or class. Dwight Mfg. Co. v. Word, 200 Ala. 221, 75 So. 979, 983; Genung v. Best, 100 N. J. Eq. 250, 135 A. 514, 516. Intermingled with. "A thing which is among others is intermingled with them. Commerce among the states cannot stop at the external boundary line of each state, but may be introduced into the interior." Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 194, 4 L. Ed. 23; Ft. Smith & W. R. Co. v. Blevins, 190 P. 629, 529, 55 Okl. 375. Where property is directed by will to be distributed among several persons, it cannot be all given to one, nor can any of the persons be wholly excluded from the distribution. Hudson v. Hudson, 6 Munf. (Va.) 352. "Among" is sometimes held to be equivalent to "between"; Hick's Estate, 134 Pa. 507, 19 Atl. 705; Records v. Fields, 155 Mo. 314, 55 S. W. 1091; Senger v. Senger's Ex'r, 81 Va. 687; In re Mays' Estate, 197 Mo. App. 555, 196 S. W. 1039, 1041.

AMORTISE. See Amortize.

AMORTISSEMENT. (Fr.) The redemption of a debt by a sinking fund.

AMORTIZATION. An alienation of lands or tenements in mortmain. The reduction of the property of lands or tenements to mortmain. In its modern sense, amortization is the operation of paying off bonds, stock, a mortgage, or other indebtedness, commonly of a state or corporation, by installments, or by a sinking fund. An "amortization plan" for the payment of an indebtedness is one where there are partial payments of the principal, and accrued interest, at stated periods for a definite time, at the expiration of which the entire indebtedness will be extinguished. Bystra v. Federal Land Bank of Columbia, 82 Fla. 472, 99 So. 478, 490.


AMOTIO. In the civil law. A moving or taking away. "The slightest amotio is sufficient to constitute theft, if the animus furandi be clearly established," 1 Swint. 265. See Amotion.

AMOTION. A putting or turning out; dispossession of lands. Ouster is an amotion of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 196, 208.

A moving or carrying away; the wrongful taking of personal chattels. Archib. Civil Pl. Introd. c. 2, § 8.

In Corporate Law

The act of removing an officer, or official representative, of a corporation from his office or official station, before the end of the term for which he was elected or appointed, but without depriving him of membership in the body corporate. In this last respect the term differs from "disfranchisement," (or expulsion) which imports the removal of a member from the corporation itself, and his deprivation of all rights of membership. White v. Brownell, Dely (N. Y.) 536; Richards v. Clarkesburg, 30 W. Va. 401, 4 S. E. 774. Expulsion (q. v.) is the usual phrase in reference to loss of membership of private corporations.

AMOUNT. The effect, substance, or result; the total or aggregate sum. Hibburn v. Railroad Co., 23 Mont. 229, 68 P. 551; Connelly v. Telegraph Co., 100 Va. 51, 40 S. E. 618, 56 L. R. A. 663, 33 Am. St. Rep. 919; Naylor v. Board of Education of Fulton County, 216 Ky. 766, 288 S. W. 690, 692; Simmons Hardware Co. v. City of St. Louis (Mo. Sup.) 192 S. W. 394, 398; State v. Hill, 40 Nev. 119, 139 P. 772, 774. The sum of principal and interest. McCabe v. Cary's Ex'r, 135 Va. 428, 116 S. E. 485, 491. But see In re Stoneman (Surr.) 146 N. Y. S. 172, 175 (interest excluded). See also, Candelaria v. Gutierrez, 28 N. M. 343, 218 P. 1037, holding that the "amount of judgment" within a statute requiring a bond for supersedeas does not include interest or costs.

AMOUNT COVERED. In insurance. The amount that is insured, and for which underwriters are liable for loss under a policy of insurance.


AMOUNT IN DISPUTE. This phrase, as used in Const. La. 1921, art. 7, § 16, concerning Jurisdiction of Supreme Court, includes the value of the thing in contest, where a thing instead of an amount is in dispute. A. Baldwin & Co. v. McCullin, 235 La. 966, 106 So. 499, 460.

AMOUNT OF LOSS. In insurance. The diminution, destruction, or defeat of the value of, or of the charge upon, the insured subject to the assured, by the direct consequence of the
operation of the risk insured against, according to its value in the policy, or in contribution for loss, so far as its value is covered by the insurance.

AMOUNT TO. To reach in the aggregate, to rise to or reach by accumulation of particular sums or quantities. Peabody v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, 320 Ill. 454, 151 N. E. 271, 274.

AMOVEAS MANUS. Lat. That you remove your hands. After office found, the king was entitled to the things forfeited, either lands or personal property; the remedy for a person aggrieved was by "petition," or "monstrum de droit," or "traverses," to establish his superior right. Thereupon a writ issued, quod manus domini regis amoveantur. 3 Bl. Comm. 260.

AMPARO. In Spanish-American law. A document issued to a claimant of land as a protection to him, until a survey can be ordered, and the title of possession issued by an authorized commissioner. Trimble v. Smith's Adm'r, 1 Tex. 700.

AMPLIATION.

In the Civil Law
A deferring of judgment until a cause be further examined. Calvin; Cowell. An order for the rehearing of a cause on a day appointed, for the sake of more ample information. Halifax, Anal. 3, c. 13, n. 32.

In this case, the judges pronounced the word amplius, or by writing the letters N. L. for non liquet (g. v.), signifying that the cause was not clear. It is very similar to the common-law practice of entering cur. adv. vult in similar cases.

In French Law
A duplicate of an acquittance or other instrument. A notary's copy of acts passed before him, delivered to the parties.

AMPLIUS. In the Roman law. More; further; more time. A word which the praetor pronounced in cases where there was any obscurity in a cause, and the judices were uncertain whether to condemn or acquit; by which the case was deferred to a day named. Adam, Rom. Ant. 287.

AMPUTATION OF RIGHT HAND. An ancient punishment for a blow given in a superior court; or for assaulting a judge sitting in the court.

AMUSEMENT. Pastime; diversion; enjoyment.

AMY. See Aml; Prochein Aml.

AN. The English indefinite article. In statutes and other legal documents, it is equivalent to "one" or "any"; it is seldom used to denote plurality. Kaufman v. Superior Court, 115 Cal. 152, 46 Pac. 904; People v. Ogden, 8 App. Div. 364, 40 N. Y. Supp. 827.

AN ET JOUR. Fr. Year and day; a year and a day.

AN, JOUR, ET WASTE. In feudal law. Year, day, and waste. A forfeiture of the lands to the crown incurred by the felony of the tenant, after which time the land escheats to the lord. Termes de la Ley, 40. See Year, Day, and Waste.

ANACRISIS. In the civil law. An investigation of truth, interrogation of witnesses, and inquiry made into any fact, especially by torture.

ANÆSTHESIA. In medical jurisprudence. (1) Loss of sensation, or insensibility to pain, general or local, induced by the administration or application of certain drugs such as ether, nitrous oxide gas, or cocaine. (2) Defect of sensation, or more or less complete insensibility to pain, existing in various parts of the body as a result of certain diseases of the nervous system.

ANAGRAPH. A register, inventory, or commentary.

ANALOGOUS. As used in patent law, if the elements and purposes in one art are related and similar to those in another art to such extent as to make an appeal to the mind of a person having mechanical skill or knowledge in the second art, the two arts are said to be "analogous." A. J. Deer Co. v. U. S. Slicing Mach. Co. (C. C. A.) 21 F.(2d) 812, 813.

ANALOGY. In logic. Identity or similarity of proportion. Where there is no precedent in point, in cases on the same subject, lawyers have recourse to cases on a different subject-matter, but governed by the same general principle. This is reasoning by analogy. Wharton.

The similitude of relations which exist between things compared. See Smith v. State, 63 Ala. 58.

"Analogy" does not mean identity, but implies a difference. Sturm v. Ulrich (C. C. A.) 10 F.(2d) 9, 11.

ANALYTICAL JURISPRUDENCE. A theory and system of jurisprudence wrought out neither by inquiring for ethical principles or the dictates of the sentiments of justice nor by the rules which may be actually in force, but by analyzing, classifying and comparing various legal conceptions. See Jurisprudence.

ANAPHRODISIA. In medical jurisprudence. Impotência corporali; frigidity; incapacity for sexual intercourse existing in either man or woman, and in the latter case sometimes called "dyspareunia."

as used in the immigration statutes, includes, not only persons who advocate the overthrow of organized government by force, but also those who believe in the absence of government as a political ideal, and seek the same end through propaganda. U. S. v. Stuppiello (D. C.) 260 F. 483; Ex parte Cuninex (D. C.) 291 F. 913, 915.


Criminal Anarchy


ANATHEMA. An ecclesiastical punishment by which a person is separated from the body of the church, and forbidden all intercourse with the members of the same.

It differs from excommunication, which simply forbids the person excommunicated from going into the church and taking the communion with the faithful.

ANATHEMATIZE. To pronounce anathema upon; to pronounce accursed by ecclesiastical authority; to excommunicate. See Anathema.

ANATOCISM. In the civil law. Repeated or doubled interest; compound interest; usury. Cod. 4, 32, 1, 30.

ANCESTOR. One who has preceded another in a direct line of descent; a lineal ascendant. A former possessor; the person last seized. Termes de la Ley; 2 Bl. Comm. 201.

A deceased person from whom another has inherited land. A former possessor. Bailey v. Bailey, 25 Mich. 185; McCarthy v. Marsh, 5 N. Y. 275; Springer v. Fortune, 2 Handy (Ohio) 52; Wheatcroft v. Hall, 109 Ohio St. 21, 183 N. E. 368, 371. In this sense a child may be the "ancestor" of his deceased parent, or one brother the "ancestor" of another. Willis v. Le Munyon, 90 N. J. Eq. 353, 107 A. 159, 161; LaFerry v. Egan, 145 Mass. 359, 9 N. E. 747; Murphy v. Henry, 35 Ind. 450.

The term differs from "predecessor," in that it is applied to a natural person and his progenitors, while the latter is applied also to a corporation and those who have held offices before those who now fill them. Co. Litt. 756. "Ancestor" may embrace both lineals and collaterals, Cornell v. Child, 170 App. Div. 240, 156 N. Y. S. 449, 452, or both testator and testatrix, Pfaffenberger v. Pfaffenberger, 159 Ind. 307, 127 N. E. 766, 767; it may also be limited to mean immediate ancestor, In re Simpson's Estate (Sur.) 144 N. Y. S. 1098, 1101.

ANCESTRAL. Relating to ancestors, or to what has been done by them; as "homage ancestral (g. v.)."

Derived from ancestors. Ancestral estates are such as are transmitted by descent, and not by purchase. 4 Kent, Comm. 404. Brown v. Whaley, 58 Ohio St. 654, 49 N. E. 479, 65 Am. St. Rep. 760. Or such as are acquired either by descent or by operation of law. Gray v. Chapman, 122 Okl. 130, 243 P. 522, 525. Allotments to members of Indian tribes or their heirs have been treated as an ancestral estate. Whitener v. Moss, 71 Okl. 57, 175 P. 225; Sims v. Brown, 46 Okl. 767, 149 P. 576, 577; McDougall v. McKay, 297 U. S. 372, 38 S. Ct. 695, 607, 69 L. Ed. 1001.

Ancestral property is reality which comes to one by descent or devise from a now dead ancestor, or by a deed of actual gift from a living one; there being no other consideration than that of blood;—distinguished from "nonancestral property," which is reality which comes to one in any other way. Gray v. Chapman, 122 Okl. 130, 243 P. 522, 525; Under Gen. St. Conn. 1313, § 289 (Gen. St. 1939, § 4982), an "ancestral estate" is real estate of the intestate, which comes to the distributee by descent, gift, or devise from any kinship. Ward v. Ives, 91 Conn. 11, 99 A. 237, 238. And see Carter v. Carter, 129 Ark. 7, 195 S. W. 10, 11.

ANCHOR. A measure containing ten gallons. The instrument used by which a vessel or other body is held. See The Lady Franklin, 2 Low. 226, Fed. Cas. No. 7,844; Walsh v. Dock Co., 77 N. Y. 448; Reid v. Ins. Co., 19 Han (N. Y.) 284.

ANCHOR WATCH. A watch, consisting of a small number of men, (from one to four,) kept constantly on deck while the vessel is riding at single anchor, to see that the stoppers, painters, cables, and buoy-ropes are ready for immediate use. The Lady Franklin, 2 Low. ell, 220, Fed. Cas. No. 7,894. The lookout Intrusted to one or two men when a vessel is at anchor. O'Hara v. Luckenbach S. S. Co., 209 U. S. 364, 46 S. Ct. 157, 169, 70 L. Ed. 313.

ANCHORAGE. In English law. A prestation or toll for every anchor cast from a ship in a port; and sometimes, though there be no anchor. Hale, de Jure Mar. pt. 2, c. 6. See 1 W. Bl. 413 et seq.; 4 Term. 262.

ANCIENT. Old; that which has existed from an indefinitely early period, or which by
ANCIEN RENT. The rent reserved at the time the lease was made, if the building was not then under lease. Orby v. Lord Mohun, 2 Vern. 542.

ANCIEN SERJEANT. In English law. The eldest of the queen's sergeants.

ANCIEN WALL. A wall built to be used, and in fact used, as a party-wall, for more than twenty years, by the express permission and continuous acquiescence of the owners of the land on which it stands. Eno v. Del Vecchio, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 53, 63.

ANCIEN WATER COURSE. A water course is "ancient" if the channel through which it naturally runs has existed from time immemorial independent of the quantity of water which it discharges. Earl v. De Hart, 12 N. J. Eq. 290, 72 Am. Dec. 395.

ANCIEN WRITINGS. Wills, deeds, or other documents upwards of thirty years old. These are presumed to be genuine without express proof, when coming from the proper custody. Jones v. Seranton Coal Co., 274 Pa. 312, 115 A. 219; Cooper v. Williamson, 191 Ky. 213, 229 S. W. 767, 769; Magee v. Paul (Tex. Civ. App.) 159 S. W. 325, 327. Bonds more than 60 years old are admissible as ancient documents, where they are on their face free from suspicion as to their authenticity, come from the proper source, and are accompanied by some corroborative evidence. Smythe v. Inhabitants of New Providence Tp., Union County, N. J. (C. C. A.) 263 F. 481. Only the original copy of a deed, not the record copy, can be considered as an ancient document. Laclede Land & Improvement Co. v. Goodno (Mo. Sup.) 181 S. W. 410, 413.

ANCIENTS. In English law. Gentlemen of the inns of court and chancery. In Gray's Inn the society consists of benchers, ancients, barristers, and students under the bar; and here the ancients are of the oldest barristers. In the Middle Temple, those who had passed their readings used to be termed "ancients." The Inns of Chancery consist of ancients and students or clerks; from the ancients a principal or treasurer is chosen yearly. Whatton.

The Council of Ancients was the upper Chamber of the French legislature under the constitution of 1795, consisting of 250, each required to be at least forty years old.

ANCIENTY. Eidership; seniority. Used in the statute of Ireland, 14 Hen. VIII. Cowell.

ANCILLARY. Aiding; auxiliary; attendant upon; subordinate; describing a proceeding attendant upon or which aids another proceeding considered as principal. Steele v. Insurance Co., 31 App. Div. 327, 52 N. Y. Supp. 373; In re Stoddard, 228 N. Y. 147, 144 N. E. 484, 486.

ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION. When a decedent leaves property in a foreign state, (a
state other than that of his domicile,) administration may be granted in such foreign state for the purpose of collecting the assets and paying the debts there, and bringing the residue into the general administration. This is called "ancillary" (auxiliary, subordinate) administration. Pisano v. Shanley Co., 66 N. J. Law, 1, 48 Atl. 618; In re Gable’s Estate, 79 Iowa, 178, 44 N. W. 552, 9 L. R. A. 218; Steele v. Insurance Co., 31 App. Div. 389, 52 N. Y. S. 375.

ANCILLARY ATTACHMENT. One sued out in aid of an action already brought, its only office being to hold the property attached under it for the satisfaction of the plaintiff’s demand. Templeton v. Mason, 107 Tenn. 625, 65 S. W. 25; Southern California Fruit Exch. v. Stamm, 9 N. M. 361, 54 Pac. 345.

ANCILLARY BILL OR SUIT. One growing out of and auxiliary to another action or suit, either at law or in equity, such as a bill for discovery, or a proceeding for the enforcement of a judgment, or to set aside fraudulent transfers of property. Coit v. Templeton, 106 Fed. 370, 45 C. C. A. 328; In re Williams, (D. C.) 123 Fed. 321; Claflin v. McDermott (C. C.) 12 Fed. 375; Beers v. Equitable Trust Co. of New York (C. C. A.) 256 F. 883. One growing out of a prior suit in the same court, dependent upon and instituted for the purpose either of impeaching or enforcing the judgment or decree in a prior suit. Hume v. New York (C. C. A.) 255 F. 488, 491.

ANCILLARY RECEIVER. One appointed in aid of, and in subordination to, a foreign receiver for purposes of collecting and taking charge of assets, as of insolvent corporation, in the jurisdiction where he is appointed, in re Stoddard, 242 N. Y. 148, 151 N. E. 159, 161, 45 A. L. R. 622.

ANCIPITIS USUS. Lat. In International law. Of doubtful use; the use of which is doubtful; that may be used for a civil or peaceful, as well as military or warlike, purpose. Gro. de Jure B. lib. 3, c. 1, § 5, subd. 3; 1 Kent, Comm. 140.

AND. A conjunction connecting words or phrases expressing the idea that the latter is to be added to or taken along with the first. Grand Trunk Western Ry. Co. v. Thrift Co., 68 Ind. App. 198, 116 N. E. 758, 759; Caldwell & Co. v. Lea, 132 Tenn. 48, 272 S. W. 715; McCauli-Webster Elevator Co. v. Adams, 39 N. D. 250, 167 N. W. 330, 332, L. R. A. 1918D, 1036; Burke v. Southern Pac. R. Co. of California (D. C.) 222 F. 97, 101.


The character “&c.” has been recognized as “sanctioned by age and good use for perhaps centuries, and is used even at this day in written instruments, in daily transactions, and with such frequency that it may be said to be a part of our language”; Brown v. State, 16 Tex. App. 245. So the abbreviation “&c.” is said to have “been naturalized in English for ages,” and was constantly used by Lord Coke without a suggestion from any quarter that it is not English; Berry v. Os- born, 28 N. H. 279.

The use of the expression “and/or” in a contract is permissible and is equivalent to a direction that it be construed so as to best ac- cord with the equity of the situation, using either conjunction, but such usage cannot ap- ply to statutes, since the Legislature, in mak- ing its laws, must express its own will. State v. Dudley, 139 La. 872, 86 So. 394, 395.

ANDROCHIA. In old English law. A dairy- woman. Flita, lib. 2, c. 87.

ANDROGYNUS. A hermaphrodite.

ANDROLEPSY. The taking by one nation of the citizens or subjects of another, in or- der to compel the latter to do justice to the former. Wolfius, § 1184; Moll. de Jure Mar. 26.

ANEICIUS. L. Lat. Spelled also anecius, entius, aenea, enecyus, Fr. aisne. The eldest- born; the first-born; senior, as contrasted with the puis-ne, (younger.) Spelman.

ANEW. To try a case or issue “anew” or “de novo” implies that the case or issue has been heard before. Galser v. Steele, 25 Idaho, 412, 137 P. 889, 890.

ANGARIA. A term used in the Roman law to denote a forced or compulsory service ex- acted by the government for public purposes; as a forced rendition of labor or goods for the public service; in particular, the right of a public officer to require the service of vehicles or ships. See Dig. 50, 4, 18, 4.

In Maritime Law

A forced service: (ones) imposed on a ves- sel for public purposes; an impression of a

In Feudal Law
Any troublesome or vexatious personal service paid by the tenant or villein to his lord. - Spelman.

ANGARY, RIGHT OF. In international law. Formerly the right (jus angaria) claimed by a belligerent to seize merchant vessels in the harbors of the belligerent and to compel them, on payment of freight, to transport troops and supplies to a designated port. It was frequently exercised by Louis XIV. of France, but as a result of specific treaties entered into by states not to exercise the right, it has now come to be abandoned. 2 Opp. 416.

At the present day, the right of a belligerent to appropriate, either for use, or for destruction in case of necessity, neutral property temporarily located in his own territory or in that of the other belligerent. The property may be of any description whatever, provided the appropriation of it be for military or naval purposes.

Requisition of neutral property is justified by military necessity, and accordingly the right of angary is a belligerent right, although the claim of the neutral owner to indemnity properly comes under the law of neutrality.

ANGEL. An ancient English coin, of the value of ten shillings sterling. Jacob.

ANGER. A strong passion of the mind excited by real or supposed injuries; not synonymous with “heat of passion,” “malice,” or “rage or resentment,” because these are all terms of wider import and may include anger as an element or as an incipient stage. Chandler v. State, 141 Ind. 106, 30 N. E. 444; Hoffman v. State, 97 Wis. 571, 73 N. W. 51; Eanes v. State, 10 Tex. App. 421, 446.

“Passion,” within rule that killing to constitute first degree murder must not have been committed under passion, means the same thing as anger. Winton v. State, 151 Tenn. 177, 288 S. W. 633, 637. The terms are also interchangeable within the meaning of a statute prohibiting display of deadly weapon in rude, angry, and threatening manner. People v. Sica, 76 Cal. App. 645, 215 P. 461, 463.

ANGILD. In Saxon law. The single value of a man or other thing; a single wreigild (q. v.); the compensation of a thing according to its single value or estimation. Spelman. The double gild or compensation was called “tigild,” the triple, “trigild;” etc. Id. See Angylde.

When a crime was committed, before the Conquest, the angild was the money compensation that the person who had been wronged was entitled to receive. Matt. Domesday Book & Beyond 274.

ANGLESCHERIA. In old English law. Englishery; the fact of being an Englishman.

Anglum jura in omni casu libertatis dant favorem. The laws of England in every case of liberty are favorable, (favor liberty in all cases.) Fortes. c. 42.

ANGLICE. In English. A term formerly used in pleading when a thing is described both in Latin and English, inserted immediately after the Latin and as an introduction of the English translation.

ANGLING. Under a statute, the act of taking or seeking to take fish with a hook and line in hand, or rod in hand, or, as applied to fishing from a boat, the use of two lines with or without a rod. State v. Harvey, 88 Vt. 335, 92 A. 492, 493.

ANGLO-INDIAN. An Englishman domiciled in the Indian territory of the British crown.

ANGORA GOAT. A more or less degenerate goat, known as the “Cape Angora,” produced by breeding the original Angora with the Cape Colony goat, whose hair is shown to be dealt in, used, and known as mohair, is an “Angora goat” within the meaning of that expression in Schedule K, par. 305, Tariff Act of 1913 (Comp. St. § 5291). U. S. v. Bendenkopf Co., 8 Ct. Cust. App. 283, 284.

ANGUISH. Great or extreme pain, agony, or distress, either of body or mind; but, as used in law, particularly mental suffering or distress of great intensity. Cook v. Railway Co., 19 Mo. App. 331. It is not synonymous with inconvenience, annoyance, or harassment. Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Stewart, 16 Ala. App. 502, 79 So. 200, 201.

ANGYLODE. In Saxon law. The rate fixed by law at which certain injuries to person or property were to be paid for; in injuries to the person, it seems to be equivalent to the “were,” t. e., the price at which every man was valued. It seems also to have been the fixed price at which cattle and other goods were received as currency, and to have been much higher than the market price, or coupgild. Wharton. See Angild.

ANHLOTE. In old English law. A single tribute or tax, paid according to the custom of the country as scot and lot.

ANIENS, or ANIENT. Null, void, of no force or effect. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 214. See Aniented.

ANIMAL. Any animate being which is endowed with the power of voluntary motion. In the language of the law the term includes all living creatures not human. State v. Wiglesworth, 93 Kan. 619, 144 P. 831; State v. Hedrick, 272 Mo. 502, 190 S. W. 192, L. R. A. 1918C, 574; Holcomb v. Van Zyle, 174 Mich. 274, 140 N. W. 621, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.)

Domines are those which have been tamed by man; domestic.

Ferae naturae are those which still retain their wild nature.

Manusecta natura are those gentle or tame by nature, such as sheep and cows.

—Animals of a base nature. Animals in which a right of property may be acquired by re-
claiming them from wildness, but which, at common law, by reason of their base nature, are not regarded as possible subjects of a larceny. 3 Inst. 109; 1 Hale, P. C. 551, 512.

Some animals which are now usually tamed come within this class, as dogs and cats; and others which, though wild by nature and often reclaimed by art and industry, clearly fall within the same rule, as bears, foxes, apes, monkeys, ferrets, and the like; 1 Hawk. Pl. Cr. 33, § 36; 4 Bla. Com. 256; 2 East. Pl. Cr. 614. See 1 Wms. Saund. 84, note 2.

—Domestic animals. “Domestic” as applied to animals means tame as distinguished from wild; living in or near the habitations of man or by habit or special training in association with man. Thurston v. Carter, 112 Me. 301, 92 A. 295, L. R. A. 1915C, 359, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 389.

Animalia fera, si facta sint manusecta et ex consuetudine suntu et reductae, volant et revolant, ut servi, ovani, etc., eo usque nostris sunt, et ut intelliguntur quamdiu habuerunt animum revertendi. Wild animals, if they be made tame, and are accustomed to go out and return, fly away and fly back, as stags, swans, etc., are considered to belong to us so long as they have the intention of returning to us. 7 Coke, 16.

ANIMO. Lat. With intention, disposition, design, will. Quo animo, with what intention. Animo cancellandi, with intention to cancel. 1 Pow. Dev. 603. Furandi, with intention to steal. 4 Bl. Comm. 230; 1 Kent, Comm. 183. Lucrandi, with intention to gain or profit. 3 Kent, Comm. 357. Manendi, with intention to remain. 1 Kent, Comm. 76. Morandi, with intention to stay, or delay. Reputandi, with intention to publish. 1 Pow. Dev. 609. Revertendi, with intention to return. 2 Bl. Comm. 392. Revocandi, with intention to revoke. 1 Pow. Dev. 365. Testandi, with intention to make a will. See Animus and the titles which follow it.

ANIMO ET CORPORE. By the mind, and by the body; by the intention and by the physical act. Dig. 50, 17, 153; Id. 41, 2, 3, 1; Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, §§ 9, 10.

ANIMO FELONICO. With felonious intent. Hob. 134.

ANIMUS. Lat. Mind; intention; disposition; design; will. Animo (q. v.), with the intention or design. These terms are derived from the civil law.

Animus ad se oman jus ducit. It is to the intention that all law applies. Law always regards the intention.

ANIMUS CANCELLANDI. The intention of destroying or canceling, (applied to wills).

ANIMUS GAPIENDI. The intention to take or capture. 4 C. Rob. Adm. 126, 155.

ANIMUS DEDITANDI. The intention of donation or dedicating.

ANIMUS DEFAMANDI. The intention of defaming. The phrase expresses the malicious intent which is essential in every case of verbal injury to render it the subject of an action for libel or slander.


ANIMUS DIFFERENDI. The intention of obtaining delay.

ANIMUS DONANDI. The intention of giving. Expressive of the intent to give which is necessary to constitute a gift.

ANIMUS ET FACTUM. To constitute a change of domicile, there must be an “animus et factum”; the “factum” being a transfer of the bodily presence, and the “animus” the intention of residing permanently or for indefinite period. Hayward v. Hayward, 65 Ind. App. 350, 115 N. E. 966, 970. See Animus Manendi.

ANIMUS ET FACTUS. Intention and act: will and deed. Used to denote those acts which become effective only when accompanied by a particular intention.


Animus hominis est anima scripti. The intention of the party is the soul of the instrument. 9 Bulst. 67; Plim. Prin. & Sur. 26. In order to give life or effect to an instrument, it is essential to look to the intention of the individual who executed it.

ANIMUS LUCRANDI. The intention to make a gain or profit.

ANIMUS MANENDI. The intention of remaining; intention to establish a permanent residence. 1 Kent, Comm. 76. This is the point to be settled in determining the domicile or residence of a party. Id. 77. See Animus et Factum.

ANIMUS MORANDI. The intention to remain, or to delay.

ANIMUS POSSIDENDI. The intention of possessing.
ANNIVERSARY

The act of attaching, adding, joining, or uniting one thing to another; generally spoken of the connection of a smaller or subordinate thing with a larger or principal thing. The attaching an illustrative or auxiliary document to a deposition, pleading, deed, etc., is called "annexing" it. So the incorporation of newly-acquired territory into the national domain, as an integral part thereof, is called "annexation," as in the case of the addition of Texas to the United States.

In the law relating to fixtures: Actual annexation includes every movement by which a chattel can be joined or united to the freehold. Constructive annexation is the union of such things as have been helden parcel of the reality, but which are not actually annexed, fixed, or fastened to the freehold. Shep. Touch. 469; Amos & F. Fict. 2.

In Scotch Law

The union of lands to the crown, and declaring them inalienable. Also the appropriation of the church-lands by the crown, and the union of lands lying at a distance from the parish church to which they belong, to the church of another parish to which they are contiguous.

ANNUAL ET TEMPORA. Lat. Years and terms. An old title of the Year Books.

ANNUAL NUBILES. A woman's marriageable years. The age at which a girl becomes by law fit for marriage; the age of twelve.

ANNICULUS. A child a year old. Calvinus, Lex.

Anniculus trecentesimo sexagesimoquinto die dicitar, inceptiante plane non exsae coe, quia annum civiliter non ad momenta temperum sed ad dies numerosum. We call a child a year old on the three hundred and sixty-fifth day, when the day is fairly begun but not ended, because we calculate the civil year not by moments, but by days. Dig. 50, 16, 184; id. 132; Calvin.


ANNIVERSARY. An annual day, in old ecclesiastical law, set apart in memory of a deceased person. Also called "year day" or "mind day." Spelman.

ANNO DOMINI. In the year of the Lord. Commonly abbreviated A. D. The computation of time, according to the Christian era, dates from the birth of Christ.

This phrase has become Anglicized by adoption, so that an indictment or declaration containing the words "Anno Domini" is not demurrable as not being in the English language. State v. Gilbert, 13 VT. 647; Hale v. Vesper, Smith (N. H.) 283.

ANNONA. Barley; corn; grain; food; a yearly contribution of food, of various kinds, for support.

Annona porcina, acorns; annonae frumenti hordeum admixtum, corn and barley mixed; annonae panis, bread without reference to the amount. Du Cange; Spelman, Gloss.; Cowell.

The term is used in the old English law, and also in the civil law quite generally, to denote anything contributed by one person towards the support of another.

ANNONÆ CIVILES. A species of yearly rents issuing out of certain lands, and payable to certain monasteries.

ANNOTATIO. In the civil law. The signature of the emperor; a rescript of the emperor, signed with his own hand. It is distinguished both from a rescript and pragmatic sanction, in Cod. 4, 59, 1.

ANNOTATION. A remark, note, or commentary on some passage of a book, intended to illustrate its meaning. Webster.

In the Civil Law

An imperial rescript (see Rescript) signed by the emperor. The answers of the prince to questions put to him by private persons respecting some doubtful point of law.

Summoning an absentee. Dig. 1, 5.

The designation of a place of deportation. Dig. 32, 1, 3.

ANNOUNCED. Though mere intimation of what decision may or ought to be does not amount to announcement of decision, decision is "announced," preventing nonsuit, when court's conclusion on issue tried is made known from bench or by any publication, oral or written, even if judgment has not been rendered. Ex parte Alabama Marble Co., 216 Ala. 272, 113 So. 240, 242.

ANOYANCE. Discomfort; vexation. It is not synonymous with anguish, inconvenience, or harassment. Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Stewart, 16 Ala. App. 592, 79 So. 200, 201. "Annoyance and inconvenience" of crossing railroad, which jury might consider in condemnation proceedings, relate as much to physical as to mental conditions. Chicago, I. & N. Ry. Co. v. Ader, 184 Ind. 235, 110 N. E. 67, 68. An annoyance is an injury to the owner or possessor as respects his dealings with or his mode of enjoying his premises.


Annuæ nec debitum judex non separat ipsum. A judge (or court) does not divide annuities nor debt. 8 Coke, 52; 1 Salk. 36, 65. Debt and annuity cannot be divided or apportioned by a court.

ANNUA PENSIONE. An ancient writ to provide the king's chaplain, if he had no preferment, with a pension. Reg. Orig. 165, 307.

ANNUAL. Occurring or recurring once in each year; continuing for the period of a year; accruing within the space of a year; relating to or covering the events or affairs of a year. State v. McCullough, 3 Nev. 224. "Annual" means once a year, but does not signify what time in the year. Rolerson v. Standard Life Ins. Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 244 S. W. 845, 846.

ANNUAL AMOUNT. Under Workmen's Compensation Act, providing for a death benefit amounting to three times the "annual amount" depended to support partial dependents, the term "annual amount" means the annual amount of contribution at the rate at which deceased was contributing at the time of his injury, regardless of whether that rate had existed for a year or more or for less than a year. Spreckles Sugar Co. v. Industrial Acc. Commission, 186 Cal. 256, 199 P. 8.

ANNUAL ASSAY. An annual trial of the gold and silver coins of the United States, to ascertain whether the standard fineness and weight of the coinage is maintained. See Rev. St. U. S. § 3547 (31 USCA § 363).

ANNUAL PENSION. In Scotch law. A yearly profit or rent.

ANNUAL RENT. In Scotch law. Yearly interest on a loan of money.


ANNUAL VALUE. The net yearly income derivable from a given piece of property; its fair rental value for one year, deducting costs and expenses; the value of its use for a year.

ANNUALLY. Yearly; returning every year. The meaning of this term, as applied to interest, is not an undertaking to pay interest at the end of one year only, but to pay interest at the end of each and every year during a period of time, either fixed or contingent. Sparhawk v. Wills, 6 Gray (Mass.) 164; Patterson v. McNeely, 16 Ohio St. 348; Westfield v. Westfield, 19 S. C. 50; First Nat. Bank v. Kirby (Mo. Sup.) 175 S. W. 926, 929.

The words "per annum" or "a year" as applied to interest, or to a charge on an estate as compensation for care of the widow, are not synonymous with "annually," but are used

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ANNUITANT. The recipient of an annuity; one who is entitled to an annuity.

ANNUITIES OF TIENDS. In Scotch l. Annui ties of tithes: 10s. out of the bolt of tendid wheat, 8s. out of the bolt of beer, less out of the bolt of rye, oats, and peas, allowed to the crown yearly of the tiends not paid to the bishops, or set apart for other pious uses.

ANNuity. A yearly sum stipulated to be paid to another in fee, or for life, or years, and chargeable only on the person of the gran- tor. Co. Litt. 144b. But the term is often used in a broader sense as designating a fixed sum, granted or bequeathed, payable periodically but not necessarily annually. Wilkin v. Board of Councs of Oklahoma County, 77 Okt. 58, 186 P. 474, 475; In re Kohler's Will, 183 N. Y. S. 550, 559, 193 App. Div. 8. A legacy payable in stated amounts by installments. In re Beach's Estate, 203 N. Y. S. 492, 494, 122 Misc. Rep. 261. To constitute an "annuity," the bequest must be of a certain sum, which does not even include the gift of the interest of a fixed and certain sum of money. Moore v. Downey, 83 N. J. Eq. 428, 91 A. 116, 117.

An annuity, which is a yearly payment of a certain sum of money, is distinguished from an "income," in that the latter is interest or profits to be earned. Grand Rapids Trust Co. v. Herbst, 220 Mich. 321, 190 N. W. 250, 252; In re Gurnee, 147 N. Y. S. 396, 397, 54 Misc. Rep. 324. It is distinguishable also by the fact that an annuity, unlike a gift of income, may be paid out of the principal, where necessary. Guthrie v. Guthrie's Ex'r, 108 Ky. 805, 139 S. W. 221, 226.

An annuity is different from a rent-charge, with which it is sometimes confounded, the annuity being chargeable on the person merely, and so far personality; while a rent-charge is something reserved out of reality, or fixed as a burden upon an estate in land. 2 Bl. Comm. 40; Rolle, Abr. 228; Horton v. Cook, 10 Watts (Pa.) 127, 36 Am. Dec. 161; Bartos v. Skleba, 107 Neb. 235, 185 N. W. 1062, 1063; In re Kohler, 160 N. Y. S. 669, 674, 96 Misc. Rep. 493.

The contract of annuity is that by which one party delivers to another a sum of money, and agrees not to reclaim it so long as the receiver pays the rent agreed upon. This annuity may be either perpetual or for life. Civ. Code La., arts. 2783, 2784. See Succession of Vidalat, 155 La. 1005, 99 So. 801, 802.

The name of an action, now disused, (Lat. breve de anno reeditu,) which lay for the recovery of an annuity. Reg. Orig. 1589; Bract. fol. 203b; 1 Tidid. Pr. 3.

ANNUITY-TAX. An impost levied annually in Scotland for the maintenance of the ministers of religion.

ANNUL. To cancel; make void; destroy. To abrogate, nullify, or abolish. To annul a judgment or judicial proceeding is to deprive it of all force and operation, either ab initio or prospectively as to future transactions. Walt v. Wait, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 205; In re Morrow's Estate, 54 Atl. 342, 204 Pa. 484.

It is not a technical word and there is nothing which prevents the idea from being expressed in equivalent words; Woodson v. Skinner, 22 Mo. 24.

A suit to "rescind" a contract cannot be differentiated from a suit to "annul" the contract; the two words being used interchangeably. Vaughn v. Fey, 47 Cal. App. 485, 190 P. 1041, 1042.

ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE. An action or proceeding for the annulment of a marriage is maintained on the theory that for some cause existing at the time of marriage no valid or legal marriage ever existed, even though the marriage be only voidable at the instance of the injured party. Miller v. Miller, 175 Cal. 707, 167 P. 334, 355, L. R. A. 1918E, 415, Ana. Cas. 1915E, 181; Sorenson v. Sorenson, 202 N. Y. S. 620, 625, 122 Misc. Rep. 196. It is therefore distinguishable from an action for divorce, which is based on the theory of a valid marriage, for some cause arising after the marriage. Sorenson v. Sorenson, supra. And see Kellogg v. Kellogg, 203 N. Y. S. 757, 765, 122 Misc. Rep. 734.

ANNULUS. Lat. In old English law. Per haspam vel annuum hostii exterioris; by the hasp or ring of the outer door. Fleta, lib. 3. c. 15, § 5.

ANNULUS ET BACULUS. (Lat. ring and staff.) The investiture of a bishop was per annulum et baculum, by the prince's delivering to the prelate a ring and pastoral staff, or crosier. 1 Bl. Comm. 378; Spelman.

ANNUM, DIEM, ET VASTUM. See Year, Day, and Waste.

ANNUS. Lat. In civil and old English law. A year: the period of three hundred and sixty-five days. Dig. 40, 7, 4, 5; Calvin.; Bract. fol. 5390.

ANNUS DELIBERANDI. In Scottish law. A year of deliberating; a year to deliberate. The year allowed by law to the heir to deliberate whether he will enter and represent his ancestor. It commences on the death of the ancestor, unless in the case of a posthumous heir, when the year runs from his birth. Bell.

ANNUS, DIEIS, ET VASTUM. In old English law. Year, day, and waste. See Year, Day, and Waste.

Annus est mora motus quo sumum planeta per- volvat circulum. A year is the duration of the motion by which a planet revolves through its orbit. Dig. 40, 7, 4, 5; Calvin.; Bract. 5390.

ANNUS ET DIEIS. A year and a day.
ANNUS LUCTUS. A year begun is held as completed. Tray. Lat. Max. 45.

ANNUS LUCTUS. The year of mourning. It was a rule among the Romans, and also the Danes and Saxons, that widows should not marry infra annum luctus, (within the year of mourning) Code 5, 9, 2; 1 Bl. Comm. 457.

ANNUS UTILIS. A year made up of available or servicable days. Brissolins; Calvin. In the plural, anni utiles signifies the years during which a right can be exercised or a prescription grow. In prescription, the period of incapacity of a minor, etc., was not counted; it was no part of the anni utiles.

ANNUUS REDITUS. A yearly rent; annuity. 2 Bl. Comm. 41; Reg. Orig. 1589.

ANOMALOUS. Irregular; exceptional; unusual; not conforming to rule, method, or type.

ANOMALOUS INDIRSER. A stranger to a note, who indorses it after its execution and delivery but before maturity, and before it has been indorsed by the payee. Buck v. Huchins, 45 Minn. 270, 47 N. W. 908.

ANOMALOUS PLEA. One which is partly affirmative and partly negative. Baldwin v. Elizabeth, 42 N. J. Eq. 11, 6 Atl. 275; Potts v. Potts (N. J. Ch.) 42 Atl. 1055.

ANON., AN, A. Abbreviations for anonymous.

ANONYMOUS. Nameless; wanting a name or names. A publication, withholding the name of the author, is said to be anonymous. An anonymous letter is one that has no name signed. Belk v. State, 102 Tex. Cr. R. 501, 278 S. W. 842.

Cases are sometimes reported anonymously, i. e., without giving the names of the parties. Abbreviated to "Anon."

An anonymous society in the Mexican code is one which has no firm name and is designated by the particular designation of the object of the undertaking.


ANOTHER ACTION PENDING. See Auter Action Pendent.

ANOYSANCE. Annoyance; nuisance. Cowell; Kelham.

ANSEL, ANSUL, or AUNCEL. In old English law. An ancient mode of weighing by hanging scales or hooks at either end of a beam or staff, which, being lifted with one's finger or hand by the middle, showed the equality or difference between the weight at one end and the thing weighed at the other. Termes de la Ley, 66.

ANSWERS. In Pleading

Any pleading setting up matters of fact by way of defense. In chancery pleading, the term denotes a defense in writing, made by a defendant to the allegations contained in a bill or information filed by the plaintiff against him.

In pleading, under the Codes of Civil Procedure, the answer is the formal written statement made by a defendant setting forth the grounds of his defense; corresponding to what, in actions under the common-law practice is called the "plea." But as used in a statute providing that defendant must appear and answer the petition, "answer" refers to any sort of pleading filed by defendant. State ex rel. Oliver Hast Auction Co. v. Grimm, 197 Mo. App. 566, 196 S. W. 1019, 1021; Central Deep Creek Orchard Co. v. C. C. Taft Co., 34 Idaho, 458, 202 P. 1062, 1063; Arnold v. Pike (Tex. Civ. App.) 191 S. W. 207, 208. But extending the time to "answer" does not give the right to demur or otherwise plead. Rutland v. Tutthill, 187 App. Div. 314, 175 N. Y. S. 467.

A demurrer may sometimes be regarded as an answer; Stockham v. Knollenberg, 193 Md. 357, 105 A. 305, 307; and sometimes not: Mariner v. Milisich, 46 Nev. 139, 200 P. 478.

In Massachusetts, the term denotes the statement of the matter intended to be relied upon by the defendant in avoidance of the plaintiff's action, taking the place of special pleas in bar, and the general issue, except in real and mixed actions. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1287.

In matrimonial suits in the (English) probate, divorce, and admiralty division, an answer is the pleading by which the respondent puts forward his defense to the petition. Browne, Div. 223.

Under the old admiralty practice in England, the defendant's first pleading was called his "answer." Williams & B. Adm. Jur. 246.

In Practice

A reply to interrogatories; an affidavit in answer to interrogatories. The declaration of a fact by a witness after a question has been put, asking for it.

As a verb, the word denotes an assumption of liability, as to "answer" for the debt or default of another.

Frivolous Answer

See Sham Answer, infra.

Irrelevant Answer

One that has no substantial relation to the controversy;—distinguishable from a sham answer. Rosatti v. Common School Dist. No. 96 of Cass County, 53 N. D. 265, 206 N. W. 678, 679.
Sham Answer

One sufficient on its face but so clearly false that it presents no real issue to be tried. Bank of Richards, Mo., v. Sheasgreen, 153 Minn. 363, 190 N. W. 484. One good in form, but false in fact and not pleaded in good faith. Burkhalter v. Townsend, 159 S. C. 324, 138 S. E. 34, 35. A frivolous answer, on the other hand, is one which on its face sets up no defense, although it may be true in fact. A frivolous answer is always assumed to be true, while a sham answer must be admitted false or conclusively proved to be so: the character of the former is determined by mere inspection, while the character of the latter is usually determined by proof allunde. Milberg v. Keuthe, 88 N. J. Law, 779, 121 A. 713, 714. An answer averring facts not legally responsive to the inquiry involved is in contemplation of law either sham or frivolous, and on motion may be struck out upon either ground. Boynton Lumber Co. v. Evans, 101 N. J. Law, 120, 123 A. 180.

Voluntary Answer

In the practice of the court of chancery, this was an answer put in by a defendant, when the plaintiff had filed no interrogatories which required to be answered. Hunt, Eq.

ANTAPOCHA. In the Roman law. A transcript or counterpart of the instrument called "apochea" (q. v.), signed by the debtor and delivered to the creditor. Calvin.

ANTE. Lat. Before. Usually employed in old pleadings as expressive of time, as præ (before) was of place, and coram (before) of person. Townsh. Pl. 22.

Occurring in a report or a text-book, it is used to refer the reader to a previous part of the book.

ANTE EXHIBITIONEM BILLÆ. Before the exhibition of the bill. Before suit began.

ANTE-FACTUM, or ANTE-GESTUM. Done before. A Roman law term for a previous act, or thing done before.

ANTE JURAMENTUM. See Antejuramentum.


ANTE NATUS. Born before. A person born before another person or before a particular event. The term is particularly applied to one born in a country before a revolution, change of government or dynasty, or other political event, such that the question of his rights, status, or allegiance will depend upon the date of his birth with reference to such event. In England, the term commonly denotes one born before the act of union with Scotland; in America, one born before the declaration of independence. Its opposite is post natus, one born after the event.

ANTEA. Lat. Formerly; heretofore.


ANTECEDENT CREDITORS. Those whose debts are created before the debtor makes a transfer not lodged for record. Stone v. Keith, 218 Ky. 11, 290 S. W. 1042, 1043.

ANTECESSOR. An ancestor (q. v.).

ANTEDATE. To affix an earlier date; to date an instrument as of a time before the time it was written.

To antedate an insurance policy means to make it, for the purpose of fixing maturity dates for premiums, relate back to and take effect as of a time prior to its delivery. New York Life Ins. Co. v. Franklin, 118 Va. 418, 57 S. E. 583, 586.

ANTEJURAMENTUM. In Saxon law. A preliminary or preparatory oath (called also "prajuramentum," and "juramentum calumniæ," q. v.), which both the accuser and accused were required to make before any trial or purification; the accuser swearing that he would prosecute the criminal, and the accused making oath on the very day that he was to undergo the ordeal that he was innocent of the crime with which he was charged. Whishaw.

ANTENATI. See Ante Natus.

ANTENNA. In wireless telegraphy, the wire in the air on the tall mast is called the "antenna." National Electric Signaling Co. v. Telefunken Wireless Telegraph Co. of United States (C. C. A.) 221 F. 629, 631. A wire, or a combination of wires, supported in the air for directly transmitting electric waves into space, or receiving them therefrom. Webster, Diet.

ANTENUPTIAL. Made or done before a marriage.

ANTENUPTIAL CONTRACT. A contract made before marriage. The term is most generally applied to a contract entered into between a man and woman in contemplation of their future marriage, and in that case it is called a marriage contract.

ANTENUPTIAL SETTLEMENTS. Settlements of property upon the wife, or upon her and her children, made before and in contemplation of the marriage.

ANTHRACITE COAL. "Anthracite coal" differs from bituminous coal in the amount of fixed carbon, the amount of volatile matter, color, luster, and structural character. The percentage of fixed carbon in anthracite coal is much higher and the percentage of
volatile matter is much lower than in bituminous coal. Anthracite coal is hard and is comparatively clean and free from dust and is commonly termed "hard coal," and burns with practically no smoke. Commonwealth v. Hudson Coal Co., 287 Pa. 64, 134 A. 413, 414.

ANTHROPOMETRY. In criminal law and medical jurisprudence. The measurement of the human body; a system of measuring the dimensions of the human body, both absolutely and in their proportion to each other, the facial, cranial, and other angles, the shape and size of the skull, etc., for purposes of comparison with corresponding measurements of other individuals, and serving for the identification of the subject in cases of doubtful or disputed identity. It was largely adopted after its introduction in France in 1888, but fell into disfavor as being costly and as liable to error. It has given place to the "finger print" system devised by Francis Galton. See Bertillon System.

ANTI MANIFESTO. A term used in international law to denote a proclamation or manifesto published by one of two belligerent powers, alleging reasons why the war is defensive on its part.

ANTI-TRUST ACTS. Federal and state statutes to protect trade and commerce from unlawful restraints and monopolies. See U. S. v. Knight Co., 156 U. S. 1, 15 Sup. Ct. 249, 39 L. Ed. 325; Restraint of Trade.

ANTICHRESIS. In the civil law. A species of mortgage, or pledge of immovables. An agreement by which the debtor gives to the creditor the income from the property which he has pledged, in lieu of the interest on his debt. Guyot, Répert.; Marquise De Portes v. Hurbut, 44 N. J. Eq. 517, 44 Atl. 891. It is analogous to the Welsh mortgage of the common law. In the French law, if the income was more than the interest, the debtor was entitled to demand an account of the income, and might claim any excess. A debtor may give as security for his debt any immovable which belongs to him, the creditor having the right to enjoy the use of it on account of the interest due, or of the capital if there is no interest due; this is called "antichresis." Civ. Code Mex. art. 1027.

By the law of Louisiana, there are two kinds of pledges,—the pawn and the antichresis. A pawn relates to movables, and the antichresis to immovables. The antichresis must be reduced to writing; and the creditor thereby acquires the right to the fruits, etc., of the immovables, deducting yearly their proceeds from the interest, in the first place, and afterwards from the principal of his debt. He is bound to pay taxes on the property, and keep it in repair; unless the contrary is agreed. The creditor does not become the proprietor of the property by fail-

ure to pay at the agreed time, and any clause to that effect is void. He can only sue the debtor, and obtain sentence for sale of the property. The possession of the property is, however, by the contract, transferred to the creditor. Livingston v. Story, 11 Pet. 351, 9 L. Ed. 746. The "antichresis" is an anti-quated contract, requiring the creditor to take possession of and administer the property, to pay the taxes, and to keep up the improvements, and has been resorted to in this state in but a few instances. Harang v. Ragan, 134 La. 201, 63 So. 875, 877.

ANTICIPATION. The act of doing or taking a thing before its proper time.

In conveyancing, anticipation is the act of assigning, charging, or otherwise dealing with income before it becomes due.

In patent law, a person is said to have been anticipated when he patents a contrivance already known within the limits of the country granting the patent. Topliff v. Topliff, 145 U. S. 156, 12 Sup. Ct. 823, 36 L. Ed. 658; Detroit, etc., Co. v. Renchard (C. C.) 9 Fed. 286; National Hollow Brake Bann Co. v. Interchangeable Brake Beam Co. (C. C.) 99 Fed. 772; Thacher v. City of Baltimore (D. C.) 219 F. 909, 910; General Electric Co. v. De Forest Radio Co. (D. C.) 17 F.(2d) 96, 100.

In the law of negligence infrequency of danger, or even lack of its previous occurrence in experience of party charged, is not a decisive test of his duty to anticipate it; "anticipation" not being confined to expectation. Kenney v. Wong Len, 81 N. H. 427, 128 A. 348, 344. But compare Hardy v. Missouri Pac. R. Co. (C. C. A.) 266 F. 580, 583, 36 A. L. R. 1.

ANTICIPATORY BREACH OF CONTRACT. See Breach.

ANTIGRAPHERUS. In Roman law. An officer whose duty it was to take care of tax money. A comptroller.

ANTIGRAPHY. A copy or counterpart of a deed.

ANTINOMIA. In Roman law. A real or apparent contradiction or inconsistency in the laws. Merl. Répert. Conflicting laws or provisions of law; inconsistent or conflicting decisions or cases.

ANTINOMY. A term used in logic and law to denote a real or apparent inconsistency or conflict between two authorities or propositions; same as antinomia (q. v.).

ANTIQUA CUSTUMA. In English law. Ancient custom. An export duty on wool, woollens, and leather, imposed during the reign of Edw. I. It was so called by way of distinction from an increased duty on the same articles, payable by foreign merchants, which was imposed at a later period of the same reign and was called "custuma nova." 1 Bl. Comm. 314.
ANTIQUA STATUTA. Also called "Vetera Statuta." English statutes from the time of Richard I. to Edward III. 1 Reeves, Eng. Law, 227. See Nova Statuta.

ANTIQUARE. In Roman law. To restore a former law or practice; to reject or vote against a new law; to prefer the old law. Those who voted against a proposed law wrote on their ballots the letter "A," the initial of antiquo, I am for the old law. Calvin.

ANTIQUUM DOMINICUM. In old English law. Ancient demesne.

ANTITHETARIUS. In old English law. A man who endeavors to discharge himself of the crime of which he is accused, by retorting the charge on the accuser. He differs from an approver in this: that the latter does not charge the accuser, but others. Jacob.

ANTRUSTIO. In early feudal law. A confidential vassal. A term applied to the followers or dependents of the ancient German chiefs, and of the kings and counts of the Franks. Burrill.


ANY. Some; one out of many; an indefinite number. Ebeling v. Bankers' Casualty Co., 61 Mont. 58, 201 P. 254, 22 A. L. R. 777; Winslow v. Fleischner, 110 Or. 554, 228 P. 922, 228; State v. Pierson, 204 Iowa, 387, 216 N. W. 43, 44.

It is often synonymous with "either:" State v. Antonio, 3 Brev. (S. C.) 582; Carr-Lowery Lumber Co. v. Martin, 144 Miss. 106, 109 So. 849, 850; Powell v. Allan, 70 Cal. App. 663, 234 P. 339, 344; and is given the full force of "every" or "all;" Logan v. Small, 43 Mo. 254; McMurray v. Brown, 91 U. S. 265, 23 L. Ed. 321; Glen Alden Coal Co. v. City of Scranton, 282 Pa. 125, 127 A. 307, 308; Klotz v. First Nat. Bank, 78 Ind. App. 673, 134 N. E. 220, 222; Harrington v. Interstate Business Men's Ass'n of Des Moines, Iowa, 210 Mich. 327, 178 N. W. 19, 20; Cole v. Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co., 186 Ala. 192, 65 So. 177, 178, Ann. Cas. 1916E, 99; but its generality may be restricted by the context; Drainage Dist. No. 1 of Bates County v. Bates County (Mo. Sup.), 216 S. W. 949, 953; Gordon v. Business Men's Racing Ass'n, 141 La. 518, 75 So. 735, 736, L. R. A. 1917F, 700. Thus, the giving of a right to do some act "at any time" is commonly construed as meaning within a reasonable time. Michaels v. Pontius, 83 Ind. App. 66, 137 N. E. 579, 581; Paulson v. Weeks, 80 Or. 408, 157 P. 590, 592, Ann. Cas. 1918D, 741; Geo. Finberg Co. v. Jamison (Tex. Civ. App.) 200 S. W. 884, 888. And the words "any other" following the enumeration of particular classes are to be read as "other such like," and include only others of like kind or character. Van Pelt v. Hillard, 75 Fla. 792, 78 So. 693, 697, L. R. A. 1918E, 659; Southern Ry. Co. v. Columbia Compress Co. (C. C. A.) 280 F. 344, 348; Weatherly v. City of Athens, 18 Ga. App. 734, 80 S. E. 494.


APANAGE. In old French law. A provision of lands or feudal superintendencies assigned by the kings of France for the maintenance of their younger sons. An allowance assigned to a prince of the reigning house for his proper maintenance out of the public treasury. 1 Hallam, Med. Ages, pp. ii, 88; Wharton.

APARTMENT. A part of a house occupied by a person, while the rest is occupied by another, or others. As to the meaning of this term, see 7 Man. & G. 95; 6 Mod. 214; McMillan v. Solomon, 42 Ala. 356, 94 Am. Dec. 654; Commonwealth v. Estabrook, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 235; McLeVian v. Dalton, 10 Mass. 199; People v. St. Clair, 38 Cal. 137.

APARTMENT HOTEL. "Apartement hotel" is generally understood to apply to those houses which contain nonhousekeeping apartments without a kitchen or cooking facilities, wherein the proprietor furnishes a restaurant for feeding the occupants of the different apartments. Waltt Const. Co. v. Chase, 188 N. Y. S. 589, 591, 197 App. Div. 327. A covenant prohibiting erection of an "apartment house" does not prohibit an apartment hotel containing one, two, and three room suites without kitchens or kitchenettes. Griswold Realty & Holding Corporation v. West End Avenue & Seventy-Fifth St. Corporation, 209 N. Y. S. 764, 765, 125 Misc. Rep. 30. See Apartment House.

APARTMENT HOUSE. A building arranged in several suites of connecting rooms, each suite designed for independent housekeeping, but with certain mechanical conveniences, such as heat, light, or elevator services, in common to all families occupying the building. Konick v. Champneys, 168 Wash. 35, 183 P. 75, 77, 6 A. L. R. 459. Sometimes called a flat or flat house. Tagnot v. Jaekle, 65 Atl. 221, 72 N. J. Eq. 233. It comes within the prohibition of a restrictive building covenant forbidding buildings designed for any purpose other than a private dwelling house. Taylor v. Lambert, 279 Pa. 514, 124 A. 169, 170. But it is not a "hotel." Sutterthwait v. Gibbs, 288 Pa. 428, 135 A. 862, 864. A house for two families has been held to be an "apartment house" within a restriction covenant. Elterich v. Leicht Real Estate Co., 130 Va. 224, 107 S. E. 735, 739, 18 A. L. R. 441; contra, Austin v. Richardson (Tex. Com. App.) 288 S. W. 180, 181.

APATISATIO. An agreement or compact. Du Cange.

APERTA BREVIA. Open, unsealed writings.

APERTUM FACTUM. An overt act.
APERTURA TESTAMENTI

A form of proving a will, by the witnesses acknowledging before a magistrate their having sealed it.

APEX. The summit or highest point of anything; the top; e.g., in mining law, "apex of a vein." See Larkin v. Upton, 144 U.S. 18, 12 Sup. Ct. 614, 36 L. Ed. 330; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 40; Duggan v. Davey, 4 Dak. 110, 26 N. W. 857. An "apex" is all that portion of a terminal edge of a mineral vein from which the vein has extension downward in the direction of the dip. Stewart Mining Co. v. Ontario Mining Co., 35 S. Ct. 616, 614, 257 U. S. 360, 59 L. Ed. 989; Alameda Mining Co. v. Success Mining Co., 29 Idaho, 615, 161 P. 862, 863. Or it is the juncture of two dipping limbs of a fissure vein. Jim Butler Tonopah Mining Co. v. West End Consol. Mining Co., 38 S. Ct. 574, 576, 247 U. S. 450, 62 L. Ed. 1207.

APEX JURIS. The summit of the law; a legal subtlety; a nice or cunning point of law; close technicality; a rule of law carried to an extreme point, either of severity or refinement. A term used to denote a stricter application of the rules of law than is indicated by the phrase summun jus (q. v.).

APEX RULE. In mining law. The mineral laws of the United States give to the locator of a mining claim on the public domain the whole of every vein the apex of which lies within his surface exterior boundaries, or within perpendicular planes drawn downward indefinitely on the planes of those boundaries; and he may follow a vein which thus apexes within his boundaries, on its dip, although it may so far depart from the perpendicular in its course downward as to extend outside the vertical side-lines of his location; but he may not go beyond his end-lines or vertical planes drawn downward therefrom. This is called the apex rule. Rev. St. U. S. § 2322 (30 USCA § 26); King v. Mining Co., 9 Mont. 543, 24 Pac. 200; Stewart Mining Co. v. Ontario Mining Co., 29 Idaho, 724, 152 P. 787, 789.

APHASIA. In medical jurisprudence. Loss of the faculty or power of articulate speech; a condition in which the patient, while retaining intelligence and understanding and with the organs of speech unimpaired, is unable (in "motor aphasia") to utter articulate words, or unable to vocalize the particular word which is in his mind and which he wishes to use, or utters words different from those he believes himself to be speaking, or (in "sensory aphasia" or apraxia) is unable to understand spoken or written language. Sensory aphasia includes word blindness and word deafness, visual and auditory aphasia. Motor aphasia often includes agraphia, or the inability to write words of the desired meaning. The seat of the disease is in the brain, but it is not a form of insanity.

APHONIA. In medical jurisprudence. Loss of the power of articulate speech in consequence of morbid conditions of some of the vocal organs. It may be incomplete, in which case the patient can whisper. It is to be distinguished from congenital dumbness, and from temporary loss of voice through extreme hoarseness or minor affections of the vocal cords, as also from aphasia, the latter being a disease of the brain without impairment of the organs of speech.

Apices juris non sunt jura [just]. Extremities, or mere subtleties of law are not rules of law (are not law). Co. Litt. 304b; 10 Coke, 126; Wing. Max. 19, max. 14; Broom, Max. 188. Legal principles must not be carried to their extreme consequences, regardless of equity and good sense. Saimond, Jurispr. 630. See Apex Juris.

APICES LITIGANDI. Extremely fine points, or subtleties of litigation. Nearly equivalent to the modern phrase "sharp practice." "It is unconscionable in a defendant to take advantage of the apices litigandi, to turn a plaintiff around and make him pay costs when his demand is just." Per Lord Mansfield, in 3 Burr. 1243.

APNOEA. In medical jurisprudence. Want of breath; difficulty in breathing; partial or temporary suspension of respiration; specifically, such difficulty of respiration resulting from over-oxygenation of the blood, and in this distinguished from "asphyxia" (q. v.), which is a condition resulting from a deficiency of oxygen in the blood due to suffocation or any serious interference with normal respiration. The two terms were formerly (but improperly) used synonymously.

APOCHA (also Apocia). Lat. In the civil law. A writing acknowledging payments; acquittance. It differs from acceptance in this: that acceptance imports a complete discharge of the former obligation whether payment be made or not; apochia, discharge only upon payment being made. Calvin. See Antapochia.

APOCHE/E ONERATORI/E. In old commercial law. Bills of lading.

APOCRISARIUS. In civil law. A messenger; an ambassador.

In ecclesiastical law. One who answers for another. An officer whose duty was to carry to the emperor messages relating to ecclesiastical matters, and to take back his answer to the petitioners. An officer who gave advice on questions of ecclesiastical law. An ambassador or legate of a pope or bishop. Spelman.

A messenger sent to transact ecclesiastical business and report to his superior; an officer who had charge of the treasury of a monastic edifice; an officer who took charge of opening and closing the doors. Du Cange; Spelman; Calvinus, Lex.
APOCRISARIUS CANCELLARIU. In the civil law. An officer who took charge of the royal seal and signed royal dispatches.

Called, also, secretarius, cancellarius (from his giving advice); referendarius; a consiliis (from his acting as counsellor); a responsis, or responsalibis.

APOGRAPHIA. In civil law. An examination and enumeration of things possessed; an inventory. Calvisius, Lex.

APOPLEXY. In medical jurisprudence. The failure of consciousness and suspension of voluntary motion from suspension of the functions of the cerebrum.

The group of symptoms arising from rupture of a minute artery and consequent hemorrhage into the substance of the brain or from the lodgment of a minute clot in one of the cerebral arteries. The symptoms consist usually of sudden loss of consciousness, muscular relaxation, lividity of the face and slow stertorous respiration, lasting from a few hours to several days. Death frequently ensues. If consciousness returns, there is found paralysis of some of the voluntary muscles, very frequently of the muscles of the face, arm, and leg upon one side, giving the symptom of hemiplegia. There is usually more or less mental impairment, which presents no uniform characters, but varies indefinitely.


APOSTACY (also spelled Apostasy). In English law. The total renunciation of Christianity, by embracing either a false religion or no religion at all. This offense can take place only in such as have once professed the Christian religion. 4 Bl. Comm. 43; 4 Steph. Comm. 231.

APOSTATA. In civil and old English law. An apostate; a deserter from the faith; one who has renounced the Christian faith. Cod. 1, 7; Reg. Orig. 71b.

APOSTATA CAPIENDO. An obsolete English writ which issued against an apostate, or one who had violated the rules of his religious order. It was addressed to the sheriff, and commanded him to deliver the defendant into the custody of the abbot or prior. Reg. Orig. 71, 267; Jacob; Wharton.

APOSTILLE, Appostille. L. Fr. An addition; a marginal note or observation. Kelham.

APOSTLES. In English admiralty practice. A term borrowed from the civil law, denoting brief dismissory letters granted to a party who appeals from an inferior to a superior court, embodying a statement of the case and a declaration that the record will be transmitted.

This term is still sometimes applied in the admiralty courts of the United States to the papers sent up or transmitted on appeals.

APOSTOLI. In civil law. Certificates of the inferior judge from whom a cause is removed, directed to the superior. Dig. 49, 6. See Apostles.

Those sent as messengers. Spelman, Gloss.

APOSTOLUS. A messenger; an ambassador, legate, or nuncio. Spelman.

APOTHECA. In the civil law. A repository; a place of deposit, as of wine, oil, books, etc. Calvin.

APOTHECARY. Any person who keeps a shop or building where medicines are compounded or prepared according to prescriptions of physicians, or where medicines are sold. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, c. 184, § 9, 14 Stat. 119; Woodward v. Ball, 6 Car. & P. 97; Westmoreland v. Bragg, 2 Hill (S. C.) 414; Com. v. Fuller, 2 Walk. (Pa.) 550.

The term "druggist" properly means one whose occupation is to buy and sell drugs without compounding or preparing them. The term therefore has a much more limited and restricted meaning than the word "apothecary," and there is little difficulty in concluding that the term "druggist" may be applied in a technical sense to persons who buy and sell drugs. State v. Holmes, 28 La. Ann. 767, 26 Am. Rep. 110; Apothecaries' Co. v. Greenough, 1 Q. B. 803; State v. Donaldson, 41 Minn. 74, 42 N. W. 781.

In England and Ireland an apothecary is a member of an inferior branch of the medical profession and is licensed by the Apothecaries Company to practice medicine as well as to sell drugs.

APPARATOR. A furnisher or provider. Formerly the sheriff, in England, had charge of certain county affairs and disbursements, in which capacity he was called "apparator comitatus" (apparator for the county), and received therefor a considerable emolument. Cowell.


As used in statutes granting exemption from execution, etc., "apparatus" means a complex device or machine designed for the accomplishment of a special purpose; a complex instrument or appliance, mechanical or chemical, for a specific action or operation; machinery; mechanism; as a newspaper printing press, Harris v. Townley (Tex. Civ. App.) 161 S. W. 5; or four pool tables, Harris v. Todd (Tex. Civ. App.) 158 S. W. 1189;
APPARENT. That which is obvious, evident, or manifest; what appears, or has been made manifest; appearing to the eye or mind. Milliken v. McKenzie (Tex. Civ. App.) 285 S. W. 1110, 1111; Van Arsdale v. State, 94 Tex. Cr. R. 103, 249 S. W. 865, 866; Walker v. John Smith, T., 199 Ala. 411, 43 So. 451, 453. In respect to facts involved in an appeal or writ of error, that which is stated in the record. An error discovered by close scrutiny of the entire evidence is not "apparent." Stewart v. McAllister (Tex. Civ. App.) 209 S. W. 704, 706.

APPARENT AUTHORITY. In the law of agency, such authority as the principal knowingly permits the agent to assume, or which he holds the agent out as possessing; such authority as he appears to have by reason of the actual authority which he has; such authority as a reasonably prudent man, using diligence and discretion, in view of the principal's conduct, would naturally suppose the agent to possess. Ozark Mut. Life Ass'n v. Dillard, 160 Ark. 273 S. W. 378, 381; Iowa Loan & Trust Co. v. Seaman, 203 Iowa 310, 210 N. W. 637, 940; Kissell v. Pittsburgh, Ft. W. & C. Ry. Co., 194 Mo. App. 346, 188 S. W. 1118, 1121; Caughren v. Kahan, 86 Wash. 356, 150 P. 445, 448; Hudson v. Carlson, 31 Idaho, 196, 170 P. 100, 102; Brager v. Levy, 122 Md. 554, 90 A. 102, 104; Attoo v. Saunders, 77 N. H. 527, 93 A. 1037, 1039; Johnson v. Evans, 134 Minn. 44, 158 N. W. 823. It includes the power to do whatever is usually done and necessary to be done in order to carry into effect the principal power conferred. Oliver v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., 176 N. C. 593, 97 S. E. 490, 491.

APPARENT DANGER. As used with reference to the doctrine of self-defense in homicide, means such overt actual demonstration, by conduct and acts, of a design to take life or do some great personal injury, as would make the killing apparently necessary to self-preservation. Evans v. State, 44 Miss. 773; Stoneman v. Com., 25 Grat. (Va.) 896; Leigh v. People, 113 Ill. 379; Modesett v. Emmons (Tex. Com. App.) 292 S. W. 855, 856. Under a statute providing that it shall not be a defense to an action for injuries to an employee that the dangers inherent or apparent in the employment contributed to the injury, an "apparent danger" is one the existence of which the employee has knowledge, actual or constructive. Standard Steel Car Co. v. Martinez, 66 Ind. App. 672, 113 N. E. 244, 248.

APPARENT DEFECTS. In a thing sold, are those which can be discovered by simple inspection. Code La. art. 2497 (Civil Code, § 2221). See, also, Woolley v. Ablah, 119 Kan. 380, 240 P. 296, 299.

APPARENT EASEMENT. See Easement.

APPARENT HEIR. In English law. One whose right of inheritance is indefeasible, provided he outlive the ancestor. 2 Bl. Comm. 205. See, also, Heir Apparent. In Scots law. He is the person to whom the succession has actually opened. He is so called until his regular entry on the lands by service or inflictment on a precept of clare constat.

APPARENT NECESSITY. In actions under the Alabama Homicide Act, "apparent necessity" which will justify killing in self-defense must be such as to impress a reasonable man of its presence and imminence, and must so impress defendant at the time of the fatal shot. Drummond v. Drummond, 212 Ala. 242, 102 So. 112, 114.


APPARITOR. An officer or messenger employed to serve the process of the spiritual courts in England and summon offenders. Crowell.

In the civil law. An officer who waited upon a magistrate or superior officer, and executed his commands. Calvin.; Cod. 12, 53–57.

APPARELMENT. In old English law. Resemblance; likelihood; as apparelment of war. St. 2 Rich. II. st. 1, c. 6; Crowell.

APPARURA. In old English law the apparatus were furniture, implements, tackle, or apparel. Caruscorum apparura, plow-tackle. Crowell.

APPEAL. In civil practice. The complaint to a superior court of an injustice done or error committed by an inferior one, whose judgment or decision the court above is called upon to correct or reverse.

The removal of a cause from a court of inferior to one of superior jurisdiction, for the purpose of obtaining a review and retrial. Wiscart v. Dauchy, 3 Dall. 321, 1 L. Ed. 619; City of Birmingham v. Louisville & N. R. Co., 215 Ala. 92, 104 So. 258, 259; Norman v. Tolliver, 94 Kan. 356, 146 P. 1037, 1038; Hall v. Kincaid, 64 Ind. App. 103, 115 N. E. 361, 365.

The distinction between an appeal and a writ of error is that an appeal is a process of civil law origin, and removes a cause entirely, subjecting the facts, as well as the law, to a review and revisal; but a writ of error is of common law origin, and it removes nothing for re-examination but the law. Wiscart v. Dauchy, 3 Dall. 321, 1 L. Ed. 619; U. S. v.
Goodwin, 7 Cranch, 108, 3 L. Ed. 284; Cuming v. Neagle, 135 U. S. 1, 10 Sup. Ct. 658, 34 L. Ed. 55; Buesel v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 288 F. 811, 814. The present tendency is to ignore the distinction between "writ of error" and "appeal," and, when found in modern statutes, the meaning given "appeal" must be gathered from the language of the statute itself. Widgins v. Norfolk & W. Ry. Co., 142 Va. 419, 125 S. E. 516, 518.

But appeal is sometimes used to denote the nature of appellate jurisdiction, as distinguished from original jurisdiction, without any particular regard to the mode by which a cause is transmitted to a superior jurisdiction. U. S. v. Wonsor, 1 Gall. 5, 12, Fed. Cas. No. 16,750; Dorris Motor Car Co. v. Colburn, 307 Mo. 137, 270 S. W. 339, 346. "Appeal" has no conclusive meaning, and it is necessary in each instance to look to the particular act giving an appeal, to determine powers to be exercised by the appellate court. McCauley v. Imperial Woolen Co., 261 Pa. 312, 104 A. 617, 620.

An "appeal" in equity is a trial de novo. Simmons v. Stern (C. C. A.) 9 F.(2d) 256, 259.

"Appeal" may also be used to denote the act of invoking another judicial forum for the trial. Newell v. Kalamazoo Circuit Judge, 215 Mich. 153, 153 N. W. 907, 908. See Appeal. As used in statutes authorizing taxpayers or parties to condemnation proceedings to appeal, the term often has its non-technical sense meaning to "apply for" or "ask." Commonwealth v. Deford Co., 137 Va. 542, 120 S. E. 281, 282; Purcell Bank & Trust Co. of Purcell v. Byars, 60 Okl. 70, 167 P. 216, 218.

In Criminal Practice

A formal accusation made by one private person against another of having committed some heinous crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 312.

Appeal was also the name given to the proceeding in English law where a person, indicted of treason or felony, and arraigned for the same, confessed the fact before plea pleaded, and appealed, or accused others, his accomplices in the same crime, in order to obtain his pardon. In this case he was called an "appever" or "prover," and the party appealed or accused, the "appeellee." 4 Bl. Comm. 309. Appeals have been abolished by statute.

In Legislation

The act by which a member of a legislative body who questions the correctness of a decision of the presiding officer, or "chair," procures a vote of the body upon the decision.

In Old French Law

A mode of proceeding in the lords' courts, where a party was dissatisfied with the judgment of the peers, which was by accusing them of having given a false or malicious judgment, and offering to make good the charge by the duel or combat. This was called the "appeal of false judgment." Montesq. Esprit des Lois, liv. 28, c. 27.

In General

--Appeal bond. The bond given on taking an appeal, by which the appellant and his sureties are bound to pay damages and costs if he fails to prosecute the appeal with effect. Omaha Hotel Co. v. Kountze, 107 U. S. 375, 2 Sup. Ct. 811, 27 L. Ed. 609. A general purpose of appeal bonds is to discourage vexatious and frivolous appeals. State v. Coletti, 102 Kan. 523, 170 P. 995, 997.

--Cross-appeal. Where both parties to a judgment appeal therefrom, the appeal of each is called a "cross-appeal" as regards that of the other. 3 Steph. Comm. 581.

APPEALED. In a sense not strictly technical, this word may be used to signify the exercise by a party of the right to remove a litigation from one forum to another; as where he removes a suit involving the title to real estate from a justice's court to the common pleas. Lawrence v. Souther, 8 Mete. (Mass.) 163.

APPEAR. In practice. To be properly before a court; as a fact or matter of which it can take notice. To be in evidence; to be proved. "Making it appear and proving are the same thing." Preem. 53.

To be regularly in court; as a defendant in an action. Cf. Bennett v. Rodgers, 205 Mo. App. 458, 225 S. W. 101. See Appearance.

APPEAR OF RECORD. A substitution of trustee under deed of trust "appears of record" in the office of the chancery clerk, by being actually spread at large on the record. King v. Jones, 121 Miss. 310, 83 So. 531.


The formal proceeding by which a defendant submits himself to the jurisdiction of the court. Flint v. Conly, 55 Me. 251, 49 Atl. 1044; Crawford v. Vinton, 102 Mich. 63, 62 N. W. 958; Childers v. Lahm, 18 N. M. 457, 135 P. 202, 203.

Appearance ancienly meant an actual coming into court, either in person or by attorney. Appearance may be made by the party in person or by his agent. Everett Ry., Light & Power Co. v. U. S. (D. C.) 225 F. 896, 898. But in criminal cases the personal appearance of the accused in court is often necessary.

Classification

An appearance may be either general or special; the former is a simple and unqualified or unrestricted submission to the jurisdiction of the court, the latter a submission to the jurisdiction for some specific purpose only. See for all the purposes of the suit. National Furnace Co. v. Moline Malleable Iron Works (C. C.) 13 F. 864; Citizens' Trust Co. of Utica v. R. Prescott & Son, 223 N. Y. S. 191, 197, 221.
APPEARANCE


An appearance may also be either compulsory or voluntary, the former where it is compelled by process served on the party, the latter where it is entered by his own will or consent, without the service of process, though process may be outstanding. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 77. It is said to be optional when entered by a person who intervenes in the action to protect his own interests, though not joined as a party; it occurs in chancery practice, especially in England; conditional, when coupled with conditions as to its becoming or being taken as a general appearance; gratis, when made by a party to the action, but before the service of any process or legal notice to appear; de bene case, when made provisionally or to remain good only upon a future contingency; subsequent, when made by a defendant after an appearance has already been entered for him by the plaintiff; corporal, when the person is physically present in court.

—Appearance by attorney. This term and “appearance by counsel” are distinctly different, the former being the substitution of a legal agent for the personal attendance of the suitor, the latter the attendance of an advocate without whose aid neither the party attending nor his attorney in his stead could safely proceed; and an appearance by attorney does not supersede the appearance by counsel. Mercer v. Watson, 1 Watts (Pa.) 531. See In re Ford’s Estate, 163 N. Y. S. 969, 98 Misc. Rep. 100.

—Appearance day. The day for appearing; that on which the parties are bound to come into court. Cruger v. McCracken (Tex. Civ. App.) 26 S. W. 282. Compare City of Decatur v. Barteau, 260 Ill. 612, 103 N. E. 601, 602.

—Appearance docket. A docket kept by the clerk of the court, in which appearances are entered, containing also a brief abstract of all the proceedings in the cause. See McAdams v. Windham, 101 Ala. 257, 68 So. 51, 52.

—Notice of appearance. A notice given by defendant to a plaintiff that he appears in the action in person or by attorney.

APPEARAND HEIR. In Scotch law. An apparent heir. See Heir Apparent.

APPELLANT. The party who takes an appeal from one court or jurisdiction to another. Used broadly or nontechnically, the term includes one who sues out a writ of error. Chickamauga Quarry & Construction Co. v. Pundt, 136 Tenn. 325, 189 S. W. 688; Wiggins v. Norfolk & W. Ry. Co., 142 Va. 419, 128 S. E. 516, 518.

APPELLATE. Pertaining to or having cognizance of appeals and other proceedings for the judicial review of adjudications.

APPELLATE COURT. A court having jurisdiction of appeal and review; a court to which causes are removable by appeal, certiorari, or error.


APPELLATIO. Lat. An appeal.

APPELLATOR. An old law term having the same meaning as “appellant” (q. v.).

In the civil law, the term was applied to the judge ad quem, or to whom an appeal was taken. Calvin.

APPELLEE. The party in a cause against whom an appeal is taken; that is, the party who has an interest adverse to setting aside or reversing the judgment. Shayton v. Horsey, 97 Tex. 311, 78 S. W. 919. Sometimes also called the “respondent.”


In old English law. Where a person charged with treason or felony pleaded guilty and turned approver or “king’s evidence,” and accused another as his accomplice in the same crime, in order to obtain his own pardon, the one so accused was called the “appellee.” 4 Bl. Comm. 330.

APPELLO. Lat. In the civil law. I appeal. The form of making an appeal apud acta. Dig. 49, 1, 2.

APPELLOR. In old English law. A criminal who accuses his accomplices, or who challenges a jury. See Approver.

APPEND. To add or attach. American Cannel Coal Co. v. Indiana Cotton Mills, 78 Ind. App. 115, 134 N. E. 891, 893.

APPENDAGE. Something added as an accessory to or the subordinate part of another thing. State v. Fertig, 70 Iowa, 272, 30 N. W. 633; Hemme v. School Dist., 30 Kan. 377, 1
APPLE CIDER VINEGAR. Vinegar made from evaporated apples by treating them with a certain percentage of water squeezed out again as apple juice is "apple cider vinegar" within the meaning of Agricultural Law N. Y. §§ 79–72, as amended by Laws 1916, c. 125 (Agriculture and Markets Law, §§ 207–209). People v. Douglas Packing Co., 229 N. Y. 1, 139 N. E. 759, 760.

APPLIANCE. The term "appliance" refers to machinery and all the instruments used in operating it, and is to be distinguished from the word "materials," which includes everything of which anything is made. Royal Indemnity Co. v. Day & Maddock Co., 114 Ohio St. 58, 150 N. E. 428, 427, 44 A. L. R. 374; Ritter-Conley Mfg. Co. v. O'Donnell, 64 Okl. 228, 168 P. 49, 52. An "appliance" is a mechanical thing, a device or apparatus. One Black Mule v. State, 204 Ala. 440, 83 So. 749, 750. The term has been applied to a railroad track, Hines v. Kelley (Tex. Civ. App.) 236 S. W. 493, 496; motor tracks in a coal mine, Jaggie v. Davis Colliery Co., 75 W. Va. 370, 84 S. E. 941; an automobile, Ross v. Tabor, 53 Cal. App. 605, 200 P. 971, 973; a telephone lineman's safety belt, Boone v. Lohr, 172 Iowa, 440, 154 N. W. 591, 592; and a plank on which a painting foreman was working, Peterson v. Beck, 27 Cal. App. 571, 150 P. 788, 789; but not, however, to a station water tank, rope, or scaffold used thereon, by a painter, McFarland v. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co., 177 Ky. 551, 197 S. W. 944, 947; nor to a moving picture machine, Balcem v. Ellintuch & Yaritz, 179 App. Div. 548, 166 N. Y. S. 841, 842; nor the steps of a caboose, Cincinnati, N. O. & T. P. Ry. Co. v. Goldston, 183 Ky. 42, 173 S. W. 161, 162.


When a constitution or court declares that the common law is in force in a particular state so far as it is applicable, it is meant that it must be applicable to the habits and conditions of the community, as well as in harmony with the genius, the spirit, and the objects of their institutions. Wagner v. Bissell, 5 Iowa, 402. When a constitution prohibits the enactment of local or special laws in all cases where a general law would be applicable, a general law should always be construed to be applicable, in this sense, where the entire people of the state have an interest in the subject, such as regulating interest, statutes of frauds or limitations, etc. But where only a portion of the people are affected, as in locating a county-seat, it will depend upon the facts and circumstances of each particular case whether such a law would be applicable. Evans v. Job, 8 Nev. 322.
APPLICANT. An applicant, as for letters of administration, is one who is entitled thereunto, and who files a petition asking that letters be granted. Jeruld v. Chambers, 44 Cal. App. 771, 187 P. 33.

APPLICARE. Lat. In old English law. To fasten to; to moor (a vessel) Anciently rendered, "to apply." Hale, de Jure Mar.

Applicatio est vita regula. Application is the life of a thing. 2 Bulst. 79.


A written request to have a certain quantity of land at or near a certain specified place. Biddle v. Dougall, 5 Bin. (Pa.) 151.


The use or disposition made of a thing.

A bringing together, in order to ascertain some relation or establish some connection; as the application of a rule or principle to a case or fact.

In Insurance

The preliminary request, declaration, or statement made by a party applying for an insurance policy, such as one on his life, or against fire. Whipple v. Prudential Ins. Co. of America, 222 N. Y. 30, 118 N. E. 211, 212.

Of Purchase Money

The disposition made of the funds received by a trustee on a sale of real estate held under the trust.

Of Payments

Appropriation of a payment to some particular debt; or the determination to which of several demands a general payment made by a debtor to his creditor shall be applied.

APPLY. To make a formal request or petition, usually in writing, to a court, officer, board, or company, for the granting of some favor, or of some rule or order, which is within his or their power or discretion. For example, to apply for an injunction, for a pardon, for a policy of insurance, or for a receiver. In re Bucyrus Road Machinery Co. (C. C. A.) 10 F. (2d) 333, 334.

To use or employ for a particular purpose; to appropriate and devote to a particular use, object, demand, or subject-matter. Thus, to apply payments to the reduction of interest. Foley v. Hastings, 107 Conn. 9, 139 A. 305, 306. See Appropriate.

To put, use, or refer, as suitable or relative; to co-ordinate language with a particular subject-matter; as to apply the words of a statute to a particular state of facts.

The word "apply" is used in connection with statutes in two senses. When constructing a statute, in describing the class of persons, things, or functions which are within its scope; as that the statute does not "apply" to transactions in interstate commerce. When discussing the use made of a statute, in referring to the process by which the statute is made operative; as when the jury is told to "apply" the statute of limitation if they find that the cause of action arose before a given date. Brandeis, J., dissenting in Dubuque-Walker Milling Co. v. Bondurant, 257 U. S. 328, 42 S. Ct. 126, 139, n. 49, L. Ed. 329.


"Appointment" is used where exclusive power and authority is given to one person, officer, or body to name persons to hold certain offices. State v. Doss, 102 W. Va. 162, 134 S. E. 749. It is usually distinguished from "elect," meaning to choose by a vote of the qualified voters of the city. State ex rel. Smith v. Bowman, 170 S. W. 700, 701, 184 Mo. App. 549. But the distinction is not invariably observed. Schaffner v. Shaw, 101 Iowa, 1047, 180 N. W. 583, 584.

APPOINTEE. A person who is appointed or selected for a particular purpose; as the appointee under a power is the person who is to receive the benefit of the power.

APPOINTMENT.

In Chancery Practice

The exercise of a right to designate the person or persons who are to take the use of real estate. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 302; Merchants' Loan & Trust Co. v. Patterson, 308 Ill. 519, 139 N. E. 912, 919.

The act of a person in directing the disposition of property, by limiting a use, or by substituting a new use for a former one, in pursuance of a power granted to him for that purpose by a preceding deed, called a "power of appointment," also the deed or other instrument by which he so conveys.

Where the power embraces several permitted objects, and the appointment is made to one or more of them, excluding others, it is called "exclusive."

Appointment may signify an appropriation of money to a specific purpose. Harris v. Clark, 3 N. Y. 33, 119, 51 Am. Dec. 832. See Illusory Appointment.

In Public Law

The selection or designation of a person, by the person or persons having authority therefor, to fill an office or public function

The term "appointment" is to be distinguished from "election." The former is an executive act, whereby a person is named as the incumbent of an office and invested therewith, by one or more individuals who have the sole power and right to select and constitute the officer. Election means that the person is chosen by a principle of selection in the nature of a vote, participated in by the public generally or by the entire class of persons qualified to express their choice in this manner. See McPherson v. Blacker, 140 U. S. 1, 13 Sup. Ct. 3, 36 L. Ed. 969; State v. Compson, 34 Or. 25, 54 Pac. 346; Reid v. Gor- shen, 67 N. E. 326 N. Y.; 336 N. Y. 457; State v. Squire, 39 Ohio St. 197; State v. Williams, 60 Kan. 827, 58 P. 476; Town of Nortonville v. Woodward, 191 Ky. 730, 231 S. W. 224; Mono County v. Industrial Acc. Commission, 175 Cal. 752, 167 P. 377, 378.

"Appointment" may also mean the arranging of a meeting. Spears v. State, 89 Tex. Cr. R. 459, 232 S. W. 326, 328.

APPOINTOR. The person who appoints, or executes a power of appointment; as appointee is the person to whom or in whose favor an appointment is made. 1 Steph. Comm. 506, 507; 4 Kent, Comm. 316.

One authorized by the donor, under the statute of uses, to execute a power. 2 Bouv. Inst. n. 1923.

The appointor is the instrument of the donor of the power, and the appointee takes under the original will or instrument which creates the trust, and not from the donee of the power. Barret v. Berea College, 48 R. I. 258, 137 A. 143, 147.

APPORT. L. Fr. In old English law. Tax; talnage; tribute; imposition; payment; charge; expenses. Kelham.


Of Contracts

The allowance, in case of a severable contract, partially performed, of a part of the entire consideration proportioned to the degree in which the contract was carried out.

Of Rent

The allotment of their shares in a rent to each of several parties owning it. The de-

termination of the amount of rent to be paid when the tenancy is terminated at some period other than one of the regular intervals for the payment of rent. Swint v. McCalmont Oil Co., 184 Pa. 202, 38 A. 1021, 63 Am. St. Rep. 791; Gluck v. Baltimore, 81 Md. 315, 32 A. 515, 48 Am. St. Rep. 515.

Of Incumbrances

Where several persons are interested in an estate, apportionment, as between them, is the determination of the respective amounts which they shall contribute towards the removal of the incumbrance.

Of Corporate Shares

The pro tanto division among the subscribers of the shares allowed to be issued by the charter, where more than the limited number have been subscribed for. Clarke v. Brooklyn Bank, 1 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 368; Haig v. Day, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 18.

Of Common

A division of the right of common between several persons, among whom the land to which, as an entirety, it first belonged has been divided.

Of Representatives

The determination upon each decennial census of the number of representatives in congress which each state shall elect, the calculation being based upon the population. See Const. U. S. art. 1, § 2; Amend. 14, § 2.

Of Taxes

The apportionment of a tax consists in a selection of the subjects to be taxed, and in laying down the rule by which to measure the contribution which each of these subjects shall make to the tax. Barrfield v. Gleason, 111 Ky. 491, 68 S. W. 964.

APPORTS EN NATURE. In French law. That which a partner brings into the partnership other than cash; for instance, securities, realty or personalty, cattle, stock, or even his personal ability and knowledge. Argl. Fr. Merc. Law, 545.

APPORTUM. In old English law. The revenue, profit, or emolument which a thing brings to the owner. Commonly applied to a corody or pension. Blount.

APPROSSAL OF SHERIFFS. The charging them with money received upon their account in the exchequer. St. 22 & 23 Car. II.; Cowell.

APPOSER. An officer in the exchequer, clothed with the duty of examining the sheriffs in respect of their accounts. Usually called the "foreign apposer." Termes de la Ley. The office is now abolished.

APPOSTILLE, or APOSTILLE. In French law, an addition or annotation made in the margin of a writing. Merl. Répert.

APPRAISE. In practice. To fix or set a price, or value upon; to fix and state the true value of a thing; and, usually, in writing. Vincent v. German Ins. Co., 120 Iowa, 272, 94 N. W. 458. To value property at what it is worth. Tax Commission of Ohio v. Clark, 20 Ohio App. 166, 151 N. E. 750, 751. In a statute directing officers to “appraise all taxable property at its full and true value in money,” the words italicized add nothing to the meaning of the statute; Cocheo Mfg. Co. v. Strafford, 51 N. H. 455, 428.

To “appraise” money means to count. In re Hollinger’s Estate, 259 Pa., 72, 102 A. 409.


An “arbitration” presupposes a controversy or difference to be decided, and the arbitrators proceed in a judicial way. On the other hand, an appraisal or valuation is generally a mere auxiliary feature of a contract of sale, the purpose of which is not to adjudicate a controversy but to avoid one. Thompson v. Newman, 36 Cal. App. 248, 171 P. 952, 953.

APPRAISER. A person appointed by competent authority to make an appraisal, to ascertain and state the true value of goods or real estate.

The title of “appraiser” carries with it a significance that he is to be the judge of the evidence he desires submitted to him on the question of valuation, in cases fairly treated by him. In re Gilbert’s Estate, 160 N. Y. S. 213, 214, 96 Misc. Rep. 401.

General Appraisers


Merchant Appraisers

Where the appraisement of an invoice of imported goods made by the revenue officers at the custom house is not satisfactory to the importer, persons may be selected (under this name) to make a definitive valuation; they must be merchants engaged in trade. Auffmordt v. Hedden (C. C.) 30 Fed. 300; Oelerman v. Merritt (C. C.) 19 Fed. 408; s. c., 123 U. S. 356, 8 Sup. Ct. 151, 31 L. Ed. 154.


See Stoddor v. Rosen Tinkling Mach. Co., 247 Mass. 60, 141 N. E. 569, 571. As used in a decree enjoining operation of a cotton oil mill in such manner as to throw out lint in “appreciable” quantities, “appreciable” may be practically synonymous with unreasonable. Buckeye Cotton Oil Co. v. Ragland (C. C. A.) 11 F. (2d) 231, 234.

APPRECIATE. To estimate justly; to set a price or value on. Holmes v. Connell’s Estate, 297 Mich. 693, 175 N. W. 148, 149; Bruce v. Black, 125 Ill. 33, 17 N. E. 66. When used with reference to the nature and effect of an act, “appreciate” may be synonymous with “know” or “understand.” Western Indemnity Co. v. MacKechnie (Tex. Civ. App.) 214 S. W. 456, 460.

APPRECIATION IN VALUE. Appreciation in the value of property has reference to the so-called unearned increment, and does not include that added value of the property made by extensions and permanent improvements. People ex rel. Adirondack Power & Light Corporation v. Public Service Commission, 193 N. Y. S. 186, 189, 200 App. Div. 268.

APPREHEND. To take hold of, whether with the mind, and so to conceive, believe, fear, dread, Trogdon v. State, 133 Ind. 1, 52 N. E. 725; or actually and bodily, and so to take a person on a criminal process; to seize; to arrest, Hogan v. Stophlet, 179 Ill. 150, 53 N. E. 694, 44 L. R. A. 809.


APPREHENSION. Lot. In the civil and old English law. A taking hold of a person or thing; apprehension; the seizure or capture of a person. Calvin.

One of the varieties or subordinate forms of occupatio, or the mode of acquiring title to things not belonging to any one.

APPREHENSION. In Practice

The seizure, taking, or arrest of a person on a criminal charge. The term “apprehension” is applied exclusively to criminal cases, and “arrest” to both criminal and civil cases. Cummings v. Clinton County, 151 Mo. 162, 59 S. W. 1127; Rails County v. Stephens, 104 Mo. App. 115, 78 S. W. 294; Hogan v. Stophlet, 179 Ill. 150, 53 N. E. 694, 44 L. R. A. 809; People v. Martin, 168 Cal. 281, 205 P. 121, 123, 21 A. L. R. 1396.

In the Civil Law

A physical or corporal act, (corpus,) on the part of one who intends to acquire possession of a thing, by which he brings himself into such a relation to the thing that he may subject it to his exclusive control; or by which he obtains the physical ability to exercise his power over the thing whenever he pleases. One of the requisites to the acquisition of ju-
dial possession, and by which, when accompanied by intention, (animus) possession is acquired. Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 248, 249, 250.

APPRENDRE. A fee or profit taken or received. Cowell.

APPRENTICE. A person, usually a minor, bound in due form of law to a master, to learn from him his art, trade, or business, and to serve him during the time of his apprenticeship. 1 Bl. Comm. 426; 2 Kent, Comm. 211; 4 Term, 783. Altemus v. Ely, 3 Rawle (Pa.) 307; In re Goodenough, 19 Wils. 274; Phelps v. Railroad Co., 99 Pa. 113; Lyon v. Whittemore, 3 N. J. Law, 815; Delaware, L. & W. R. Co. v. Petrowsky (C. C. A.) 250 F. 554, 560; City of St. Louis v. Bender, 218 Mo. 113, 154 S. W. 88, 89, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1072.

APPRENTICE EN LA LEY. An ancient name for students at law, and afterwards applied to counsellors, appointici ad barras, from which comes the modern word "barrister." In some of the ancient lawwriters the terms apprentice and barrister are synonymous. Co. 2d Inst. 214; Eunomus, Dial. 2, § 33, p. 155.

APPRENTICESHIP. A contract by which one person, usually a minor, called the "apprentice," is bound to another person, called the "master," to serve him during a prescribed term of years in his art, trade, or business, in consideration of being instructed by the master in such art or trade, and (commonly) of receiving his support and maintenance from the master during such term.

The term during which an apprentice is to serve.

The status of an apprentice; the relation subsisting between an apprentice and his master.

APPRENTICIUS AD LEGEM. An apprentice to the law; a law student; a counsellor below the degree of serjeant; a barrister. See Apprentice en la Ley.

APPRIZING. In Scotch law. A form of process by which a creditor formerly took possession of the estates of the debtor in payment of the debt due. It is now superseded by adjudications.


APPROACH, RIGHT OF. In international law. The right of a ship of war, upon the high sea, to draw near to another vessel for the purpose of ascertaining the nationality of the latter. The Marianna Flora, 11 Wheat. (U. S.) 43, 44, 6 L. Ed. 405. Kent understood it to be equivalent to the right of visit. 1 Kent, Comm. 153. And at present the right of approach has no existence apart from the right of visit.

APPROACHES. The "approaches" to a bridge or viaduct may include embankments, grades, or structures of any sort serving as a passage or way. Henderson County v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co., 320 Ill. 608, 151 N. E. 542, 545; Starrett v. Inhabitants of Town of Thomaston, 126 Me. 206, 137 A. 67, 70. That part of the roadway which is essential to make the bridge accessible and convenient for public use. Person v. Polk County, 186 Iowa, 733, 185 N. W. 491, 492. Compare State v. Great Northern Ry. Co., 136 Minn. 164, 161 N. W. 506, 508; In re Rosedale Ave. in City of New York, 162 N. Y. S. 877, 885, 175 App. Div. 864. The "approaches" to a rapid transit railway tunnel 60 feet below the surface may include elevators. City of Boston v. Boston Elevated Ry. Co., 213 Mass. 407, 100 N. E. 601, 606.

APPROBATE AND REPROBATE. In Scotch law. To approve and reject; to attempt to take advantage of one part, and reject the rest. Bell. Equity suffers no person to approbate and reprobate the same deed. 1 Kames, Eq. 317; 1 Bell, Comm. 146. The doctrine of approbate and reprobate is the English doctrine of election.

APPROPRIATE. To make a thing one's own; to make a thing the subject of property; to exercise dominion over an object to the extent, and for the purpose, of making it subserve one's own proper use or pleasure. Newhouse v. First Nat. Bank (D. C.) 13 F.(2d) 857, 859; People v. Ashworth, 222 N. Y. S. 24, 27, 220 App. Div. 496. The term is properly used in this sense to denote the acquisition of property and a right of exclusive enjoyment in those things which before were without an owner or were publicis juris. United States v. Nicholson (D. C.) 12 Fed. 522; Wulzen v. San Francisco, 101 Cal. 15, 35 Pac. 353, 40 Am. St. Rep. 17; People v. Lammerts, 164 N. Y. 137, 58 N. E. 22.

Under a statute punishing any officer of a corporation who fraudulently appropriates the money of the corporation, "appropriates" embraces every mode by which an officer fraudulently or unlawfully obtains the property of the corporation. Commonwealth v. Dow, 217 Mass. 473, 105 N. E. 996, 996. And under similar statutes it may be synonymous with "convert." State v. Hoff, 29 N. D. 412, 250 N. W. 829, 830.

To destroy property is to "appropriate" it within the meaning of a constitutional prohibition against taking private property for public use without just compensation. Little Falls Fibre Co. v. Henry Ford & Son, 217 N. Y. S. 540, 137 Misc. Rep. 831. See also, American Woolen Co. v. State, 211 N. Y. S. 140, 144, 152 Misc. Rep. 185.
To prescribe a particular use for particular moneys; to designate or devote a fund or property for a distinct use, or for the payment of a particular demand. Whitehead v. Gibbons, 10 N. J. Eq. 235; State v. Bordelon, 6 La. Ann. 68; Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Buchanan (Tex. Civ. App.) 248 S. W. 68, 70.

In its use with reference to payments or moneys, there is room for a distinction between this term and “apply.” The former properly denotes the setting apart of a fund or payment for a particular use or purpose, or the mental act of resolving that it shall be so employed, while “apply” signifies the actual expenditure of the fund, or using the payment, for the purpose to which it has been appropriated. Practically, however, the words are used interchangeably.

To allot, assign, or set apart, or apply to a particular use or purpose. Jennings v. Kinsey, 308 Mo. 265, 271 S. W. 756, 757.

Where a sale is of goods not specified at the time the contract is made, the goods are said to be “appropriated” to the contract when they are identified and applied irreversibly to the contract. E. L. Welch Co. v. Lahart Elevator Co., 122 Minn. 452, 142 N. W. 252, 253.

Also used in the sense of distribute; in this sense it may denote the act of an executor or administrator who distributes the estate of his decedent among the legatees, heirs, or others entitled, in pursuance of his duties and according to their respective rights.

APPROPRIATION. The act of appropriating or setting apart; prescribing the destination of a thing; designating the use or application of a fund.

In Public Law

The act by which the legislative department of government designates a particular fund, or sets apart a specified portion of the public revenue or of the money in the public treasury, to be applied to some general object of governmental expenditure, (as the civil service list, etc.) or to some individual purchase or expense. State v. Moore, 50 Neb. 88, 69 N. W. 373, 61 Am. St. Rep. 533; Clayton v. Berry, 27 Ark. 129; State v. Carter, 31 Wyo. 401, 226 P. 690, 693; Blaine County Inv. Co. v. Gallet, 35 Idaho, 102, 201 I. T. 1068, 1067. An element of the definition of “appropriation” is that the money appropriated be out of the general revenues of the state. Black and White Taxicab Co. v. Standard Oil Co., 25 Ariz. 351, 218 P. 139, 144. An “expenditure” is the expending, a laying out of money, disbursement, and is not the same as an “appropriation,” the setting apart or assignment to a particular person or use. Grout v. Gates, 97 Vt. 434, 124 A. 76, 80.

When money is appropriated (i.e., set apart) for the purpose of securing the payment of a specific debt or class of debts, or for an individual purchase or object of expense, it is said to be specifically appropriated for that purpose.

A specific appropriation is an act of the legislature by which a named sum of money has been set apart in the treasury, and devoted to the payment of a particular demand. Stratton v. Green, 45 Cal. 149.

In General

—Appropriation of land. The act of selecting, devoting, or setting apart land for a particular use or purpose, as where land is appropriated for public buildings, military reservations, or other public uses. McCorley v. Hill, 2 Wash. St. 635, 27 Pac. 552; Murdock v. Memphis, 7 Cold. (Tenn.) 500; Jackson v. Wilcox, 2 Ill. 360. Sometimes also applied to the taking of private property for public use in the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Railroad Co. v. Folitz (C. C.) 52 Fed. 629; Sweet v. Relchell, 150 U. S. 380, 16 Sup. Ct. 43, 40 L. Ed. 188; N. Ward Co. v. Board of Street Com'rs of City of Boston, 217 Mass. 381, 104 N. E. 965, 966. In this sense it may refer merely to physical occupation and contemplate payment prior thereto, in contradistinction to “taking,” referring to a legal taking and presupposing payment after damages are due. Keller v. City of Bridgeport, 101 Conn. 669, 127 A. 508, 511.

“Appropriation” under the Civil Code has been said to be but another form of prescription. City of San Bernardino v. City of Riverside, 186 Cal. 7, 189 P. 764, 757.

—Appropriation of payments. This means the application of a payment to the discharge of a particular debt. Thus, if a creditor has two distinct debts due to him from his debtor, and the latter makes a general payment on account, without specifying at the time to which debt he intends the payment to apply, it is optional for the creditor to appropriate (apply) the payment to either of the two debts he pleases. Gwin v. McLean, 62 Miss. 121; Martin v. Draher, 5 Watts (Pa.) 544.

—Appropriation of water. An appropriation of water flowing on the public domain consists in the capture, impounding, or diversion of it from its natural course or channel and its actual application to some beneficial use private or personal to the appropriator, to the entire exclusion (or exclusion to the extent of the water appropriated) of all other persons. To constitute a valid appropriation, there must be an intent to apply the water to some beneficial use existing at the time or contemplated in the future, a diversion from the natural channel by means of a ditch or canal, or some other open physical act of taking possession of the water, and an actual application of it within a reasonable time to some useful or beneficial purpose. Murphy v. Kerr (D. C.) 296 F. 536, 542; Snow v. Abalos, 18 N. M. 631, 140 P. 1044, 1048; In re Water Rights in Silvies River, 115 Or. 27, 237 P. 322, 336; Low v. Rizer, 25 Or. 551, 37 Pac.
To take to one's proper and separate use. To improve; to enhance the value or profits of anything. To inclose and cultivate common or waste land.

To approve common or waste land is to inclose and convert it to the purposes of husbandry, which the owner might always do, provided he left common sufficient for such as were entitled to it. St. Mert. c. 4; St. Westm. c. 46; 2 Bl. Comm. 34; 3 Bl. Comm. 240; 2 Steph. Comm. 7; 3 Kent, Comm. 406.

In Old Criminal Law

To accuse or prove; to accuse an accomplice by giving evidence against him.

APPROVED INDSORED NOTES. Notes indorsed by another person than the maker, for additional security, the indorser being satisfactory to the payee. Mills v. Hunt, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 431.


The act of a judge or magistrate in sanctioning and accepting as satisfactory a bond, security, or other instrument which is required by law to pass his inspection and receive his approbation before it becomes operative.

APPROVE. To confirm, ratify, sanction, or consent to some act or thing done by another. Board of Education of City of Hutchinson v. Reno Community High School, 124 Kan. 175, 257 P. 627, 629; Tibbens v. Clayton (D. C.) 258 Fed. 333, 349. "Approve" is therefore distinguishable from "authorize," meaning to permit a thing to be done in future. Gray v. Gill, 210 N. Y. S. 660, 660, 125 Misc. 70.

The act of approval "imports the act of passing judgment, the use of discretion, and the determination as a deduction therefrom"; to confirm, ratify, sanction, or consent to some act or thing done by another.

To regard or pronounce as good; think or judge well of; to be pleased with; commend. Melton v. Cherokee Oil & Gas Co., 67 Okl. 247, 170 P. 691, 697.

"Approve" often implies the exercise of sound judgment or discretion; Cunningham v. Commissioner of Banks, 249 Mass. 401, 144 N. E. 447, 455; Key v. Board of Education of Granville County, 170 N. C. 123, 88 S. E. 1002, 1003; but not necessarily so; Better Built Homes & Mortgage Co. v. Nolte, 211 Mo. App. 601, 249 S. W. 743, 745.

In Real Property Law

Improvement; improvement. "There can be no approver in derogation of a right of common of turbary." 1 Taunt. 435.

In Criminal Law

An accomplice in crime who accuses others of the same offense, and is admitted as a witness at the discretion of the court to give evidence against his companions in guilt. He is vulgarly called "King's Evidence." He is one who confesses himself guilty of felony and accuses others of the same crime to save himself from punishment. Myers v. People, 26 Ill. 175. See Antithesaurus. By the old law, if he failed to convict those he accused he was at once hung. It is said that they usually failed. 1 Pile, Hist. of Cr. 286.

In Old English Law

Certain men sent into the several counties to increase the farms (rents) of hundreds and wapentakes, which formerly were let at a certain value to the sheriff. Cowell.
Baillifs of lords in their franchises. Sheriffs were called the king's "approvers" in 1 Edw. III, st. 1, c. 1. Termes de la Ley, 49.

Approvers in the Marches were those who had license to sell and purchase beasts there.


**APPURAE.** To take to one's use or profit. Cowell.

**APPULSUS.** In the civil law. A driving to, as of cattle to water. Dig. S. 3, 1, 1.

**APPURTENANCE.** That which belongs to something else; an adjunct; an appendage; something annexed to another thing more worthy as principal, and which passes as incident to it, as a right of way or other easement to land; an out-house, barn, garden, or orchard, to a house or messuage. Cohen v. Whitcomb, 142 Minn. 20, 170 N. W. 551, 552; Felli v. Board of Drainage Com'rs of Big Cold Water Drainage Dist. No. 1 of Cabarrus County, 192 N. C. 652, 133 S. E. 781, 782; First Nat. Bank v. Labit, 161 La. 719, 100 So. 409; Dixson v. Ladd, 32 S. D. 168, 142 N. W. 259, 260, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 206, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 235; Clark v. Keesheyman, 26 Cal. App. 305, 146 P. 904, 905; Meek v. Breenridge, 29 Ohio St. 642; Harris v. Elliott, 10 Pet. 54, 9 L. Ed. 333; Humphreys v. McKissock, 140 U. S. 304, 11 Sup. Ct. 779, 35 L. Ed. 473; Farmer v. Water Co., 56 Cal. 11.

Appurtenances of a ship include whatever is on board a ship for the objects of the voyage and adventure in which she is engaged, belonging to her owner, such as boats and cable; Briggs v. Strange, 17 Mass. 405; a rudder and cordage; 5 B. & Ald. 942; fishing-stores; chronometers.

Appurtenant is substantially the same in meaning as accessory, but it is more technically used in relation to property, and is the more appropriate word for a conveyance, being employed in lenses for the purpose of including any easements or servitudes used or enjoyed, with the demised premises. Riddle v. Littlefield, 53 N. H. 508, 16 Am. Rep. 388. It includes the opportunity to look through a window, and obtain light and air from it. Agalius v. Hirschfeld, 99 N. J. Eq. 622, 133 A. 526, 528.

Real property cannot be appurtenant to real property. Hurley v. Liberty Lake Co., 112 Wash. 207, 192 P. 4, 5.

**APPURTENANT.** Belonging to; accessory or incident to; adjunct, appended, or annexed to; answering to accessorium in the civil law. 2 Steph. Comm. 30 note.

A thing is deemed to be incidental or appurtenant to land when it is by right used with the land for its benefit, as in the case of a way, or water-course, or of a passage for light, air, or heat from or across the land of another. Civil Code Cal. § 662. Mattix v. Sweepston, 127 Tenn. 693, 135 S. W. 928, 930.

In common speech, appurtenant denotes annexed or belonging to; but in law it denotes an annexation which is of convenience merely and not of necessity, and which may have had its origin at any time, in both which respects it is distinguished from appendant (q. v.). Baicar v. Lee County Cotton Oil Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 135 S. W. 1094, 1095.

**APRXAIA.** See Aphasia.

**APROVECHAMIENTO.** In Spanish law. Approval, or improvement and enjoyment of public lands. As applied to pueblo lands, it has particular reference to the commons, and includes not only the actual enjoyment of them but a right to such enjoyment. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 530, 566.

**APT.** Fit; suitable; appropriate.

**APT TIME.** Apt time sometimes depends upon lopae of time; as, where a thing is required to be done at the first term, or within a given time, it cannot be done afterwards. But the phrase more usually refers to the order of proceedings, as if or suitable. Pugh v. York, 74 N. C. 383.

**APT WORDS.** Words proper to produce the legal effect for which they are intended; sound technical phrases.

**APTA VIRO.** Fit for a husband; marriageable; a woman who has reached marriageable years.

**APUD ACTA.** Among the acts; among the recorded proceedings. In the civil law, this phrase is applied to appeals taken orally, in the presence of the judge, at the time of judgment or sentence. Credit Co., Ltd., v. Arkansas Cent. Ry. Co., 9 S. Ct. 107, 108, 128 U. S. 258, 32 L. Ed. 448.

**AQUA.** In the civil and old English law. Water; sometimes a stream or water-course.
AQUA FESTIVA. In Roman law. Summer water; water that was used in summer only. Dig. 43, 20, 1, 3, 4.

Aqua cedit solo. Water, follows the land. A sale of land will pass the water which covers it. 2 Bl. Comm. 18; Co. Litt. 4.

AQUA CURRENS. Running water.

Aqua currit et debet currere, ut currere solet. Water runs, and ought to run, as it has use to run. 3 Bulst. 339; 3 Kent, Comm. 439. A running stream should be left to flow in its natural channel, without alteration or diversion. A fundamental maxim in the law of water-courses.

AQUA DULCIS, or FRISCA. Fresh water. Reg. Orig. 97; Bract. fol. fols. 117, 135.

AQUA FONTANEA. Spring water. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 27, § 8.

AQUA PROFLUENS. Flowing or running water. Dig. 1, 8, 2.

AQUA QUOTIDIANA. In Roman law. Daily water; water that might be drawn at all times of the year, (qua quis quotidie possit uti, si vellet.) Dig. 43, 20, 1-4.

AQUA SALSA. Salt water.

AQUÆ DUCTUS. In the civil law. A servitude which consists in the right to carry water by means of pipes or conduits over or through the estate of another. Dig. 8, 3, 1; Inst. 2, 3.

AQUÆ HAUSTUS. In the civil law. A servitude which consists in the right to draw water from the fountain, pool, or spring of another. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Dig. 8, 3, 1, 1.

AQUÆ IMMITTENDÆ. A civil law easement or servitude, consisting in the right of one whose house is surrounded with other buildings to cast waste water upon the adjacent roofs or yards. Similar to the common law easement of drip. Bellows v. Sackett, 15 Barb. (N. Y.) 96.

AQUAGUIM. A canal, ditch, or water course running through marshy grounds. A mark or gauge placed in or on the banks of a running stream, to indicate the height of the water, was called "aquagaugium." Spelman.

AQUATIC RIGHTS. Rights which individuals have to the use of the sea and rivers, for the purpose of fishing and navigation, and also to the soil in the sea and rivers.

ARABANT. They plowed. A term of feudal law, applied to those who held by the tenure of plowing and tilling the lord’s lands within the manor. Cowell.

ARAHO. In feudal law. To make oath in the church or some other holy place. All oaths were made in the church upon the relics of saints, according to the Riparian laws. Cowell; Spelman.


ARATOR. A plowman; a farmer of arable land.

ARATRUM TERRÆ. In old English law. A plow of land; a plowland; as much land as could be tilled with one plow (or by a single “arator” or plowman). Whishaw.

ARATURA TERRÆ. The plowing of land by the tenant, or vassal, in the service of his lord. Whishaw.

ARATURIA. Land suitable for the plow; arable land. Spelman.

ARBITER. A person chosen to decide a controversy; an arbitrator, referee.

A person bound to decide according to the rules of law and equity, as distinguished from an arbitrator, who may proceed wholly at his own discretion, so that it be according to the judgment of a sound man. Cowell.

According to Mr. Abbott, the distinction is as follows: “Arbitrator” is a technical name of a person selected with reference to an established system for friendly determination of controversies, which, though not judicial, is yet regulated by law; so that the powers and duties of the arbitrator, when once he is chosen, are prescribed by law, and his doings may be judicially revised if he has exceeded his authority. “Arbitre” is an untechnical designation of a person to whom a controversy is referred, irrespective of any law to govern the decision; and is the proper word to signify a referee of a question outside of or above municipal law.

But it is elsewhere said that the distinction between arbiters and arbitrators is not observed in modern law. Russ. Arb. 112.

In the Roman Law

A judge invested with a discretionary power. A person appointed by the prector to examine and decide that class of causes or actions termed “bona fide,” and who had the power of judging according to the principles of equity, (ex aquo et bono;) distinguished from the iudex, (q. v.) who was bound to decide according to strict law. Inst. 4, 6, 30, 31.

ARBITRAGE. Transactions of bankers and mercantile houses by which stocks or bills are bought in one market and sold in another for the sake of the profit arising from a difference in price in the two markets.

ARBITRAMENT. The award or decision of arbitrators upon a matter of dispute, which has been submitted to them. Termes de la Ley.

ARBITRAMENT AND AWARD. A plea to an action brought for the same cause which had been submitted to arbitration and on which an award had been made. Wats. Arb. 236.
Arbitramentum æquum tributum cuique suum. A just arbitration renders to every one his own. Noy, Max. 243.

ARBITRARILY. See Arbitrary. A finding that certain orders were "arbitrarily" given by an engineer in charge of a public improvement did not amount to a finding that they were given in bad faith, fraudulently, or through ignorance or incompetency. First Savings & Trust Co. v. Milwaukee County, 158 Wis. 207, 148 N. W. 22, 33.

ARBITRARINESS. Conduct or acts based alone upon one's will, and not upon any course of reasoning or exercise of judgment. Boyle v. Rock Island Coal Mining Co., 125 Okl. 137, 256 P. 883, 887.


ARBITRARY GOVERNMENT. The difference between a free and an arbitrary government is that in the former limits are assigned to those to whom the administration is committed, but the latter depends on the will of the departments or some of them. Kamper v. Hawkins, 1 Va. Cas. 20, 23.

ARBITRARY POWER. Power to act according to one's own will; especially applicable to power conferred on an administrative officer, who is not furnished any adequate determining principle. Fox Film Corporation v. Trumbull (D. C.) 7 F. (2d) 715, 727.

ARBITRARY PUNISHMENT. That punishment which is left to the decision of the judge, in distinction from those defined by statute.

ARBITRATION. The investigation and determination of a matter or matters of difference between contending parties, by one or more unofficial persons, chosen by the parties, and called arbitrators or referees. This definition was adopted in Tempel v. Riverland Co. (Tex. Clv. App.) 228 S. W. 605, 608.


Compulsory arbitration is that which occurs when the consent of one of the parties is enforced by statutory provisions. Wood v. City of Seattle, 23 Wash. 1, 62 Pac. 135, 52 L. R. A. 369.

Voluntary arbitration is by mutual and free consent of the parties.

The submission is an agreement by which parties agree to submit their differences to the decision of a referee or arbitrators. It is sometimes termed a reference. 4 M. & W. 116; McKean v. McCulloch, 18 Wash. (Pac.) 527; Stewart v. Cass, 16 Vt. 562, 43 Am. Dec. 534; Howard v. Sexton, 4 N. Y. 157. As to "final submission," see In re Gitt, 125 N. Y. S. 350, 140 App. Div. 580.

In a wide sense, "arbitration" may embrace the whole method of thus settling controversies, and include all the various steps. But in a more strict use, the term denotes only the submission and hearing, the decision being separately spoken of, and called an "award." An award is the judgment or decision of arbitrators or referees on a matter submitted to them. It is also the writing containing such judgment. Cowell; Terms de la Ley; Jenk. 157. See Award.

As distinguished from appraisal, an arbitration presupposes a controversy or a difference to be tried and decided. On the other hand, an appraisal or valuation is generally a mere auxiliary feature, as of a contract of sale, the purpose of which is not to adjudicate a controversy but to avoid one. Thompson v. Newman, 171 P. 583, 583, 35 Cal. App. 248; Ludwighaus Lumber Co. v. Ludwighaus (C. A.) 259 F. 111, 112; Webster v. Van Allen, 218 N. Y. S. 553, 553, 217 App. Div. 219; Dworkin v. Caledonian Ins. Co., 335 Mo. 345, 225 S. W. 846, 848; Toledo S. S. Co. v. Zenith Transp. Co., 184 F. 291, 208 C. C. A. 601.

Arbitration strictly applies to cases where the parties agree beforehand to abide by the award, while "conciliation" is the term used where there is no agreement, but the efforts are made by some indifferent party as a mediator to promote an agreement between the parties.

With reference to labor matters, the investigation and determination of disputed matters between employers and employees (often called "labor arbitration"). As to federal legislation, which is necessarily limited to disputes affecting interstate commerce, see 45 USCA § 10 et seq.

ARBITRATION CLAUSE. A clause inserted in a contract providing for compulsory arbitration in case of dispute as to rights or liabilities under it; ineffectual if it purports to oust the courts of jurisdiction entirely. See Perry v. Cobb, 88 Me. 435, 54 A. 278, 49 L. R. A. 359.

ARBITRATION OF EXCHANGE. This takes place where a merchant pays his debts in one country by a bill of exchange upon another.
ARBITRATOR. A private, disinterested person, chosen by the parties to a disputed question, for the purpose of hearing their contention, and giving judgment between them; to whose decision (award) the litigants submit themselves either voluntarily, or, in some cases, compulsorily, by order of a court. Gordon v. U. S., 7 Wall. 195, 19 L. Ed. 55; Mobile v. Wood (C. C.) 95 Fed. 538; Burchell v. Marsh, 17 How. 349, 15 L. Ed. 96; Miller v. Canal Co., 55 Barb. (N. Y.) 595; Fudickar v. Insurance Co., 62 N. Y. 399.

"Referee" is of frequent modern use as a synonym of arbitrator, but is in its origin of broader significance and less accurate than arbitrator.

ARBITRIO. In Spanish and Mexican law. Taxes imposed by municipalities on certain articles of merchandise, to defray the general expenses of government, in default of revenues from "proprios" (q. v.), i. e., lands owned by the municipality, or the income of which was legally set apart for its support. Sometimes used in a wider sense, as meaning the resources of a town, including its privileges in the royal lands as well as the taxes. Escorial Dict.; Sheldon v. Milmo, 90 Tex. 1, 38 S. W. 413.

ARBITRIUM. The decision of an arbiter, or arbitrator; an award; a judgment.

Arbitrium est judicum. An award is a judgment. Jenk. Cent. 137.

Arbitrium est judicium boni viri, secundum aquam et bonum. An award is the judgment of a good man, according to Justice. 3 Bulst. 64.

ARBOR. Lat. A tree; a plant; something larger than an herb; a general term including vines, osiers, and even reeds. The mast of a ship. Brissouius. Timber. Ainsworth; Calvinus. Lex.

In a technological sense, "arbor" denotes the core consisting of an iron pipe over which is spread a thin coating of damp sand and which is inserted in the mold used in casting iron pipe. Casey-Hedges Co. v. Gates, 139 Tenn. 63, 201 S. W. 760, 761, L. R. A. 1918B, 184.


ARBOR CONSANGUINITATIS. A table, formed in the shape of a tree, showing the genealogy of a family. See the arbor civilis of the civilians and canonists. Hale, Com. Law, 235.

Arbor dum crescit, lignum dum cresceere nescit. [That which is] a tree while it grows, [is] wood when it ceases to grow. Cro. Jac. 166; Hob. 779, In marg.

ARBOR FINALIS. In old English law. A boundary tree; a tree used for making a boundary line. Bract. folis. 167, 207b.

ARCA. Lat. In the civil law. A chest or cof- fer; a place for keeping money. Dig. 30, 30, 6; Id. 32, 64. Brissouius.

ARCANA IMPERII. State secrets. 1 Bl. Comm. 337.

ARCARIUS. In civil and old English law. A treasurer; a keeper of public money. Cod. 10, 70, 15; Spelman.

ARCHAIONOMIA. A collection of Saxon laws, published during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, in the Saxon language, with a Latin version by Lombard.

ARCHBISHOP. In English ecclesiastical law. The chief of the clergy in his province, having supreme power under the king or queen in all ecclesiastical causes. He has also his own diocese, in which he exercises episcopal jurisdiction, as in his province he exercises archiepiscopal authority. In England he is addressed as Most Reverend.

ARCHDEACON. A dignitary of the Anglican church who has ecclesiastical jurisdiction immediately subordinate to that of the bishop, either throughout the whole of his diocese or in some particular part of it. He is a ministerial officer; 1 Bla. Com. 383. He is addressed as Venerable.

ARCHDEACON’S COURT. In English ecclesiastical law. A court held before a judge appointed by the archdeacon, and called his official. Its jurisdiction comprises the granting of probates and administrations, and ecclesiastical causes in general, arising within the archdeaconry. It is the most inferior court in the whole ecclesiastical polity of England. 3 Bl. Comm. 64; 3 Steph. Comm. 430.

ARCHDEACONRY. A division of a diocese, and the circuit of an archdeacon’s jurisdiction.

ARCHERY. In feudal law. A service of keeping a bow for the lord’s use in the defense of his castle. Co. Litt. 157.

ARCHES COURT. In English ecclesiastical law. A court of appeal belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the judge of which is called the “Dean of the Arches,” because his court was anciently held in the church of Saint Mary-le-Bow, (Sancta Maria de Arcibus,) so named from the steeple, which is raised upon pillars built archwise. The court was formerly held in the hall belonging to the College of Civilians, commonly called “Doctors’ Commons.” It is now held in Westminster Hall. Its proper jurisdiction is only over the thirteen peculiar parishes belonging to the archbishop in London, but, the office of Dean of the Arches having been for a long time united with that of the archbishop’s principal official, the Judge of the Arches, in right of such added office, it receives and determines appeals from the sentences of all infe-
rior ecclesiastical courts within the province. 3 Bl. Comm. 64.

ARCHETYPE. The original from which a copy is made.

ARCHICAPELLANUS. L. Lat. In old European law. A chief or high chancellor, (summus cancellarius.) Spelman.


ARCHIVES. The Rolls; any place where ancient records, charters, and evidences are kept. In libraries, the private depository. Cowell; Spelman.

The derivative meaning of the word (now the more common) denotes the writings themselves thus preserved; thus we say the archives of a college, of a monastery, a public office, etc. Texas M. Ry. Co. v. Jarvis, 60 Tex. 537, 7 S. W. 210; Guillibeau v. Mays, 15 Tex. 410.

ARCHIVIST. The custodian of archives.

ARCTA ET SALVA CUSTODIA. Lat. In strict (or close) and safe custody or keeping. When a defendant is arrested on a capias ad satisfaciendum, (ca. sa.) he is to be kept arcta et salva custodi. 3 Bl. Comm. 415.

ARDENT SPIRITS. Spirituous or distilled liquors. Sarls v. U. S., 152 U. S. 570, 14 Sup. Ct. 720, 38 L. Ed. 556; U. S. v. Ellis (D. C.) 51 Fed. 598; State v. Townley, 18 N. J. Law, 311; State v. Centennial Brewing Co., 55 Mont. 500, 179 P. 296, 297. It has been held that this phrase, in a statute, does not include alcohol, which is not a liquor of any kind. State v. Martin, 34 Ark. 340. But under Laws Va. 1918, c. 358, §§ 1, 49, 58, liquids, mixtures, and preparations which will produce intoxication, as defined in the prohibition act, are "ardent spirits" condemned by the act whether or not they contain alcohol. Christian v. Commonwealth, 182 Va. 616, 114 S. E. 130; Bragg v. Commonwealth, 133 Va. 645, 112 S. E. 609, 610.

ARDOUR. In old English law. An incendiary; a house burner.

ARE, a. A surface measure in the French law, in the form of a square, equal to 1076.441 square feet.

ARE, e. The word "are," where the court charged, "But the law says you are to take his testimony in the light of the fact that he is a defendant and interested in the result," does not have the same force as the word "must." Williams v. State, 18 Ala. App. 473, 93 So. 57, 59.

AREA. An inclosed yard or opening in a house; an open place adjoining a house. 1 Chit. Pr. 178.

In the civil law. A vacant space in a city; a place not built upon. Dig. 50, 16, 211.

The site of a house; a site for building; the space where a house has stood. The ground on which a house is built, and which remains after the house is removed. Brissonius; Calvin.


The word "area" has a somewhat elastic meaning. Originally it meant a broad piece of level ground, but in modern use it can mean any plane surface, the inclosed space on which a building stands, the sunken space or court giving ingress and afforded light to the basement of a building, a particular extent of surface. State v. Armstrong, 97 Neb. 343, 149 N. W. 788, 788, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 554.

AREAL GEOLOGY. That branch of geology which pertains to the distribution, position, and form of the areas of the earth's surface, occupied by different sorts of rock or different geologic formations, and to the making of geologic maps. Lewis v. Carr, 49 Nev. 590, 246 P. 985, 986.

AREAWAY. As used in an ordinance regulating the construction of arcaways under any sidewalk, "areaway" was equivalent to cellar or room under the sidewalk. State v. Armstrong, 97 Neb. 343, 149 N. W. 786, 788, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 554.

ARENALES. In Spanish law. Sandy beaches; or grounds on the banks of rivers. White, Recop. h. 2, tit. 1, c. 6.

ARENADOR. A farmer or renter; in some provinces of Russia, formerly one who farmed the public rents or revenues; a "crown arenador" is one who rents an estate belonging to the crown.

ARENIFODINA. In the civil law. A sandpit. Dig. 7, 1, 13, 5.

ARENTARE. Lat. To rent; to let out at a certain rent. Cowell. Arentatio. A renting.

AREOPAGITE. In ancient Greek law. A lawyer or chief judge of the Areopagus in capital matters in Athens; a tribunal so called after a hill or slight eminence, in a street of that city dedicated to Mars, where the court was held in which those judges were wont to sit. Wharton.

ARETRO. In arrear; behind. Also written a retro.

ARG. An abbreviation of arguedo.

ARGENT. In heraldry. Silver.

ARGENTARIUS (pl., Argentarii). In the Roman law, a money lender or broker; a dealer in money; a banker. Argentarum, the instrument of the loan, similar to the modern word "bond" or "note."
ARGENTARIUS MILES. A money porter in
the English exchequer, who carries the money
from the lower to the upper exchequer to be
examined and tested. Spelman.

ARGENTEUS. An old French coin, answer-
ning nearly to the English shilling. Spelman.

ARGENTUM. Silver; money.

ARGENTUM ALBUM. Bullion; uncoined
silver; common silver coin; silver coin worn
smooth. Cowell; Spelman.

ARGENTUM DEI. God's money; God's
penny; money given as earnest In making a
bargain. Cowell.

ARGUENDO. In arguing; in the course of
the argument. A statement or observation
made by a judge as a matter of argument or
illustration, but not directly bearing upon the
case at bar, or only incidentally involved in
it, is said (in the reports) to be made arguendo,
or in the abbreviated form, arg.

ARGUMENT. An effort to establish belief
by a course of reasoning.
In rhetoric and logic, an inference drawn
from premises, the truth of which is indis-
putable, or at least highly probable.
The argument of a demurrer, special case,
appeal, or other proceeding involving a ques-
tion of law, consists of the speeches of the op-
posed counsel; namely, the "opening" of the
counsel having the right to begin, (q. v.) the
speech of his opponent, and the "reply" of the
first counsel. It answers to the trial of a
question of fact. Sweet. But the submission
of printed briefs may technically constitute
Prac. (N. Y.) 506; State v. California Min.
Co., 137 Nev. 298. Also, the opening statement
to a Jury is part of the argument. State v.
McCaskill, 173 Iowa, 563, 155 N. W. 976.

ARGUMENT AB INCONVENIENTI. An ar-
gument arising from the inconvenience which
the proposed construction of the law would
create.

ARGUMENTATIVE. By way of reasoning.
In pleading. Indirect; inferential. Steph.
Pl. 179.
A pleading is so called in which the state-
ment on which the pleader relies is implied
instead of being expressed, or where it con-
tains, in addition to proper statements of
facts, reasoning or arguments upon those
facts and their relation to the matter in dis-
pute, such as should be reserved for presenta-
tion at the trial.

Argumentum a communitate accidentibus in jure
frequens est. An argument drawn from things
commonly happening is frequent in law.
Broom, Max. 44.

Argumentum a divisione est fortissimum in jure.
An argument from division [of the subject]
is of the greatest force in law. Co. Litt. 213b;
6 Coke, 60.

Argumentum a majori ad minus negative non
valet; valet e converse. An argument from
the greater to the less is of no force nega-
tively; affirmatively (or conversely) it is.
Jenk. Cent. 281.

Argumentum a simul valet in lege. An argu-
ment from a like case (from analogy) is good

Argumentum ab auctoritate est fortissimum in
lege. An argument from authority is the
strongest in the law. "The book cases are the
best proof of what the law is." Co. Litt.
254a.

Argumentum ab impossibili valet in lege. An
argument drawn from an impossibility is

Argumentum ab inconvenienti est validum in
lege; qua lex non permittit aliquid inconvenientis.
An argument drawn from what is inconven-
tient is good in law, because the law will not
permit any inconvenience. Co. Litt. 69a, 258.

Argumentum ab inconvenienti plurimum valet
[est validum] in lege. An argument drawn
from inconvenience is of the greatest weight
[is forcible] in law. Co. Litt. 69a, 97a, 152b,
238b; Broom, Max. 184. If there be in any
deed or instrument equivocal expressions, and
great inconvenience must necessarily follow
from one construction, it is strong to show
that such construction is not according to the
true intention of the grantor; but where
there is no equivocal expression in the instru-
ment, and the words used admit only of one
meaning, arguments of inconvenience prove
only want of foresight in the grantor. S
Madd. 540; 7 Tannt. 406.

ARIBANNUM. In feudal law. A fine for not
setting out to join the army in obedience to
the summons of the king.

ARIERBAN, or ARRIERE-BAN. An edict of
the ancient kings of France and Germany,
commanding all their vassals, the noblesse,
and the vassals' vassals, to enter the army,
or forfeit their estates on refusal. Spelman.
See, also, Arrier Ban.

ARIMANN. A mediæval term for a class
of agricultural owners of small allodial farms,
which they cultivated in connection with
larger farms belonging to their lords, paying
rent and service for the latter, and being un-
der the protection of their superiors. Mil-
tary tenants holding lands from the emperor.
Spelman.

ARISE. To come into existence or action.
A case arising in the land or naval forces is
a case proceeding, issuing or springing from
acts, in violation of the laws and regulations,
committed while in the forces or service. In
re Bogart, 2 Sawy. 396, Fed. Cas. No. 1,506.


ARISING. "Arising," though having a progressive and prospective meaning in some circumstances, ordinarily signifies the present and most frequently denotes the immediate present, and only occasionally implies future events or occurrences. Moore v. Hope Natural Gas Co., 76 W. Va. 649, 86 S. E. 654, 656; North American Co. v. St. Louis & S. F. R. Co. (D. C.) 288 F. 612, 625.


Hyde, 43 Idaho, 625, 253 P. 1294, 1105. See, further, Course.

ARISTOCRACY. A government in which a class of men rules supreme.

A form of government which is lodged in a council composed of select members or nobles, without a monarch, and exclusive of the people.

A privileged class of the people; nobles and dignitaries; people of wealth and station.

ARISTOCRACY-DEMOCRACY. A form of government where the power is divided between the nobles (or the more powerful) and the people.

ARLES. Earnest. Used in Yorkshire in the phrase "Arles-penny." Cowell. In Scotland it has the same significance. Bell.

ARM OF THE SEA. A portion of the sea projecting inland, in which the tide ebbs and flows. 5 Coke, 107.

An arm of the sea is considered as extending as far into the interior of a country as the water of fresh rivers is propelled backwards by the ingress of the tide. Ang. Tide-Waters, 73; Hubbard v. Hubbard, 8 N. Y. 106; Adams v. Pease, 2 Conn. 494; U. S. v. Grush, 5 Mason, 260, Fed. Cas. No. 15,288; Ex parte Byers (D. C.) 32 Fed. 404. See Fauces Terrae.

ARMA. Lat. Arms; weapons, offensive and defensive; armor; arms or cognizances of families.

ARMA DARE. To dub or make a knight.

ARMA MOLUTA. Sharp weapons that cut, in contradistinction to such as are blunt, which only break or bruise. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 33, par. 6.

ARMA REVERSATA. Reversed arms, a punishment for a traitor or felon. Cowell.

Arma in armatus sumere iura slaut. The laws permit the taking up of arms against armed persons. 2 Inst. 574.

ARMATA VIS. In the civil law. Armed force. Dig. 43, 16, 3; Fleta, lib. 4, c. 4.

ARMED. A vessel is "armed" when she is fitted with a full armament for fighting purposes. She may be equipped for warlike purposes, without being "armed." By "armed" it is ordinarily meant that she has cannon, but if she had a fighting crew, muskets, pistols, powder, shot, cutlasses, and boarding appliances, she might well be said to be equipped for warlike purposes, though not armed. 2 Hurl. & C. 537; Murray v. The Charming Betsy, 2 Cranch, 121, 2 L. Ed. 208.

ARMED NEUTRALITY. An attitude of neutrality between belligerents which the neutral state is prepared to maintain by armed force if necessary.
ARMED PEACE. A situation in which two or more nations, while actually at peace with each other, are armed for possible or probable hostilities.

ARMIGER. An armor-bearer; an esquire. A title of dignity belonging to gentlemen authorized to bear arms. Cowell.

In its earlier meaning, a servant who carried the arms of a knight. Spelman.

A tenant by seignage; a servant or valet; applied, also, to the higher servants in convents. Spelman.

ARMING ONE’S SELF. Equipping one’s self with a weapon or weapons. Simmons v. State, 87 Tex. Cr. R. 270, 220 S. W. 554.

ARMISCARA. An ancient mode of punishment, which was to carry a saddle at the back as a token of subjection. Spelman.

ARMISTICE. A suspending or cessation of hostilities between belligerent nations or forces for a considerable time. Commercial Cable Co. v. Burleson (D. C.) 255 F. 99, 104. The term cannot properly be applied to agreements between a government on one side and rioters, brigands, and banditti on the other. O’Neill v. Central Leather Co., 87 N. J. Law, 532, 94 A. 759, 790, L. R. A. 1917A, 278.

An armistice differs from a mere “suspension of arms” (q. e.) in that the latter is concluded for very brief periods and for local military purposes only, whereas an armistice not only covers a longer period, but is agreed upon for political purposes. It is said to be general if it relates to the whole area of the war, and partial if it relates to only a portion of that area. Partial armistices are sometimes called truces (q. e.) but there is no hard and fast distinction.

ARMORIAL BEARINGS. In English law. A device depicted on the (now imaginary) shield of one of the nobility, of which gentry is the lowest degree. The criterion of nobility is the bearing of arms, or armorial bearings, received from ancestry.

Armorum appellationes, non solum secta et gladii et galeae, sed et festas et tapides continentur. Under the name of arms are included, not only shields and swords and helmets, but also clubs and stones. Co. Litt. 162.

ARMS. Anything that a man wears for his defense, or takes in his hands, or uses in his anger, to cast at or strike at another. Co. Litt. 161b, 162a; State v. Buzzard, 4 Ark. 18.

This term, as it is used in the constitution, relative to the right of citizens to bear arms, refers to the arms of a militiaman or soldier, and the word is used in its military sense. The arms of the infantry soldier are the musket and bayonet; of cavalry and dragoons, the sabre, holster pistols, and carbine; of the artillery, the field-piece, siege-gun, and mortar, with side arms. The term, in this connection, cannot be made to cover such weapons as dirks, daggers, slung-shots, sword-canes, brass knuckles, and bowie-knives. These are not military arms. English v. State, 35 Tex. 476, 14 Am. Rep. 374; Hill v. State, 53 Ga. 472; Fife v. State, 31 Ark. 454, 23 Am. Rep. 558; Andrews v. State, 3 Helsk. (Tenn.) 179, 8 Am. Rep. 8; Aymette v. State, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 154. But a pistol is properly included within the word “arms.” State v. Kerner, 181 N. C. 574, 107 S. E. 222, 224.

Arms, or coat of arms, signifies insignia, i.e., ensigns of honor, such as were formerly assumed by soldiers of fortune, and painted on their shields to distinguish them; or nearly the same as armorial bearings (q. e.).

ARMY. The armed forces of a nation intended for military service on land.

“The term ‘army’ or ‘armies’ has never been used by congress, so far as I am advised, so as to include the navy or marines, and there is nothing in the act of 1862, or the circumstances which led to its passage, to warrant the conclusion that it was used therein in any other than its long established and ordinary sense—the land force, as distinguished from the navy and marines.” In re Bailey, 2 Sawy. 206, Fed. Cas. No. 728. But see In re Stewart, 7 Rob. (N. Y.) 636.

An “army” is a body of men whose business is war, while the “militia” is a body of men composed of citizens occupied temporarily in the pursuit of civil life, but organized by discipline and drill, and called into the field for temporary military service when the exigencies of the country require it. Story v. Perkins (D. C.) 243 F. 997, 999, 1 A. L. R. 547. And see Brown v. Soldiers’ Bonus Board, 44 R. I. 482, 115 A. 289, 281.

Regular Army

“The permanent military establishment, which is maintained both in peace and war according to law.” 10 USCA § 3; State v. Moorhead, 102 Neb. 276, 167 N. W. 70, 71. But the term as used in an insurance certificate may mean simply the regular army of any country, not being construable with reference to the congressional classification of the military organizations of the United States. Huntington v. Fraternal Reserve Ass’n of Oshkosh, 173 Wis. 582, 181 N. W. 819, 820.

AROMATARIIUS. A word formerly used for a grocer. 1 Vent. 142.

AROUND. “Around” may mean “in the vicinity of.” Thus, sheep branded “O” on the hip or side may be within a mortgage covering sheep described as branded “O” around the hip bone. Hawkins v. First Nat. Bank (Tex. Civ. App.) 175 S. W. 163, 164.

ARPEN, Arpeat, Arpenius. A measure of land of uncertain quantity mentioned in Domesday and other old books; by some called an “acre,” by others “half an acre,” and by others a “furlong.” Spelman; Cowell;
Blount. Quoted in McMillan v. Atken, 205 Ala. 35, 88 So. 135, 143.

A French measure of land, containing one hundred square perches, of eighteen feet each, or about an acre. But the quantity varied in different provinces. Spelman. An "arpent" is a land measure varying in dimension from .84 of an acre to 1.04 acres and to 1.28 acres, accordingly as the arpent meant is an arpent de Paris, an arpent commun, or an arpent d'ordonnance. Troll v. City of St. Louis, 257 Mo. 626, 168 S. W. 167, 171.

In Louisiana, the terms "arpent" and "acre" are sometimes used interchangeably; but there is a considerable difference, the arpent being the square of 192 feet and the acre of 209 and a fraction. Randolph v. Sentilles, 110 La. 419, 34 South. 587.

ARPENTATOR. A measurer or surveyor of land. Cowell; Spelman.

ARRA. In the civil law. Earnest; earnest-money; evidence of a completed bargain. Used of a contract of marriage, as well as any other. Spelled, also, Arba, Arrah, Arra, Calvin. Cf. Arles.

ARRAIGN. In Criminal Practice


In Old English Law

To order, or set in order; to conduct in an orderly manner; to prepare for trial. To arraign an assise was to cause the tenant to be called to make the plaint, and set the cause in such order as the tenant might be enforced to answer thereunto. Litt. § 442; Co. Litt. 202b.

ARRAIGNMENT. In criminal practice. Calling the defendant to the bar of the court, to answer the accusation contained in the indictment. Harmon v. State, 8 Ala. App. 311, 62 So. 438, 440; Andrews v. State, 136 Ind. 12, 146 N. E. 817. See Arraignment.

ARRAIGNS, CLERK OF. In English law. An assistant to the clerk of assize.

ARRAMEUR. In old French law. An officer employed to superintend the loading of vessels, and the safe stowage of the cargo. 1 Pet. Adm. Append. XXV.

ARRANGEMENT. A setting in order. 1 El. & Bl. 540.

ARRANGEMENT, DEED OF. A term used in England to express an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

ARRAS. In Spanish law. The donation which the husband makes to his wife, by reason or on account of marriage, and in consideration of the dote, or portion, which he receives from her. Miller v. Dunn, 62 Mo. 219; Cutter v. Waddingham, 22 Mo. 254.

The property contributed by the husband ad sustinenda onera matrimonii (for bearing the expenses).

ARRAY. The whole body of jurors summoned to attend a court, as they are arrayed or arranged on the panel. Dane, Abr. Index; 1 Chit. Crim. Law, 538; Com. Dig."Challenge," B. Durrah v. State, 41 Miss. 750.

A ranking, or setting forth in order; the order in which jurors' names are ranked in the panel containing them. Co. Litt. 159a; 3 Bl. Comm. 359.

ARRAYER. An English military officer in the early part of the fifteenth century. His duties were similar to those of the modern Lord Lieutenant of a county.

ARREARAGES. Arrears.


ARRECT. To accuse or charge with an offense. Arroctali, accused or suspected persons.

ARRENDAMIENTO. In Spanish law. The contract of letting and hiring an estate or land, (heredad,) White, Recop. b. 2, tit. 14, c. 1.

ARRENT. In old English law. To let or dem- ise at a fixed rent. Particularly used with reference to the public domain or crown lands; as where a license was granted to inclose land in a forest with a low hedge and a ditch, under a yearly rent, or where an encroachment, originally a purpurpuse, was allowed to remain on the fixing and payment of a suitable
compensation to the public for its maintenance.

ARREST. To deprive a person of his liberty by legal authority. Taking, under real or assumed authority, custody of another for the purpose of holding or detaining him to answer a criminal charge or civil demand. Davis & Allcott Co. v. Boozer, 215 Ala. 116, 110 So. 28, 29, 49 A. L. R. 1397; French v. Bancroft, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502; Emory v. Chesley, 18 N. H. 201; U. S. v. Benner, 24 Fed. Cas. 1054; Rhodes v. Walsh, 55 Minn. 542, 57 N. W. 212, 23 L. R. A. 632; Ex parte Sherwood, 29 Tex. App. 354, 15 S. W. 612.

Arrest is well described in the old books as "the beginning of imprisonment, when a man is first taken and restrained of his liberty, by power of a lawful warrant." 2 Shep. Abr. 299; Wood, Inst. Com. Law, 575.

It is the taking, seizing or detaining the person of another, touching or putting hands upon him in the execution of process, or any act indicating an intention to arrest. U. S. v. Benner, Bald. 234, 239, Fed. Cas. No. 14,568; State v. District Court of Eighth Judicial Dist. in and for Cascade County, 70 Mont. 278, 225 P. 1000, 1001; Hart v. Flynn's Ex'r, 8 Dana (Ky.) 190, "An arrest is an imprisonment." Blight v. Meeker, 7 N. J. L. 97; People v. Esposito, 194 N. Y. S. 326, 118 Misc. 867. As used in Bankruptcy Act, § 9 (11 USCA § 27), arrest includes "imprisonment." Ex parte Harrison (D. C.) 272 F. 543, 544.

By arrest is to be understood to take the party into custody. To commit is the separate and distinct act of carrying the party to prison, after having taken him into custody by force of the execution. French v. Bancroft, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502.

As ordinarily used, the terms arrest and attachment coincide in meaning to some extent; though in strictness, as a distinction, an arrest may be said to be the act resulting from the service of an attachment. And in the more extended sense which is sometimes given to attachment, including the act of taking, it would seem to differ from arrest in that it is more peculiarly applicable to a taking of property, while arrest is more commonly used in speaking of persons.

Arrest is also applied in some instances to a seizure and detention of personal chattels, especially of ships and vessels; thus, in admiralty actions a ship or cargo is arrested when the marshal has served the writ in an action in rem. Williams & B. Adm. Jur. 129; Pelham v. Ross, 9 Wall. 106, 19 L. Ed. 562.

In Civil Practice

The apprehension of a person by virtue of a lawful authority to answer the demand against him in a civil action. Gentry v. Griffith, 27 Tex. 462. One of the means which the law gives the creditor to secure the person of his debtor while the suit is pending, or to compel him to give security for his appearance after judgment. La. Code Prac. art. 210.

In Criminal Cases

The apprehending or detaining of the person in order to be forthcoming to answer an alleged or suspected crime. Quoted and adopted, as is also the distinction which follows, in County of Montgomery v. Robinson, 85 Ill. 174; Hogan v. Stophet, 179 Ill. 156, 53 N. E. 604, 44 L. R. A. 509; Ex parte Sherwood, 29 Tex. App. 354, 15 S. W. 812.

The word arrest is said to be more properly used in civil cases, and apprehension in criminal. Thus, a man is arrested under a capias ad respondendum, and apprehended under a warrant charging him with larceny.

Mala leous Arrest

An arrest made willfully and without probable cause, but in the course of a regular proceeding.

Parol Arrest

One ordered by a judge or magistrate from the bench, without written complaint or other proceedings, of a person who is present before him, and which is executed on the spot, as in case of breach of peace in open court.

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Second Arrest


Warrant of Arrest

A written order issued and signed by a magistrate, directed to a peace officer or some other person specially named, and commanding him to arrest the body of a person named in it, who is accused of an offense. Brown v. State, 109 Ala. 70, 20 South. 103.

ARREST OF INQUEST. Pleading in arrest of taking the inquest upon a former issue, and showing cause why an inquest should not be taken.

ARREST OF JUDGMENT. The act of staying a judgment, or refusing to render judgment in an action at law, after verdict, for some matter intrinsic appearing on the face of the record, which would render the judgment, if given, erroneous or reversible. 3 Bl. Comm. 393; 3 Steph. Comm. 628; 2 Tidd, Pr. 918; Browning v. Powers, 142 Mo. 322, 44 S. W. 224; People v. Kelly, 94 N. Y. 526; Byrne v. Lynn, 18 Tex. Civ. App. 293, 44 S. W. 311; Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. v. Walsh, 60 Ind.
ARREST OF JUDGMENT


It is the fact that a motion in arrest of judgment
is based on some defect on the face of the record
or pleadings which aids in distinguishing it from a
motion for a new trial. Maddox Coffee Co. v. Mc-
Han, 23 Ga. App. 198, 95 S. E. 736. It differs also
from a motion to set aside a judgment, in that a
motion in arrest of judgment must be made dur-
ing the term when the judgment was rendered.
S. E. 648, 650.

A motion in arrest of judgment is practically a
demurrer, People v. Cordescco, 77 Cal. App. 750, 246
P. 461, 462, and has been abolished in some juris-
dictions. Mo. Laws 1855, p. 238; State v. Sharp (Mo.
Sup.) 300 S. W. 501.

ARRESTANDIS BONIS NE DISSIPENTUR.
In old English law. A writ which lay for a
person whose cattle or goods were taken by
another, who during a contest was likely to
make away with them, and who had not the
ability to render satisfaction. Reg. Orig. 126.

ARRESTANDO IPSUM QUI PECUNIAM RE-
CEPIT. In old English law. A writ which is-
issued for apprehending a person who had tak-
ken the king's prest money to serve in the wars,
and then bid himself in order to avoid going.

ARRESTATIO. In old English law. An ar-
est (q. v.).

ARRESTEE. In Scotch law. The person in
whose hands, the movables of another, or a
debt due to another, are arrested by the credi-
tor of the latter by the process of arrestment.
2 Kames, Eq. 173, 175.

If, in contempt of the arrestment, he make pay-
ment of the sum or deliver the goods arrested to
the common debtor, he is not only liable criminally
for breach of the arrestment, but he must pay the
debt again to the arrested; Erskine, Inst. 3. 6. 6.

ARRESTER. In Scotch law. One who sues
out and obtains an arrestment of his debtor's
goods or movable obligations. Erskine, Inst.
3. 6. 1.

ARRESTMEMENT. In Scotch law. Securing a
criminal's person till trial, or that of a debt-
or till he give security judicio distint.
The order of a judge, by which he who is
debtor in a movable obligation to the arrest-
er's debtor is prohibited to make payment or
delivery till the debt due to the arrested be
paid or secured. Erskine, Inst. 3. 6. 1; 1. 2.
12.

This word is used interchangeably with at-
tachment in the act for the protection of se-
man's wages. U. S. R. S. § 4336; Wilder v.
Navigation Co., 211 U. S. 259, 29 S. Ct. 58, 58
L. Ed. 164, 15 Ann. Cas. 327. The court, af-
fter quoting the above definition, held that,
though not literally so, the prohibition against
"attachment or arrestment" must apply to ex-
ecution after judgment as well as attachment
before it.

ARRESTMEMENT JURISDICTIONIS FUND-
AND/Æ CAUSA. In Scotch law. A process
to bring a foreigner within the jurisdiction of
the courts of Scotland. The warrant attaches
a foreigner's goods within the jurisdiction,
and these will not be released unless caution or
security be given.

ARRESTO FACTO SUPER BONIS MERCA-
TORUM ALIENICENORUM. In old English
law. A writ against the goods of aliens found
within this kingdom, in recompense of goods
taken from a denizen in a foreign country,
after denial of restitution. Reg. Orig. 129.
The ancient civilians called it "clarigatio,
"but by the moderns it is termed "reprisalita."

ARRET. Fr. A judgment, sentence, or decree
of a court of competent jurisdiction.
The term is derived from the French law,
and is used in Canada and Louisiana.
Saisie arrêt is an attachment of property
in the hands of a third person. Code Pr. La.
art. 209; 2 Low. Can. 77; 5 id. 198, 218. See
"Saisie."

ARRETTED. Convened before a judge and
charged with a crime.
Ad rectum malefactorem is, according to
Bracton, to have a malefactor forswearing
forthcoming to be put on his trial.
Imputed or laid to one's charge; as, no folly
may be arrested to one under age. Bracton,
l. 3, tr. 2, c. 10; Cunningham, Dict.; Cowell.

ARRHABO. In the civil law. Earnest; mon-
ey given to bind a bargain. Calvin.

ARRHÆ. In the civil law. Money or other
valuable things given by the buyer to the seller,
for the purpose of evidencing the contract;
earnest. See Arra: Pot-de-vin.
Arrhae sponsalitiae were the earnest or pres-
ent given by one betrothed to the other at the
betrothal.

ARRIAGE AND CARRIAGE. In English and
Scotch law. Indefinite services formerly de-
mandable from tenants, but prohibited by state-
ute, (20 Geo. II. c. 50, §§ 21, 22.) Holt-
house; Ersk. Inst. 2, 6, 42.

ARRIER BAN. In feudal law. A second
summons to join the lord, addressed to those
who had neglected the first. A summons of
the inferiors or vassals of the lord. Spel-
man, Gloss. See, also, Arlerban.

ARRIERE FIEF, or FEE. In feudal law. A
fief or fee dependent on a superior one; an in-
ferior fief granted by a vassal of the king,
out of the fief held by him. Montesq. Esprit
des Lois, liv. 31, cc. 28, 32.

ARRIERE VASSAL. In feudal law. The
vassal of a vassal.

ARRIVAL. In marine insurance, arrival of a
vessel means an arrival for purposes of busi-
ness, requiring an entry and clearance and
stay at the port so long as to require some

"A vessel arrives at a port of discharge when she comes, or is brought, to a place where it is intended to discharge her, and where is the usual and customary place of discharge. When a vessel is insured to one or two ports, and sails for one, the risk terminates on her arrival there. If a vessel is insured to a particular port of discharge, and is destined to discharge cargo successively at two different wharves, docks, or places, within that port, each being a distinct place for the delivery of cargo, the risk ends when she has been moored twenty-four hours in safety at the first place. But if she is insured to more places for the delivery of cargo, and delivery or discharge of a portion of her cargo is necessary, not by reason of her having reached any destined place of delivery, but as a necessary and usual nautical measure, to enable her to reach such usual and destined place of delivery, she cannot properly be considered as having arrived at the usual and customary place of discharge, even when she is at anchor for the purpose only of using such means as will better enable her to reach it. If she cannot get to the destined and usual place of discharge in the port because she is too deep, and must be lightered to get there, and, to aid in prosecuting the voyage, cargo is thrown overboard or put into lighters, such discharge does not make that the place of arrival; it is only a stopping-place in the voyage. When the vessel is insured to a particular port of discharge, arrival within the limits of the harbor does not terminate the risk, if the place is not one where vessels are discharged and voyages completed. The policy covers the vessel through the port navigation, as well as on the open sea, until she reaches the destined place." Simpson v. Insurance Co., Holmes, 127, Fed. Cas. No. 12,686.

"Arrival of ship," within meaning of bills of lading requiring claims to be filed, must be construed, where misdelivery is charged, as meaning date when cargo is discharged or offered for delivery. The Cardiganshire (D. C.) 9 F. (2d) 416, 420.

As to arrival of goods, see Jowett & Sherman Co. v. Rosenberg Bros. & Co., 182 Wis. 34, 195 N. W. 720; Boyd v. City of Louisville, 178 Ky. 354, 198 S. W. 927, 928; Rhodes v. State of Iowa, 170 U. S. 412, 18 S. Ct. 664, 42 L. Ed. 1098.

"Arrival" within the immigration laws means compliance with the requirements entitling an alien to entry. See 8 USCA §§ 106, 380. In re Kempson (D. C.) 14 F.(2d) 688, 689.

ARRIVE. To come to a particular place; to reach a particular or certain place. Thompson v. U. S., 1 Brock, 413, Fed. Cas. No. 13,085; 8 B. & C. 113.

In Insurance Law

To reach that particular place or point in a harbor which is the ultimate destination of a vessel. Melgs v. Insurance Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 439, 453.

The words "arrive" and "enter" are not always synonymous; there certainly may be an arrival without an actual entry or attempt to enter. United States v. Open Boat, 5 Mason, 120, 132, Fed. Cas. No. 15,967. And where a vessel from a foreign port, laden with liquors, anchored within four leagues of the coast, and the master without a permit therefor, allowed part of the cargo to be taken away, with the intention of so disposing of the entire cargo, the vessel had "arrived" within the meaning of Tariff Act 1922, § 892 (19 USCA § 485). The Cherie (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 992, 993, aff. The U. S. v. The Cherie (D. C.) 9 F. (2d) 640, 641.

ARRIGATION. In the civil law. The adoption of a person who was of full age or sui juris. 1 Browne, Civil & Adm. Law, 119; Dig. 1, 7, 5; Inst. 1, 11, 3. Reinders v. Koppelmann, 68 Mo. 497, 30 Am. Rep. 802.

ARRONDISSEMENT. In France, one of the subdivisions of a department.

ARSE ET PENSATÆ. Burnt and weighed. A term formerly applied to money tested or assayed by fire and by weighing.

ARSENALS. Store-houses for arms; dockyards, magazines, and other military stores.

ARSER IN LE MAIN. Fr. Burning in the hand. The punishment by burning or branding the left thumb of lay offenders who claimed and were allowed the benefit of clergy, so as to distinguish them in case they made a second claim of clergy. 5 Coke, 51; 4 Bl. Comm. 367; Termes de la Ley.


"Arson" at common law and by statute consists in willfully and maliciously burning or causing to be burned the dwelling house of another, or any kitchen, shop, or other out-house that is parcel thereof, or adjoining or belonging thereto. State v. Heller, 2 N. J. Misc. R. 1023, 126 A. 293, 299; Graham v. State, 40 Ala. 664; Allen v. State, 10 Ohio St. 309; State v. Porter, 90 N. C. 719; Hill v. Com., 98 Pa. 195; State v. McCoy, 162 Mo. 395, 62 S. W. 391. Whether "house" or "dwelling house" be used in defining the crime may be of importance in determining whether occupancy
is or is not an element. 1 Hale, P. C. 566, 567; Commonwealth v. Barney, 64 Mass. (10 Cush.) 478. Some states have expressly eliminated occupancy as an element, State v. Snover, 101 N. J. Law, 543, 128 A. 550; P. L. 1919, p. 257; while others have made it a distinction between degrees of the crime, People v. Principe, 23 Cal. App. 729, 159 P. 638; People v. Abrams, 174 Cal. 172, 162 P. 385, 396.


In several states, this crime is divided into arson in the first, second, and third degrees, the first degree including the burning of an inhabited dwelling-house in the night-time; the second degree, the burning (at night) of a building other than a dwelling-house, but so situated with reference to a dwelling-house as to endanger it; the third degree, the burning of any building or structure not the subject of arson in the first or second degree, or the burning of property, his own or another's, with intent to defraud or prejudice an insurer thereof. People v. Durkin, 5 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 245; People v. Fanshawe, 65 Hun, 77, 19 N. Y. Supp. 856; State v. McCoy, 162 Mo. 583, 33 S. W. 991; State v. Jessup, 42 Kan. 423, 22 F. 627.

ARSURA. The trial of money by burning it after it was coined. The loss of weight occasioned by this process. A pound was said to burn so many pence (tot adrede denarios) as it lost by the fire. Spelman. The term is now obsolete.

ART. A principle put in practice and applied to some art, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter. Earle v. Sawyer, 4 Mason, 1, Fed. Cas. No. 4,247; See Act Cong. July 8, 1870.

In the law of patents, this term means a useful art or manufacture which is beneficial and which is described with exactness in its method of operation. Such an art can be protected only in the mode and to the extent thus described. Smith v. Downings, 22 Fed. Cas. 511; Carnegie Steel Co. v. Cambria Iron Co. (C. C.) 89 Fed. 754; Jacobs v. Baker, 7 Wall. 297, 19 L. Ed. 200; Corning v. Burden, 15 How. 267, 14 L. Ed. 683; David E. Kennedy, Inc. v. Beaver Tile & Specialty Co. (C. C.) 232 F. 477, 478.


Prior Art

In patent law, something that a man skilled in the art may by diligence discover. Davis-Bournonville Co. v. Alexander Milburn Co. (C. C. A.) 1 F.(2d) 227, 231.

Every business or employment requiring peculiar knowledge or experience, and having a particular class of persons devoted to its pursuit, is an "art" or "trade." Detroit Taxicab & Transfer Co. v. Callahan (C. C. A.) 1 F.(2d) 911, 912; Miller v. State, 9 Ohio, Cr. 255, 131 P. 717, 718, L. R. A. 1915A, 1658.

ART, WORDS OF. Words used in a technical sense; words scientifically fit to carry the sense assigned them.

ART AND PART. In Scotch law. The offense committed by one who aids and assists the commission of a crime, but who is not the principal or chief actor in its actual commission. An accessory. A principal in the second degree. Paters, Comp.

ARTHHEL, ARDHEL, or ARDELLO. To souch; as if a man were taken with stolen goods in his possession he was allowed a lawful arthhel, f. e., voucher, to clear him of the felony; but provision was made against it by 28 Hen. VIII, c. 6. Blount.


In English Ecclesiastical Law

A complaint exhibited in the ecclesiastical court by way of libel. The different parts of a libel, responsive allegation, or counter allegation in the ecclesiastical courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 109.

In Scotch Practice

A subject or matter; competent matter.

"Article of dictaty." 1 Broun, 62. A "point of dictaty." 1 Swint. 123, 129.
ARTICLED CLERK. In English law, a clerk bound to serve in the office of a solicitor in consideration of being instructed in the profession. This is the general acceptance of the term; but it is said to be equally applicable to other trades and professions. Reg. v. Reeve, 4 Q. B. 212.

ARTICLES. 1. A connected series of propositions; a system of rules. The subdivisions of a document, code, book, etc. A specification of distinct matters agreed upon or established by authority or requiring judicial action.

2. A statute; as having its provisions articulately expressed under distinct heads. Several of the ancient English statutes were called “articles” (articuli).

3. A system of rules established by legal authority; as articles of war, articles of the navy, articles of faith. (See infra.)

4. A contractual document executed between parties, containing stipulations or terms of agreement; as articles of agreement, articles of partnership.

5. In chancery practice. A formal written statement of objections filed by a party, after depositions have been taken, showing ground for discrediting the witnesses.

6. In ecclesiastical law. A complaint in the form of a libel exhibited to an ecclesiastical court. See Article.

ARTICLES APPROBATORY. In Scotch law. That part of the proceedings which corresponds to the answer to the charge in an English bill in chancery. Paters. Comp.

ARTICLES IMPROBATORY. In Scotch law. Articulate averments setting forth the facts relied upon. Bell. That part of the proceedings which corresponds to the charge in an English bill in chancery to set aside a deed. Paters. Comp. The answer is called “articles approbatory.”

ARTICLES, LORDS OF. A committee of the Scottish parliament, which, in the mode of its election, and by the nature of its powers, was calculated to increase the influence of the crown, and to confer upon it a power equivalent to that of a negative before debate. This system appeared inconsistent with the freedom of parliament, and at the revolution the convention of estates declared it a grievance, and accordingly it was suppressed by Act 1690, c. 3. Wharton.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. A written memorandum of the terms of an agreement. It is a common practice for persons to enter into articles of agreement, preparatory to the execution of a formal deed, whereby it is stipulated that one of the parties shall convey to the other certain lands, or release his right to them, or execute some other disposition of them.

When persons form voluntary associations for religious, literary, social, or other purposes, and adopt rules by which to regulate their conduct and measure their rights, by the provisions of which members may be admitted and expelled, such rules are articles of agreement, to which all who have become members are parties, and by which they must be governed in their relations to the associations. Brown v. Harris County Medical Soc. (Tex. Civ. App.) 194 S. W. 1179, 1180.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, OR OF INCORPORATION. Articles subscribed by the members of a joint-stock company or corporation organized under a general law, and which create the corporate union between them. Such articles are in the nature of a partnership agreement, and commonly specify the form of organization, amount of capital, kind of business to be pursued, location of the company, etc. Articles of association are to be distinguished from a charter, in that the latter is a grant of power from the sovereign or the legislature.

ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION. The name of the instrument embodying the compact made between the thirteen original states of the Union, before the adoption of the present constitution.

ARTICLES OF FAITH. In English law. The system of faith of the Church of England, more commonly known as the “Thirty-Nine Articles.”

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT. A formal written allegation of the causes for impeachment; answering the same office as an indictment in an ordinary criminal proceeding.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. The instrument by which a private corporation is formed and organized under general corporation laws. People v. Golden Gate Lodge, 128 Cal. 257, 60 P. 865. See Articles of Association.

ARTICLES OF PARTNERSHIP. A written agreement by which the parties enter into a copartnership upon the terms and conditions thereto stipulated.

ARTICLES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. As used in a will, “articles of personal property” meant goods and chattels, not money or securities, and hence excluded notes, mortgages, contracts of sale of real estate, and checks. Merrill v. Winchester, 120 Me. 203, 113 A. 261, 267.

ARTICLES OF RELIGION. In English ecclesiastical law. Commonly called the “Thirty-Nine Articles;” a body of divinity drawn up by the convocation in 1662, and confirmed by James I.

ARTICLES OF ROUP. In Scotch law. The terms and conditions under which property is sold at auction.
ARTICLES OF SEPARATION. See Separation.

ARTICLES OF SET. In Scotch law. An agreement for a lease. Paters. Comp.

ARTICLES OF THE CLERGY. The title of a statute passed in the ninth year of Edward II. for the purpose of adjusting and settling the great questions of cognizance then existing between the ecclesiastical and temporal courts. 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 291-296.

ARTICLES OF THE NAVY. A system of rules prescribed by act of parliament for the government of the English navy; also, in the United States, there are articles for the government of the navy.

ARTICLES OF THE PEACE. A complaint made or exhibited to a court by a person who makes oath that he is in fear of death or bodily harm from some one who has threatened or attempted to do him injury. The court may thereupon order the person complained of to find sureties for the peace, and, in default, may commit him to prison. 4 Bl. Comm. 235.

ARTICLES OF UNION. In English law. Articles agreed to, A. D. 1707, by the parliaments of England and Scotland, for the union of the two kingdoms. They were twenty-five in number. 1 Bl. Comm. 96.

ARTICLES OF WAR. Codes framed for the government of a nation's army or navy.

ARTICULATE ADJUDICATION. In Scotch law. Where the creditor holds several distinct debts, a separate adjudication for each claim is thus called.

ARTICULATELY. Article by article; by distinct clauses or articles; by separate propositions.

ARTICULI. Lat. Articles; items or heads. A term applied to some old English statutes, and occasionally to treatises.

ARTICULI CLERI. "Articles of the clergy" (q. v.). See Circumspecte Agatis.


ARTICULI MAGNAE CHARTAE. The preliminary articles, forty-nine in number, upon which the Magna Charta was founded.

ARTICULI SUPER CHARTAS. Articles upon the charters. The title of a statute passed in the twenty-eighth year of Edward I. st. 3, confirming or enlarging many particulars in Magna Charta, and the Charta de Foresta, and appointing a method for enforcing the observance of them, and for the punishment of offenders. 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 108, 233.

ARTICULO MORTIS. (Or more commonly in articulo mortis.) At the point of death; in the article of death, which means at the moment of death; in the last struggle or agony. Succession of Villa, 132 La. 714, 61 So. 765, 770.


ARTICIFER. One who buys goods in order to reduce them, by his own art or industry, into other forms, and then to sell them. Loundale v. Brashear, 3 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 335. One who is actually and personally engaged or employed to do work of a mechanical or physical character, not including one who takes contracts for labor to be performed by others. Ingram v. Barnes, 7 El. & Bl. 155; Chawner v. Cummings, 8 Q. B. 321.

One who is master of his art, and whose employment consists chiefly in manual labor. Wharton; Cunningham.

ARTIFICIAL. Created by art, or by law; existing only by force of or in contemplation of law.

ARTIFICIAL FORCE. In patent law. A natural force so transformed in character or energies by human power as to possess new capabilities of action; this transformation of a natural force into a force practically new involves a true inventive act. Wall v. Leck, 60 Fed. 555, 13 C. C. A. 630.


ARTIFICIAL PRESUMPTIONS. Also called "legal presumptions;" those which derive their force and effect from the law, rather than their natural tendency to produce belief. 3 Starkie, Ev. 1233. Gulick v. Loder, 15 N. J. Law, 72, 23 Am. Dec. 711.

ARTIFICIAL SUCCESSION. The succession between predecessors and successors in a corporation aggregate or sole. Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 100.

ARTIFICIAL WATER COURSE. See Water course.

ARTIFICIALLY. Technically; scientifically; using terms of art. A will or contract
is described as "artificially" drawn if it is couched in apt and technical phrases and exhibits a scientific arrangement.


ARURA. An old English law term, signifying a day's work in plowing.

ARVIL–SUPPER. A feast or entertainment made at a funeral in the north of England; arvil bread is bread delivered to the poor at funeral solemnities, and arvil, arval, or arfal, the burial or funeral rites. Cowell.

AS. Lat. In the Roman and civil law. A pound weight; and a coin originally weighing a pound, (called also "libra") divided into twelve parts, called "unciae."

The parts were reckoned (as may be seen in the law, Servum de hæredibus, Inst. lib. xiii. Pandect) as follows: uncia, 1 ounce; sextans, 2 ounces; tretia, 3 ounces; quadrans, 4 ounces; quincunx, 5 ounces; semis, 6 ounces; septima, 7 ounces; decima, 8 ounces; dactra, 9 ounces; sextans, 10 ounces; decunna, 11 ounces.

Any integral sum, subject to division in certain proportions. Frequently applied in the civil law to inheritances; the whole inheritance being termed "as," and its several proportionate parts "sextans," "quadrans," etc. Burris.

The term "as," and the multiples of its uncia, were also used to denote the rates of interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 452, note m.

AS. Used as an adverb, etc., "as" means like, similar to, of the same kind, in the same manner; in the manner in which. Van Pelt v. Hilliard, 75 Fla. 792, 78 So. 693, 697, L. R. A. 1918E, 639; Priece v. Skystead, 69 Mont. 453, 222 P. 1059, 1060. "As" may also have the meaning of because, since, or it being the case that; State v. Rudman, 128 Me. 177, 136 A. 817, 819; in the character or under the name of; State v. Blue, 134 La. 561, 64 So. 411, 414; when; Shane Bros. & Wilson Co. v. Barrett, 71 Ind. App. 313, 124 N. E. 790, 781.

AS AGAINST; AS BETWEEN. These words contrast the relative position of two persons, with a tacit reference to a different relation-ship between one of them and a third person. For instance, the temporary bailee of a chattel is entitled to it as between himself and a stranger, or as against a stranger; reference being made by this form of words to the rights of the bailor. Wharton.

AS IS. A sale of goods by sample "as is" requires that the goods be of the kind and quality represented, even though they be in a damaged condition. Schwartz v. Kohn (Sup.) 155 N. Y. S. 547, 548.

AS LONG AS. The phrase "as long as life doth last," in a will, is tantamount to "forever." In re Brown, 119 Kan. 402, 239 P. 747.

AS OF COURSE. Under a statute providing that an attachment will be dissolved, "as of course," upon defendant's entering his appearance and filing his answer, the quoted words mean when asked by defendant. Pitman v. West, 198 Mo. App. 92, 199 S. W. 758, 757.

AS PER. "As per" is a sort of law and business term which is hardly susceptible of literal translation, but which is commonly understood to mean, "in accordance with," or "in accordance with the terms of," or "as by the contract authorized." Continental Bank & Trust Co. v. Times Pub. Co., 142 La. 209, 76 So. 612, 617, L. R. A. 1916B, 632. "A crude phrase in commercial correspondence, avoided in good business style." Krapp, Comprehensive Guide to Good English, page 56.

AS SOON AS. This term has a relative meaning according to the thing which is to be done. Eichelbaum & Smith v. Bishop, 75 Pu. Super. Ct. 528, 529. It often denotes merely a reasonable time; Childers v. Brown, S1 Or. 1, 158 P. 106, 168, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 170; In re Varet's Estate, 181 App. Div. 416, 168 N. Y. S. 896, 898; and it may be the equivalent of "whenever"; School Dist. No. 37 of Rice County v. Board of Education of City of Lyons, 110 Kan. 613, 204 P. 758, 761. Sometimes it means immediately. Columbia Digger Co. v. Rector (D. C.) 215 F. 618, 630.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. When used with reference to the time of performing some act, such as the shipment of goods, these words mean merely within a reasonable time. Russell Co. v. Spurgeon (Mo. App.) 258 S. W. 10, 12; Birmingham Paper Co. v. Holder, 24 Ga. App. 630, 101 S. E. 692; Ingram Day Lumber Co. v. Germain Co., 135 Miss. 490, 100 So. 281, 285; Dillingner v. Ogden, 214 Pa. 29, 90 A. 448, 449; Sturges & Burn Mfg. Co. v. American Separator Co., 142 N. Y. S. 697, 700, 158 App. Div. 63. Contra: National Cash Register Co. v. McCann, 140 N. Y. S. 916, 920, 80 Misc. 165 ("as soon as possible" requires a much more speedy fulfillment than within a reasonable time).

AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. These words are not synonymous with "as soon as pos-
sible”; they mean ordinarily as soon as reasonably can be expected; Texas Employers’ Ins. Ass’n v. Mummery (Tex. Civ. App.) 200 S. W. 251, 253; or “in due time”; Texas Employers’ Ins. Ass’n v. Mummery (Tex. Civ. App.) 200 S. W. 251, 252. But the words have also been construed as practically synonymous with speedily. Roberson v. Weaver, 145 Ga. 620, 88 S. E. 769, 772.

ASCEND. To go up; to pass up or upwards; to go or pass in the ascending line. 4 Kent, Comm. 383, 397.

ASCENDANTS. Persons with whom one is related in the ascending line; one’s parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.

ASCENDIENTES. In Spanish law. Ascendants; ascending heirs; heirs in the ascending line. Schm. Civil Law, 239.

ASCENT. Passage upwards; the transmission of an estate from the ancestor to the heir in the ascending line. See 4 Kent, Comm. 395, 397.


ASCRIPITITIUS (or ASSCRIPTICIUS). In Roman law. A foreigner who had been registered and naturalized in the colony in which he resided. Cod. 11, 47.

A man bound to the soil but not a slave. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 217. See Adscriptitium.

ASEXUALIZATION. See Vasectomy.

ASIDE. On one side; apart. To set aside. To annul; to make void. State v. Primm, 61 Mo. 171.

ASK. In an affidavit wherein an affidavit asks that a cause be reinstated and set down for trial, “asks” is practically synonymous with “moves.” Harris v. Chicago House-Wrecking Co., 314 Ill. 500, 145 N. E. 666, 669.

ASKING A BRIBE. To constitute the crime of “asking a bribe,” it is not necessary that the party solicited shall consent to give the bribe, or that there shall be a meeting of the minds, or mutual understanding or agreement between him and the party asking the bribe; it being sufficient if the latter is ready and willing to enter into the corrupt agreement. People v. Powell, 50 Cal. App. 456, 195 P. 456, 458.

ASPECT. View; object; possibility. Implies the existence of alternatives. Used in the phrases “bill with a double aspect” and “contingency with a double aspect.”

ASPERSIONS. “Aspersions” may mean the making of calumnious report or may mean nothing more than criticism or censure. Fitts v. Davis, 269 F. 1018, 1019, 50 App. D. C. 294.

ASPHYXIA. In medical jurisprudence. A morbid condition of swooning, suffocation, or suspended animation, resulting in death if not relieved, produced by any serious interference with normal respiration (as, the inhalation of poisonous gases or too rarified air, choking, drowning, obstruction of the air passages, or paralysis of the respiratory muscles) with a consequent deficiency of oxygen in the blood. See State v. Baldwin, 36 Kan. 1, 12 Pac. 528. See Apnea.

ASPIRIN. A coal tar product commonly kept in drug stores and sold for medicinal purposes. It is not a proprietary or patent medicine, but is a drug or medicine, within a statute prohibiting retailing by one not a registered pharmacist. State v. Totals, 172 Minn. 214, 214 N. W. 766, 767.

ASPORTATION. The removal of things from one place to another. The carrying away of goods; one of the circumstances requisite to constitute the offense of larceny. 4 Bl. Comm. 231. Wilson v. State, 21 Md. 1; State v. Huggins, 88 Mo. 354; Rex v. Walsh, 1 Moody, Cr. Cas. 14, 15. Any appreciable changing of the location of the property involved with felonious intent. People v. Ashworth, 222 N. Y. S. 24, 27, 220 App. Div. 498; Banks v. State, 139 Ark. 169, 202 S. W. 43. 44. To constitute “asportation,” the thing taken must have been in entire or absolute possession of taker. People v. Edwards, 72 Cal. App. 102, 236 P. 944, 949; Adams v. Commonwealth, 153 Ky. 88, 154 S. W. 351, 382, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 637.

ASPORTAVIT. He carried away. Sometimes used as a noun to denote a carrying away. An “asportavit of personal chattel.” 2 H. Bl. 4.


ASSART. In English law. The offense committed in the forest, by pulling up the trees by the roots that are thickets and coverts for deer, and making the ground plain as arable land. It differs from waste, in that waste is the cutting down of coverts which may grow again, whereas assart is the plucking them up by the roots and utterly destroying them, so that they can never afterward grow. This is not an offense if done with license to convert forest into tillage ground. Consult Monwood’s Forest Laws, pt. I, p. 171. Wharton. See Essarter.
ASSAULT RENTS. Rents paid to the Crown for assarted lands.

ASSASSINATION. Murder committed for hire, without provocation or cause of resentment given to the murderer by the person upon whom the crime is committed. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 45.

A murder committed treacherously, or by stealth or surprise, or by lying in wait.

ASSATH. An ancient custom in Wells, by which a person accused of crime could clear himself by the oaths of three hundred men. It was abolished by St. 1 Hen. V. c. 6. Cowell; Spelman.

ASSAULT. An unlawful offer or attempt with force or violence to do a corporeal hurt to another. Force unlawfully directed or applied to the person of another under such circumstances as to cause a well-founded apprehension of immediate peril. Bish. Cr. Law, 548. Quoted and relied on in Haun v. State, 22 Okl. Cr. 440, 211 P. 1060. See also, Pen. Code Caln., § 240; Code Ga., 1882, § 4357 (Pen. Code 1926, § 85); State v. Staw, 97 N. J. Law, 349, 116 A. 425.

An attempt or offer to beat another, without touching him; as if one lifts up his cane or his fist in a threatening manner at another; or strikes at him, but misses him. 3 Bl. Comm. 120; 3 Steph. Comm. 469; United States v. Hand, 2 Wash. C. C. 435, Fed. Cas. No. 15,237; Hays v. People, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 351; Yarberry v. Commonwealth, 209 Ky. 15, 272 S. W. 24, 25; Yates v. State, 22 Ala. App. 106, 113 So. 87. Any unjustifiable act causing a well-founded apprehension of immediate peril from a force already partially or fully put in motion. 4 C. & P. 349; 9 id. 483, 626; Com. v. White, 110 Mass. 407; State v. Crow, 23 N. C. 375; Com. v. Eyre, 1 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 347; State v. Sims, 3 Strobh. (S. C.) 137; State v. Blackwell, 9 Ala. 79. See Battery.

The attempt must be coupled with the ability or apparent present ability to execute it. State v. Straub, 190 Iowa, 806, 189 N. W. 839, 571; Flournoy v. State, 25 Tex. App. 244, 7 S. W. 856; Lane v. State, 85 Ala. 11, 4 South. 279; 13 C. B. 999; People v. Litlley, 43 Mich. 327, 5 N. W. 982; Tarver v. State, 49 Ala. 554; State v. Holman, 99 Kan. 156, 123 P. 1157; Mendenhall v. State, 19 Okl. Cr. 441, 195 P. 728, 738; State v. Canelino, 46 Or. 379, 186 P. 721, 723; State v. Greco, 104 A. 651, 655, 7 Boyce (Del.) 140; State v. Paxton, 99 A. 46, 47, 6 Boyce (Del.) 240; Blankenship v. State, 130 Miss. 725, 96 So. 81, 83; Burton v. State, 8 Ala. App. 295, 62 So. 394, 395; People v. Cleeslink, 311 Ill. 221, 149 N. E. 815, 816.


In some jurisdictions degrees of the offense are established, as first degree, State v. Papp, 51 Mont. 496, 153 P. 573, 290; second degree, State v. Reynold's, 54 Wash. 270, 152 P. 398, 399; and third degree, State v. Steele, 83 Wash. 470, 145 P. 581; People v. Wein, 137 N. Y. S. 753, 754, 136 App. Div. 388.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
One committed with the intention of committing some additional crime; or one attended with circumstances of peculiar outrage or atrocity. This class includes assault with a dangerous or deadly weapon; State v. Kakarikos, 45 Utah, 470, 146 P. 750, 751; People v. Bennett, 37 Cal. App. 324, 173 P. 1004, 1005; Brinkley v. State, 82 Tex. Cr. R. 160, 198 S. W. 961; assault upon infants or females, if it create a sense of shame; Hopkins v. State, 84 Tex. Cr. R. 619, 209 S. W. 410; Price v. State, 90 Tex. Cr. R. 534, 238 S. W. 722; Wren v. State, 27 Ariz. 491, 232 P. 398; and assault of lust, meaning an assault, less than felonious, with intent to have improper sexual connection; State v. Eslick (Mo. App.) 216 S. W. 974, 975.

SECRET ASSAULT
Under a North Carolina statute, to warrant conviction for malicious, "secret assault," state must prove all essential elements of crime, namely, malice, use of deadly weapon in secret manner, with intent to kill. State v. Kline, 190 N. C. 177, 128 S. E. 417, 418. It is not essential, however, that the person assaulted be unconscious of the presence of his adversary, though the purpose of such adversary must not be known. State v. Oxendine, 187 N. C. 658, 122 S. E. 568, 571.

SIMPLE ASSAULT
One committed with no intention to do any other injury. An offer or attempt to do bodily harm which falls short of an actual battery; an offer or attempt to beat another, but without touching him; for example, a blow delivered within striking distance, but which does not reach its mark. See State v. Lightsey, 43 S. C. 114, 20 S. E. 975; Norton v. State, 14 Tex. 596. Also, sometimes, the use of physical violence upon another, without circumstances of aggravation. Ratcliff v. State, 106 Tex. Cr. R. 37, 280 S. W. 1072, 1074. "Simple assault and battery" is an unlawful act of violent injury to another, unaccompanied by any circumstances of aggravation. State v. Jones, 133 S. C. 167, 130 S. E. 747, 751. And see State v. Staw, 97 N. J. Law, 349, 116 A. 425.

ASSAY. The proof or trial, by chemical experiments, of the purity or fineness of metals,—particularly of the precious metals, gold and silver.

A trial of weights and measures by a standard; as by the constituted authorities, clerks of markets, etc. Reg. Orig. 280.

A trial or examination of certain commodities, as bread, breads, etc. Cowell; Blount. See Annual Assay.

ASSAY OFFICE. The staff of persons by whom (or the building or department in which) the process of assaying gold and sil-
ver, required by government, incidental to maintaining the coinage, is conducted.

ASSAYER. One whose business it is to make assays of the precious metals.

ASSAYER OF THE KING. An officer of the royal mint, appointed by St. 2 Hen. VI. c. 12, who received and tested the bullion taken in for coining; also called "assayator regia." Cowell; Termes de la Ley.

ASSECUAR. To assure, or make secure by pledges, or any solemn interposition of faith. Cowell; Spelman.

ASSECURATION. In European law. Assurance; insurance of a vessel, freight, or cargo. Perrière.


ASEDEDATION. In Scotch law. An old term, used indiscriminately to signify a lease or feu-right. Bell; Ersk. Inst. 2, 6, 20.


ASSEMBLE. When applied to a machine, "assemble" means to collect or gather together the parts and place them in their proper relation to each other to constitute the machine. Citizens' Nat. Bank v. Buchelt, 14 Ala. App. 511, 71 So. 82, 83.

ASSEMBLY. The concourse or meeting together of a considerable number of persons at the same place. Also the persons so gathered.

Popular assemblies are those where the people meet to deliberate upon their rights; these are guaranteed by the constitution. Const. U. S. Amend. art. 1.

Political assemblies are those required by the constitution and laws: for example, the general assembly.

The lower or more numerous branch of the legislature in many of the states is also called the "Assembly" or "House of Assembly," but the term seems to be an appropriate one to designate any political meeting required to be held by law.

ASSEMBLY GENERAL. The highest ecclesiastical court in Scotland, composed of a representation of the ministers and elders of the church, regulated by Act 5th Assem. 1694.

ASSEMBLY, UNLAWFUL. In criminal law. The assembling of three or more persons together to do an unlawful act, who separate without actually doing it, or making any motion towards it. 3 Inst. 176; 4 Bl. Comm. 146. It differs from a riot or rout, because in each of the latter cases there is some act done besides the simple meeting. See State v. Stalcup, 23 N. C. 30, 35 Am. Dec. 732; 9 Car. & P. 91, 431; 5 Car. & P. 154; 1 Bish. Crim. Law, § 533; 2 Bish. Crim. Law, §§ 1256, 1259.


In every agreement the parties must, as regards the principal or essential part of the transaction, intend the same thing: i. e., each must know what the other is to do. This is called "mutuality of assent." Chit. Cont. 13.

In strictness, assent is to be distinguished from consent, which denotes a willingness that something about to be done, be done; acceptance, compliance with, or receipt of, something offered; ratification, rendering valid something done without authority; and approval, an expression of satisfaction with some act done for the benefit of another beside the party approving. But in practice the term is often used in the sense of acceptance and approval.

Under a statute penalizing a broker who consents or assents to unlawful pledge of customer's securities, "consent" means an active circumstance of concurrence, while "assent" is passive act of concurrence before another does act charged. People v. Sugarman, 215 N. Y. S. 58, 63, 215 App. Div. 266; or "consent" means an active acquiescence, and "assent" a silent acquiescence with knowledge of the proposed act, but neither includes approval after commission of act. People v. Lowe, 225 N. Y. S. 77, 78, 229 App. Div. 483.

Express Assent
That which is openly declared.

Implied Assent
That which is presumed by law.

Mutual Assent
The meeting of the minds of both or all the parties to a contract; the fact that each agrees to all the terms and conditions, in the same sense and with the same meaning as the others. Insurance Co. v. Young, 23 Wall. 107, 23 L. Ed. 152.

ASSERT. To state as true; declare; maintain. To assert against another has probably a prima facie meaning of a contradiction of him, but the context or circumstances may show that it connotes a corroboratory charge; 7 L. J. Ex. 295.

ASSERTORY COVENANT. One which affirms that a particular state of facts exists; an affirming promise under seal.
ASSESSMENT.

In a general sense, "assessment" denotes the process of ascertaining and adjusting the shares respectively to be contributed by several persons towards a common beneficial object according to the benefit received.

In Taxation

The listing and valuation of property for the purpose of ascertaining a tax upon it, either according to value alone or in proportion to benefit received. Also determining the share of a tax to be paid by each of many persons; or ascertaining the entire tax to be levied among the different taxable persons, establishing the proportion due from each. Commerce Trust Co. v. Syndicate Lot Co., 206 Mo. App. 201, 232 S. W. 1053, 1059; Town of Albertville v. Hooper, 196 Ala. 942, 72 So. 258; Sussex County v. Jarratt, 129 Va. 672, 106 S. E. 284, 387; Town of Auburnville v. Cline, 82 Fla. 121, 89 So. 427, 429; Adams, etc., Co. v. Shelbyville, 154 Ind. 467, 57 N. E. 114, 49 L. R. A. 797, 77 Am. St. Rep. 484; Webb v. Bidwell, 15 Minn. 483 (Gill 394); State v. Farmer, 94 Tex. 232, 59 S. W. 541; Kinney v. Zimpleman, 36 Tex. 582; Southern R. Co. v. Kay, 62 S. C. 28, 30 S. E. 785; U. S. v. Erie R. Co., 107 U. S. 1, 2 S. Ct. 83, 27 L. Ed. 365.

Assessment, as used in juxtaposition with taxation in a state constitution, includes all the steps necessary to be taken in the legitimate exercise of the power to tax. Hurford v. Omaha, 4 Neb. 356.

Assessment is also popularly used as a synonym for taxation in general,—the authoritative imposition of a rate or duty to be paid. But in its technical signification it denotes only taxation for a special purpose or local improvement; local taxation, as distinguished from general taxation; taxation on the principle of apportionment according to the relation between burden and benefit.

As distinguished from other kinds of taxation, assessments are those special and local impositions upon property in the immediate vicinity of municipal improvements which are necessary to pay for the improvement, and are laid with reference to the special benefit which the property is supposed to have derived therefrom. Levy v. Kenosha, 29 Wis. 589. And see Ridener v. Saffin, 1 Handy (Ohio) 484; Roosevelt Hospital v. New York, 84 N. Y. 106, 112; King v. Portland, 2 Or. 146; Reeves v. Wood County, 8 Ohio St. 338; Wood v. Brady, 68 Cal. 78, 5 P. 623, 8 P. 599.

Taxes are impositions for purposes of general revenue, while assessments are special and local impositions upon property in the immediate vicinity of an improvement, for the public welfare, which are necessary to pay for the improvement and made with reference to the special benefit which such property derives from the expenditure. Palmer v. Stumpf, 29 Ind. 229; Kimball v. Board of Supervisors of Polk County, 139 Iowa, 783, 139 N. W. 988, 991; Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. Town of Abeskie, 132 N. C. 235, 134 S. E. 653, 664.

A special assessment is a charge in the nature of a tax, imposed for the purpose of paying the cost of a local improvement in a municipality or corporation, and levied only on those parcels of real property which, by reason of the location of such improvement, are specially benefited by it. Village of Morgan Park v. Wilelaw, 136 Ill. 283, 20 N. E. 611; Wilson v. Auburn, 27 Neb. 435, 49 N. W. 257; Raleigh v. Peace, 119 N. C. 53, 14 S. E. 521, 17 L. R. A. 339; Sargent v. Tuttle, 67 Conn. 165, 34 A. 1028, 32 L. R. A. 522.

Assessment and tax are not synonymous, although occasionally so used. Orr v. Allen (D. C.) 245 F. 466, 468.

An assessment is doubtless a tax, but the term implies something more; it implies a tax of a particular kind, predicated upon the principle of equivalents, or benefits, which are peculiar to the persons or property charged therewith, and which are said to be assessed or appraised, according to the measure or proportion of such equivalents; whereas a simple tax is imposed for the purpose of supporting the government generally, without reference to any special advantage which may be supposed to accrue to the persons taxed. Taxes must be levied, without discrimination, equally upon all the subjects of property; whilst assessments are
only levied upon lands, or some other specific property, the subjects of the supposed property; to repay which the assessment is levied. Ridemour v. Safford, 47 Hand. Royd 494; In re Walker River Irr. Dist., 44 Nev. 221, 156 P. 237, 239.

There is a wide difference in law between a tax and an assessment. In the one case the taxes are assessed against the individual and become a charge upon his property generally. In the other, the assessment, being for the benefits accruing to the specific property, becomes a charge only upon and against it, and liability for the charge is confined to the particular property benefited. Therefore an assessment or "special assessment" is not embraced within the meaning of the word taxation, because the owner of the property assessed gets back the amount of his assessment in the benefits received by his property, and therefore does not bear the burden of a tax. In re Walker River Irr. Dist., 44 Nev. 231, 156 P. 227, 230.

A charge or exaction levied on all the property within the limits of some pre-existing political unit, such as a municipality, and made in proportion to the valuation of the property, is a tax, not an assessment, though levied for purposes for which a local assessment might have been levied. Smith v. Huriburt, 168 Or. 606, 217 P. 1065, 1066.

In Corporations

Installments of the money subscribed for shares of stock, called for from the subscribers by the directors, from time to time as the company requires money, are called "assessments," or, in England, "calls." Water Co. v. Superior Court, 92 Cal. 47, 28 Pac. 54, 27 Am. St. Rep. 91; Spangler v. Railroad Co., 21 Ill. 278; Stewart v. Publishing Co., 1 Wash. St. 521, 20 Pac. 605. While the terms "call" and "assessment" are generally used synonymously, the latter term applies with peculiar aptness to contributions above the par value of stock or the subscription liability of the stockholders; Porter v. Northern Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 36 N. D. 190, 161 N. W. 1012, 1014; whereas "call" or "installments" means action of the board of directors demanding payment of all or portion of unpaid subscriptions; Seyberth v. American Commander Mfg. Co., 49 Idaho, 224, 245 P. 392, 395. It has been said, however, that the superadded liability of stockholders to creditors, is not in a true sense an "assessment," but is a "statutory liability." Leach v. Arthur Sav. Bank, 203 Iowa, 1062, 213 N. W. 772, 773.

Of Damages

Fixing the amount of damages to which the successful party in a suit is entitled after an interlocutory judgment has been taken. Assessment of damages is also the name given to the determination of the sum which a corporation proposing to take lands for a public use must pay in satisfaction of the demand proved or the value taken.

In Insurance

An apportionment made in general average upon the various articles and interests at risk, according to their value at the time and place of being in safety, for contribution for damage and sacrifices purposely made, and expenses incurred for escape from impending common peril. 2 Phil. Ins. c. xv.

A sum specially levied in mutual benefit insurance upon a fixed and definite plan within the limits of the company's or society's fundamental law of organisation to pay losses, or losses and expenses incurred, being to a certain degree substantially the equivalent of premiums. Beaver State Merchants' Mut. Fire Ins. Ass'n v. Smith, 97 Or. 378, 192 P. 798, 800.

The periodical demands made by a mutual insurance company, under its charter and by-laws, upon the makers of premium notes, are also denominated "assessments." Hill v. Insurance Co., 129 Mich. 141, 88 N. W. 392.

In Mining

"Assessment" as applied to labor on mining claims is universally understood to mean the annual labor required by Rev. St. U. S. § 2324 (30 USCA § 28), in order to hold the right to the possession of the claim after a discovery and complete location has been made. Smith v. Union Oil Co., 166 Cal. 217, 155 P. 906, 909. See Assessment Work.

ASSESSMENT ASSOCIATION. This term, as defined by the Nebraska insurance laws, does not include an insurance company which requires the payment of a fixed premium in advance and provides benefits not in any degree dependent upon the collection of assessments from other members, and which does not provide for the levying of extra assessments, if necessary. Western Life & Accident Co. of Colorado v. State Ins. Board of Nebraska, 101 Neb. 152, 182 N. W. 590.


ASSESSMENT CONTRACT. One wherein the payment of the benefit is in any manner or degree dependent on the collection of an assessment levied on persons holding similar contracts. Folkens v. Insurance Co., 98 Mo. App. 480, 72 S. W. 720.

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. In taxation. Any subdivision of territory, whether the whole or part of any municipality, in which by law a separate assessment of taxable property is made by the officers elected or appointed therefor. Rev. Stat. Wis. 1898, § 1081 (St. 1931, § 70.04).


ASSESSMENT LABOR. These words in Act Feb. 12, 1903 (30 USCA § 102), providing that
such labor on oil claims may be done on one of a group of contiguous claims refers to the annual labor required of the locator of a mineral claim after discovery by Rev. St. § 2324 (30 USCA § 28), and not to work before discovery. Union Oil Co. of California v. Smith, 249 U. S. 337, 59 S. Ct. 308, 311, 63 L. Ed. 635. See Assessment, under the heading "In Mining."

ASSESSMENT LIST. The list furnished by the assessor to the board of equalization. Adsit v. Park, 144 La. 394, 81 So. 430, 494.

ASSESSMENT ROLL. In taxation. The list or roll of taxable persons and property, completed, verified, and deposited by the assessors, not as it appears after review and equalization. Bank v. Genoa, 28 Misc. 71, 59 N. Y. S. 829; Adams v. Brennan, 72 Misc. 894, 18 So. 482. See Esmeralda County v. Mineral County, 37 Nev. 150, 141 P. 73.

ASSESSMENT WORK. Under the mining laws of the United States, the holder of an unpatented mining claim on the public domain is required, in order to hold his claim, to do labor or make improvements upon it to the extent of at least one hundred dollars in each year. Rev. St. U. S. § 2324 (30 USCA § 28). This is commonly called by miners "doing assessment work."

ASSESSOR. An officer chosen or appointed to appraise, value, or assess property. The assessing power, and not merely the county assessor. Board of Com'rs of San Miguel County v. Floaten, 66 Colo. 540, 181 P. 122.

In Civil and Scotch Law

Persons skilled in law, selected to advise the judges of the inferior courts. Bell; Dig. 1, 22; Cod. 1, 51.

A person learned in some particular science or industry, who sits with the judge on the trial of a cause requiring such special knowledge and gives his advice.

In England it is the practice in admiralty business to call in assessors, in cases involving questions of navigation or seamanship. They are called "nautical assessors" (q. v.), and are always Brethren of the Trinity House.

ASSETS.

In Probate Law

Property of a decedent available for the payment of debts and legacies; the estate coming to the heir or personal representative which is chargeable, in law or equity, with the obligations which such heir or representative is required, in his representative capacity, to discharge.

In an accurate and legal sense, all the personal property of the deceased which is of a salable nature, and may be converted into ready money, is deemed assets. But the word is not confined to such property; for all other property of the deceased, real or personal, tangible or intangible, legal or equitable, which can be made available for or can be appropriated to payment of debts, is, in a large sense, assets. In re Carter's Estate, 113 Okl. 182, 240 P. 727, 729; Agee v. Saunders, 127 Tenn. 680, 157 S. W. 64, 65, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 788; Frend v. Hogg, 68 Fla. 331, 67 So. 75, 76, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 155; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 531; Marvin v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 49 Fed. 436; Trust Co. v. Earle, 110 U. S. 710, 4 Sup. Ct. 231, 28 L. Ed. 301.

In Commercial Law

The aggregate of available property, stock in trade, cash, etc., belonging to a merchant or mercantile company.

The word "assets," though more generally used to denote everything which comes to the representatives of a deceased person, yet is by no means confined to that use, but has come to signify everything which can be made available for the payment of debts, whether belonging to the estate of a deceased person or not. Hence we speak of the assets of a bank or other monied corporation, the assets of an insolvent debtor, and the assets of an individual or private copartnership; and we always use this word when we speak of the means which a party has, as compared with his liabilities or debts. Stanton v. Lewis, 26 Conn. 449; Valden v. Hawkins, 59 Miss. 419; Pelican v. Rock Falls, 51 Wis. 425, 51 N. W. 871, 52 N. W. 1049; Warren v. Warren, 38 R. I. 167, 59 A. 651, 658; Lane v. Barnard, 170 N. Y. S. 946, 947, 108 Misc. 707. The term "assets," as applied to a bank, is broad enough to cover anything which is or may be available to pay creditors; but, as usually understood, it refers to the tangible property of the corporation, and not to the liability of stockholders contingent upon insolvency. Hill v. Smathers, 173 N. C. 642, 92 S. E. 667, 669. But when the individual liability of stockholders has been enforced by the superintendent of banks, funds collected by him thereunder are "assets." Bennett v. Wilkes County, 164 Ga. 790, 129 S. E. 566, 568.

The property or effects of a bankrupt or insolvent, applicable to the payment of his debts.

The term "assets" includes all property of every kind and nature, chargeable with the debts of the bankrupt, that comes into the hands of and under the control of the assignee; and the value thereof is not to be considered a less sum than that actually realized out of said property, and received by the assignee for it. In re Taggert, 16 N. B. R. 351, Fed. Cas. No. 13,735; Progressive Building & Loan Co. v. Hall (C. C. A.) 220 F. 45, 46.

The term "assets," as used in a prosecution of a private banker for receiving deposits while insolvent, means the property of accused, real and personal, his bills receivable, notes, obligations due him, of any and every character, considering the solvency of the makers, indorsers, and guarantors, and the value of the securities thereon, if any, and all stocks held by him as his property. Brown v. State, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 352, 122 S. W. 339, 342.
In General

—Assets entre mains. L. Fr. Assets in hand; assets in the hands of executors or administrators, applicable for the payment of debts. Termes de la Ley; 2 Bl. Comm. 510; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 23; Favorite v. Book, 17 Ohio St. 557.

—Assets per descent. That portion of the ancestor's estate which descends to the heir, and which is sufficient to charge him, as far as it goes, with the specialty debts of his ancestors. 2 Williams, Ex'rs, 1011.

—Equitable assets. Equitable assets are all assets which are chargeable with the payment of debts or legacies in equity, and which do not fall under the description of legal assets. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 552. Those portions of the property which by the ordinary rules of law are exempt from debts, but which the testator has voluntarily charged as assets, or which, being non-existent at law, have been created in equity. Adams, Eq. 254, et seq. They are so called because they can be reached only by the aid and instrumentality of a court of equity, and because their distribution is governed by a different rule from that which governs the distribution of legal assets. 2 Fonbl. Eq. b. 4, pt. 2, c. 2, § 1, and notes; Story, Eq. Jur. § 552.

—Legal assets. That portion of the assets of a deceased party which by law is directly liable, in the hands of his executor or administrator, to the payment of debts and legacies. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 551. Such assets as can be reached in the hands of an executor or administrator, by a suit at law against him.

—Personal assets. Chattels, money, and other personal property belonging to a bankrupt, insolvent, or decedent estate, which go to the assignee or executor.

—Quick assets. This term was used in a corporation credit statement merely to distinguish liquid assets from those permanently invested in the business, like real estate and machinery, and included amounts charged against officers for return of part of salaries paid them in a previous year, in accordance with the agreement of employment. In re American Knit Goods Mfg. Co., 173 F. 480, 97 C. C. A. 486, aff. (D. C.) 155 F. 906.

—Real assets. Lands or real estate in the hands of an heir, chargeable with the payment of the debts of the ancestor. 2 Bl. Comm. 244, 302.

ASEVERATION. An affirmation; a positive assertion; a solemn declaration. This word is seldom, if ever, used for a declaration made under oath, but denotes a declaration accompanied with solemnity or an appeal to conscience, whereas by an oath one appeals to God as a witness of the truth of what one says.

ASSEWIARE. To draw or drain water from marsh grounds. Cowell.

ASSIGN, v.

In Conveying

To make or set over to another; to transfer; as to assign property, or some interest therein. Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 326; Bump v. Van Orsdale, 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 638; Hoag v. Mendenhall, 19 Minn. 333 (Gli. 280); Kramer v. Spradlin, 148 Ga. 805, 98 S. E. 487, 488. To transfer the title or ownership, as of choses in action. Burkett v. Doty, 176 Cal. 58, 167 P. 518, 520. Insured property is not "assigned" in violation of a provision of the policy by giving a bill of sale as security which was in legal effect a chattel mortgage. King v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co. of Hartford, Conn., 133 Minn. 322, 158 N. W. 435, Ann. Cas. 1918D, 861.

In Practice

To appoint, allot, select, or designate for a particular purpose, or duty. Thus, in England, justices are said to be "assigned to take the assises," "assigned to hold pleas," "assigned to make gaol delivery," "assigned to keep the peace," etc. St. Westm. 2, c. 30; Reg. Orig. 68, 99; 2 Bl. Comm. 59, 59, 353; 1 Bl. Comm. 351.

To transfer persons, as a sheriff is said to assign prisoners in his custody.

To point at, or point out; to set forth, or specify; to mark out or designate; as to assign errors on a writ of error; to assign breaches of a covenant. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1163; 1 Tidd, 636. Where the owner of six separate tracts of land executed a written instrument whereby, in consideration of love and affection, he divided and assigned a tract to each of his six children, "assigned" was used in the sense of dividing and pointing out. Dantizer v. Riley, 109 S. C. 44, 66 S. E. 132.

ASSIGNABLE. That may be assigned or transferred; transferable; negotiable, as a bill of exchange. Comb. 176; Story, Bills, § 17.

ASSIGNATION.

In French Law

A writ of summons.

In Scotch Law

A term equivalent to assignment.


Assignatus utitur jure auctoris. An assignee uses the right of his principal; an assignee is clothed with the rights of his principal. Halk. Max. 14; Broom, Max. 495. 477; Wing. Max. 55; 1 Exch. 32; 15 Q. B. 575.

ASSIGNAY. In Scotch law. An assignee.
ASSIGNEE. A person to whom an assignment is made. Allen v. Pancost, 20 N. J. Law, 74; Ely v. Com'r's, 49 Mich. 17, 12 N. W. 503, 13 N. W. 754. The term is commonly used in reference to personal property; but it is not incorrect, in some cases, to apply it to realty, e. g., "assignee of the reversion."

Assignee in fact is one to whom an assignment has been made in fact by the party having the right. Starkweather v. Insurance Co., 22 Fed. Cas. 1091; Tucker v. West, 31 Ark. 649.

Assignee in law is one in whom the law vests the right; as an executor or administrator. Idem.

The word has a special and distinctive use as employed to designate one to whom, under an insolvent or bankrupt law, the whole estate of a debtor is transferred to be administered for the benefit of creditors.

In Old Law

A person deputed or appointed by another to do any act, or perform any business. Blount. An assignee, however, was distinguished from a deputy, being said to occupy a thing in his own right, while a deputy acted in right of another. Cowell.

ASSIGNMENT. A transfer or making over to another of the whole of any property, real or personal, in possession or in action, or of any estate or right therein. This definition is adopted in Love v. Clayton, 287 Pa. 205, 134 A. 422; Talty v. Schoenholf, 224 Ill. App. 155; Stannard v. Marhoe, 150 Minn. 119, 198 N. W. 127; Kramer v. Spadlin, 148 Ga. 805, 98 S. E. 487, 488. It includes transfers of all kinds of property, but is ordinarily limited to transfers of choses in action and to rights in or connected with property, as distinguished from the particular item of property. In re Bella's Estate, 34 Cal. App. 196, 201 P. 616, 617. It is generally applicable to the transfer of equitable interests. Kavanagh v. Cohn's Power & Light Corporation, 187 N. Y. S. 218, 225, 114 Misc. 698.

A transfer by writing, as distinguished from one by delivery.

The transfer of the interest one has in lands and tenements: more particularly applied to the unexpired residue of a term or estate for life or years; Cruise, Dig. tit. xxxii. (Deed) e. vii, § 15; 1 Steph. Com. 507.

The deed by which the transfer is made. Comyns, Dig.; Bacon, Abr.; Humphrey v. Coquillard Wagon Works, 37 Okl. 714, 132 P. 809, 902, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 600.

The word "assignment" has a comprehensive meaning, and has been held to include gift of a debt by will. Elwood v. State Soldiers' Compensation Board, 117 Kan. 735, 232 P. 1048. But see Hight v. Sackett, 24 N. Y. 447.

A transfer of the title to a bill, note, or check.

An assignment at common law differs from an indorsement in that by an assignment the assignor passed title to the assignee but did not subject himself to any contractual liability, whereas an indorser, in addition to passing title, impliedly contracts to pay note at maturity on demand and notice on maker's failure to so do. Jones County Trust & Savings Bank v. Kurt, 132 Iowa. 560, 122 N. W. 409, 413; Johnson v. Belleskey, 64 Utah. 46, 225 P. 159, 161.

In patent law, the transfer of the entire interest in a patented invention or of an undivided portion of such entire interest as to every section of the United States. Rob. Pat. § 762. It differs from grant in relation to the territorial area to which they relate. A grant is the transfer of the exclusive right in a specific part of the United States. It is an exclusive section right. A license is the transfer of a less or different interest than either the interest in a whole patent or an undivided part of such whole interest or an exclusive sectional interest. Potter v. Holland, 4 Blatch. 206, Fed. Cas. No. 11,329. See Littlefield v. Perry, 21 Wall. 205, 22 L. Ed. 577.

A license is distinguished from an assignment and a grant in that the latter transfers the monopoly as well as the invention, while a license transfers only the invention and does not affect the monopoly otherwise than by enjoining the licensor from exercising his prohibitory powers in derogation of the privileges conferred by him upon the licensee. Rob. Pat. § 806. See Pope Mfg. Co. v. Mfg. Co., 144 U. S. 248, 12 Sup. Ct. 641, 36 L. Ed. 425.

—Assignment for benefit of creditors. An assignment in trust made by insolvent and other debtors for the payment of their debts. These are usually regulated by state statutes. Barnett v. Kinney, 147 U. S. 476, 13 S. Ct. 403, 37 L. Ed. 247; Boyum v. Jordan, 146 Minn. 66, 178 N. W. 158, 161; Stuart v. Bloch, 39 Okl. 556, 135 P. 1147, 1148; Woodard v. Morrissey, 115 Kan. 511, 223 P. 306, 307. The distinctive test between an "assignment" and a sale, where another creditor is to be paid off, is that in the former case such other creditor is to receive some of the property or its proceeds, and in the latter the creditor to whom title is passed takes for himself the whole property, stipulating to pay the other creditor out of his own means and not out of the property or its proceeds. Silver & Goldstein v. Chapman, 103 Ga. 604, 136 S. E. 914, 919.


—Assignment of error. See Error.

—Assignment with preferences. An assignment for the benefit of creditors, with directions to the assignee to prefer a specified creditor or class of creditors, by paying their
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ASSIGNED. Assignees; those to whom property shall have been transferred. Now seldom used except in the phrase, in deeds, "heirs, administrators, and assigns." Grant v. Carpenter, 8 R. I. 36; Baily v. De Crespiigny, 10 Best & S. 12; Tennison v. Walker (Mo. Sup.) 100 S. W. 9, 12; McKee v. Elwell, 69 Colo. 316, 104 P. 616; Whittler v. Riley, 104 Neb. 805, 178 N. W. 762, 763; Stannard v. Marhoe, 159 Minn. 119, 198 N. W. 127.

The word "assigns" generally comprehends all those who take either immediately or remotely from or under the assignor, whether by conveyance, devise, descent, or act of law. Ferrell v. Deverick, 85 W. Va. 1, 100 S. E. 550, 553.

ASSISA. In old English and Scotch law. An assise; a kind of jury or inquest; a writ; a sitting of a court; an ordinance or statute; a fixed or specified time, number, quantity, quality, price, or weight; a tribute, fine, or tax; a real action; the name of a writ. See Assise.

ASSISA ARMORUM. Assise of arms. A statute or ordinance requiring the keeping of arms for the common defense. Hale, Com. Law, c. 11.

ASSISA CADERE. To fall in the assise; i.e., to be nonsuited. Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 402.

ASSISA CADIT IN JURATUM. The assise falls (turns) into a jury; hence to submit a controversy to trial by jury.

ASSISĂ CONTINUANDĂ. An ancient writ addressed to the justices of assise for the continuation of a cause, when certain facts put in issue could not have been proved in time by the party alleging them. Reg. Orig. 217.

ASSISĂ DE CLARENDON. The assise of Clarendon. A statute or ordinance passed in the tenth year of Henry II., by which those who were accused of any heinous crime, and not able to purge themselves, but must abjure the realm, had liberty of forty days to stay and try what succor they could get of their friends towards their sustenance in exile. Bract. fol. 136; Co. Litt. 159a; Cowell.

ASSISĂ DE FORESTA. Assise of the forest; a statute concerning orders to be observed in the royal forests.


ASSISĂ DE NOCUMENTO. An assise of nuisance; a writ to abate or redress a nuisance.

ASSISĂ DE UTRUM. An obsolete writ, which lay for the parson of a church whose predecessor had alienated the land and rents of it.

ASSISĂ FRISCÆ FORTIÆ. Assise of fresh force, which see.

ASSISĂ MORTIS D'ANCESTORIS. Assise of mort d'ancestor, which see.

ASSISĂ NOVÆ DISSEYSINÆ. Assise of novel disseisin, which see.

ASSISĂ PANIS ET CEREVISIÆ. Assise of bread and ale, or beer. The name of a statute passed in the fifty-first year of Henry III., containing regulations for the sale of bread and ale; sometimes called the "statute of bread and ale." Co. Litt. 159; 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 56; Cowell; Bract. fol. 155.

ASSISĂ PROROGANDA. An obsolete writ, which was directed to the judges assigned to take assises, to stay proceedings, by reason of a party to them being employed in the king's business. Reg. Orig. 208.

ASSISĂ ULTIMÆ PRÆSENTATIONIS. Assise of darrein presentment, (q. v.).

ASSISĂ VENALIUM. The assise of salable commodities, or of things exposed for sale.

ASSISE, or ASSIZE. An ancient species of court, consisting of a certain number of men, usually twelve, who were summoned together to try a disputed cause, performing the functions of a jury, except that they gave a verdict from their own investigation and knowledge and not upon evidence adduced. From
the fact that they sat together, (assideo,) they were called the "assise." See Bract. 4, 1, 6; Co. Litt. 1530, 1599.

A court composed of an assembly of knights and other substantial men, with the baron or justice, in a certain place, at an appointed time. Grand Cou. cc. 24, 25.

The verdict or judgment of the jurors or recognitors of assise. 3 Bl. Comm. 57, 59.

In modern English law, the name "assises" or "assizes" is given to the court, time, or place where the judges of assise and nisi prius, who are sent by special commission from the crown on circuits through the kingdom, proceed to take indictments, and in practice, decide cases issuing out of the courts at Westminster as are then ready for trial, with the assistance of a jury from the particular county; the regular sessions of the judges at nisi prius.

Anything reduced to a certainty in respect to time, number, quantity, quality, weight, measure, etc. Spelman.

An ordinance, statute, or regulation. Spelman gives this meaning of the word the first place among his definitions, observing that statutes were in England called "assises" down to the reign of Henry III.

A species of writ, or real action, said to have been invented by Glanville, chief justice to Henry II., and having for its object to determine the right of possession of lands, and to recover the possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 184, 185.

The whole proceedings in court upon a writ of assise. Co. Litt. 1599. The verdict or finding of the jury upon such a writ. 3 Bl. Comm. 57.

—Assise of Clarendon. See Assisa.

—Assise of darrein presentment. A writ of assise which formerly lay when a man or his ancestors under whom he claimed presented a clerk to a benefice, who was instituted, and afterwards, upon the next avoidance, a stranger presented a clerk and thereby disturbed the real patron. 3 Bl. Comm. 245; St. 13 Edw. I. (Westm. 2) c. 5. It has given way to the remedy by quare impedit.

—Assise of fresh force. In old English practice. A writ which lay by the usage and custom of a city or borough, where a man was dispossessed of his lands and tenements in such city or borough. It was called "fresh force," because it was to be sued within forty days after the party's title accrued to him. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 7 C.

—Assise of mort d'ancetre. A real action which lay to recover land of which a person had been deprived on the death of his ancestor by the abatement or intrusion of a stranger. 3 Bl. Comm. 180; Co. Litt. 1599. It was abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.


—Assise of novel dissoisal. A writ of assise which lay for the recovery of lands or tenements, where the claimant had been lately dispossessed.

—Assise of nuisance. A writ of assise which lay where a nuisance had been committed to the complainant's freehold; either for abatement of the nuisance or for damages.

—Assise of the forest. A statute touching orders to be observed in the king's forests. Manwood, 35.

—Assise of utrum. A writ of assise which lay for a parson to recover lands which his predecessor had improperly allowed the church to be deprived of. 3 Bla. Com. 257.

An assise for the trial of the question of whether land is a lay fee, or held in frankalmugne. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 21.

—Assise rents. The certain established rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of a manor; so called because they are asised, or made precise and certain.

—Grand assise. A peculiar species of trial by jury, introduced in the time of Henry II., giving the tenant or defendant in a writ of right the alternative of a trial by battel, or by his peers. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 42, § 13. See 3 Bl. Comm. 341. See Battel.

ASSISER. An assessor; juror; an officer who has the care and oversight of weights and measures.

ASSISORS. In Scotch law. Jurors; the persons who formed that kind of court which in Scotland was called an "assize," for the purpose of inquiring into and judging divers civil causes, such as perambulations, cognitions, molestations, purprestures, and other matters; like jurors in England. Holthouse.


ASSISTANCE, or (ASSISTANTS) COURT OF. See Court of Assistants.

ASSISTANCE, WRIT OF. See Writ of Assistance.

ASSISTANT

747. But a third assistant district attorney cannot be said to be a "clerk" in view of the difference in meaning in common speech between "assistant" and "clerk." Maginnis v. Schottmann, 271 Pa. 305, 114 A. 782, 783.

An "assistant," meaning one who assists, a helper, may be distinguished from a "deputy," being one appointed to substitute for another with power to act in his name or behalf. Saxby v. Sonnemann, 318 Ill. 600, 149 N. E. 526, 528.

ASSISTANT JUDGE. A judge of the English court of general or quarter sessions in Middlesex. He differs from the other justices in being a barrister of ten years' standing, and in being salaried. St. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 71; 22 & 23 Vict. c. 4; Pritch. Quar. Sess. 31.


ASSISUS. Rented or farmed out for a specified assise; that is, a payment of a certain assessed rent in money or provisions.

ASSIHMEMENT. Wercgild (q. v.) or compensation by a pecuniary mulet. Cowell.

ASSIZE. In the practice of the criminal courts of Scotland, the fifteen men who decide on the conviction or acquittal of an accused person are called the "assize," though in popular language, and even in statutes, they are called the "jury." Wharton. See Assise.

ASSIZES. Sessions of the justices or commissioners of assize. These assizes are held twice in each year in each of the various shires of England, with some exceptions, for the trial of matters of fact in issue in both civil and criminal cases. They still retain the ancient name in popular language, though the commission of assise is no longer issued. See Assise.

ASSIZES DE JERUSALEM. A code of feudal jurisprudence prepared by an assembly of barons and lords A. D. 1099, after the conquest of Jerusalem. It was compiled principally from the laws and customs of France.

ASSOCIATE. A partner in interest.

An officer in each of the English courts of common law, appointed by the chief judge of the court, and holding his office during good behavior, whose duties were to superintend the entry of causes, to attend the sittings of nisi prius, and there receive and enter verdicts, and to draw up the process and any orders of nisi prius. The associates are now officers of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and are styled "Masters of the Supreme Court." Wharton.

A person associated with the judges and clerk of assize in the commission of general jail delivery. Mozley & Whitley.

The term is frequently used of the judges of appellate courts, other than the presiding judge or chief justice.

ASSOCIATES IN OFFICE. "Associates in office" are those who are united in action; who have a common purpose; who share the responsibility or authority and among whom is reasonable equality; those who are authorized by law to perform the duties jointly or as a body. Barton v. Alexander, 27 Idaho, 286, 148 P. 471, 474, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 729.

ASSOCIATION. The act of a number of persons in uniting together for some special purpose or business. The persons so joining. It is a word of vague meaning used to indicate a collection of persons who have joined together for a certain object. Ruse v. Williams, 14 Ariz. 445, 130 P. 857, 888, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 923; Van Pelt v. Hilliard, 75 Fla. 792, 78 So. 693, 695, L. R. A. 1915E, 639; U. S. v. Martindale (D. C.) 146 F. 280, 284.

An unincorporated society; a body of persons united and acting together without a charter, but upon the methods and forms used by incorporated bodies for the prosecution of some common enterprise. Allen v. Stevens, 33 App. Div. 485, 54 N. Y. Supp. 23; State v. Steele, 37 Minn. 428, 34 N. W. 903; Mills v. State, 23 Tex. 303; Laycock v. State, 136 Ind. 217, 36 N. E. 137; Hecht v. Malley, 265 U. S. 144, 157, 44 S. Ct. 462, 467, 68 L. Ed. 948. It is not a legal entity separate from the persons who compose it. Meinhart v. Contresta (Sup.) 194 N. Y. S. 593, 594.

A "confraternity or union for particular purposes, good or ill. Johnson's Dict. In that sense it [the term "association"] is a generic term and may indifferently comprehend a voluntary confraternity, which is a partnership dissolve by the persons who formed it, or a corporate confraternity, deriving its existence from a confederacy, and dissolve only by the law." Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 9, 104. See, also, In re Graves' Estate, 171 N. Y. 40, 63 N. E. 787, 789; St. John's Military Academy v. Edwards, 143 Wis. 51, 128 N. W. 113, 114, 139 Am. St. Rep. 1122; U. S. v. Munday, 222 U. S. 175, 32 S. Ct. 53, 56, 56 L. Ed. 149; State ex rel. Mullan v. Syndicate Land Co., 142 Iowa, 22, 120 N. W. 327, 329; Campbell v. Floyd, 153 Pa. 73, 25 A. 1033, 1066.

The word in association" means a body of persons invested with some, yet not full, corporate rights and powers, but will not include the state. State v. Taylor, 7 S. D. 533, 64 N. W. 548.

The word may be synonymous with "company." Lee Mut. Fire Ins. Co. v. State, 60 Miss. 395, 396.

"Association" and "society" are convertible terms. New York County Medical Ass'n v.

"Association" has been held to include a common-law or Massachusetts trust. State v. Hinkle, 126 Wash. 381, 210 P. 41, 43; Crocker v. Malley (C. C. A.) 250 F. 617, 820; Burke-Waggoner Oil Ass'n v. Hopkins, 269 U. S. 110, 46 S. Ct. 48, 49, 70 L. Ed. 133. Also a trade union or labor organization. Dowd v. United Man Workers of America (C. C. A.) 255 F. 1, 4; Cohn v. People, 149 Ill. 456, 37 N. E. 60, 62, 23 L. R. A. 521, 41 Am. St. Rep. 304; Tracy v. Banker, 170 Mass. 296, 49 N. E. 308, 39 L. R. A. 508.

In English Law

A writ directing certain persons (usually the clerk and his subordinate officers) to associate themselves with the justices and sergeants for the purpose of taking the assizes. 3 Bla. Comm. 59.

Articles of Association

See Articles.

National Banking Associations


ASSOCIÉ EN NOM. In French law. In a société en commandité an associé en nom is one who is liable for the engagements of the undertaking to the whole extent of his property. This expression arises from the fact that the names of the associés so liable figure in the firm-name or form part of the société en nom collectif. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 546.

ASSOIL. (Spelled also assoile, absolve, assolutie.) To absolve; acquit; to set free; to deliver from excommunication. St. 1 Hen. IV. c. 7; Cowell.

ASSOILZIE. In Scotch law. To acquit the defendant in an action; to find a criminal not guilty.


ASSUMED RISK. See Assumption of Risk.

ASSUMPSIT. Lat. He undertook; he promised. A promise or engagement by which one person assumes or undertakes to do some act or pay something to another. It may be either oral or in writing, but is not under seal. It is express if the promisor puts his engagement in distinct and definite language; it is implied where the law infers a promise (though no formal one has passed) from the conduct of the party or the circumstances of the case. Wiltenberg v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 11 Ill. App. 382.

In Practice

A form of action which lies for the recovery of damages for the non-performance of a parol or simple contract; or a contract that is neither of record nor under seal. 7 Term, 551; Ballard v. Walker, 3 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 60.

The ordinary division of this action is into (1) common or indebitatus assumpsit, brought for the most part on an implied promise; and (2) special assumpsit, founded on an express promise. Steph. Pl. 11, 13. See Special Assumpsit; General Assumpsit.

The action of assumpsit differs from trespass and trover, which are founded on a tort, not upon a contract; from covenant and debt, which are appropriate where the ground of recovery is a sealed instrument, or special obligation to pay a fixed sum; and from replevin, which seeks the recovery of specific property, if attainable, rather than of damages.

Special Assumpsit

An action of assumpsit is so called where the declaration sets out the precise language or effect of a special contract, which forms the ground of action; it is distinguished from a general assumpsit, in which the technical claim is for a debt alleged to grow out of the contract, not the agreement itself. An action brought on a promise or contract implied in law that the defendant, in equity and in good conscience, is bound to pay plaintiff the consideration of a benefit conferred. Ruse v. Williams, 14 Ariz. 445, 130 P. 887, 888, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 923.


The act or agreement of assuming or taking upon one's self; the undertaking or adoption of a debt or obligation primarily resting upon another, as where the purchaser of real estate "assumes" a mortgage resting upon it, in which case he adopts the mortgage debt as his own and becomes personally liable for its payment. Engleston v. Morrison, 84 Ill. App. 631; Locke v. Homer, 131 Mass. 93, 41 Am. Rep. 199; Springer v. De Wolf, 194 Ill. 218, 62 N. E. 542, 56 L. R. A. 495, 85 Am. St. Rep.
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155; Lenz v. Railroad Co., 111 Wis. 198, 86 N. W. 607.

The difference between the purchaser of land assuming a mortgage on it and simply buying subject to the mortgage, is that in the former case he makes himself personally liable for the payment of the mortgage debt, while in the latter case he does not. Hancock v. Fleming, 106 Ind. 353, 3 N. E. 254; Braman v. Dowse, 12 Cash. (Miss.) 227.

When he takes the conveyance subject to the mortgage, he is bound only to the extent of the property. Brichetto v. Raney, 76 Cal. App. 232, 245 P. 235, 241.

Where one "assumes" a lease, he takes to himself the obligations, contracts, agreements, and benefits to which the other contracting party was entitled under the terms of the lease. Cincinnati, etc., R. Co. v. Indiana, etc., R. Co., 44 Ohio St. 287, 314, 7 N. E. 152.


But it does not include the risks from the negligence of the master, or the gross negligence of his superior servant. Burton Const. Co. v. Mescalfe, 162 Ky. 308, 172 S. W. 698, 700; Frederick Cotton Oil & Mfg. Co. v. Traver, 38 Okl. 717, 129 P. 747, 748. The term is rightly applicable only to master and servant cases and is a result of a contract of hiring. City of Linton v. Maddox, 130 N. E. 810, 812, 75 Ind. App. 449. "Contributory negligence" is not synonymous with assumption of risk. Dolese Bros. Co. v. Kahl (C. C. A.) 203 F. 627, 630. "Assumed risk" is founded upon the knowledge of the employee, either actual or constructive, of the risks to be encountered, and his consent to take the chance of injury therefrom. Contributory negligence implies misconduct, the doing of an imprudent act by the injured party, or his dereliction in failing to take proper precaution for his personal safety. The doctrine of assumed risk is founded upon contract, while contributory negligence is solely matter of conduct. Cobia v. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co., 188 N. C. 487, 125 S. E. 18, 21; Guif, C. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. Cooper (Tex. Civ. App.) 191 S. W. 579, 582; Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co. v. De Atley, 159 Ky. 867, 167 S. W. 933, 935; Barkey v. Kansas City, M. & O. Ry. Co., 88 Kan. 767, 129 P. 1151, 1156, 43 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1121; Wheeler v. Tyler, 129 Minn. 266, 152 N. W. 137.

ASSUMPTION OF SKILL. The doctrine known as the "assumption of skill" on the part of the master sometimes makes the knowledge implied against the master relative to the safety of the place of work, and the nature, constituents, and general characteristics of the things used in the business, superior to that implied against the servant, especially where the servant is inexperienced. Burton v. Wadley Southern Ry. Co., 25 Ga. App. 886, 103 S. E. 851; Hines v. Little, 26 Ga. App. 136, 105 S. E. 618.

ASSURANCE.

In Conveyancing

A deed or instrument of conveyance. The legal evidences of the transfer of property are in England called the "common assurances" of the kingdom, whereby every man's estate is assured to him, and all controversies, doubts, and difficulties are either prevented or removed. 2 Bl. Comm. 291. State v. Farrand, 8 N. J. Law. 335.

In Commercial Law


A making secure; assurance. The term was formerly of very frequent use in the modern sense of insurance, particularly in English maritime law, and still appears in the policies of some companies, but is otherwise seldom seen of late years. There seems to be a tendency, however, to use assurance for the contracts of life insurance companies, and insurance for risks upon property.

ASSURANCE, FURTHER, COVENANT FOR. See Covenant for Further Assurance.

ASSURED. A person who has been insured by some insurance company, or underwriter, against losses or perils mentioned in the policy of insurance. Brockway v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 29 Fed. 766; Sanford v. Insurance Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 548.

The person for whose benefit the policy is issued and to whom the loss is payable, not necessarily the person on whose life or property the policy is written. Thus where a wife insures her husband's life for her own benefit and he has no interest in the policy, she is the "insured" and he the "insuring." Hogle v. Insurance Co., 6 Rob. (N. Y.) 570; Fardor v. Canfield, 104 N. Y. 143, 30 N. E. 140; Insurance Co. v. Lucas, 108 U. S. 498, 2 Sup. Ct. 949, 27 L. Ed. 580. But ordinarily the two words are synonymous. Thompson v. Northwestern Mut. Life Ins. Co., 161 Iowa, 446, 143 N. W. 518.

ASSURER. An insurer against certain perils and dangers; an underwriter; an indemnifier.

ASSYTHEMEN. In Scotch law. Damages awarded to the relative of a murdered person from the guilty party, who has not been convicted and punished. Paters. Comp.

ASTIPULATION. A mutual agreement, assent, and consent between parties; also a witness or record.

ASTTRITRARIUS HÆRES. An heir apparent who has been placed, by conveyance, in possession of his ancestor's estate during such ancestor's lifetime. Co. Litt. 8.

ASTITUTION. An arraignment (q. v.).

ASTRARIUS. In old English law. A householder; belonging to the house; a person in actual possession of a house.

ASTRARIUS HÆRES. Where the ancestor by conveyance hath set his heir apparent and his family in a house in his lifetime. Cunningham, L. Dict.

ASTER. In old English law. A householder, or occupant of a house or hearth.

ASTRICT. In Scotch law. To assign to a particular mill.

ASTRICION TO A MILL. A servitude by which grain growing on certain lands or brought within them must be carried to a certain mill to be ground, a certain muirine or price being paid for the same. Jacob.

ASTRIHILITET. In Saxon law. A penalty for a wrong done by one in the king's peace. The offender was to replace the damage twofold. Spelman.

ASTRUM. A house, or place of habitation. Bract. fol. 267b; Cowell.

ASYLUM. A sanctuary, or place of refuge and protection, where criminals and debtors found shelter, and from which they could not be taken without sacrilege. State v. Bacon, 6 Neb. 201; Cromie v. Institution of Mercy, 3 Bush (Ky.) 391.

Shelter; refuge; protection from the hand of justice. The word includes not only place, but also shelter, security, protection; and a fugitive from justice, who has committed a crime in a foreign country, "seeks an asylum" at all times when he claims the use of the territories of the United States. In re De Glaco, 12 Bintchf. 335, Fed. Cas. No. 3,747. Every sovereign state has the right to offer an asylum to fugitives from other countries, but there is no corresponding right on the part of the alien to claim asylum. In recent years this right of asylum has been voluntarily limited by most states by treaties providing for the extradition (q. v.) of fugitive criminals.

In time of war, a place of refuge in neutral territory for belligerent war-ships. An institution for the protection and relief of unfortunatees, as asylum for the poor, for the deaf and dumb, or for the insane. Lawrence v. Leidigh, 58 Kan. 594, 50 Pac. 600, 62 Am. St. Rep. 631. The term may also include a hospital constructed and maintained by the United States government for the treatment of soldiers and ex-soldiers. Kemp v. Heebner, 77 Colo. 170, 234 P. 1068, 1069.

AT. A term of considerable elasticity of meaning, and somewhat indefinite. As used to fix a time, it does not necessarily mean an instant or the identical time named, or even a fixed definite moment. Barnett v. Strain, 151 Ga. 533, 107 S. E. 530, 532. Under a statute making admissible evidence of other sales of intoxicating liquor "at the same time," "at" means the very day charged, People v. Foehman, 226 Mich. 53, 197 N. W. 168, 169, and may likewise in other cases mean on the same day, Perry v. Gross, 172 Cal. 498, 156 P. 1081, 1082. But "at" may often express simply nearness and proximity, and consequently may denote a reasonable time, Childers v. Brown, 31 Okl. 1, 153 P. 196, 188, Am. Cas. 1918B, 170; Gregory v. Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, 151 La. 228, 91 So. 717, 719.


knee" has reference to the exact location of the knee, not near to it or below it. Cone v. Texas Employers' Ins. Ass'n (Tex. Civ. App.) 251 S. W. 262, 264.

Depending on the context, "at" may be equivalent to "in"; Feore v. Trammel, 212 Ala. 325, 102 So. 529, 531; Millikan v. Security Trust Co., 187 Ind. 307, 118 N. E. 568, 569 (contra : Fayette County Board of Education v. Tompkins, 212 Ky. 751, 259 S. W. 114, 116); "toward"; State v. Cunningham, 107 Miss. 440, 63 So. 115, 117, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1179; "after"; Davis v. Godart, 131 Minn. 221, 154 N. W. 1091, 1092; Ex parte Szumrak (D. C.) 278 F. 583, 589; "not later than"; Smith v. Jacksonville Oil Mill Co., 21 Ga. App. 679, 94 S. E. 900, 901; or to the words on, by, about, under, over, through, from, to, etc.

AT ARM'S LENGTH. Beyond the reach of personal influence or control. Parties are said to deal "at arm's length" when each stands upon the strict letter of his rights, and conducts the business in a formal manner, without trusting to the other's fairness or integrity, and without being subject to the other's control or overmastering influence.


AT ISSUE. Whenever the parties come to a point in the pleadings which is affirmed on one side and denied on the other, they are said to be at an issue. Willard v. Zehr, 215 Ill. 164, 74 N. E. 107, 108.

AT LARGE. Not limited to any particular place, district, person, matter, or question; open to discussion or controversy; not precluded. Free; unrestrained; not under corporal control; as a ferocious animal so free from restraint as to be liable to do mischief. Fully; in detail; in an extended form. A congressman at large is one who is elected by the electors of an entire state.

AT LAW. According to law; by, for, or in law; particularly in distinction from that which is done in or according to equity; or in titles such as sergeant at law, barrister at law, attorney or counsellor at law. See Hooker v. Nichols, 116 N. C. 157, 21 S. E. 208.

AT ONCE. In contracts of various kinds the phrase "at once" is construed as synonymous with "immediately" and "forthwith," where the subject-matter is the giving of notice. The use of such term does not ordinarily call for instantaneous action, but rather that notice shall be given within such time as is reasonable in view of the circumstances. National Live Stock Ins. Co. v. Simmons, 62 Ind. App. 115, 111 N. E. 18, 19; Empire State Surety Co. v. Northwest Lumber Co. (C. C. A.) 203 F. 417, 420. Likewise, contracts or statutes requiring the performance of a particular act "at once" are usually held to mean simply within a reasonable time. Wichita Mill & Elevator Co. v. Liberal Elevator Co. (C. A.) 243 F. 39, 102; Roueux v. Continental Life Ins. & Inv. Co., 45 Utah, 234, 144 P. 1096, 1099; Dixon v. U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 293 S. W. 291, 294; State ex rel. Conway v. Nolte (Mo. App.) 218 S. W. 562; Arizona Power Co. v. State, 19 Ariz. 114, 106 P. 275, 277. An order to "ship at once" was held to mean "with all reasonable haste consistent with fair business activity." Grays Harbor Commercial Co. v. Yakima Valley Producers' Ass'n, 130 Wash. 567, 226 P. 600, 601. As to other sale contracts requiring shipment "at once," see Lawson v. Hobos, 120 Va. 890, 91 S. E. 750, 752; B. A. Collins & Co. v. Gus Blass Co., 154 Ark. 244, 242 S. W. 70; Gladney Milling Co. v. Dement (Tex. Civ. App.) 230 S. W. 1088, 1049; Christenson v. Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. (C. C. A.) 8 F.(2d) 689, 691. As to sales involving warranties, see Monroe & Monroe v. Cowne, 133 Va. 151, 112 S. E. 848, 850; Wood, Stubbins & Co. v. Kaufmann, 233 Ill. App. 138, 142.


ATAMITA. In the civil law. A great-great-great-grandfather's sister.

ATAVIA. In the civil law. A great-grandmother's grandmother.

ATAVUNCULUS. The brother of a great-grandfather's grandmother, or a great-great-grandfather's brother.

ATAVUS. The male ascendant in the fifth degree. The great-grandfather's or great-grandmother's grandfather; a fourth grand- 

the ascending line of male ancestry runs thus: Pater, Avus, Provatus, Abavus, Atavus, Tritavus. The seventh generation in the ascending scale will be Triviti pater, and the next above it Proavi atavus.

ATHA. (Spelled also Atta, Athe, Atte.) In Saxon law. An oath; the power or privilege of exacting and administering an oath. Spe- 
mun.


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ATIA. Hatred or ill-will. See De Odio et Atia.

ATILUM. The tackle or rigging of a ship; the harness or tackle of a plow. Spelman.

ATMATERTERA. A great-grandfather’s grandmother’s sister, (Lat. saoror) called by Bracton “atmatertera magna.” Bract. fol. 689.

ATOMIZED. In ordinary use, “atomized” refers to the effect upon the form of liquids which have been projected by a blast of air, gas, or steam, breaking them up into very small particles. Graphic Arts Co. v. Photochrome Engraving Co. (C. C. A.) 231 F. 146, 155.

ATPATRUS. The brother of a great-grandfather’s grandfather.

ATRAVESADOS. In maritime law. A Spanish term signifying athwart, at right angles, or asea; sometimes used as descriptive of the position of a vessel which is “lying to.” The Hugo (D. C.) 57 Fed. 403, 410.


ATROCITY. A word implying conduct that is outrageously or wantonly wicked, criminal, vile, cruel; extremely horrible and shocking. State v. Wyman, 56 Mont. 600, 156 P. 1, 3.

ATTACH. To take or apprehend by commandment of a writ or process. Buckeye Pipe-Line Co. v. Fee, 62 Ohio St. 548, 57 N. E. 446, 78 Am. St. Rep. 743.

It differs from arrest, because it takes not only the body, but sometimes the goods, whereas an arrest is only against the person; besides, he who attaches keeps the party attached in order to produce him in court on the day named, but he who arrests lodges the person arrested in the custody of a higher power, to be forthwith disposed of. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 24. See Attachment.

In a broad sense, “attach” indicates any seizure of property for the purpose of bringing it within the custody of the court, and is not limited to “a seizure on mesne process. In re Safady Bros. (D. C.) 228 F. 558, 540; In re Clark (D. C.) 11 F. (2d) 540, 541.

ATTACHÉ. A person attached to an embassy, to the suite of an ambassador, or to a foreign legation. Hence, one connected with an office, e. g., a public office. Noel v. Lewis, 35 Cal. App. 658, 170 P. 837, 839.

ATTACHED. A term describing the physical union of two otherwise independent structures or objects, or the relation between two parts of a single structure, each having its own function. National Brake & Electric Co. v. Christenson (C. C. A.) 229 F. 664, 570. As applied to buildings, the term is often synonymous with “annexed.” Williams Mfg. Co. v. Insurance Co. of North America, 88 Vt. 161, 106 A. 657, 658. For cases involving chattels attached (or not attached) to realty, see In re Banos (D. C.) 8 F.(2d) 85, 96; Cutler Mail Chute Co. v. Crawford, 167 App. Div. 246, 152 N. Y. S. 750, 752; Cohoes Iron Foundry & Machine Co. v. Glavin, 190 App. Div. 87, 179 N. Y. S. 337, 338.

The word “attached,” in an affidavit of service of a notice, used to designate a notice appearing on the reverse side of the affidavit, is improper. Wood v. Yearous, 139 Iowa, 321, 140 N. W. 322, 324.

ATTACHIAMENTA. L. Lat. Attachment.

ATTACHIAMENTA BONORUM. A distress formerly taken upon goods and chattels, by the legal attachiatores or bailiffs, as security to answer an action for personal estate or debt.


ATTACHIAMENTA DE SPINIS ET BOSCIS. A privilege granted to the officers of a forest to take to their own use thorns, brush, and windfalls, within their precepts. Kenn. Par. Antiq. 206.

ATTACHING CREDITOR. See Creditor.

ATTACHMENT. The act or process of taking, apprehending, or seizing persons or property, by virtue of a writ, summons, or other judicial order, and bringing the same into the custody of the law; used either for the purpose of bringing a person before the court, of acquiring jurisdiction over the property seized, to compel an appearance, to furnish security for debt or costs, or to arrest a fund in the hands of a third person who may become liable to pay it over.

Also the writ or other process for the accomplishment of the purposes above enumerated, this being the more common use of the word.

OF PERSONS

A writ issued by a court of record, commanding the sheriff to bring before it a person who has been guilty of contempt of court, either in neglect or abuse of its process or of subordinate powers. 3 Bl. Comm. 250; 4 Bl. Comm. 283; Burbach v. Light Co., 119 Wis. 384, 96 N. W. 829; 1 Term., 266; Str. 411. See State v. Mc Dermott, 10 N. J. Law, 63; Bacon v. Wilber, 1 Cow. (N. Y.) 121, n.; Commonwealth v. Sheeter, 250 Pa. 282, 95 A. 468, 470.

OF PROPERTY

A species of mesne process, by which a writ is issued at the institution or during the progress of an action, commanding the sheriff to seize the property, rights, credits, or effects of the defendant to be held as security for the satisfaction of such judgment as the plaintiff may recover. It is principally used
ATTACHMENT


To Give Jurisdiction

Where the defendant is a non-resident, or beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the court, his goods or land within the territory may be seized upon process of attachment; whereby he may be compelled to enter an appearance, or the court acquires jurisdiction so far as to dispose of the property attached. This is sometimes called “foreign attachment.” See the following paragraph. See, also, Drake, Att. § 4 a: Megee v. Beirne, 39 Pa. 50; Bray v. McClung, 55 Mo. 128. In such a case, the proceeding becomes in substance an in rem against the attached property. Clifford v. Pateros Transfer Co., 71 Wash. 665, 129 P. 369, 371.

Domestic and Foreign

In some jurisdictions it is common to give the name “domestic attachment” to one issuing against a resident debtor, (upon the special ground of fraud, intention to abscond, etc.,) and to designate an attachment against a non-resident, or his property, as “foreign.” Longwell v. Hartwell, 164 Pa. 524, 30 A. 495; David E. Kennedy, Inc., v. Schiefler, 290 Pa. 38, 137 A. 515, 516, 53 A. L. R. 1024. But the term “foreign attachment” more properly belongs to the process otherwise familiarly known as “garnishment.” It was a peculiar and ancient remedy open to creditors within the jurisdiction of the city of London, by which they were enabled to satisfy their own debts by attaching or seizing the money or goods of the debtor in the hands of a third person within the jurisdiction of the city. Welsh v. Blackwell, 14 N. J. Law, 348. This power and process survive in modern law, in all common-law jurisdictions, and are variously denominated “garnishment,” “trustee process,” or “factorizing.” Ragleth v. McCon nell, 25 Pa. 362, 363.

A garnishment proceeding under the statutes of Oklahoma is so effectually an attachment that it is included within the term “attachment.” Berry-Beall Dry Goods Co. v. Adams, 87 Okl. 4, 221 P. 79, 81.

ATTACHMENT EXECUTION. A name given in some states to a process of garnishment for the satisfaction of a judgment. As to the judgment debtor it is an execution; but as to the garnishee it is an original process—a summons commanding him to appear and show cause, If any he has, why the judgment should not be levied on the goods and effects of the defendant in his hands. Kennedy v. Agricultural Ins. Co., 105 Pa. 179, 30 Atl. 724; Appeal of Lane, 105 Pa. 61, 51 Am. Rep. 106.

ATTACHMENT OF PRIVILEGE. In English law. A process by which a man, by virtue of his privilege, calls another to litigate in that court to which he himself belongs, and who has the privilege to answer there. A writ issued to apprehend a person in a privileged place. Termina de la Ley.

ATTACHMENT OF THE FOREST. One of the three courts formerly held in forests. The highest court was called “justice in eyre’s seat;” the middle, the “swainomote;” and the lowest, the “attachment.” Manwood, 90, 99.

ATTAINDER. That extinction of civil rights and capacities which takes place when a person who has committed treason or felony receives sentence of death for his crime. 1 Steph. Com. 408; 1 Bish. Cr. L. § 641; Green v. Shumway; 39 N. Y. 411; In re Garland, 32 How. 346. (N. Y.) 271; Coe v. Long, 3 N. J. Law, 760; State v. Hastings, 41 Neb. 96, 55 N. W. 731.

It differs from conviction, in that it is after judgment, whereas conviction is upon the verdict of guilty, but before judgment pronounced, and may be quashed upon some point of law reserved, or judgment may be arrested. The consequences of attainer are forfeiture of property and corruption of blood. 4 Bl. Comm. 380.

At the common law, attainer resulted in three ways, viz.: by confession, by verdict, and by process or outlawry. The first case was where the prisoner pleaded guilty at the bar, or having fled to sanctuary, confessed his guilt and abjured the realm to save his life. The second was where the prisoner pleaded not guilty at the bar, and the jury brought in a verdict against him. The third, when the person accused made his escape and was outlawed. Coke, Litt. 391.

In England, by statute 32 & 34 Vict. c. 23, attainer upon conviction, with consequent corruption of blood, forfeiture, or exchequer, is abolished. In the United States, the doctrine of attainer is now scarcely known, although during and shortly after the Revolution acts of attainer were passed by several of the states. The passage of such bills is expressly forbidden by the constitution.

Bill of Attainder

A legislative act, directed against a designated person, pronouncing him guilty of an alleged crime, (usually treason,) without trial or conviction according to the recognized rules of procedure, and passing sentence of death and attainer upon him. “Bills of attainer,” as they are technically called, are such special acts of the legislature as inflict capital punishments upon persons supposed to be guilty of high offenses, such as treason and felony, without any conviction in the ordinary course of judicial proceedings. If an act inflicts a milder degree of punishment than death, it is called a “bill of pains and penalties,” but both are included in the prohibition in the Federal constitution. Story,
There is a marked distinction between "attempt" and "intent." The former conveys the idea of physical effort to accomplish an act; the latter, the quality of mind with which an act was done. To charge, in an indictment, an assault with an attempt to murder, is not equivalent to charging an assault with intent to murder. State v. Marshall, 14 Ala. 411. But an assault with intent to commit a crime necessarily embraces an "attempt" to commit the crime. People v. Akins, 25 Cal. App. 373, 143 P. 735, 736. Compare Ciruli v. State, 83 Tex. Cr. R. 8. 290 S. W. 1088, holding that the word "attempt" is more comprehensive than the word "intent," implying both the purpose and an actual effort to carry that purpose into execution.

In Civil Matters


ATTENDANT, n. One who owes a duty or service to another, or in some sort depends upon him. Termes de la Ley. One who follows and waits upon another.


ATTENDANT TERMS. In English law, terms, (usually mortgages,) for a long period of years, which are created or kept outstanding for the purpose of attending or waiting upon and protecting the inheritance. 1 Steph. Comm. 351.

A phrase used in conveyancing to denote estates which are kept alive, after the objects for which they were originally created have ceased, so that they might be deemed merged or satisfied, for the purpose of protecting or strengthening the title of the owner. Abbott.

ATTENTAT. Lat. He attempts. In the civil and canon law. Anything wrongfully innated or attempted in a suit by an inferior judge (or judge a quo) pending an appeal. 1 Addams, 22, note; Shelf. Mar. & Div. 562; Aylliffe, Parerg. 100.

ATTENTION. Consideration; notice. The phrase "your bill shall have attention" was held to be ambiguous and not to amount to an acceptance of the bill. 2 B. & Ald. 113.
ATTERNARE.

ATTERNARE. In old English law. To put off to a succeeding term; to prolong the time of payment of a debt. Stat. Westm. 2, c. 4; Cowell; Blount.

ATTERNING. In old English law. A putting off; the granting of a time or term, as for the payment of a debt. Cowell.

ATTREMOIEMENT. In canon law. A making terms; a composition, as with creditors. 7 Low. C. 272, 396.

ATTEST. To bear witness to; to affirm to be true or genuine. Ex parte Lockhart, 72 Mont. 136, 232 P. 183, 186. To witness the execution of a written instrument, at the request of him who makes it, and subscribe the same as a witness. White v. Magarahan, 67 Ga. 217, 13 S. E. 509; Lozwood v. Hussey, 60 Ala. 424; Arrington v. Arrington, 122 Ala. 510, 26 So. 152. This is also the technical word by which it is in the practice in many of the states, a certifying officer gives assurance of the genuineness and correctness of a copy. Thus, an "attested" copy of a document is one which has been examined and compared with the original, with a certificate or memorandum of its correctness, signed by the persons who have examined it. Goss, etc., Co. v. People, 4 Ill. App. 515; Donaldson v. Wood, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 400; Gerner v. Mosher, 58 Neb. 135, 78 N. W. 384, 46 L. R. A. 244.

ATTESTATION. The act of witnessing an instrument in writing, at the request of the party making the same, and subscribing it as a witness. 3 P. Wms. 254; Shanks v. Christopher, 3 A. K. Marsh. (Ky.) 146; Hall v. Hall, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 375; In re Jones' Estate, 101 Wash. 128, 172 P. 206, 207. The act of witnessing the execution of a paper and subscribing the name of the witness in testimony of such fact. In re Drusch's Estate, 138 Minn. 322, 164 N. W. 1023, 1024; First Nat. Bank v. Devore, 110 Okl. 233, 234 P. 734, 735; In re Virgin (D. C.) 224 F. 128, 140; Quirk v. Piersen, 287 Ill. 176, 122 N. E. 518, 520. See Attest.

Execution and attestation are clearly distinct formalities; the former being the act of the party, the latter of the witnesses only.

Subscription differs from attestation, in that the former is the mere manual or mechanical act of signing—the act of the hand, whereas the latter signifies the mental act of bearing witness to—the act of the senses. Moore v. Walton, 138 Ga. 406, 133 S. E. 812, 814; In re Khuda's Estate, 78 Okl. 13, 188 P. 339, 340; Tilken v. Daniels, 79 N. H. 366, 109 A. 146, 8 A. L. R. 1972.

ATTENTION CLAUSE. That clause wherein the witnesses certify that the instrument has been executed before them, and the manner of the execution of the same.

ATTENDED COPY. See Attest.

ATTENDING WITNESS. One who signs his name to an instrument, at the request of the party or parties, for the purpose of proving and identifying it. Skinner v. Bible Soc., 22 Wis. 209, 56 N. W. 1437; 3 Campb. 232; Jenkins v. Dawes, 115 Mass. 509; In re Held's Estate, 130 Minn. 256, 153 N. W. 234, 355; In re McDonough's Estate, 201 App. Div. 203, 193 N. Y. S. 734, 736.

ATTESOR. One who attests or vouches for.

ATTESOR OF A CAUTIONER. In Scotch practice. A person who attests the sufficiency of a cautioner, and agrees to become subdiarie liable for the debt. Bell.

ATTILE. In old English law. The rigging or furniture of a ship. Jacob, L Dict. Rigging; tackle. Cowell.

ATTON. In Feudal Law

To turn over; to transfer to another money or goods; to assign to some particular use or service. Kennet, Paroch. Antiq. 283; 2 Bla. Comm. 285; Littleton § 553; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 137; 1 Washb. R. P. 28, n.

Where a lord aliened his seigniory, he might, with the consent of the tenant, and in some cases without, attorn or transfer the homage and service of the latter to the alienor or new lord. Bract. folia. 61b, 62.

In Modern Law

To consent to the transfer of a rent or reversion. To agree to become tenant to one as owner or landlord of an estate previously held of another, or to agree to recognize a new owner of a property or estate and promise payment of rent to him. Obermeyer v. Mattison, 98 Or. 195, 193 P. 215; Hurley v. Stevens, 220 Mo. App. 1067, 270 S. W. 720, 722.

ATTORNARE. In feudal law. To attorn; to transfer or turn over; to appoint an attorney or substitute.

ATTORNARE REM. To turn over money or goods, i. e., to assign or appropriate them to some particular use or service.

ATTORNATO FACIENDO VEL RECIPIENDO. An obsolete writ, which commanded a sheriff or steward of a county court or hundred court to receive and admit an attorney to appear for the person that owed suit of court. Fitz. N. B. 156, 349.


ATTORNEY. In the most general sense, this term denotes an agent or substitute, or one who is appointed and authorized to act in the place or stead of another. Baxter v. City of Venice, 274 Ill. 233, 111 N. E. 111, 112; In re Rickler, 66 N. H. 207, 29 A. 559, 24 L. R. A. 740; Elschelberger v. Sifford, 27 Md. 320.

It is "an ancient English word, and signifieth one that is set in the turne, stead, or place of another; and of these some be private * * * and some be publike, as attor-
neys at law." Co. Litt. 515; 1254; Brit. 2355; Spelman; Termes de la Ley.

One who is appointed by another to do something in his absence, and who has authority to act in the place and turn of him by whom he is delegated.

When used with reference to the proceedings of courts, or the transaction of business in the courts, the term always means "attorney at law" (q. v.) unless a contrary meaning is clearly indicated. See People v. May, 3 Mich. 606; Kelly v. Herb, 147 Pa. 560, 25 A. 889; Clark v. Morse, 16 La. 576; In re Morse, 95 Vt. 85, 126 A. 550, 551, 36 A. L. R. 527.

"Lawyer" and "attorney" are synonymous. People v. Taylor, 56 Colo. 441, 138 P. 762, 763.

—Attorney ad hon. See Ad hoc.


In English law. A public officer belonging to the superior courts of common law at Westminster, who conducted legal proceedings on behalf of others, called his clients, by whom he was retained; he answered to the solicitor in the courts of chancery, and the proctor of the admiralty, ecclesiastical, probate, and divorce courts. An attorney was almost invariably also a solicitor. It is now provided by the judiciary act, 1673, § 87, that solicitors, attorneys, or proctors of, or by law empowered to prosecute in any court the jurisdiction of which is by that act transferred to the high court of justice or the court of appeal, shall be called "solicitors of the supreme court." Wharton.

The term "attorney at law," as used in the United States, usually includes "barrister," "counselor," and "solicitor," in the sense in which those terms are used in England. In some states, as well as in the United States supreme court, "attorney" and "counselor" are distinguishable, the former term being applied to the younger members of the bar, and to those who carry on the practice and formal parts of the suit, while "counselor" is the adviser, or special counsel retained to try the cause. Sp. & L.

—Attorney in fact. A private attorney authorized by another to act in his place and stead, either for some particular purpose, as to do a particular act, or for the transaction of business in general, not of a legal character. This authority is conferred by an instrument in writing, called a "letter of attorney," or more commonly a "power of attorney." Treat v. Tolman, 113 F. 893, 51 C. C. A. 522; Hall v. Sawyer, 47 Barb. (N. Y.) 119; White v. Ferguson, 29 Ind. App. 144, 64 N. E. 49.

This term is employed to designate persons who act under a special agency, or a special letter of attorney, so that they are appointed in factum, for the deed, or special act to be performed; but in a more extended sense it includes all other agents employed in any business, or to do any act or acts in pais for another. Bacon, Abr. Attorney; Story, Ab. § 25.

—Attorney of record. The one whose name is entered on the record of an action or suit as the attorney of a designated party there-to. Delaney v. Husband, 61 N. J. Law, 275, 45 Atl. 285.

—Attorney of the wards and liveries. In English law. This was the third officer of the duchy court. Bac. Abr. "Attorney."

—Attorney's certificate. In English practice, a certificate of the commissioners of stamps that the attorney therein named has paid the annual tax or duty. This must be renewed yearly; and the penalty for practising without such certificate is fifty pounds; Stat. 37 Geo. III. c. 90, §§ 26, 28, 30. See also 7 & 8 Vict. c. 73, §§ 21–26; 16 & 17 Vict. c. 63.

—Attorney's lien. See Lien; Charging Lien.

—Letter of attorney. A power of attorney; a written instrument by which one person constitutes another his true and lawful attorney, in order that the latter may do for the former, and in his place and stead, some lawful act. People v. Smith, 112 Mich. 192, 70 N. W. 463, 67 Am. St. Rep. 392; Civ. Code La. art. 2983. An instrument of writing, appointing an attorney in fact for an avowed purpose and setting forth his powers and duties. Mullins v. Commonwealth, 179 Ky. 71, 200 S. W. 9, 11. It is, in effect, a mere contract of agency. Filtisch v. Bishop, 118 Okl. 272, 247 P. 1110, 1111. A general power authorizes the agent to act generally in behalf of the principal. A special power is one limited to particular acts.

—Public attorney. A name sometimes given to an attorney at law, as distinguished from a private attorney, or attorney in fact.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

In English Law

The chief law officer of the realm, being created by letters patent, whose office is to exhibit informations and prosecute for the crown in matters criminal, and to file bills in the exchequer in any matter concerning the king's revenue. State v. Cunningham, 83 Wis. 90, 53 N. W. 35, 17 L. R. A. 145, 35 Am. St. Rep. 27; 3 Bln. Comm. 27; Termes de la Ley.

In American Law

The attorney general of the United States is the head of the department of justice, appointed by the president, and a member of the cabinet. He appears in behalf of the government in all cases in the supreme court in which the government is interested, and gives
his legal advice to the president and heads of departments upon questions submitted to him. Act of Sept. 24, 1789 (5 USCA §§ 291, 305, 309).

In each state also there is an attorney general, or similar officer, who appears for the people, as in England the attorney general appears for the crown. State v. District Court, 22 Mont. 25, 55 Pac. 916; People v. Kramer, 33 Misc. 209, 63 N. Y. Supp. 383; Com. v. Burrell, 7 Pa. 39; Platte Valley Drainage Dist. of Worth County v. National Surety Co., 221 Mo. App. 898, 255 S. W. 1083, 1088. He is the chief law officer of the state and head of the legal department. People v. Newcomer, 284 Ill. 315, 120 N. E. 244, 247.

ATTONEYSHIP. The office of an agent or attorney.

ATTORNMENT. In feudal and old English law. A turning over or transfer by a lord of the services of his tenant to the grantee of his seigniory.

Attornment is the act of a person who holds a leasehold interest in land, or estate for life or years, by which he agrees to become the tenant of a stranger who has acquired the fee in the land, or the remainder or reversion, or the right to the rent or services by which the tenant holds. Lindsey v. Dalkin, 13 Ind. 368; Willis v. Moore, 59 Tex. 656, 46 Am. Rep. 284; Foster v. Morris, 3 A. K. Marsh. (Ky.) 615, 19 Am. Dec. 205; De Good v. Gettle, 119 Nm. 354, 240 P. 960, 962; Snyder v. Bernstein Bros., 201 Iowa, 591, 205 N. W. 503, 504. See Attorn.

The doctrine of attornment grew out of the peculiar relations existing between the landlord and his tenant under the feudal law, and the reasons for the rule never had any existence in this country, and is inconsistent with our laws, customs and institutions. Beyond its application to estop a tenant from denying the title of his landlord, it can serve but little, if any, useful purpose. Perrin v. Lepper, 34 Mich. 254.

ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE DOCTRINE. A doctrine which holds a property owner liable, when he knowingly leaves a dangerous instrumentality, which he may be charged with knowing is of a character to attract children, exposed in a place liable to be frequented by children, and, as a result, a child, who did not realize the danger, is injured. McKiddv v. Des Moines Electric Co., 202 Iowa, 225, 206 N. W. 815, 817; Union P. R. Co. v. McDonnell, 132 U. S. 202, 14 Sup. Ct. 610, 38 L. Ed. 434. For illustrative cases applying this doctrine, see Lynch v. Nurdin, 1 Q. B. 20; Sandberg v. McElroy, Raymond Granite Co., 66 Cal. App. 281, 226 P. 28, 39; Barrett v. Southern Pac. Co., 91 Cal. 296, 27 P. 666, 25 Am. St. Rep. 189; Keefe v. R. Co., 21 Minn. 297, 18 Am. Rep. 398. For cases to which the doctrine was deemed inapplicable, see Lineberry v. North Carolina Ry. Co., 157 N. C. 786, 123 S. E. 1, 4 (a railroad cut); State ex rel. Kansas City v. Ellison, 281 Mo. 607, 220 S. W. 498, 501 (a stone wall around a reservoir); Von Almen's Adm'r v. City of Louisville, 180 Ky. 441, 202 S. W. 580, 581 (a wall and pond); Giannini v. Campodanico, 176 Cal. 548, 169 P. 60, 82 (a stable); Smith v. Hines, 232 Ky. 30, 275 S. W. 142, 143, 45 A. L. R. 800 (a freight car); Cincinnati & H. S. Co. v. Brown, 32 Ind. App. 93, 69 N. E. 257 (a grove).

AU BESOIN. (Fr. In case of need. "Au besoin chez Messieurs — à ——" "In case of need, apply to Messrs. — at ——")

A phrase sometimes used in the direction of a bill of exchange, pointing out the person to whom application may be made for payment in case of failure or refusal of the drawee to pay. Story, Bills § 65.

AUBAINE. See Droit d'Aubaine.


A sale by auction is a sale by public outcry to the highest bidder on the spot. Barber Lumber Co. v. Gifford, 25 Idaho, 654, 139 P. 557, 563.

While auction is very generally defined as a sale to the highest bidder, and this is the usual meaning, there may be a sale to the lowest bidder, as where land is sold for non-payment of taxes to whomsoever will take it for the shortest term; or where a contract is offered to the one who will perform it at the lowest price. And these appear fairly included in the term "auction." Abbott.

Dutch Auction

A method of sale by auction which consists in the public offer of the property at a price beyond its value, and then gradually lowering the price until some one becomes the purchaser. Crandall v. State, 28 Ohio St. 452.

Public Auction

A sale of property at auction, where any and all persons who choose are permitted to attend and offer bids. The phrase imports a sale to the highest and best bidder with absolute freedom for competitive bidding. State v. Miller, 52 Mont. 562, 160 P. 513, 515.

Though this phrase is frequently used, it is doubtful whether the word "public" adds anything to the force of the expression, since "auction" itself imports publicity. If there can be such a thing as a private auction, it must be one where the property is sold to the highest bidder, but only certain persons, or a certain class of persons, are permitted to be present or to offer bids.

Pulling the Bidding

See Bid.

AUCTIONARIES. Catalogues of goods for public sale or auction.
AUCTIONARIUS. A seller; a regrator; a retailer; one who bought and sold; an auctioneer, in the modern sense. Speelman, Gloss. One who buys poor, old, worn-out things to sell again at a greater price. Du Cange.

AUCTIONEER. A person authorized or licensed by law to sell lands or goods of other persons at public auction; one who sells at auction. City of Chicago v. OrNSTein, 228 Ill. 258, 154 N. E. 100, 52 A. L. R. 463; Com. v. Haraden, 19 Pick. (Mass.) 452; Crandall v. State, 28 Ohio St. 481; Williams v. Millington, 1 H. Bl. 58; Russell v. Miner, 5 Lans. (N. Y.) 539.

Auctioneers differ from brokers, in that the latter may both buy and sell, whereas auctioneers can only sell; also brokers may sell by private contract only, and auctioneers by public auction only. Auctioneers can only sell goods for ready money, but factors may sell upon credit. Wilkes v. Ellis, 2 H. Bl. 557; Steward v. Winters, 4 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 550.

AUCTOR.

In the Roman Law
An auctioneer.

In the Civil Law
A grantor or vendor of any kind.

In Old French Law
A plaintiff. Kelham.

AUCTÓRITAS.

In the Civil Law
Authority.

In Old European Law
A diploma, or royal charter. A word frequently used by Gregory of Tours and later writers. Speelman.

Auctoritates philosophorum, medicorum, et postarum, sunt in causis alleganda et tenenda. The opinions of philosophers, physicians, and poets are to be alleged and received in causes. Co. Litt. 264.

Aucupia verborum sunt judicis indigna. Catching at words is unworthy of a judge. Hob. 343.

Audı alternam partem. Hear the other side; hear both sides. No man should be condemned unheard. Broom, Max. 113; L. R. 2 F. C. 106; Lowry v. Inman, 46 N. Y. 119; Shaw v. Stone, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 243.

AUDIENCE. In international law. A hearing; interview with the sovereign. The king or other chief executive of a country grants an audience to a foreign minister who comes to him duly accredited; and, after the recall of a minister, an “audience of leave” ordinarily is accorded to him.

AUDIENCE COURT. In English law. A court belonging to the Archbishop of Canter-

bary, having jurisdiction of matters of form only, as the confirmation of bishops, and the like. This court has the same authority with the Court of Arches, but is of inferior dignity and antiquity. The Dean of the Arches is the official auditor of the Audience court. The Archbishop of York has also his Audience court.

AUDIENDE ET TERMINANDO. A writ or commission to certain persons to appear and punish any insurrection or great riot. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 110.

AUDIT, n. The process of auditing accounts; the hearing and investigation had before an auditor. People v. Green, 5 Daly (N. Y.) 260; Machias River Co. v. Pope, 35 Me. 22; Cobb County v. Adams, 65 Ga. 51; Clement v. Lewiston, 97 Me. 95, 53 Atl. 985; People v. Barnes, 114 N. Y. 317, 29 N. E. 609; In re Clark, 5 Fed. Cas. 564.

AUDIT, v. To hear; to examine an account; and in a broad sense it includes its adjustment or allowance, disallowance, or rejection. New York Catholic Protective v. Rockland County, 114 N. Y. S. 552, 556, 159 App. Div. 455; O’Neil v. State, 223 N. Y. 40, 119 N. E. 95, 96; State v. Kositzky, 38 N. D. 616, 166 N. W. 594, 537, L. R. A. 1819, 227; Fuller & Hiller Hardware Co. v. Shannon & Willford, 205 Iowa, 104, 215 N. W. 611, 613; Rinder v. City of Madison, 163 Wis. 525, 163 N. W. 302, 305; U. S. v. A. Bentley & Sons Co. (D. C.) 293 F. 229, 239.

AUDITA QUERELA. The name of a writ constituting the initial process in an action brought by a judgment defendant to obtain relief against the consequences of the judgment, on account of some matter of defense or discharge, arising since its rendition and which could not be taken advantage of otherwise. This definition is adopted in Kelley v. Kelley (Mo. App.) 290 S. W. 624, 628. See also, Foss v. Witham, 9 Allen (Mass.) 572; Longworth v. Screven, 2 Hlll (S. C.) 296, 27 Am. Dec. 381; McLean v. Bindley, 114 Pa. 559, 5 Atl. 1; Wetmore v. Law, 34 Barb. (N. Y.) 517; Manning v. Phillips, 63 Ga. 550; Coffin v. Ewer, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 228; Gleason v. Peck, 12 Vt. 56, 36 Am. Dec. 329.

In some states, where the same relief may be obtained by motion (Baker v. Judges, 4 Johns. (N. Y.) 191; Withrow v. Keller, 11 S. & R. (Pa.) 274), the remedy by motion has superseded the ancient remedy; Smock v. Dada, 5 Rand. (Va.) 628, 16 Am. Dec. 730; Longworth v. Screven, 2 Hlll (S. C.) 296, 27 Am. Dec. 381; Marsh v. Haywood, 6 Humph. (Tenn.) 210; Dunlap v. Clements, 15 Ala. 703; Chambers v. Neals, 13 B. Monn. (Ky.) 266.

AUDITOR. A public officer whose function is to examine and pass upon the accounts and vouchers of officers who have received and expended public money by lawful authority. An officer who examines accounts and verifies the accuracy of the statements therein. Hicks v. Davis, 100 Kan. 4, 103 P. 799.
In Practice

An officer (or officers) of the court, assigned to state the items of debit and credit between the parties in a suit where accounts are in question, and exhibit the balance. Whittwell v. Willard, 1 Mete. (Mass.) 218; Bartlett v. Trefethen, 14 N. H. 427; Campbell v. Crout, 3 R. I. 60.

In English Law

An officer or agent of the crown, or of a private individual, or corporation, who examines periodically the accounts of under officers, tenants, stewards, or bailiffs, and reports the state of their accounts to his principal.

In General

—Auditor of the imprest. Any of several officers in the English exchequer, who formerly had the charge of auditing the accounts of the customs, naval and military expenses, etc., now performed by the commissioners for auditing public accounts. Jacob.


—State auditor. An officer whose business is to examine and certify accounts and claims against the state and to keep an account between the state and its treasurer. State v. Jorgenson, 29 N. D. 173, 150 N. W. 565, 567.

AUGMENTATION. The increase of the crown’s revenues from the suppression of religious houses and the appropriation of their lands and revenues.

Also the name of a court (now abolished) erected 27 Hen. VIII., to determine suits and controversies relating to monasteries and abbey-lands. The court was dissolved in the reign of Mary, but the office of augmentations remained long after; Cowell.

A share of the great tithes temporarily granted to the vicars by the appropriators, and made perpetual by statute 29 Car. II. c. 8. The word is used in a similar sense in the Canadian law.

An increase of the assets of an insolvent estate by the commingling with it of a trust fund in such an appreciable and tangible way as to entitle the trust creditor to preference though the trust fund is incapable of identification or tracing. Russell v. Bank of Nampa, 31 Idaho, 59, 169 P. 180, 181. See, also, Leach v. Iowa State Sav. Bank of Sioux City, 204 Iowa, 497, 215 N. W. 728, 729.

Augusta legibus soluta non est. The empress or queen is not privileged or exempted from subjectio to the laws. 1 Bl. Comm. 219; Dig. 1, 3, 34.

AULA. In old English law. A hall, or court; the court of a baron, or manor; a court baron. Spelman.

This word was employed in medieval England along with curia; it was used of the meetings of the lord’s men held there in the same way that the word court was used. McIwain, High Court of Parl. 30.

AULA ECCLESIVAE. A nave or body of a church where temporal courts were anciently held.

AULA REGIS. (Called also Aula Regia.) The king’s hall or palace. The chief court of England in early Norman times. It was established by William the Conqueror in his own hall. It was composed of the great officers of state, resident in the palace, and followed the king’s household in all his expeditions. See, also, Curia Regis.

AULIC. Pertaining to a royal court.

AULIC COUNCIL. In the old German empire, the personal council of the emperor, and one of the two supreme courts of the empire which decided without appeal. It was instituted about 1502, was modified in 1654, and ceased to exist on the extinction of the German Empire in 1806. The title was also given to the Council of State of the former Emperor of Austria. Cent. Dict.

AULNAGE. See Alnager.

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AUMEEEN. In Indian law. Trustee; commissioner; a temporary collector or supervisor, appointed to the charge of a country on the removal of a semindar, or for any other particular purpose of local investigation or arrangement.

AUMIL. In Indian law. Agent; officer; native collector of revenue; superintendent of a district or division of a country, either on the part of the government semindar or renter.

AUMILDAR. In Indian law. Agent; the holder of an office; an intendant and collector of the revenue, uniting civil, military, and financial powers under the Mohammedan government.

AUMONE, SERVICE IN. Where lands are given in alms to some church or religious house, upon condition that a service or prayers shall be offered at certain times for the repose of the donor’s soul. Brit. 164.

AUNCIL WEIGHT. In English law. An ancient mode of weighing, described by Cowell as "a kind of weight with scales hanging, or hooks fastened to each end of a staff, which a man, lifting up upon his forefinger or hand, discerneth the quality or difference between the weight and the thing weighed."

AUNT. The sister of one’s father or mother, and a relation in the third degree, correlative to niece or nephew. See 2 Comyn, Dig. 474; Dane, Abr. c. 126, a. 3, § 4.

AURA EPILEPTICA. In medical jurisprudence, a term used to designate the sensation
of a cold vapor frequently experienced by
epileptics before the loss of consciousness oc-
curs in an epileptic fit. Aureantz v. Anderson,
3 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 311.

AURES. A Saxon punishment by cutting off
the ears, inflicted on those who robbed church-
es, or were guilty of any other theft.

AURUM REGINÆ. Queen's gold. A royal
revenue belonging to every queen consort
during her marriage with the king.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL. A fine grade of wool
grown in Australia. Federal Trade Commiss-
ion v. Winsted Hosiery Co., 258 U. S. 483, 42
S. Ct. 384, 385, 66 L. Ed. 729.

AUTER, Autre. L. Fr. Another; other.
See Autre.

AUTHENTIC. Genuine; true; having the
character and authority of an original; duly
vested with all necessary formalities and le-
gally attested; competent, credible, and rea-
liable as evidence. Downing v. Brown, 3 Colo.
590.

AUTHENTIC ACT. In the civil law. An act
which has been executed before a notary or
public officer authorized to execute such func-
tions, or which is testified by a public seal, or
has been rendered public by the authority of
an competent magistrate, or which is certified
as being a copy of a public register. Nov. 75,
c. 2; Cod. 7, 52, 6, 4, 21; Dig. 22, 4.

The authentic act, as relates to contracts, is that
which has been executed before a notary public or
other officer authorized to execute such functions,
in presence of two witnesses, true, male, and aged
at least fourteen years, or of three witnesses, if the
party be blind. All proœcess verbaœ of sales of suc-
cession property, signed by the sheriff or other
person making the same, by the purchaser and two
witnesses, are authentic acts. Rev. Civil Code La.
art. 2334, as amended and re-enacted by Act No.
67 of 1908 and Act No. 193 of 1918, § 1; West Loui-
siana Bank v. Dawson, 134 La. 830, 88 So. 262, 263.

AUTHENTICATION. In the law of evidence.
The act or mode of giving authority or legal
authenticity to a statute, record, or other
written instrument, or a certified copy there-
of, so as to render it legally admissible in
evidence. Mayfield v. Sears, 133 Ind. 86, 32
N. E. 316; Hartley v. Ferrell, 9 Fla. 350; In
re Fowler (C. C.) 4 Fed. 303; New Era Mill-
ing Co. v. Thompson 230 P. 486, 107 Okl. 114;
Voloshin v. Ridenour (C. C. A.) 299 F. 134.

An attestation made by a proper officer by
which he certifies that a record is in due form
of law, and that the person who certifies it is
the officer appointed so to do. Acts done with
a view of causing an instrument to be known
and identified.

AUTHENTICS. In the civil law. A Latin
translation of the Novels of Justinian by an
anonymous author; so called because the
Novels were translated entire, in order to dis-
tinguish it from the epitome made by Julian.
See 1 Mackelvey, Civ. Law, § 72.

A collection of extracts made from the
Novels by a lawyer named Irnerius, which he
inserted in the code at the places to which
they refer. These extracts have the reputa-
tion of not being correct. Merlin, Répert.
Authentique.

AUTHENTICUM. In the civil law. An origi-
nal instrument or writing; the original of a
will or other instrument, as distinguished
from a copy. Dig. 22, 4, 2; Id. 29, 3, 12.

AUTHOR. One who produces, by his own In-
tellectual labor applied to the materials of his
composition, an arrangement or compilation
new in itself. Atwill v. Ferrett, 2 Blatchf. 39,
Fed. Cas. No. 610; Nottage v. Jackson, 11 Q.
B. Div. 637; Lithographic Co. v. Sarony, 111
U. S. 53, 4 Sup. Ct. 279, 29 L. Ed. 349.

AUTHORITIES. Citations to statutes, prece-
dents, judicial decisions, and text-books of
the law, made on the argument of questions of
law or the trial of causes before a court,
in support of the legal positions contended
for, or adduced to fortify the opinion of a
court or of a text writer upon any question.

AUTHORITY. Permission. People v. How-
ward, 31 Cal. App. 328, 160 P. 697, 701. Control
over, jurisdiction. State v. Home Brewing
Co. of Indianapolis, 182 Ind. 75, 105 N. E. 906,
916. Often synonymous with power. State
v. District Court of Eighth Judicial Dist. In
and for Natrona County, 93 Wyo. 281, 238 P.
545, 548; In re McKeown, 217 Pa. 626, 85 A.
1098, 1097. The power delegated by a prin-
cipal to his agent. Clark v. Griffin, 95 N. J.
Law, 505, 113 A. 234, 235.

In Governmental Law
Legal power; a right to command or to act;
the right and power of public officers to re-
quire obedience to their orders lawfully Is-
ued in the scope of their public duties.
In the English law relating to public ad-
ministration, an authority is a body having
jurisdiction in certain matters of a public
nature.

In General
—Authority by estoppel. Not actual, but ap-
parent only, being imposed on the principal
because his conduct has been such as to mis-
lead, so that it would be unjust to let him
deny it. Moore v. Switzer, 78 Colo. 63, 239 P.
874, 875. See Apparent authority.

—Authority coupled with an interest. Author-
ity given to an agent for a valuable consid-
eration, or which forms part of a security.
458, 120 A. 331, 335.

—Apparent authority. That which, though not
actually granted, the principal knowingly per-
mits the agent to exercise, or which he holds
him out as possessing. Johnson v. Evans, 184
Minn. '43, 155 N. W. 823; L. E. Mumford
Banking Co. v. Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Kilmarnock, 116 Va. 449, 82 S. E. 112, 118. See Authority by estoppel.

—Express authority. That given explicitly, either in writing or orally.

—General authority. That which authorizes the agent to do everything connected with a particular business. Story, Ag. § 17. It empowers him to bind his principal by all acts within the scope of his employment; and it cannot be limited by any private direction not known to the party dealing with him. Paley, Ag. 103.


—Limited authority. Such authority as the agent has when he is bound by precise instructions.

—Naked authority. That arising where the principal delegates the power to the agent wholly for the benefit of the former.

—Special authority. That which is confined to an individual transaction. Story, Ag. § 19; Whitehead v. Tuckett, 15 East, 400, 408; Andrews v. Kneeland, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 354. Such an authority does not bind the principal, unless it is strictly pursued. Paley, Ag. 202.

—Unlimited authority. That possessed by an agent when he is left to pursue his own discretion.

Authority to execute a deed must be given by deed. Com. Dig. "Attorney," C 5; 4 Term, 513; 7 Term, 207; 1 Holt, 141; Blood v. Goodrich, 9 Wood. (N. Y.) 38, 75, 24 Am. Dec. 121; Banogee v. Hovey, 5 Mass. 11, 4 Am. Dec. 17; Cooper v. Rankin, 5 Blin. (Pa.) 613.


"Authorized" is sometimes construed as equivalent to "permitted"; Ward v. McDonald, 201 Ala. 237, 77 So. 527, 528; Crecelius v. Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co., 274 Mo. 671, 205 S. W. 181, 186; Klinck v. Pounds (Sup.) 163 N. Y. S. 1006, 1009; Ferris v. McCardle, 92 N. J. Law, 530, 106 A. 460, 462; and sometimes as equivalent to "directed"; U. S. Sugar Equalization Board v. P. De Ronde & Co. (C. C. A.) 7 F. (2d) 981, 986; or to similar mandatory language: Catron v. Marron, 19 N. M. 200, 142 P. 390, 392; Berridge v. Nickell, 91 Or. 178 P. 333; Chase v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 201 F. 833, 837.

AUTO ACORDADO. In Spanish colonial law. An order emanating from some superior tribunal, promulgated in the name and by the authority of the sovereign. Schu. Civil Law, 93.

AUTO LIVERY SERVICE. The business of furnishing for hire an automobile with a chauffeur, the car to be driven where the hirer directs. The term is also applied to the business of leasing driverless cars. See Collette v. Page, 44 R. I. 268, 114 A. 138, 18 A. L. R. 74; Rodenburg v. Clinton Auto & Garage Co., 84 N. J. Law, 545, 57 A. 71. See Automobile; Drive It Yourself Cars.

AUTO STAGE. A motor vehicle used for the purpose of carrying passengers, baggage, or freight on a regular schedule of time and rates. State v. Ferry Line Auto Bus Co., 99 Wash. 64, 168 P. 393, 394. See Automobile.

AUTOCRACY. The name of an unlimited monarchical government. A government at the will of one man, (called an "autocrat") unchecked by constitutional restrictions or limitations.

AUTOGRAPH. One's handwriting.


AUTOMATISM. In medical jurisprudence, this term is applied to actions or conduct of an individual apparently occurring without will, purpose, or reason. See estimation of personality. "Ambulatory automatism" describes the pathological impulse to purposeless and uncontrolled wanderings from place to place often characteristic of patients suffering from loss of memory with dissociation of personality.

AUTOMOBILE. A vehicle for the transportation of persons or property on the highway, carrying its own motive power and not
operated upon fixed tracks. Blashfield's Cyclopædia of Automobile Law, vol. 1, c. 1, § 1.


Etymologically, the term might include any self-propelled vehicle, as an electric street car, or a motor boat, but in popular and legal usage it is confined to a vehicle for the transportation of persons or property on terrereal highways, carrying its own motive power and not operated upon fixed tracks. Bethlehem Motor Corporation v. Flynn, 173 N. C. 399, 100 S. E. 693, 694.

The term "automobile" is often deemed to be synonymous with "motor vehicle." State v. Ferry Line Auto Bus Co., 99 Wash. 44, 165 P. 893, 894.

See, also, Auto Stage.

AUTONYM. The political independence of a nation; the right (and condition) of self-government; the negation of a state of political influence from without or from foreign powers. See Lieber, Civ. Lib.


AUTRE. Fr. Another.

AUTRE ACTION PENDANT. In pleading. Another action pending. A species of plea in abatement. 1 Chit. Pl. 454.

AUTRE DROIT. In right of another, e. g., a trustee holds trust property in right of his cestui quy trust. A prochein angry sues in right of an infant. 2 Bl. Comm. 176.

AUTRE VIE. Another's life. A person holding an estate for or during the life of another is called a tenant "pur autre vie," or "pur terme d'autre vie." Litt. § 56; 2 Bl. Comm. 120. See Estate Pur Autre Vie.

AUTREFOIS. L. Fr. At another time; formerly; before; heretofore.

AUTREFOIS ACQUIT. In criminal law. Formerly acquitted. The name of a plea in bar to a criminal action, stating that the defendant has been once already indicted and tried for the same alleged offense and has been acquitted. Simco v. State, 9 Tex. App. 348; U. S. v. Gibert, 25 Fed. Cas. 1294; Potter v. State, 91 Fla. 536, 100 So. 9l, 92; Henwood v. People, 57 Colo. 544, 143 P. 373, 376, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 1111.

AUTREFOIS ATTAIN. In criminal law. Formerly attainted. A plea that the defendant has already been attainted for one felony, and therefore cannot be criminally prosecuted for another. 4 Bl. Comm. 336; 12 Mod. 109; R. & R. 296. This is not a good plea in bar in the United States, nor in England in modern law. 1 Blisb. Cr. L. § 462; Singleton v. State, 71 Miss. 722, 16 So. 295, 42 Am. St. Rep. 488; Guiles v. State (Tex.) 53 S. W. 622; contra, State v. Jolly, 96 Mo. 435, 9 S. W. 897. See State v. McCarty, 1 Bay (S. C.) 334.


AUXILIARY. Aiding; attendant on; ancillary (q. e.); as, an auxiliary hill in equity, an auxiliary receiver. See Buckley v. Harrison, 10 Misc. 683, 31 N. Y. 1001; Bowman v. Stark (Tex. Civ. App.) 183 S. W. 921, 924.

AUXILIATOR. Lat. Helper or assistant; the word is closely related to the English word auxiliary. Esta Co. v. Burke (D. C.) 257 F. 743, 746.

AUXILIUM. In feudal and old English law. Aid: compulsory aid, hence a tax or tribute; a kind of tribute paid by the vassal to his lord, being one of the incidents of the tenure by knight's service. Spelman; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 62.

AUXILIUM AD FILIUM MILITEM FACIENDUM ET FILIAM MARITANDAM. An ancient writ which was addressed to the sheriff to levy compulsorily an aid towards the knightings of a son and the marrying of a daughter of the tenants in capite of the crown.

AUXILIUM CURÆ. In old English law. A precept or order of court citing and convening a party, at the suit and request of another, to warrant something. Kenn. Par. Ant. 477.

AUXILIUM REGIS. In English law. The king's aid or money levied for the royal use and the public service, as taxes granted by parliament. A subsidy paid to the king. Spelman.
AVAIL OF MARRIAGE.

In Feudal Law

The right of marriage, which the lord or guardian in chivalry had of disposing of his infant ward in matrimony. A guardian in seance had also the same right, but not attended with the same advantage. 2 Bl. Comm. 88.

In Scotch Law

A certain sum due by the heir of a deceased ward vassal, when the heir became of marriageable age. Ersk. Inst. 2, 5, 18.


As used in a lease of coal lands providing for the removal of all available and merchantable coal, "available" coal includes all coal recoverable as a practical and reasonable mining proposition, considering actual conditions, cost, and all surrounding circumstances; and "merchantable" means, not coal which under all conditions can be handled at a profit, but coal which is ordinarily used, for sale, and can be usually sold at a profit. Big Vein Pocahontas Co. v. Brown, 137 Va. 34, 139 S. E. 247, 233. In determining the meaning of these terms, important elements are the location and condition of the coal in the mine and the disproportionate difference between the cost of operation therefor and the profits to be derived therefrom if mined and sold. Flavelle v. Red Jacket Consold. Coal & Coke Co., 82 W Va. 285, 96 S. E. 609, 615.

AVAILABLE MEANS. This phrase, among mercantile men, is a term well understood to be anything which can readily be converted into money; but it is not necessarily or primarily money itself. McFadden v. Leeka, 48 Ohio St. 513, 28 N. E. 574; Benedict v. Huntington, 52 N. Y. 224; Brigham v. Tillinghast, 13 N. Y. 218.

AVAILS. Profits, proceeds, or use. In re Coughlin’s Estate, 33 N. D. 188, 205 N. W. 14, 18; Cordes v. Harding, 27 Cal. App. 474, 150 P. 650, 651. With reference to wills, it means the corpus or proceeds of the estate after the payment of the debts, 1 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 1539. See Allen v. De Witt, 3 N. Y. 279; McNaughton v. McNaughton, 54 N. Y. 201.

AVAL.

In French Law

The guaranty of a bill of exchange; so called because usually placed at the foot or bottom (aval) of the bill. Story, Bills, §§ 394, 454. See 11 Harv. L. Rev. 55.

In Canadian Law

The act of subscribing one's signature at the bottom of a promissory note or of a bill of exchange; properly an act of suretyship, by the party signing, in favor of the party to whom the note or bill is given. 1 Low. Can. 221; 9 Low. Can. 360.

AVANTURE. L. Fr. Chance; hazard; mischance.

AVARIA, AVARIE. Average; the loss and damage suffered in the course of a navigation. Poth. Mar. Lounge, 105.

AVENAGE. A certain quantity of oats paid by a tenant to his landlord as rent, or in lieu of some other duties. Jacob, L. Dict.

AVENTURE, or ADVENTURE. A mischance causing the death of a man, as where a person is suddenly drowned or killed by an accident, without felony. Co. Litt. 59; Whishaw.

AVENUE. Any broad passageway, bordered on each side by trees. Greene v. Helme, 94 Vt. 392, 111 A. 557, 559. It may be synonymous with “street” but not with “boulevard.” City of St. Louis v. Freuer (Mo. Sup.) 223 S. W. 108, 110.

AVER. L. Fr. To have.

—Aver et tener. In old conveyancing. To have and to hold.

AVER, v.

In Pleading

To declare or assert; to set out distinctly and formally; to allege.

In Old Pleading

To avouch or verify. Litt. § 691; Co. Litt. 362b. To make or prove true; to make good or justify a plea.

AVER, n.

In old English and French. Property; substance, estate and particularly live stock or cattle; hence a working beast; a horse or bullock. Cowell; Kelham.

Aver corn. A rent reserved to religious houses, to be paid in corn. Corn drawn by the tenant’s cattle. Cowell.

Aver land. In feudal law. Land plowed by the tenant for the proper use of the lord of the soil. Blount.

Aver penny. Money paid towards the king’s averages or carriages, and so to be freed thereof. Termes de la Ley.

Aver silver. A custom or rent formerly so called. Cowell.

AVERA. A day’s work of a ploughman, formerly valued at eight pence. Jacob, L. Dict.
AVERAGE. A medium, a mean proportion. Long v. Ottumwa Ry. & Light Co., 162 Iowa, 11, 142 N. W. 1068, 1015.

In ordinary usage the term signifies the mean between two or more quantities, measures, or numbers. If applied to something which is incapable of expression in terms of measure or amount, it signifies that the thing or person referred to is of the ordinary or usual type.

In Old English Law
A service by horse or carriage, anciently due by a tenant to his lord. Cowell. A labor or service performed with working cattle, horses, or oxen, or with wagons and carriages. Spelman.

Stubble, or remainder of straw and grass left in corn-fields after harvest. In Kent it is called “gretten,” and in other parts “roughings.”

In Maritime Law
Loss or damage accidentally happening to a vessel or to its cargo during a voyage.

Also a small duty paid to masters of ships, when goods are sent in another man’s ship, for their care of the goods, over and above the freight.

In Marine Insurance
Where loss or damage occurs to a vessel or its cargo at sea, average is the adjustment and apportionment of such loss between the owner, the freight, and the cargo, in proportion to their respective interests and losses, in order that one may not suffer the whole loss, but each contribute ratably. Coster v. Insurance Co., 2 Wash. C. C. 51, 6 Fed. Cas. 611; Insurance Co. v. Bland, 9 Dana (Ky.) 147; Whitteridge v. Norris, 6 Mass. 125; Nekerson v. Tyson, 8 Mass. 467; Insurance Co. v. Jones, 2 Bin. (Pa.) 552.

General average (also called “gross”) consists of expense purposely incurred, sacrifice made, or damage sustained for the common safety of the vessel, freight, and cargo, or the two of them, at risk, and is to be contributed for by the several interests in the proportion of their respective values exposed to the common danger, and ultimately surviving, including the amount of expense, sacrifice, or damage so incurred in the contributory value. 2 Phil. Ins. § 1239 et seq.; 3 Kent, Comm. 232; Padelford v. Boardman, 4 Mass. 548; The Ronnok, 46 F. 297; id., 33 F. 270; id., 59 F. 161, 8 C. C. A. 67; Wilson v. Cross, 33 Cal. 69; Code du Com. tit. xi.; Alzet, Trait des Av. exx.; Sturgess v. Cary, 2 Curt. C. C. 58, Fed. Cas. No. 15,572; Grceley v. Ins. Co., 9 Cush. (Mass.) 415; McLoom’s Adm’r v. Cumnings, 73 Pa. 58; Star of Hope v. Annan, 9 Wall. 293, 19 L. Ed. 658; Ida Rhodea, Dig. 14, 2, 1.

“General average” is a contribution by the several interests engaged in a maritime venture to make good the loss of one of them for the voluntary sacrifice of a part of the ship or cargo to save the residue of the property and the lives of those on board, or for extraordinary expenses necessarily incurred for the common benefit and safety of all. California Canneries Co. v. Canton Ins. Office, 25 Cal. App. 303, 143 P. 540, 553; Fagan Iron Works v. Calumet Const. Co., 82 N. J. Eq. 346, 88 A. 1009; St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Becham, 128 Md. 434, 87 A. 738, 739, L. R. A. 1916P, 1268. The law of general average is part of the maritime law, and not of the municipal law, and applies to maritime adventures only. Rollin v. Troop, 157 U. S. 336, 15 S. Ct. 657, 39 L. Ed. 742.

Particular average is a loss happening to the ship, freight, or cargo which is not to be shared by contribution among all those interested, but must be borne by the owner of the subject to which it occurs. It is thus called in contradistinction to general average. Bargett v. Insurance Co., 3 Bosw. (N. Y.) 395.

Petty average denotes such charges and disbursements as, according to occurrences and the custom of every place, the master necessarily furnishes for the benefit of the ship and cargo, either at the place of loading or unloading, or on the voyage; such as the hire of a pilot for conducting a vessel from one place to another, towage, light money, beaconage, anchorage, bridge toll, quarantine and such like. Park, Ins. 100; Le Guidon, c. 5, a. 13; West, de A. 3, 4; Weskett, art. Petty Av.; 2 Phill. Ins. § 1239, n. 1; 2 Arnould, Mar. Ins. 927.

Simple average is the same as “particular average” (q. v.).

In General
—Average charges. “Average charges for toll and transportation” are understood to mean, and do mean, charges made at a mean rate, obtained by dividing the entire receipts for toll and transportation by the whole quantity of tonnage carried, reduced to a common standard of tons moved one mile. Hersh v. Railway Co., 74 Pa. 190.

—Average prices. Such are computed on all the prices of any articles sold within a certain period or district.

—Gross average. More commonly called “general average” (q. v.).

VERIA. In old English law. A term applied to working cattle, such as horses, oxen, etc.

VERIA CARRUCÆ. Beasts of the plow. 3 Bla. Comm. 9; 4 Term, 566.

VEREIS CAPITIS IN WITHERNAM. A writ granted to one whose cattle were unlawfully distrained by another and driven out of the county in which they were taken, so that they could not be reprieved by the sheriff. Reg. Orig. 82.

AVERTMENT.

In Pleading

A positive statement of facts, in opposition to argument or inference. 1 Chit. Pl. 320; Bacon, Abr. Plea, B.

Averments were formerly said to be general and particular; but only particular averments are found in modern pleading. 1 Chit. Pl. 277.

Immaterial and impertinent averments
(which are synonymous, 5 D. & R. 290) are those which need not be made, and, if made, need not be proved. Williamson v. Allison, 2 East, 448; Panton v. Holland, 17 Johns. (N. Y.) 92, 8 Am. Dec. 369.

Negative averments are those in which a negative is used.

Particular averments are the assertions of particular facts.

Unnecessary averments are statements of matters which need not be alleged, but which, if alleged, must be proved. Carth. 290.

In Old Pleading

An offer to prove a plea, or pleading. The concluding part of a plea, replication, or other pleading, containing new affirmative matter, by which the party offers or declares himself "ready to verify."

AVERRARE. In feudal law. A duty required from some customary tenants, to carry goods in a wagon or upon loaded horses. Jacob, L. Dict.

AVERSIO. In the civil law. An averting or turning away. A term applied to a species of sale in gross or bulk.

Letting a house altogether, instead of in chambers. 4 Kent, Comm. 517.

AVERSIO PERICULI. A turning away of peril. Used of a contract of insurance. 3 Kent, Comm. 263.

AVERUM. Goods, property, substance; a beast of burden. Spelman.

AVET. A term used in the Scotch law, signifying to abet or assist. Tomlin, Dict.

AVIA. In the civil law. A grandmother. Inst. 3, 6, 3.

AVIATICUS. In the civil law. A grandson.

AVIATION. The art or science of traveling through the air by means of airplanes.

AVIATION, ENGAGED IN. The phrase "engaged in aviation" within the meaning of an insurance policy denotes the act of flying in the air in a machine heavier than air, whether piloting or riding as a passenger. Masonic Acc. Ins. Co. v. Jackson (Ind. App.) 147 N. E. 156. See Aeronautics.

AVIZANDUM. In Scotch law. To make evitandum with a process is to take it from the public court to the private consideration of the judge. Bell.

AVOCAT. Fr. An advocate; a barrister.

AVOCATION. Often used in the sense of vocation or occupation. Stellhorn v. Board of Com'rs of Allen County, 60 Ind. App. 14, 110 N. E. 89, 90; National Bank of Baltimore v. Steele, 143 Md. 484, 122 A. 653, 664.

AVOID. To annul; cancel; make void; to destroy the efficacy of anything.


AVOIDANCE. A making void, useless, empty, or of no effect; annulling, cancelling; escaping or evading.

In English Ecclesiastical Law

The term describes the condition of a benefice when it has no incumbent.

In Parliamentary Language

Avoidance of a decision signifies evading or superseding a question, or escaping the coming to a decision upon a pending question. Holthouse.

In Pleading

The allegation or statement of new matter, in opposition to a former pleading, which, admitting the facts alleged in such former pleading, shows cause why they should not have their ordinary legal effect. Mahawie Bank v. Doughlass, 31 Conn. 175; Cooper v. Tappan, 9 Wis. 366; Meadows v. Insurance Co., 62 Iowa, 387, 17 N. W. 600; Uhl v. Hirsch (C. C.) 123 F. 570. See Confession and avoidance.

AVOIRDUPOIS. The name of a system of weights (sixteen ounces to the pound) used in weighing articles other than medicines, metals, and precious stones; so named in distinction from the Troy weight.

AVOUCHER. The calling upon a warrantor of lands to fulfill his undertaking. See Voucher.

AVOUÉ. In French and Canadian law. A barrister, advocate, solicitor, or attorney. An officer charged with representing and defending parties before the tribunal to which he is attached. Duverger.

AVOW. In pleading. To acknowledge and justify an act done. 3 Bla. Comm. 150.

To make an avowry. For example, when reprieve is brought for a thing distrainted, and the party taking claims that he had a right to make the distress, he is said to avow. Newell Mill Co. v. Muxlow, 115 N. Y. 170, 21 N. E. 1048; Plets, L. 1, c. 4; Cunningham, Dict. See Avowry; Justification.

AVOWANT. One who makes an avowry.

AVOWEE. In ecclesiastical law. An advocate of a church benefice.
AVOWRY. A pleading in the action of replevin, by which the defendant avows, that is, acknowledges, the taking of the distress or property complained of, where he took it in his own right, and sets forth the reason of it; as for rent in arrear, damage done, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 149; 1 Tidd. Pr. 645. Brown v. Bissett, 21 N. J. Law, 274; Hill v. Miller, 5 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 557; State v. Patrick, 14 N. C. 478; Lawes, Pl. 35.

Avowry is the setting forth, as in a declaration, the nature and merits of the defendant’s case, showing that the distress taken by him was lawful, which must be done with such sufficient authority as will entitle him to a *reterno habendo*. Hill v. Stocking, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 254.

An avowry must be distinguished from a justification. The former species of plea admits the plaintiff’s ownership of the property, but alleges a right in the defendant sufficient to warrant him in taking the property and which still subsists. A justification, on the other hand, denies that the plaintiff had, the right of property or possession in the subject-matter, alleging it to have been in the defendant or a third person, or avers a right sufficient to warrant the defendant in taking it, although such right has not continued in force to the time of making answer. See 2 W. Jones, 25.

AVOWTERER. In English law. An adulterer with whom a married woman continues in adultery. Termes de la Ley.

AVOWTRY. In old English law. Adultery. Termes de la Ley.

AVULSION. The removal of a considerable quantity of soil from the land of one man, and its deposit upon or annexation to the land of another, suddenly and by the perceptible action of water. 2 Wash. Real Prop. 452.

The property of the part thus separated continues in the original proprietor, in which respect avulsion differs from alluvion, by which an addition is inextricably made to a property by the gradual washing down of the river, and which addition becomes the property of the owner of the lands to which the addition is made. Wharton. And see Rees v. McDaniel, 115 Mo. 146, 21 S. W. 913; Nebraska v. Iowa, 143 U. S. 559, 12 Sup. Ct. 396, 36 L. Ed. 185; Bourdie v. Stricklett, 40 Neb. 792, 59 N. W. 550; Chicago v. Ward, 125 Ill. 222, 25 N. E. 267; 26 L. R. A. 849, 61 Am. St. Rep. 185; Attorney General v. Bay Region Wild Rice & Fur Farm, 172 Wis. 363, 173 N. W. 569, 573.

The loss of lands, such as those bordering on the seashore, by sudden or violent action of the elements, perceptible while in progress. Schwartzstein v. B. B. Bathing Park, 197 N. Y. S. 490, 492, 203 App. Div. 700. And see People v. Steeplechase Park Co., 143 N. Y. S. 503, 508, 82 Misc. 247.


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Where running streams are the boundaries between states, the same rule applies as between private proprietors, and, if the stream from any cause, natural or artificial, suddenly leaves its old bed and forms a new one by the process known as "avulsion," the resulting change of channel works no change of boundary, which remains in the middle of the old channel though no water may be flowing in it and irrespective of subsequent changes in the new channel. State of Arkansas v. State of Tennessee, 23 S. Ct. 201, 204, 246 U. S. 153, 52 L. Ed. 356, L. R. A. 1913D, 258.

See Accretion; Alluvion; Reliction.

AVUNCULUS. In the civil law. A mother’s brother. 2 Bl. Comm. 230. *Avunculus magnum*, a great-uncle. *Avunculus major*, a great-grandmother’s brother. *Avunculus maximus*, a great-great-grandmother’s brother. See Dig. 38, 10, 10; Inst. 3, 6, 2.

AVUS. In the civil law. A grandfather. Inst. 3, 6, 1.

AWAIT. Used in old statutes to signify a lying in wait, or waylaying.

AWARD, n. To grant, concede, or adjudge to. To give or assign by sentence or judicial determination. Hobson v. Superior Court of Tulare County, 69 Cal. App. 60, 230 P. 456, 457. Thus, a jury awards damages; the court awards an injunction. Starkey v. Minneapolis, 19 Minn. 206 (Gil. 169). One awards a contract to a bidder. See Jackson v. State, 194 Ind. 130, 142 N. E. 1, 2 (holding that a finding that a contract was "awarded to" a bidder meant it was entered into with all required legal formalities).

AWARD, n. The decision or determination rendered by arbitrators or commissioners, or other private or extrajudicial deciders, upon a controversy submitted to them; also the writing or document embodying such decision. Halnon v. Halnon, 55 Vt. 321; Henderson v. Beaton, 52 Tex. 43; Peters v. Peirce, 8 Mass. 398; Benjamin v. U. S., 29 Ct. Cl. 417; Keiser v. Berks County, 253 Pa. 167, 97 A. 1067, 1068.

Under Workmen’s Compensation Act, the term may be used in the above sense, as signifying a decision or determination of the Industrial Board, or some equivalent body. Frankfort General Ins. Co. v. Conduitt, 74 Ind. App. 584, 127 N. E. 212, 215. It may also be used to refer to the amount of compensation fixed by the board, an "award" being an amount fixed by arbitration. Ondroswki v. Swift & Co., 29 Kan. 163, 262 P. 269, 265. An interlocutory or preliminary agreement, which is not approved by the Industrial Board, is not an award. Bruce v. Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, 83 Ind. App. 257, 148 N. E. 161, 162.

A judgment, sentence, or final decision. Higginbotham v. State, 20 Ala. App. 159, 101
AWAY-GOING CROP. A crop sown before the expiration of a tenancy, which cannot ripen until after its expiration to which, however, the tenant is entitled. Broom, Max. 412.

AWM. In old English statutes. A measure of wine, or vessel containing forty gallons.

AWN-HINDE. See Third-Night-Awn-Hinde.

AXIOM. In logic. A self-evident truth; an indisputable truth.

AXMINSTER. The trade-name of a certain kind of rug. The term now generally includes the machine-made product as well as the handmade. Beuttell & Sons v. U. S., 8 Ct. Cust. App. 409, 412.

AYANT CAUSE. In French law, and also in Louisiana, this term signifies one to whom a right has been assigned, either by will, gift, sale, exchange, or the like; an assignee. An ayant cause differs from an heir who acquires the right by inheritance. 8 Toullier, n. 245.

AYLE. See Ale.

AYRE. In old Scotch law. Eyre; a circuit or iter.

AYUNTAMIENTO. In Spanish law. A congress of persons; the municipal council of a city or town. 1 White, Coll. 410; Friedman v. Goodwin, 9 Fed. Cas. 818; Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 442, 9 L. Ed. 1137, notes.

AZURE. A term used in heraldry, signifying blue.
B. The second letter of the English alphabet; is used to denote the second of a series of pages, notes, etc.; the subsequent letters, the third and following numbers.

B. C. An abbreviation for "before Christ," "ball court," "bankruptcy cases," and "British Columbia."

B. E. An abbreviation for "Baron of the Court of Exchequer."

B. F. An abbreviation for bonum factum, a good or proper act, deed, or decree; signifies "approved."

B. R. An abbreviation for Bancus Regis, (King's Bench,) or Bancus Reginae (Queen's Bench.) It is frequently found in the old books as a designation of that court. In more recent usage, the initial letters of the English names are ordinarily employed, i.e., K. B. or Q. B.

B. S. Bancus Superior, that is, upper bench.

B.—S.—Designation of statements of another as b—s— carried the implications that they were absurd and fanciful. People v. Nitti, 312 Ill. 73, 143 N. E. 448, 456.

BABBITT. To line or furnish with "habbitt metal," which is a soft white anti-friction metal, of varying compositions, or any of several alloys similarly used. Ingersol v. National Sash & Door Factory, 134 La. 19, 63 So. 609, 610.

"BABY ACT." A plea of infancy, interposed for the purpose of defeating an action upon a contract made while the person was a minor, is vulgarly called "pleading the baby act." By extension, the term is applied to a plea of the statute of limitations.

BACHELERIA. In old records. Commonality or yeomanry, in contradistinction to baronage.

BACHELOR. One who has taken the first degree (baccalaureate) in the liberal arts and sciences, or in law, medicine, or divinity, in a college or university.

A man who has never been married.

A kind of inferior knight; an esquire.

BACK, adv. To the rear; backward; in a reverse direction. Also, in arrear.

BACK CARRY. In forest law, the crime of having, on the back, game unlawfully killed. See Backbear.

BACK LANDS. A term of no very definite import, but generally signifying lands lying back from (not contiguous to) a highway or a water course. See Ryerss v. Wheeler, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 150.

BACK TAXES. Those assessed for a previous year or years and remaining due and unpaid from the original tax debtor. M. E. Church v. New Orleans, 107 La. 611, 32 So. 101; Gaines v. Galbraeth, 14 Lea (Tenn.) 363.

BACKADATION. See Backwardation.

BACKBEAR. In forest law. Carrying on the back. One of the cases in which an offender against vert and venison might be arrested, as being taken with the minautr, or manner, or found carrying a deer off on his back. Manwood; Covell.

BACKBEREND (also Backberende). Sax. Bearing upon the back or about the person. Applied to a thief taken with the stolen property in his immediate possession. Bract. 1, 3, tr. 2, c. 32. Used with handhabend, having in the hand.

BACKBOND. A bond of indemnification given to a surety.

In Scotch law. A deed attaching a qualification or condition to the terms of a conveyance or other instrument. This deed is used when particular circumstances render it necessary to express in a separate form the limitations or qualifications of a right. Bell. The instrument is equivalent to a declaration of trust in English conveyancing.


BACKING A WARRANT. See Back.

BACKSIDE. In English law. A term formerly used in conveyances and also in pleading; it imports a yard at the back part of or behind a house, and belonging thereto.

BACKWARDATION (also called Backadation). In the language of the stock exchange, this term signifies a consideration paid for delay in the delivery of stock contracted for, when the price is lower for time than for cash. Des Passos, Stock-Brok. 270.

BACKWARDS. In a policy of marine insurance, the phrase "forwards and backwards at sea" means from port to port in the course
of the voyage, and not merely from one terminus to the other and back. 1 Taunt. 475.

BACKWATER. Water in a stream which, in consequence of some dam or obstruction below, is detained or checked in its course, or flows back. Hodges v. Raymond, 9 Mass. 316; Chambers v. Kyle, 87 Ind. 85; Webster v. North Poudre Irr. Co., 74 Colo. 565, 225 P. 38. Water caused to flow backward from a steam- vessel by reason of the action of its wheels or screw.

BACULUS. A rod, staff, or wand, used in old English practice in making livery of seisin where no building stood on the land. (Bract. 40); a stick or wand, by the erection of which on the land involved in a real action the defendant was summoned to put in his appearance; this was called "baculus nuhtatorius," 3 Bl. Comm. 279.

BAD. Vicious, evil, wanting in good qualities; the reverse of good. See Riddell v. Thayer, 127 Mass. 487; Tobias v. Harland, 4 Wend. (N. Y.) 537. Rev. St., § 4568 (16 USCA § 665) providing for compensation for seaman when food on voyage was "bad in quality" or unfit for use contemplates more than poor cooking or seasoning of good food. The Edward R. West (D. C.) 212 F. 257, 259.

Substantially defective: inppt.; not good. The technical word for unsoundness in pleading.

BAD BEHAVIOR. Where a judgment in a criminal case has been suspended on condition of good behavior, the term "good behavior" means conduct that is authorized by law, and "bad behavior" means conduct such as the law will punish. State v. Hardin, 183 N. C. 815, 112 S. E. 593, 594.

BAD DEBT. Generally speaking, one which is uncollectible. But technically, by statute in some states, the word may have a more precise meaning. In Louisiana, bad debts are those which have been prescribed against (barred by limitations) and those due by bankrupts who have not surrendered any property to be divided among their creditors. Cf. Code La. art. 1045. In North Dakota, as applied to the management of banking associations, the term means all debts due to the association on which the interest is past due and unpaid for a period of six months, unless the same are well secured and in process of collection. Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 3240 (Comp. Laws 1913, § 5165).


BAD PLACE. Under a contract requiring the employer to timber all bad places in the mine unless caused by the miner's negligence, a "bad place" was a place in the roof which could not be made reasonably safe by the ordinary propping usually done by the miner himself. W. G. Duncan Coal Co. v. Thompson's Adm'r, 157 Ky. 394, 162 S. W. 1139, 1140.

BAD TITLE. One which conveys no property to the purchaser of the estate; one which is so radically defective that it is not marketable, and hence such that a purchaser cannot be legally compelled to accept it. Heller v. Cohen, 15 Misc. 378, 36 N. Y. S. 683.

BADGE. A mark or cognizance worn to show the relation of the wearer to any person or thing; the token of anything; a distinctive mark of officer or service.

BADGE OF FRAUD. A term used relatively to the law of fraudulent conveyances made to hinder and defraud creditors. It is defined as a fact tending to throw suspicion upon a transaction, and calling for an explanation. Bump, Fraud, Conv. 31; Gould v. Sanders, 69 Mich. 37 N. W. 37; Bryant v. Kelton, 1 Tex. 420; Goshorn v. Snodgrass, 17 W. Va. 768; Kirkley v. Lacey, 7 Houst. (Del.) 213, 30 A. 994; Phelps v. Samson, 113 Iowa, 145, 84 N. W. 1051. It is a suspicious circumstance that overhangs a transaction, or appears on the face of the papers, Toone v. Walker, 115 Okl. 259, 245 P. 147, 148, such as exaggerating the consideration, Quayle Land & Live Stock Co. v. George, 36 Wyo. 265, 254 P. 130, 132, or the tendency of suit against debtor at time of sale, McLain v. Georgia State Bank, 164 Ga. 698, 139 S. E. 527, 528. It is a badge of fraud for an insolvent debtor, or one who is very considerably indebted, to make a trans-
fer of his property. Griggs v. Crane’s Trustee, 179 Ky. 48, 200 S. W. 317, 319.

BADGER. In old English law. One who made a practice of buying corn or victuals in one place, and carrying them to another to sell and make profit by them.

BAG. A sack or satchel. A certain and customary quantity of goods and merchandise in a sack. Wharton. An uncertain quantity of goods and merchandise, from three to four hundred. Jacob.

BAGA. In English law. A bag or purse. Thus there is the petty-lug-office in the common-law jurisdiction of the court of chancery, because all original writs relating to the business of the crown were formerly kept in a little sack or bag, in parva baga. 1 Madd. Ch. 4.

BAGAVEL. The citizens of Exeter had granted to them by charter from Edward I. the collection of a certain tribute or toll upon all manner of wares brought to that city to be sold, toward the paving of the streets, repair of the town walls, and maintenance of the city, which was commonly called bagavel, bethagavel and chippingavel. Antiq. of Exeter.


BAGGAGE CAR. This term, as used in the Full Crew Law, may include a combined baggage and passenger car, notwithstanding the fact that it carries no baggage for a portion of the train’s run and is locked during such period. Pennsylvania R. Co. v. Public Service Commission, 67 Pa. Super. Ct. 569, 573.

BAHADUM. A chest or coffer. Fleta.

BAI., v. To procure the release of a person from legal custody, by undertaking that he shall appear at the time and place designated and submit himself to the jurisdiction and judgment of the court.

The taking of bail consists in the acceptance by a competent court, magistrate, or officer, of sufficient bail for the appearance of the defendant according to the legal effect of his undertaking, or for the payment to the state of a certain specified sum if he does not appear. Code Ala. 1886, § 467 (Code 1923, § 2531).

To deliver the defendant to persons who, in the manner prescribed by law, become security for his appearance in court. To set at liberty a person arrested or imprisoned, on security being taken for his appearance on a day and a place certain, which security is called "bail," because the party arrested or imprisoned is delivered into the hands of those who bind themselves for his forthcoming, (that is, become bail for his due appearance when required,) in order that he may be safely protected from prison. Wharton. Stafford v. State, 10 Tex. App. 49.

In its most ancient signification, the word includes the delivery of property, real or personal, by one person to another.

BAIL, n. The surety or sureties who procure the release of a person under arrest, by becoming responsible for his appearance at the time and place designated. Those persons who become sureties for the appearance of the defendant in court.
"Upon those contracts of indemnity which are taken in legal proceedings as security for the performance of an obligation imposed or declared by the tribunals, and known as undertakings or recognizances, the sureties are called bail." Civ. Code Cal. § 2700.

—Bail above or bail to the action. See Special bail, infra.

—Bail absolute. Sureties whose liability is conditioned upon the failure of the principal to duly account for money coming to his hands as administrator, guardian, etc.

—Bail below, or bail to the sheriff. See Bail to the sheriff or bail below, infra.

—Bail bond. A bond executed by a defendant who has been arrested, together with other persons as sureties, naming the sheriff, constable, or marshal as obligee, in a penal sum proportioned to the damages claimed or penalty denounced, conditioned that the defendant shall duly appear to answer to the legal process in the officer's hands, or shall cause special bail to be put in, as the case may be.

An obligation signed by the accused with sureties, conditioned that the same shall be void on the performance by the accused of such acts as he is required to perform. State v. Wilson. 265 Mo. 1, 175 S. W. 603, 605. In criminal cases, a bail bond is a contract under seal, which, from its nature, requires sureties or bail, and therefore differs from a "recognizance," which is a debt or obligation of record, acknowledged before some court or magistrate authorized to take it, with condition to do some particular act, and which need not be executed by the parties. State v. Hardsher. 189 N. C. 401, 127 S. E. 349, 351, 38 A. L. R. 1102; National Surety Co. v. Nazzaro, 238 Mass. 74, 123 N. E. 346. See also, Ewing v. United States (C. C. A.) 240 F. 241, 246. But under the law of Connecticut, "recognizance" and "bail" are interchangeable. National Surety Co. v. Nazzaro, 239 Mass. 341, 132 N. E. 49, 50.

—Bail common. A fictitious proceeding, intended only to express the appearance of a defendant, in cases where special bail is not required. It is put in in the same form as special bail, but the sureties are merely nominal or imaginary persons, as John Doe and Richard Roe. 3 Bl. Comm. 257.

—Bail court. In English law and practice. An auxiliary court of the court of queen's bench at Westminster, wherein points connected more particularly with pleading and practice are argued and determined. Holt'shouse; Wharton, Law Dict. 2d Lond. ed. It has been abolished.

—Bail dock. Formerly at the Old Bailey, in London, a small room taken from one of the corners of the court, and left open at the top, in which certain malefactors were placed during trial. Cent. Dict.

—Bail in error. That given by a defendant who intends to bring a writ of error on the judgment and desires a stay of execution in the meantime.

—Bail piece. A formal entry or memorandum of the recognizance or undertaking of special bail in civil actions, which, after being signed and acknowledged by the bail before the proper officer, is filed in the court in which the action is pending. 3 Bl. Comm. 291; 1 Tidd, Pr. 250; Wortman v. Prescott. 60 VT. 68, 11 Atl. 690; Nicolls v. Ingersoll. 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 154; 1 Selon, Pr. 120.

—Bail to the action or bail above. Special bail (q. v.).

—Bail to the sheriff or bail below. Persons who undertake that a defendant arrested upon mesne process in a civil action shall duly appear to answer the writ or offer such undertaking being in the form of a bond given to the sheriff, termed a "bail bond" (q. v.). 3 Bl. Comm. 290; 1 Tidd, Pr. 221. Sureties who blind themselves to the sheriff to secure the defendant's appearance, or his putting in bail to the action on the return-day of the writ.

"Bail to the sheriff was originally designed to temporarily liberate the defendant from custody, and to place means in the sheriff's hands to insure the defendant's appearance to answer at the return of the writ. * * * The appearance which was contemplated was not, however, necessarily an actual appearance in person, but by putting in new bail, called bail to the action, special bail, or bail above. This special bail, or bail above, was by recognizance, which was matter of record, and an act of appearance, and by it the bail were bound that if the defendant should be condemned he should pay or render himself a prisoner, and if he did not, that they would pay the condemnation. The undertaking of the bail to the sheriff, or bail below, was wholly different, and was adapted to the specific exigency. It was in the form of a bond to the sheriff, and was conditioned for the defendant's appearance at the return of the writ, which meant putting in and perfecting bail above." De Myer v. McConnell. 22 Mich. 120, 124.

—Civil bail. That taken in civil actions.

—Common bail. Fictitious sureties formally entered in the proper office of the court. See Bail common, supra.

—Special bail. Responsible sureties who undertake as bail above. Persons who undertake jointly and severally in behalf of a defendant arrested on mesne process in a civil action that, if he be condemned in the action, he shall pay the costs and condemnation, (that is, the amount which may be recovered against him,) or render himself a prisoner, or that they will pay it for him. 3 Bl. Comm. 291; 1 Tidd, Pr. 245; Selon, Pr. 187. See Bail to the sheriff or bail below, supra.

—Straw bail. Nominal or worthless bail. Irresponsible persons, or men of no property, who make a practice of going bail for any one
who will pay them a fee therefor, and who originally, as a mark of their purpose, wore straw in their shoes.


—Bail à cheptel. A contract by which one of the parties gives to the other cattle to keep, feed and care for, the borrower receiving half the profit of increase, and bearing half the loss. Duverger.

—Bail à terme. A contract of letting lands.

—Bail à longues années. A lease for more than nine years; the same as bail emphyteotique (see infra) or an emphyteutic lease.

—Bail à loyer. A contract of letting houses.

—Bail à rente. A contract partaking of the nature of the contract of sale, and that of the contract of lease; it is transitive of property, and the rent is essentially redeemable. Clark's Helrs v. Christ's Church, 4 La. 286; Poth. Bail à Rente, 1, 3.

—Bail emphyteotique. An emphyteutic lease; a lease for a term of years with a right to prolong indefinitely; practically equivalent to an alienation. 5 Low. C. 381; 6 Low. C. 58. See Emphyteusis.

BAILABLE. Capable of being bailed; admitting of bail; authorizing or requiring bail.

BAILABLE ACTION. One in which the defendant is entitled to be discharged from arrest only upon giving bond to answer.

BAILABLE OFFENSE. One for which the prisoner may be admitted to bail.

BAILABLE PROCESS. Such as requires the officer to take bail, after arresting the defendant. That under which the sheriff is directed to arrest the defendant and is required by law to discharge him upon his tendering suitable bail as security for his appearance. A capias ad respondentudum is bailable; not so a capias ad satisfacendum.


As used in some embezzlement statutes, the word "bailo" does not include all bailments, but only those for the sole benefit of the bailor, where there is a fiduciary relation between the parties. Johnson v. State, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 296, 159 S. W. 849, 850.

BAILIFF. In the Scotch law. (1) A magistrate having inferior criminal and civil jurisdiction, similar to that of an alderman, (q. v.); (2) an officer appointed to confer infeoffment, (q. v.); a bailiff, (q. v.) a server of writs. Bail.

BAILIFF. One to whom some authority, care, guardianship, or jurisdiction is delivered, committed, or intrusted; one who is deputed or appointed to take charge of another's affairs; an overseer or superintendent; a keeper, protector, or guardian; a steward. Spelman.

A sheriff's officer or deputy. 1 Bl. Comm. 344.

A court attendant, sometimes called a tipstaff.

A magistrate, who formerly administered justice in the parliaments or courts of France, answering to the English sheriffs as mentioned by Bracton.

In the Action of Account Render. A person acting in a ministerial capacity who has by delivery the custody and administration of lands or goods for the benefit of the owner or bailor, and is liable to render an account thereof. Co. Litt. 271; Story, Eq. Jur. § 446; West v. Weyer, 46 Ohio St. 66, 18 N. E. 337, 15 Am. St. Rep. 592.

A bailiff is defined to be "a servant that has the administration and charge of lands, goods, and chattels, to make the best benefit for the owner, against whom an action of account lies, for the profits which he has raised or made, or might by his industry or care have raised or made." Barnum v. Landon, 25 Conn. 149.

In General.

—Bailiff-errant. A bailiff's deputy.

—Bailiffs of franchises. In English law. Officers who perform the duties of sheriffs within liberties or privileged jurisdictions, in which formerly the king's writ could not be executed by the sheriff. Spelman.

—Bailiffs of hundreds. In English law. Officers appointed over hundreds, by the sheriffs, to collect fines therein, and summon jurors; to attend the judges and justices at the assizes and quarter sessions; and also to execute writs and process in the several hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 345; 3 Steph. Comm. 29; Bract. fol. 116.

—Bailiffs of manors. In English law. Stewards or agents appointed by the lord (generally by an authority under seal) to superintend the manor, collect fines, and quit rents, inspect the buildings, order repairs, cut down trees, impound cattle trespassing, take an account of wastes, spoils, and misdemeanors in the woods and demesne lands, and do other acts for the lord's interest. Cowell.
—High bailiff. An officer attached to an English county court. His duties are to attend the court when sitting; to serve summonses; and to execute orders, warrants, writs, etc. St. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95, § 53; Poli. C. C. Pr. 16. He also has similar duties under the bankruptcy jurisdiction of the county courts.

—Special bailiff. A deputy sheriff, appointed at the request of a party to a suit, for the special purpose of serving or executing some writ or process in such suit.

**BAILLIVIA.**

In Old Law

A bailiff's jurisdiction, a bailiwick; the same as *ballium*. Spelman. See Bailiwick.

In Old English Law

A liberty, or exclusive jurisdiction, which was exempted from the sheriff of the county, and over which the lord of the liberty appointed a bailiff with such powers within his precinct as an under-sheriff exercised under the sheriff of the county. Whishaw.

**BAILIWICK.** The territorial jurisdiction of a sheriff or bailiff. 1 Bl. Comm. 344. Greenup v. Bacon, 1 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 108.

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**BAILLEUR DE FONDS.** In Canadian Law. The unpaid vendor of real estate. 1 Low. C. 1, 6; 9 Low. C. 487.

**BAILLI.** In old French law. One to whom judicial authority was assigned or delivered by a superior.

**BAILMENT.** A delivery of something of a personal nature by one party to another, to be held according to the purpose or object of the delivery, and to be returned or delivered over when that purpose is accomplished. Prof. Joel Parker, MS. Lect. Harvard Law School, 1851. Adopted in Hogan v. O'Brien, 206 N. Y. S. 831, 833, 123 Misc. 865.

A delivery of goods or personal property, by one person to another, in trust for the execution of a special object upon or in relation to such goods, beneficial either to the bailor or bailee or both, and upon a contract, express or implied, to perform the trust and carry out such object, and thereupon either to deliver the goods to the bailor or otherwise dispose of the same in conformity with the purpose of the trust. Watson v. State, 70 Ala. 13, 45 Am. Rep. 70; Com. v. Maher, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 425; McCaffrey v. Knapp, 74 Ill. App. 89; Krause v. Com., 93 Pa. 415, 39 Am. Rep. 762; Fulcher v. State, 32 Tex. Cr. R. 621, 25 S. W. 625.

The transfer of the possession of personal property without the transfer of ownership for the accomplishment of a certain purpose. Essex v. Pike, 57 Ohio St. 3, 48 S. Pac. 844.

A delivery of a thing in trust for some special object or purpose, and upon a contract, express or implied, to conform to the object or purpose of the trust. Story, Balim. 3.

**Bailment** is a word of French origin, significant of the curtailed transfer, the delivery or mere handing over, which is appropriate to the transaction Schouler, Per. Prop. 285.

A delivery of goods in trust upon a contract, expressed or implied, that the trust shall be faithfully executed on the part of the bailee. 2 Bl. Comm. 455; D. M. Perry & Co. v. Forquer, 61 Mont. 335, 182 P. 139, 135, 28 A. L. R. 642.

A delivery of goods in trust upon a contract, expressed or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed, and the goods restored by the bailee as soon as the purposes of the bailment shall be answered. 2 Kent, Comm. 509; Zetterstrom v. Thomas, 92 Conn. 702, 194 A. 237, 1 A. L. R. 392; Samples v. Geary (Mo. App.) 252 S. W. 1506, 1507; Tashima v. People, 58 Colo. 28, 144 P. 330, 331.

A delivery of goods in trust on a contract, either expressed or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed, and the goods delivered as soon as the time or use for which they were bailed shall have elapsed or be performed. Jones, Balim. 117.

A delivery of goods for some purpose, upon a contract, express or implied, that, after the purpose has been fulfilled, they shall be delivered to the bailor, or otherwise dealt with, according to his directions, or (as the case may be) kept till he claims them. 2 Steph. Comm. 89; Lord v. Oklahoma State Fair Ass'n, 86 Okl. 294, 219 P. 723, 718; Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. v. Cross (C. C. A.) 17 F.(2d) 417, 418.

According to Story, the contract does not necessarily imply an undertaking to deliver the goods. On the other hand, Blackstone, although his definition does not include the return, speaks of it in all his examples of bailments as a duty of the bailee; and Kent says that the application of the term to cases in which no return or redelivery to the owner or his agent is contemplated, is extending the definition of the term beyond its ordinary acceptation in English law. A confinement to a factor would be a bailment for sale, according to Story; while according to Kent it would not.

**Classification**

Sir William Jones has divided bailments into five sorts, namely: *Deposito, or depositum; mandatum, or commission without recompense; commodatum, or loan for use without pay; pignori acceptum, or pawn; locatum, or hiring, which is always with reward. This last is subdivided into locatio rei, or hiring, by which the hirer gains a temporary use of the thing; *locatio operis faciendi*, when something is to be done to the thing delivered; *locatio operis mercatum vehenda rum*, when the thing is merely to be carried from one place to another. Jones, Balim. 38.

Lord Holt divided bailments thus:

1. *Deposito*, or a naked bailment of goods, to be kept for the use of the bailor.

2. *Commodatum*. Where goods or chattels that are useful are lent to the bailee gratis, to be used by him.

3. *Locatio rei*. Where goods are lent to the bailee to be used by him for hire.

4. *Vadium*. Pawn or pledge.
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(5) Locatio operis factandi. Where goods are delivered to be carried, or something is to be done about them, for a reward to be paid to the bailee.

(6) Mandatum. A delivery of goods to somebody who is to carry them, or do something about them, gratis. 2 Ed. Raym. 399.

Another division, suggested by Bouvier as being a better general division for practical purposes, is as follows: First, those bailments which are for the benefit of the bailor, or of some person whom he represents; second, those for the benefit of the bailee, or some person represented by him; third, those which are for the benefit of both parties.

Bailments as Distinguished from Other Transactions

—Chattel mortgages. A radical distinction between a bailment and a chattel mortgage is that, by a mortgage, the title is transferred to the mortgagee, subject to be revested by performance of the condition, but, in case of a bailment, the bailor retains the title and parts with the possession for a special purpose. Walker v. Staples, 5 Allen (Mass.) 34.

—Exchanges. An agreement by which A is to let B have a horse, in consideration that B will let A have another horse, creates an exchange, not a bailment. King v. Fuller, 3 Cal. (N. Y.) 152; Austin v. Seligman, 21 Blatchf. 506, 18 Fed. 519.

—Partnerships. Where animals are delivered to be taken care of for a certain time, and at the expiration of that time the same number of animals is to be returned, and any increase is to be enjoyed by both parties, there is a bailment, not a partnership. Robinson v. Hans, 40 Cal. 474; Simmons v. Shaft, 91 Kan. 553, 138 P. 614, 615. See, also, Ward v. Thompson, Fed. Cas. No. 17.162.

—Sales. The test of a bailment is that the identical thing is to be returned in the same or in some altered form: if another thing of equal value is to be returned, the transaction is a sale. Marsh v. Titus, 6 Thomp. & C. (N. Y.) 29; Sturm v. Boker, 150 U. S. 312, 14 S. Ct. 99, 37 L. Ed. 1093.


A "sale" contemplates that, at some time, the title shall pass to the vendee, and that, at some time and in some manner, he shall pay the purchase price, whereas a "bailment" contemplates that the title shall not pass to the bailee, but remain in the bailor, and that the property shall return to the bailor when disposed of as he may direct. Norriss v. Boston Music Co., 129 Minn. 138, 151 N. W. 977, 978, L. R. A. 1917D, 615; In re Tansill (D. C.) 17 F.(2d) 412, 414.

The principal test by which to determine whether a contract creates a bailment, or is a sale on credit, is whether there was a binding promise by the person to whom the possession was given to pay for the article. People v. Baker, 64 Cal. App. 335, 221 P. 654, 656; Miles v. Sabin, 90 Or. 129, 175 P. 865, 866; In re Thomas (D. C.) 231 F. 613, 616; Botkin v. State, 16 Okl. Cr. 610, 123 P. 855, 858; Randolph & Co. v. Columbia Graphophone Co., 45 App. D. C. 146, 153.


—Trusts. The passing of the legal title from the owner to the party to whom personal property is delivered distinguishes a "trust" from a bailment. National Cattle Loan Co. v. Ward, 113 Tex. 312, 253 S. W. 160, 164.

In General

—Bailment for hire. A contract in which the bailor agrees to pay an adequate recompense for the safe-keeping of the thing intrusted to the custody of the bailee, and the bailee agrees to keep it and restore it on the request of the bailor, in the same condition substantially as he received it, excepting injury or loss from causes for which he is not responsible. Arent v. Squire, 1 Daly (N. Y.) 356. Under Pennsylvania law, it is essential to the validity of a "bailment" for hire or use that there be a term for which the chattel is to remain in the possession of the bailee, an agreed rental, and an agreement, express or implied, for re-delivery of the article to the bailor in the same or in an altered form, and the subject-matter of the bailment must be a chattel. Duhkop Oven Co. v. Tormay (C. C. A.) 9 F.(2d) 281, 282.

—Actual bailment. One which exists where there is either (a) an "actual delivery," consisting in giving to the bailee or his agent the real possession of the chattel, or (b) a "constructive delivery," consisting of any of those acts which, although not truly comprising real possession of the goods transferred, have been held by legal construction equivalent to acts of real delivery. Gilson v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 86 N. J. Law, 446, 92 A. 59, 60; Wentworth v. Riggs, 159 App. Div. 899, 143 N. Y. S. 955, 956.

—Constructive bailment. One arising where the person having possession of a chattel holds it under such circumstances that the law imposes upon him the obligation to deliver it to another. Gilson v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 86 N. J. Law, 446, 92 A. 59, 60; Hope v. Costello, 222 Mo. App. 187, 297 S. W. 100, 103; Wentworth v. Riggs, 159 App. Div. 899, 143 N. Y. S. 955, 956. See, also, Involuntary bailment, infra.

—Gratuitous bailment. Another name for a depositum or naked bailment, which is made only for the benefit of the bailor and is not

—involuntary bailment. One arising by the accidental leaving of personal property in the possession of any person without negligence on the part of its owner. Grossman v. White, 52 Okl. 117, 132 P. 816, 817. A "bailment" is created by the element of lawful possession and the duty to act for the thing as the property of another, whether such possession is based on contract in the ordinary sense or not. Fouke v. New York Consol. R. Co., 228 N. Y. 269, 127 N. E. 257, 259, 9 A. L. R. 1354. See Constructive bailment, supra.

—Lucrative bailment. One which is undertaken upon a consideration and for which a payment or recompense is to be made to the bailee, or from which he is to derive some advantage. Prince v. Alabama State Fair, 106 Ala. 340, 17 So. 449, 28 L. R. A. 716.

BAILOR. The party who bails or delivers goods to another, in the contract of bailment. McGee v. French, 40 S. C. 454, 27 S. E. 487; Story, Bailm. §§ 74, 388.

BAIR—MAN. In old Scotch law. A poor insolvent debtor, left bare and naked, who was obliged to swear in court that he was not worth more than five shillings and fivepence.

BAIRN'S PART. In Scotch law. Children's part; a third part of the defunct's free movables, debts deducted, if the wife survive, and a half if there be no relitig. See Legitim.

BAIRNS. In Scotch law. A known term, used to denote one's whole issue. Ersk. Inst. 3, 8, 48. But it is sometimes used in a more limited sense. Bell.

BAIT. To attack with violence; to provoke and harass. 2 A. & E. Encyc. 63; L. R. 9 Q. B. 289.

BAITING ANIMALS. In English law. Procuring them to be worried by dogs. Punishable on summary conviction, under 12 & 13 Vict. c. 92, § 3.

BAKER. In its ordinary use respecting a bakery business, a generic term including in its scope different services connected with the bakery business, such as doing shop service in putting bread in boxes. Futopolus v. Midland Casualty Co., 174 Wis. 208, 182 N. W. 845, 847.

BAKERY SHOP. A term which, when used in an agreement restricting the right to maintain such a shop, may contemplate not only the acts in making the bread and selling it, but of selling the product manufactured by others, either in a shop especially set up for that purpose or through a place where other articles of commerce are sold, or peddling it without having an established place. Kuhns v. Loetzbiier, 85 Pa. Super. Ct. 148, 153.

BAKING POWDER. A mixture in dry form of certain alkali and acid substances, combined with a filler; when moistened and heated, as in baking dough, a chemical reaction occurs, liberating carbonic gas, which "raises" or leaves the bread. Royal Baking Powder Co. v. Emerson (C. C. A.) 270 F. 425, 436.

BALENA. A large fish, called by Blackstone a "whale." Of this the king had the head and the queen the tail as a perquisite whenever one was taken on the coast of England. 1 Bl. Comm. 222; Prymne, Ann. Reg. 127.

BALANCE. An equality between the sums total of the two sides of an account, or the excess on either side. Jones v. Marrs, 114 Tex. 62, 263 S. W. 570, 574. The conclusion or result of the debit and credit sides of an account. It implies mutual dealings, and the existence of debt and credit, without which there could be no balance. Loeb v. Keyes, 356 N. Y. 529, 51 N. E. 285; McWilliams v. Al- lan, 45 Mo. 574; Thillman v. Shadrick, 69 Md. 528, 16 Atl. 138.

The amount remaining due from one person to another on a settlement of the accounts involving their mutual dealings; the difference between the two sides (debit and credit) of an account.


—Balance of convenience. A term descriptive of a rule for determining in a doubtful case what decree should be made; for example, whether an injunction should be granted. Cohen v. City of Houston (Tex. Civ. App.) 176 S. W. 800, 814. It pertains to a test to determine what order will with the least inconvenience to either party assure the victorious one the fruits of his decree. Town of Williams v. Iowa Falls Electric Co., 185 Iowa, 483, 170 N. W. 815.

—Balance of power. In international law. A distribution and an opposition of forces, forming one system, so that no state shall be in a position, either alone or united with others, to impose its will on any other state or interfere with its independence. Ortolan.
—Balance sheet. A statement made by merchants and others to show the true state of a particular business.

When it is desired to ascertain the exact state of a merchant's business, or other commercial enterprise, at a given time, all the ledger accounts are closed up to date and balances struck; and these balances, when exhibited together on a single page, and so grouped and arranged as to close into each other and be summed up in one general result, constitute the "balance sheet." Byre v. Harmon, 22 Cal. 580, 28 P. 779.

—Balanced draft. This term, when used in a patent claim with reference to a furnace, was held to mean that the plus, or over-atmospheric pressure in the ash pit was exactly equal to the minus pressure or partial vacuum in the line. Engineer Co. v. Hotel Astor (D. C.) 226 F. 779.

—General balance. Sometimes used to signify the difference which is due to a party claiming a lien on goods in his hands for work or labor done, or money expended in relation to those and other goods of the debtor. 3 B. & P. 458; 3 Esp. 268; McWilliams v. Allan, 45 Mo. 573.

—Net balance. In commercial usage, the balance of the proceeds, as from a sale of stock, after deducting the expenses incident to the sale. Evans v. Walm, 71 Pa. 74.

BALCANIFER, or BALDAKINIFER. The standard-bearer of the Knights Templar.

BALCONIES. Small galleries of wood or stone on the outside of houses. In London, the erection of them is regulated by the building acts.

BALDIO. In Spanish law. Waste land; land that is neither arable nor pasture. White New Recop. 3, tit. 1, c. 6, § 4, and note. Unappropriated public domain, not set apart for the support of municipalities. Sheldon v. Milmo, 90 Tex. 1, 36 S. W. 415.

BALE. A pack or certain quantity of goods or merchandise, wrapped or packed up in cloth and corded round very tightly, marked and numbered with figures corresponding to those in the bills of lading for the purpose of identification. Wharton.

A bale of cotton is a certain quantity of that commodity compressed into a cubical form, so as to occupy less room than when in bags. 2 Car. & P. 525. Penrice v. Cocks, 2 Miss. 229. It is a distinct parcel or quantity of cotton packed together in a particular form. Houssels v. Cole & Hampton (Tex. Civ. App.) 158 S. W. 664, 665. Compare Bonham v. Railroad Co., 18 S. 634.

A "bale of cotton," as the term is used in the commercial and business world, means a standard package of merchantable lint cotton, separated from the seed by the first process of a cotton gin, weighing approximately 500 pounds, and classifiable under one of the recognized market grades. Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. Co. v. Cleveland, St. Oil, 64, 160 P. 328, 330; Wichita Falls Compress Co. v. W. L. Moody & Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 154 S. W. 1032, 1045.

BALISE. Fr. In French marine law. A buoy.

BALIUS. In the civil law. A teacher; one who has the care of youth; a tutor; a guardian. Du Cange; Spelman.

BALIVA. (Spelled also Balliva; equivalent to Baltius, Balivial. L. Lat. In old English law. A bailiwick; the jurisdiction of a sheriff; the whole district within which the trust of the sheriff was to be executed. Cowell; 3 Bla. Com. 253.

BALL-HOOTING. In lumbering, a term designating a process of sliding log down a mountain side. Bradford v. English, 190 N. C. 742, 130 S. E. 705.

BALLAST. That which is used for trimming a ship to bring it down to a draft of water proper and safe for sailing. Great Western Ins. Co. v. Thwing, 13 Wall. 674, 20 L. Ed. 607.

There is considerable analogy between ballast and damage. Damage is placed under the cargo to keep it from being washed by water getting into the hold, or between the different parcels to keep them from bruising and injuring each other. Great Western Ins. Co. v. Thwing, 13 Wall. 674, 20 L. Ed. 607.

BALLASTAGE. A toll paid for the privilege of taking up ballast from the bottom of a port or harbor. This arises from the property in the soil. 2 Chitty, Comm. Law 15.

BALLIUM. A fortress or bulwark; also ball. Cunningham.

BALLIVO AMOVENDO. An ancient writ to remove a bailiff from his office for want of sufficient land in the bailiwick. Reg. Orig. 78.

BALLOON. See Aeronaut; Aeronautics; Aircraft.

BALLOT. Originally, a ball used in voting; hence, a piece of paper, or other thing used for the same purpose. See (as to cases involving voting machines) Spickermon v. Goddard, 122 Ind. 323, 107 N. E. 2; L. R. A. 1915C, 513; State v. Keating, 53 Mont. 371, 163 P. 1150, 1157. The instrument by which a voter expresses his choice between candidates or a question. City of Wellsville v. Connor, 91 Ohio St. 28, 100 N. E. 526, 527.

A slip of paper bearing the names of the offices to be filled at the particular election and the names of the candidates for whom the elector desires to vote, or containing a particular question of administration or public policy on which the voter is asked to express his views. It may be printed, or written, or partly printed and partly written, and is deposited by the voter in a "ballot box" which

The act of voting by balls or tickets.

The whole amount of votes cast.

A single piece of paper containing the names of the candidates and the offices for which they are running. People v. Holden, 28 Cal. 136; Deenen v. Jastro, 28 Cal. App. 261, 137 P. 1068, 1070.

A ballot is a ticket in such a manner that nothing written or printed therein can be seen.

"Vote" may be interchangeable with "ballot." State v. Doughty, 134 Ark. 435, 204 S. W. 968, 970.

But the terms are distinguishable, in that "ballot" is the instrument by which a voter expresses his choice between candidates, or in respect to propositions, while his "vote" is the choice or election as expressed by his ballot. Board of Education of Oklahoma City v. Woodward, 214 P. 1077, 1079, 89 Okl. 192; Martin v. Fullam, 99 Vt. 163, 57 A. 442, 445; Strbaugh v. Meyer, 208 Mo. 580, 187 S. W. 1159, 1162.

Joint Ballot

In parliamentary practice, an election or vote by ballot participated in by the members of both houses of a legislative assembly sitting together as one body, the result being determined by a majority of the votes cast by the joint assembly thus constituted, instead of by concurrent majorities of the two houses. See State v. Shaw, 9 S. C. 144.

Official Ballot

Depending on its use in local statutes, this term has a varied meaning. It may refer to a ballot which has been furnished by the clerk; Cain v. Garvey (Tex. Civ. App.) 187 S. W. 1111, 1116; or it may contemplate that a ballot must have been printed under the supervision of a designated member of the electoral board, sealed by the board, and by resolution declared to be one of the official ballots for the election to be held: Xlippas v. Commonwealth, 141 Va. 497, 126 S. E. 207, 209.

Mutilated Ballot

One from which the name of the candidate is cut out. Murray v. Waite, 113 Me. 485, 94 A. 943, 945, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 1128. One which is destitute or deprived of some essential or valuable part; greatly shortened. Stubbs v. Moursund (Tex. Civ. App.) 222 S. W. 632, 634. Under an Oklahoma statute, any ballot on which a voter has marked or written with the intention of distinguishing it, becomes mutilated. Moss v. Hunt, 47 Okl. 1, 145 P. 700, 761.

BALLOT-BOX. A case usually made of wood for receiving ballots.

BALLOTEMENT. Fr. In medical jurisprudence. A test for pregnancy by palpation with the finger inserted in the vagina to the mouth of the uterus. The tip of the finger being quickly jerked upward, the fucus, if one be present, can be felt rising upward and then settlement back against the finger.

BALNEARIUM. In the Roman law. Those who stole the clothes of bathers in the public baths. 4 Bl. Comm. 239.

BAN.

In Old English and Civil Law

A proclamation; a public notice; the announcement of an intended marriage. Cowell. An excommunication; a curse, publicly pronounced. A proclamation of silence made by a cleric in court before the meeting of champions in combat. Id. A statute, edict, or command; a fine, or penalty.

An expense; an extent of space or territory; a space inclosed within certain limits; the limits or bounds themselves. Spelman.

An open field; the outskirts of a village.

A privileged space or territory around a town, monastery, or other place.

In French Law

The right of announcing the time of mowing, reaping, and gathering the vintage, exercised by certain seignorial lords. Guyot. Repert. Univ.

In Old European Law

A military standard; a thing unfurled, a banner. Spelman. A summoning to a standard; a calling out of a military force; the force itself so summoned; a national army levied by proclamation.

BANAL. In Canadian and old French law. Pertaining to a ban or privileged place; having qualities or privileges derived from a ban. Thus, a banal mill is one to which the lord may require his tenant to carry his grain to be ground.

BANALITY. In Canadian law. The right by virtue of which a lord subjects his vassals to grind at his mill, bake at his oven, etc. Used also of the region within which this right applied. Guyot, Repert. Univ.; 1 Low. C. 31; 3 Low. C. 1.

BANC. Bench; the place where a court permanently or regularly sits; the seat of judgment; as, banc le roy, the king's bench; banc le common pleas, the bench of common pleas.

The full bench, full court. A "sitting in banc" is a meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from the sitting of a single judge at the assises or at nisi prius and from trials at bar. Cowell.

BANCII NARRATORES. In old English law. Advocates; countors; serjeants. Applied to advocates in the common pleas courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 24; Cowell.
It is inflicted principally upon political offenders. "transportation" being the word used to express a similar punishment of ordinary criminals. Banishment, however, merely forbids the return of the person banished before the expiration of the sentence, while transportation involves the idea of deprivation of liberty after the convict arrives at the place to which he has been carried. Rap. & L.

BANISTER AND RAILING. These words, in the New York Tenement House Law, § 25, mean a balustrade, consisting of balusters or supports, upon which is placed a railing commonly placed on the outer or open edge of a stairway. Cahill v. Kleinberg, 233 N. Y. 255, 135 N. E. 323.

BANK. A bench or sent; the bench of justice; the bench or tribunal occupied by the judges: the seat of judgment: a court. The full bench, or full court; the assembly of all the judges of a court. A "sitting in bank" is a meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, and other law points, as distinguished from the sitting of a single judge at the assises or at nisi prius and from trials at bar to determine facts. 3 Bla. Comm. 28, n. But in this sense, banc is perhaps the more usual form of the word. "Sitting in bank" is also described as an official meeting of four of the judges of a common-law court. Wharton, Lex.

Bank le Roy. The king's bench. Finch, 188.

An acclivity; an elevation or mound of earth, especially that which borders the sides of a water course.


That part of a stream which retains the water. Dawson County v. Phelps County, 94 Neb. 112, 142 N. W. 697, 698.

The elevation of land which confines the waters of a stream in their natural channel when they rise the highest and do not overflow the banks. Department of Health of New Jersey v. Chemical Co. of America, 90 N. J. Eq. 425, 197 A. 164, 166; State v. Richardson, 140 La. 329, 72 So. 584, 586; Richards v. Page Inv. Co., 112 Or. 507, 228 P. 937, 942. Compare Wrathall v. Miller, 51 Utah, 218, 163 P. 946, 947. A water-washed and relatively permanent elevation or acclivity at the outer line of a river bed which separates the bed from the adjacent upland, and serves to confine the waters within the bed and to preserve the course of the river. State of Oklahoma v. State of Texas, 43 S. Ct. 221, 250 U. S. 656, 67 L. Ed. 493; Motl v. Boyd, 115 Tex. 226, 256 S. W. 455, 467.

The land lying between the edge of the water of a stream at its ordinary low stage and the line which the edge of the water reaches in its ordinary high stage. Wemple v. Eastham, 150 La. 247, 90 So. 627, 628.

An elevation of land which confines the waters of a stream when they rise out of the bed. Neither the line of ordinary high-water mark, nor of ordinary low-water mark, nor of a middle stage of water can be assumed as the line dividing the bed from the banks. Banks are fast land, on which vegetation appropriate to such land in the particular
lar locality grows wherever the bank is not too steep to permit such growth, and bed is soil of a different character, and having no vegetation, or only such as exists, when commonly submerged in water. State v. Neagus, 49 Okl. 479, 130 F. 245, 246. On the borders of navigable streams, where there are levees established according to law, the levees form the "banks of the river." Ward v. Board of Learn Com'rs of Orleans Learn Dist., 352 La. 238, 92 So. 789, 772.

An institution, of great value in the commercial world, empowered to receive deposits of money, to make loans, and to issue its promissory notes, (designed to circulate as money, and commonly called "bank-notes" or "bank-bills," or to perform any one or more of these functions. See State v. Wagner, 202 Iowa, 739, 210 N. W. 901, 902; Dunn v. State, 13 Ga. App. 314, 79 S. E. 170, 172, Rominger v. Keyes, 73 Ind. 375; People v. R. Co., 12 Mich. 389, 86 Am. Dec. 64; People v. Bartow, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 230; Dearborn v. Northwestern Savings Bank, 42 Ohio St. 617.

Speaking generally, a "bank" is a moneyed institution to facilitate the borrowing, lending, and caring for money. Smith v. Kansas City Title & Trust Co., 41 S. Ct. 245, 249, 255 U. S. 180, 185, 53 L. Ed. 577.


The house or place where the business of banking is carried on.

Banks in the commercial sense are of three kinds, viz.: (1) Of deposit; (2) of discount; (3) of circulation. Strictly speaking, the term "bank" implies a place for the deposit of money, as that is the most obvious purpose of such an institution. Originally the business of banking consisted only in receiving deposits, such as bullion, plate, and the like, for safe-keeping until the depositor should see fit to draw it out for use, but the business, in the progress of events, was extended, and bankers assumed to discount bills and notes, and to loan money upon mortgage, pawn, or other security, and, at a still later period, to issue notes of their own, intended as a circulating medium and a medium of exchange, instead of gold and silver. Modern bankers frequently exercise any two or even all three of those functions, but it is still true that an institution prohibited from exercising any more than one of those functions is a bank, in the strictest commercial sense. Oulton v. German Sav. & L. Soc., 17 Wall. 117, 21 L. Ed. 618; Millikan v. Security Trust Co., 187 Ind. 307, 118 N. E. 568, 569; Rev. St. U. S. § 3407 (12 USCA § 561).

Bank-account. A sum of money placed with a bank or banker, on deposit, by a customer, and subject to be drawn out on the latter's check. The statement or computation of the several sums deposited and those drawn out by the customer on checks, entered on the books of the bank and the depositor's pass-book. Gale v. Drake, 51 N. E. 94.


—Bank charges. This term in an action on a bill of exchange is equivalent to expenses of noting and may be especially endorsed as a liquidated demand; [1898] 1 Q. B. 318.

—Bank check. See Check.

—Bank credit. A credit with a bank by which, on proper security given to the bank, a person receives liberty to draw to a certain extent agreed upon. In Scotland also called a cash account. Cent. Dict.


—Bank note. A promissory note issued by a bank or banker authorized to do so, payable to bearer on demand, and intended to circulate as money. Townsend v. People, 4 Ill. 328; Low v. People, 2 Park. Cr. R. (N. Y.) 37; State v. Hays, 21 Ind. 176; State v. Wilkins, 17 Vt. 156; Lumnus Cotton Gin Co. v. Walker, 196 Ala. 552, 70 So. 754, 755. In the early history of banks, their notes were generally denominated bills of credit. Briscoe v. Bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, 11 Pet. 297, 9 L. Ed. 700. See, also, Banker's note.


—Bank stock. Shares in the capital of a bank; shares in the property of a bank. In England the term is applied chiefly to the stock of the Bank of England.

—Bank teller. See Teller.

—Joint-stock banks. In English law. Joint-stock companies for the purpose of banking. They are regulated, according to the date of
their Incorporation, by charter, or by 7 Geo. IV. c. 46; 7 & 8 Vict. c. 32, 113; 9 & 10 Vict. c. 45. (In Scotland and Ireland:) 20 & 21 Vict. c. 49; and 27 & 28 Vict. c. 82; or by the "Joint-Stock Companies Act, 1862," (25 & 26 Vict. c. 89.) Wharton.

—Savings bank. An institution in the nature of a bank, formed or established for the purpose of receiving deposits of money, for the benefit of the persons depositing, to accumulate the produce of so much thereof as shall not be required by the depositors, their executors or administrators, at compound interest, and to return the whole or any part of such deposit, and the produce thereof, to the depositors, their executors or administrators, deducting out of such produce so much as shall be required for the necessary expenses attending the management of such institution, but deriving no benefit whatever from any such deposit or the produce thereof. Grant, Banks, 546; Johnson v. Ward, 2 Ill. App. 274; Com. v. Reading Sav. Bank, 138 Mass. 16, 19, 43 Am. Rep. 495; National Bank of Redemption v. Boston, 125 U. S. 60, 8 Sup. Ct. 772, 31 L. Ed. 689; Barrett v. Bloomfield Sav. Inst., 94 N. J. Eq. 425, 54 Atl. 543; Williams v. Johnson, 50 Mont. 7, 144 P. 768, 770, Ann. Cas. 1916D, 505; Bulakowski v. Philadelphia Sav. Fund Soc., 270 Pa. 538, 113 A. 533, 554. They differ from the ordinary banks of discount and deposit in not being engaged in business for profit. Commercial Trust Co. of New Jersey v. Hudson County Board of Taxation, 86 N. J. Law, 424, 32 A. 283, 293.

BANKABLE PAPER. In mercantile law. Notes, checks, bank bills, drafts, and other securities for money, received as cash by the banks. The term does not necessarily mean discountable paper, but paper of such high credit that, if the time of payment was reasonable and the banks had loanable funds, they would ordinarily discount it. Edward P. Allis Co. v. Madison Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., 9 S. D. 459, 70 N. W. 650, 652.

National bank notes are received as bankable money without regard to the locality of the bank issuing them. See U. S. Rev. Stat. § 5133 (12 USCA § 21); Vezzle Bank v. Fenno, 8 Wall. 533, 19 L. Ed. 482.


An individual is not engaged in the banking business merely because he does some of the things which are frequently or usually done by banks; thus, a dealer in foreign exchange and foreign money is not necessarily a banker, and does not necessarily perform a banking function. Wedesweller v. Brundage, 297 Ill. 228, 120 N. E. 539. See, also, People v. Young, 207 N. Y. 523, 101 N. E. 461, 463 (holding that an unincorporated association engaged in making salary loans, etc., was not a banker).

Individual Banker

Under some statutes, an individual banker, as distinguished from a "private banker" (q. v.), is a person who, having complied with the statutory requirements, has received authority from the state to engage in the business of banking, while a private banker is a person engaged in banking without having any special privileges or authority from the state. Perkins v. Smith, 116 N. Y. 441, 23 N. E. 21.

Private Banker

One who carries on the business of banking without being incorporated. State of Missouri v. Anclle (C. C. A.) 236 F. 644, 650; Herzog v. Transatlantic Trust Co. (Sup.) 172 N. Y. S. 334, 355. One who carries on the business of banking by receiving money on deposit with or without interest, by buying and selling bills of exchange, promissory notes, gold or silver coin, bullion, uncurrenet money, bonds or stock, or other securities, and by loaning money without being incorporated. Rev. St. Mo. 1909, § 1116 (repealed by Laws 1915, p. 102); State ex rel. Barker v. Sage, 267 Mo. 493, 184 S. W. 984, 988. See Individual banker, supra.

BANKER'S ACCEPTANCE. A draft or bill of exchange of which the acceptor is a bank or banker engaged generally in the business of granting bankers' acceptance credits. Atterbury v. Bank of Washington Heights of City of New York, 241 N. Y. 231, 149 N. E. 841, 843.

BANKER'S LIEN. A lien which a banker has by virtue of which he can appropriate any money or property in his possession belonging to a customer to the extinguishment of any matured debt of such customer to the bank, provided such property or money has not been charged, with the knowledge of the bank, with the subservience of a special burden or purpose, or does not constitute a trust fund of which the banker has notice. American Surety Co. of New York v. Bank of Italy, 63 Cal. App. 149, 218 P. 466, 468.

BANKER'S NOTE. A commercial instrument resembling a bank note in every particular except that it is given by a private banker or unincorporated banking institution. 6 Mod. 29; 3 Chit. Comm. Law 590.

BANKEROUT. O. Eng. Bankrupt; insolvent; indebted beyond the means of payment.

BANKING. The business of receiving money on deposit, loaning money, discounting notes, issuing notes for circulation, collecting money on notes deposited, negotiating bills, etc. Bank v. Turner, 154 Ind. 460, 57 N. E. 110.
The business of banking, as defined by law and custom, consists in the issue of notes payable on demand, intended to circulate as money when the banks are banks of issue; in receiving deposits payable on demand; in discounting commercial paper; in making loans of money on collateral security; in buying and selling bills of exchange; in negotiating loans, and dealing in negotiable securities issued by the government, state and national, and municipal and other corporations. Mercantile Bank v. New York, 121 U. S. 528, 526, 7 S. Ct. 586, 90 L. Ed. 596; First Nat. Bank v. Dawson County, 65 Mont. 333, 213 P. 1097, 1103.

Having a place of business where deposits are received and paid out on checks and where money is loaned on security is the substance of the "business of banking." Marvin v. Kentucky Title Trust Co., 218 Ky. 135, 218 S. W. 17, 18, 59 A. L. R. 1207; Warren v. Shook, 91 U. S. 704, 23 L. Ed. 421. See, also, Old Colony Trust Co. v. Malley (D. C.) 238 F. 903, 911.

**BANKING HOURS.** A term which, in addition to the regular hours, includes time to allow presentment, after closing, to the bank returning a check, if such presentment is necessary in fact. Columbia-Knickerbocker Trust Co. v. Miller, 150 App. Div. 510, 142 N. Y. S. 440, 445.

**BANKRUPT.** Originally and strictly, a trader who sequesters himself or does certain other acts tending to defraud his creditors. 2 Bl. Comm. 471. In a looser sense, an insolvent person; a broken-up or ruined trader. Everett v. Stone, 3 Story, 453, Fed. Cas. No. 4,577.

In the English law there were two characteristics which distinguished bankrupts from insolvent: the former must have been a trader and the object of the proceedings against, not by him. As used in American law, the distinction between a bankrupt and an insolvent is not generally regarded. Sturges v. Crowninshield, 4 Wheat. 122, 4 L. Ed. 529; 2 Kent 590; McCormick v. Pickering, 4 N. Y. 283. On the continent of Europe, however, the distinction still exists. Holtz, R. H. Soc. Syn. Bankerett.

A person who has committed an act of bankruptcy: one who has done some act or suffered some act to be done in consequence of which, under the laws of his country, he is liable to be proceeded against by his creditors for the seizure and distribution among them of his entire property. Ashby v. Steere, 2 Wood. & M. 447; 2 Fed. Cas. 15; In re Scott, 21 Fed. Cas. 503; U. S. v. Pusey, 27 Fed. Cas. 632.

A person who, by the formal decree of a court, has been declared subject to be proceeded against under the bankruptcy laws, or entitled, on his voluntary application, to take the benefit of such laws. See Bankruptcy Act July 1, 1868, c. 541, § 1, 30 Stat. 544 (11 USCA § 1).

**BANKRUPT LAW.** A law relating to bankrupts and the procedure against them in the courts. A law providing a remedy for the creditors of a bankrupt, and for the relief and restitution of the bankrupt himself. A bankrupt law is distinguished from the ordinary law between debtor and creditor, as involving these three general principles: (1) A summary and immediate seizure of all the debtor's property; (2) a distribution of his property among the creditors in general, instead of merely applying a portion of it to the payment of the individual complainant; and (3) the discharge of the debtor from future liability for the debts then existing.

The leading distinction between a bankrupt law and an insolvent law, in the proper technical sense, consists in the character of the persons upon whom it is designed to operate,—the former contemplating as its objects bankrupts only, that is, traders of a certain description; the latter, insolvents in general, or persons unable to pay their debts. This has led to a marked separation between the two systems, in principle and in practice, which in England has always been carefully maintained, although in the United States it has of late been disregarded. A bankrupt law, moreover, in its proper sense, is a remedy intended primarily for the benefit of creditors; it is set in motion at their instance, and operates upon the debtor against his will, (in iudicium), although in its result it effectually discharges him from his debts. An insolvent law, on the other hand, is chiefly intended for the benefit of the debtor, and is set in motion at his instance, though possibly less effective as a discharge in its final result. Sturges v. Crowninshield, 4 Wheat. 194, 4 L. Ed. 529; Vanuxem v. Hazlebury, 4 N. J. Law, 192, 7 Am. Dec. 532; Adams v. Storey, 1 Paine, 79, 1 Fed. Cas. 142; Knutsen v. Kohaus, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 317.

The only substantial difference between a strict bankrupt law and an insolvent law lies in the circumstance that the former affords relief upon the application of the creditor, and the latter upon the application of the debtor. Martin v. Berry, 37 Cal. 222.

**BANKRUPTCY.** The state or condition of one who is a bankrupt; amenable to the bankruptcy laws; the condition of one who has committed an act of bankruptcy, and is liable to be proceeded against by his creditors therefor, or of one whose circumstances are such that he is entitled, on his voluntary application, to take the benefit of the bankruptcy laws.


Insolvency means a simple inability to pay as debts should become payable, whereby the debtor's business would be broken up; bankruptcy means the particular legal status, to be ascertained and declared by a judicial decree. In re Black, 3 Bea. 196, Fed. Cas. No. 1,467.

The proceedings taken under the bankruptcy law, against a person (an firm or company) to have him adjudged a bankrupt and to have his estate administered for the benefit of the creditors, and divided among them.

That branch of jurisprudence, or system of law and practice, which is concerned with
the definition and ascertainment of acts of bankruptcy and the administration of bankrupts' estates for the benefit of their creditors and the absolute and restitution of bankrupts.

**Act of Bankruptcy**

See Act.

**Adjudication of Bankruptcy**

The judgment or decree of a court having jurisdiction, that a person against whom a petition in bankruptcy has been filed, or who has filed his voluntary petition, be ordered and adjudged to be a bankrupt.

**Bankruptcy Courts**

Courts for the administration of the bankruptcy laws.

**Bankruptcy Proceedings**

This term includes all proceedings in a federal court having jurisdiction in bankruptcy, founded on a petition in bankruptcy and either directly or collaterally involved in the adjudication and discharge of the bankrupt and the collection and administration of his estate. Kidder v. Horrobin, 72 N. Y. 167. See, also, Proceedings in bankruptcy.

**Controversies Arising in Bankruptcy Proceedings**

See Proceedings in bankruptcy.

**Involuntary Bankruptcy**

See Voluntary bankruptcy, infra.

**Voluntary Bankruptcy**

Bankruptcy (in the sense of proceedings taken under the bankruptcy law) is either voluntary or involuntary; the former where the proceeding is initiated by the debtor's own petition to be adjudged a bankrupt and have the benefit of the law (In re Murray [D. C.] 96 Fed. 600; Metzker v. Bonebrake, 108 U. S. 66, 2 Sup. Ct. 351, 27 L. Ed. 654), the latter where he is forced into bankruptcy on the petition of a sufficient number of his creditors.

See Bankrupt; Bankrupt Law.

**BANLEUCA.** (Same as the French banlieue). An old law term, signifying a space or tract of country around a city, town, or monastery, distinguished and protected by peculiar privileges. Spelman.

**BANLIEU, or BANLIEUE.** In French and Canadian law. The same as banleuca (q. v.).

**BANNER.** A small flag bearing a device or symbol and intended to be carried or waved. L. R. 2 P. C. 387. The term includes a canvas, parti-colored or bearing party words and stretched across a street. 4 O'M. & H. 179.

**BANNERET.** See Banneret.

**BARR.** Law Dict. (3d Ed.)—13

**BANNI, or BANNITUS.** In old law, one under a ban, (q. v.) an outlaw or banished man. Brit. cc. 12, 13; Calvin.

**BANNI NUPTIARUM.** L. Lat. In old English law. The bans of matrimony.

**BANNIMUS.** We ban or expel. The form of expulsion of a member from the University of Oxford, by affixing the sentence in some public places, as a promulgation of it. Cowell.

**BANNIRE AD PLACITA, AD MOLENDINUM.** To summon tenants to serve at the lord's courts, to bring corn to be ground at his mill.

**BANNITUS.** See Banni.

**BANNS OF MATRIMONY.** Public notice or proclamation of a matrimonial contract, and the intended celebration of the marriage of the parties in pursuance of such contract. Cowell; 1 Bla. Comm. 439; Pothier, Du Mariage p. 2, c. 2.

Such announcement is required by the English law to be made in a church or chapel, during service, on three consecutive Sundays before the marriage is celebrated. The object is to afford an opportunity for any person to interpose an objection if he knows of any impediment or other just cause why the marriage should not take place. The publication of the bans may be dispensed with by procuring a special license to marry.

**BANNUM.** A ban (q. v.).

**BANNUIS.** In old English law. A proclamation. Banus regis; the king's proclamation, made by the voice of a herald, forbidding all present at the trial by combat to interfere either by motion or word, whatever they might see or hear. Bract. fol. 142.

**BANQUE. Fr.** A bench; the table or counter of a trader, merchant, or banker. Banque route; a broken bench or counter; bankrupt.

**BANS OF MATRIMONY.** See Banus of Matrimony.

**BANYAN.** In East Indian law. A Hindoo merchant or shop-keeper. The word is used in Bengal to denote the native who manages the money concerns of a European, and sometimes serves him as an interpreter.

**BAR.** A partition or railing running across a court-room, intended to separate the general public from the space occupied by the judges, counsel, jury, and others concerned in the trial of a cause. In the English courts it is the partition behind which all outer-barristers and every member of the public must stand. Solicitors, being officers of the court, are admitted within it; as are also queen's counsel, barristers with patents of precedence, and sergeants, in virtue of their ranks. Parties who appear in person also are placed within the bar on the floor of the court.

A particular part of the court-room; for
example, the place where prisoners stand at their trial, whence the expression "prisoner at the bar."

The court, in its strictest sense, sitting in full term. The presence, actual or constructive, of the court. Thus, a trial at bar is one had before the full court, distinguished from a trial had before a single judge at nisi prius. So the "case at bar" is the case now before the court and under its consideration; the case being tried or argued.

In another sense, the whole body of attorneys and counsellors, or the members of the legal profession, collectively, who are figuratively called the "bar," from the place which they usually occupy in court. They are thus distinguished from the "bench," which term denotes the whole body of judges.

In the practice of legislative bodies, the outer boundary of the house; therefore, all persons, not being members, who wish to address the house, or are summoned to it, appear at the bar for that purpose.

In the law of contracts, an impediment, obstacle, or preventive barrier. Thus, relationship within the prohibited degrees is a bar to marriage. In this sense also we speak of the "bar of the statute of limitations."

That which defeats, annuls, cuts off, or puts an end to. Thus, a provision "in bar of dower" is one which has the effect of defeating or cutting off the dower-rights which the wife would otherwise become entitled to in the particular land.

In pleading, a special plea, constituting a sufficient answer to an action at law; so called because it barred, i.e., prevented, the plaintiff from further prosecuting it with effect, and, if established by proof, defeated and destroyed the action altogether. Now called a special "plea in bar." It may be further described as a plea or peremptory exception of a defendant to destroy the plaintiff's action. City of San Antonio v. Johnson (Tex. Civ. App.) 186 S. W. 656. See Plea in bar.

BAR ASSOCIATION. An association of members of the bar. Such associations have been organized in most states. The first was in Mississippi in 1825, but it is not known to have had a continued existence. An association of Grafton and Coos counties in New Hampshire had an existence before 1800, and probably a more or less continuous line since then, having finally merged into a state association. Similar associations exist in many of the counties in various states.

BAR FEE. In English law. A fee taken by the sheriff, time out of mind, for every prisoner who is acquitted. Bac. Abr. "Extortion." Abolished by St. 14 Geo. III. c. 26; 55 Geo. III. c. 50; 8 & 9 Vict. c. 114.


A room containing a bar or counter at which liquors are sold, or a room with a bar where liquors and refreshments are served. Town of Leesburg v. Putnam, 103 Ga. 110, 29 S. E. 662, 663, 68 Am. St. Rep. 80; Mustard v. Elwood (C. C. A.) 223 F. 225, 226.

The words "bar" and "bar room" have a more restrictive meaning than "saloon," and mean a place from which intoxicating liquors are to be sold. Greil Bros. Co. v. Mabson, 172 Ala. 444, 50 So. 876, 877, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 564.

BAR SINISTER. A term popularly though erroneously used for baton, a mark of illegitimacy. Webster.


Baratrier committit qui propter pecuniam justitiam bareaet. He is guilty of baratry who for money sells justice. Bell. (This maxim, however, is one pertaining more to the meaning of "baratry" as used in Scotch law than to its common-law meaning. See Barratry.)

BARBANUS. In old Lombardic law. An uncle, (paterus.)


BARBER. One who makes a business of shaving and trimming beards and cutting and dressing hair. Dellacorte v. Gentile, 98 N. J. Eq. 194, 129 A. 739, 740.

The term has been held to include a woman, who, being employed in a beauty parlor serving women customers exclusively, cut a woman's hair in the style of bobbed hair. State v. Leftwich, 145 Wash. 339, 253 P. 445, 449, 59 A. L. R. 539. But it has also been thought that the proprietor of a "hairdressing and beauty parlor," the important features of whose business included cutting hair, massaging, clipping hair with barber clippers, singeing the hair, giving tonics, shampooing, and maneuvering, but not shaving the face, was not a "barber" within a statute subjecting barbers to examination and regulation. Keith v. State Barber Board, 112 Kan. 534, 212 P. 571, 572, 21 A. L. R. 432.

In England in former times, barbers also practiced surgery and dentistry, but by 52 Hen. VIII, c. 42, barbers, although they were thereby incorporated with the surgeons of London, were not to practice surgery, except the drawing of teeth.

BARBICANAGE. In old European law. Money paid to support a barbican or watch-tower.

BARBITTS. L. Fr. (Modern Fr. bretbis.) Sheep. See Millen v. Fawen, Bendloe, 171, "home ove petit chum chase barbits."

BL.LAW DICT.(3D ED.)
BARE. Naked; without a covering; unaccompanied.

BARE LICENSEE. One who is such by mere tolerance or acquiescence, and not by express invitation. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co. v. Farrow's Adm'r, 106 Va. 137, 55 S. E. 599.

BARE TRUSTEE. One whose trust is to convey, and the time has arrived for a conveyance by him; or a trustee to whose office no duties were originally attached, or who, although such duties were originally attached to his office, would, on the requisition of his cestuis que trust, be compellable in equity to convey the estate to them or by their direction. Christie v. Ovington, 1 Ch. Div. 279, 281.

BAREBONES PARLIAMENT. A parliament summoned by Cromwell in 1653.

BARET. L. Fr. A wrangling suit. Brit. c. 92; Co. Litt. 3988.

BARGAIN. A mutual undertaking, contract, or agreement.

A contract or agreement between two parties, the one to sell goods or lands, and the other to buy them. Hunt v. Adams, 5 Mass. 360; 4 Am. Dec. 68; Sage v. Wilcox, 6 Conn. 91; Bank v. Archer, 16 Miss. 192.

As a verb, "bargain" means to sell for cash, or on terms, rather than to trade or exchange. In re Wellings' Estate, 197 Cal. 198, 240 P. 21, 24.

"If the word 'agreement' imports a mutual act of two parties, surely the word 'bargain' is not less significant of the consent of two. In a popular sense, the former word is frequently used as declaring the engagement of one only. A man may agree to pay money or to perform some other act, and the word is then used synonymously with 'promise' or 'engage.' But the word 'bargain' is seldom used, unless to express a mutual contract or undertaking," Packard v. Richardson, 17 Mass. 121, 9 Am. Dec. 213.

—Bargain money. These words in a contract for the sale of land have much the same significance as earnest money. Morgan v. Forbes, 236 Mass. 480, 128 N. E. 792, 793.

—Catching bargain. A bargain by which money is loaned, at an exorbitante or extravagant rate, to an heir or any one who has an estate in reversion or expectancy, to be repaid on the vesting of his interest; or a similar unconscionable bargain with such person for the purchase outright of his expectancy. See Edler v. Frazier, 174 Iowa, 46, 156 N. W. 182, 197. "Catching bargain" describes that kind of fraud often perpetrated upon young, inexperienced, or ignorant people. Provident Life & Trust Co. v. Fletcher (C. C. A.) 258 F. 593, 596.

See Unconscionable Bargain.

BARGAIN AND SALE. In conveyancing. The transferring of the property of a thing from one to another, upon valuable consideration, by way of sale. Shep. Touch. (by Preston) 221.

A contract or bargain by the owner of land, in consideration of money or its equivalent paid, to sell land to another person, called the "bargainer," whereupon a use arises in favor of the latter, to whom the seisin is transferred by force of the statute of uses. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 128; Bisp. Eq. 419; Britten v. Freeman, 17 N. J. Law, 251; Iowa v. McFarland, 119 U. S. 471, 4 Sup. Ct. 216, 29 L. Ed. 128; Love v. Miller, 53 Ind. 296, 21 Am. Rep. 192; Stifter v. Reutes, 9 Sorg. & R. (Pa.) 176; Leing v. McEwing, 183 W. Va. 341, 137 S. E. 744, 745.

The proper and technical words to denote a bargain and sale are "bargain and sell;" but any other words that are sufficient to raise a use upon a valuable consideration are sufficient. 2 Wood. Conv. 15; Jackson ex dem. Hudson v. Alexander, 3 Johns. (N. Y.) 484, 3 Am. Dec. 517; Lynch v. Livingston, 8 Barb. (N. Y.) 463. See 2 Washb. R. P. 620; Shep. Touchst. 222.

The expression "bargain and sale" is also applied to transfers of personalty, in cases where there is first an executory agreement for the sale, (the bargain,) and then an actual and completed sale.

BARGAINEE. The grantee of an estate in a deed of bargain and sale. The party to a bargain to whom the subject-matter of the bargain or thing bargain'd for is to go.

BARGAINOR. The person who makes a bargain. The party to a bargain who is to receive the consideration and perform the contract by delivery of the subject-matter.

BARGE. A lighter or a flat bottom boat for loading or unloading ships. A lighter having no means of self-propulsion, and able to make progress only by being towed. Commonwealth v. Breakwater Co., 100 N. E. 1034, 1037, 214 Mass. 10. A scow. The Scow No. 15, 88 F. 306. The term may also include a steam pleasure yacht under a statute pertaining to the liability of vessel owners. The Mamie (D. C.) 5 F. 813; Id. (C. C.) 8 F. 387.

BARK. It is sometimes figuratively used to denote the mere words or letter of an instrument, or outer covering of the ideas sought to be expressed, as distinguished from its inner substance or essential meaning. "If the bark makes for them, the pith makes for us." Bacon.

BARLEYCORN. In linear measure. The third of an inch.

BARMOTE COURTS. Courts held in certain mining districts belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster, for regulation of the mines, and for deciding questions of title and other matters relating thereto. 3 Steph. Comm. 347, note b.

BARN. A covered building for securing productions of the earth. State v. Laughlin, 63
BARNARD’S INN. An inn of chancery. See Inns of Chancery.

BARO. In old law, a man, whether slave or free. In later usage, a freeman or freedman; a strong man; a good soldier; a hired soldier; a vassal; a baron; a feudal tenant or client.

A man of dignity and rank; a knight.

A magnate in the church.

A judge in the exchequer (baron seacaril). The first-born child.

A husband.

The word is said by Spelman to have been used more frequently in the last sense; Spelman, Gloss.

BARON. A lord or nobleman; the most general title of nobility in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 398, 399. A particular degree or title of nobility, next to a viscount. The lowest title in Great Britain.

A judge of the court of exchequer. 3 Bl. Comm. 44; Cowell.

A freeman. Co. Litt. 58a. Also a vassal holding directly from the king.

A husband; occurring in this sense in the phrase “baron et femea,” husband and wife.

The term has essentially the same meaning as Baron (q. v.).

BARON ET FEMEA. Man and woman; husband and wife. Spelman, Gloss; 1 Bl. Comm. 442. A wife being under the protection and influence of her baron, lord, or husband, is styled a “feme-covert” (femina vitro cooptata) and her state of marriage is called her “coverture.” Cummings v. Everett, 82 Me. 260, 19 Atl. 456.

BARONS OF THE CINQUE PORTS. Members of parliament from these ports, viz.: Sandwich, Romney, Hastings, Hythe, and Dover. Winchelsea and Rye have been added. See Cinque Ports.

BARONS OF THE EXCHEQUER. The six judges of the court of exchequer in England, of whom one is styled the “chief baron,” answering to the justices and chief justices of other courts.

BARONAGE. In English law. The collective body of the barons, or of the nobility at large. Spelman.

BARONES SCACCARI. See Barons of the Exchequer.

BARONET. An English name or hereditary title of dignity or rank (but not a title of nobility, being next below that of baron), established in 1611 by James I. It is created by letters patent, and descends to the male heir. Spelman.

BARONY. The dignity of a baron; a species of tenure; the territory or lands held by a baron. Spelman; 2 Holdsw. Hist. Eng. L. 129.

In Scotland, a large freehold estate, even though the proprietor is not a baron. See Barony of Land, infra.

BARONY OF LAND. In England, a quantity of land amounting to 15 acres. In Ireland, a subdivision of a county.

BARRA, or BARRE. In old practice. A plea in bar. The bar of the court. A barrister.

BARRATOR. One who commits barratry. See Barretor.

BARRATROUS. Fraudulent; having the character of barratry.

BARRATRY. In Criminal Law

Also spelled “Barretry.” The offense of frequently exciting and stirring up quarrels and suits, either at law or otherwise. 4 Bla. Com. 134; Co. Litt. 368. See 1 Cowp. 154, by Lord Mansfield; State v. Simpson, 1 Ball. (S. C.) 379; Com. v. Mohn, 52 Pa. 243, 11 Am. Dec. 153; Voorhees v. Dorr, 51 Barb. (N. Y.) 580.


In Maritime Law

An act committed by the master or mariners of a vessel, for some unlawful or fraudulent purpose, contrary to their duty to the owners, whereby the latter suffer injury. It may include negligence, if so gross as to evidence fraud. Marcardier v. Insurance Co., 3 L. Ed. 481; Atkinson v. Insurance Co., 85 N. Y. 538; Atkinson v. Insurance Co., 4 Daly (N. Y.) 16; Patapaco Ins. Co. v. Coulter, 3 Pet. 231, 7 L. Ed. 659; Lawton v. Insurance Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 501; Earle v. Rowcroft, 8 East, 135; 2 Ld. Raym. 349; McIntyre v. Bowne, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 229; Brown v. U. S., 8 Crunch, 139, 3 L. Ed. 504;

Barratry is some fraudulent act of the master or mariners, tending to their own benefit, to the prejudice of the owner of the vessel, without his privy or consent. Kendrick v. Delanfield, 2 Calves (N. Y.) 67.

Barratry is a generic term, which includes many acts of various kinds and degrees. It comprehends any unlawful, fraudulent, or dishonest act of the master or mariners, and every violation of duty by them arising from gross and culpable negligence contrary to their duty to the owner of the vessel, and which might work loss or injury to him in the course of the voyage insured. A mutiny of the crew, and forcible dispossession by them of the master and other officers from the ship, is a form of barratry. Greene v. Pacific Mut. Ins. Co., 9 Allen (Mass.) 217.

In Scotch Law

The crime committed by a judge who receives a bribe for his judgment. Skene; Brande.

See Champerty.

BARRIED. Obstructed by a bar; subject to hindrance or obstruction by a bar or barrier which, if interposed, will prevent legal redress or recovery; as, when it is said that a claim or cause of action is "barred by the statute of limitations." Knox County v. Morton, 68 Fed. 791, 15 C. C. A. 871; Cowan v. Mueller, 176 Mo. 192, 75 S. W. 606; Wilson v. Knox County, 152 Mo. 587, 34 S. W. 45, 477.


In agricultural and mercantile parlance, as also in the inspection laws, the term means, prima facie, not merely a certain quantity, but, further, a certain state of the article; namely, that it is in a cask. State v. Moore, 33 N. C. 72.

BARREN MONEY. In the civil law. A debt which bears no interest.

BARRENNESS. Sterility; the incapacity to bear children.

BARRETOR. In criminal law. A common mover, exciter, or maintainer of suits and quarrels either in courts or elsewhere in the country; a disturber of the peace who spreads false rumors and calumnies, whereby discord and disquiet may grow among neighbors. Co. Litt. 388.

Common barrator

One who frequently excites and stirs up groundless suits and quarrels, either at law or otherwise. State v. Chitty, 1 Bailey (S. C.) 379; Com. v. Davis, 11 Pick. (Mass.) 432.

BARRETRY. In criminal law. The act or offense of a barrator, (q. v.) usually called "common barretry." 4 Steph. Comm. 262. See Barratry.


BARRIER. In mining law and the usage of miners, a wall of coal left between two mines.

BARRISTER. In English law. An advocate; a counsel lawyer learned in the law who has been admitted to plead at the bar, and who is engaged in conducting the trial or argument of causes.

A barrister is to be distinguished from the attorney, who draws the pleadings, prepares the testimony, and conducts matters out of court. In re Rickert, 66 N. H. 207, 25 Atl. 559, 24 L. R. A. 740.

See King's Counsel.

Inner Barrister

A serjeant or king's counsel who pleads within the bar.

Junior Barrister

A barrister under the rank of queen's counsel. Also the junior of two counsel employed on the same side in a cause. Mozley & Whitley.

Outer or Utter Barrister

One who pleads "outer" or without the bar. Such barristers were so called because they sat "uttermost on the forms of the benchers which they call the bar." 29 L. Q. R. 25. They are distinguished from benchers, or those who have been readers, and are allowed to plead within the bar, as are the king's counsel.

Utter Barrister

The same as "Outer barrister," supra.

Vacation Barrister

A counseler newly called to the bar, who is to attend for several long vacations the exercises of the house.

BART. The usual abbreviation for Baronet (q. v.).

BARTER. A contract by which parties exchange goods or commodities for other goods. It differs from sale, in this: that in the latter transaction goods or property are always exchanged for money. Guerrerio v. Pelle, 3 Barn. & Ald. 617; Cooper v. State, 37 Ark. 418; Meyer v. Rousseau, 47 Ark. 460, 2 S. W. 112. And in a sale there is a fixed price; in a barter there is not. See Benj. Sales 1; Spiegel v. Meredith, 4 Bliss. 120, Fed. Cas.

This term is not applied to contracts concerning land, but to such only as relate to goods and chattels. Speigle v. Meredith, 4 Bliss. 123, Fed. Cas. No. 13,227.

It sometimes signifies a corrupt transaction.

In re Troy, 43 R. I. 279, 111 A. 723, 724.

BARTON. In old English law. The demesne land of a Manor; a farm distinct from the mansion.

Sometimes it is used for the manor house itself; and in some places for out houses and fold yards. In the statute 2 & 3 Edw. 6. c. 32, Barton lands and demesne lands are used as synonymous. Cowell.

BAS. Fr. Low; inferior; subordinate.

BAS CHEVALIERS. In old English law. Low, or inferior knights, by tenure of a base military fee, as distinguished from barons and bannetars, who were the chief or superior knights. Cowell; Kennett, Paroch. Ant.; Blount.

BAS VILLE. In French law. The suburbs of a town.

BASAL FRACTURE. A fracture of the skull beginning at the base of the skull to the rear and left extending to the top of the skull. Marland Refining Co. v. McClung, 102 Okd. 56, 226 P. 312, 313.

BASE, adj. Low; inferior; servile; of subordinate degree; impure, adulterated, or alloyed.

As used in engineering or mechanics, it has no invariable meaning. Benjamin Electric Mig. Co. v. Northwestern Electric Equipment Co. (C. C. A.) 251 F. 283, 290.

—Base animal. See Animal.

—Base bullion. Base silver bullion is silver in bars mixed to a greater or less extent with alloys or base materials. Hope Min. Co. v. Kennon, 3 Mont. 44.


—Base court. In English law. An inferior court, that is, not of record, as the court baron. Cunningham; Kitch. 95, 96; Cowell.

—Base estate. The estate which “base tenants” (q. v.) have in their land. Cowell.

—Base fee. In English law. An estate or fee which has a qualification subjunctive there to, and which must be determined whenever the qualification annexed to it is at an end. 2 Bl. Comm. 109. Wiggins Ferry Co. v. Railroad Co., 94 Ill. 98; Camp Meeting Ass'n v. East Lyme, 54 Conn. 152, 5 A. 849. It is a fee for the reason that it may last forever if the contingency does not happen, but debased because its duration depends upon collateral circumstances which qualify it. McIntyre v. Dietrich, 294 Ill. 126, 128 N. E. 321, 322. It is sometimes called also a conditional fee; Citizens' Electric Co. v. Susquehanna Boom Co., 270 Pa. 517, 113 A. 535, 561; a determinable fee; Penick v. Atkinson, 159 Ga. 649, 77 S. E. 1055, 1057, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 284, Ann. Cas. 1914B, 542; or a qualified fee; In re Douglass' Estate, 94 Neb. 259, 149 N. W. 290, 302, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 447.

—Base infemption. In Scotch law. A disposition of lands by a vassal, to be held of himself.

—Base right. In Scotch law. A subordinate right; the right of a subvassal in the lands held by him. Bell.

—Base services. In feudal law. Such services as were unworthy to be performed by the nobler men, and were performed by the peasants and those of servile rank. 2 Bla. Comm. 62; 1 Washb. R. P. 25.

—Base tenants. Tenants who performed to their lords services in villenage; tenants who held at the will of the lord, as distinguished from frank tenants, or freeholders. Cowell.

—Base tenure. A tenure by villenage, or other customary service, as distinguished from tenure by military service; or from tenure by free service. Cowell.

BASEBALL. A game of skill within the criminal offense of betting on such a game. Mace v. State, 68 Ark. 79, 22 S. W. 1108. When played by professionals for profit, it is a performance of worldly employment and business within the Sunday Law of Pennsylvania. Commonwealth v. American Baseball Club of Philadelphia, 290 Pa. 136, 138 A. 497, 53 A. L. R. 1027. And where professional baseball players and umpires engaged in a free Sunday game, they were held to have violated a statute prohibiting laboring at any trade or calling on Sunday. Crook v. Commonwealth, 147 Va. 593, 138 S. E. 565, 50 A. L. R. 1943. But it has also been held that a baseball exhibition, although made for money, is not trade or commerce in the commonly accepted use of those words. Federal Base Ball Club of Baltimore v. National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, 259 U. S. 200, 42 S. Ct. 465, 66 L. Ed. 959, 29 L. R. A. 327.

BASEMENT. A floor partly beneath the surface of the ground but distinguished from a cellar by being well lighted and fitted for living purposes. In England the ground floor of a city house.

BASILEUS. A Greek word, meaning "king." A title assumed by the emperors of the Eastern Roman Empire. It is used by Justinian in some of the Novels; and is said to have
been applied to the English kings before the Conquest.' See 1 Bl. Comm. 242.

BASILICA. The name given to a compilation of Roman and Greek law, prepared about A. D. 880 by the Emperor Basillus, and published by his successor, Leo the Philosopher. It was written in Greek, was mainly an abridgment of Justinian's Corpus Juris, and comprised sixty books, only a portion of which are extant. It remained the law of the Eastern Empire until the fall of Constantinople, in 1453.

BASILS. In old English law. A kind of money or coin abolished by Henry II.


BASIS. Foundation or groundwork; the principal component parts of a thing. State v. Kansas City & M. Ry. & Bridge Co., 106 Ark. 248, 153 S. W. 614, 616.

BASKET TENEUR. In feudal law. Lands held by the service of making the king's baskets.

BASOCHE. Fr. An association of the "Clere du Parlement" of Paris, supposed to have been instituted in 1302. It judged all civil and criminal matters that arose among the clerks and all actions brought against them. Hist. for Ready Reference.

BASSA TENEURA. See Base Fee.

BASSE JUSTICE. In feudal law. Low justice; the right exercised by feudal lords of personally trying persons charged with trespasses or minor offenses.


One begotten and born out of lawful wedlock. 2 Kent, Comm. 208; Ng Suey Hi v. Weedin (C. C. A.) 21 F.2d 501, 502; Ex parte Newsome, 212 Ala. 108, 102 So. 216, 218.

This definition, which is substantially the same as Blackstone's, is open to the objection that it does not include with sufficient certainty those cases where children are born during wedlock but are not the children of the mother's husband.


A child born out of wedlock, whose parents do not subsequently intermarry, or a child the issue of adulterous intercourse of the wife during wedlock. Code Ga. 1882, § 1797 (Civ. Code 1926, § 3026).

The term also includes a child born of parents while in a state of slavery, inasmuch as the parents were under disability to contract marriage. Cole v. Taylor, 132 Tenn. 177 S. W. 61, 65; Timmins v. Lacy, 30 Tex. 115.

In Louisiana, "bastards," as distinguished from "natural children," are illegitimate children who have not been acknowledged by their parents. "Natural children" are those who have been acknowledged by both or either of their parents. Briggs v. McLaughlin, 124 La. 533, 53 So. 551, 552.

Bastard eigné. In old English law. Bastard elder. If a child was born of an illicit connection, and afterwards the parents intermarried and had another son, the elder was called bastard eigné, or, as it is now spelled, ainé, and the second son was called puissé, or since born, or sometimes he was called mulier puissé. 2 Bla. Comm. 248.

Special bastard. One born of parents before marriage, the parents afterward intermarrying. 3 Bl. Comm. 365. By the civil and Scotch law, as well as by the statute law prevailing in over half of the states of the Union, the child would then be legitimated.


BASTARDIZE. To declare one a bastard, as a court does. To give evidence to prove one a bastard. A mother (married) cannot bastardize her child.

Bastardus non potest habere hæredem nisi de corpore suo legitime procedat. A bastard can have no heir unless it be one lawfully begotten of his own body. Tray. Lat. Max. 51.

Bastardus nullius est filius, aut filius populi. A bastard is nobody's son, or the son of the people.


BASTARDY PROCESS. The method provided by statute of proceeding against the putative father to secure a proper maintenance for the bastard.

BASTON. In old English law, a baton, club, or staff. A term applied to officers of the wardens of the prison called the "Fleet," because of the staff carried by them. Cowell;
Spelman; Termes de la Ley. See Justices of Trail-Baston.

BATAILLON. Land that is in controversy, or about the possession of which there is a dispute, as the lands which were situated between England and Scotland before the Union. Skene.

BATAILLE. In old English law. Battel; the trial by combat or duelium.

BATH, KNIGHTS OF THE. See Knights.

BATIMENT. In French marine law. A vessel or ship.

BATONNIER. The chief of the French bar in its various centres, who presides in the council of discipline. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 546.

BATTLE. Trial by combat; wager of battel. See Wager of Battel.


A willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another. Pen. Code Cal. § 242; Pen. Code Dak. § 306 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 9516); Clark, Cr. L. 199; Long v. Rogers, 17 Ala. 540; Pike v. Hanson, 9 N. H. 491.


The actual offer to use force to the injury of another person is assault; the use of it is battery; which always includes an assault; hence the two terms are commonly combined in the term “assault and battery.” McGloin v. Hauser, 56 Ind. App. 243, 104 N. E. 118, 121; Harris v. State, 15 Okl. Cr. 393, 177 P. 123, 123; State v. Stlaw, 97 N. J. Law, 349, 116 A. 425; State v. Lichter, 103 A. 529, 530, 7 Baye. (Del.) 137; Anderson v. Crawford (C. C. A.) 205 F. 504, 506; Johnson v. Sampson, 167 Minn. 263, 263 N. W. 514, 514; 45 L. R. 722.


Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature

An unlawful act of violent injury to the person of another, accompanied by circumstances of aggravation, such as the use of deadly weapon, great disparity between the ages and physical conditions of the parties, or the purposeful infliction of shame and disgrace. State v. Jones, 133 S. C. 167, 130 S. E. 747, 751.

Simple Battery

One not accompanied by circumstances of aggravation, or not resulting in grievous bodily injury.

BATTONNIER. In French and Canadian law. A member of the bar selected as the head of the bar.

BATTURE. According to Richelet and the French Academy, a marine term, used to denote a bottom of sand, stone, or rock, mixed together, and rising towards the surface of the water; as a technical word and also in common parlance, an elevation of the bed of a river, under the surface of the water. The term is, however, sometimes used to denote the same elevation of the bank, when it has risen above the surface of the water, or is as high as the land on the outside of the bank. Morgan v. Livingston, 6 Mart. (O. S.) (L.) 111; State v. Richardson, 140 La. 329, 72 So. 984, 987. In this latter sense it is synonymous with "alluvion." It means, in common-law language, land formed by accretion. Hollingsworth v. Chaffe, 33 La. Ann. 655; New Orleans v. Morris, 3 Woods, 117, Fed. Cas. No. 10,183; Leonard v. Baton Rouge, 4 So. 243, 39 La. Ann. 275; Municipality No. 2 v. Orleans Cotton Press, 18 La. 123, 36 Am. Dec. 624; Producers’ Oil Co. v. Hanszen, 132 La. 691, 61 So. 794.

The term is used in Louisiana, and is applied principally to certain portions of the bed of the Mississippi river which are uncovered at time of low water but are covered annually at time of ordinary high water. Bayou Cottonseed Oil Mfg. Co. v. Board of Comrs. of Red River, Achafalaya & Bayou Bateau Levee Dist., 140 La. 727, 197 So. 596, 598.

BAUXITE. An earth containing aluminum in sufficient quantities to make it worth working for the extraction of alumina. American Bauxite Co. v. Board of Equalization of Saline County, 119 Ark. 332, 177 S. W. 1151, 1152.

BAWD. One who procures opportunities for persons of opposite sexes to cohabit in an illicit manner; who may be, while exercising the trade of a bawd, perfectly innocent of committing in his or her own proper person...
the crime either of adultery or of fornication. See Dyer v. Morris, 4 Mo. 216.


To constitute a bawdy-house, the house must be "resorted to" or "frequented," that is to say, used a number of times, by lowd people of both sexes. State v. Seba (Mo. App.) 200 S. W. 390.

BAY. A pond-head made of a great height to keep in water for the supply of a mill, etc., so that the wheel of the mill may be turned by the water rushing thereon, through a passage or flood-gate. St. 27 Eliz. c. 19. (This is generally called a forebay.)

A bending or curving of the shore of the sea or of a lake, so as to form a more or less inclosed body of water. State v. Town of Gilmanton, 14 N. H. 477. An opening into the land, or an arm of the sea, where the water is shut in on all sides except at the entrance. U. S. v. Morel, 13 Amer. Jur. 266, Fed. Cas. No. 15,507; Ocean Industries v. Superior Court of California, in and for Santa Cruz County, 200 Cal. App. 235, 232 P. 722, 724.

BAY WINDOW. A window projecting from the wall of a building so as to form a recess or bay within, and, properly speaking, rising from the ground or basement, with straight sides only; but the term is also ordinarily applied to such projecting windows with curved sides, properly called bow windows, and also to projecting windows supported from the building; above the ground, properly called oriel windows. See Hieronymus v. Moran, 273 Ill. 254, 111 N. E. 1022, 1023; Commonwealth v. Harris, 10 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 10; Com. v. Reimer, 39 Leg. Int. (Pa.) 108; Appeal of Reimer, 100 Pa. 182, 45 Am. Rep. 373.


BAYOU. A species of creek or stream common in Louisiana and Texas. An outlet from a swamp, pond, or lagoon, to a river, or the sea. See Surget v. Lapiece, 8 How. 48, 70, 12 L. Ed. 982.

BEACH. This term, in its ordinary signification, when applied to a place on tide waters means the space between ordinary high and low water mark; East Hampton v. Kirk, 6 Hun (N. Y.) 257; or the space over which the tide usually ebbs and flows. It is a term not more significant of a sea margin than "shore." Niles v. Patch, 13 Gray (Mass.) 237; Hodge v. Boothby, 45 Me. 68.

Beach is synonymous with "shore," "strand," or "beats." Doane v. Willcutt, 5 Gray (Mass.) 323, 325, 55 Am. Dec. 329; Littlefield v. Littlefield, 28 Me. 190; Cutts v. Hussey, 25 Me. 237. The term may also include the sandy shore above mean high water which is washed by storms and exceptionally high tides. Newkirk v. Sherwood, 94 A. 982, 984, 89 Conn. 558.

To "beach" a ship is to run it upon the beach or shore; this is frequently found necessary in case of a fire, leak, etc. See Foreshore; Sea-Shell.

PUBLIC BEACH

One left by the state or others claiming it open to the common use of the public, which the unorganized public and each of its members have a right to use while it remains such. Brower v. Wakeman, 88 Conn. 8, 89 A. 913, 914.

BEACON. A light-house, or sea-mark, formerly used to alarm the country, in case of the approach of an enemy, but now used for the guidance of ships at sea, by night, as well as by day.

BEACONAGE. Money paid for the maintenance of a beacon or signal-light. Comyns, Dig. Navigation (H).

BEADLE. In English ecclesiastical law. An inferior parish officer, who is chosen by the revery, and whose business is to attend the revery, to give notice of its meetings, to execute its orders, to attend upon inquests, and to assist the constables. Wharton. See, also, Redel.

BEAMS AND BALANCE. Instruments for weighing goods and merchandise.

BEAR. To support, sustain, or carry; to give rise to, or to produce, something else as an incident or auxiliary. See Stevenson v. Mel- lor, 252 Pa. 219, 97 A. 393, 394.

BEAR ARMS. To carry arms as weapons and with reference to their military use, not to wear them about the person as part of the dress. Aymette v. State, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 153. As applied to fire-arms, includes the right to load and shoot them, and to use them as such things are generally used. Hill v. State, 53 Ga. 490.

BEAR INTEREST. To generate interest, so that the instrument or loan spoken of shall produce or yield interest at the rate specified by the parties or granted by law. Slaughter v. Slaughter, 21 Ind. App. 641, 52 N. E. 995.

BEARER. One who bears, carries, or holds a thing. Defined by the Negotiable Instruments Act as the person in possession of a bill.
Beaders. In old English law. Such as bear down or oppress others; maintainers. Cowell.

Bearing Date. Disclosing a date on its face; having a certain date. Words frequently used in pleading and conveyancing to introduce the date which has been put upon an instrument. See 2 Greenl. Ev. § 160; 2 Dowl. & L. 759.

Beast. An animal; a domestic animal; a quadruped, such as may be used for food or in labor or for sport; e. g., a cow; Taylor v. State, 6 Humph. (Tenn.) 285; a horse; Winfrey v. Zimmerman, 8 Bush (Ky.) 587; and a hog; State v. Enslo, 10 Iowa, 115; but a dog was held not to be; U. S. v. Gideon, 1 Minn. 292 (Gil. 229); but see Morewood v. Wakefield, 132 Mass. 241.

Beasts of the Chase. In English law. Properly, the buck, doe, fox, martin, and roe, but in a common and legal sense extending likewise to all the beasts of the forest, which beside the others are reckoned to be the hind, hare, bear, and wolf, and, in a word, all wild beasts of venery or hunting. Co. Litt. 293; 2 Bla. Comm. 39.


Beasts of the Plow. An old term for animals employed in the operations of husbandry, including Horses. Somers v. Emerson, 58 N. H. 49.


Beat. v. To strike or hit repeatedly, as with blows. Regina v. Hale, 2 Camp. & K. 327; Com. v. McClellan, 101 Mass. 35; State v. Harrigan, 4 Pennewill (Del.) 129, 55 A. 5; Com. v. McClellan, 101 Mass. 35.

In the criminal law, and the law of torts, with reference to assault and battery, the term includes any unlawful physical violence offered to another. See Battery.

To beat, in a legal sense, is not merely to whip, wound, or hurt, but includes any unlawful imposition of the hand or arm. Goodrum v. State, 60 Ga. 511; Yarbrough v. State, 17 Ga. App. 383, 88 S. E. 719, 711.

Beat, n. In some of the southern states (as Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina) the principal legal subdivision of a county, corresponding to towns or townships in other states; or a voting precinct. Williams v. Pearson, 38 Ala. 308; Eaton v. State, 20 Ala. App. 110, 101 So. 94, 95.

Beating of the Bounds. An ancient custom in England by which, once a year, the minister, etc., of a parish walked about its boundaries to preserve a recollection of them. Cent. Dict. (Perambulation).

Beauplunder. (L. Fr. fair pleading). A writ of prohibition directed to the sheriff or another, directing him not to take a fine for beauplunder.

There was an ancient fine imposed called a fine for beauplunder, which is explained by Coke to have been originally imposed for bad pleading. Coke, 21 Inst. 123. The statute of Maribridge (52 Hen. III.) c. 11, enacts, that neither in the circuit of justice, nor in counties, hundreds, or courts-baron, any fines shall be taken for fair pleading; namely, for not pleading fairly or aptly to the purpose. Upon this statute this writ was ordained, directed to the sheriff, bailiff, or him who shall demand the fine; and it is a prohibition or command not to do it. New Nat. Brew. 596; Fitzh. N. B. 270 a; Hall Hist. Comm. Law, c. 7; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law 70; Com. Dig. Perrogvite (D. 81, 83); Cowell; Co. 21 Inst. 123; Crabb, Eng. Law 150.

Because of Employment. In this phrase as used in the Workmen’s Compensation Act, excepting an employer from liability for the willful act of a third person directed against an employee because of his employment, the words “because of” are not synonymous with “caused by” but with “on account of,” or “by reason of.” Pinkerton Nat. Detective Agency v. Walker, 157 Ga. 548, 122 S. E. 202, 35 A. L. R. 557; Saucier’s Case, 122 Me. 325, 119 A. 890, 861.

Become. To pass from one state to another; to enter into some state or condition.

Hence one who is a member of a particular organization at the time of the enactment of a statute making it a felony to “become” a member of such an organization cannot be said to be within the purview of the act. State v. Laundry, 108 Or. 445, 204 P. 565, 566.

Bed. The hollow or channel of a water course; the depression between the banks worn by the regular and usual flow of the water.

"The bed is that soil so usually covered by water as to be distinguishable from the banks by the char-

The land that is covered by the water in its ordinary low stage. Wemple v. Eastham, 150 La. 247, 90 So. 657, 658.

The portion of soil which is alternately covered and left bare as the stream may decrease and diminish in water supply, and which is adequate to contain it at average and mean stage during the entire year without reference to freshets or droughts. Motl v. Boyd, 119 Tex. 52, 296 S. W. 459, 467.

Also, the right of cohabitation or marital intercourse; as in the phrase "divorce from bed and board," or a mena et thoro.

**BED OF JUSTICE.** In old French law. The seat or throne upon which the king sat when personally present in parliament; hence it signified the parliament itself.

**BED-ALE or BID-ALE.** A friendly assentation for neighbors to meet and drink at the house of newly married persons or other poor people and then for the guests to contribute to the housekeepers. Cowell.

**BEDEHOUSE.** A hospital or almshouse for bedmen or poor people who prayed for their founders and benefactors. Cunningham.


An officer of the forest, similar to a sheriff's special bailiff. Cowell.

A collector of rents for the king. Plowd. 106, 206.

An inferior officer in a parish or liberty, or in an institution, such as the Blue Coat School in London.

A subordinate officer of a university who walked with a mace before one of the officers on ceremonial occasions and performed other minor duties ordinarily. See Beadle.

**BEDELARY.** The jurisdiction of a bedel, as a bailiwick is the jurisdiction of a bailiff. Co. Litt. 224b; Cowell.

**Bederepe.** A service which certain tenants were anciently bound to perform, as to reap their landlord's corn at harvest. Said by Whishaw to be still in existence in some parts of England. Blount; Cowell; Whishaw.

**BedeWerri.** Those which we now call ben-diti; prodigate and excommunicated persons. Cunningham.

**BEEF.** Used frequently to mean an animal of the cow species and not beef prepared for market. A beef or one beef is an expression frequently used to designate an animal fit for use as beef, instead of designating it as a steer, a heller, an ox, or a cow. Davis v. State, 40 Tex. 155.

**BEER.** A liquor compounded of malt and hops, differing from ales, not so much in its ingredients as in its processes of fermentation.

A brewed liquor made of grain, especially barley, flavored with hops, which has undergone fermentation and contains alcohol. State v. Lynch, 5 Boyce (Del.) 509, 96 A. 32.


In its ordinary sense, it denotes a beverage which is intoxicating: State v. Li Fieri, 6 Boyce (Del.) 507, 102 A. 77; Moffitt v. People, 59 Colo. 496, 149 P. 104, 107; Hawkins v. Commonwealth, 171 Ky. 204, 288 S. W. 345, 348; and is within the fair meaning of the words "strong or spirituous liquors," used in the statutes on this subject. Templeton County v. Taylor, 21 N. Y. 175; Nevin v. LaDue, 3 Deno (N. Y.) 3; Mullen v. State, 96 Ind. 306; People v. Wheelock, 3 Parker, Cr. Cas. (N. Y.) 14; Maier v. State, 2 Tex. Civ. App. 266, 21 S. W. 574.

Any liquor, whether intoxicating or not, made by the usual process of making beer, although fermentation is arrested to reduce the percentage of alcohol. Brown v. State, 17 Ariz. 314, 152 P. 578, 582.

**BEER-HOUSE; BEER-SHOP.** In English law. A place where beer is sold to be consumed on the premises; as distinguished from a "beer-shop," which is a place where beer is sold to be consumed off the premises. 16 Ch. Div. 721.

**BEFORE.** Prior to; preceding. In the presence of; under the official purview of; as in a magistrate's jurisdiction, "before me personally appeared," etc. State v. Murnane, 172 Minn. 401, 215 N. W. 885.

Thus, an acknowledgment made to an officer over a telephone line by one who is not present with the officer, is not an acknowledgment "before" the officer. Hutchinson v. State, 75 Fla. 157, 84 So. 151, 154.

In the absence of any statutory provision governing the computation of time, the authorities are uniform that, where an act is required to be done a certain number of days or weeks before a certain other day upon which another act is to be done, the day upon which the first act is done is to be excluded from the computation, and the whole number of days or weeks must intervene before the day fixed for doing the second act. Ward v. Walters, 63 Wis. 44, 25 N. W. 944, and cases cited; but see Arderio v. Dunn, 181 Ind. 255, 104 N. E. 299.

**BEG.** To solicit alms or charitable aid. The act of a cripple in passing along the sidewalk and silently holding out his hand and receiving money from passers-by is "begging for alms," within the meaning of a statute which uses that phrase. In re Heiler, 3 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 65.
BEGA. A land measure used in the East India. In Bengal it is equal to about a third part of an acre.

BEGET. See Begotten.

BEGGAR. One who lives by begging charity, or who has no other means of support than solicited alms.

BEGIN. To originate; to come into existence. As to the meaning of the words "begin operations" as used in mining or oil leases, see Cox v. Miller, 206 Mo. App. 576, 227 S. W. 652, 653; McCallister v. Texas Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 223 S. W. 859, 861; Cromwell v. Lewis, 98 Okl. 53, 223 P. 671, 672. See, also, Begin.

BEGOTTEN. "To be begotten" means the same as "begotten," embracing all those whom the parent shall have begotten during his life, quos procreaverit. 1 Maule & S. 135; Wager v. Wager, 1 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 377; Cox v. Newby, 101 S. C. 193, 85 S. E. 369, 370. The term is peculiarly and chiefly applicable to a father. Swain v. Bowers, 91 Ind. App. 307, 158 N. E. 598, 601.

BEGUM. In India. A lady, princess, woman of high rank.

BEGIN. In a statute providing that nothing contained in it should affect prosecutions "begun" under any existing act, the word "begun" means both those which have already been begun and those which may hereafter be begun. Lang v. U. S., 133 F. 201, 66 C. C. A. 255.

BEHAlF. Benefit, support, defence, or advantage. A witness testifies on "behalf" of the party who calls him, notwithstanding his evidence proves to be adverse to that party's case. Richerson v. Sternberg, 52 Ill. 324. See, further, 12 Q. B. 672; 13 Q. B. 513.

BEHAVIOR. Manner of having, holding, or keeping one's self; manner of behaving, whether good or bad; conduct; manners; carriage of one's self, with respect to propriety and morals; deportment. Webster. State v. Roll, 1 Ohio Dec. 284.

Surety to be of good behavior is a larger requirement than surety to keep the peace. Dalton, c. 123; 4 Burns, Just. 335. See Good behavior.

BEHETRIA. In Spanish law. Lands situated in districts and manors in which the inhabitants had the right to select their own lords.

BEHOOF. Use; benefit; profit; service; advantage. It occurs in conveyances, e. g., "to his and their use and behooff," Stiles v. Japhet, 84 Tex. 91, 19 S. W. 450.


A conclusion arrived at from external sources after weighing probability. Webb v. State, 10 Okl. Cr. 450, 200 P. 719, 720. See, also, Ex parte State ex rel. Attorney General, 211 Ala. 1, 100 So. 312, 313.

Conviction of the mind, arising not from actual perception or knowledge, but by way of inference, or from evidence received or information derived from others.

Belief may evidently be stronger or weaker according to the weight of evidence added in favor of the proposition to which belief is granted or refused; Thompson v. White, 4 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 337; 1 Greenl. Err. §§ 7-13. See 1 Stark. Err. 41; 2 Powell, Mortg. 555; 1 Ves. Ch. 65; 12 id. 80; Dy. 53; 2 W. Bla. 851; Carmalt v. Post, 5 Watts (Pa.) 468; Benningfield v. Hylpers, 38 Ind. 504; Hatch v. Carpenter, 9 Gray (Mass.) 274; Humphreys v. McCall, 9 Cal. 52, 79 Am. Dec. 621; Vontress v. Smith, 10 Pet. 171, 9 L. Ed. 382. Belief admits of all degrees, from the slightest suspicion to full assurance. Maxwell Ice Co. v. Bruckett, Shaw & Lunt Co., 80 N. J. 206, 118 A. 54, 56; Montgomery v. Commonwealth, 189 Ky. 308, 224 S. W. 578.

A conviction of the truth of a given proposition or an alleged fact resting upon grounds insufficient to constitute positive knowledge. Boone v. Merchants' & Farmers' Bank (D. C.) 285 F. 183, 191.

With regard to things which make not a very deep impression on the memory, it may be called "belief." "Knowledge" is nothing more than a man's firm belief. The difference is ordinarily merely in the degree; to be judged of by the court, when addressed to the court; by the jury, when addressed to the jury. Hatch v. Carpenter, 9 Gray (Mass.) 274.

Although "believing" as sometimes used is tantamount to knowledge; State v. Van Tresee, 128 Iowa, 394, 200 N. W. 570; the terms are distinguishable; Francken v. State, 190 Wis. 424, 229 N. W. 786, 789.

The distinction between the two mental conditions seems to be that knowledge is an assurance of a fact or proposition founded on perception by the senses, or intuition; while belief is an assurance gained by evidence, and from other persons. Abbott.

BELLIGERENCY. In international law. The status of de facto statehood attributed to a body of insurgents, by which their hostilities are legalized.

Before they can be recognized as belligerents they must have some sort of political organization and be carrying on what in international law is regarded as legal war. There must be an armed struggle between two political bodies, each of which exercises de facto authority over persons within a determined territory, and commands an army which is prepared to observe the ordinary laws of war. See Moore, Int. Law Dig. I, 186; Dana's Wheaton, note 15, page 35; Moore I, 262; Hall, 6th Ed. 31-42; Herehey, 118-123; Waldo v. Basch, 109 Misc. 396, 179 N. Y. S. 713, 101 App. Div. 594, 181 N. Y. S. 953; In re Jones, 71 W. Va. 587, 77 S. E. 1299, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1030, Ann. Cas. 1814C, 31.

Quality of being belligerent; status of a belliger-
BELLIGERENT. In international law. As an adjective, it means engaged in lawful war. As a noun, it designates either of two nations which are actually in a state of war with each other, as well as their allies actively cooperating, as distinguished from a nation which takes no part in the war and maintains a strict indifference as between the contending parties, called a “neutral.” U. S. v. The Ambrose Light (D. C.) 25 F. 412; Johnson v. Jones, 44 Ill. 151, 92 Am. Dec. 159.

BELLIGERENTS. A body of insurgents who by reason of their temporary organized government are regarded as conducting lawful hostilities. Also, militia, corps of volunteers, and others, who although not part of the regular army of the state, are regarded as lawful combatants provided they observe the laws of war; 4 H. C. 1907, arts. 1, 2. See Ex parte Toscano (D. C.) 208 F. 938. See, also, Belligerency.


BELLUM. Lat. In public law. War. An armed contest between nations; the state of those who forcibly contend with each other. Jus belli, the law of war.

BELONG. To appertain to; to be the property of. Property “belonging” to a person has two general meanings: (1) ownership; Cate v. Merrill, 116 Me. 452, 102 A. 296, 298; Commonwealth v. Wilson, 141 Va. 118, 126 S. E. 220, 221; and (2) less than ownership, i.e., less than an unqualified and absolute title, such as the absolute right of user. Baltimore Dry Docks & Shipbuilding Co. v. New York, & P. R. S. S. Co. (C. C. A.) 262 F. 485, 488; Blaine County Bank v. Noble, 55 Okl. 361, 155 P. 592, 594; City and County of San Francisco v. McGovern, 28 Cal. App. 491, 152 P. 980, 984.

A road may be said with perfect propriety to belong to a man who has the right to use it as of right although the soil does not belong to him; 31 L. J. Ex. 227.

It may also signify a legal residence. Thus, the town to which a slave belongs is that alone in which he has a legal settlement. Columbia v. Williams, 3 Conn. 467.

BELONGINGS. That which belongs to one; property; possessions;—a term properly used to express ownership. In re Churchill’s Will, 90 Misc. 682, 165 N. Y. S. 1073, 1074.

BELOW. In practice. Inferior; of inferior jurisdiction, or jurisdiction in the first instance. The court from which a cause is removed for review is called the “court below.”

Preliminary; auxiliary or instrumental. Bail to the sheriff is called “bail below,” as being preliminary to and intended to secure the putting in of bail above, or special bail. See Bail.

BENCH. A seat of judgment or tribunal for the administration of justice; the seat occupied by judges in courts; also the court itself, or the aggregate of the judges composing a court, as in the phrase “before the full bench.” The judges taken collectively, as distinguished from counsellors and advocates, who are called the bar.

The term, indicating originally the seat of the judges, came to denote the body of judges taken collectively, and also the tribunal itself, as the King’s Bench.

In English ecclesiastical law. The aggregate body of bishops.

BENCH WARRANT. Process issued by the court itself, or “from the bench,” for the attachment or arrest of a person; either in case of contempt, or where an indictment has been found, or to bring in a witness who does not obey the subprena. So called to distinguish it from a warrant, issued by a justice of the peace, alderman, or commissioner. Oxford v. Berry, 204 Mich. 187, 170 N. W. 83, 87.

BENCHERS. In English law. Seniors in the Inns of Court, intrusted with their government, and usually, but not necessarily, king’s counsel, elected by co-optation, and having the entire management of the property of their respective inns.

BENE. Lat. Well; in proper form; legally; sufficiently.

Benedicta est expeditio quando res redimitur à destructione. 4 Coke, 26. Blessed is the exposition when anything is saved from destruction. It is a tangible interpretation which gives effect to the instrument, and does not allow its purpose to be frustrated.

BENEFICE. In ecclesiastical law. In its technical sense, this term includes ecclesiastical preferments to which rank or public office is attached, otherwise described as ecclesiastical dignities or offices, such as bishoprics, deaneries, and the like; but in popular acceptance, it is almost invariably appropriated to rectories, vicarages, perpetual curacies, district churches, and endowed chapelys. 3 Steph. Comm. 77. “Benefice” is a term derived from the feudal law, in which it signified a permanent stipendary estate, or an estate held by feudal tenure. 3 Steph. Comm. 77, note, i; 4 Bl. Comm. 107.

BÉNÉFICE. • Fr. In French law. A benefit or advantage, and particularly a privilege given by the law rather than by the agreement of the parties.
BÉNÉFICE DE DISCUSSION. Benefit of discussion. The right of a guarantor to require that the creditor should exhaust his recourse against the principal debtor before having recourse to the guarantor himself.

BÉNÉFICE DE DIVISION. Benefit of division; right of contribution as between co-securedties.

BÉNÉFICE D'INVENTAIRE. A term which corresponds to the *beneficium inventarii* of Roman law, and substantially to the English law doctrine that the executor properly accounting is only liable to the extent of the assets received by him.

BÉNÉFICIAIRE. The person in whose favor a promissory note or bill of exchange is payable; or any person in whose favor a contract of any description is executed. *Arg. Fr. Merc. Law*, 547.

BENEFICIAL. Tending to the benefit of a person; yielding a profit, advantage, or benefit; enjoying or entitled to a benefit or profit. In *re Importers’ Exchange* (Com. Pl.) 2 N. Y. Supp. 337; *Regina v. Vange*, 3 Adol. & El. (N. S.) 254. This term is applied both to estates (as a “beneficial interest”) and to persons (as “the beneficial owner”). See *Kolb v. Landes*, 277 Ill. 440, 115 N. E. 539, 541; *In re Williams’ Will*, 50 Mont. 142, 145 P. 967, 959.

BENEFICIAL ENJOYMENT. The enjoyment which a man has of an estate in his own right and for his own benefit, and not as trustee for another. 11 H. L. Cas. 271.

BENEFICIAL ESTATE. An estate in expectancy is one where the right to the possession is postponed to a future period, and is “beneficial” where the devisee takes solely for his own use or benefit, and not as the mere holder of the title for the use of another. In *Seaman’s Estate*, 147 N. Y. 69, 41 N. E. 401.

BENEFICIAL INTEREST. Profit, benefit, or advantage resulting from a contract, or the ownership of an estate as distinct from the legal ownership or control. See *People v. Schaefer*, 107 N. E. 617, 619, 266 Ill. 334; *Cazzani v. Title Guarantee & Trust Co.*, 161 N. Y. S. 884, 885, 175 App. Div. 369.


Another name for a “benefit society.” See Benefit Societies.

BENEFICIAL POWER. In New York law and practice. A power which has for its object the donee of the power, and which is to be executed solely for his benefit; as distinguished from a trust power, which has for its object a person other than the donee, and is to be executed solely for the benefit of such person. *Jennings v. Conboy*, 73 N. Y. 234; *In re New York Life Ins. & Trust Co. (Sur.*) 139 N. Y. S. 695, 705. *Rev. St. N. Y.* § 79.

BENEFICIAL USE. The right to use and enjoy property according to one’s own liking or so as to derive a profit or benefit from it, including all that makes it desirable or habitable, as light, air, and access; as distinguished from a mere right of occupancy or possession. *Reling v. Railroad Co.* (Super. Ct.) 13 N. Y. Supp. 240. As to beneficial use of water or water appropriations, see *Kersenbrock v. Boyes*, 95 Neb. 407, 145 N. W. 837, 838; *Turner v. East Side Canal & Irrigation Co.*, 169 Cal. 652, 147 P. 579, 582; *United States v. Utah Power & Light Co.* (D. C.) 208 F. 821, 822.


One receiving benefit or advantage, or one who is in receipt of benefits, profits, or advantage. *Bauer v. Myers* (C. C. A.) 244 F. 902, 903.

BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION. See Beneficial Association.

BENEFICIARY HEIR. In the law of Louisiana. One who has accepted the succession under the benefit of an inventory regularly made. *Civ. Code La.* art. 883. Also one who may accept the succession. Succession of *Gusman*, 36 La. Ann. 259.

BENEFICIO PRIMA, or PRIMO [ECCELESTI-ASTICO HABENDO]. In English law. An ancient writ, which was addressed by the king to the lord chancellor, to bestow the benefice that should first fall in the royal gift, above or under a specified value, upon a person named therein. *Reg. Orig.* 307.

BENEFICIO. In Early Feudal Law

A benefice; a permanent stipendary estate; the same with what was afterwards called a “fief,” “feud,” or “fee.” 3 Steph. Comm. 77, note 4; *Spelman*. It originally meant a “benefaction” from the king, usually to a noble.
In the Civil Law

A benefit or favor; any particular privilege. Dig. 1, 4, 3; Cod. 7, 71; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 396.

A general term applied to ecclesiastical livings. 4 Bl. Comm. 107; Cowell.

In General


—Beneficium cedendarum actionum. In Roman law. The privilege by which a surety could, before paying the creditor, compel him to make over to him the actions which belonged to the stipulator, so as to avail himself of them. Sandars, Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 332, 351.

—Beneficium clericale. Benefit of clergy. See Benefit.

—Beneficium competensia. In Scotch law. The privilege of competency. A privilege which the grantor of a gratuitous obligation was entitled to, by which he might retain sufficient for his subsistence, if, before fulfilling the obligation, he was reduced to indigence. Bell. In the civil law. The right which an insolvent debtor had, among the Romans, on making cession of his property for the benefit of his creditors, to retain what was required for him to live honestly according to his condition. 7 Toullier, n. 258.

A defendant’s privilege of being condemned only in an amount which he could pay without being reduced to a state of destitution. Sand. Justinian iv. vi. 37.

—Beneficium divisionis. In civil and Scotch law. The privilege of one of several co-sureties (cautioners) to insist upon paying only his pro rata share of the debt. Bell; La. Civ. Code, arts. 3043-3051.

—Beneficium inventarii. See Benefit of Inventory.

—Beneficium ordinis. In civil and Scotch law. The privilege of order. The privilege of a surety to require that the creditor should first proceed against the principal and exhaust his remedy against him, before resorting to the surety. Bell.

—Beneficium separations. In the civil law. The right to have the goods of an heir separated from those of the testator in favor of creditors.

Beneficium non datum nisi propter officium. Hob. 148. A remuneration [is] not given, unless on account of a duty performed.


In the Workmen’s Compensation Act, the term “benefits” is used of an award to be granted when an injury results in death, and is distinguished from “compensation,” which is to be granted when an injury results in incapacity or disability. Di Cicco v. Industrial Commission of Ohio, 11 Ohio App. 271, 273.

In Contracts

When it is said that a valuable consideration for a promise may consist of a benefit to the promisor, “benefit” means that the promisor has, in return for his promise, acquired some legal right to which he would not otherwise have been entitled. Harp v. Hamilton (Tex. Civ. App.) 177 S. W. 565, 569; Wallace v. Cook, 190 Ky. 262, 227 S. W. 278, 281. “Benefit” is not limited to pecuniary gains, nor to any particular kind of advantage; it refers to what is advantageous, whatever promotes prosperity or happiness, what enhances the value of the property or rights of citizens as contradistinguished from what is injurious. National Surety Co. v. Jarrett, 95 W. Va. 420, 121 S. E. 291, 295. See, also, Hooper v. Merchants’ Bank & Trust Co., 190 N. C. 423, 150 S. E. 49, 52.

In Eminent Domain

It is a rule that, in assessing damages for private property taken or injured for public use, “special benefits” may be set off against the amount of damage found, but not “general benefits.” Within the meaning of this rule, general benefits are such as accrue to the community at large, to the vicinage, or to all properly similarly situated with reference to the work or improvement in question; while special benefits are such as accrue directly and solely to the owner of the land in question and not to others. Little Miami R. Co. v. Collett, 6 Ohio St. 152; St. Louis, etc., Ry. Co. v. Fowler, 142 Mo. 676, 44 S. W. 771; Gray v. Manhattan Ry. Co., 16 Daily, 510, 12 N. Y. Supp. 542; Barr v. Omaha, 42 Neb. 341, 59 N. W. 591; McGibson v. Roane County Court, 95 W. Va. 338, 121 S. E. 99, 105; Brand v. Union Elevated R. Co., 258 Ill. 123, 101 N. E. 247, 249, Ann. Cas. 1914B, 473, L. R. A. 1918A, 878.

In Taxation

With reference to an assessment for a drainage ditch, a benefit is anything that will make land more valuable for tillage or more desirable for a residence or more valuable in the general market. Watson v. Armstrong, 102 N. E. 275, 180 Ind. 49.

BENEFIT ASSOCIATION. See Benefit Societies.

BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. The original name for what is now more commonly called a “building society” (q. v.).
BENEFIT CERTIFICATE. A written obligation to pay the person therein named the amount stipulated upon the conditions therein stipulated. Green v. Grand United Order of Odd Fellows (Tex. Civ. App.) 103 S. W. 1068, 1070.

BENEFIT OF CESSION. In the civil law. The release of a debtor from future imprisonment for his debts, which the law operates in his favor upon the surrender of his property for the benefit of his creditors. Poth. Proc. Civil, pt. 5, c. 2, § 1.

BENEFIT OF CLERGY. In its original sense, the phrase denoted the exemption which was accorded to clergymen from the jurisdiction of the secular courts, or from arrest or attachment on criminal process issuing from those courts in certain particular cases. Afterwards, it meant a privilege of exemption from the punishment of death accorded to such persons as were clerks, or who could read. This privilege of exemption from capital punishment was anciently allowed to clergy only, but afterwards to all who were connected with the church, even to its most subordinate officers, and at a still later time to all persons who could read, (then called "clerks," whether ecclesiastics or laymen. It does not appear to have been extended to cases of high treason, nor did it apply to mere misdemeanors. The privilege was claimed after the person's conviction, by a species of motion in arrest of judgment, technically called "praying his clergy." As a means of testing his clerical character, he was given a psalm to read, (usually, or always, the fifty-first) and, upon his reading it correctly, he was turned over to the ecclesiastical courts, to be tried by the bishop or a jury of twelve clerks. These heard him on oath, with his witnesses and compurgators, who attested their belief in his innocence. This privilege operated greatly to mitigate the extreme rigor of the criminal laws, but was found to involve such gross abuses that parliament began to enact that certain crimes should be felonies "without benefit of clergy," and finally, by St. 7 Geo. IV. c. 28, § 6, it was altogether abolished. The act of congress of April 30, 1790, § 31 (18 USCA § 542 note), provided that there should be no benefit of clergy for any capital crime against the United States, and, if this privilege formed a part of the common law of the several states before the Revolution, it no longer exists.

BENEFIT OF COUNSEL. The guaranty of "benefit of counsel" to accused, given in the Georgia Bill of Rights of Const. art. 1, § 1, par. 5 (Civ. Code 1910, § 6361; Civ. Code 1928, § 6831) more than the mere appointment by the court of counsel to represent the accused and implies also that such counsel be given a reasonable time for preparation to properly represent the accused at the trial. Reliford v. State, 140 Ga. 777, 79 S. E. 1128, 1129.

BENEFIT OF DISCUSSION. In the civil law. The right which a surety has to cause the property of the principal debtor to be applied in satisfaction of the obligation in the first instance. Civ. Code La. arts. 3045-3051. In Scotch law. That whereby the antecedent heir, such as the heir of line in a pursuit against the heir of tailzie, etc., must be first pursued to fulfill the defunct's deeds and pay his debts. This benefit is likewise competent in many cases to cautioners.

BENEFIT OF DIVISION. Same as beneficium divisionis, (q. v.).

BENEFIT OF INVENTORY. In the civil law. The privilege which the heir obtains of being liable for the charges and debts of the succession, only to the value of the effects of the succession, by causing an inventory of these effects within the time and manner prescribed by law. Civil Code La. art. 1022.

BENEFIT SOCIETIES. Under this and several similar names, in various states, corporations exist to receive periodical payments from members, and hold them as a fund to be loaned or given to members needing pecuniary relief. Such are beneficial societies of Maryland, fund associations of Missouri, loan and fund associations of Massachusetts, mechanics' associations of Michigan, protection societies of New Jersey. Friendly societies in Great Britain are a still more extensive and important species belonging to this class. Comm. v. Equitable Ben. Ass'n, 137 Pa. 412, 18 Atl. 1112; Com. v. Aid Ass'n, 94 Pa. 480.

BENERTH. A feudal service rendered by the tenant to his lord with plow and cart. Cowell.

BENEVOLENCE. The doing of a kind or helpful action towards another, under no obligation except an ethical one.

The love of humanity; the desire to promote its prosperity or happiness. The term includes acts of well-wishing towards others, for the promotion of general happiness, and plans actuated by love of others and a desire for their well-being. In re Peabody's Estate, 208 N. Y. S. 664, 671, 124 Misc. 338.

It is no doubt distinguishable from the words "liberality" and "charity"; for, although many charitable institutions are very properly called "benevolent," it is impossible to say that every object of a man's benevolence is also an object of his charity. James v. Allen, 3 Mer. 17; Pell v. Mercer, 14 R. I. 443; Murdock v. Bridges, 91 Me. 124, 39 Atl. 475. "Benevolence" is a much broader term than "charity." In re Johnson's Estate, 100 Or. 162, 196 P. 356, 380; In re Altman's Estate, 149 N. Y. 601, 605, 87 Misc. 255.

But the terms are sometimes used synonymously. Saltonstall v. Sanders, 11 Allen (Mass.) 446; Susan v. Young Men's Christian Ass'n of Seattle, 101 Wash. 487, 172 P. 564, 566.

In public law. Nominally a voluntary gratuity given by subjects to their king, but in
realities a tax or forced loan. Cowell; 1 Bla. Comm. 140; 4 id. 436.

BENEVOLENT. Philanthropic; humane; having a desire or purpose to do good to men; intended for the conferring of benefits, rather than for gain or profit; loving others and actively desirous of their well being. In re Altman’s Estate, 149 N. Y. S. 601, 605, 87 Misc. 255.

This word is certainly more indefinite, and of far wider range, than “charitable” or “religious”; it would include all gifts prompted by good-will or kind feeling towards the recipient, whether an object of charity or not. The natural and usual meaning of the word would so extend it. It has no legal meaning separate from its usual meaning. “Charitable” has acquired a settled limited meaning in law, which confines it within known limits. But in all the decisions in England on the subject it has been held that a devise or bequest for benevolent objects, or in trust to give to such objects, is too indefinite, and therefore void. Norris v. Thomson, 19 N. J. Eq. 313; Thomson v. Norris, 20 N. J. Eq. 523; Suter v. Hilliard, 132 Mass. 413, 24 Am. Rep. 444; Fox v. Gibbs, 56 Me. 87, 29 A. 940; Hays v. Harris, 73 W. Va. 17, 50 S. E. 827, 830; in re Watkins’ Estate, 194 N. Y. S. 342, 347, 118 Misc. 649. This word, as applied to objects or purposes, may refer to those which are in their nature charitable, and may also have a broader meaning and include objects and purposes not charitable in the legal sense of that word. Acts of kindness, friendship, forethought, or good-will might properly be described as benevolent. It has therefore been held that gifts to trustees to be applied for “benevolent purposes” at their discretion, or to such benevolent purposes as they might agree upon, do not create a public charity. But where the word is used in connection with other words explanatory of its meaning, and indicating the intent of the donor to limit it to purposes strictly charitable, it has been held to be synonymous with, or equivalent to, “charitable.” Suter v. Hilliard, 132 Mass. 412, 42 Am. Rep. 444; De Camp v. Dobbins, 31 N. J. Eq. 695; Chamberlain v. Stearns, 111 Mass. 288; Goodale v. Mooney, 60 N. H. 535, 49 Am. Rep. 334; Busser v. Snyder, 252 Pa. 440, 128 A. 50, 53, 37 L. R. 1281; Smith v. Pond, 90 N. J. Eq. 445, 107 A. 800, 801; Firkey v. Grubb’s Ex’r, 122 Va. 91, 94 S. E. 344, 347; In re Dol’s Estate, 152 Cal. 159, 157 P. 428, 431.

BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS. Those having a philanthropic or charitable purpose, as distinguished from such as are conducted for profit; especially, “benefit associations” or “beneficial associations.” See In re Watkin’s Estate, 194 N. Y. S. 342, 347, 118 Misc. 645; Methodist Episcopal Church Baraca Club v. City of Madison, 167 Wis. 207, 167 N. W. 258, L. R. A. 1918D, 1124.

BENEVOLENT CORPORATION. One that ministers to all; the purpose may be anything that promotes the mental, physical, or spiritual welfare of man. In re Rockefeller’s Estate, 165 N. Y. S. 154, 158, 177 App. Div. 786; Society of Helpers of Holy Souls v. Law, 267 Mo. 667, 186 S. W. 718, 725; Corbin v. American Industrial Bank & Trust Co., 95 Conn. 50, 110 A. 459, 461. The term may include a corporation to which a bequest is made to be used in the improvement of the social, physical, and economic condition of the employees of a business corporation. In re Altman’s Estate, 149 N. Y. S. 601, 605, 87 Misc. 255.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. See Benevolent associations, supra; Spring Park Ass’n v. Rosedale Park Amusement Co., 216 Ala. 549, 114 So. 43, 44; Town of Huntington v. Swedish Baptist Home of Rest of New York and Vicinity, 90 Conn. 504, 97 A. 860, 861. In English law, “benevolent societies” are societies established and registered under the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, for any charitable or benevolent purposes.

BENEVOLENTIA REGIS HABENDA. The form in ancient fines and submissions to purchase the king’s pardon and favor in order to be restored to place, title or estate. Paroch. Antiq. 172.

BENHURST. In Berkshire, a remedy for the inhabitants thereof to levy money recovered against them on the statute of hue and cry. 39 Eliz. c. 25.

Benigne facienda sunt interpretatione chartarum, ut res magis valeat quam pereat; et quae libet concessio forissimae contra donatorem interpretaba est. Liberal interpretations are to be made of deeds, so that the purpose may rather stand than fall; and every grant is to be taken most strongly against the grantor. Wallis v. Wallis, 4 Mass. 135, 3 Am. Dec. 210; Hayes v. Kershaw, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 258, 268.

Benigne facienda sunt interpretatione, propri similitudinem laicorum, ut res magis valeat quam pereat; et verba intentioni, non o contra, debent insinuare. Constructions of written instruments are to be made liberally, on account of the simplicity of the laity, (or common people,) in order that the thing for subject-matter may rather have effect than perish, (or become void); and words must be subject to the intention, not the intention to the words. Co. Litt. 36 a; Broom, Max. 540, 565, 645; 11 Q. B. 852, 856, 868, 870; 4 H. L. Cas. 556; 2 Bla. Com. 379; 1 Bulstr. 175; Krider v. Lafferty, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 315.

Benignior sententia in verbis generalibus seu dubius, est praeferenda. The more favorable construction is to be placed on general or doubtful expressions. 4 Co. 15; Dig. 50, 17, 192, 1; 2 Kent 557.
BEQUEST. To give personal property by will to another. Lashe v. Lashe, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 106. It therefore is distinguishable from "devise," which is properly used of realty. Stubbs v. Abel, 114 Or. 610, 233 P. 852, 857; Dantsler v. Riley, 109 S. C. 44, 95 S. E. 132; In re Lewis' Estate, 39 Nev. 445, 159 P. 961, 963, 4 A. L. R. 241.

But if the context clearly shows the intention of the testator to use the word "bequest" as synonymous with "devise," it may be held to pass real property. Dow v. Dow, 36 Me. 216; Borger v. Brown, 133 Ind. 391, 33 N. E. 92; Logan v. Logan, 11 Colo. 44, 17 P. 95; Laid v. Barbou, 119 Mass. 125; Scholle v. Scholle, 112 N. Y. 261, 21 N. E. 84; In re Putrow's Estate, 13 Pa. 427; Ladd v. Harvey, 21 N. H. 528; Evans v. Price, 113 Ill. 533, 8 N. E. 524; Mockler v. Long, 5 N. J. Misc. 957, 193 A. 47, 49; In re Gracey's Estate, 200 Cal. 482, 253 P. 921, 925; Stubbs v. Abel, 114 Or. 610, 233 P. 852, 857.


The term does not mean a "gift" in the narrow sense of a voluntary act of charity or good will, but ordinarily means a testamentary disposition of the testator's property. First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon v. Dennis, 178 Iowa, 1352, 161 N. W. 183, 185, L. R. A. 1917C, 1005. It is not necessarily limited to a gratuity, and may include a recompense. Ream v. Bowers (D. C.) 14 F.2d 393, 894; U. S. v. Merritt, 44 S. Ct. 65, 79, 263 U. S. 179, 68 L. Ed. 269, 29 A. L. R. 1547.

"Bequest" and "devise" are often used synonymously. In re McGovern's Estate, 77 Mont. 152, 250 P. 813, 817; Nebiott v. Smith, 142 Va. 846, 128 S. E. 247, 251; Brittain v. Parrington, 211 Ill. 474, 149 N. E. 482, 489.

Conditional Bequest

One the taking effect or continuing of which depends upon the happening or non-occurrence of a particular event. Mitchell v. Mitchell, 143 Ind. 113, 42 N. E. 465; Farnam v. Farnam, 3 Conn. 263, 2 A. 325, 5 A. 682; Merrill v. College, 74 Wis. 415, 45 S. W. 104.

Executory Bequest

The bequest of a future, deferred, or contingent interest in personality.

Residuary Bequest

A gift of all the remainder of the testator's personal estate, after payment of debts and legacies, etc.

Specific Bequest

One whereby the testator gives to the legatee all his property of a certain class or kind; as all his pure personality.

BERCARIO. In old English law, a sheepfold; also a place where the bark of trees was laid to tan.

BERCARIUS, or BERCRATOR. A shepherd.

BEREWICA, or BEREWICA. In old English law. A term used in Domesday for a village or hamlet belonging to some town or manor.

BERGHMASTER. An officer having charge of a mine. A bailiff or chief officer among the Derbyshire miners, who, in addition to his other duties, executes the office of coroner among them. Blount; Cowell.

BERGHMOUTH, or BERGHMOTE. The ancient name of the court now called "barmote," (q. v.).

BERM. A ledge at the bottom of a cutting or bank, as of a creek, to catch earth that may roll down the slope, or to strengthen the bank. Miller v. State, 164 App. Div. 522, 149 N. Y. S. 78, 789.

BERNET. In Saxon law. Burning; the crime of house burning, now called "arson." Cowell; Blount.

BERRA. In old law. A plain; open heath. Cowell.

BERRY, or BURY. A villa or seat of habitation of a nobleman; a dwelling or mansion house; a sanctuary.

BERTILLON SYSTEM. A method of anthropometry (q. v.), used chiefly for the identification of criminals and other persons, consisting of the taking and recording of a system of numerous, minute, and uniform measurements of various parts of the human body, absolutely and in relation to each other, the facial, cranial, and other angles, and of any eccentricities or abnormalities noticed in the individual.

BERTON. A large farm; the barn-yard of a large farm.

BES. Lat. In the Roman law. A division of the aed, or pound, consisting of eight unciae, or duodecimal parts, and amounted to two-thirds of the aed. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m.


BESAILE, BESAYLE. The great-grandfather, progenus. 1 Bl. Comm. 180.

BESAYEL, Bessaile, Basayle. In old English law. A writ which lay where a great-grandfather died seised of lands and tenements in fee-simple, and on the day of his death a stranger abated, or entered and kept out the heir. Reg. Orig. 226; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 221 D; 3 Bl. Comm. 186.

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BESIDES. In addition to; moreover; also; likewise. State v. State Road Commission, 100 W. Va. 531, 131 S. E. 7, 10.

In provisions in a will for children "besides" an eldest son, no children take unless there be a son. 4 Dr. & War. 265.

BESOT. To stupefy, to make dull or senseless, to make to dote; and "to dote" is to be delirious, silly, or insane. Gates v. Meredith, 7 Ind. 440, 441.


BESSEMERIZING. A process by which copper relative to pure is obtained from matte. Peirce-Smith Converter Co. v. United Verde Copper Co. (D. C.) 293 F. 108, 109; United Verde Copper Co. v. Peirce-Smith Converter Co. (C. C. A.) 7 F. (2d) 13.

BEST. Of the highest quality; of the greatest usefulness for the purpose intended. For example:

The "best bid" of interest by a prospective depositary of school funds would not necessarily be the highest bid, but, looking to the solvency of the bidder, the bond tendered and all the circumstances surrounding the transaction, the safety and preservation of the school fund, the "best bid" might be the lowest bid. Donna Independent School Dist. v. First State Bank of Donna (Tex. Civ. App.) 227 S. W. 974, 975.

Where one covenants to use his "best endeavors," there is no breach if it is performed by causes wholly beyond his control and without any default on his part. 7 H. & N. 92.

The "best interests" of a child whose custody is in question has reference more particularly to the moral welfare than to mere comforts, benefits, or advantages that wealth can give. Jones v. Moore, 61 Utah, 282, 213 P. 251, 254. Similarly, under a testamentary trust to promote the best interests of sewing girls, the words "best interests" include not only the relief of poverty and distress, but may comprehend whatever aids to their welfare and advancement, and enables them to establish themselves in life. Bowedtch v. Attorney General, 241 Mass. 188, 134 N. E. 796, 800, 28 A.L.R. 731. The "best interests" of an estate meant the greatest or most advantageous or usefulness to such estate. Stockyards Nat. Bank of South Omaha v. Bragg, 67 Utah, 25, 245 P. 965, 971.

A contract to erect a building of the "best lumber" means the best lumber of which buildings are ordinarily constructed at that place. McLintire v. Barnes, 4 Col. 285. But a contract for future delivery of the "best marketable corn" requires delivery of the best grade of corn generally or usually dealt with in the markets of the country, and not merely in the markets in the immediate vicinity where delivery was to be made. Yonts v. McVean, 203 Mo. App. 277, 217 S. W. 1000, 1003.

BEST EVIDENCE. Primary evidence, as distinguished from secondary; original, as distinguished from substitutionary; the best and highest evidence of which the nature of the case is susceptible, not the highest or strongest evidence which the nature of the thing to be proved admits of. A written instrument is itself always regarded as the primary or best possible evidence of its existence and contents; a copy, or the recollection of a witness, would be secondary evidence. State v. McDonald, 65 Me. 467; Elliott v. Van Buren, 33 Mich. 53, 20 Am. Rep. 668; Scott v. State, 3 Tex. App. 104; Gray v. Pentland, 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 34; U. S. Sugar Refinery v. Allis Co., 56 Fed. 758, 6 C. C. A. 121; Manhattan Malting Co. v. Sweteland, 14 Mont. 269, 36 P. 84.

"Best evidence" or "primary evidence" includes the best evidence which is available to a party and procurable under the existing situation, and all evidence failing short of such standard, and which in its nature suggests there is better evidence of the same fact, is "secondary evidence." Best v. Equitable Life Assurance Soc. (Mo. App.) 299 S. W. 118, 120.

The best evidence of a fact is the testimony of a person who knows. State v. Normandale, 154 La. 532, 97 So. 793, 799 (mother could testify to the date of her daughter's birth, as against an objection that the baptismal certificate or the registry was the best evidence).

BESTIALITY. A sexual connection between a human being and a brute of the opposite sex.

Both bestiality and sodomy may be embraced by the term "crime against nature," as felony embraces murder, larceny, etc., though the term "crime against nature" (q. v.) is perhaps more generally used in reference to sodomy. Buggery seems to include both sodomy and bestiality. Ausman v. Veal, 20 Ind. 350, 74 Am. Dec. 351. See Sodomy.

BESTOW. To give, grant, confer, or impart; not necessarily limited in meaning to "devise." Tillett v. Nixon, 150 N. C. 195, 104 S. E. 352, 355.

BET. An agreement between two or more persons that a sum of money or other valuable thing, to which all jointly contribute, shall become the sole property of one or some of them on the happening in the future of an event at present uncertain, or according as a question disputed between them is settled in one way or the other. Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 532; Rich v. State, 38 Tex. Cr. R. 159, 42 S. W. 291, 42 L. R. A. 719; Jacobus v. Haggard, 78 Ill. App. 241; Shaw v. Clark, 49 Mich. 384, 13 N. W. 786, 43 Am. Rep. 474; Alvord v. Smith, 63 Ind. 62. A contract with a merchant for holding a trade-increasing contest for prizes, whereby the contest promoter agreed that, if a certain per cent. of the year's sales did not amount to the face of the note given by the merchant, he would pay the deficiency in cash, did not amount to a "bet" or "wager," within the prohibition of St. 1917, § 4583 (St. 1931, § 4348.16). Steven v. Freund, 169 Wis. 68, 171 N. W. 300, 301.

The wager of money or property on an incident by which one or both parties stand to win or lose by chance. Gilbert v. Berkheiser, 157 Miss. 491, 156 N. W. 653; Commonwealth v. Sullivan, 218 Mass. 251, 105 N. E.

In a “bet” or “wager” money belongs to the persons posting it, each of whom has a chance to win it, but, in the case of a “purse” or “premium,” money belongs to the person offering it, who has no chance to win it, but is certain to lose it. Toomey v. Penwell, 76 Mont. 166, 245 P. 943, 945, 45 A. L. R. 903 (horse race, run for a reward offered by fair association, held not a gambling transaction).

Bet and wager are synonymous terms, and are applied both to the contract of betting or wagering and to the thing or sum bet or wagered. For example, one bets or wagers, or lays a bet or wager of so much, upon a certain result. But these terms cannot properly be applied to the act to be done, or event to happen, upon which the bet or wager is laid. Bets or wagers may be laid upon acts to be done, events to happen, or facts existing or to exist. The bets or wagers may be illegal, and the acts, events, or facts upon which they are laid may not be. Bets or wagers may be laid upon games, and things that are not games. Everything upon which a bet or wager may be laid is not a game. Woodcock v. McQueen, 11 Ind. 16; Shumate v. Com., 15 Grat. (Va.) 690.

BETTING BOOK. A book kept for registering bets on the result of a race as operated on race track. In a broader sense, the “betting book” is that book which enables the professional bettor to carry on his business, and to promote a race, and it includes the book, the making book and the bookmaker. State v. Austin, 142 La. 384, 70 So. 509, 810.

BETRAYAL. A “betrayal,” as of a professional secret on the part of a physician, signifies a wrongful disclosure in violation of the trust imposed by the patient. Simonsen v. Swenson, 104 Neb. 224, 177 N. W. 531, 532, 9 A. L. R. 1250.


BETROTHMENT, BETROTHAL. Mutual promise of marriage; the plightment of troth; a mutual promise or contract between a man and woman competent to make it, to marry at a future time.

BETTER DESCRIBED. More fully delineated or more fully pictured or painted. Katzlin v. Kruvant, 90 N. J. Eq. 619, 133 A. 516, 517.

BETTER EQUITY. See Equity.

BETTERMENT. An improvement put upon an estate which enhances its value more than mere repairs. The improvement may be either temporary or permanent. People v. Klee, 282 Ill. 446, 118 N. E. 754, 757. The term is also applied to denote the additional value which an estate acquires in consequence of some public improvement, as laying out or widening a street, etc. Union St. Ry. v. City of New Bedford, 253 Mass. 304, 149 N. E. 42, 44; French v. New York, 16 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 220; Abell v. Brady, 79 Md. 94, 78 A. 817; Chase v. Sioux City, 86 Iowa, 603, 53 N. W. 333.

BETTERMENT ACTS. Statutes which provide that a bona fide occupant of real estate making lasting improvements in good faith shall have a lien upon the estate recovered by the real owner to the extent that his improvements have increased the value of the land. Also called “occupying claimant acts.” Jones v. Hotel Co., 56 F. 386, 30 C. C. A. 108.

BETWEEN. As a measure or indication of distance, this word has the effect of excluding the two termini. Revere v. Leonard, 1 Mass. 95; State v. Godfrey, 12 Me. 366; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Lord, 186 Ala. 119, 65 So. 158, 159. But see Morris & E. R. Co. v. Central R. Co., 31 N. J. Law, 212. Similarly, a franchise to a street railway, requiring it to pave the space between the tracks did not require it to pave between double tracks nor to the ends of the ties. Village of Grandville v. Grand Rapids, H. & C. R. R., 225 Mich. 587, 196 N. W. 551, 34 A. L. R. 1464.

If an act is to be done “between” two certain days, it must be performed before the day of commencement of the latter day. In computing the time in such a case, both the days named are to be excluded. Richardson v. Ford, 11 Ill. 333; Bunce v. Reed, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 392; Fry v. Hoffman, 54 Ind. App. 434, 102 N. E. 167, 168; Hodges v. Fislar, 84 Fla. 343, 114 So. 521, 522. But a clause in a contract of sale to the effect that the purchaser could require the vendor to repurchase between the fifth and sixth year from a certain date means during the sixth year. Von Demark v. California Home Extension Ass'n, 43 Cal. App. 685, 185 P. 866, 868.

“Between” properly indicates division in halves, and refers to two, and not more. Branch v. De Wolf, 38 R. I. 365, 95 A. 857, 861; Roofes' Cousins v. White, 75 Or. 549, 147 P. 753, 754; Rowley v. Currie, 92 N. J. Eq. 606, 120 A. 635, 635. It is said, however, that such meaning is not commonly observed in ordinary writing and speech, Rogers v. Smith, 145 Ga. 234, 88 S. E. 963, 964, and the term may be equivalent to “among.” This is often true in cases involving wills. In re Mays' Estate, 197 Mo. App. 555, 106 S. W. 1039, 1040; Courtenay v. Courtenay, 128 Md. 204, 112 A. 717, 718; In re Fish's Estate, 182 Cal. 238, 187 P. 958.

In case of a devise to A. and B. “between them,” these words create a tenancy in common. Lashbrook v. Cock, 79 Me. 70.

Between equal equities the law must prevail. This is hardly of general application.

BEVERAGE. A liquor or liquid for drinking. Commonwealth v. Sooker, 236 Mass. 448, 128 N. E. 788, 17 A. L. R. 1290; State v. McMa-
hon (Iowa) 211 N. W. 400, 410. Especially pleasant or refreshing drink, or a habitual one. Tennant v. F. C. Whitney & Sons, 133 Wash. 581, 234 P. 666, 670. This term is properly used to distinguish a sale of liquors to be drunk for the pleasure of drinking, from liquors to be drunk in obedience to a physician's advice. Com. v. Mandleville, 142 Mass. 469, 8 N. E. 327; Falstaff Corporation v. Allen (D. C.) 278 F. 643, 645; or from a liquid which it is possible to swallow, but which is not reasonably palatable or fit for drinking, Tennant v. F. C. Whitney & Sons, supra. Thus, it is held that pure alcohol is not a "beverage" but a violent irritant. Chas. L. Joy & Co. v. Carlson, 28 Idaho, 445, 154 F. 640, 641. And the more fact that a person, in order to gratify an inordinate appetite for intoxicants, may make poisonous or noxious compounds or mixtures containing alcohol is not evidence that they are capable of being used as a "beverage." Simms v. State, 29 Okl. Cr. 172, 233 P. 494, 495.

This term sometimes has a narrower meaning signifying a drink artificially prepared. Climax Dairy Co. v. Mulder, 78 Colo. 407, 242 P. 606, 607.

BEWARED. O. Eng. Expended. Before the Britons and Saxons had introduced the general use of money, they traded chiefly by exchange of wares. Wharton.

BEYOND SEA. Beyond the limits of the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; outside the United States; out of the state.

Beyond sea, beyond the four seas, beyond the seas, and out of the realm, are synonymous. Prior to the union of the two crowns of England and Scotland, on the accession of James I, the phrases "beyond the four seas," "beyond the seas," and "out of the realm," signified out of the limits of the realm of England. Pancoast's Leases v. Addison, 1 Har. & J. (Md.) 250, 2 Am. Dec. 530.

In Pennsylvania, it has been construed to mean "without the limits of the United States," which approaches the literal signification. Ward v. Hallum, 2 Dall. 217, 1 L. Ed. 355; Id., 1 Yeates (Pa.) 229; Groen v. Neal, 6 Pet. 201, 300, 8 L. Ed. 402.

The same construction has been given to it in Missouri. Keeton's Heirs v. Keeton's Adm'r, 20 Mo. 530. See Ang. Lim. §§ 209, 201.

The term "beyond seas," in the proviso or saving clause of a statute of limitations, is equivalent to without the limits of the state, where the statute is enacted; and the party who is without these limits is entitled to the benefit of the exception. Faw v. Roberdeau, 3 Cranch, 174, 2 L. Ed. 402; Murray v. Baker, 3 Wheat. 541, 4 L. Ed. 454; Shelby v. Guy, 11 Wheat. 361, 6 L. Ed. 405; Platt v. Vatter, 1 McLean, 146, Fed. Cas. No. 11,137; Forbes Adm'r v. Foot's Adm'r, 2 McCord (S. C.) 231, 15 Am. Dec. 722; Wakefield v. Smart, 4 Ark. 488; Denham v. Holiman, 26 Ga. 158, 71 Am. Dec. 198; Galusha v. Cobleigh, 12 N. H. 79.


This term is not synonymous with "prejudice." By the use of this word in a statute declaring disqualification of jurors, the legislature intended to describe another and somewhat different ground of disqualification. A man cannot be prejudiced against another without being biased against him; but he may be biased without being prejudiced. Bias is "a particular influential power, which sways the judgment; the inclination of the mind towards a particular object." It is not to be supposed that the legislature expected to secure in the juror a state of mind absolutely free from all inclination to one side or the other. The statute means that, although a juror has not formed a judgment for or against the prisoner, before the evidence is heard on the trial, yet, if he is under such an influence as so sways his mind to the one side or the other as to prevent his deciding the cause according to the evidence, he is incompetent. Willis v. State, 12 Ga. 444; Littrell v. State, 23 Okl. Cr. 1, 209 P. 384, 385. "Prejudice" imports the formation of a fixed anticipatory judgment as contradistinguished from those opinions which may yield to evidence. Temple v. Central of Georgia Ry. Co., 25 Ga. App. 115, 82 S. E. 777, 780.

Actual bias consists in the existence of a state of mind on the part of the juror which satisfies the court, in the exercise of a sound discretion, that the juror cannot try the issues impartially and without prejudice to the substantial rights of the party challenging. Crawford v. Moses' Dig. (Ark.) §§ 3159; State v. Chapman, 1 S. D. 414, 47 W. N. 411, 19 L. R. A. 433; People v. McQuade, 119 N. Y. 284, 18 N. Y. 256, 1 L. R. A. 273; People v. Wells, 100 Cal. 287, 34 P. 718.

As to the bias of judges, see Saunders v. Piggly Wiggly Corporation (D. C.) 1 F. (2d) 582, 584; State v. Waterman, 210 P. 208, 210, 26 Idaho, 259.

BIBLE. See Family Bible.

BICAMERAL SYSTEM. A term applied by Jeremy Bentham to the division of a legislative body into two chambers, as in the United States government.

BID. An offer by an intending purchaser to pay a designated price for property which is about to be sold at auction. U. S. v. Vestal (D. C.) 12 F. 59; Payne v. Cave, 3 Term. 149; Eppes v. Railroad Co., 35 Ala. 56. See Chilling a sale.

An offer to perform a contract for work and labor or supplying materials at a specified price.

Similarly, an offer to do any of various other acts, as the payment by a bank of a particular rate of interest for the privilege of becoming a depository of county funds. Casey v. Independence County, 109 Ark. 11, 159 S. W. 24, 25, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 1068. A "bid" for bonds is no more nor less than a proposition. Joint School Dist. No. 132 in Major County
and Alafafa County v. Dabney, 127 Okt. 234, 260 P. 489, 491.

—Bid in. Property sold at auction is said to be “bid in” by the owner or an incumbrancer or some one else who is interested in it, when he attends the sale and makes the successful bid.

—Bid off. One is said to “bid off” a thing when he bids for it at an auction sale, and it is knocked down to him in immediate succession to the bid and as a consequence of it. Eppes v. Railroad Co., 35 Ala. 56; Doudna v. Harlan, 46 Kan. 484, 25 Pac. 583.

—Bidder. One who makes a bid. One who offers to pay a specified price for an article offered for sale at a public auction. Webster v. French, 11 Ill. 254. As to “Responsible bidder” see that title.

—Biddings. Offers of a designated price for goods or other property put up for sale at auction.

—By-bidding. In the law relating to sales by auction, this term is equivalent to “puffing.” The practice consists in making fictitious bids for the property, under a secret arrangement with the owner or auctioneer, for the purpose of misleading and stimulating other persons who are bidding in good faith.

—Competitive bidding. “Competitive bidding” means that the council must by due advertisement give opportunity for everyone to bid, but does not mean that more than one bid must be submitted. Blanton v. Town of Wallins, 218 Ky. 295, 291 S. W. 372, 375. The term means bidding upon the same undertaking, upon the same material items in the subject-matter, upon the same thing. Lohninger v. Ward, 126 Okt. 114, 255 S. 863, 864.

—Upset bid. A bid made after a judicial sale, but before the successful bid at the sale has been confirmed, larger or better than such successful bid, and made for the purpose of upsetting the sale and securing to the “upset bidder” the privilege of taking the property at his bid or competing at a new sale. Yost v. Porter, 80 Va. 585.

BIDAL, or BIDALL. An invitation of friends to drink ale at the house of some poor man, who hopes thereby to be relieved by charitable contribution. It is something like “house-warming,” i. e., a visit of friends to a person beginning to set up housekeeping. Wharton.

BIELBRIEf. Germ. In European maritime law. A document furnished by the builder of a vessel, containing a register of her measurement, particularizing the length, breadth, and dimensions of every part of the ship. It sometimes also contains the terms of agreement between the party for whose account the ship is built, and the ship-builder. It has been termed in English the “grand bill of sale;” in French, “contract de construction ou de la vente d’un vaisseau,” and corresponds in a great degree with the English, French, and American “register,” (q. v.) being an equally essential document to the lawful ownership of vessels. Juc. Sea Laws, 12, 13, and note. In the Danish law, it is used to denote the contract of bottomry.

BIENES. Sp. In Spanish law. Goods; property of every description, including real as well as personal property; all things (not being persons) which may serve for the uses of man. Larkin v. U. S., 14 Fed. Cas. 1154.

—Bienes comunes. Common property; those things which, not being the private property of any person, are open to the use of all, such as the air, rain, water, the sea and its beaches. Lux v. Haggin, 99 Cal. 355, 313, 10 Pac. 707.

—Bienes gananciales. A species of community in property enjoyed by husband and wife, the property being divisible equally between them on the dissolution of the marriage; does not include what they held as their separate property at the time of contracting the marriage. Welder v. Lambert, 91 Tex. 510, 44 S. W. 251.

—Bienes publicos. Those things which, as to property, pertain to the people or nation, and, as to their use, to the individuals of the territory or district, such as rivers, shores, ports, and public roads. Lux v. Haggin, 60 Cal. 315, 10 P. 707.

BIENIALLY. This term, in a statute, signifies, not duration of time, but a period for the happening of an event; once in every two years. People v. Tremain, 9 Hun (N. Y.) 876; People v. Kilbourn, 68 N. Y. 479.

BIENS. In English Law

Property of every description, except estates of freehold and inheritance. Sugd. Vend. 495; Co. Litt. 1190.

In French Law

This term includes all kinds of property, real and personal. Biens are divided into biens meubles, movable property; and biens immeubles, immovable property. The distinction between movable and immovable property is recognized by the continental jurists, and gives rise, in the civil as well as in the common law, to many important-distinctions as to rights and remedies. Story, Confi., Laws, § 13, note 1. Castle v. Castle (C. C. A.) 267 F. 521, 523.

BIGA, or BIGATA. A cart or chariot drawn with two horses, coupled side to side; but it is said to be properly a cart with two wheels, sometimes drawn by one horse; and in the ancient records it is used for any cart, wain, or wagon. Jacob.

BIGAMUS. In the civil law. A man who was twice married; one who at different times
and successively has married two wives. 4 Inst. 88. One who has two wives living. One who marries a widow.

Used in ecclesiastical matters as a reason for denying benefit of the clergy. Termes de la ley.

Bigamus seu trigamus, etc., est qui diversis temporibus et successivè duas seu tres uxores habuit. 4 Inst. 88. A bigamus or trigamus, etc., is one who at different times and successively has married two or three wives.


The state of a man who has two wives, or of a woman who has two husbands, living at the same time. State v. Lindsey, 26 N. M. 526, 194 P. 577.

The offense of having a plurality of wives at the same time is commonly denominated "polygamy;" but the name "bigamy" has been more frequently given to it in legal proceedings. 1 Russ. Crimes, 185.

The use of the word "bigamy" to describe this offense is well established by long usage, although often criticized as a corruption of the true meaning of the word. Polygamy is suggested as the correct term, instead of bigamy, to designate the offense of having a plurality of wives or husbands at the same time, and has been adopted for that purpose in the Massachusetts statutes. But as the substance of the offense is marrying a second time, while having a lawful husband or wife living, without regard to the number of marriages that may have taken place, bigamy seems not an inappropriate term. The objection to its use urged by Blackstone (4 Bl. Comm. 152) seems to be founded not so much upon considerations of the etymology of the word as upon the propriety of distinguishing the ecclesiastical offense termed "bigamy" in the canon law, and which is defined below, from the offense known as "bigamy" in the modern criminal law. The same distinction is carefully made by Lord Coke, (4 Inst. 88.) But, the ecclesiastical offense being now obsolete, this reason for substituting polygamy to denote the crime here defined ceases to have weight. Abbott.

In the canon law, the term denoted the offense committed by an ecclesiastic who married two wives successively. It might be committed either by marrying a second wife after the death of a first or by marrying a widow.

BIGOT. An obstinate person, or one that is wedded to an opinion, in matters of religion, etc.

BILAGINES. By-laws of towns; municipal laws.

BILAN. A term used in Louisiana, derived from the French. A book in which bankers, merchants, and traders write a statement of all they owe and all that is due them; a balance-sheet. See Dauphin v. Soulie, 3 Mart. (N. S.) 446.

BILANCII DEFERENDIS. In English law. An obsolete writ addressed to a corporation for the carrying of weights to such a haven, there to weigh the wool annually licensed for transportation. Reg. Orig. 270.

BILATERAL CONTRACT. A term, used originally in the civil law, but now generally adopted, denoting a contract in which both the contracting parties are bound to fulfill obligations reciprocally towards each other; as a contract of sale, where one becomes bound to deliver the thing sold, and the other to pay the price of it. Montpelier Seminary v. Smith, 69 Vt. 382, 38 Atl. 66.

"Every convention properly so called consists of a promise or mutual promises professed and accepted. Where one of the agreeing parties gives a promise, the convention is said to be 'unilateral.' Wherever mutual promises are professed and accepted, there are, in strictness, two or more conventions. But where the performance of either of the promises is made to depend on the performance of the other, the several conventions are commonly deemed one convention, and the convention is then said to be 'bilateral.'" Aust. Jur. § 308.

A contract executory on both sides, National Surety Co. v. City of Atlanta, 102 S. E. 175, 176, 24 Ga. App. 752, and one which includes both rights and duties on each side, Crane Ice Cream Co. v. Terminal Freezing & Heating Co., 128 A. 290, 282, 147 Md. 588, 39 A. L. R. 1184.

BILGED. In admiralty law and marine insurance. That state or condition of a vessel in which water is freely admitted through holes and breaches made in the planks of the bottom, occasioned by injuries, whether the ship's timbers are broken or not. Peele v. Insurance Co., 3 Mason, 27, 39, 19 Fed. Cas. 103.

BILINE. A word used by Briton in the sense of "collateral." En ligne biline, in the collateral line. Britt, c. 119.

BILINGUIS. Of a double language or tongue; that can speak two languages. A term applied in the old books to a jury composed partly of Englishmen and partly of foreigners, which, by the English law, an alien party to a suit is, in certain cases, entitled to; more commonly called a "jury de mediate lingue." 3 Bl. Comm. 369; 4 Steph. Comm. 422.
BILL. A formal declaration, complaint, or statement of particular things in writing.

As a legal term, this word has many meanings and applications, the more important of which are enumerated below.

1. A formal written statement of complaint to a court of justice

In the ancient practice of the court of king's bench, the usual and orderly method of beginning an action was by a bill, or original bill, or plaint. This was a written statement of the plaintiff's cause of action, like a declaration or complaint, and always alleged a trespass as the ground of it, in order to give the court jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 43.

In Scotch law, every summary application in writing, by way of petition to the Court of Session, is called a "bill." Cent. Dict.

—Bill chamber. In Scotch law. A department of the court of session in which petitions for suspension, interdict, etc., are entertained. It is equivalent to sittings in chambers in the English and American practice. Paters. Comp.


—Bill of proof. In English practice. The name given, in the mayor's court of London, to a species of intervention by a third person laying claim to the subject-matter in dispute between the parties to a suit.

2. A species of writ

A formal written declaration by a court to its officers, in the nature of process.

—Bill of Middlesex. An old form of process similar to a capias, issued out of the court of king's bench in personal actions, directed to the sheriff of the county of Middlesex, (hence the name,) and commanding him to take the defendant and have him before the king at Westminster on a day named, to answer the plaintiff's complaint. State v. Mathews, 2 Brev. (S. C.) 83; Sims v. Alderson, 8 Leigh (Va.) 484.

3. A formal written petition

To a superior court for action to be taken in a cause already determined, or a record or certified account of the proceedings in such action or some portion thereof, accompanying such a petition.

—Bill of advocation. In Scotch practice. A bill by which the judgment of an inferior court is appealed from, or brought under review of a superior. Bell.

—Bill of certiorari. A bill, the object of which is to remove a suit in equity from some inferior court to the court of chancery, or some other superior court of equity, on account of some alleged incompetency of the inferior court, or some injustice in its proceedings. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 298.

—Bill of exceptions. A formal statement in writing of the objections or exceptions taken by a party during the trial of a cause to the decisions, rulings, or instructions of the trial judge, stating the objection, with the facts and circumstances on which it is founded, and, in order to attest its accuracy, signed and sealed by the judge; the object being to put the controverted rulings or decisions upon the record for the information of the appellate court. Ex parte Crane, 5 Pet. 198; 8 L. Ed. 92; Galvin v. State, 55 Ind. 56; Cox v. Field, 13 N. J. Law 218; Sackett v. McCard, 23 Ala. 554; Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland v. Manatee County, 88 So. 268, 269, 78 Fla. 470; Buessel v. United States (C. C. A.) 258 F. 811, 815. It is designed to preserve and make a part of the record proceedings not otherwise of record. Yott v. Yott, 100 N. E. 902, 903, 257 Ill. 419; Hinton Milling Co. v. New River Milling Co., 88 S. E. 1079, 1082, 78 W. Va. 314. It is only that part of the proceedings not embraced in the judgment roll. Nave v. Central Life Ins., 238 P. 424, 113 Okl. 78. When the ends of justice require it, the terms "bill of exceptions" and "statement of case" are regarded as synonymous. Bell v. Fee Title Co., 251 P. 586, 589, 69 Cal. App. 497.

"Bill of exceptions" and "transcripts of evidence," however, are clearly distinguishable. The latter may contain no objection or exception, and nothing other than the evidence introduced on the trial; the former is, strictly speaking, only a record which points out alleged errors committed below in relation to evidence as well as other things. Broadway & Newport Bridge Co. v. Commonwealth, 190 S. W. 715, 719, 175 Ky. 165.

4. In equity practice.

A formal written complaint, in the nature of a petition, addressed by a suitor in chancery to the chancellor or to a court of equity or a court having equitable jurisdiction, showing the names of the parties, stating the facts which make up the case and the complainant's allegations, averring that the acts disclosed are contrary to equity, and praying for process and for specific relief, or for such relief as the circumstances demand. U. S. v. Ambrose, 108 U. S. 336, 2 Sup. Ct. 682, 27 L. Ed. 746; Peeney v. Howard, 79 Cal. 525, 21 Pac. 984, 4 L. R. A. 826, 12 Am. St. Rep. 102; Sharon v. Sharon, 67 Cal. 185, 7 Pac. 456.

Bills are said to be original, not original, or in the nature of original bills. They are original when the circumstances constituting the case are not already before the court, and relief is demanded, or the bill is filed for a subsidiary purpose.

—Bill for a new trial. A bill in equity in which the specific relief asked is an injuncti-
tion against the execution of a judgment rendered at law, and a new trial in the action, on account of some fact which would render it inequitable to enforce the judgment, but which was not available to the party on the trial at law, or which he was prevented from presenting by fraud or accident, without concurrent fraud or negligence on his own part.

—Bill for foreclosure. One which is filed by a mortgagee against the mortgagor, for the purpose of having the estate sold, thereby to obtain the sum mortgaged on the premises, with interest and costs. 1 Madd. Ch. Pr. 528.

—Bill in nature of a bill of review. A bill in equity, to obtain a re-examination and reversal of a decree, filed by one who was not a party to the original suit, nor bound by the decree.

—Bill in nature of a bill of revivor. Where, on the abatement of a suit, there is such a transmission of the interest of the incapacitated party that the title to it, as well as the person entitled, may be the subject of litigation in a court of chancery, the suit cannot be continued by a mere bill of revivor, but an original bill upon which the title may be litigated must be filed. This is called a "bill in the nature of a bill of revivor." It is founded on privity of estate or title by the act of the party. And the nature and operation of the whole act by which the privity is created is open to controversy. Story, Eq. Pl. §§ 375-380; 2 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 271.

—Bill in nature of a supplemental bill. A bill filed when new parties, with new interests, arising from events happening since the suit was commenced, are brought before the court; wherein it differs from a supplemental bill, which is properly applicable to those cases only where the same parties or the same interests remain before the court. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 345 et seq.

—Bill in nature of interpleader. See Bill of Interpleader.

—Bill of conformity. One filed by an executor or administrator, who finds the affairs of the deceased so much involved that he cannot safely administer the estate except under the direction of a court of chancery. This bill is filed against the creditors, generally, for the purpose of having all their claims adjusted, and procuring a final decree settling the order of payment of the assets. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 440.

—Bill of discovery. A bill in equity filed to obtain a discovery of facts resting in the knowledge of the defendant, or of deeds or writings, or other things in his custody or power. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 311; Wright v. Superior Court, 139 Cal. 460, 73 Pac. 145; Everson v. Assurance Co. (C. C.) 68 F. 258; State v. Savings Co., 23 Or. 410, 43 P. 165; Campbell v. Knight, 92 Fla. 246, 109 So. 577, 579.

—Bill of information. Where a suit is instituted on behalf of the crown or government, or of those of whom it has the custody by virtue of its prerogative, or whose rights are under its particular protection, the matter of complaint is offered to the court by way of Information by the attorney or solicitor general, instead of by petition. Where a suit immediately concerns the crown or government alone, the proceeding is purely by way of Information, but, where it does not so immediately, a relator is appointed, who is answerable for costs, etc., and, if he is interested in the matter in connection with the crown or government, the proceeding is by information and bill. Informations differ from bills in little more than name and form, and the same rules are substantially applicable to both. See Story, Eq. Pl. 5; 1 Daniell, Ch. Pr. 2, 8, 288; 3 Bl. Comm. 261.

—Bill of interpleader. The name of a bill in equity to obtain a settlement of a question of right to money or other property adversely claimed, in which the party filing the bill has no interest, although it may be in his hands, by compelling such adverse claimants to litigate the right or title between themselves, and relieve him from liability or litigation. Van Winkle v. Owen, 54 N. J. Eq. 233, 34 A. 400; Wakeman v. Kingsland, 46 N. J. Eq. 113, 18 A. 680; Gibson v. Godthawaite, 7 Ala. 281, 42 Am. Dec. 592; Lowry v. Dowling Mfg. Co., 74 So. 525, 526, 73 Fla. 535; Republic Casualty Co. v. Fischmann, 134 A. 179, 180, 99 N. J. Eq. 738.

The only distinction between a "bill of interpleader" and a bill in the nature of interpleader is that in the latter the plaintiff may claim an interest, while in the former he cannot. Winemiller v. Stewart, 257 P. 258, 259, 125 Okl. 250.

—Bill of peace. One which is filed when a person has a right which may be controverted by various persons, at different times, and by different actions. Chicago Auditorium Ass'n v. Cramer (D. C.) 8 F.(2d) 998, 1004; Smith v. Cretors, 164 N. W. 338, 340, 181 Iowa 159; Ritchie v. Dorland, 6 Cal. 38; Murphy v. Wilmington, 6 Houst. (Del.) 108, 22 Am. St. Rep. 345; Eldridge v. Hill, 2 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 281; Randolph v. Kinney, 3 Rand. (Va.) 395.

—Bill of review. Which is brought to have a decree of the court reviewed, corrected, or reversed. Dodge v. Northrop, 48 N. W. 505, 85 Mich. 243. It is in the nature of a writ of error. Rubin v. Midlinsky, 158 N. E. 395, 527 Ill. 89.

The object of a "bill of review" and of a bill in nature of a bill of review in the old chancery practice was to procure a reversal, modification, or explanation of a decree in a former suit. Bars v. Sawyer, 141 N. W. 319, 321, 159 Iowa, 481. A "bill of review," or a bill in the nature of a
bill of review, are of three classes; those for error appearing on the face of the record, those for newly discovered evidence, and those for fraud impinging the original transaction. Moore v. Shook, 114 N. E. 255, 260, 270 Ill. 47. Such bills are peculiar to courts of equity at common law. Satterwhite v. State, 231 S. W. 886, 887, 149 Ark. 147.

—Bill of revivor. One which is brought to continue a suit which has abated before its final consummation, as, for example, by death or marriage of a female plaintiff. Clarke v. Mathewson, 12 Pet. 164, 9 L. Ed. 1041; Brooks v. Laurent, 98 Fed. 647, 39 C. C. A. 201.

—Bill of revivor and supplement. One which is a compound of a supplemental bill and bill of revivor, and not only continues the suit, which has abated by the death of the plaintiff, or the like, but supplies any defects in the original bill arising from subsequent events, so as to entitle the party to relief on the whole merits of his case. Mitf. Eq. Pl. 32, 74; Westcott v. Cadby, 5 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 342, 9 Am. Dec. 306; Bowie v. Minter, 2 Ala. 411.

—Bill quia timet. A bill invoking the aid of equity "because he fears," that is, because the complainant apprehends an injury to his property rights or interests, from the fault or neglect of another. Such bills are entertained to guard against possible or prospective injuries, and to preserve the means by which existing rights may be protected from future or contingent violations; differing from injunctions, in that the latter correct past and present or imminent and certain injuries. Bisp. Eq. § 568; 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 826; Bailey v. Southwick, 6 Lams. (N. Y.) 364; Bryant v. Peters, 3 Ala. 169; Randolph v. Kinney, 3 Rand. (Va.) 396; Chicago Auditorium Ass'n v. Cramer (D. C.) 8 F. (2d) 998, 1005.

—Bill to carry a decree into execution. One which is filed when, from the neglect of parties or some other cause, it may become impossible to carry a decree into execution without the further decree of the court. Hind, Ch. Pr. 68; Story, Eq. Pl. § 42.

—Bill to perpetuate testimony. A bill in equity filed in order to procure the testimony of witnesses to be taken as to some matter not at the time before the courts, but which is likely at some future time to be in litigation. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 300 et seq.

—Bill to quiet possession and title. Also called a bill to remove a cloud on title (q. v.), and though sometimes classed with bills quia timet or for the cancellation of void instruments, they may be resorted to in other cases when the complainant's title is clear and there is a cloud to be removed; Mellen v. Iron Works, 131 U. S. 382, 9 Sup. Ct. 75, 33 L. Ed. 175; Ennis v. Frank P. Miller Corporation, 214 N. W. 144, 145, 238 Mich. 605; Johnston v. Kramer Bros. & Co. (D. C.) 208 P. 733, 742; Alberta v. Steiner, 211 N. W. 46, 48, 237 Mich. 143; Maguire v. City of Macomb, 127 N. E. 652, 656, 293 Ill. 441.

—Bill to suspend a decree. One brought to avoid or suspend a decree under special circumstances.

—Bill to take testimony de bene esse. One which is brought to take the testimony of witnesses to a fact material to the prosecution of a suit at law which is actually commenced, where there is good cause to fear that the testimony may otherwise be lost before the time of trial. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1813, n.

—Class bill. A taxpayer's bill to enjoin a borough from borrowing money for street improvements is essentially a "class bill," and can be filed only by the common consent of all the taxpayers of the borough. Schlanger v. Borough of West Berwick, 104 A. 764, 261 Pa. 605.

—Cross-bill. One which is brought by a defendant in a suit against a plaintiff in or against other defendants in the same suit, or against both, touching the matters in question in the original bill. Story, Eq. Pl. § 389; Mist. Eq. Pl. 80. A cross-bill is a bill brought by a defendant against a plaintiff, or other parties in a former bill depending, touching the matter in question in that bill. It is usually brought either to obtain a necessary discovery of facts in aid of the defense of the original bill, or to obtain full relief to all parties in reference to the matters of the original bill. It is to be treated as a mere auxiliary suit. Shields v. Barrow, 17 How. 144, 15 L. Ed. 158; Kidder v. Barr, 35 N. H. 251; Blythe v. Hinckley (C. C.) 84 Fed. 234. A cross-bill is a species of pleading, used for the purpose of obtaining a discovery necessary to the defense, or to obtain some relief founded on the collateral claims of the party defendant to the original suit. Tison v. Tison, 14 Ga. 167. Also, if a bill of exchange or promissory note be given in consideration of another bill or notice, it is called a "cross" or "counter" bill or note. See, generally, Lovett v. Lovett, 93 Fla. 611, 112 So. 760, 777; Lovell v. Latham & Co. (D. C.) 211 F. 374, 378; Atlanta Northern Ry. Co. v. Harris, 93 S. E. 210, 212, 147 Ga. 214; Smith v. Weeks, 147 N. E. 676, 678, 252 Mass. 244; McDowell v. Hunt Contracting Co., 181 S. W. 680, 681, 133 Tenn. 437; Magruder v. Hattiesburg Trust & Banking Co., 67 So. 485, 488, 108 Miss. 857; Brundage v. Knox, 117 N. E. 123, 127, 279 Ill. 450; Landon v. Public Utilities Commission of Kansas (D. C.) 234 F. 152, 167.

—Supplemental bill. A bill to bring before the court matters arising after the filing of the original bill or not then known to complainant. Puget Sound Power & Light Co. v. City of Seattle (C. C. A.) 5 F. (2d) 393, mod. (D. C.) 300 F. 441, 448. See Bill in nature of a supplemental bill.
5. In legislation and constitutional law

The word means a draft of an act of the legislature before it becomes a law; a proposed or projected law. A draft of an act presented to the legislature, but not enacted. Hubbard v. Legend (D. C.) 220 F. 135, 137.

The word "bill" may mean the bill as it is first introduced in one of the houses of the legislature, or it may refer to it at any time in any of its stages until finally passed. People v. Brady, 105 N. E. 1, 4, 262 Ill. 578. An act is the appropriate term for it, after it has been acted on by, and passed by, the legislature. Herbring v. Brown, 180 P. 328, 330, 92 Or. 176; Southwark Bank v. Comm., 28 Pa. 450; Sedgwick County Com'r's v. Bailey, 13 Kan. 608; May v. Rice, 91 Ind. 549; State v. Hegeman, 2 Pennewill (Del.) 147, 44 A. 621. Also a special act passed by a legislative body in the exercise of a quasi judicial power. Thus, bills of attainer, bills of pains and penalties, are spoken of.

—Bill of attainder. See Attainder.

—Bill of indemnity. In English law. An act of parliament, passed every session until 1899, but discontinued in and after that year, as having been rendered unnecessary by the passing of the promissory oaths act, 1865, for the relief of those who have unwittingly or unavoidably neglected to take the necessary oaths, etc., required for the purpose of qualifying them to hold their respective offices. Wharton.

—Bill of pains and penalties. A special act of the legislature which inflict a punishment, less than death, upon persons supposed to be guilty of treason or felony, without any conviction in the ordinary course of judicial proceedings. It differs from a bill of attainder in this: that the punishment inflicted by the latter is death.

—Private bill. One dealing only with a matter of private personal or local interest. Lowell, Gov. of Eng. 266. All legislative bills which have for their object some particular or private interest are so termed, as distinguished from such as are for the benefit of the whole community, which are hence termed "public bills." See People v. Chautauqua County, 45 N. Y. 17.

—Private bill office. See Private.

—Private member's bill. One of a public nature introduced by a private member; distinguished from a private bill, which is one dealing only with a matter of private personal or local interest. Lowell, Gov. of Eng. 266.

6. A solemn and formal legislative declaration of popular rights and liberties

Promulgated on certain extraordinary occasions, as the famous Bill of Rights in English history.

—Bill of rights. A formal and emphatic legislative assertion and declaration of popular rights and liberties usually promulgated upon a change of government; particularly the statute 1 W. & M. St. 2, c. 2. Also the summary of the rights and liberties of the people, or of the principles of constitutional law deemed essential and fundamental, contained in many of the American state constitutions. Eason v. State, 11 Ark. 491; Aichison St. Rd. Co. v. Missouri Pac. R. Co., 31 Kan. 963, 3 Pac. 254; Orr v. Quimby, 54 N. H. 613.

7. In the law of contracts

An obligation; a deed, whereby the obligor acknowledges himself to owe to the obligee a certain sum of money or some other thing. It may be indented or poll, and with or without a penalty.

—Bill obligatory. A bond absolute for the payment of money. It is called also a "single bill," and differs from a promissory note only in having a seal. See Bill penal. Bank v. Greiner, 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 115.


—Bill penal. A written obligation by which a debtor acknowledges himself indebted in a certain sum, and binds himself for the payment thereof, in a larger sum, called a "penalty." Bonds with conditions have superseded such bills in modern practice. They are sometimes called bills obligatory, and are properly so called; but every bill obligatory is not a bill penal. Comyns, Dig. Obligations, D; Cro. Car. 515. See 2 Vent. 106, 108.

—Bill single. A written promise to pay to a person or persons named a stated sum at a stated time, without any condition. When under seal, as is usually the case, it is sometimes called a "bill obligatory," (q. v.) It differs from a "bill penal," (q. v.) in that it expresses no penalty.

A "bill single" under seal of the obligor was technically distinct from a promissory note, although identical in form, so that a declaration on one was not supported by proof of the other; but this law of variance has been abrogated by Code 1807, § 4863, declaring that the validity and negotiable character of an instrument are not affected by the fact that it bears a seal. Long v. Gwin, 89 S. 440, 441, 202 Ala. 358.

8. In commercial law

A written statement of the terms of a contract, or specification of the items of a transaction or of a demand; also a general name for any item of indebtedness, whether receivable or payable.

As used in a lease providing that all “bills” of whatsover nature, should be chargeable against lessee, taxes were not necessarily included in term “bill” which would more appropriately include assessments for street and sidewalk improvements. McClure Realty & Investment Co. v. Eubanks, 129 S. E. 660, 34 Ga. App. 39.

As a verb, as generally and customarily used in commercial transactions, “bill” is synonymous with “charge” or “invoiced.” George M. Jones Co. v. Canadian Nat. R. Co. (D. C.) 14 F.(2d) 852, 855.

—Bill-book. In mercantile law. A book in which an account of bills of exchange and promissory notes, whether payable or receivable, is stated.

—Bill-head. A printed form on which merchants and traders make out their bills and render accounts to their customers.

—Bill of lading. In common law. The written evidence of a contract for the carriage and delivery of goods sent by sea for a certain freight. Mason v. Lickbarrow, 1 H. Bl. 350. A written memorandum, given by the person in command of a merchant vessel, acknowledging the receipt on board the ship of certain specified goods, in good order or “apparent good order,” which he undertakes, in consideration of the payment of freight, to deliver in like good order (dangers of the sea excepted) at a designated place to the consignee therein named or to his assigns. Devato v. Barrels (D. C.) 20 Fed. 510; Gage v. Jaqueth, 1 Lans. (N. Y.) 210; The Delaware, 14 Wall. 596, 600, 20 L. Ed. 779. The term is often applied to a similar receipt and undertaking given by a carrier of goods by land. A bill of lading is an instrument in writing, signed by a carrier or his agent, describing the freight so as to identify it, stating the name of the consignor, the terms of the contract for carriage, and agreeing or directing that the freight be delivered to the order or assigns of a specified person at a specified place. See Civil Code Cal. § 2126a; Aman v. Dover & Southbound R. Co., 102 S. E. 392, 393, 179 N. C. 310; Hines v. Scott, 248 S. W. 663, 664, 112 Tex. 506; Swift v. Davis, 183 N. Y. S. 484, 485, 118 Misc. 205; L. L. Cohen & Co. v. Davis, 142 N. E. 75, 77, 247 Mass. 259; Omaha Elevator Co. v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co., 178 N. W. 241, 244, 104 Neb. 569; Bank of Taiwan v. Union Nat. Bank of Philadelphia (C. C. A.) 1 F.(2d) 65, 67; Wichita Falls Motor Co. v. Kerr S. S. Co., 197 So. 777, 778, 140 La. 959; Rudin v. King-Richardson Co., 143 N. E. 198, 201, 311 Ill. 513.

A clean bill of lading is one which contains nothing in the margin qualifying the words in the bill of lading itself. 61 Law T. 330; Creery v. Holly, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 26; Sayward v. Stevens, 3 Gray (Mass.) 97; The Governor Carey, 2 Hask. 487, Fed. Cas. No. 5,645a; The Sarnia (C. C. A.) 278 F. 459, certiorari denied Sarnia S. S. Co. v. De Vasconcellos, 258 U. S. 625, 42 S. Ct. 382, 66 L. Ed. 797.

An order bill of lading is one in which it is stated that goods are consigned to order of any person named therein. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. Roe, 61 Fla. 762, 109 So. 205, 207. See, also, F. L. Shaw Co. v. Coleman (Tex. Civ. App.) 236 S. W. 178, 180.

A straight bill of lading is one in which it is stated that goods are consigned to a specified person. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. Roe, 91 Fla. 762, 109 So. 205, 207.

A through bill of lading is one by which a railroad contracts to transport over its own line for a certain distance carloads of merchandise or stock, there to deliver the same to its connecting lines to be transported to the place of destination at a fixed rate per carload for the whole distance. Gulf, C. & S. F. R. Co. v. Vaughn, 4 Willson, Ct. App. Tex. § 182, 16 S. W. 775.

—Bill of parcels. A statement sent to the buyer of goods, along with the goods, exhibiting in detail the items composing the parcel and their several prices, to enable him to detect any mistake or omission; an invoice.


—Bill payable. In a merchant’s accounts, all bills which he has accepted, and promissory notes which he has made, are called “bills payable,” and are entered in a ledger account under that name, and recorded in a book bearing the same title. See West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. v. Karnes, 240 S. E. 381, 322, 187 Va. 714.

—Bill receivable. In a merchant’s accounts, all notes, drafts, checks, etc., payable to him, or of which he is to receive the proceeds at a future date, are called “bills receivable,” and are entered in a ledger-account under that name, and also noted in a book bearing the same title. State v. Robinson, 57 Md. 501.

—Bill rendered. A bill of items rendered by a creditor to his debtor; an “account ren-
dered," as distinguished from "an account stated." Hill v. Hatch, 11 Me. 455.

—Grand bill of sale. In English law. The name of an instrument used for the transfer of a ship while she is at sea. An expression which is understood to refer to the instrument whereby a ship was originally transferred from the builder to the owner, or first purchaser. 3 Kent, Comm. 193.

9. In the law of negotiable instruments

A promissory obligation for the payment of money.

Standing alone or without qualifying words, the term is understood to mean a bank note, United States treasury note, or other piece of paper circulating as money. Green v. State, 28 Tex. App. 493, 13 S. W. 785; Keith v. Jones, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 121; Jones v. Fales, 4 Mass. 252.

—Bill of credit. In constitutional law. A bill or promissory note issued by the government of a state or nation, upon its faith and credit, designed to circulate in the community as money, and redeemable at a future day. Briscoe v. Bank of Kentucky, 11 Pet. 271, 9 L. Ed. 709; Craig v. Missouri, 4 Pet. 431, 7 L. Ed. 903; Hale v. Huston, 44 Ala. 138, 4 Am. Rep. 124. In mercantile law. A license or authority given in writing from one person to another, very common among merchants, bankers, and those who travel, empowering a person to receive or take up money of their correspondents abroad.

—Bill of exchange. A written order from A. to B., directing B. to pay to C. a certain sum of money therein named. Byles, Bills, i. An open (that is, unsealed) letter addressed by one person to another directing him, in effect, to pay, absolutely and at all events, a certain sum of money therein named, to a third person, or to any other to whom that third person may order it to be paid, or it may be payable to bearer or to the drawer himself. 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. 27.

An unconditional order in writing addressed by one person to another, signed by the person giving it, requiring the person to whom it is addressed to pay on demand or a fixed or determinable future time a sum certain in money to order or to bearer. Clayton Town-Site Co. v. Clayton Drug Co., 147 F. 497; 20 N. M. 335; Smythe v. Sanders, 121 So. 435, 436, 128 Misc. 362; Code Ga. 1928, § 4294 (126). Sometimes called a "trade acceptance." Jones v. Revere Preserving Co., 142 N. E. 70, 71, 247 Mass. 225.

—Domestic bill of exchange. A bill of exchange drawn on a person residing in the same state with the drawer; or dated at a place in the state, and drawn on a person living within the state. It is the residence of the drawer and drawer which must determine whether a bill is domestic or foreign. Ragsdale v. Franklin, 25 Miss. 143. See, also, Inland bill of exchange, infra.

—Foreign bill of exchange. A bill of exchange drawn in one state or country, upon a foreign state or country. A bill of exchange drawn in one country upon another country not governed by the same homogenous laws, or not governed throughout by the same municipal laws. A bill of exchange drawn in one of the United States upon a person residing in another state is a foreign bill. See Story, Bills, § 22; 3 Kent, Comm. 94, note; Buckner v. Finley, 2 Pet. 556, 7 L. Ed. 528; Dungeness v. Course, 1 Mill. Const. (S. C.) 100; Phoenix Bank v. Hussey, 12 Pick. (Mass.) 484.

—inland bill of exchange. One of which the drawer and drawee are residents of the same state or country. Miller v. American Gold Mining Co., 3 Alaska, 1. See Domestic bill of exchange, supra.

10. In maritime law

The term is applied to contracts of various sorts, but chiefly to bills of lading (see supra) and to bills of adventure (see infra).

—Bill of adventure. A written certificate by a merchant or the master or owner of a ship, to the effect that the property and risk in goods shipped on the vessel in his own name belong to another person, to whom he is accountable for the proceeds alone.

—Bill of gross adventure. In French maritime law. Any written instrument which contains a contract of bottomry, respondentia, or any other kind of maritime loan. There is no corresponding English term. Hall, Marit. Loans, 182, n.

—Bill of health. An official certificate, given by the authorities of a port from which a vessel clears, to the master of the ship, showing the state of the port, as respects the public health, at the time of sailing, and exhibited to the authorities of the port which the vessel next makes, in token that she does not bring disease. If the bill alleges that no contagious or infectious disease existed, it is called a "clean" bill; if it admits that one was suspected or anticipated, or that one actually prevailed, it is called a "touched" or a "foul" bill.

11. In revenue law and procedure

The term is given to various documents filed in or issuing from a custom house, principally of the sorts described below.

—Bill of entry. An account of the goods entered at the custom house, both incoming and outgoing. It must state the name of the merchant exporting or importing, the quantity and species of merchandise, and whither transported, and whence.

—Bill of sight. When an importer of goods is ignorant of their exact quantity or quality, so that he cannot make a perfect entry of
them, he may give to the customs officer a written description of them, according to the best of his information and belief. This is called a "bill of sight."

—Bill of store. In English law. A kind of license granted at the custom-house to merchants, to carry such stores and provi-
sions as are necessary for their voyage, custom free. Jacob.

—Bill of suffrage. In English law. A license granted at the custom-house to a merchant, to suffer him to trade from one English port to another, without paying custom. Cowell.

12. In criminal law

A bill of indictment, see infra.

—Bill of appeal. An ancient, but now abolished, method of criminal prosecution. See Battel.

—Bill of indictment. A formal written document accusing a person or persons named of having committed a felony or misdemeanor, lawfully laid before a grand jury for their action upon it. If the grand jury decide that a trial ought to be had, they indorse on it a "true bill;" if otherwise, "not a true bill" or "not found." State v. Ray, Rice (S. C.) 4, 33 Am. Dec. 90. See Presentment.

13. In common-law practice

An itemized statement or specification of particular details, especially items of cost or charge.

—Bill of costs. A certified, itemized statement of the amount of costs in an action or suit. Doe v. Thompson, 22 N. H. 219. By the English usage, this term is applied to the statement of the charges and disbursements of an attorney or solicitor incurred in the conduct of his client's business, and which might be taxed upon application, even though not incurred in any suit. Thus, conveyancing costs might be taxed. Wharton.

—Bill of particulars. In practice. A written statement or specification of the particulars of the demand for which an action at law is brought, or of a defendant's set-off against such demand, (including dates, sums, and items in detail,) furnished by one of the parties to the other, either voluntarily or in compliance with a judge's order for that purpose. 1 Tidd, Pr. 590-600; 2 Archib. Pr. 221; Ferguson v. Ashbell, 53 Tex. 250; Baldwin v. Gregg, 13 Metc. (Mass.) 255. It is designed to aid the defendant in interposing the proper answer and in preparing for trial, by giving him detailed information regarding the cause of action stated in the complaint. Wetmore v. Goodwin Film & Camera Co. (D. C.) 226 F. 352, 353; Forbes v. Benson (R. I.) 103 A. 228; Cuthbert v. Rodger, 222 N. Y. S. 109, 110, 128 Misc. 554. It is neither a pleading nor proof of the facts therein con-
tained, Nilson v. Ebele Land Co., 155 P. 1036, 90 Wash. 295, and is not for the purpose of discovering evidence, nor to find what plaintiff knows, but what he claims, Inter-
mountain Ass'n of Credit Men v. Milwaukee Mechanics' Ins. Co., 44 Idaho 491, 258 P. 362, 363. A bill of particulars is not designed to uphold an insufficient indictment, but to give accused fair notice of what he is called on to defend. Clary v. Commonwealth, 173 S. W. 171, 173, 163 Ky. 48.

14. In English law

A draft of a patent for a charter, commission, dignity, office, or appointment.

Such a bill is drawn up in the attorney general's patent bill office, is submitted by a secretary of state for the King's signature, when it is called the "King's bill," and is then countersigned by the secretary of state and sealed by the privy seal, and then the patent is prepared and sealed. Sweet.

BILL OF MORTALITY. A written statement or account of the number of deaths which have occurred in a certain district within a given time.

BILLA. L. Lat. A bill; an original bill.

BILLA CASSETUR, or QUOD BILLA CAS-
SETUR. (That the bill be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment rendered for a defendant on a plea in abatement, where the proceeding is by bill; that is, where the suit is commenced by capias, and not by original writ. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 4.

BILLA EXCAMBI. A bill of exchange.

BILLA EXONERATIONIS. A bill of lading.

BILLA VERA. (A true bill.) In old practice. The indorsement ancienly made on a bill of indictment by a grand jury, when they found it sufficiently sustained by evidence. 4 Bl. Comm. 306.

BILLBOARD. An erection annexed to the land in the nature of a fence for the purpose of posting advertising bills and posters. Randall v. Atlanta Advertising Service, 125 S. E. 462, 465, 159 Ga. 217; Cochran v. McDer-

BILLET. A soldier's quarters in a civilian's house; or the ticket which authorizes him to occupy them.

In French law. A bill or promissory note. Billet à ordre, a bill payable to order. Billet à vue, a bill payable at sight. Billet de com-
plaisance, an accommodation bill. Billet de change, an engagement to give, at a future time, a bill of exchange, which the party is not at the time prepared to give. Story, Bills, § 2, n.
BILLETA. In old English law. A bill or petition exhibited in parliament. Cowell.

BILLIARD TABLES. This term includes "pool tables" as used in statutes, since "pool tables" are billiard tables with pockets. Town of Eros v. Powell, 137 La. 342, 68 So. 632, 635; Village of Atwood v. Otter, 296 Ill. 70, 129 N. E. 573, 575.

BI-METALLIC. Pertainning to, or consisting of, two metals used as money at a fixed relative value.

BI-METALLISM. The legalized use of two metals in the currency of a country at a fixed relative value.

BIND. To obligate; to bring or place under definite duties or legal obligations, particularly by a bond or covenant; to affect one in a constraining or compulsory manner with a contract or a judgment. So long as a contract, an adjudication, or a legal relation remains in force and virtue, and continues to impose duties or obligations, it is said to be "binding." A man is bound by his contract or promise, by a judgment or decree against him, by his bond or covenant, by an estoppel, etc. Stone v. Bradbury, 14 Me. 138; Holmes v. Tuttle, 5 El. & Bl. 80; Bank v. Ireland, 127 N. C. 238, 37 S. E. 223; Douglas v. Hennessy, 15 R. I. 272, 10 A. 583. In a deed describing the lands conveyed as "binding the lands of another," the term quoted was equivalent to the call for another tract. Bachelor v. Norris, 166 N. C. 506, 82 S. E. 889, 840.

BIND OUT. To place one under a legal obligation to serve another; as to bind out an apprentice.


A "binder" as used in marine insurance is an application for insurance made on behalf of the proposed insured and approved by the insurer or his agent. Muller v. Globe & Rutgers Fire Ins. Co. of City of New York (C. C. A.) 246 F. 759, 760.

BINDING OVER. The act by which a court or magistrate requires a person to enter into a recognizance or furnish bail to appear for trial, to keep the peace, to attend as a witness, etc.

BINDING RECEIPT OR SLIP. A "binding receipt" or "binding slip" is a limited acceptance of an application for insurance given by an authorized agent pending the ascertainment of the company's willingness to assume the burden of the proposed risk, the effect of which is to protect the applicant until the company acts upon the application, and, if it declines to accept the burden, the binding effect of the slip ceases eo instante. Hallauer v. Fire Ass'n of Philadelphia, 83 W. Va. 401, 88 S. E. 441, 443; Lea v. Atlantic Fire Ins. Co., 165 N. C. 478, 84 S. E. 813, 815. See Binder.

BINOCULAR VISION. The vision of the two eyes acting together, used in determining depth, width, distance, and comparative placing of different objects; distinguished from "field vision," meaning the general vision used in catching in sight, and following and locating objects. Turpin v. St. Regis Paper Co., 199 App. Div. 64, 192 N. Y. S. 56, 87; Giglio v. Dorfman & Klimavsky, 106 Conn. 401, 138 A. 445, 460.

BIPARTITE. Consisting of, or divisible into, two parts. A term in conveyancing descriptive of an instrument in two parts, and executed by both parties.

BIRRETUM, BIRRETSUS. A cap or coif used formerly in England by Judges and serjeants at law. Spelman.

BIRTH. The act of being born or wholly brought into separate existence. Wallace v. State, 10 Tex. App. 270.

BIS. Lat. Twice.

Bis dat qui etsi dat. He pays twice who pays promptly.

Bis idem exigit bona fides non patitur; et in satisfactionibus non permitting amplius fieri quam semel factum est. Good faith does not suffer the same thing to be demanded twice; and in making satisfaction (for a debt or demand) it is not allowed to be done more than once. 9 Coke, 63.

BISAILE (also BESAILLE, BESAYEL, BESAIL, BESAYLE). The father of one's grandfather or grandmother.

BISANTIUUM, BESANTINE, BEZANT. An ancient coin, first issued at Constantinople; it was of two sorts,—gold, equivalent to a ducat, valued at 9s. 6d.; and silver, computed at 2s. They were both current in England, Wharton.

BI-SOC. In old English law. A fine imposed for not repairing banks, ditches, and causeways.

BISHOP. In English law. An ecclesiastical dignitary, being the chief of the clergy within his diocese, subject to the archbishop of the province in which his diocese is situated.
Most of the bishops are also members of the House of Lords.

**BISHOP'S COURT.** In English law. An ecclesiastical court, held in the cathedral of each diocese, the judge whereof is the bishop's chancellor, who judges by the civil canon law; and, if the diocese be large, he has his commissaries in remote parts, who hold consistory courts, for matters limited to them by their commission.

**BISHPORIC.** In ecclesiastical law. The diocese of a bishop, or the circuit in which he has jurisdiction; the office of a bishop. 1 Bl. Comm. 377-382.

**BISSEXTILE.** The day which is added every fourth year to the month of February, in order to make the year agree with the course of the sun.

Leap year, consisting of 366 days, and happening every fourth year, by the addition of a day in the month of February, which in that year consists of twenty-nine days.

By statute 21 Hen. III., the 28th and 29th of February count together as one day. This statute is in force in some of the United States. Porter v. Holloway, 43 Ind. 55; Harker v. Addis, 4 Pa. 547.

**BITCH.** A female dog, wolf or fox. An opprobrious name for a woman. State v. Harwell, 129 N. C. 550, 40 S. E. 48. It has been held, however, that when applied to a woman, it does not, in its common acceptation, import whoredom in any of its forms, and therefore is not slanderous, Schurick v. Kolman, 50 Ind. 336; and that it does not amount to a charge of a crime or want of chastity, Sturdivant v. Duke, 155 Ky. 100, 159 S. W. 624, 48 L. R. A. (N. S.) 615.

**BITULITHIC.** Designating a kind of paving the main body of which consists of broken stone cemented together with bitumen or asphalt. Washburn v. Board of Comrs of Shawnee County, 103 Kan. 169, 172 P. 997, 998. Bituminous macadam means bitulithic pavement. Washburn v. Board of Comrs of Shawnee County, 103 Kan. 169, 172 P. 997, 998. See Bitumen.

**BITUMEN.** Mineral pitch; black, tarry substance used in cements, in construction of pavements, etc., and by extension, the term includes any one of natural hydrocarbons, including hard, solid, brittle varieties called asphalt, semi-solid maltha and mineral tar, oily petroleum, and light volatile naphthas. Western Willkie Co. v. Trinidad Asphalt Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 18 F. (2d) 446, 448.

**BITUMINOUS COAL.** Bituminous coal is much less hard than anthracite; it is dusty and dirty and is commonly termed “soft coal.” Bituminous coal burns with more or less smoke while anthracite coal burns with practically no smoke. As the fuel ratio of bituminous coal rises the coal is more soft; as the

**BALL.** A closed wagon or van in which prisoners are carried to and from the jail, or between the court and the jail.

BLACK PERSON. "Black person," occurring in Constitution and laws, must be taken in its generic sense as contradistinguished from white. Rice v. Gong Lum, 159 Miss. 769, 104 So. 105, 109.

BLACK RENTS. In old English law. Rents reserved in work, grain, provisions, or base money than silver, in contradistinction to those which were reserved in white money or silver, which were termed "white rents," (reditus albi,) or blanch farms. Tomlins; Whishaw. See Blackmail.

BLACK-ROD, GENTLEMAN USHER OF. In England, the title of a chief officer of the king, deriving his name from the Black Rod of office, on the top of which reposeth a golden lion, which he carries. During the session of Parliament he attends on the peers, summons the Commons to the House of Lords; and to his custody all peers imprisoned for any crime or contempt are first committed.

BLACK WARD. A subvassal, who held ward of the king's vassal.

BLACKLEG. A person who gets his living by frequenting race-courses and places where games of chance are played, getting the best odds, and giving the least he can, but not necessarily cheating. That is not indelictible either by statute or at common law. Barnett v. Allen, 3 Hurl. & N. 379.

In a later case it has been thought that "blackleg" ordinarily means a swindler, but does not mean a "scab" or strike breaker, and that its use may be libelous per se. United Mine Workers of America v. Cromer, 159 Ky. 605, 167 S. W. 891, 892.

BLACKLIST. A list of persons marked out for special avoidance, antagonism, or enmity on the part of those who prepare the list or those among whom it is intended to circulate; as where a trades-union "blacklists" workmen who refuse to conform to its rules, or where a list of insolvent or untrustworthy persons is published by a commercial agency or mercantile association. Quoted and relied on in Dick v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co., 86 Wash. 211, 150 P. 8, 12, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 638, holding that this word is a generic term having no such well-defined meaning in law as to make its use in a pleading a definite charge of any specific misconduct against a person so charged. And see Cleary v. Great Northern Ry. Co., 147 Minn. 405, 180 N. W. 545, 546; Masters v. Lee, 30 Neb. 574, 58 N. W. 222; Mattison v. Railway Co., 2 Ohio N. P. 279.

BLACKMAIL. In one of its original meanings, this term denoted a tribute paid by English dwellers along the Scottish border to influential chieftains of Scotland, as a condition of securing immunity from raids of marauders and border thieves.

Also, rents payable in cattle, grain, work, and the like. Such rents were called "blackmail," (reditus niger,) in distinction from white rents, (blanche firmes,) which were rents paid in silver. See Black rents.

The extortion of money by threats or overtures towards criminal prosecution or the destruction of a man's reputation or social standing.

In common parlance, the term is equivalent to, and synonymous with, "extortion," the exaction of money, either for the performance of a duty, the prevention of an injury, or the exercise of an influence. It supposes the service to be unlawful, and the payment involuntary. Not infrequently it is exerted by threats, or by operating upon the fears or the credulity, or by promises to conceal, or offers to expose, the weaknesses, the follies, or the crimes of the victim. Edsall v. Brooks, 3 Rob. (N. Y.) 234, 17 Abb. Frac. 222; Life Assn. v. Boggess, 3 Mo. App. 173; Hees v. Sparks, 44 Kan. 465, 24 P. 979, 21 Am. St. Rep. 300; People v. Thompson, 97 N. Y. 513; Utterback v. State, 153 Ind. 445, 55 N. E. 429; Mitchell v. Sharon (C. C.) 61 F. 424; In re Mills, 104 Wash. 278, 176 P. 554, 552. "Blackmail" has a broader meaning than the New York statutory crime of blackmail, and denotes extortion in any mode by means of intimidation, as the extortiom of money by threats of accusation or exposure, or of unfavorable criticism in the press. Guenther v. Ridgway Co., 156 N. Y. S. 554, 555, 170 App. Div. 725.

BLACKSMITH SHOP. A place to which the people of a community resort for the purpose of having machinery and tools repaired and iron work done. State v. Shumaker, 163 Kan. 741, 175 P. 975, 979.


BLADARIUS. In old English law. A cornmonger; meal-man or corn-chandler; a blader, or engrosser of corn or grain. Blount.

BLANC SEIGN. In Louisiana, a paper signet at the bottom by him who intends to bind himself, give acquittance, or compromise, at the discretion of the person whom he intrusts with such blanc seign, giving him power to fill it with what he may think proper, according to agreement. Musson v. U. S. Bank, 6 Mart. O. S. (La.) 715.

BLANCH HOLDING. An ancient tenure of the law of Scotland, the duty payable being trifling, as a penny or a pepper-corn, etc., if required; similar to free and common socage.

BLANCHE FIRME. White rent; a rent reserved, payable in silver.

BLANCUS. In old law and practice. White; plain; smooth; blank.

BLANK. A space left unfilled in a written document, in which one or more words or
marks are to be inserted to complete the sense. Angle v. Insurance Co., 92 U. S. 337, 23 L. Ed. 556.

Also a skeleton or printed form for any legal document, in which the necessary and invariable words are printed in their proper order, with blank spaces left for the insertion of such names, dates, figures, additional clauses, etc., as may be necessary to adapt the instrument to the particular case and to the design of the party using it.

BLANK ACCEPTANCE. An acceptance of a bill of exchange written on the paper before the bill is made, and delivered by the acceptor.

BLANK BAR. Also called the "common bar." The name of a plea in bar which in an action of trespass is put in to oblige the plaintiff to assign the certain place where the trespass was committed. It was most in practice in the common bench. See Cro. Jac. 594.

BLANK BONDS. Scotch securities, in which the creditor's name was left blank, and which passed by mere delivery, the bearer being at liberty to put in his name and sue for payment. Declared void by Act 1696, c. 25.

BLANK INDOREMENT. The indorsement of a bill of exchange or promissory note, by merely writing the name of the indorser, without mentioning any person to whom the bill or note is to be paid; called "blank," because a blank or space is left over for the insertion of the name of the indorsee, or of any subsequent holder. Otherwise called an indorsement "in blank." 3 Kent, Comm. 89; Story, Prqmn. Notes, § 158.

BLANKET. In tariff acts: A heavy cover for a bed or a horse, with a thick, soft nap on both sides. Riley & Co. v. U. S., 8 Ct. Cust. App. 116, 118.

BLANKET POLICY. In the law of fire insurance. A policy which contemplates that the risk is shifting, fluctuating, or varying, and is applied to a class of property, rather than to any particular article or thing. 1 Wood, Ins. § 40. See Insurance Co. v. Baltimore Warehouse Co., 93 U. S. 541, 23 L. Ed. 868; Insurance Co. v. Landau, 62 N. J. Eq. 73, 49 A. 738.

BLANKS. A kind of white money, (value 8d.), coined by Henry V. in those parts of France which were then subject to England; forbidden to be current in that realm by 2 Hen. VI. c. 9. Wharton.

BLASARIUS. An incendiary.

BLASPHEMY.

In English Law

Blasphemy is the offense of speaking matter relating to God, Jesus Christ, the Bible, or the Book of Common Prayer, intended to wound the feelings of mankind or to excite contempt and hatred against the church by law established, or to promote immorality. Sweet.

In American Law


In general, blasphemy may be described as consisting in speaking evil of the Deity with an impious purpose to derogate from the divine majesty, and to alienate the minds of others from the love and reverence of God. It is purposely using words concerning God calculated and designed to impair and destroy the reverence, respect, and confidence due to Him as the intelligent creator, governor, and judge of the world. It embraces the idea of detraction, when used towards the Supreme Being, as "calumni" usually carries the same idea when applied to an individual. It is a willful and malicious attempt to lessen men's reverence of God by denying His existence, or His attributes as an intelligent creator, governor, and judge of men, and to prevent their having confidence in Him as such. Com. v. Kneeland, 20 Pick. (Mass.) 211, 212.

The offense of blasphemy under Rev. St. c. 126, § 30 (Rev. St. 1930, ch. 135, § 34), may be committed either by using profanely insolent and reproachful language against God, or by contumeliously reproaching Him, His creation, government, final judgment of the world, Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost, or the Holy Scriptures as contained in the canonical books of the Old and New Testament, or by exposing any of these enumerated Beings or Scriptures to contempt and ridicule. State v. Mockus, 120 Mo. 84, 113 A. 39, 42, 14 A. L. R. 871.

The use of this word is, in modern law exclusively confined to sacred subjects; but blasphemia and blasphemare were anciently used to signify the reviling by one person of another. Nov. 77, c. 1, § 1; Spelman.

BLASTING. A mode of rending rock and other solid substances by means of explosives.

BLEES. In old English law. Grain; particularly corn.

BLENCH, BLENCH HOLDING. See Blench Holding.

BLENDED FUND. In England, where a testator directs his real and personal estate to be sold, and disposes of the proceeds as forming one aggregate, this is called a "blended fund."

BLIND. The condition of one who is deprived of the faculty of seeing.

A voter is not "blind" within the meaning of Ky. St. § 147, authorizing clerk to mark ballot for blind person, if he has left his spectacles at home, but a

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person so devoid of sight that he cannot see pencil mark made by clerk is "blind." Smith v. Jones, 206 S. W. 170, 171, 221 Ky. 546. One who by accident lost all vision except enough to enable him to recognize a form without distinguishing its outlines is "blind" within the Workman's Compensation Act. Industrial Commission of Colorado v. Johnson, 173 P. 422, 423, 64 Colo. 451. For other cases, see Total.

BLIND CAR. On railroads, one on which there is neither steps nor platform at the ends. Helm v. Hines, 109 Kan. 48, 196 P. 426.

BLIND CORNER. One where the building extends to the property line. Mobile Light & R. Co. v. Gadik, 211 Ala. 552, 100 So. 837, 838.

BLIND NAILING. "Blind nailing," in a contract relating to the interior finish of a house, means driving the nails in with a nail set, and concealing them with putty and paint. Sterling Engineering and Construction Co. v. Berg, 161 Wis. 250, 152 N. W. 851, 852.

BLIND TIGER. A place where intoxicants are sold on the sly, and contrary to the law. Town of Ruston v. Fountain, 118 La. 53, 42 So. 644; City of Shreveport v. Maroun, 134 La. 490, 64 So. 388, 389. Defined by statute in Louisiana as any place in those subdivisions of the state, where prohibition obtains, in which liquor is kept for sale, exchange, or habitual giving away in connection with any business conducted at such place. City of Shreveport v. Knowles, 136 La. 770, 67 So. 824, 825. A "tippling-house." Calhoun v. Bell, 136 La. 414, 64 So. 761, 762, Ann. Cas. 1916D, 1165.

It is no defense to a proceeding brought under Georgia statutes to abate and enjoin a "blind tiger" as a nuisance, that the sale of spirituous, malt, or intoxicating liquor was in open violation of law. Thompson v. H. H. Simmons & Co., 78 S. E. 415, 139 Ga. 345.

BLIND WAGON. A "blind wagon," such as one used for moving furniture and the like, is one without the name or address of the owner of it thereon. Mike Berniger Moving Co. v. O'Brien (Mo. App.) 240 S. W. 481, 483.

BLINKS. In old English law. Boughs broken down from trees and thrown in a way where deer are likely to pass. Jacob.

BLOCK. A square or portion of a city or town inclosed by streets, whether partially or wholly occupied by buildings or containing only vacant lots. Ottawa v. Barney, 10 Kan. 270; Fraser v. Ott, 95 Cal. 661, 30 Pac. 793; State v. Deffes, 44 La. Ann. 164, 10 So. 597; Todd v. Railroad Co., 78 Ill. 530; Harrison v. People, 195 Ill. 466, 63 N. E. 191; City of Mobile v. Chapman, 202 Ala. 194, 79 So. 566, 571; Commerce Trust Co. v. Blakeley, 274 Mo. 32, 202 S. W. 402, 404. The platted portion of a city surrounded by streets. Cravens v. Putnam, 101 Kan. 161, 165 P. 801, 802. The term need not, however, be limited to blocks platted as such, but may mean an area bounded on all sides by streets or avenues. St. Louis-San Francisco R. Co. v. City of Tulsa, Okl. (C. C. A.) 15 F.(2d) 960, 963; Commerce Trust Co. v. Keck, 283 Mo. 209, 223 S. W. 1057, 1061 (irregular parallelograms). Yet two blocks each, bounded by a street, do not necessarily, when thrown together by the vacation of a street, constitute a single block to be included as such within an assessment district. Missouri, K. & T. Ry. Co. v. City of Tulsa, 45 Okl. 382, 145 P. 398, 401.

"Block" is often synonymous with "square." Weeks v. Hetland, 52 N. D. 351, 202 N. W. 807, 812, 813. As a measure of length, "block" denotes the length of one side of such a square. Skolnick v. Orth, 84 Misc. 71, 145 N. Y. S. 961, 962. Sometimes it means both sides of a street measured from one intersecting street to the next. Chamberlain v. Roberts, 81 Colo. 23, 235 P. 27. And on occasion it may be construed not to extend between two streets that completely cross the street in question, but to stop at a street running into it though not across it. Wise v. City of Chicago, 185 Ill. App. 215, 216.

Under a statute providing that territory sought to be excluded from a new county must be in one block, the word "block" implies the thought of solidity or compactness, and the territory sought to be excluded must be in some regular and compact form. State v. Moulton, 57 Mont. 414, 159 P. 59, 61.

BLOCK-HOLER. One who follows up the miner to blast or throw down large rocks left in the process of mining in a "stop." Mesich v. Tamarack Mining Co., 184 Mich. 303, 151 N. W. 564, 566.

BLOCK OF SURVEYS. In Pennsylvania land law. Any considerable body of contiguous tracts surveyed in the name of the same warrantee, without regard to the manner in which they were originally located; a body of contiguous tracts located by exterior lines, but not separated from each other by interior lines. Morrison v. Seaman, 183 Pa. 74, 38 A. 710; Ferguson v. Bloom, 144 Pa. 549, 23 A. 49.

BLOCK TO BLOCK RULE. The "block to block rule" for assessing the benefits for the opening of a new street is, the assessment against the lots in each block of the cost of acquiring the lands in that block. In re St. Raymond Ave. in City of New York, 192 N. Y. S. 155, 158, 175 App. Div. 518.

BLOCKADE. In international law. A marine investment or bequeathing of a town or harbor. A sort of circumvallation round a place by which all foreign communication and correspondence is, as far as human power can effect it, to be cut off. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 151. It is not necessary, however, that the place should be invested by land, as well as by sea, in order to constitute a legal blockade; and, if a place be blocked by sea only, it is no violation of belligerent rights for the neutral to carry on commerce with it by inland communications. 1 Kent, Comm. 147.
The actual investment of a port or place by a hostile force fully competent, under ordinary circumstances, to cut off all communication therewith, so arranged or disposed as to be able to apply its force to every point of practicable access or approach to the port or place so invested. The Olindo Rodrigues (D. C.) 91 Fed. 274; Id., 174 U. S. 550, 19 Sup. Ct. 551, 43 L. Ed. 1905; U. S. v. The William Arthur, 28 Fed. Cas. 626; The Peterhoff, 5 Wall. 59, 18 L. Ed. 564; Grinnan v. Edwards, 21 W. Va. 357.

It is called a “blockade de facto” when the usual notice of the blockade has not been given to the neutral powers by the government causing the investment, in consequence of which the blockading squadron has to warn off all approaching vessels.

Pacific Blockade

A means of coercion short of war, usually adopted by the joint action of several nations. An instance of it occurred when Great Britain and Germany united to prevent the slave traffic and stop the importation of arms on the east coast of Africa. Snow, Int. Law 79. In 1827 Greece was blockaded by France, Russia, and Great Britain; in 1850 the Greek ports were blockaded by Great Britain, and again in 1855 by the combined fleets of the five Great Powers. In 1857 the Institute of International Law unanimously declared in favor of the legality of pacific blockade, subject to certain conditions. See 21 L. Mag. & Rev. 285; 2 Oppen. §§ 40–49.

Paper Blockade

The state of a line of coast proclaimed to be under blockade in time of war, when the naval force on watch is not sufficient to repel a real attempt to enter.

Public Blockade

A blockade which is not only established in fact, but is notified, by the government directing it, to other governments; as distinguished from a simple blockade, which may be established by a naval officer acting upon his own discretion or under direction of superiors, without governmental notification. The Circassian, 2 Wall. 150, 17 L. Ed. 796.

Simple Blockade

One established by a naval commander acting on his own discretion and responsibility, or under the direction of a superior officer, but without governmental orders or notification. The Circassian, 2 Wall. 150, 17 L. Ed. 796.

BLOCKHEAD. A term importing want of natural cleverness, and slowness and obstinacy of mind. The business of keeping a restaurant is not such that the restaurant keeper is presumptively damaged in his business reputation by having this term applied to him. Block v. Gehring Pub. Co., 180 N. Y. S. 194, 195.


Half-Blood

A term denoting the degree of relationship which exists between those who have the same father or the same mother, but not both parents in common.

Mixed Blood

A person is “of mixed blood” who is descended from ancestors of different races or nationalities; but particularly, in the United States, the term denotes a person one of whose parents (or more remote ancestors) was a negro. See Hopkins v. Bowers, 111 N. C. 175, 16 S. E. 1; U. S. v. First Nat. Bank of Detroit, Minn., 224 U. S. 245, 32 S. Ct. 846, 848, 55 L. Ed. 1298.

Whole Blood

Kinship by descent from the same father and mother; as distinguished from half blood, which is the relationship of those who have one parent in common, but not both.

BLOOD FEUD. Averaging the slaughter of kin on the person who slaughtered him, or on his belongings. Whether the Teutonic or the Anglo-Saxon law had a legal right of blood feud has been disputed, but in Alfred’s day it was unlawful to begin a feud until an attempt had been made to exact the price of the life (wercgild, q. v.).

BLOOD MONEY. A wercgild, or pecuniary mulct paid by a slayer to the relatives of his victim. Also used, in a popular sense, as descriptive of money paid by way of reward for the apprehension and conviction of a person charged with a capital crime.

BLOOD STAINS, TESTS FOR. See Precipitin Test.

BLOODHOUNDS. Dogs remarkable for their sense of smell and ability to follow a scent or track a human being. It has been held that to permit evidence that a hound has tracked an alleged criminal, it must be shown that it
had been trained in that work; Pedigo v. Com., 103 Ky. 41, 44 S. W. 143, 42 L. R. A. 432, 82 Am. St. Rep. 566.

**BLOODWIT.** An amercement for bloodstream. Cowell.

The privilege of taking such amercements. Skene.

A privilege or exemption from paying a fine or amercement assessed for bloodstream. Cowell.

**BLOODY HAND.** In forest law. The having the hands or other parts bloody, which, in a person caught trespassing in the forest against venison, was one of the four kinds of circumstantial evidence of his having killed deer, although he was not found in the act of chasing or hunting. Manwood.

**BLOWING WATER.** "Blowing water" by a ship is throwing water in the hold back and forth and forcing it through crevices in the ceiling and coming in contact with the cargo. The Charles Rohde (D. C.) 8 F. (2d) 506.

**BLUDGEON.** Part of a boy's baseball bat, the upper end of which had been broken off, has been held to be a bludgeon within a statute relating to the carrying of any concealed instrument. People v. McPherson, 115 N. E. 515, 516, 220 N. Y. 123. Contra as to an iron bar, twenty inches long and three-eighths to one-half inch in diameter. People v. Visarties, 222 N. Y. S. 401, 403, 226 App. Div. 657.

**BLUE.** As applied to a cow, generally denoting either a modified shade of black, or black with white intermingled, or dark gray, dove, or slate color, which, in contrast with some decided color or with white, suggests and somewhat resembles blue. Graham v. State, 84 S. E. 981, 983, 16 Ga. App. 221.

**BLUE LAWS.** A suppatisitional code of severe laws for the regulation of religious and personal conduct in the colonies of Connecticut and New Haven; hence any rigid Sunday laws or religious regulations. The assertion by some writers of the existence of the blue laws has no other basis than the adoption, by the first authorities of the New Haven colony, of the Scriptures as their code of law and government, and their strict application of Mosaic principles. Century Dict.

**BLUE NOTES.** Notes accepted by a life insurance company for the amount of premiums on the policy, which provide for the continuance of the policy in force until the due date of the notes. Robnett v. Cotton States Life Ins. Co., 230 S. W. 257, 258, 148 Ark. 193.

**BLUE SKY LAW.** A popular name for acts providing for the regulation and supervision of investment companies, for the protection of the community from investing in fraudulent companies. A law intended to stop the sale of stock in fly by night concerns, visionary oil wells, distant gold mines, and other like fraudulent operations. Brock v. Hines, 223 P. 654, 656, 97 Okt. 147; Dinsmore v. National Hardwood Co., 208 N. W. 701, 234 Mich. 436.

**BLUFF.** A high, steep bank, as by a river, the sea, a ravine, or a plain, or a bank or headland with a broad, steep face. Columbia City Land Co. v. Rubli, 141 P. 208, 210, 70 Or. 240.

**BOARD.** A committee of persons organized under authority of law in order to exercise certain authorities, have oversight or control of certain matters, or discharge certain functions of a magisterial, representative, or fiduciary character. Thus, "board of aldermen," "board of health," "board of directors," "board of works."

Also lodging, food, entertainment, furnished to a guest at an inn or boarding house. When used with reference to prisoners, as a basis for the sheriff's fee, board may be equivalent to "necessary food." Pacific Coal Co. v. Silver Bow County, 258 P. 389, 79 Mont. 323.


**BOARD MEASURE.** This term, in a contract of sale of lumber for a specified price per thousand feet, literally implies a measurement of lumber having the dimensions of length, width, and thickness, according to the number of cubic inches; but it may be subject to explanation according to the particular circumstances. Paepcke-Lecht Lumber Co. v. Talley, 106 Ark. 400, 153 S. W. 833, 836.


**BOARD OF AUDIT.** A tribunal provided by statute in some states, to adjust and settle the accounts of municipal corporations. Osterhoudt v. Rigney, 98 N. Y. 222.

**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY.** In Vermont, in the case of a city this term includes the mayor and aldermen and justices residing therein; in the case of a town, the selectmen and town clerk and the justices residing therein; in the case of a village, the trustees or bailiffs and the justices residing therein. Vt. St. 1894, 19, 59 (G. L. 70).
BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The governing body of a private corporation, generally selected from among the stockholders and constituting in effect a committee of their number or board of trustees for their interests.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. See Equalization.

BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS. As these exist in many cities, they are unincorporated voluntary associations composed exclusively of persons engaged in the business of fire insurance, having for their object consolidation and co-operation in matters affecting the business, such as the writing of uniform policies and the maintenance of uniform rates. Childs v. Insurance Co., 66 Minn. 393, 69 N. W. 141, 53 L. R. A. 99.

BOARD OF HEALTH. A board or commission created by the sovereign authority or by municipalities, invested with certain powers and charged with certain duties in relation to the preservation and improvement of the public health. General boards of health are usually charged with general and advisory duties, with the collection of vital statistics, the investigation of sanitary conditions, and the methods of dealing with epidemic and other diseases, the quarantine laws, etc. Such are the national board of health, created by act of congress of March 3, 1879 (20 St. at Large, 484), and the state boards of health created by the legislatures of most of the states. Local boards of health are charged with more direct and immediate means of securing the public health, and exercise inquisitorial and executive powers in relation to sanitary regulations, offensive nuisances, markets, adulteration of food, slaughterhouses, drains and sewers, and similar subjects. Such boards are constituted in most American cities either by general law, by their charters, or by municipal ordinances, and in England by the statutes, 11 & 12 Vict. c. 63, and 21 & 22 Vict. c. 98, and other acts amending the same. See Gaines v. Waters, 64 Ark. 600, 44 S. W. 353.

BOARD OF PARDONS. A board created by law in some states, whose function is to investigate all applications for executive clemency and to make reports and recommendations thereon to the governor.

BOARD OF REVIEW. A “board of review” is not an assessing body, but is a quasi judicial body whose duty it is to hear evidence tending to show errors in an assessment roll, and to decide on such evidence whether the assessor’s valuation is correct. State v. Williams, 160 Wis. 648, 152 N. W. 450, 451.

BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY. An instrument of executive power, not a court, made up of the immigrant officials in the service, subordinates of the commissioner of immigration, whose duties are declared to be administrative. Its decisions are not binding upon the Secretary of Commerce. Pearson v. Williams, 202 U. S. 281, 26 S. Ct. 608, 50 L. Ed. 1029.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. Under the system obtaining in some of the northern states, this name is given to an organized committee, or body of officials, composed of delegates from the several townships in a county, constituting part of the county government, and having special charge of the revenues of the county.

BOARD OF TRADE. An organization of the principal merchants, manufacturers, tradesmen, etc., of a city, for the purpose of furthering its commercial interests, encouraging the establishment of manufactures, promoting trade, securing or improving shipping facilities, and generally advancing the prosperity of the place as an industrial and commercial community. In England, one of the administrative departments of government, being a committee of the privy council which is appointed for the consideration of matters relating to trade and foreign plantations.

BOARD OF WORKS. The name of a board of officers appointed for the better local management of the English metropolis. They have the care and management of all grounds and gardens dedicated to the use of the inhabitants in the metropolis; also the superintendence of the drainage; also the regulation of the street traffic, and, generally, of the buildings of the metropolis. Brown.

BOARDER. One who, being the inhabitant of a place, makes a special contract with another person for food with or without lodging. Berkshire Woollen Co. v. Proctor, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 424.


The distinction between a guest and a boarder is this: The guest comes and remains without any bargain for time, and may go away when he pleases, paying only for the actual entertainment he receives; and the fact that he may have remained a long time in the inn, in this way, does not make him a boarder, instead of a guest. Stewart v. McCready, 24 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 62; In re Doubleday, 173 App. Div. 739, 159 N. Y. S. 917, 949.

BOARDING-HOUSE. A boarding-house is not in common parlance, or in legal meaning, every private house where one or more boarders are kept occasionally only and upon special considerations. But it is a quasi public house, where boarders are generally and habitually kept, and which is held out and

The distinction between a "boarding-house" and a private dwelling house is whether the house is occupied as a home for the occupant and his wife and child, or whether he occupied it as a place for carrying on the business of keeping boarders, although while prosecuting the business and as a means of prosecuting it, he and his wife and children live in the house also. Neither the size of the house nor the number of the boarders is of importance except as evidence that may have weight in determining which is the principal use for which the building is occupied. Trainor v. Le Beck, 101 N. J. Eq. 823, 139 A. 16, 17.

A boarding-house is not an inn, the distinction being that a boarder is received into a house by a voluntary contract, whereas an innkeeper, in the absence of any reasonable or lawful excuse, is bound to receive a guest when he presents himself. 2 El. & Bl. 144; McClaugherty v. Cline, 128 Tenn. 605, 163 S. W. 801.

The distinction between a boarding-house and an inn or hotel is that in a boarding-house the guest is under an express contract, at a certain rate for a certain period of time, while in an inn there is no express agreement; the guest, being on his way, is entertained from day to day, according to his business, upon an implied contract. Willard v. Reinhart, 2 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 148; McIntosh v. Schops, 92 Or. 307, 180 P. 593. A "boarding-house" is also less public in character. State v. Brown, 112 Kan. 614, 212 P. 663, 654, 31 A. L. R. 338. See, also, Talbott v. Southern Seminary, 131 Va. 576, 109 S. E. 440, 19 A. L. R. 554. A "rooming house" differs from a "boarding-house" only in that the latter furnishes meals. City of Independence v. Richardson, 232 P. 1044, 1046, 117 Kan. 656. A boarding school, however, is not a boarding-house within a lien statute. Talbott v. Southern Seminary, 131 Va. 576, 109 S. E. 440, 441, 19 A. L. R. 534.


BOC. In Saxon law. A book or writing; a deed or charter. Boo led, deed or charter land. Land boo, a writing for conveying land; a deed or charter; a land-book. The land-books, or evidences of title, corresponding to modern deeds, were destroyed by William the Conqueror.

BOG HORDE. A place where books, writings, or evidences were kept, generally in monasteries. Cowell.

BOG LAND. In Saxon law. Allodial lands held by deed or other written evidence of title.

BOCERAS. Sax. A scribe, notary, or chancellor among the Saxons.

BODILY. Pertaining to or concerning the body; or of belonging to the body or the physical constitution; not mental but corporeal. Electric R. Co. v. Lauer, 21 Ind. App. 466, 52 N. E. 703. But under a health insurance policy the words "bodily disease or illness" have been held to embrace insanity. American Nat. Ins. Co. v. Denman (Tex. Civ. App.) 260 S. W. 226, 227.

—Bodily harm. Any touching of the person of another against his will with physical force, in an intentional, hostile, and aggressive manner, or a projecting of such force against his person. People v. Moore, 50 Hun, 356, 3 N. Y. Supp. 150. See Great bodily harm, Infra.

—Bodily heirs. Heirs begotten or borne by the person referred to; lineal descendants. This term is equivalent to "heirs of the body." Turner v. Hause, 199 Ill. 464, 65 N. E. 445; Craig v. Ambrose, 80 Ga. 134, 4 S. E. 1; Righter v. Forrester, 1 Bush (Ky.) 278.


—Great bodily harm. These words usually imply an injury of a greater and more serious
kind than battery. Shires v. Bogess, 72 W. Va. 109, 77 S. E. 542, 545. They have been held equivalent to "maim." State v. Foster, 281 Mo. 618, 220 S. W. 938, 959.

—Great bodily injury. An injury to the person of a more grave and serious character than an ordinary battery, but one which cannot be exactly defined. State v. Ockij, 165 Iowa, 237, 155 N. W. 456, 457; Hallett v. State, 169 Neb. 311, 100 N. W. 862, 863.

BODMERIE, BODMERIE, BODEMEREY. Belg. and Germ. Bottomry (q. v.).

BODY. A person. Used of a natural body, or of an artificial one created by law, as a corporation.

The main part of the human body; the trunk. Sanchez v. People, 22 N. Y. 149; State v. Edmundson, 64 Mo. 402; Walker v. State, 34 Fla. 167, 16 South. 80, 43 Am. St. Rep. 186.

The term may, however, embrace all members of the person. Louisville Ry. Co. v. Veith, 103 S. W. 217, 157 Ky. 424; including the head, Franklin v. State, 33 Ohio Ct. C. T. R. 21, 22.

Also the main part of an instrument; in deeds it is spoken of as distinguished from the recitals and other introductory parts and signatures; in affidavit, from the title and jurat.

A collection of laws; that is, the embodiment of the laws in one connected statement or collection, called a "body of laws" (q. v.).


BODY OF A COUNTY. A county at large, as distinguished from any particular place within it. A county considered as a territorial whole. State v. Arthur, 39 Iowa, 632; People v. Dunn, 31 App. Div. 139, 52 N. Y. Supp. 985.

BODY OF AN INSTRUMENT. The main and operative part; the substantive provisions, as distinguished from the recitals, title, jurat, etc.

BODY OF LAWS. An organized and systematic collection of rules of jurisprudence; as, particularly, the body of the civil law, or corpus juris civilis.

BODY POLITIC. The collective body of a nation or state as politically organized or as exercising political functions. People v. Snyder, 117 N. E. 119, 122, 279 Ill. 493.

A term applied to a corporation, which is usually designated as a "body corporate and politic."

The term is particularly appropriate to a public corporation invested with powers and duties of government. It is often used, in a rather loose way, to designate the state or nation or sovereign power, or the government of a county or municipality, without distinctly connecting any express and individual corporate character. Munn v. Illinois, 94 U. S. 134, 24 L. Ed. 77; Coyle v. McIntire, 7 Houst. (Del.) 44, 30 Atl. 738, 49 Am. St. Rep. 109; Warner v. Beers, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 122; People v. Morris, 12 Wend. (N. Y.) 334.

BOILARY. Water arising from a salt well belonging to a person who is not the owner of the soil.

BOILER. Insurance policies defining a boiler as a receptacle in which steam is generated, including the stop valve nearest the boiler, have been held not to include a nipple screwed into the outlet of the stop valve, Cambria Coal Mining Co. v. Travelers' Indemnity Co., 234 S. W. 223, 324, 144 Tenn. 459; nor the whistle pipe above the whistle valve, Norfolk & W. Ry. Co. v. Royal Indemnity Co. (D. C.) 257 F. 849, 850; nor-damage by gas explosion in fire box and chimney, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. v. Kleinman (Tex. Civ. App.) 236 S. W. 894, 895.

Under the Boiler Inspection Act Feb. 17, 1911, § 2 (45 USCA § 23), a locomotive cab is an appurtenance to the boiler, Brown v. Lehigh Valley R. Co., 177 N. Y. S. 618, 619, 108 Misc. 384; and a bell ringer is a part or appurtenance of a locomotive and tender, Hines v. Smith (C. C. A.) 275 F. 766, 767; but not a so-called trail car similar to a flat car, used exclusively in switching cars or trains onto a transfer boat, for the purpose of preventing the great weight of the locomotive from being placed on the apron or approaches of the transfer boat, Alabama & V. Ry. Co. v. Ware, 92 So. 161, 162, 129 Miss. 815.

BOILS. A policy, providing for the payment of indemnity in the event the insured suffered from "boils," is clear and explicit, and does not cover disability occasioned by a disease designated as "ischio-rectal abscess." Midland Casualty Co. v. Mason, 154 F. 1171, 1172, 55 Okl. 93.

BOIS, or BOYS. L. Fr. Wood; timber; brush.

BOLHAGIUM, or BOLDAGIUM. A little house or cottage. Blount.

BOLT. The desertion by one or more persons from the political party to which he or they belong; the permanent withdrawal before adjournment of a portion of the delegates to a political convention. Rap. & L.

A mass or block of wood from which anything may be cut or formed. St. Louis, I. M. & S. R. Co. v. J. F. Hasty & Sons, 41 S. Ct. 268, 270, 255 U. S. 232, 65 L. Ed. 614.

BOLTING. In English practice. A term formerly used in the English Inns of court, but more particularly at Gray's Inn, signifying the private arguing of cases, as distinguished from moot, which was a more formal and public mode of argument. Cowell; Tomlins; Holthouse.
BOMBAY REGULATIONS. Regulations passed for the presidency of Bombay, and the territories subordinate thereto. They were passed by the governors in council of Bombay until the year 1834, when the powers of local legislation ceased, and the acts relating thereto were thenceforth passed by the governor general of India in council. Mozley & Whitley.

BON. Fr. In Old French Law

A royal order or check on the treasury, invented by Francis I. Bon pour mille livres, good for a thousand livres. Step. Lect. 387.

In Modern Law

The name of a clause (bon pour good for so much) added to a cedule or promissory note, where it is not in the handwriting of the signer, containing the amount of the sum which he obliges himself to pay. Poth. Obl. part 4, ch. 1, art. 2, § 1.

BONA. Lat. n. Goods; property; possessions. In the Roman law, this term was used to designate all species of property, real, personal, and mixed, but was more strictly applied to real estate. In modern civil law, it includes both personal property (technically so called) and chattels real, thus corresponding to the French biens (q. v.). In the common law, its use was confined to the description of moveable goods. Tisdale v. Harris, 20 Pick. (Mass.) 13; Penniman v. French, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 404, 28 Am. Dec. 309.

—Bona confiscata. Goods confiscated or forfeited to the imperial fisc or treasury. 1 Bl. Comm. 296.

—Bona et catalla. Goods and chattels. Moveable property. This expression includes all personal things that belong to a man. 16 Mees. & W. 68.

—Bona felenum. In English law. Goods of felons; the goods of one convicted of felony. 5 Coke, 110.


—Bona fugitivorum. In English law. Goods of fugitives; the proper goods of him who flies for felony. 5 Coke, 109b.


—Bona mobilia. In the civil law. Moveables. Castle v. Castle (C. C. A.) 267 F. 521, 522. Those things which move themselves or can be transported from one place to another, and not permanently attached to a farm, heritage, or building.

—Bona notabilia. In English probate law. Notable goods; property worthy of notice, or of sufficient value to be accounted for. This value has varied at different periods, but was finally established at £5, in 1608. Where a decedent leaves goods of sufficient amount (bona notabilia) in different dioceses, administration is granted by the metropolitan, to prevent the confusion arising from the appointment of many different administrations. 2 Bl. Comm. 509; Rolle, Abr. 908. Moore v. Jordan, 36 Kan. 271, 13 Pac. 337, 69 Am. Rep. 550.

—Bona paraphernalia. In the civil law. The separate property of a married woman other than that which is included in her dowry; more particularly, her clothing, jewels, and ornaments. Whiton v. Snyder, 86 N. Y. 303.

—Bona peritura. Goods of a perishable nature; such goods as an executor or trustee must use diligence in disposing of and converting them into money.

—Bona utiagorum. Goods of outlawed or outlawed goods belonging to persons outlawed.

—Bona vacantis. Vacant, unclaimed, or stray goods. Those things in which nobody claims a property, and which belonged, under the common law, to the finder, except in certain instances, when they were the property of the king. 1 Bl. Comm. 298.

—Bona waviata. In English law. Waived goods; goods stolen and waviata, that is, thrown away by the thief in his flight, for fear of being apprehended, or to facilitate his escape; and which go to the sovereign. 5 Coke, 109b; 1 Bl. Comm. 296.

BONA. Lat. adj. Good. Used in numerous legal phrases of which the following are the principal:

—Bona fides. Good faith; integrity of dealing; honesty; sincerity; the opposite of malitia and of dolus malus.

—Bona gestura. Good aherence or behavior.

—Bona gratia. In the Roman law. By mutual consent; voluntarily. A term applied to a species of divorce where the parties separated by mutual consent; or where the parties renounced their marital engagements without assigning any cause, or upon mere pretext. Thus, Civil Law, 361, 362; Calvin.

—Bona memoria. Good memory. Generally used in the phrase samum mensis et bona memoriae, of sound mind and good memory, as descriptive of the mental capacity of a testator.

—Bona patria. In the Scotch law. An assurance or jury of good neighbors. Bell.

Truly; actually; without simulation or pretense.

Innocently; in the attitude of trust and confidence; without notice of fraud, etc.

See Bona fide.

The phrase "bona fide" is sometimes used ambiguously; thus, the expression "bona fide holder for value" (see that title, infra) may either mean a holder for real value, as opposed to a holder for pretended value, or it may mean a holder for real value without notice of any fraud, etc. Byles, Bills, 121.

—Bona fide holder for value. An innocent or "bona fide holder for value" of negotiable paper is one who has taken it in good faith for a valuable consideration in the ordinary course of business and when it was not overdue. McCamant v. McCamant (Tex. Civ. App.) 187 S. W. 1066, 1916. Negotiable Instruments Act, § 52, in using the term "holder in due course," used it as equivalent for the expression "bona fide holder for value without notice," and the act does not change the common-law rule as to who is a bona fide holder, except, perhaps, by eliminating the requirement that the transfer must be in the regular course of business. Drumm Const. Co. v. Forbes, 137 N. E. 225, 226, 305 Ill. 303, 306 A. L. R. 784; Bank of California v. National City Co., 244 P. 690, 691, 138 Wash. 517; Bruce v. Citizens' Nat. Bank of Lineville, 64 So. 82, 84, 185 Ala. 221; Weller v. Meadows (Mo. App.) 272 S. W. 85, 90.


—Bona fide purchaser. A purchaser for a valuable consideration paid or parted with in the belief that the vendor had a right to sell, and without any suspicious circumstances to put him on inquiry. Merritt v. Railroad Co., 12 Barb. (N. Y.) 605. One who acts without covin, fraud, or collusion; one who, in the commission or connivance at no fraud, pays full price for the property, and in good faith, honestly, and in fair dealing buys and goes into possession. Sanders v. McAfee, 42 Ga. 250. A bona fide purchaser is one who buys property of another without notice that some third person has a right to, or interest in, such property, and pays a full and fair price for the same, at the time of such purchase, or before he has notice of the claim or interest of such other in the property. Spicer v. Waters, 65 Barb. (N. Y.) 231; Beam v. Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, 249 P. 325, 326, 121 Okl. 164; Moore v. De Bernardi, 220 P. 544, 547, 47 Nev. 38; Mayes v. Thompson, 91 So. 275, 276, 128 Miss. 661; Miller v. Vance, 184 N. W. 125, 128, 106 Neb. 661; Richlands Brick Corp. v. Hurst Hardware Co., 92 S. E. 655, 80 W. Va. 476; Gleaton v. Wright, 100 S. E. 72, 73, 149 Ga. 220.

Bona fide possessor factum fructus consumptos suos. By good faith a possessor makes the fruits consumed his own. Tray. Lat. Max. 57.

Bona fides ogorit ut quod convenit fiat. Good faith demands that what is agreed upon shall be done. Dig. 19, 20, 21; Id. 19, 1, 50; Id. 50, 8, 2, 13.

Bona fides non patitur ut his idem exigatur. Good faith does not allow us to demand twice the payment of the same thing. Dig. 50, 17, 57; Broom, Max. 328, note; Perine v. Dunn, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 148.

BONÆ FIDEI. In the civil law. Of good faith; in good faith.

BONÆ FIDEI CONTRACTS. In civil and Scotch law. These contracts in which equity may interpose to correct inequalities, and to adjust all matters according to the plain intention of the parties. 1 Kames, Eq. 200.

BONÆ FIDEI EMPTOR. A purchaser in good faith. One who either was ignorant that the thing he bought belonged to another or supposed that the seller had a right to sell it. Dig. 50, 16, 100. See Id. 6, 2, 7, 11.

BONÆ FIDEI POSSESSOR. A possessor in good faith. One who believes that no other person has a better right to the possession than himself. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 243.

Bona fide possessor in id tanti quod sese perveniret tenetur. A possessor in good faith is liable only for that which he himself has obtained (or that which has come to him). 2 Inst. 285.

BOND, n. A contract by specialty to pay a certain sum of money; being a deed or instrument under seal, by which the maker or obligor promises, and thereto binds himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, to pay a designated sum of money to another; usually with a clause to the effect that upon performance of a certain condition (as to pay another and smaller sum) the obligation shall be void. U. S. v. Rundle, 100 Fed. 463, 40 C. C. A. 450; Turck v. Mining Co., 8 Colo. 113, 5 Pac. 838; Boyd v. Boyd, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 126.

The word "bond" shall embrace every written undertaking for the payment of money or acknowledgment of being bound for money, conditioned to be void on the performance of any duty, or the occurrence of anything therein expressed, and subscribed and delivered by the party making it, to take effect as his obligation, whether it be sealed or unsealed; and, when a bond is required by law, an undertaking in writing without seal shall be sufficient. Code Miss. 1900, § 185.

The word "bond" has with us a definite legal signification. It has a clause, with a sum fixed as a penalty, binding the parties to pay the same, conditioned, however, that the payment of the penalty may be avoided by the performance by some one or more of the parties of certain acts. In re Pitch,

There is no distinction between a "recognizance" and a "bond"; a "recognizance" being an acknowledgegment of record of a pre-existing debt owing by the cognizors to the state as principal. State v. Kloe, 129 P. 940, 941, 89 Kan. 234. And an "undertaking," unlike a "bond," need not be signed by the principal. Fleischer v. Florey, 111 Or. 35, 224 P. 831, 832.

Bonds are either single (simple) or double, (conditional.) A single bond is one in which the obligor binds himself, his heirs, etc., to pay a certain sum of money to another person at a specified day. A double (or conditional) bond is one to which a condition is added that if the obligor does or forbears from doing some act the obligation shall be void. Formerly such a condition was sometimes contained in a separate instrument, and was then called a "defeasance."

The term is also used to denote debentures or certificates or evidences of indebtedness issued by individuals, partnerships, public and private corporations, municipalities, and governments, as security for the repayment of money borrowed from them. First State Bank of Kansas City v. Bone, 122 Kan. 493, 252 P. 250, 274. Thus, "railway aid bonds" are bonds issued by municipal corporations to aid in the construction of railroads likely to benefit them, and exchanged for the company's stock.

But it has been held that certificates of indebtedness issued by a drainage district are not "bonds" in a technical sense because not payable by taxation in the strict sense of that term. Jackson v. Breeland, 103 S. C. 184, 88 S. E. 128, 130. Similarly, securities issued by a corporation, which were payable only out of the assets of the corporation after its other obligations were paid, though designated as "bonds," were more like preferred stock. In re Collier's Estate, 182 N. Y. S. 93, 94, 113 Misc. 70; In re Fehschmer Fishel Co., 212 F. 357, 360, 129 C. C. A. 33. See, also, State v. Pasco Reclamation Co., 90 Wash. 606, 95 P. 834, 835, holding that a "warranty" of a municipality is a general order, payable when the funds are found, which lacks the stable quality of a definite time of payment peculiar to a "bond" or note. Accord: Marshall v. State, 88 Fla. 329, 102 So. 650, 651.

In Old Scotch Law
A bond-man; a slave. Skene.

In General

—Bond and disposition in security. In Scotch law. A bond and mortgage on land.


—Bond creditor. A creditor whose debt is secured by a bond.

—Bond for title. An obligation accompanying an executory contract for the sale of land, binding the vendor to make good title upon the performance of the conditions which entitle the vendee to demand a conveyance. White v. Stokes, 67 Ark. 184, 53 S. W. 1060. An agreement by the owner of land to convey in the event the oblige shall comply with certain terms on his part. In re Phoenix Planing Mill (D. C.) 250 F. 896, 908. It is not a conveyance of legal title but only a contract to convey and may ripen into an equitable title upon payment of the consideration. Faddell v. Taylor (Tex. Civ. App.) 239 S. W. 931, 932.

—Bond tenants. In English law. Copyholders and customary tenants are sometimes so called. 2 Bl. Comm. 148.

—Claim bond. "Claim bond" is primarily in nature of forthcoming bond, and liability can be predicated thereon when court adjudges failure of claimant in trial of right of property to establish his right to it. Sanders v. Farrior (Tex. Civ. App.) 271 S. W. 293, 298.

—Forthcoming bond. A bond conditioned that a certain article shall be forthcoming at a certain time or when called for. See Claim bond.

—General mortgage bond. A bond secured upon an entire corporate property, parts of which are subject to one or more prior mortgages.

—Heritable bond. In Scotch law, a bond for a sum of money to which is joined a conveyance of land or of heritage, to be held by the creditor in security of the debt.

—income bonds. Bonds of a corporation the interest of which is payable only when earned and after payment of interest upon prior mortgages.

—Lloyd's bond. A bond issued for work done or goods delivered and hearing interest. This was a device of an English barrister named Lloyd, by which railway and other companies did, in fact, increase their indebtedness without technically violating their charter provisions prohibiting the increase of debt.

—Municipal bond. See Municipal bonds.

—Official bond. A bond given by a public officer, conditioned that he shall well and faithfully perform all the duties of the office. The term is sometimes made to include the bonds of executors, guardians, trustees, etc.

—Railroad aid bonds. Bonds issued by municipal corporations to aid in the construction of railways.

—Redelivery bond. A statutory bond given by a person in whose possession attached property is found in order to regain possession of the property; it provides that the property or its appraised value in money shall be forthcoming to answer the judgment.

—Simple bond. At common law, a bond without penalty; a bond for the payment of a definite sum of money to a named obligee on demand or on a day certain. Burnside v. Wand, 170 Mo. 531, 71 S. W. 337, 62 L. R. A. 427.

—Single bond. A deed whereby the obligor obliges himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, to pay a certain sum of money to the obligee at a day named, without terms of defeasance.

—Straw bond. A bond upon which is used either the names of fictitious persons or those unable to pay the sum guaranteed; generally applied to insufficient bail bonds, improperly taken, and designated by the term "straw ball."

BOND, v. To give bond for, as for duties on goods; to secure payment of duties, by giving bond. Bonded, secured by bond. Bonded goods are those for the duties on which bonds are given.

BONDAGE. Slavery; involuntary personal servitude; captivity. In old English law, vil lenage, villein tenure. 2 Bl. Comm. 92.

A term which has not obtained a juridical use distinct from the vernacular, in which it is either taken as a synonym with slavery, or as applicable to any kind of personal servitude which is involuntary in its continuation.

BONDED WAREHOUSE. See Warehouse System.

BONDSMAN. A surety; one who has entered into a bond as surety. The word seems to apply specially to the sureties upon the bonds of officers, trustees, etc., while bail should be reserved for the sureties on recognizances and bail-bonds. Haberstich v. Elliott, 189 Ill. 70, 59 N. E. 537.

BONES GENTS. L. Fr. In old English law. Good men (of the jury).

BONI HOMINES. In old European law. Good men; a name given in early European jurisprudence to the tenants of the lord, who judged each other in the lord's courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 349.

Boni judiciis est ampliare jurisdictionem. It is the part of a good judge to enlarge (or use liberally) his remedial authority or jurisdiction. Ch. Proc. 329; 1 Wils. 284; Broom, Max. 79, 80, 82; 9 M. & W. 818; 1 C. B. N. S. 255; 4 Bligh. N. C. 233; 4 Scott N. R. 229.

Boni judiciis est ampliare justitiam. It is the duty of a good judge to enlarge or extend justice. 1 Burr. 304.

Boni judiciis est judicium sine dilaciones mandare executioni. It is the duty of a good judge to cause judgment to be executed without delay. Co. Litt. 289.

Boni judiciis est lites dirimere, ne lis ex lite oritur, et interest relipsum ut sint fines litium. It is the duty of a good judge to prevent litigations, that suit may not grow out of suit, and it concerns the welfare of a state that an end be put to litigation. 4 Coke, 135b; 5 Coke, 31a.

BONIFICATION. The release of a tax, particularly on goods intended for export, being a special advantage extended by government in aid of trade and manufactures, and having the same effect as a bonus or drawback. It is a device resorted to for enabling a commodity affected by taxes to be exported and sold in the foreign market on the same terms as if it had not been taxed. U. S. v. Passavant, 169 U. S. 16, 18 Sup. Ct. 219, 42 L. Ed. 644; Downs v. U. S., 113 F. 148, 51 C. C. A. 100.

BONIS CEDERE. In the civil law. To make a transfer or surrender of property, as a debt or did to his creditors. Cod. 7, 71.

BONIS NAM AMOVENDIS. A writ addressed to the sheriff, when a writ of error has been brought, commanding that the person against whom judgment has been obtained be not suffered to remove his goods till the error be tried and determined. Reg. Orig. 131.

BONITARIAN OWNERSHIP. In Roman law. A species of equitable title to things, as distinguished from a title acquired according to the strict forms of the municipal law; the property of a Roman citizen in a subject capable of quiritary property, acquired by a title not known to the civil law, but introduced by the praetor, and protected by his imperium or supreme executive power, e. g., where res mancipi had been transferred by nure tradition. Poste's Galus Inst. 187. See Quiritarian Ownership.

BONO ET MALO. A special writ of jail delivery, which formerly issued of course for each particular prisoner. 4 Bl. Comm. 270.

Bonum defendens ex integra causa; malum ex quo libet defectu. The success of a defendant depends on a perfect case; his loss arises from some defect. 11 Coke, 68a.

Bonum necessarium extra terminos necessitatis non est bonum. A good thing required by necessity is not good beyond the limits of such necessity. Hob. 144.

BONUS. A premium paid to a grantor or vendor.

An extra consideration given for what is received. Something given in addition to what is ordinarily received by, or strictly due, the recipient. Jones v. Webb, 185 Cal. 88, 231 P. 900, 951; Hopper v. Brodie, 134 Md. 269, 106 A. 700, 704.

Any premium or advantage; an occasion-

A premium by a company for a charter or other franchises: in such case it is clearly distinguished from a tax; Baltimore & O. R. Co. v. Maryland, 21 Wall. 456, 22 L. Ed. 678; Com. v. Transp. Co., 107 Pa. 112.

“A definite sum to be paid at one time, for a loan of money for a specified period, distinct from and independently of the interest.” Association v. Wilcox, 24 Conn. 147.

A bonus is not a gift or gratuity, but a sum paid for services, or upon some other consideration, but in addition to or in excess of that which would ordinarily be given. Kenncott v. Wayne County, 16 Wall. 425, 471, 21 L. Ed. 319. Followed in Payne v. U. S., 239 F. 871, 873, 50 App. D. C. 219.

But the word “bonus” may in its natural import imply a gift or gratuity. California Trona Co. v. Wilkinson, 20 Cal. App. 494, 139 P. 190, 191; Carson v. Olson, 106 Or. 236, 239 P. 630, 611.

No distinction may be made between a soldier’s “bonus” given for past service and a “pension,” the one being a reward for past military services payable at once, and the other such a reward payable in installments. People v. Westchester County Nat. Bank of Peekskill, 241 N. Y. 466, 132 N. E. 241, 243, 15 A. L. R. 1244.

BONUS STOCK. Technically, stock issued to the purchasers of bonds as an inducement to them to purchase bonds or loan money. California Trona Co. v. Wilkinson, 20 Cal. App. 494, 139 P. 190, 191.

Bonus judex secundum aquam de bonum judicat, et aquatitatem stricti juris praebet. A good judge decides according to what is just and good, and prefers equity to strict law. Co. Litt. 34.


BOOK. A general designation applied to any literary composition which is printed, but appropriately to a printed composition bound in a volume. Scoville v. Toland, 21 Fed. Cas. 864.

A manuscript may, under some circumstances, be regarded as a “book.” In re Beecher’s Estate, 17 Pa. C. C. R. 161; 3 L. J. Ch. 155.

A bound volume consisting of sheets of paper, not printed, but containing manuscript entries; such as a merchant’s account-books, docketts of courts, etc.

A name often given to the largest subdivisions of a treatise or other literary composition.

In practice, the name of “book” is given to several of the more important papers prepared in the progress of a cause, though entirely written, and not at all in the book form; such as demurrers-books, error-books, paper-books, etc.

In copyright law, the meaning of the term is more extensive than in popular usage, for it may include a pamphlet, a magazine, a collection of blank forms, or a single sheet of music or of ordinary printing. U. S. v. Bennett, 24 Fed. Cas. 1,093; Stove v. Thomas, 22 Fed. Cas. 217; White v. Gerech, 2 Barn. & Ald. 301; Brightley v. Littleton (C. C.) 37 Fed. 104; Holmes v. Hurst, 174 U. S. 82, 19 Sup. Ct. 606, 43 L. Ed. 609; Clementi v. Goulding, 11 East, 244; Clayton v. Stone, 5 Fed. Cas. 399; M. Witmark & Sons v. Standard Music Roll Co., 221 F. 376, 380, 137 C. C. A. 184.

See Bookmaking.


—Book debt. In Pennsylvania practice. The act of 28th March, 1835, § 2 (12 PS § 761), in using the words “book debt” and “book entries,” refers to their usual signification, which includes goods sold and delivered, and work, labor, and services performed, the evidence of which, on the part of the plaintiff, consists of entries in an original book, such as is competent to go to a jury, were the issue trying before them. Hamill v. O'Donnell, 2 Miles (Pa.) 102.

—Book of acts. A term applied to the records of a surrogate's court. 8 East, 187.

—Book of adjournal. In Scotch law. The original records of criminal trials in the court of justiciary.

—Book of original entries. A book in which a merchant keeps his accounts generally and enters therein from day to day a record of his transactions. McKnight v. Newell, 207 Pa. 502, 57 Atl. 39. A book kept for the purpose of charging goods sold and delivered, in which the entries are made contemporaneously with the delivery of the goods, and by the person whose duty it was for the time being to make them. Navarre v. Honea, 139 Pa. 310, 313, 40 Okt. 450; United Grocery Co. v. J. M. Dannelly & Son, 77 S. E. 706, 53 S. C. 580, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 490; Latrod v. Campbell, 106 Pa.

—Book of rates. An account or enumeration of the duties or tariffs authorized by parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 316.

—Book of responses. In Scotch law. An account which the directors of the chancery kept to enter all non-entry and relief duties payable by heirs who take precepts from chancery.

—Book value. The value of the stock as shown by the assets and liabilities as carried on the books. Lane v. Barnard, 173 N. Y. S. 714, 716, 185 App. Div. 754. The "book value" of the capital stock of a banking corporation is reached by extending all the assets as they appear on the corporate books, and deducting all the liabilities and other matters required to be deducted, and taking the balance as a measure of value. The books are all of the books of the bank and are not merely the ledger. Elhard v. Rott, 182 N. W. 302, 33 N. D. 221; Gurley v. Woodbury, 97 S. E. 754, 756, 177 N. C. 70.

—Bookland. In English law. Land, also called "charter-land," which was held by deed under certain rents and free services, and differed in nothing from free socage land. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

—Books. All the volumes which contain authentic reports of decisions in English courts, from the earliest times to the present, are called, par excellence, "The Books." Wharton.


Generally, words "documents" and "papers" refer to particular instruments and writings bearing upon specific transactions, whereas "books of accounts" and "records" have reference to serial, continuous, and more permanent memorials of concern’s business and affairs. Cudahy Packing Co. v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 15 F.(2d) 123, 128. Pad slips, cash register items, and adding machine slips, however, when planned together and preserved, satisfied a provision of an insurance policy requiring the keeping of books, though they were not technically "books of account." Home Ins. Co. v. Flowellen (Tex. Civ. App.) 281 S. W. 630, 65L.

—Books of corporations. Under a statute giving stockholders right of inspection and examination, "books, records, and papers" of corporations are used interchangeably; books including records, records including books, and each including contracts or other documents. Birmingham News v. State, 98 So. 26, 207 Ala. 440.

—Office book. See Office.

—Reference books. Books to refer to, a reference library being defined as a library for public reference, where the books are not allowed to be taken out or put in. State v. Innes, 130 P. 677, 679, 89 Kan. 168.


BOOKMAKING. Originally, the collection of sheets of paper or other substances on which entries could be made, either written or printed. People ex rel. Lichtenstein v. Langan, 89 N. E. 921, 922, 196 N. Y. 260, 25 L. R. A. (N. S.) 473, 17 Ann. Cas. 1051.

The term now commonly denotes the recording or registering of bets or wagers on any trial or contest of speed or power of endurance of man or beast, or selling pools. Murphy v. Board of Police (N. Y.) 11 Abb. (N. C.) 337, 338, 63 How. Prac. 306, 390; New York v. Bennett (C. C.) 113 Fed. 515, 516. Specifically, "bookmaking" is a species of betting on horse races. Ex parte Herman, 77 S. W. 223, 226, 45 Tex. Cr. R. 343; Ullman v. St. Louis Fair Ass’n, 68 S. W. 949, 951, 167 Mo. 273. It is called "bookmaking" because the bets are booked or a record kept of them in a book. Spies v. Rosenstock, 39 Atl. 269, 269, 87 Md. 14. Hence, a blackboard on which the names of horses and the terms were written, and numbered tickets issued to bettors, did not constitute a book. State v. Oldham, 85 S. W. 497, 503, 200 Mo. 583. But compare People v. Solomon, 160 N. Y. S. 942, 944, 173 App. Div. 144.

BOOM. An inclosure formed upon the surface of a stream or other body of water, by means of piers and a chain of spars, for the purpose of collecting or storing logs or timber. Powers’ Appeal, 125 Pa. 175, 17 Atl. 254, 11 Am. St. Rep. 882; Lumber Co. v. Green, 76 Mich. 329, 48 N. W. 570; Gasper v. Helm- bach, 59 Minn. 102, 60 N. W. 1069; Boom Corp. v. Whiting, 29 Me. 128. Spars or logs and chains or other fixtures used to keep
them in place, extending wholly or partly across a body of water to obstruct floating objects. Rollins v. Clay, 53 Me. 132, 138.

BOOM COMPANY. A company formed for the purpose of improving streams for the floating of logs, by means of booms and other contrivances, and for the purpose of running, driving, booming, and rafting logs.

BOOMAGE. A charge on logs for the use of a boom in collecting, storing, or rafting them. Lumber Co. v. Thompson, 83 Miss. 459, 35 South. 829. A right of entry on riparian lands for the purpose of fastening booms and boom sticks. Farrand v. Clarke, 63 Minn. 181, 65 N. W. 361.

BOON DAYS. In English law. Certain days in the year (sometimes called "due days") on which tenants in copyhold were obliged to perform corporal services for the lord. Whisson.

BOOT, or BOTE. An old Saxon word, equivalent to "estover." Boote.

BOOTING, or BOTING, CORN. Certain rent corn, anciently so called. Cowell.


BOOTY. Property captured from the enemy in war, on land, as distinguished from "prize," which is a capture of such property on the sea. U. S. v. Bales of Cotton, 28 Fed. Cas. 302; Coolidge v. Guthrie, 6 Fed. Cas. 461.


BORD. An old Saxon word, signifying a cottage; a house; a table.

BORD-BRIGGH. In Saxon law. A breach or violation of suretyship; pledge-breach, or breach of mutual fidelity.

BORD-HALFPENNY. A customary small toll paid to the lord of a town for setting up boards, tables, booths, etc., in fairs or markets.

BORDAGE. In old English law. A species of base tenures, by which certain lands (termed "bord lands") were anciently held in England, the tenants being termed "bordarii;" the service was that of keeping the lord in small provisions.

BORDARIA. A cottage.

BORDARII, or BORDIMANNI. In old English law. Tenants of a less servile condition than the villani, who had a bord or cottage, with a small parcel of land, allowed to them, on condition they should supply the lord with poultry and eggs, and other small provisions for his board or entertainment. Spelman.

BORDER WARRANT. A process granted by a judge ordinary, on either side of the border between England and Scotland, for arresting the person or effects of a person living on the opposite side, until he find security, judicio stant. Bell.

BORDEREAU. In French law. A note enumerating the purchases and sales which may have been made by a broker or stockbroker. This name is also given to the statement given to a banker with bills for discount or coupons to receive. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 547. A detailed statement of account; a summary of an instrument.

BORDLANDS. The demesnes which the lords keep in their hands for the maintenance of their board or table. Cowell.

Also lands held in bordage. Lands which the lord gave to tenants on condition of their supplying his table with small provisions, poultry, eggs, etc.

BORDLODE. A service anciently required of tenants to carry timber out of the woods of the lord to his house; or it is said to be the quantity of food or provision which the bordarii or bordmen paid for their bordlands. Jacob.

BORDSERVICE. A tenure of bordlands.

BOREL—FOLK. Country people; derived from the French boure, (Lat. floccus,) a lock of wool, because they covered their heads with such stuff. Blount.

BORG. In Saxon law. A pledge, pledge giver, or surety. The name given among the Saxons to the head of each family composing a tithing or decennary, each being the pledge for the good conduct of the others. Also the contract or engagement of suretyship; and the pledge given.

BORGBRICH. A breach or violation of suretyship, or of mutual fidelity. Jacob.
BORGESMON. In Saxon law. The name given to the head of each family composing a tithing.

BORGH OF HAMHALD. In old Scotch law. A pledge or surety given by the seller of goods to the buyer, to make the goods forthcoming as his own proper goods, and to warrant the same to him. Skene.

BORN. It is now settled that a child en ventre sa mère, for all purposes for his own benefit, is considered as absolutely born. Swift v. Duffield, 5 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 49; Merrill v. Winchester, 113 A. 261, 264, 120 Me. 208. If an infant is born dead or at such an early stage of pregnancy as to be unable to live, it is to be considered as never born. Marsellis v. Thalhimer, 2 Paige, Ch. (N.Y.) 35.

BORN ALIVE. Where child, although it never cried, breathed and its heart beat some minutes, it was "born alive." Sanford v. Getman, 206 N. Y. S. 895, 124 Misc. 80. A child never heard to cry, but whose heart beats could be heard, though no respiration could be induced, was "born alive." In re Union Trust Co., 151 N. Y. S. 246, 253, 89 Misc. 69.

BOROUGH.

In English Law


A parliamentary borough is a town which returns one or more members to Parliament.

In its more modern English acceptance, "borough" denotes a town or city organized for purposes of government.

It is impossible to reconcile the meanings of this word given by the various authors cited, except upon the supposition of a change of requirements necessary to constitute a borough at different periods. Many causes, in no two cases quite alike, went to make up the peculiar community which the 13th Century recognized as a borough.

In Scotch Law

A corporate body erected by the charter of the sovereign, consisting of the inhabitants of the territory erected into the borough. Bell.

In American Law

In Pennsylvania, the term denotes a part of a township having a charter for municipal purposes; and the same is true of Connecticut and New Jersey. Southport v. Ogden, 23 Conn. 128. See, also, 1 Dill. Mun. Corp. § 41, n.

"Borough" and "village" are duplicate or cumulative names of the same thing; proof of either will sustain a charge in an indictment employing the other term. Brown v. State, 15 Ohio St. 496.

A "borough," within Const. Cal. art. 11, § 8, authorizing the division of a city into boroughs, is one of the units composing a territorial fraction of a city, and having certain powers with reference to local concerns. Grose v. City of Los Angeles, 167 P. 335, 367, 175 Cal. 774.

In General

—Borough courts. In English law. Private and limited tribunals, held by prescription, charter, or act of parliament, in particular districts for the convenience of the inhabitants, that they may prosecute small suits and receive justice at home.

—Borough English. A custom prevalent in some parts of England, by which the youngest son inherits the estate in preference to his older brothers. 1 Bl. Comm. 75.

The custom is said by Blackstone to have been derived from the Saxons, and to have been so called in distinction from the Norman rule of descent; 2 Bla. Comm. 83.

—Borough fund. In English law. The revenues of a municipal borough derived from the rents and produce of the land, houses, and stocks belonging to the borough in its corporate capacity, and supplemented where necessary by a borough rate.


—Borough-reeve. The chief municipal officer in towns unincorporated before the municipal corporations act (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76).

—Borough sessions. Courts of limited criminal jurisdiction, established in English boroughs under the municipal corporations act.

—Pocket borough. A term formerly used in English politics to describe a borough entitled to send a representative to Parliament, in which a single individual, either as the principal landlord or by reason of other predominating influence, could entirely control the election and insure the return of the candidate whom he should nominate.

BORROW. To solicit and receive from another any article of property or thing of value with the Intention and promise to repay or return it or its equivalent. Strictly speaking, borrowing implies a gratuitous loan; if any price or consideration is to be paid for the use of the property, it is "hiring." Carter-Mullaly Transfer Co. v. Angell (Tex. Civ. App.) 181 S. W. 237, 238. But money may be "borrowed" on an agreement to pay interest for its use. Noel v. State, 29 Tex. Cr. R. 408, 26 S. W. 728; Kent v. Mining Co., 75 N. Y. 177; Legal Tender Cases, 110 U. S. 421, 4 Sup. Ct. 122, 28 L. Ed. 204.

The word is often used in the sense of returning the thing borrowed in specie, as to
brow a book or any other thing to be re-

turned again. But it is evident that where

money is borrowed, the identical money loan-
ed is not to be returned, because, if this were

so, the borrower would derive no benefit from

the loan. In the broad sense of the term, it

means a contract for the use of money. State

v. School Dist., 13 Neb. 88, 12 N. W. 812;


(Pa.) 325. The term "borrowed" may also be

used with reference to other things, such as

wheat, to express the idea of receiving some-

thing from another for one's own use, to ap-

propriate. Pinch v. McClellan, 130 N. E. 13,

15, 77 Ind. App. 533.

The right to borrow money as applied to a

municipal corporation is a power to create

indebtedness and procure for its payment

funds from others to be paid at a future date.

Jones v. Board of Education of Guilford

County, 117 S. E. 37, 40, 185 N. C. 303.

The word "loan" is the correlative of "bor-

row," the one implying the other. U. S. v.

Warn (D. C.) 295 F. 328, 330. The terms

"loan" and "borrow," however, when used in

connection with the act on the part of an

automobile owner in lending the machine and

his chauffeur to relatives, do not imply that

the owner surrenders control over the chaf-

feur during the period of the loan, as regards

the owner's responsibility for a collision.

Hooper v. Brawner, 129 A. 672, 677, 148 Md.


427, 428, 75 Fla. 464, holding that an indict-

ment alleging that defendant "did borrow"

a shotgun sufficiently alleged that defendant

received the shotgun into his possession.

BORROW PIT. A pit adjacent to a fill or

embankment from which material is taken for

the purpose of making the fill or constructing

and maintaining the embankment. Haynes

v. Jones, 110 N. E. 469, 470, 91 Ohio St. 197.

BORROWE. In old Scotch law. A pledge.

BORROWER. He to whom a thing is lent

at his request.

Under a usury statute, the word may in-

clude one having the use of money by the for-
bearance of his creditor, or any person who

secures the use of money in any way upon

an agreed consideration exceeding 8 per cent.

of the principal. Law, Clark & Co. v. Mitch-

eill, 76 S. 926, 924, 200 Ala. 565.

BORSHOLDER. In Saxon law. The bor-

ough's elder, or headborough, supposed to be

in the discreetest man in the borough, town,
or tithing.

BOSCAGE. In English law. The food which

wood and trees yield to cattle; browsewood.

mast, etc. Spelman.

An ancient duty of wind-fallen wood in the

forest. Manwood.

BOSCARIA. Wood-houses, or ox-houses.

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BOSCUS. Wood; growing wood of any kind,

large or small, timber or coppice. Cowell;

Jacob.

BOTE, BOT. In old English law. A recom-

pense or compensation, or profit or advan-
tage. Also reparation or amends for any dam-

age done. Necessaries for the mainte-

nance and carrying on of husbandry. An

allowance; the ancient name for esstovers. The

common word to boot comes from this word.

House-bot" is a sufficient allowance of wood

from off the estate to repair or burn in the

house, and sometimes termed "fire-bot."

plow-bot and cart-bot are wood to be em-

ployed in making and repairing all instru-

ments of husbandry; and hay-bot or hedge-

bot is wood for repairing of hays, hedges,
or fences. The word also signifies reparation

for any damage or injury done, as man-bot,

which was a compensation or amends for a

man slain, etc.

BOTELESS. In old English law. Without

amends; without the privilege of making sat-

isfaction for a crime by a pecuniary payment;

without relief or remedy. Cowell.

BOTH. This word is peculiarly appropiate

to express the thought of all of two, and the

word "all" indicates every one of a class,

etc., though it be limited to only two. United


See All.

Both law and equity favor the diligent creditor.

BOTHA. In old English law. A booth, stall,
or tent to stand in, in fairs or markets.

Cowell.

BOTHAGIUM, or BOOTHAGE. Customary

dues paid to the lord of a manor or soil, for

the pitching or standing of booths in fairs or

markets.

BOTHNA, or BUTHNA. In old Scotch law.

A park where cattle are inclosed and fed.

Bothna also signifies a barony, lordship, etc.

Skene.

BOTTOMLAND. The term "bottom land," as

used in a contract to convey means low land

formed by alluvial deposits along the river,

low-lying ground, a dale, valley, or inter-

cvale, but does not mean the bed of the river

or creek. Lexington & E. Ry. Co. v. Wil-

liams, 205 S. W. 50, 62, 158 Ky. 343.

BOTTMAGE. L. Fr. Bottomry.

BOTTOMRY. In maritime law. A contract in

the nature of a mortgage, by which the owner

of a ship borrows money for the use, equip-

ment, or repair of the vessel, and for a defi-

nite term, and pledges the ship (or the keel

or bottom of the ship, naves pro toto) as a

security for its repayment, with maritime or

extraordinary interest on account of the

marine risks to be borne by the lender; it
being stipulated that if the ship be lost in the course of the specified voyage, or during the limited time, by any of the perils enumerated in the contract, the lender shall also lose his money. The Draeco, 2 Sumn. 137, Fed. Cas. No. 4,057; White v. Cole, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 120; Carrington v. The Pratt, 18 How. 63, 15 L. Ed. 267; The Dora (D. C.) 34 Fed. 345; Jennings v. Insurance Co., 4 Bin. (Pa.) 244, 5 Am. D. 401; Braynard v. Hoppock, 7 Bow. (N. Y.) 157.

Bottomry is a contract by which a ship or its freightage is hypothecated as security for a loan, which is to be repaid only in case the ship survives a particular risk, voyage, or period. Civ. Code Cal. § 3017.

The contract of bottomry is usually in form a bond (termed a bottomry bond, q. v.), conditioned for the repayment of the money lent, with the interest agreed upon, if the ship safely accomplishes the specified voyage or completes in safety the period limited by the contract.

When the loan is not made upon the ship, but on the goods laden on board, and which are to be sold or exchanged in the course of the voyage, the borrower’s personal responsibility is deemed the principal security for the performance of the contract, which is therefore called “respondentia,” which see. And in a loan upon respondentia the lender must be paid his principal and interest though the ship perish, provided the goods are saved. In most other respects the contracts of bottomry and of respondentia stand substantially upon the same footing.

BOTTOMRY BOND The instrument embodying the contract or agreement of bottomry.

The true definition of a bottomry bond, in the sense of the general maritime law, and independent of the peculiar regulations of the positive codes of different commercial nations, is that it is a contract for a loan of money on the bottom of the ship, at an extraordinary interest, upon maritime risks, to be borne by the lender for a voyage, or for a definite period. The Draeco, 2 Sumn. 157, Fed. Cas. No. 4,057; Cole v. White, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 515; Greely v. Smith, 10 Fed. Cas. 1077; The Grapeshot, 9 Wall. 135, 19 L. Ed. 651.

BOUCHE. Fr. The month. An allowance of provision. Avoir bouche à court; to have an allowance at court; to be in ordinary at court; to have meat and drink scotfree there. Blount; Cowell.

BOUCHE OF COURT, or BUDGE OF COURT. A certain allowance of provision from the king to his knights and servants, who attended him on any military expedition.

BOUGH OF A TREE. In feudal law. A symbol which gave selsin of land, to hold of the donor in copite.

BOUGHT. The word “bought” implies a completed transaction, a vesting of the right of title to and possession of the property sold, Bull v. Morrison (Tex. Civ. App.) 241 S. W. 561, 562, and also imports a valuable consideration, Grimes v. State, 52 Ga. App. 541, 123 S. E. 918.

BOUGHT AND SOLD NOTES. When a broker is employed to buy and sell goods, he is accustomed to give to the buyer a note of the sale, commonly called a “sold note,” and to the seller a like note, commonly called a “bought note,” in his own name, as agent of each, and thereby they are respectively bound, if he has not exceeded his authority. Saladin v. Mitchell, 45 Ill. 53; Kelm v. Lindley (N. J. Ch.) 30 A. 1063, 1070; Avondale Mills v. Benchley Bros., 244 Mass. 153, 158 N. E. 586, 589.

BOULEVARD. The word “boulevard,” which originally indicated a bulwark or rampart, and was afterwards applied to a public walk or road on the site of a demolished fortification, is now employed in the same sense as public drive. A park is a piece of ground adapted and set apart for purposes of ornament, exercise, and amusement. It is not a street or road, though carriages may pass through it.

So a boulevard or public drive is adapted and set apart for purposes of ornament, exercise, and amusement. It is not technically a street, avenue, or highway, though a carriage-way over it is a chief feature. People v. Green, 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 445; Howe v. Lowell, 171 Mass. 375, 51 N. E. 538; Park Comrs v. Farber, 171 Ill. 146, 49 N. E. 427; City of St. Louis v. Breuer (Mo. Sup.) 223 S. W. 108, 110. But “street” and “boulevard” may be interchangeable, depending on the context. City of Fargo v. Geary, 33 N. D. 64, 156 N. W. 552, 555. See, also, Avenue.

A “boulevard” is a street of special width, given a parklike appearance by Reserving spaces for trees, flowers, etc., and not used for heavy teaming; or one specially designed for pleasure walking or driving. Newbold v. Brotez, 209 Ky. 238, 272 S. W. 755, 756; Bois v. City of Baltimore, 138 Md. 284, 113 A. 532, 533; Chaplin v. Kansas City, 259 Mo. 479, 169 S. W. 763, 785.

BOUND. As an adjective, denotes the condition of being constrained by the obligations of a bond or a covenant.

In the law of shipping, “bound to” or “bound for” denotes that the vessel spoken of is intended or designed to make a voyage to the place named. U. S. v. Bengochea (C. C. A.) 279 F. 537, 541.

As a noun, the term denotes a limit or boundary, or a line inclosing or marking off a tract of land. In the familiar phrase “meters and bounds,” the former term properly denotes the measured distances, and the latter the natural or artificial marks which indicate their beginning and ending. A distinction is sometimes taken between “bound” and “boundary,” to the effect that, while the form-
or signifies the limit itself, (and may be an imaginary line,) the latter designates a visible mark which indicates the limit. But no such distinction is commonly observed.

BOUND BAILIFFS. In English law. Sheriffs' officers are so called, from their being usually bound to the sheriff in an obligation with sureties, for the due execution of their office. 1 Bl. Comm. 345, 346.

BOUNDARY. By boundary is understood, in general, every separation, natural or artificial, which marks the confines or line of division of two contiguous estates. Trees or hedges may be planted, ditches may be dug, walls or inclosures may be erected, to serve as boundaries. But we mostly usually understand by boundaries stones or pieces of wood inserted in the earth on the confines of the two estates. Civ. Code La. art. 826.

Boundaries are either natural or artificial. Of the former kind are water-courses, growing trees, beds of rock, and the like. Artificial boundaries are landmarks or signs erected by the hand of man, as a pole, stake, pile of stones, etc.

Case of Boundary


Natural Boundary

Any formation or product of nature (as opposed to structures or erections made by man) which may serve to define and fix one or more of the lines inclosing an estate or piece of property, such as a water-course, a line of growing trees, a bluff or mountain chain, or the like. See Peuker v. Canter, 62 Kan. 363, 63 P. 617; Stapleford v. Brinson, 24 N. C. 311; Eureka Mining, etc., Co. v. Way, 11 Nev. 171.

Private Boundary

An artificial boundary, consisting of some monument or landmark set up by the hand of man to mark the beginning or direction of a boundary line of lands.

Public Boundary

A natural boundary; a natural object or landmark used as a boundary of a tract of land, or as a beginning point for a boundary line.

BOUNDED TREE. A tree marking or standing at the corner of a field or estate.

BOUNDERS. In American law. Visible marks or objects at the ends of the lines drawn in surveys of land, showing the courses and distances. Burrill.

BOUNDS. The external or limiting lines, either real or imaginary, of any object or space; that which limits or circumscribes. Stone v. Waukegan (C. C. A.) 265 F. 495, 496.

In the English law of mines, the trespass committed by a person who excavates minerals under-ground beyond the boundary of his land is called "working out of bounds."

Bounty. A gratuity, or an unusual or additional benefit conferred upon, or compensation paid to, a class of persons. Iowa v. McCafland. 110 U. S. 471, 4 S. Ct. 210, 28 L. Ed. 191; In re Hoag (D. C.) 227 F. 475, 479.

An amount appropriated by Congress to repay the city of Memphis for the rental value of land taken for a navy yard during the Civil War is not a gift or bounty, but is in the nature of a debt. Moyers v. City of Memphis, 135 Tenn. 262, 158 S. W. 106, 113, Ann. Cas. 1918C, 354.

A premium given or offered to induce men to enlist into the public service. The term is applicable only to the payment made to the enlisted man, as the inducement for his service, and not to a premium paid to the man through whose intervention, and by whose procurement, the recruit is obtained and mustered. Abbe v. Allen, 39 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 485.

It is not easy to discriminate between bounty, reward, and bonus. The first is the appropriate term, however, where the services or action of many persons are desired, and each who acts upon the offer may entitle himself to the promised gratuity, without prejudice from or to the claims of others; while reward is more proper in the case of a single service, which can be only once performed, and therefore will be earned only by the person or co-operative persons who succeed while others fail. Thus, bounties are offered to all who will enlist in the army or navy; to all who will engage in certain fisheries which government desire to encourage; to all who kill dangerous beasts or noxious creatures. A reward is offered for rescuing a person from a wreck or fire; for detecting and arresting an offender; for finding a lost chattel. Kircher v. Murray (C. C.) 54 F. 624; Ingram v. Colgan, 106 Cal. 112, 38 P. 315, 28 L. R. A. 137, 46 Am. St. Rep. 221. Bonus, as compared with bounty, suggests the idea of a gratuity to induce a money transaction between individuals; a percentage or gift upon a loan or transfer of property, or a surrender of a right, Abbott.

Bounty lands. Portions of the public domain given to soldiers for military services, by way of bounty. See 43 USCA § 701.

Bounty of Queen Anne. A name given to a royal charter, which was confirmed by 2 Anne, c. 11, whereby all the revenue of first-fruits and tenths was vested in trustees, to form a perpetual fund for the augmentation of poor ecclesiastical livings. Wharton.

BOURG. In Old French Law

An assemblage of houses surrounded with walls; a fortified town or village.

In Old English Law

A borough, a village.
BOURGEOIS. In old French law. The inhabitant of a bourg (q. v.). A person entitled to the privileges of a municipal corporation; a burgess.

One of those constituting the middle classes, who have property, but who do not belong to the class of capitalists or proletariat. People v. Gitlow, 234 N. Y. 132, 138 N. E. 317, 322.

BOURSE. Fr. An exchange; a stock-exchange.

BOURSE DE COMMERCE. In the French law. An aggregation, sanctioned by government, of merchants, captains of vessels, exchange agents, and courtiers, the latter being nominated by the government, in each city which has a bourse. Brown.

BOUSSOLE. In French marine law. A compass; the mariner's compass.

BOUVERYE. Dutch. In old New York law. A farm; a farm on which the farmer's family resided.

BOUWMEESTER (also BOUWMASTER). Dutch. In old New York law. A farmer.

BOVATA TERRÆ. As much land as one ox can cultivate. Said by some to be thirteen, by others eighteen, acres in extent. Skene; Spelman; Co. Litt. 55. See Carucata.

BOVINE. From the Latin "bos," meaning cow or bull. "Neat cattle" are animals belonging to the genus "bos," a term not embracing horses, sheep, goats, or swine. "Cattle" as generally used in the Western States means "neat cattle" straight-laced, domesticated animals of the bovine genus regardless of sex. It includes cows, bulls, and steers, but not horses, mares, geldings, colts, mules, jacks, or jennies, goats, hogs, sheep, shotts, or pigs. State v. District Court of Fifth Judicial Dist. in and for Nye County, 174 P. 1023, 1025, 42 Nev. 218.

BOW-BEARER. An under-officer of the forest, whose duty it was to oversee and true inclosure make, as well of sworn men as unworn, in every bailiwick of the forest; and of all manner of trespasses done, either to vert or venison, and cause them to be presented, without any concealment, in the next court of attachment, etc. Crompt. Jur. 201.

BOWIE KNIFE. This term as defined by Pen. Code Tex. 1911, art. 1027 (Vernon's Ann. P. C. art. 1161), includes a knife in a scabbard with a blade nine inches long and a handle four or five inches long, described as a butcher knife. Mireles v. State, 132 S. W. 241, 242, 80 Tex. Cr. R. 648.

BOWYERS. Manufacturers of bows and shafts. An ancient company of the city of London.

BOX DOLLY. A vehicle which has but one wheel, a wide cylindrical drum in the center of it, and is shaped like a box, the lower part of which extends down as far as the axis of the drum. The Rosalie Mahony (D. C.) 218 F. 655, 697.

BOX STEP. A part of a tread in a ledge consisting of risers and treads, which, being a passenger car step, is ordinarily termed a platform step, is sometimes known as a "box step." Hill v. Minneapolis, St. Paul, & S. S. M. Ry. Co., 200 N. W. 485, 486, 160 Minn. 484.

BOX STRAPPING. Metal strips intended to reinforce the ends of heavy wooden packing cases to prevent them from breaking open. Stanley Works v. Twisted Wire & Steel Co. (C. C. A.) 256 F. 88, 90.

BOIXING OF PINE TREES. The words "boixing of pine trees," within the meaning of an Alabama statute relating to unlawful entry upon land to box pine trees for the purpose of obtaining crude turpentine, etc., cannot be said to be equivalent to "hanging of cops upon timber." Howard v. State, 51 So. 345, 346, 17 Ala. App. 8.

BOY. A provision by a testator directing his "boys" to sell his farm and divide the proceeds among "the boys," in the absence of some other controlling factor, will be construed to refer to the male children. Hinerman v. Hinerman, 101 S. E. 783, 790, 85 W. Va. 349.

A "boycott" is a combination to cause a loss to one person by coercing others to withdraw from him their business intercourses, by threats that unless the others do so, the combination will cause similar loss to them. Hail v. Johnson, 37 Or. 21, 169 P. 515, 516, Ann. Cas. 1919E, 49; Clarkson v. Lath- lan, 178 Mo. App. 705, 151 S. W. 660, 662.

Primary Boycott
That which occurs when an organized union of employees, by concerted action, ceases dealing, either socially or in a business way, with a former employer. Pierce v. Stab- blemen's Union, Local No. 8760, 103 P. 325, 327, 156 Cal. 70.

Secondary Boycott
A combination not merely to refrain from dealing with a person or to advise or by peaceful means persuade his customers to refrain, but to exercise coercive pressure on such customers, actual or prospective, in order to cause them to withhold or withdraw their patronage, through fear of loss or damage to themselves. Duplex Printing Press Co. v. Deering, 41 S. Ct. 172, 176, 254 U. S. 443, 63 L. Ed. 349, 16 A. L. R. 106; Pierce v. Stab'emen's Union, Local No. 8760, 103 Pac. 325, 156 Cal. 70. An act which, when committed in concert with others, under certain circumstances, may cause such injury to the public, or be so useless or unfair that these conditions will be decisive as to whether such act is permissible or forbidden, is a "secondary boycott," and must be held to be an unlawful interference with trade and commerce. Justin Seubert, Inc., v. Reiff, 164 N. Y. S. 522, 526, 98 Misc. 462. The picketing of a non-union barber shop by placing a man on the sidewalk in front of the entrance wearing a placard that the shop was unfair to organized labor was an attempted boycott, both primary and secondary, the purpose of the secondary boycott being to bring to bear a duress upon the customers of the person under attack by threatening them directly or indirectly with a boycott if they persist in trading with such a person. Ellis v. Journeyman Barbers' International Union of America, Local Union No. 52, 191 N. W. 111, 112, 194 Iowa, 1170, 32 A. L. R. 756.

BOZERO. In Spanish law. An advocate; one who pleads the causes of others, or his own, before courts of justice, either as plaintiff or defendant. Called also abogado.

BRACHIUM MARIS. An arm of the sea.

BRACINUM. A brewing; the whole quantity of ale brewed at one time, for which tualesor was paid in some manors. Brecina, a brawhouse.

BRAHMIN, BRAHMAN, or BRAMIN. In Hindu law. A divine; a priest; the first Hindu caste.

BRAKE. An effective "brake" consists of two members, called the "brake pair," consisting of the "brake shoe," which is the movable member, and the "brake drum," or the stationary member. Davis Sewing Mach. Co. v. New Departure Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 217 F. 775, 780.

BRANCH. An offshoot, lateral extension, or subdivision. Any member or part of a body or system; a department. Stevens v. Board of Water Com'rs of City of Hartford, 128 A. 713, 716, 102 Conn. 218; Northern Indiana Land Co. v. Carlin, 127 N. E. 197, 201, 180 Ind. 324.

A branch of a family stock is a group of persons, related among themselves by descent from a common ancestor, and related to the main stock by the fact that that common ancestor descends from the original founder or progenitor.

BRANCH OF A RIVER. "Branch," as distinguished from a channel of a river, may have two or more separate channels; "channel" meaning primarily the bed. United States v. Hutchings (D. C.) 232 F. 843, 844.

BRANCH OF THE SEA. This term, as used at common law, included rivers in which the tide ebbed and flowed. Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 60, 10 Am. Dec. 356.


BRANCH RAILROAD. A lateral extension of a main line; a road connected with or issuing from a main line, but not a mere incident of it and not a mere spur or side-track, nor one constructed simply to facilitate the business of the chief railway, but designed to have a business of its own in the transportation of persons and property to and from places not reached by the principal line. Akers v. Cnml Co., 43 N. J. Law. 110; Biles v. Railroad Co., 5 Wash. 500, 32 Pac. 211; Gremman v. McGregor, 78 Cal. 258, 29 Pac. 559; Newhall v. Railroad Co., 14 Ill. 274; Blanton v. Railroad Co., 86 Va. 618, 10 S. E. 925.

BRAND. To stamp; to mark, either with a hot iron or with a stencil plate. Dibble v. Hathaway, 11 Hun (N. Y.) 573. And see Miles v. Vermont Fruit Co., 124 A. 559, 563, 98 Vt. 1.

BRANDING. An ancient mode of punishment by inflicting a mark on an offender with a hot iron. It is generally disused in civil law, but is a recognized punishment for some military offenses.

It is also used with reference to the marking of cattle for the purpose of identification.

BRANKS. An instrument formerly used in some parts of England for the correction of
scolds; a scolding bridle. It enclosed the head and a sharp piece of iron entered the mouth and restrained the tongue.

BRASIATOR. A maltster, a brewer.

BRASIIUM. Malt.

BRASS KNUCKLES or KNUCKS. A weapon worn on the hand for the purposes of offense or defense, so made that in hitting with the fist considerable damage is inflicted. It is called "brass knuckles" because it was originally made of brass. The term is now used as the name of the weapon without reference to the metal of which it is made; Patterson v. State, 3 Lea (Tenn.) 575.

BRAWL. A clamorous or tumultuous quarrel in a public place, to the disturbance of the public peace.

In English law, specifically, a noisy quarrel or other uproarious conduct creating a disturbance in a church or churchyard. 4 Bl. Comm. 146; 4 Steph. Comm. 253.

The popular meanings of the words "brawling" and "tumult" are substantially identical. They are correlative terms, the one employed to express the meaning of the other, and are so defined by approved lexicographers. Legally, they mean the same kind of disturbance to the public peace, produced by the same class of agents, and can be well comprehended to define one and the same offense. State v. Perkins, 42 N. H. 464.

Breach. The breaking or violating of a law, right, or duty, either by commission or omission.

In Contracts

The violation or non-fulfilment of an obligation, contract, or duty.

When, in anticipation of the time for performance, one definitely and specifically refuses to do something which he is obligated to do, so that it amounts to a refusal to go on with the contract, it may be treated as a breach by anticipation. Friedman v. Katschner, 114 A. 884, 886, 139 Md. 195. Thus, the conduct of a buyer in insisting on inspection contrary to the contract was an "anticipatory breach." Estes v. Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corporation, 182 N. Y. S. 25, 26, 191 App. Div. 719. An anticipatory breach will operate as a present breach only if accepted and acted upon by the other party, who may disregard it and await the appointed day. Lewis v. Scoville, 108 A. 501, 502, 94 Conn. 79; Smith v. Georgia Loan Savings & Banking Co., 39 S. E. 410, 113 Ga. 975; Byrd Printing Co. v. Whitaker Paper Co., 70 S. E. 796, 135 Ga. 805, Ann. Cas. 1912A, 182.

A continuing breach occurs where the state of affairs, or the specific act, constituting the breach, endures for a considerable period of time, or is repeated at short intervals. A constructive breach of contract takes place when the party bound to perform disables himself from performance by some act, or declares, before the time comes, that he will not perform. Jordan v. Madsen, 69 Utah, 121, 252 P. 570, 573; The Adamello (D. C.) 19 F. (2d) 388, 389.

In Pleading

This name is sometimes given to that part of the declaration which alleges the violation of the defendant's promise or duty, immediately preceding the ad damnum clause.

Breach of close. The unlawful or unwarrantable entry on another person's soil, land, or close. 3 Bl. Comm. 200.

Breach of contract. The failure, without legal excuse, to perform any promise which forms the whole or part of a contract. Friedman v. Katschner, 114 A. 884, 886, 139 Md. 195.

Breach of covenant. The non-performance of any covenant agreed to be performed, or the doing of any act covenanted not to be done. Holtthouse.

Breach of duty. In a general sense, any violation or omission of a legal or moral duty. More particularly, the neglect or failure to fulfill in a just and proper manner the duties of an office or fiduciary employment. Every violation by a trustee of a duty which equity lays upon him, whether willful and fraudulent, or done through negligence or arising through mere oversight or forgetfulness, is a breach of duty. Hively v. Hemme, 247 P. 692, 693, 118 Okl. 167.

Breach of pound. The breaking any pound or place where cattle or goods diseased are deposited, in order to take them back. 3 Bl. Comm. 146.

Breach of prison. The offense of actually and forcibly breaking a prison or gaol, with intent to escape. 4 Chit. Bl. 130, note; 4 Steph. Comm. 255. The escape from custody of a person lawfully arrested on criminal process.

Breach of privilege. An act or default in violation of the privilege of either house of parliament, of congress, or of a state legislature.

Breach of promise. Violation of a promise; chiefly used as an elliptical expression for "breach of promise of marriage."


A constructive breach of the peace is an unlawful act which, though wanting the elements of actual violence or injury to any person, is yet inconsistent with the peaceable and orderly conduct of society. Various kinds of misdemeanors are included in this general designation, such as sending challenges to fight, going armed in public without lawful reason and in a threatening manner, etc. An apprehended breach of the peace is caused by the conduct of a man who threatens another with violence or physical injury, or who goes about in public with dangerous and unusual weapons in a threatening or alarming manner, or who publishes an aggravated libel upon another, etc.

BREACH OF TRUST. Any act done by a trustee contrary to the terms of his trust, or in excess of his authority and to the detriment of the trust; or the wrongful omission by a trustee of any act required of him by the terms of the trust. The wrongful misappropriation by a trustee of any fund or property which had been lawfully committed to him in a fiduciary character. Every violation by a trustee of a duty which equity lays upon him, whether willful and fraudulent, or done through negligence, or arising through mere oversight and forgetfulness, is a "breach of trust." The term, therefore, includes every omission and commission in carrying out the trust according to its terms, of care and diligence in protecting and investing the trust property, and of using perfect good faith. H. B. Cartwright & Bro. v. United States Bank & Trust Co., 167 F. 465, 465, 23 N. M. 82; National Surety Co. v. State, 138 A. 274, 277, 152 Md. 71, 50 A. L. R. 303. See Breach of duty, supra.


BREAD ACTS. Laws providing for the sustenance of persons kept in prison for debt.

BREAK. "Break" may be used in a broad sense, as in seller's covenant in contract of sale of auto, to indicate a weakness, impairment, or destruction of parts, however caused. American Locomotive Co. v. National Wholesale Grocery Co., 115 N. E. 404, 405, 226 Mass. 314, L. R. A. 1917D, 1125.

BREAK A LEG. Pertaining to a broken bone anywhere between ankle and hip, with possible exception of patella. 100% American Local Mut. Life & Accident Ass'n of El Paso v. Work (Tex. Civ. App.) 289 S. W. 1020.

BREAKDOWN SERVICE. "Breakdown service" as applied to an electric public service corporation is primarily a service for emergency and is used in case the electric plant of the customer breaks down; it is also used when very little electricity is required, as upon holidays and Sundays, and also at the peak of the service when a maximum current is required during the day. People ex rel. New York Edison Co. v. Public Service Commission for First Dist., 151 N. Y. S. 225, 261, 191 App. Div. 237.

BREAKING. Forcibly separating, parting, disintegrating, or piercing any solid substance. In the law as to housebreaking and burglary, it means the tearing away or removal of any part of a house or of the locks, latches, or other fastenings intended to secure it, or otherwise exerting force to gain an entrance, with the intent to commit a felony; or violently or forcibly breaking out of a house, after having unlawfully entered it, in the attempt to escape. Gaddle v. Com., 117 Ky. 408, 78 S. W. 163, 111 Am. St. Rep. 259; Sims v. State, 130 Ind. 386, 30 N. E. 278; Melton v. State, 24 Tex. App. 287, 6 S. W. 306; Mathews v. State, 26 Tex. 675; Carter v. State, 59 Ala. 91; State v. Newbegun, 25 Me. 508; McCourt v. People, 64 N. Y. 685. An information alleging a "breaking" of premises sufficiently implies necessary force. State v. Stuart, 316 Mo. 159, 289 S. W. 822, 824. See, also, Palmer v. King, 41 App. D. C. 419, 425. The slightest force is sufficient, as the lifting of a door latch, Dennis v. State, 158 S. W. 1098, 1010, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 162; or the raising of a window, Hollis v. State, 153 S. W. 853, 854, 69 Tex. Cr. R. 286; or the opening of a door that is partly shut (State v. Lapoint, 88 A. 532, 57 Vt. 115, 47 L. R. A. (N. S.) 717, Ann. Cas. 1916C, 315; Gibson v. Commonwealth, 263 S. W. 339, 315, 204 Ky. 748), or one that is fastened or locked, Landry v. State, 235 S. W. 172, 174, 96 Tex. Cr. R. 417; People v. Toland, 111 N. E. 769, 217 N. Y. 187, L. R. A. 1910B, 536, Ann. Cas. 1910B, 536; Ashmon v. State, 93 So. 754, 755, 9 Ala.
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Breaking, as an element of the crime of burglary, may be either actual or constructive. Davis v. Commonwealth, 110 S. E. 356, 357, 132 Va. 521. "Constructive" breaking, as distinguished from actual, forcible breaking, may be classed under the following heads: (1) Entries obtained by threats; (2) when, in consequence of violence done or threatened in order to obtain entry, the owner, with a view more effectually to repel it, opens the door and sallies out and the felon enters; (3) when entrance is obtained by procuring the service of some intermediate person, such as a servant, to remove the fastening; (4) when some process of law is fraudulently resorted to for the purpose of obtaining an entrance; (5) when some trick is resorted to induce the owner to remove the fastenings and open the door. State v. Henry, 31 N. C. 468; Clarke v. Com., 25 Grat. (Va.) 912; Duerer v. State, 18 Ohio, 317; Johnston v. Com., 85 Pa. 64, 27 Am. Rep. 622; Nicholls v. State, 68 Wis. 416, 32 N. W. 543, 60 Am. Rep. 870. While entering a building by a chimney is a constructive breaking, this is on the ground that a chimney is as much closed as its nature permits. State v. Hart, 77 S. E. 802, 91 S. C. 214.

BREAKING A CASE. The expression by the judges of a court, to one another, of their views of a case, in order to ascertain how far they are agreed, and as preliminary to the formal delivery of their opinions. "We are breaking the case, that we may show what is in doubt with any of us." Holt, C. J., addressing Dobbin, J., 1 Show. 423.

BREAKING BULK. The offense committed by a bailee (particularly a carrier) in opening or unpacking the chest, parcel, or case containing goods intrusted to his care, and removing the goods and converting them to his own use.

BREAKING DOORS. Forcefully removing the fastenings of a house, so that a person may enter.

BREAKING JAIL. The act of a prisoner in effecting his escape from a place of lawful confinement. Escape, while denoting the offense of the prisoner in unlawfully leaving the jail, may also connote the fault or negligence of the sheriff or keeper, and hence is of wider significance than "breaking jail" or "prison-breach."

BREAKING OF ARRESTMENT. In Scotch law. The contempt of the law committed by an arrestee who disregards the arrestment used in his hands, and pays the sum or delivers the goods arrested to the debtor. The breaker is liable to the arrester in damages. See Arrestment.

BREAKING OF THE COURT. A metaphorical expression signifying the conscience, discrepancy, or recollection of the judge. During the term of a court, the record is said to remain "in the breast of the judges of the court and in their remembrance." Co. Litt. 200a; 3 Bl. Comm. 407.

When we say that the record is in the "breast of the court" to be changed during the term, we only mean that the proceedings attested by it have not yet obtained that irrevocable character which places them beyond the power of the court after the term. Willson v. Ics, 78 W. Va. 672, 90 S. E. 272, 275.

BREATH. In medical jurisprudence. The air expelled from the lungs at each expiration.

BREDWITE. In Saxon and old English law. A fine, penalty, or amercement imposed for defaults in the assise of bread. Cowell.

BREHON. In old Irish law. A judge. 1 Bl. Comm. 100. Brehons, (breithamhain,) judges.

BREHON LAW. The name given to the ancient system of law of Ireland as it existed at the time of its conquest by Henry II.; and derived from the title of the judges, who were denominated "Brehons." Its existence has been traced from the earliest period of Irish history down to the time of the Anglo-Norman invasion.

BRENA GIUM. A payment in bran, which tenants customarily made to feed their lords' hounds.

BREP HOTO PHI. In the civil law. Persons appointed to take care of houses destined to receive foundlings.

BRETHREN. This word, in a will, may include sisters, as well as brothers, of the person indicated; it is not necessarily limited to the masculine gender. Terry v. Brunson, 1 Rich. Eq. (S. C.) 78.

BRETHREN OF TRINITY HOUSE. See Elder Brethren.

BRETT S AND SCOTTS, LAWS OF THE. A code or system of laws in use among the Celtic tribes of Scotland down to the beginning of the fourteenth century, and then abolished by Edward I. of England.

BRETTWALDA. In Saxon law. The ruler of the Saxon heptarchy.

BREVE. L. Lat. A writ. An original writ. A writ or precept of the king issuing out of his courts. It is used frequently in the plural (brevia, g. ec.), especially in speaking of the different classes of writs. A writ by which a person is summoned or attached to answer an action, complaint, etc., or whereby anything is commanded to be done in the courts, in order to justice, etc. It is called "breve," from the brevity of it,
and is addressed either to the defendant himself, or to the chancellors, judges, sheriffs, or other officers. Skene.

BREVIA IN NOMINATUM. A writ making only a general complaint, without the details or particulars of the cause of action.

BREVIA non cadit pro defecto forma. Jenk. Cent. 43. A judicial writ fails not through defect of form.

BREVIA NOMINATUM. A named writ. A writ stating the circumstances or details of the cause of action, with the time, place, and demand, very particularly.

BREVIA ORIGINALE. An original writ; a writ which gave origin and commencement to a suit.

BREVIA PERQuIRERE. To purchase a writ or license of trial in the king's courts by the plaintiff.

BREVIA TESTATUM. A written memorandum introduced to perpetuate the tenor of the conveyance and investiture of lands. 2 Bl. Comm. 307. In Scotch law. A similar memorandum made out at the time of the transfer, attested by the pars curiae and by the seal of the superior. Bell.

BREVET.

In Military Law

A commission by which an officer is promoted to the next higher rank, but without conferring a right to a corresponding increase of pay.

In French Law

A privilege or warrant granted by the government to a private person, authorizing him to take a special benefit or exercise an exclusive privilege. Thus a brevet d'invention is a patent for an invention.

BREVIA. Lat. Writs. The plural of breve, which see.

BREVIA ADVERSARIA. Adversary writs; writs brought by an adversary to recover land. 6 Coke, 67.

BREVIA AMICABILIA. Amicable or friendly writs; writs brought by agreement or consent of the parties.

BREVIA ANTICIPANTIA. At common law. Anticipating or preventive writs. Six were included in this category, viz.: Writ of mesne; warrantia chartis; monstraverunt; audit a querela; curia claudenda; and ne injuste voces. Peters v. Linenschmidt, 58 Mo. 466.

BREVIA DE CURSU. Writs of course. Formal writs issuing as of course.

BREVIA FORMATA. Certain writs of approved and established form which were granted of course in actions to which they were applicable, and which could not be changed but by consent of the great council of the realm. Bract. fol. 413b.

BREVIA JUDICIALIA. Judicial writs. Auxiliary writs issued from the court during the progress of an action, or in aid of the judgment.

BREVIA MAGISTRALIA. Writs occasionally issued by the masters or clerks of chancery, the form of which was varied to suit the circumstances of each case. Bract. fol. 413b.

BREVIA SELECTA. Choice or selected writs or processes. Often abbreviated to Brev. Sel.

Brevia, tam originalia quam judicialia, patiuntur Anglica nomina. 10 Coke, 132. Writs, as well original as judicial, bear English names.

BREVIA TESTATA. The name of the short memoranda early used to show grants of lands out of which the deeds now in use have grown. Jacob.

BREVARIUM ALARICIANUM. A compilation of Roman law made by order of Alaric II, king of the Visigoths, in Spain, and published for the use of his Roman subjects in the year 506. It is also known as Lex Romana Visigothorum. It became the principal, if not the only, representative of Roman law among the Franks.

BREVARIUM ANIANI. Another name for the Breviarium Alaricianum, (q. v.) Anian was the referendary or chancellor of Alaric, and was commanded by the latter to authenticate, by his signature, the copies of the breviary sent to the comites. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 68.

BREVIA. A brief; brief statement, epitome, or abstract. A short statement of contents, accompanying a bill in parliament. Holthouse. The name is usually applied to the famous brief of Mr. Murray (afterwards Lord Mansfield) for the complainant in the case of Penn v. Lord Baltimore, 1 Ves. 441.

BREVIBUS ET ROTULIS LIBERANDIS. A writ or mandate to a sheriff to deliver to his successor the county, and appurtenances, with the rolls, briefs, remembrance, and all other things belonging to his office. Reg. Orig. 296.
BREWER. One who manufactures fermented liquors of any name or description, for sale, from malt, wholly or in part, or from any substitute thereof. Act July 13, 1866, § 9, (14 St. at Large, 117 [26 USCA § 202]); U. S. v. Dooley, 25 Fed. Cas. 890; U. S. v. Wittig, 28 Fed. Cas. 745.

BRIE. Any valuable thing given or promised, or any preferment, advantage, privilege, or emolument, given or promised corruptly and against the law, as an inducement to any person acting in an official or public capacity to violate or forbear from his duty, or to improperly influence his behavior in the performance of such duty.

The term "bribe" signifies any money, goods, right in action, property, thing of value, or advantage, present or prospective, or any promise or undertaking to give any, asked, given, or accepted, with a corrupt intent to influence unlawfully the person to whom it is given, in his action, vote, or opinion, in any public or official capacity. Pen. Code Cal. § 7; Pen. Code Tex. 1895, art. 144 (Vernon's Ann. Pen. Code art. 177); People v. Van de Carr, 84 N. Y. S. 461, 87 App. Div. 386; People v. Ward, 110 Cal. 399, 42 P. 894; Com. v. Headley, 111 Ky. 815, 64 S. W. 744; Williams v. State, 188 Ind. 238, 123 N. E. 209, 215. It is a gift, not necessarily of pecuniary value, bestowed for the purpose of influencing the conduct of the receiver, and must be of substantial and not mere imaginary value to him, or merely gratifying a wish or hope. People v. Hyde, 141 N. Y. S. 1089, 1083, 156 App. Div. 618.

BRIERY. In criminal law. The receiving or offering any undue reward by or to any person whomsoever, whose ordinary profession or business relates to the administration of public justice, in order to influence his behavior in office, and to incline him to act contrary to his duty and the known rules of honesty and integrity. Hall v. Marshall, 80 Ky. 582; Walsh v. People, 65 Ill. 67, 16 Am. Rep. 569; Com. v. Murray, 135 Mass. 530; Hutchinson v. State, 38 Tex. 294; State v. Harrah, 101 W. Va. 300, 132 S. E. 654, 655.

"Bribery," under the common law, is the giving or receiving anything of value, or any valuable service, intended to influence one in the discharge of a legal duty; gift of the offense being the tendency to pervert justice. People v. Peters, 235 Ill. 122, 106 N. E. 513, 515, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 813. And see State v. Farris (Mo. App.) 229 S. W. 1100, 1102.

The term "bribery" now extends further, and includes the offense of giving a bribe to many other classes of officers; it applies both to the actor and receiver, and extends to voters, cabinet ministers, legislators, sheriffs, and other classes. 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1858; In re Crum, 55 N. D. 876, 215 N. W. 682, 688, 55 A. L. R. 220; State v. Benson, 144 Wash. 170, 257 P. 236, 238; People v. Biltzke, 174 Mich. 328, 140 N. W. 696, 698; State v. McGraw, 142 La. 417, 78 So. 222.

The offense of taking any undue reward by a judge, juror, or other person concerned in the administration of justice, or by a public officer, to influence his behavior in his office. 4 Bl. Comm. 139, and note.

Bribery is the giving or receiving any undue reward to influence the behavior of the person receiving such reward, in the discharge of his duty, in any office of government or of justice. Code Ga. 1882, § 4409 (Pen. Code 1826, § 270).

The crime of offering any undue reward or remuneration to any public officer of the crown, or other person intrusted with a public duty, with a view to influence his behavior in the discharge of his duty. The taking such reward is as much bribery as the offering it. It also sometimes signifies the taking or giving a reward for public office. The offense is not confined, as some have supposed, to judicial officers. Brown.

BRIBERY AT ELECTIONS. The offense committed by one who gives or promises or offers money or any valuable inducement to an electorate, in order to corruptly induce the latter to vote in a particular way or to abstain from voting, or as a reward to the voter for having voted in a particular way or abstained from voting.

BRIBOUR. One that pilfers other men's goods; a thief.

BRICOLIS. An engine by which walls were beaten down. Blount.

BRIDEWELL. In England. A house of correction.

BRIEF

In General

A written document; a letter; a writing in the form of a letter. A summary, abstract, or epitome. A condensed statement of some larger document, or of a series of papers, facts, or propositions.

An epitome or condensed summary of the facts and circumstances, or propositions of law, constituting the case proposed to be set up by either party to an action about to be tried or argued.

Brief a l'evéque. A writ to the bishop which, in quere impedit, shall go to remove an incumbent, unless he recover or be presented pendente lite. 1 Keb. 386.

Brief of title. In methodical. A writ issued in the name of the sovereign in the election of tutors to minors, the cognoscence of lunatics or of idiots, and the ascertaining the widow's terce; and sometimes in dividing the property belonging to heirs-portioners. In these cases only briefs are now in use. Bell.


In English Practice

A document prepared by the attorney, and given to the barrister, before the trial of a cause, for the instruction and guidance of the latter. It contains, in general, all the information necessary to enable the barrister to successfully conduct their client's case in court, such as a statement of the facts, a summary of the pleadings, the names of the witnesses, and an outline of the evidence expected from them, and any suggestions arising out of the peculiarities of the case.

In American Practice

A written or printed document, prepared by counsel to serve as the basis for an argument upon a cause in an appellate court, and usually filed for the information of the court. It embodies the points of law which the counsel desires to establish, together with the arguments and authorities upon which he rests his contention.

A brief, within a rule of court requiring counsel to furnish briefs, before argument, implies some kind of statement of the case for the information of the court. Gardner v. Stover, 43 Ind. 356. A "brief" is the vehicle of counsel to convey to the appellate court the essential facts of his client's case, a statement of the questions of law involved, the law he would have applied, and the application he desires made of it by the court. Bell v. German, 107 P. 630, 12 Cal. App. 375.


In Scotch Law

Brief is used in the sense of "writ," and this seems to be the sense in which the word is used in very many of the ancient writers.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A papal rescript sealed with wax. See Bull.
BRIEFLY. Concisely; in a few words; pertaining to a short or abridged statement. Boynton Real Estate Co. v. Woodbridge Tp., 109 A. 514, 515, 94 N. J. Law, 229.

BRIEVE. In Scotch law. A writ. 1 Kames, Eq. 148.

BRIG. In old European law. Strife, contention, litigation, controversy.

BRIGANDINE. A coat of mail or ancient armour, consisting of numerous jointed scale-like plates, very pliant and easy for the body, mentioned in 4 & 5 P. & M. e. 2.

BRIGBOTE. In Saxon and old English law. A tribute or contribution towards the repairing of bridges. See Bote.


BRING SUIT. To "bring" an action or suit has a settled customary meaning at law, and refers to the initiation of legal proceedings in a suit. A suit is "brought" at the time it is commenced. Hames v. Judd (Com. Pl.) 9 N. Y. Supp. 743; Rawle v. Phelps, 20 Fed. Cas. 321; Goldenberg v. Murphy, 108 U. S. 162, 2 Sup. Ct. 388, 27 L. Ed. 650; Buecker v. Carr, 60 N. J. Eq. 300, 47 Atl. 34; Wall v. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co., 125 N. E. 20, 23, 290 Ill. 227. "Brought" and "commenced" in statutes of limitations are commonly deemed to have been used interchangeably. Hannaman v. Gordon (Tex. Com. App.) 231 S. W. 1006, 1008. Under such statutes, the suit may be "brought," when the summons subsequently served is issued. Mill Creek & Minehill Nav. & R. Co. v. United States (D. C.) 240 F. 1013, 1016. Under a statute providing that no action shall be "brought or maintained" against a school district for noncontractual acts or omissions relating to athletic apparatus or playgrounds, "brought" applies to actions not yet instituted. Bruenn v. North Yakima School Dist. No. 7, Yakima County, 172 P. 569, 571, 101 Wash. 374.

BRINGING MONEY INTO COURT. The act of depositing money in the custody of a court or of its clerk or marshal, for the purpose of satisfying a debt or duty, or to await the result of an interpleader. Dirks v. Juel, 59 Neb. 553, 60 N. W. 1045.

BRIS. In French maritime law. Literally, breaking; wreck. Distinguished from naufrage, (q. v.).

BRISTOL BARGAIN. In English law. A contract by which A. lends B. £1,000 on good security, and it is agreed that £500, together with interest, shall be paid at a time stated; and, as to the other £500, that B., in consideration thereof, shall pay to A. £100 per annum for seven years. Wharton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. The territory on the north-west coast of North America, once known by the designation of "New Caledonia." Its government is provided for by 21 & 22 Vict. c. 99. Vancouver island is united to it by the 29 & 30 Vict. c. 67. See 33 & 34 Vict. c. 66.


BROCAGE. The wages, commission, or pay of a broker (also called "brokerage"). Also the avocation or business of a broker.


BROCARIUS, BROCACTOR. In old English and Scotch law. A broker; a middleman between buyer and seller; the agent of both transacting parties. Bell; Cowell.

BROCELLA. In old English law. A wood, a thicket or covert of bushes and brushwood. Cowell; Blount.

BROKEN STOWAGE. In maritime law. That space in a ship which is not filled by her cargo.

BROKER. An agent employed to make bargains and contracts between other persons, in matters of trade, commerce, or navigation, for a compensation commonly called "brokerage." Story, Ag. § 28; Payne v. Pounder, 77 S. E. 32, 34, 130 Ga. 233. But the term "broker" is no longer limited, but extends to almost every branch of business, to realty as well as personality. Richmond Mortgage & Loan Corporation v. Rose, 128 S. E. 604, 605, 142 Va. 342.

Those who are engaged for others in the negotiation of contracts relative to property, with the custody of which they have no concern. Paley, Prin. & Ag. 13; Glee v. Tsutakawa, 187 P. 323, 326, 109 Wash. 363. The broker or intermediary is he who is employed to negotiate a matter between two parties, and who, for that reason, is considered as the mandatory of both. Civil Code La. art. 3016.

One whose business is to negotiate purchases or sales of stocks, exchange, bullion, coined money, bank-notes, promissory notes, or other securities, for himself or for others. Ordinarily, the term "broker" is applied to
one acting for others; but the part of the definition which speaks of purchases and sales for himself is equally important as that which speaks of sales and purchases for others. Warren v. Shook, 91 U. S. 710, 23 L. Ed. 421; McCormick & Co., Bankers, v. Tolmie Bros., 243 P. 355, 358, 42 Idaho, 1.

A broker is a mere negotiator between other parties, and does not act in his own name, but in the name of those who employ him. Henderson v. State, 50 Ind. 234; San Jacinto Life Ins. Co. v. Brooks (Tex. Civ. App.) 274 S. W. 648, 650.

Brokers are persons whose business it is to bring buyer and seller together; they need have nothing to do with negotiating the bargain. Keys v. Johnson, 68 Pa. 42.

A “broker” is an agent acting under a limited authority usually authorized to buy or sell a particular thing in specified quantities. Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Corp. v. Madrid Cotton Oil Co., 200 Ala. 654, 77 So. 8, 9.

As distinguished from a broker, a “middleman,” in a real estate transaction, is employed merely to bring the parties together when each desires to exchange his property for that of the other, or where one desires to sell and the other to purchase; his services are not rendered as the agent of either party, and he may later receive a commission from both; but a “broker” is the agent of a party, employed to procure a customer or to effect the sale or exchange. Tracey v. Blake, 229 Mass. 57, 138 N. E. 271, 272.

The difference between a factor or commission merchant and a broker is this: A factor may buy and sell in his own name, and he has the goods in his possession; while a broker, as such, cannot ordinarily buy or sell in his own name, and has no possession of the goods sold. Slack v. Tucker, 23 Wall. 231, 235, 23 L. Ed. 143; Lawrence Gas Co. v. Hawkgate Oil Co., 155 N. W. 446, 446, 182 Iowa, 179, 8 A. L. R. 192. Moreover, a factor has a special property in the goods. Sutton & Cummins v. Kiel Cheese & Butter Co., 156 Ky. 465, 139 S. W. 560, 951.

The legal distinction between a broker and a factor is that the factor is intrusted with the property the subject of the agency: the broker is only employed to make a bargain in relation to it. Perkins v. State, 50 Ala. 154, 155.

Brokers are of many kinds, the most important being enumerated and defined as follows:

—Exchange brokers, who negotiate foreign bills of exchange.

—Insurance brokers, who procure insurances for those who employ them and negotiate between the party seeking insurance and the companies or their agents.

—Merchandise brokers, who buy and sell goods and negotiate between buyer and seller, but without having the custody of the property.

—Money-broker. A money-changer; a scribner or jobber; one who lends or raises money to or for others.

—Note brokers, who negotiate the discount or sale of commercial paper.

—Pawnbrokers, who lend money on goods deposited with them in pledge, taking high rates of interest.

—Real-estate brokers, who procure the purchase or sale of land, acting as intermediary between vendor and purchaser to bring them together and arrange terms; and who negotiate loans on real-estate security, manage and lease estates, etc. Latta v. Kilbourn, 150 U. S. 524, 14 S. Ct. 201, 37 L. Ed. 169; Chadwick v. Collins, 26 Pa. 139; Brandtman v. Leighton, 60 Mo. App. 42; Abraham v. Wasaff, 111 Okl. 138, 230 P. 138, 140; Crews v. Sullivan, 133 Va. 478, 113 S. E. 865, 866. A “real estate broker” is one employed in negotiating the sale, purchase, or exchange of lands on a commission continent on success. Oregon Home Builders v. Montgomery Inv. Co., 94 Or. 349, 184 P. 487, 491. To constitute one a “real estate broker” within statutes requiring a license to engage in such business, it is not sufficient that he make one or two sales, but it must be shown that he is engaged in the business to such an extent that it is his vocation or partial vocation. Morris v. O'Neill, 229 Mich. 603, 225 N. W. 8, 9; Boggan v. Clark, 141 Miss. 414, 145 So. 760, 761; Kilten v. Irmitter, 233 Ill. App. 116, 119; Kolb v. Burlington, 148 Md. 539, 129 A. 670, 672.

—Ship-brokers, who transact business between the owners of ships and freighters or charterers, and negotiate the sale of vessels.

—Stock-brokers, who are employed to buy and sell for their principals all kinds of stocks, corporation bonds, debentures, shares in companies, government securities, municipal bonds, etc. The term “broker” applies as well to a broker on the Board of Trade as to one on the Stock Exchange. Cutler v. Pardridge, 152 Ill. App. 350, 355.

BROKERAGE. The wages or commissions of a broker; also, his business or occupation.

BROKERAGE CONTRACT. A contract of agency, whereby broker is employed to make contracts of kind agreed upon in name and on behalf of his principal, and for which he is paid an agreed commission. Nolen's Admin'r v. Robinson, 213 Ky. 752, 281 S. W. 1034, 1036; Spilto v. Baumann-MeWhirter Chemical Co. (Sup.) 157 N. Y. S. 521, 522; Hardesty v. Martin Ebersbach Co. (C. C. A.) 294 F. 5, 6.

BROSSUS. Bruised, or injured with blows, wounds, or other casualty. Cowell.


BROTHE. One person is a brother "of the whole blood" to another, the former being a male, when both are born from the same father and mother. He is a brother "of the half blood" to that other (or half-brother) when the two are born to the same father by
different mothers or by the same mother to different fathers.

In the civil law, the following distinctions are observed: Two brothers who descend from the same father, but by different mothers, are called “consanguine” brothers. If they have the same mother, but are begotten by different fathers, they are called “uterine” brothers. If they have both the same father and mother, they are denominated brothers “germane.”

The phrase “brothers and sisters” as used in statutes of descent and in inheritance tax statutes is commonly construed to include half brothers and half sisters. Thompson v. Smith, 102 Ohio 150, 227 P. 77, 80; People v. Elliff, 74 Colo. 81, 219 P. 224, 225.

BROTHER-IN-LAW. A wife’s brother or a sister’s husband. There is not any relationship, but only affinity, between brothers-in-law. Farmers’ L. & T. Co. v. Iowa Water Co. (C. C.) 80 Fed. 469. See State v. Foster, 112 La. 533, 36 So. 554. Two men are not brothers-in-law from the circumstance merely of having married sisters. Cruce v. State, 87 Fla. 496, 100 So. 264, 265.

BROTHERHOOD AND GUESTLING, COURT OF. The Brotherhood was a conference of seven towns (i.e., the Cinque Ports and two other ancient towns) as to the provision of the necessary ships and as to arranging for the herring sale at Yarmouth, and for other such purposes. The Guestling was rather a wider meeting, at which pot merely the Brotherhood, but deputies from other associated towns were present for the discussion of subjects of common interest to all.

BROUGHT. Taken: carried. This is the meaning of the word as used in Judicial Code § 41 (28 USCA § 102) providing that the trial of offenses on the high seas or elsewhere out of the jurisdiction of any particular state or district shall be in the district where the offender is found, or into which he is first brought. United States v. Townsend (D. C.) 219 F. 761, 762.

A writ of error is not “brought” until it is filed or lodged in the court, or with the clerk of the court, which rendered the judgment. United States v. Alamogordo Lumber Co. (C. C. A.) 202 F. 700, 703; U. S. v. Shaffer (D. C.) 278 F. 549, 551.

BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF. Equivalent to the expression “made known to.” State v. Sullivan, 159 La. 559, 106 So. 651, 656.

BROUGHT TO TRIAL. An action is not brought to trial until the trial is commenced. Boyd v. Southern Pac. R. Co., 135 Cal. 344, 347 P. 58, 59; Miller & Lux v. Superior Court of California in and for Merced County, 192 Cal. 333, 219 P. 1006, 1009.

BRUARIUM. In old English law. A heath ground; ground where heath grows. Spelman.

BRUGBOTE. See Brigbote.

BRUILLUS. In old English law. A wood or grave; a thicket or clump of trees in a park or forest. Cowell.

BRUISE. In medical jurisprudence. A confusion; an injury upon the flesh of a person with a blunt or heavy instrument, without solution of continuity, or without breaking the skin. Shadock v. Road Co., 79 Mich. 7, 44 N. W. 108; State v. Owen, 5 N. C. 452, 4 Am. Dec. 571. See Contusion.

BRUKBARN. In old Swedish law. The child of a woman conceiving after a rape, which was made legitimate. Literally, the child of a struggle. Burrill.

BRUSHING. This term, as well as the expression “lifting bottom,” is applied to digging of space in middle of bottom of mine entry or room neck in which to lay track. Schillings v. Big Creek Coal Co. (Mo.App.) 277 S. W. 964, 965.

BRUTUM FULMEN. An empty noise; an empty threat.

BUBBLE. An extravagant or unsubstantial project for extensive operations in business or commerce, generally founded on a fictitious or exaggerated prospectus, to ensure unwary investors. Companies formed on such a basis or for such purposes are called “bubble companies.” The term is chiefly used in England.

BUBBLE ACT. The statute 6 Geo. I. c. 18 (1719), “for restraining several extravagant and unwarrantable practices herein mentioned,” was so called. It prescribed penalties for the formation of companies with little or no capital, with the intention, by means of alluring advertisements, of obtaining money from the public by the sale of shares. Such undertakings were then commonly called “bubbles.” This legislation was prompted by the collapse of the “South Sea Project,” which, as Blackstone says, “had beggared half the nation.” It was mostly repealed by the statute 6 Geo. IV. c. 91.

BUCKET SHOP. An office or place (other than a regularly incorporated or licensed exchange) where information is posted as to the fluctuating prices of stocks, grain, cotton, or other commodities, and where persons lay wagers on the rise and fall of such prices under the pretense of buying and selling such commodities. C. A. King & Co. v. Horton, 116 Ohio St. 205, 156 N. E. 124, 126; Bryant v. W. U. Tel. Co. (C. C.) 17 Fed. 828; Forbeyton v. State, 41 Ark. 188, 1 S. W. 55; Conner v. Black, 119 Mo. 120, 24 S. W. 154; Smith v. W. U. Tel. Co., 94 Ky. 664, 2 S. W. 458; State v. McGennis, 138 N. C. 724, 51 S. E. 50; Gatewood v. North Carolina, 203 U. S. 531, 27 Sup. Ct. 187, 61 L. Ed. 305; Burns’ Ann. St. Ind. 1914, § 3887 (Burns’ Ind. St. 1926, § 2091);
BUCK'S EXTENSION PROCESS. Some uniform, continuous force or pull applied to leg or foot below break to overcome natural contraction of muscles of thigh, which have a strong tendency to pull broken ends together and cause them to slip by each other, especially when break is oblique. Sweet v. Douge, 145 Wash. 142, 259 P. 25. See Counterextension.

BUCKSTALL. A toil, net, or snare, to take deer. 4 Inst. 306.

BUDGET. A name given in England to the statement annually presented to parliament by the chancellor of the exchequer, containing the estimates of the national revenue and expenditure.


BUG. As applied to telegraph instruments, a generic name in common use, and has been for many years, among operators, to characterize vibrating horizontal arm for the semi-automatic production of code dots, as distinguished from the Morse key, requiring a separate motion of the operator's hand for each dot. Vibroplex Co. v. J. H. Bunnell & Co. (D. C.) 13 F.(2d) 528.

BUGGERY. A carnal copulation against nature; and this is either by the confusion of species,—that is to say, a man or a woman with a brute beast,—or of sexes, as a man with a man, or man unnaturally with a woman. 3 Inst. 58; 12 Coke, 36. Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 356, 71 Am. Dec. 331; Com. v. J., 21 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 626. This term is often used interchangeably with "sodomy"; but even when so used, it does not necessarily include the act called "fellatio" or "fellation." State v. Murry, 136 La. 253, 66 So. 963, 984. See Sodomy.


The term may also be employed in the sense of obtain, secure, or acquire. Verner v. Muller, 59 S. C. 545, 72 S. E. 393; Nebraska Loan & Building Ass'n v. Perkins, 61 Neb. 254, 85 N. W. 67, 69.


But it has been held that a grant of power to build a railroad, or a requirement that certain persons shall build bridges, may include the power or duty of maintenance or repair. Central R. Co. v. Collins, 49 Ga. 662, 624; Franklin County Comr's v. White Water Valley Canal Co., 2 Ind. 163, 183.

BUILER. One whose occupation is the building or erection of structures, the controlling and directing of construction, or the planning, constructing, remodeling and adapting to particular uses buildings and other structures. Turner v. Haar, 114 Mo 325, 21 S. W. 737, 738. One who puts a structure into permanent form. Kansas City Southern Ry. Co. v. Wallace, 38 Okt. 233, 132 P. 905, 911, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 112. The term may be synonymous with "contractor." State v. Clark, 58 P. 1067, 43 Wash. 664. It may also designate a shipwright, a mason, etc., and likewise an architect. Savannah & C. R. Co. v. Callahan, 49 Ga. 406, 511. Contra, as to "architect." People ex rel. v. Lower, 251 Ill. 527, 96 N. E. 346, 347, 26 L. R. A. 1236.


A structure or edifice erected by the hand of man, composed of natural materials, as stone or wood, and intended for use or convenience. Truesdell v. Gray, 13 Gray (Mass.) 311; State v. Moore, 61 Mo. 776; Clark v. State, 69 Wis. 205, 35 N. W. 459, 2 Am. St. Rep. 752; State v. Cronce, 117 Me. 303, 99 A. 325, 326; Mecca Realty Co. v. Kellogg's Toasted Corn Flakes Co., 166 App. Div. 74, 151 N. Y. S. 750, 758; Sacks v. Leggs, 219 Ill. App. 144, 147.

An edifice, erected by art, and fixed upon or over the soil, composed of brick, marble, wood, or other proper substance, connected in line and designed for use in the position in which it is so fixed. Cruise, Dig. tit. 1, s. 46; People ex rel. No. 176 West Eighty-Seventh St. Corporation v. Cantor, 107 Misc. 6, 176 N. Y. S. 593, 596; Rabb v. W. P. Ellison, Inc., 89 N. J. Law, 416, 99 A. 119, 120; Bruen v. People, 69 N. E. 24, 206 Ill. 417, 423.

The term generally, though not always, implies the idea of a habitation for the permanent use of man, or an erection connected with his permanent use. Rous v. Catskill & N. Y. Steamboat Co., 13 N. Y. S. 126, 127, 35 N. Y. St. Rep. 491; Vallejo & N. R. Co. v. Reed Orchard Co., 109 Cal. 546, 147 P. 255, 256. It imports tangibility, Wells Fargo & Co. v. Jersey City (D. C.) 207 P. 871, 875, and may include the land on which it stands, as well as adjacent land, Thomas v. Long, 122 Iowa, 836, 106 N. W. 287, 288; City of Gainesville v. Brenan College, 150 Ga. 156, 163.
BUILDING


Whether a wide difference of meaning of the words "building," "improvement" and "structure" exists depends upon the context in connection with which they are used. They might mean the same thing, for, in a certain sense, a "building" is an "improvement" and also a "structure," and vice versa, an "improvement" or "structure" may be a "building." Lanier v. Lovett, 25 Ariz. 54, 213 P. 391, 394.

The word in its legal sense is ambiguous, and is susceptible of being construed, without violence, as including many different kinds of structures and edifices erected by men. Great Eastern Casualty Co. v. Blackwelder, 21 Ga. App. 585, 94 S. E. 843, 844. For Illustrative cases, see State v. Clark, 231 Mo. App. 833, 238 S. W. 77, 78 (a dugout or artificial cave); Bush v. Norman (Mo. App.) 199 S. W. 721 (a silo); Mecca Realty Co. v. Kellogg Toasted Corn Pla. Co., 149 N. Y. S. 350, 15 Misc. 588; 141 N. Y. S. 750, 753, 196 App. Div. 74 (a sign); State v. Lintner, 19 S. D. 447, 114 N. W. 205 (a box car); Adams v. State, 13 Ala. App. 330, 69 So. 357, 359 (each room or apartment in a state capital).

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. An organization created for the purpose of accumulating a fund by the monthly subscriptions and savings of its members to assist them in building or purchasing for themselves dwellings or real estate by the loan to them of the requisite money from the funds of the association. McCauley v. Association, 97 Tenn. (13 Pickle) 421, 37 S. W. 212, 213, 25 L. R. A. 244, 56 Am. St. Rep. 813; Cook v. Association, 104 Ga. 814, 80 S. E. 911; Pfister v. Association, 19 W. Va. 693; Holt v. Ætna Building & Loan Ass'n, 78 Okl. 507, 190 P. 872, 875; Rhodes v. Missouri Savings & Loan Co., 173 Ill. 621, 50 N. E. 998, 1000, 43 L. R. A. 93; In re National Bldg., Loan & Provident Ass'n, 12 Del. Ch. 98, 107 A. 453, 455.

A private corporation designed for the purpose of accumulating into its treasury, by means of the gradual payment by its members of their stock subscriptions in periodic installments, a fund to be invested from time to time in advances made to such shareholders on their stock as may apply for this purpose on approved security, the borrowing members paying interest and a premium for this preference in securing an advancement over other members, and continuing to pay the regular installments on their stock in addition, all of which funds, together with payments made by the nonborrowing members, including fines, forfeitures, and other like revenues, as well as the common fund until it, with the profits thereon, aggregates the face value of all the shares in the association, the legal effect of which is to extinguish the liability incurred for the loans and advancements, and to distribute to each nonborrowing member the par value of his stock. Atlanta Loan & Savings Co. v. Norton, 138 S. E. 228; See Inc. Nat. Building, Loan & Investment Ass'n v. Stanley, 63 P. 499, 492, 88 Or. 319, 84 Am. St. Rep. 793; Albany Mut. Bldg. Ass'n v. City of Laramie, 10 Wyo. 64, 45 P. 1011, 1012. See, also, Wilkinson v. Mutual Bldg. & Sav. Ass'n (C. C. A.) 15 F.(2d) 857, 858; First Nat. Bank v. Dawes County, 68 Mont. 221, 218 F. 1307, 1103; Herold v. Park View Building & Loan Ass'n (C. C. A.) 210 F. 577, 582; Lilley Building & Loan Co. v. Miller (D. C.) 280 F. 143, 144.

BUILDING LEASE. A lease of land for a long term of years, usually 99, at a rent called a "ground rent," the lessee covenanting to erect certain edifices thereon according to specification, and to maintain the same, etc., during the term.


BUILDING LINE. As used in a city charter authorizing the establishment of a "building line" along boulevards, the term means a mark of division or demarcation; an outline or contour; a limit or boundary—not a straight line. City of St. Louis v. Handian, 242 Mo. 89, 145 S. W. 421, 422, 423. As to the meaning of the term "line" in city plats, see Eckhart v. Irons, 128 Ill. 568, 20 N. E. 689, 690; Simpson v. Mikkelsen, 196 Ill. 575, 63 N. E. 1036, 1037.


BUILDING SITE. As used in a building contract, providing for filling of the "building site" to grade, that term contemplated the entire lot, and not that limited spot on which the building was to be erected. Myeere v. Liberty Realty & Securities Co., 156 La. 493, 100 So. 694, 696.

BUILDING SOCIETY. An association in which the subscriptions of the members form a capital stock or fund out of which advances may be made to members desiring them, on mortgage security.

BUL. In the ancient Hebrew chronology, the eighth month of the ecclesiastical, and the second of the civil year. It has since been called "Merashevan," and answers to our Oc-


Bulk is said of that which is neither counted, weighed, nor measured. A sale by the bulk is the sale of a quantity such as it is, without measuring, counting, or weighing. Civil Code La. art. 3566, par. 6.
When used in relation to sale of goods by sample, "bulk" means the whole quantity of goods sold, which is supposed to be fairly represented by the sample. American Paper Products Co. v. Morton Salt Co. (Mo. App.) 279 S. W. 761, 763. This is the meaning which the word has as used in Uniform Sales Act Pa. § 14 (P. L. c. 543; 69 PS § 129). F. A. D. Andrews, Inc., v. Dodge (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 1008, 1005.

BULK SALES ACTS. A generic term descriptive of a class of statutes designed to prevent the degrading of creditors by the secret sale in bulk of substantially all of a merchant's stock of goods. The general scheme of these statutes is to declare such bulk sales fraudulent and void as to creditors of the vendor, or presumptively so, unless specified formalities are observed. A. J. Long Cigar & Grocery Co. v. Harvey, 38 Ga. App. 298, 125 S. E. 870.

BULK WINDOWS. "Bulk windows" include show windows as well as bay windows, sometimes called "bow windows," within a statute conferring on cities the power to regulate certain obstructions in the street. City of Baltimore v. Nirdlinger, 131 Md. 600, 102 A. 1014, 1019.

BULL. In ecclesiastical law. An instrument granted by the pope of Rome, and sealed with a seal of lead, containing some decree, commandment, or other public act, emanating from the pontiff. Bull, in this sense, corresponds with edict or letters patent from other governments. Cowell; 4 Bl. Comm. 110; 4 Steph. Comm. 177, 179.

These are three kinds of apostolic rescripts—the brief, the signature, and the bull; which last is most commonly used in legal matters.

This is also a cant term of the Stock Exchange, meaning one who speculates for a rise in the market.


BULL PEN. A certain place of confinement at a penitentiary. State v. Kelley, 118 Or. 397, 247 P. 146, 148.

BULLA. A seal used by the Roman emperors, during the lower empire; it was of four kinds,—gold, silver, wax, and lead.

BULLET. Synonymous with "shot," meaning a projectile, particularly a solid ball or bullet that is not intended to fit the bore of a piece. Green v. Commonwealth, 122 Va. 862, 94 S. E. 940, 941.

BULLETIN. An officially published notice or announcement concerning the progress of matters of public importance. In France, the registry of the laws.

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BULLETIN DES LOIS. In France, the official sheet which publishes the laws and decrees; this publication constitutes the promulgation of the law or decree.

BULLION. Gold and silver intended to be coined. The term is usually applied to a quantity of these metals ready for the mint, but as yet lying in bars, plates, lumps, or other masses; but it may also include ornaments or dishes of gold and silver, or foreign coins not current as money, when intended to be descriptive of its adaptability to be coined, and not of other purposes to which it may be put. Hope Min. Co. v. Kennon, 3 Mont. 44; Thalheim v. State, 38 Fla. 168, 20 So. 888; Counsel v. Min. Co., 5 Daly (N. Y.) 77.

BULLION FUND. A fund of public money maintained in connection with the mints, for the purpose of purchasing precious metals for coinage, and also of enabling the mint to make returns of coins to private depositors of bullion without waiting until such bullion is actually coined.

BUM-BAILIFF. A person employed to dun one for a debt; a bailiff employed to arrest a debtor. Probably a vulgar corruption of "bound-bailiff" (q. v.).

BUNCO GAME. Any trick, artifice, or cunning calculated to win confidence and to deceive, whether by conversation, conduct, or suggestion. State v. Ferraro, 72 Wash. 112, 129 P. 898, 899.

BUNDA. In old English law. A bound, boundary, border, or limit (terminus, limites).

BUNDLE, v. To sleep on the same bed without undressing; applied to the custom of a man and woman, especially lovers, thus sleeping. A. & E. Ency. This custom is adverted to in Seagr v. Sligerland, 2 Caines (N. Y.) 219, and Hollis v. Wells, 3 Clark (Pa.) 169.

BUOY. In maritime law. A piece of wood or cork, or a barrel, raft, or other thing, made secure and floating upon a stream or bay, intended as a guide and warning to mariners, by marking a spot where the water is shallow, or where there is a reef or other danger to navigation, or to mark the course of a devious channel. BUOYS are regulated by federal legislation; see 33 USC A § 734.

BURDEN. A burden, as on interstate commerce, means anything that imposes either a restrictive or onerous load upon such commerce. State of Missouri v. Kansas Natural Gas Co. (D. C.) 282 F. 341, 345.

Where the Railroad Commission ordered construction of a viaduct carrying a street over railroad tracks, construction and operation of street car tracks on the viaduct was not an "additional burden," and did not entitle abutting owners to damages. In eminent
BURGEON OF PROOF

(Burden of proof)

In the law of evidence. The necessity or duty of
affirmatively proving a fact or facts in
dispute on an issue raised between the parties in
Cowles, 100 Mass. 490; People v. McCann, 16

The term "burden of proof" is not to be
confused with "prima facie case," Kendall
v. Brownson, 47 N. H. 200; Carver v. Carver,
97 Ind. 511; Hellemann v. Heard, 62 N. Y.
455; Feurit v. Ambrose, 34 Mo. App. 336;
Gibbs v. Bank, 123 Iowa, 736, 99 N. W. 763,
or with expressions referring to a similar
idea, such as the "burden of evidence," Hyer
S. E. 58, 60, or "the burden of proceeding;"
Mason v. Gelst (Mo. App.) 233 S. W. 236,
237, or the burden of going forward with the
evidence, First Nat. Bank v. Ford, 30

It is frequently said, however, to have two
distinct meanings: (1) the duty of producing
evidence as the case progresses, and (2) the
duty to establish the truth of the claim by
preponderance of the evidence, and though
the former may pass from party to party,
the latter rests throughout upon the party
asserting the affirmative of the issue. Sell-
ers v. Kincaid, 303 Ill. 216, 135 N. E. 429,
433; Hansen v. Oregon-Washington R. &
Nav. Co., 97 Or. 190, 188 P. 963, 969; Stoffer
v. Dunham (Mo. App.) 208 S. W. 641, 644;
Moore v. Williams, 111 Neb. 342, 196 N. W.
695, 698; In re Gedney's Will (Sur.) 142 N.
Y. S. 157, 161; North Memphis Sav. Bank v.
Union Bridge & Construction Co., 138 Tenn.
161, 196 S. W. 492, 498; Sandenhofer v.
Calmenson, 170 Minn. 69, 212 N. W. 8, 11;
Giblin v. Dudley Hardware Co., 44 R. I. 371,
117 A. 418, 419. Again "burden of proof" is
sometimes used to refer merely to the rules
of practice fixing the order of proof, as dis-
tinguished from the "preponderance of the
evidence" meaning the weight of evidence.
Welch v. Creech, 88 Wash. 429, 153 P. 355,
358, L. R. A. 1918A, 533; Thompson v. Dyson,
120 Kan. 591, 244 P. 867, 868.

BUREAU. An office for the transaction of
business. A name given to the several
departments of the executive or administrative
branch of government, or to their larger sub-
divisions. In re Strawbridge, 39 Ala. 375.

As applied to a division of an administra-
tive department, the term may include the
operating force. People v. Coffin, 202 Ill.
App. 100, aff. 117 N. E. 85, 279 Ill. 401.

A division of a department; a "department"
being one of separate divisions or branches of state or municipal administra-
tion. In re McLaughlin, 210 N. Y. S. 68, 72,
124 Misc. 768.

BUREAUCRACY. A system in which the
business of government is carried on in de-
partments, each under the control of a chief,
in contradistinction from a system in which
the officers of government have a co-ordinate
authority.

BURG, BURGH. A term for a castle or
fortified place; a borough (q. v.). Spelman.

BURGAGE. A name given to a
dwelling-house in a borough town. Blount.

BURGAGE-HOLDING. A tenure by which
lands in royal boroughs in Scotland were
held by the sovereign. The service was watch-
ing and warding, and was done by the bur-
gages within the territory of the borough,
whether expressed in the charter or not.

BURGAGE-TENURE. In English law. One
of the three species of free socage holdings;
a tenure whereby houses and lands which
were formerly the site of houses, in an an-
cient borough, are held by some lord by a cer-
tain rent. There are a great many customs
affecting these tenures, the most remarkable
of which is the custom of Borough English. See Litt. § 162; 2 Bl. Comm. 82.

BURGATOR. One who breaks into houses
or inclosed places, as distinguished from one
who committed robbery in the open country.
Spelman.

BURGBOTE. In old English law. A term ap-
plied to a contribution towards the repair of
castles or walls of defense, or of a borough.

BURGENSES. In old English law. Inhabit-
ants of a burgus or borough; burgesses.
Fleta, lib. 5, c. 8, § 10.

BURGERISTH. A word used in Domesday,
signifying a breach of the peace in a town.
Jacob.

BURGESS. In English Law

An inhabitant or freeman of a borough or
town; a person duly and legally admitted
a member of a municipal corporation. Spel-
man; 3 Steph. Comm. 188, 189.

A magistrate of a borough. Blount.

An elector or voter; a person legally qual-
fied to vote at elections. The word in this
sense is particularly defined by the statute
5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76, §§ 9, 13. 3 Steph. Comm.
192.

A representative of a borough or town, in

In American Law

The chief executive officer of a borough,
bearing the same relation to its government
and affairs that the mayor does to those of a
city. So used in Pennsylvania.

In Connecticut boroughs the board of burg-
gesses corresponds to the township board or
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board of trustees in some other states, or to the common council of a city. Cent. Dict.

BURGESS ROLL. A roll, required by the St. 5 & 8 Wm. IV, c. 76, to be kept in corporate towns or boroughs, of the names of burgesses entitled to certain new rights conferred by that act.

BURGH-BRECHE. A fine imposed on the community of a town, for a breach of the peace, etc.

BURGH ENGLISH. See Borough English.

BURGH ENGLOYS. Borough English (q. v.).

BURGHMAILS. Yearly payments to the crown of Scotland, introduced by Malcolm III., and resembling the English fee-farm rents.

BURGHMOTE. In Saxon law. A court of justice held semi-annually by the bishop or lord in a burg, which the thanes were bound to attend without summons.


BURGLARIOUSLY. In pleading. A technical word which must be introduced into an indictment for burglary at common law. Lewis v. State, 19 Conn. 31; Reed v. State, 14 Tex. App. 665.

BURGLARITER. L. Lat. (Burglariously.) In old criminal pleading. A necessary word in indictments for burglary.


The common-law definition has been much modified by statute in several of the states. For example: "Every person who enters any house, room, apartment, tenement, shop, warehouse, store, mill, barn, stable, outhouse or other building, tent, vessel, railroad car, mine, or any underground portion thereof, with intent to commit grand or petit larceny or any felony is guilty of burglary." Pen. Code Cal. § 459; State v. Lassota, 95 So. 356, 389, 153 La. 24; People v. Mendelson, 106 N. E. 249, 251, 264 Ill. 453, L. R. A. 1915C, 627; State v. Dunlap, 103 N. J. Law, 209, 136 A. 510.

See Breaking.

BURGOMASTER. The title given in Germany to the chief executive officer of a borough, town, or city; corresponding to our "mayor."

BURGUNDIAN LAW. See Lex Burgundionum.

BURGWAR. A burgess (q. v.).

BURH. A fastness. The hill-top that has been fortified as a burh. Very often it has given its name to a neighboring village; it is the future borough. The entrenchment around a great man's house was a burh. See Maitland, Domesday and Beyond, 183.


BURKING, BURKISM. Murder committed with the object of selling the cadaver for purposes of dissection, particularly and originally, by suffocating or strangling the victim.

So named from William Burke, a notorious practitioner of this crime, who was hanged at Edinburgh in 1829. See the reference thereto In 4 Redd. Sur. (N. Y.) 560. It is said that the first instance of his name being thus used as a synonym for the form of death he had inflicted on others occurred when he himself was led to the gibbet, the crowd around the scaffold shouting "Burke him!"

BURLAW COURTS. Courts consisting of neighbors selected by common consent to act as judges in determining disputes between neighbor and neighbor.

BURLAWS. In Scotch law. Laws made by neighbors elected by common consent in the burlaw courts. Skene.

BURN, n. A hurt, injury, or effect caused by burning. Webster, Dict.

A "first-degree burn" varies from redness to a blister. A "second-degree burn" results where the skin is charred or killed. Murphy v. Ludowici Glass & Oil Co., 56 Kan. 321, 159 P. 331, 332.


The verb "to burn," In an indictment for arson, is to be taken in its common meaning of "to coo-


"Business" is often synonymous with calling, occupation, or trade, Gray v. Board of County Com'rs of Sedgwick County, 165 P. 867, 808, 101 Kan. 183, L. R. A. 1914F, 182; Griffin v. Russell, 87 S. E. 10, 11, 144 Ga. 275, L. R. A. 1916F, 216, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 994; and it is so used in Workmen's Compensation Act, providing that the act shall not apply to "persons whose employment at the time of the injury is but casual, and not in the usual course of the trade, business, profession, or occupation of the employer," State v. District Court of Douglas County, 161 N. W. 898, 368, 138 Minn. 103; Kaplan v. Gaskill, 157 N. W. 943, 946, 108 Neb. 445.

The doing of a single act pertaining to a particular business will not be considered engaging in or carrying on the business; yet a series of such acts would be so considered. Goddard v. Chaffee, 2 Allen (Mass.) 395, 79 Am. Dec. 796; Sterne v. State, 20 Ala. 46. But see Industrial Commission v. Hammond, 236 P. 1006, 1009, 77 Colo. 414.

Labor, business, and work are not synonyms. Labor may be business, but it is not necessarily so; and business is not always labor. Making an agreement for the sale of a chattel is not within a prohibition of labor upon Sunday, though it is (by a merchant in his calling) within a prohibition upon business. Bloom v. Richards, 2 Ohio St. 387.

As used in a will giving the testator's "business" to persons named, the term may be equivocal, and may mean property, or simply good will. In re Weber's Estate, 351 Pa. 561, 104 A. 725, 727. It has been held not to include notes, in re Rogers' Estate, 91 N. J. Eq. 234, 109 A. 16, nor to include coal on hand or a bank account kept in connection with the business, but that it did include the household wagons, horses, and other equipment. Coyle v. Donaldson, 90 N. J. Eq. 222, 105 A. 605, 607.

There is, however, a clear distinction between "business" and "property," as generally used in taxing and other statutes. Sullivan v. Associated Billposters and Distributors of United States and Canada (C. C. A.) 5 F. (2d) 1668, 1669, 42 A. L. R. 528.

—Business hours. Those hours of the day during which, in a given community, commercial,
banking, professional, public, or other kinds of business are ordinarily carried on.

This phrase is declared to mean not the time during which a principal requires an employee's services, but the business hours of the community generally. Derosa v. Railroad Co., 18 Minn. 133 (Gib. 1891).

In respect to the time of presentment and demand of bills and notes, business hours generally range through the whole day down to the hours of rest in the evening, except when the paper is payable at a bank or by a banker; Cayuga County Bank v. Hunt, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 533. See Pilat v. Rogers, 15 Me. 67; Lunt v. Adams, 17 Mo. 230.

An order allowing a stockholder to examine the books of a corporation "during business hours" does not mean that such examination be carried on throughout the entire business day, nor in the nighttime. Breslauer v. S. Prakla & Co., 205 Ill. App. 372, 374.

—Business of the community. A business in which a husband is engaged is prima facie the business of the community. Bird v. Steele, 132 P. 724, 725, 74 Wash. 68.

—Business situs. A situs acquired for tax purposes by one who has carried on a business in the state more or less permanent in its nature. Endicott, Johnson & Co. v. Multnomah County, 190 P. 1105, 1111, 66 Or. 679. A situs arising when notes, mortgages, tax sale certificates and the like are brought into the state for something more than a temporary purpose, and are devoted to some business use there and thus become incorporated with the property of the state for revenue purposes. Honest v. Gann, 244 P. 235, 235, 120 Kan. 365; Lockwood v. Blodgett, 138 A. 520, 525, 106 Conn. 525.

—Business trust. As distinguished from a joint-stock company, a pure "business trust" is one in which the managers are principals, and the shareholders are custodians of trust. Bette v. Hackathorn, 232 S. W. 602, 604, 169 Ark. 621, 31 A. L. R. 847.

—Private business. A "private business or enterprise" is one in which an individual or individuals, an association, copartnership, or private corporation have invested capital, time, attention, labor, and intelligence for the purpose of creating and conducting such business, for the sole purpose that those who make such contributions may, from the conducting and operating of it, make, gain, and acquire a financial profit for their exclusive benefit, improvement, and enjoyment, and exclusively for their own private purposes and use. Green v. Frazier, 176 N. W. 11, 17, 44 N. D. 365.

—Public business. An element of "public business" prescribed by Comp. St. Okl. 1921, § 11032 (St. 1831, § 12805), relating to regulation by Corporation Commission, is that the business by its nature must be such that the public must use the same, or the commodities bought and sold in such manner as to affect the community at large as to supply, price, etc., and such public business may exist whether or not the Corporation Commission or district court was ever resorted to. Consumers' Light & Power Co. v. Phillips, 251 F. 63, 64, 120 Okl. 228.

BUSONES COMITATUS. In old English law. The barons of a county.

BUSSA. A term used in the old English law, to designate a large and clumsily constructed ship.

BUT. Except, except that, on the contrary, or, and also, yet still. State v. Marsh, 187 N. W. 810, 812, 108 Neb. 267; Rickman v. Commonwealth, 243 S. W. 929, 185 Ky. 715; Foreman v. School Dist. No. 25 of Columbia County, 159 P. 1155, 1150, 81 Or. 587; Spru v. Frenkel, 97 So. 104, 105, 210 Ala. 27.

BUTCHER. This term includes the occupation of a retail meat dealer. Provo City v. Provo Meat & Packing Co., 49 Utah, 528, 165 P. 477, 479, Ann. Cas. 1915D. 530, but not that of a corporation operating packing houses in various cities and maintaining a distributing house, where it sold sausage, cheese, canned meats, etc., but no fresh meat. Morris & Co. v. Commonwealth, 116 Va. 912, 83 S. E. 408, 410.

BUTLAGE. A privilege formerly allowed to the king's butler, to take a certain part of every cask of wine imported by an alien; the part of the cask thus taken.

Called also prisage; 2 Bulstr. 264. Anciently, it might be taken also of wine imported by a subject. 1 Bla. Com. 315; Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

BUTLER'S ORDINANCE. In English law. A law for the heir to punish waste in the life of the ancestor. "Though it be on record in the parliament book of Edward I., yet it never was a statute, nor ever so receiv'd; but only some constitution of the king's council, or lords in parliament, which never obtained the strength or force of an act of parliament." Hale, Hist. Eng. Law, p. 18.

BUTT. A measure of liquid capacity, equal to one hundred and eight gallons; also a measure of land.

BUTTALS. The bounding lines of land at the end; abutalls, which see.

BUTTED AND BOUNDED. A phrase sometimes used in conveyancing, to introduce the boundaries of lands. See Butts and Bounds.

BUTTER. A dairy product "manufactured exclusively from pure, unadulterated milk or cream, or both, with or without salt or coloring matter." Agricultural Law N. Y. (Consol. Laws, c. 1) § 30; Agriculture and Markets Law (Consol. Laws, c. 69) § 46; Pardy v. Boomhower Grocery Co., 178 App. Div. 347, 164 N. Y. S. 775, 776.
BUTTS. In old English law. Short pieces of land left unplowed at the ends of fields, where the plow was turned about (otherwise called "headlands") as addellings were similarly unplowed pieces on the sides. Burrill; Cowell.

Also a place where bowmen meet to shoot at a mark.

BUTTS AND BOUNDS. A phrase used in conveyancing, to describe the end lines or circumscribing lines of a certain piece of land. The phrase "metes and bounds" has the same meaning.

The angles or points where these lines change their direction. Cowell; Spelman, Gloss. See Aluttals.

BUTTY. A local term in the north of England, for the associate or deputy of another; also of things used in common.

BUY. To acquire the ownership of property by giving an accepted price or consideration therefor; or by agreeing to do so; to acquire by the payment of a price or value; to purchase. Webster. To obtain something for a price, usually money. In re Troy, 43 R. I. 279, 111 A. 723, 724.

BUY IN. To purchase, at public sale, property which is one's own or which one has caused or procured to be sold.

BUYER. One who buys; a purchaser, particularly of chattels.

BUYING TITLES. The purchase of the rights or claims to real estate of a person who is not in possession of the land or is dispossessed. Void, and an offense, at common law and by 32 Hen. VIII. c. 9. This rule has been generally adopted in the United States, and is affirmed by statute in some states; 3 Wash. R. P. *506. Hinman v. Hinman, 4 Conn. 575; Helms v. May, 29 Ga. 124; Webb v. Thompson, 23 Ind. 432; Wash v. McBrayer, 1 Dana (Ky.) 568; Brinley v. Whiting, 5 Pick. (Mass.) 356; Bush v. Cooper, 26 Miss. 599, 59 Am. Dec. 270; Dame v. Wingate, 12 N. H. 291; Thurman v. Cameron, 24 Wend. (N. Y.) 87; Hoyle v. Logan, 15 N. C. 495; Selleck v. Starr, 6 Vt. 195. But in other states, such a purchase is valid. Petrow v. Meriwether, 56 Ill. 279; Cresson v. Miller, 2 Watts (Pa.) 272; Hall's Lessee v. Ashby, 3 Ohio, 96, 34 Am. Dec. 424; Stewart v. McSweeney, 14 Wis. 471; Poyas v. Wilkins, 12 Rich. (S. C.) 420; Crane v. Reeder, 21 Mich. 82, 4 Am. Rep. 490.


"By," when descriptively used in a grant, does not mean "in immediate contact with," but "near" to, the object to which it relates; and "near" is a relative term, meaning, when used in land patents, very unequal and different distances. Wells v. Mfg. Co., 48 N. H. 491; Wilson v. Inloes, 6 Gill. (Md.) 121.


By an acquittance for the last payment all other arrearages are discharged. Noy, 40.

BY-BIDDER. One employed by the seller or his agent to bid on property with the purpose to become a purchaser, so that bidding thereon may be stimulated in others who are bidding in good faith. Osborn v. Apperson Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, No. 165, of Louisville, Ky., 281 S. W. 500, 502, 213 Ky. 533, 46 A. L. R. 117; Veazle v. Williams, 8 How. 134, 12 L. Ed. 1018.

BY-BIDDING. See Bid.

BY BILL, BY BILL WITHOUT WRIT. In practice. Terms ancienly used to designate actions commenced by original bill, as distinguished from those commenced by original writ, and applied in modern practice to suits commenced by capias ad respondendum. 1 Arch. Pr. pp. 2, 337; 3 Blin. Comm. 285, 286. See Harkness v. Harkness, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 213. The usual course of commencing an action in the King's Bench was by a bill of Middlesex. In an action commenced by bill it is not necessary to notice the form or nature of the action. 1 Chit. Pl. 283.

BY ESTIMATION. In conveyancing. A term used to indicate that the quantity of land as stated is estimated only, not exactly measured; it has the same meaning and effect as the phrase "more or less." Tarbell v. Bowman, 163 Mass. 341; Mendenhall v. Steckell, 47 Md. 453, 28 Am. Rep. 481; Hays v. Hays, 126 Ind. 92, 25 N. E. 600, 11 L. R. A. 376. It is said that the meaning of these words has never been precisely ascertained by judicial decision. See Sugden, Vend. 231; Noble v. Gogins, 99 Mass. 254.

BY GOD AND MY COUNTRY. In old English criminal practice. The established formula of reply by a prisoner, when arraigned at the bar, to the question, "Culprit, how wilt thou be tried?"

BY-LAW MEN. In English law. The chief men of a town, representing the inhabitants. In an ancient deed, certain parties are described as "yeomen and by-law men." 6 Q. B. 60.

They appear to have been men appointed for some purpose of limited authority by the
other inhabitants, under by-laws of the corporation appointing.

BY-LAWS. Regulations, ordinances, or rules enacted by a private corporation for its own government.

A by-law is a rule or law of a corporation, for its government, and is a legislative act, and the solemnities and sanction required by the charter must be observed. A resolution is not necessarily a by-law though a by-law may be in the form of a resolution. Peck v. Elliott, 79 Fed. 10, 24 C. C. A. 425, 38 L. R. A. 616; Mining Co. v. King, 94 Wis. 439, 69 N. W. 381, 36 L. R. A. 51; Bagley v. Oil Co., 291 Pa. 78, 59 Atl. 768, 56 L. R. A. 194; Dairy Ass'n v. Webb, 40 App. Div. 49, 57 N. Y. Supp. 672. A "by-law" of a private corporation is a permanent rule of action adopted by the stockholders, in accordance with which the corporate affairs are to be conducted. Griffith v. Klamath Water Users' Ass'n, 56 Or. 402, 137 P. 228, 227; Cummings v. State, 47 Okl. 267, 149 P. 894, 895, L. R. A. 1913D, 74.

"That the reasonableness of a by-law of a corporation is a question of law, and not of fact, has always been the established rule; but in the case of State v. Overton, 24 N. J. Law, 435, 61 Am. Dec. 671, a distinction was taken in this respect between a by-law and a regulation, the validity of the former being a judicial question, while the latter was regarded as a matter of police. But although, In one of the opinions read in the case referred to, the view was clearly expressed that the reasonableness of a corporate regulation was properly for the consideration of the jury, and not of the court, yet it was nevertheless stated that the point was not involved in the controversy then to be decided. There is no doubt that the rule thus intimated is in opposition to recent American authorities. Nor have I been able to find in the English books any such distinction as that above stated between a by-law and a regulation of a corporation." Compton v. Van Volkenburgh, 34 N. J. Law, 335.

The word has also been used to designate the local laws or municipal statutes of a city or town. See Kilgour v. Gratto, 112 N. E. 489, 490, 224 Mass. 78. But of late the tendency is to employ the word "ordinance" exclusively for this class of enactments, reserving "by-law" for the rules adopted by private corporations.

In England the term by-law includes any order, rule or regulation made by any local authority or statutory corporation subordinate to Parliament; 1 Odgers, C. L. 91.

BY-PASSING. As used in a contract for the construction of a highway, requiring the bypassing of all gas pipes whose service cannot be temporarily dispensed with, "by-passing" means the temporary cutting out of the gas mains under the street and laying of substitute temporary overhead gas pipes until all danger in using the original pipes is passed. Degnan Contracting Co. v. City of New York, 130 N. Y. S. 63, 64, 202 App. Div. 390.


BY THE BY (also Bye). Incidentally; without new process. A term used in former English practice to denote the method of filing a declaration against a defendant who was already in the custody of the court at the suit of a different plaintiff or of the same plaintiff in another cause. It is no longer allowed; Archbold, New Pr. 293.

BY VIRTUE OF. Because of, through, or in pursuance of. State ex rel. and to Use of Jasper County v. Gass, 317 Mo. 744, 296 S. W. 431, 432. Money received by an officer by virtue of his office is money which that officer received under the law of his office, and not in violation thereof. Hollingsworth v. State, 73 Fla. 44, 75 So. 612, 614.

BYE-BIL-WUFFA. In Hindu law. A deed of mortgage or conditional sale.

BYLAWS. See Burlaws.

BYROAD. The statute law of New Jersey recognizes three different kinds of roads: A public road, a private road, and a byroad. A byroad is a road used by the inhabitants, and recognized by statute, but not laid out. Such roads are often called "driftways." They are roads of necessity in newly-settled countries. Van Blarcom v. Frake, 29 N. J. Law, 516. See, also, Stevens v. Allen, 29 N. J. Law, 68.

An obscure or neighborhood road in its earlier existence, not used to any great extent by the public, yet so far a public road that the public have of right free access to it at all times. Wood v. Hurd, 34 N. J. Law, 89.

BYSTANDER. One who stands near; a chance looker-on; hence one who has no concern with the business being transacted. Baker v. State, 187 S. W. 949, 952, 79 Tex. Cr. 510.

Under statutes relating to summoning of bystanders to complete jury panel, "bystanders" may be held to mean qualified talsmen summoned by sheriff from county at large. Commonwealth v. Sacco, 151 N. E. 539, 547, 235 Mass. 389. The term means qualified electors, not necessarily persons present in court. Bennett v. State, 257 S. W. 372, 373, 161 Ark. 466; Rogers v. State, 201 S. W. 845, 846, 153 Ark. 85.

Under statutes authorizing "bystanders" to certify bill of exceptions, parties to the suit and their attorneys, Walker v. State, 227 S. W. 308, 312, 88 Tex. Cr. R. 389; and also witnesses in the case, McConnell v. McCord, 281 S. W. 384, 170 Ark. 839, as well as persons not present at the trial, are not bystanders, Buck v. St. Louis Union Trust Co., 185 S. W. 208, 211, 237 Mo. 644. Though jurors are not "bystanders" in the ordinary meaning of that term, they can sign a bystanders' bill of exceptions to acts and comments by the court and the argument of attorneys thereon. Alamo Iron Works v. Prado (Tex. Civ. App.) 220 S. W. 282, 281.
C. The third letter of the alphabet. It was used among the Romans to denote condemnation, being the initial letter of condemnare, I condemn. Tayl. Civil Law, 182.


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tent in different provinces. In those parts of the United States which formerly belonged to Spain, it is a lot of one hundred feet front, two hundred feet depth, and equivalent to five peonias. 2 White, New Recop. 49; Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 444, 9 L. Ed. 1137, note; Escríche, Dicc. Raz.

CABALLERO. In Spanish law. A knight. So called on account of its being more honorable to go on horseback (a caballo) than on any other beast.

CABINET. The advisory board or council of a king or other chief executive. In the government of the United States the cabinet is composed of the secretary of state, the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of the interior, the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and labor, the attorney general, and the postmaster general. In Great Britain, the head of the Cabinet and of the Ministry is the Prime Minister, who is selected by the Crown, and the members of the Ministry are the heads of various executive departments of the government. The Prime Minister and his associates, having been selected from the party in power in the House of Commons, may be said to be in control of the House. If they lose their majority in the House, they resign office in a body and a new Ministry is then chosen from the new party in power.

The select or secret council of a prince or executive government; so called from the apartment in which it was originally held. Webster.

CABINET COUNCIL. In English law. A private and confidential assembly of the most considerable ministers of state, to concert measures for the administration of public affairs; first established by Charles I. Wharton.

CABLE. A large and strong rope or chain, such as is attached to a vessel's anchors, or the traction-rope of a street railway operated by the cable system, (Hooper v. Railway Co., S5 Md. 506, 37 Atl. 339, 38 L. R. A. 506,) or used in submarine telegraphy, (see 25 Stat. 41 [47 USCA § 21 et seq.].) The term "cable railroad" in a city charter has been held to imply street railroads. City of Denver v. Mercantile Trust Co. of New York (C. C. A.) 201 F. 790, 802.

CABLE TRANSFER. A credit for a sum of money payable at the place indicated. Oshinsky v. Taylor (Sup.) 172 N. Y. S. 231, 232.

CABLISH. Brush-wood, or more properly windfall-wood.

CABOOSE CAR. A car attached to the rear of a freight train, fitted up for the accommodation of the conductor, brakeman, and chance passengers. Mammoth Cave R. Co. v. Commonwealth, 197 S. W. 406, 407, 176 Ky. 747.

CABOTAGE. A nautical term from the Spanish, denoting strictly navigation from cape to cape along the coast without going out into the open sea. In International Law, cabotage is identified with coaling-trade so that it means navigating and trading along the coast between the ports thereof.

CACHEPOLUS, or CACHERELLAS. An inferior bailiff, or catchpoll. Jacob.

CACHET, LETTRES DE. Letters issued and signed by the kings of France, and countersigned by a secretary of state, authorizing the imprisonment of a person. Abolished during the revolution of 1789.

CACICAZGOS. In Spanish-American law. Property entailed on the caciques, or heads of Indian villages, and their descendants. Sehn, Civil Law, 369.


CADASTU. In French law. An official statement of the quantity and value of realty made for purposes of taxation; same as cadastre, (q. v.).


CADERE. Lat. To end; cease; fall; as in phrases such as cadit actio, (or breve), the action (or writ) fails; cadit assisa, the assise abates; cadit questio, the discussion ends, there is no room for further argument; cadere ab actione (literally, to fall from an action), to fall in an action; cadere in portem, the assise changes into a jury. Calv. Lex.

CADET. In the United States Laws

Students in the military academy at West Point are styled "cadets," students in the naval academy at Annapolis, "cadet midshipmen." Rev. St. §§ 1306, 1512 (10 USCA § 1061; 34 USCA § 1061).

In England

A younger brother; the younger son of a gentleman; particularly applied to a volunteer in the army, waiting for some post. Jacob.

CADI. A Turkish civil magistrate.
CADET. Lat. It falls, abates, falls, ends, ceases. See Cadere.

CADUCA. In the civil law. Property of an inheritable quality; property such as descends to an heir. Also the lapse of a testamentary disposition or legacy. Also an escheat; escheated property.

CADUCARY. Relating to or of the nature of escheat, forfeiture, or confiscation. 2 Bl. Comm. 245.

CÆDUA. In the civil and old common law. Kept for cutting; intended or used to be cut. A term applied to wood.

CÆSAR. In the Roman law. A cognomen in the gens Julia, which was assumed by the successors of Julius. Tayl. Civil Law, 31.

CÆSAREAN (also spelled Cassarian) OPERATION. A surgical operation whereby the fetus, which can neither make its way into the world by the ordinary and natural passage, nor be extracted by the attempts of art, whether the mother and fetus be yet alive, or whether either of them be dead, is by a cautious and well-timed operation, taken from the mother, with a view to save the lives of both, or either of them. This consists in making an incision into the abdomen and uterus of the mother and withdrawing the fetus thereby. If this operation be performed after the mother's death, the husband cannot be tenant by the curtesy; since his right begins from the birth of the issue, and is consummated by the death of the wife; but, if mother and child are saved, then the husband would be entitled after her death. Wharton.

CÆTERUS. Lat. Other; another; the rest.

CÆTERIS PARIBUS. Other things being equal.

CÆTERIS TACENTIBUS. The others being silent; the other judges expressing no opinion. Comb. 186.

CÆTERORUM. When a limited administration has been granted, and all the property cannot be administered under it, administration cæterorum (as to the residue) may be granted.

CAFÉ. The word “café” as ordinarily and popularly used means a restaurant or house for refreshments. Proprietors’ Realty Co. v. Wohltmann, 95 N. J. Law, 303, 112 A. 410. The terms “restaurant” and “café” are substantially synonymous. State v. Shofaf, 179 N. C. 744; 102 S. E. 705, 9 A. L. R. 428.

CAHIER. In old French law. A list of grievances prepared for deputies in the states-general. A petition for the redress of grievances enumerated.

CAIRNS’ ACT. An English statute for enabling the court of chancery to award damages. 21 & 22 Vict. c. 27.

CAISSON DISEASE. A dizziness accompanied with partial paralysis of the limbs, caused by too rapid reduction of air pressure to which men have been accustomed. Williams v. Missouri Bridge & Iron Co., 212 Mich. 150, 150 N. W. 367, 358.

CALABOOSE. A term used vulgarly, and occasionally in judicial proceedings and law reports, to designate a jail or prison, particularly a town or city jail or lock-up. Supposed to be a corruption of the Spanish calabozo, a dungeon. See Gilham v. Wells, 64 Ga. 194.

CALCETUM, CALCEA. A causeway, or common hard-way, maintained and repaired with stones and rubbish.

CALCULATE. To compute mathematically; in its broader significance, to intend, to purpose, or to design. State v. Smith, 57 Mont. 349, 188 P. 644, 648. The word “calculated” as used in a sedition act dealing with language “calculated” to bring the government into contempt may be deemed practically synonymous with intended. State v. Wyman, 56 Mont. 600, 189 P. 1, 5; State v. Kahn, 56 Mont. 168, 182 P. 107, 109. See, also, United States v. Stetson (D. C.) 253 F. 130, 134; Hunter v. State, 81 Tex. Cr. R. 471, 196 S. W. 820, 822. “Calculated” means either likely or intended. Poucan v. Godeau, 167 Cal. 692, 140 P. 952, 953. See, also, Oneida Community v. Oneida Game Trap Co. (Sup.) 150 N. Y. S. 918, 922.

CALE. In old French law. A punishment of sailors, resembling the modern “keelhauling.”

CALEFAGIUM. In old law. A right to take fuel yearly. Cowell; Blount.

CALENDAR. The established order of the division of time into years, months, weeks, and days; or a systematic enumeration of such arrangement; an almanac. Rives v. Guthrie, 46 N. C. 96. Julius Caesar ordained that the Roman year should consist of 365 days, except every fourth year, which should contain 366. This period of time exceeds the solar year by eleven minutes or thereabouts, which amounts to the error of a day in about 131 years. In 1582 the error amounted to eleven days or more, which was corrected by Pope Gregory. Out of this correction grew the distinction between Old and New Style. The Gregorian or New Style was introduced into England in 1752, the 2d of September (O. S.) of that year being reckoned as the 14th of September (N. S.).

—Calendar days. So many days reckoned according to the course of the calendar. For example, a note dated January 1 and payable “thirty calendar days after date,” without
grace, is payable on the 31st of January, though if expressed to be payable simply "thirty days after date," it would be payable February 1.

A calendar day contains 24 hours; and as used in a contract for hiring of a derrick boat for a rental based on calendar days, "calendar days" may be synonymous with "working days," which mean, in maritime affairs, running or calendar days on which the law permits work to be done, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, but not stormy days. Sherwood v. American Sugar Refining Co. (C. C. A.) 8 F. (2d) 556, 558.

—Calendar month. One of the months of the year as enumerated in the calendar,—January, February, March, etc.—without reference to the number of days it may contain; as distinguished from a lunar month, of twenty-eight days, or a month for business purposes, which may contain thirty, at whatever part of the year it occurs. Daley v. Anderson, 7 Wyo. 1, 48 P. 840, 75 Am. St. Rep. 870; Migott v. Colvil, 4 C. P. Div. 233; In re Parker's Estate, 14 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 566.

—Calendar year. The period from January 1 to December 31 next thereafter, inclusive. Byrne v. Bearden, 27 Ga. App. 149, 107 S. E. 782, 783. Ordinarily and in common acception calendar year means 365 days except leap year, and is composed of 12 months varying in length according to the common or Gregorian calendar. Shaffner v. Lipinsky, 194 N. C. 1, 138 S. E. 418, 419; U. S. v. Carroll Chain Co. (D. C.) 8 F. (2d) 529, 530.

Also, a list of prisoners, containing their names, the time when they were committed and by whom, and the cause of their commitments. See Calendar of prisoners, infra.

A list or systematic enumeration of causes or motions arranged for trial or hearing in a court.

—Calendar of causes. In practice. A list of the causes instituted in the particular court, and now ready for trial, drawn up by the clerk shortly before the beginning of the term, exhibiting the titles of the suits, arranged in their order for trial, with the nature of each action, the date of issue, and the names of the counsel engaged; designed for the information and convenience of the court and bar. It is sometimes called the "trial list," or "docket."

—Calendar of prisoners. In English practice. A list kept by the sheriffs containing the names of all the prisoners in their custody, with the several judgments against each in the margin. Staundef. P. C. 182; 4 Bl. Comm. 403.

—Special calendar. A calendar or list of causes, containing those set down specially for hearing, trial, or argument.

CALENDS. Among the Romans the first day of every month, being spoken of by itself, or the very day of the new moon, which usually happen together. And if pridie, the day before, be added to it, then it is the last day of the foregoing month, as pridie calend. Septemb. is the last day of August. If any number be placed with it, it signifies that day in the former month which comes so much before the month named, as the tenth calends of October is the 20th day of September; for if one reckons backwards, beginning at October, that 20th day of September makes the 10th day before October. In March, May, July, and October, the calends begin at the sixteenth day, but in other months at the fourteenth; which calends must ever bear the name of the month following, and be numbered backwards from the first day of the said following months. Jacob. See Rives v. Guthrie, 46 N. C. 87.

CALENDS, GREEK. A metaphorical expression for a time never likely to arrive, inasmuch as the Greeks had no calends.

CALF. As used in an exemption statute, "calf" should be construed to include an animal suckling a cow that is being milked, even though the animal be a yearling, that is, one over a year old. Klggins v. Henne & Meyer Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 199 S. W. 494, 496.

CALL, n.

In English Law
The election of students to the degree of barrister at law, hence the ceremony or epoch of election, and the number of persons elected.

In Conveyancing
A visible natural object or landmark designated in a patent, entry, grant, or other conveyance of lands, as a limit or boundary to the land described, with which the points of surveying must correspond. Also the courses and distances designated. King v. Watkins (C. C.) 98 Fed. 922; Stockton v. Morris, 39 W. Va. 432, 19 S. E. 531. See also, Kentucky Union Co. v. Shepherd, 192 Ky. 447, 234 S. W. 10, 13.

In Corporation Law
A demand made by the directors of a stock company upon the persons who have subscribed for shares, requiring a certain portion or installment of the amount subscribed to be paid in. The word, in this sense, is synonymous with "installment" or "assessment," and is said to be capable of three meanings: (1) The resolution of the directors to levy the assessment; (2) its notification to the persons liable to pay; (3) the time when it becomes payable. Railway Co. v. Mitchell, 4 Exch. 543; Hetch v. Dana, 101 U. S. 265, 25 L. Ed. 885; Railroad Co. v. Spreckles, 65 Cal. 193, 3 P. 661, 802; Stewart v. Pub. Co., 1 Wash. St. 521, 20 P. 665.

Although the terms "call" and "assessment" are often used synonymously, the latter term
CALL


See Assessment.

In the Language of the Stock Exchange

A "call" is an option to claim stock at a fixed price on a certain day. White v. Treat (C. C.) 100 F. 290; Treat v. White, 181 U. S. 264, 21 S. Ct. 611, 45 L. Ed. 553; Lumber Co. v. Whitebread Coal Co., 160 Ill. 85, 43 N. E. 774, 31 L. R. A. 529.

CALL, v. To summon or demand by name; to demand the presence and participation of a number of persons by calling aloud their names, either in a pre-arranged and systematic order or in a succession determined by chance.

—Call of the house. A call of the names of all the members of a legislative body, made by the clerk in pursuance of a resolution requiring the attendance of members. The names of absentees being thus ascertained, they are imperatively summoned (and, if necessary, compelled) to attend the session.

—Calling a summons. In Scotch practice. See this described in Bell, Dict.

—Calling an election. This expression is commonly construed as including, or as being synonymous with, the giving of notice of the election. State v. Hall, 73 Or. 231, 144 P. 475, 478; People v. Gough, 260 Ill. 542, 103 N. E. 655, 656.

—calling the docket. The public calling of the docket or list of causes at the commencement of a term of court, for the purpose of disposing of the same with regard to setting a time for trial or entering orders of continuance, default, nonsuit, etc. Blanchard v. Ferdinand, 132 Mass. 391.

—Calling the jury. Successively drawing out of a box into which they have been previously put the names of the jurors on the panels annexed to the nisi prius record, and calling them over in the order in which they are so drawn. The twelve persons whose names are first called, and who appear, are sworn as the jury, unless some just cause of challenge or excuse, with respect to any of them, shall be brought forward.

—Calling the plaintiff. In practice. A formal method of causing a nonsuit to be entered. When a plaintiff or his counsel, seeing that sufficient evidence has not been given to maintain the issue, withdraws, the trial is ordered to call or demand the plaintiff, and if neither he, nor any person for him appear, he is nonsuited; the jurors are discharged without giving a verdict, the action is at an end, and the defendant recovers his costs. The phrase "let the plaintiff be called," which occurs in some of the earlier state reports, is to be explained by reference to this practice. See 3 Bla. Comm. 376; 2 C. & P. 403; Porter v. Perkins, 5 Mass. 236, 4 Am. Dec. 52; Trask v. Duval, 4 Wash. C. C. 97, Fed. Cas. No. 14,143.

—Calling to testify. Under statutes excluding testimony under certain circumstances unless the witness has been called to testify by the adverse party, the act of calling to testify may occur when the adversary takes the witness' ex parte deposition. Allen v. Pollard, 109 Tex. 596, 212 S. W. 468; or when he files interrogatories to the witness stating that his deposition will be taken in answer thereto. Wyatt v. Chambers (Tex. Civ. App.) 192 S. W. 16, 18.

—Calling to the bar. In English practice. Conferring the dignity or degree of barrister at law upon a member of one of the inns of court. Holthouse. "Calls to the bench and bar are to be made by the most ancient, be a reader, who is present at supper on call night." i Black Books of Lincoln's Inn. 359.

—Calling upon a prisoner. When a prisoner has been found guilty on an indictment, the clerk of the court addresses him and calls upon him to say why judgment should not be passed upon him.

CALLABLE BONDS. Sometimes called redeemable or optional bonds. They are designated term bonds and may be called for payment before their maturity. Falch v. Multnomah County, 119 Or. 127, 248 P. 151, 152.


CALPES. In Scotch law. A gift to the head of a clan, as an acknowledgment for protection and maintenance.

CALUMNIA.

In the Civil Law

Calumny, malice, or ill design; a false accusation; a malicious prosecution. Manning v. Christy, 30 Ohio St. 115, 27 Am. Rep. 431.

In the Old Common Law

A claim, demand, challenge to jurors.

CALUMNIAE JURAMENTUM. In the old canon law. An oath similar to the calumniæ jurandum, (q. v.)
CALUMNIIÆ JUS JURANDUM. The oath of (against) calumny. An oath imposed upon the parties to a suit that they did not sue or defend with the intention of calumniating, (calumniandi animo,) i.e., with a malicious design, but from a firm belief that they had a good cause. Inst. 4, 16. The object was to prevent vexations and unnecessary suits. It was especially used in divorce cases, though of little practical utility; Bish. Marr. & Div. § 323; 2 Bish. Marr. Div. & Sep. § 264. A somewhat similar provision is to be found in the requirement made in some states that the defendant shall file an affidavit of merits.

CALUMNIATOR. In the civil law. One who accused another of a crime without cause; one who brought a false accusation. Cod. 9, 46.

CALUMNY. Defamation; slander; false accusation of a crime or offense. See Calumnia.

CALVO DOCTRINE. The doctrine stated by the Argentine Jurist, Carlos Calvo, that a government is not bound to indemnify aliens for losses or injuries sustained by them in consequence of domestic disturbances or civil war, where the state is not at fault, and that therefore foreign states are not justified in intervening, by force or otherwise, to secure the settlement of claims of their citizens on account of such losses or injuries. Such intervention, Calvo says, is not in accordance with the practice of European States towards one another, and is contrary to the principle of state sovereignty. 3 Calvo §§ 1280, 1287. The Calvo Doctrine is to be distinguished from the Drago Doctrine (q. v.).

See 18 Green Bag 377.

CAMARA. In Spanish law. A treasury. Las Partidas, pt. 6, tit. 3, 1, 2.

The exchequer. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 8, c. 1.

CAMBELLANUS, or CAMBELLARIUS. A chamberlain. Spelman.

CAMBIALE JUS. The law of exchange.

CAMBIATOR. In old English law. An exchanger. Cambiatores monetae, exchangers of money; money-changers.


Cambiopartia. Champerty; from campus, a field, and partus, divided. Spelman.

Cambioparticeps. A champertor.

Cambist. In mercantile law. A person skilled in exchanges; one who trades in promissory notes or bills of exchange; a broker.

Cambium. In the civil law. Change or exchange. A term applied indifferently to the exchange of land, money, or debts. Du Cange. Cambium reale or manuale was the term generally used to denote the technical com-

mon-law exchange of lands; cambium locale, mercantile, or trajectilium, was used to designate the modern mercantile contract of exchange, whereby a man agrees, in consideration of a sum of money paid him in one place, to pay a like sum in another place. Poth. de Change, n. 12; Story, Bills, § 2, et seq.

CAMERA. In old English law. A chamber, room, or apartment; a judge's chamber; a treasury; a chest or coffer. Also, a stipend payable from vassal to lord; an annuity. See in Camera.

CAMERA REGIS. In old English law. A chamber of the king; a place of peculiar privileges especially in a commercial point of view. The city of London was so called. Year Book, p. 7, Hen. VI. 27; Burtull, Law Die.

CAMERA SCACCARI. The old name of the exchequer chamber (q. v.).

CAMERA STELLATA. The star chamber (q. v.).

CAMERALISTICS. The science of finance or public revenue, comprehending the means of raising and disposing of it.


Also a bailiff or receiver.

CAMINO. In Spanish law. A road or highway. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 2, l. 6.

CAMPANA. In old European law. A bell. Spelman.

CAMPANA BAJULA. A small handbell used in the ceremonies of the Romish church; and, among Protestants, by sextons, parish clerks, and criers. Cowell.

CAMPANARIUM, CAMPANILE. A belfry, bell tower, or steeple; a place where bells are hung. Spelman; Townsh. Pl. 181, 213.

CAMPARTUM. A part of a larger field or ground, which would otherwise be in gross or in common. See Champert; Champerty.

CAMPBELL'S (LORD) ACTS. English statutes, for amending the practice in prosecutions for libel, 9 & 10 Vict. c. 33; also 6 & 7 Vict. c. 96, providing for compensation to relatives in the case of a person having been killed through negligence; also 20 & 21 Vict. c. 83, in regard to the sale of obscene books, etc.

CAMPERS. A share; a champertor's share; a champertors division or sharing of land.

CAMPERTUM. A cornfield; a field of grain. Blount; Cowell; Jacob; Whishaw.

CAMPFIGHT. In old English law. The fighting of two champions or combatants in
the field; the judicial combat, or duelum. 8 Inst. 221.

CAMPUS PARTERE. To divide the land. See Champerty.

CAMPUS. (Lat. A field.)

In Old European Law
An assembly of the people; so called from being anciently held in the open air, in some plaza capable of containing a large number of persons.

In Feudal and Old English Law
A field, or plain. The field, ground, or lists marked out for the combatants in the duelum, or trial by battle. Burrill, Law Dict.

CAMPUS MALL. The field of May. An anniversary assembly of the Saxons, held on May-day, when they conferred for the defense of the kingdom against all its enemies.

CAMPUS MARTII. The field of March. See Champ de Mars.

CAN. As a verb, is often interpreted as the equivalent of “may.” The Pantorium v. Mclauchlin, 116 Neb. 61, 215 N. W. 786, 789. See Cannot.

CANADA. A Spanish measure of length varying (in different localities) from about five to seven feet.


CANADIAN JUMPER. A term applied to a nervous person who jumps when another touches him, shouting at the same time, or when anything thrown hits him, or when a loud noise is made. Goupil v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 111 A. 346, 347, 94 Vt. 337.

CANAL. An artificial ditch or trench in the earth, for confining water to a defined channel, to be used for purposes of transportation. See Riehon v. Slesly, 18 Conn. 294; Hubbard v. Dunne, 115 N. E. 210, 215, 276 Ill. 556; Guinan v. Boston, Cape Cod & New York Canal Co. (C. C. A.) 1 F. (2d) 239. This word is unlike the words “river,” “pond,” “lake,” and other words used to designate natural bodies of water, the ordinary meaning of which is confined to the water itself; but it includes also the banks, and has reference rather to the excavation or channel as a receptacle for the water; it is an artificial thing. Navigation Co. v. Berks County, 11 Pa. 202; Kennedy v. Indianapolis, 103 U. S. 604, 26 L. Ed. 550. The words “canal or ditch,” in a statute granting a right of way over public lands for irrigation works, have been held to embrace the entire project, including a reservoir. U. S. v. Big Horn Land & Cattle Co. (C. C. A.) 17 F.(2d) 357, 364.


The term may sometimes be taken as equivalent to “discharge” or “pay,” as in an agreement by one person to cancel the indebtedness of another to a third person. Auburn City Bank v. Leonard, 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 119.

In equity. Courts of equity frequently cancel instruments which have answered the end for which they were created, or instruments which are void or voidable, in order to prevent them from being vaxatiously used against the person apparently bound by them. Snell, Eq. 498.

See Cancellation.

CANCELLARIA. Chancery; the court of chancery. Curia cancellaria is also used in the same sense. See 4 Bl. Comm. 46; Cowell.

Cancellarii Angliae dignitas est, ut secundus a regno habetur. The dignity of the chancellor of England is that he is deemed the second from the sovereign in the kingdom. 4 Inst. 78.

CANCELLARIUS. A chancellor; a scrivener, or notary. A janitor, or one who stood at the door of the court and was accustomed to carry out the commands of the judges. Du Cange.

In early English law, the keeper of the king’s seal. In this sense only, the word chancellor seems to have been used in the English law; 3 Bla. Comm. 46. See 15 Harv. L. Rev. 100; 4 Co. Inst. 78; Dugdale Orig. Jur. fol. 31; and generally Selden; Scoresby; Inderwick, King’s Peace; 3 Steph. Com. 346; 1 Poll. & Maitl. 172; 1 Stubbs, Const. Hist. 381; Campbell, Lives of the Lord Chancellors, vol. 1; Holdsw. Hist. E. L.; Pollock, Expans. of C. L.


The original and proper meaning of the word is the defacement of a writing by drawing lines across it in the form of crossbars or lattice work; but the same legal result may be accomplished by drawing lines through
any essential part, erasing the signature, writing the word "canceled" on the face of the instrument, tearing off seals, or any similar act which puts the instrument in a condition where its invalidity appears on its face. In re Akers' Will, 74 App. Div. 461, 77 N. Y. Supp. 643; Baldwin v. Howell, 45 N. J. Eq. 519, 15 Atl. 236; In re Alger's Will, 38 Misc. 143, 77 N. Y. Supp. 188; Evans’ Appeal, 58 Pa. 244; Glass v. Scott, 14 Colo. App. 377, 60 Pac. 186; In re Olmsted’s Estate, 122 Cal. 224, 54 Pac. 745; Doe v. Perkes, 3 Barn. & Ald. 402. A revenue stamp is canceled by writing on its face the initials of the person using or affixing it. Spear v. Alexander, 42 Ala. 575.

There is also a secondary or derivative meaning of the word, in which it signifies annulment or abrogation by the act or agreement of parties concerned, though without physical defacement. Golden v. Fowler, 26 Ga. 464; Winton v. Spring, 18 Cal. 455; Behr v. Breger, 222 N. Y. S. 729, 731, 150 Misc. 285.

Synonyms

Cancellation is properly distinguished from obliteration in this, that the former is a crossing out, while the latter is a blotting out; the former leaves the words still legible, while the latter renders them illegible. Townshend v. Howard, 86 Me. 285, 29 Atl. 1077. “Spoliation” is the erasure or alteration of a writing by a stranger, and may amount to a cancellation if of such a nature as to invalidate it on its face; but defacement of an instrument is not properly called “spoliation” if performed by one having control of the instrument as its maker or one duly authorized to destroy it. “Revocation” is an act of the mind, of which cancellation may be a physical manifestation; but cancellation does not revoke unless done with that intention. Dan v. Brown, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 490, 15 Am. Dec. 395; In re Woods’ Will (Surr.) 11 N. Y. Supp. 157.


CANCELLI. The rails or lattice work or balusters inclosing the bar of a court of justice or the communion table. Also the lines drawn on the face of a will or other writing, with the intention of revoking or annulling it. See Cancellation.

CANDIDATE. A person who offers himself, or is presented by others, to be elected to an office. Derived from the Latin candidus, (white) because in Rome it was the custom for those who sought office to clothe themselves in white garments.

One who seeks or aspires to some office or privilege, or who offers himself for the same. A man is a candidate for an office when he is seeking such office; it is not necessary that he should have been nominated. Leonard v. Com., 112 Pa. 624, 4 Atl. 224. See State v. Hirsch, 125 Ind. 207, 24 N. E. 1092, 9 L. R. A. 170; In re Deitz, 150 N. Y. S. 43, 47, 87 Misc. 610; Edwards v. Jordan, 183 Cal. 791, 182 P. 856, 858. But with the last-mentioned case, compare Barr v. Cardell, 175 Iowa, 18, 155 N. W. 312, 313. Moreover, under a presidential primary law, a person receiving the approval of the required number of petitioners may be deemed a candidate even contrary to his wishes. McCamant v. Olcott, 80 Or. 246, 156 P. 1034, 1038, L. R. A. 1913E, 706.

CANDLEMAS-DAY. In English law. A festival appointed by the church to be observed on the second day of February in every year, in honor of the purification of the Virgin Mary, being forty days after her miraculous delivery. At this festival, formerly, the Protestants went, and the Papists now go, in procession with lighted candles; they also consecrate candles on this day for the service of the ensuing year. It is the fourth of the four cross-quarter-days of the year. Wharton.

CANDFARA. In old records. A trial by hot iron, formerly used in England. Whishaw.

CANNOT. Denotes that one is not able (to do some act). Southern Pac. Co. v. Frye & Brown, 82 Wash. 9, 148 P. 163, 165. But the term is often equivalent to “shall not.” Bragg v. Hatfield, 124 Me. 391, 130 A. 229, 294.

CANON. A Law, Rule, etc.

A law, rule, or ordinance in general, and of the church in particular. An ecclesiastical law or statute. A rule of doctrine or discipline. The term is generally applied to designate the ordinances of councils and decrees of popes.

—Canon law. A body of ecclesiastical jurisprudence which, in countries where the Roman Catholic church is established, is composed of maxims and rules drawn from patristic sources, ordinances, and decrees of general councils, and the decreets and bulls of the popes. In England, according to Blackstone, there is a kind of national canon law, composed of legatine and provincial constitutions enacted in England prior to the reformation, and adapted to the exigences of the English church and kingdom. 1 Bl. Comm. 82. The canon law consists partly of certain rules taken out of the Scripture, partly of the writings of the ancient fathers of the church, partly of the ordinances of general and provincial councils, and partly of the decrees of the popes in former ages; and it is contained in two principal parts,—the decrees and the decreets. The decrees are ecclesiastical constitutions made by the popes and cardinals. The decreets are canonical epistles written by the pope, or by the pope and cardinals, at the suit of one or more persons, for the ordering and determining of some matter of controversy, and have the authority of a law. As the decrees
set out the origin of the canon law, and the rights, dignities, and decrees of ecclesiastical persons, with their manner of election, ordination, etc., so the decretales contain the law to be used in the ecclesiastical courts. Jacob. The canon law forms no part of the law of England, unless it has been brought into use and acted on there; 11 Q. B. 649. See generally Encycl. Br., sub voce, Canon Law; Maitland, Canon Law; Jenks' Tentative Law; 1 Sel. Essays on Anglo-Am. Leg. Hist. 46; Ayliffe, Par. Jur. Can. Ang.; Preface to Burn, Eccl. Law, Tyrwhitt ed. 22; Hale, Clv. L. 26; Bell's Case of a Putative Marriage, 203; Dict. du Droit Canonique; Stair, Inst. b. 1, t. 1, 7; 1 Poll. & Matl. 90.

—Canon religiosorum. In ecclesiastical records. A book wherein the religious of every greater convent had a fair transcript of the rules of their order, frequently read among them as their local statutes. Kennett, Gloss.; Cowell.

A System or Aggregation of Correlated Rules

A system or aggregation of correlated rules, whether of statutory origin or otherwise, relating to and governing a particular department of legal science or a particular branch of the substantive law.

—Canons of construction. The system of fundamental rules and maxims which are recognized as governing the construction or interpretation of written instruments. They are rules which have been evolved by centuries of experience. In re Clarke, 174 App. Div. 736, 161 N. Y. S. 484, 487.

—Canons of descent. The legal rules by which inheritances are regulated, and according to which estates are transmitted by descent from the ancestor to the heir.

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A Dignitary of the English Church

A dignitary of the English church, being a prebendary or member of a cathedral chapter. All members of chapters except deans are now entitled canons, in England. 2 Steph. Comm. 11th ed. 687, n.; 1 Bla. Comm. 382.

In the Civil, Spanish, and Mexican Law

An annual charge or rent; an emphyteutic rent.

In Old English Records

A prestation, pension, or customary payment.

CANONICAL. Pertaining to, or in conformity to, the canons of the church.

CANONICAL OBEDIENCE. That duty which a clergyman owes to the bishop who ordained him, to the bishop in whose diocese he is beneficed, and also to the metropolitan of such bishop. Wharton.

CANONICUS. In old English law. A canon. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 69, § 2.

CANONIST. One versed and skilled in the canon law; a professor of ecclesiastical law.

CANONRY. In English ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical benefice, attaching to the office of canon. Holtthouse.

CANT. In the civil law. A method of dividing property held in common by two or more joint owners. It may be avoided by the consent of all of those who are interested, in the same manner that any other contract or agreement may be avoided. Hayes v. Cony, 9 Mart. O. S. (L.) 87. See Licitacion.

CANTEL, or CANTLE. A lump, or that which is added above measure; also a piece of anything, as "cantel of bread," or the like. Blount.

CANTERBURY, ARCHBISHOP OF. In English ecclesiastical law. The primate of all England; the chief ecclesiastical dignitary in the church. His customery privilege is to crown the kings and queens of England; while the Archbishop of York has the privilege to crown the queen consort, and be her perpetual chaplain. The Archbishop of Canterbury has also, by 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21, the power of granting dispensations in any case not contrary to the holy scriptures and the law of God, where the pope used formerly to grant them, which is the foundation of his granting special licenses to marry at any place or time; to hold two livings, (which must be confirmed under the great seal,) and the like; and on this also is founded the right he exercises of conferring degrees in prejudice of the two universities. Wharton.

CANTRED. A district comprising a hundred villages; a hundred. A term used in Wales in the same sense as "hundred" is in England. Cowell; Termes de la Ley.

CANUM. In feudal law. A species of duty or tribute payable from tenant to lord, usually consisting of produce of the land.


CANVASSER. Any of certain persons, as officers of a state, county, or district, intrusted with the duty of examining the re-
CAPAX DOLI. Lat. Capable of committing crime, or capable of criminal intent. The phrase describes the condition of one who has sufficient intelligence and comprehension to be held criminally responsible for his deeds.

CAPAX NEGOTII. Competent to transact affairs; having business capacity.

CAPE. In English practice. A judicial writ, now abolished, touching a plea of lands or tenements, divided into cape magnus, or the grand cape, which lay before appearance to summon the tenant to answer the default, and also over to the demandant (the cape ad valentiam was a species of grand cape), and cape parvum, or petit cape, after appearance or view granted, summoning the tenant to answer the default only. Terms de la Ley; 3 Steph. Comm. 606, note; Fleta, l. 6, c. 55, § 40; 2 Wms. Saund. 45 c. d.

Grand Cape

A judicial writ in the old real actions, which issued for the demandant where the tenant, after being duly summoned, neglected to appear on the return of the writ, or to cast an essoin, or, in case of an essoin being cast, neglected to appear on the adjournment day of the essoin; its object being to compel an appearance. Rosc. Real Act. 165, et seq. It was called a "cape," from the word with which it commenced, and a "grand cape" (or cape magnus) to distinguish it from the petit cape, which lay after appearance.

CAPE AD VALENTIAM. A species of cape magnus.

CAPELLA. In Old Records

A box, cabinet, or repository in which were preserved the relics of martyrs. Spelman. A small building in which relics were preserved; an oratory or chapel. Id.

In Old English Law

A chapel. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 12, § 1; Spelman; Cowell.

CAPERS. Vessels of war owned by private persons, and different from ordinary priva-
teers only in size, being smaller. Beawes, Lex Merc. 230.

CAPIAS. Lat. "That you take." The general name for several species of writs, the common characteristic of which is that they require the officer to take the body of the defendant into custody; they are writs of attachment or arrest.

In English Practice

A capias is the process on an indictment when the person charged is not in custody, and in cases not otherwise provided for by statute. 4 Steph. Comm. 333.

In General

—Capias ad audiendum iudicium. A writ issued, in a case of misdemeanor, after the de-
fendant has appeared and is found guilty, to bring him to hear judgment if he is not present when called. 4 Bl. Comm. 386.

—Capias ad computandum. In the action of account render, after judgment of quod computet, if the defendant refuses to appear personally before the auditors and make his account, a writ by this name may issue to compel him. The writ is now disused. See Thesaurus Brevium, 38; Coke, Entries, 46, 47, Rastell, Entries, 14 b. 15.

—Capias ad respondendum. A judicial writ, (usually simply termed a “capias,”) by which actions at law were frequently commenced; and which commands the sheriff to take the defendant, and him safely keep, so that he may have his body before the court on a certain day, to answer the plaintiff in the action. 3 Bl. Comm. 282; 1 Tidd, Pr. 128. The name of this writ is commonly abbreviated to ca. resp.

—Capias ad satisfaciendum. A writ of execution, (usually termed, for brevity, a “ca. saa.”) which a party may issue after having recovered judgment against another in certain actions at law. It commands the sheriff to take the party named, and keep him safely, so that he may have his body before the court on a certain day, to satisfy the party by whom it is issued, the damages or debt and damages recovered by the judgment. Its effect is to deprive the party taken of his liberty until he makes the satisfaction awarded. 3 Bl. Comm. 414, 415; 2 Tidd, Pr. 903, 1025; Litt. § 504; Co. Litt. 289a; Strong v. Linn, 5 N. J. Law, 508. As a rule at common law it lay in all cases where a capias ad respondendum lay as a part of the mesne process. It was a very common form of execution; but its efficiency has been destroyed by statutes facilitating the discharge of the debtor, in some states, and by statutes prohibiting its issue, in others, except in specified cases.

—Capias extendi facias. A writ of execution issueable in England against a debtor to the crown, which commands the sheriff to “take” or arrest the body, and “cause to be extended” the lands and goods of the debtor. Man. Exch. Pr. 5.

—Capias in withernam. A writ, in the nature of a reprise, which lies for one whose goods or cattle, taken under a distress, are removed from the county, so that they cannot be replenished, commanding the sheriff to seize other goods or cattle of the distressor of equal value.

—Capias pro fine. (That you take for the fine or in mercy.) Formerly, if the verdict was for the defendant, the plaintiff was adjudged to be amerced for his false claim; but, if the verdict was for the plaintiff, then in all actions vi et arma, or where the defendant, in his pleading, had falsely denied his own deed, the judgment contained an award of a capiatur pro fine; and in all other cases the defendant was adjudged to be amerced. The insertion of the misericordia or of the capiatur in the judgment is now unnecessary. Wharton; 8 Coke, 60; 11 Coke, 43; Co. Litt. 131; 3 Bl. Comm. 388; 5 Mod. 285.

—Capias utlagatum. (You take the outlaw.) In English practice. A writ which lies against a person who has been outlagued in an action, by which the sheriff is commanded to take him, and keep him in custody until the day of the return, and then present him to the court, there to be dealt with for his contempt. Reg. Orig. 1385; 3 Bl. Comm. 254.

CAPIATUR PRO FINE. (Let him be taken for the fine.) In English practice. A clause inserted at the end of old judgment records in actions of debt, where the defendant denied his debt, and it was found against him upon his false plea, and the jury were troubled with the trial of it. Cro. Jac. 64. See Capias pro Fine.

CAPITA. Heads, and, figuratively, entire bodies, whether of persons or animals. Spelman.

Persons individually considered, without relation to others, (polis;) as distinguished from stirpes or stocks of descent. The term in this sense, making part of the common phrases, in capita, per capita, is derived from the civil law. Inst. 3, 1, 6.

CAPITA, PER. By heads; by the poll; as individuals. In the distribution of an intestate’s personality, the persons legally entitled to take are said to take per capita, that is, equal shares, when they claim, each in his own right, as in equal degree of kindred; in contradistinction to claiming by right of representation, or per stirpes.

CAPITAL, n. In political economy, that portion of the produce of industry existing in a country, which may be made directly available, either for the support of human existence, or the facilitating of production; but, in commerce, and as applied to individuals, it is understood to mean the sum of money which a merchant, banker, or trader adventures in any undertaking, or which he contributes to the common stock of a partnership. Also the fund of a trading company or corporation, in which sense the word “stock” is often added to it. Pearce v. Augusta, 37 Ga. 590; People v. Feitner, 56 App. Div. 290, 67 N. Y. S. 803; Webb v. Armstead (C. C.) 26 Fed. 70.

The actual estate, whether in money or property, owned by an individual or corporation; People v. Com’rs of Taxes, 23 N. Y. 192; it is the fund upon which it transacts its business, which would be liable to its creditors, and in ease of insolvency pass to a receiver; International Life Assur. Soc. of London v. Com’rs of Taxes, 28 Barb. (N. Y.)
The principal sum of a fund of money: money invested at interest.

Also the political and governmental metropolis of a state or country; the seat of government; the place where the legislative department holds its sessions, and where the chief officers of the executive are located.

CAPITAL, adj. Affecting or relating to the head or life of a person; entailing the ultimate penalty. Thus, a capital crime is one punishable with death. Walker v. State, 28 Tex. App. 503, 13 S. W. 800; Ex parte McCrory, 22 Ala. 72; Ex parte Dusenberry, 97 Mo. 504, 11 S. W. 217. Capital punishment is the punishment of death. Ex parte Hendon, 192 P. 820, 18 Okl. Cr. 68, 19 A. L. R. 804; State v. Johnston, 144 P. 944, 945, 83 Wash. 1. A capital case or offense is one in or for which the death penalty may, but need not necessarily, be inflicted. State v. Giber-

Also principal: leading; chief; as "capital burgess." 10 Mod. 100.

CAPITAL STOCK. The common stock or fund of a corporation. The sum of money raised by the subscriptions of the stockholders, and divided into shares. It is said to be the sum upon which calls may be made upon the stockholders, and dividends are to be paid. Christensen v. Eno, 106 N. Y. 97, 12 N. E. 418, 60 Am. Rep. 429; People v. Com'r's, 23 N. Y. 219; State v. Jones, 51 Ohio St. 492, 37 N. E. 945; Burrell v. Railroad Co., 73 N. Y. 216; Dominguez Land Corporation v. Daugherty, 238 P. 703, 706, 196 Cal. 468; People ex rel. Standard Oil Co. of New York v. Saxe, 106 N. Y. 887, 888, 179 App. Div. 721; Union Pac. Life Ins. Co. v. Ferguson, 129 P. 528, 530, 64 Or. 395, 35 L. R. A. (N. S.) 558; Malley v. Old Colony Trust Co. (C. C. A.) 290 F. 523, 525; Blevins v. Hull, 145 P. 694, 605, 56 Colo. 635. See Capital Stock.

When used with respect to the property of a corporation or association, the term has a settled meaning. It applies only to the property or means contributed by the stockholders as the fund or basis for the business or enterprise for which the corporation or association was formed. As to them the term does not embrace temporary loans, though the moneys borrowed be directly appropriated in their business or undertakings. And, when used with respect to the property of individuals in any particular business, the term has substantially the same import; it does not embrace temporary loans made in the regular course of business. Bailey v. Clark, 21 Wall. 236, 21 L. Ed. 651. But see Bridgewater Mfg. Co. v. Funkhouse, 115 Va. 478, 79 S. E. 1074, 1075.


Both in popular and legal parlance income is distinguished from "capital" or principal. Capital is the source of income. Income is the fruit of capital. Carter v. Rector, 88 Okl. 239, 210 P. 1055, 1057.
CAPITALE

CAPITALE. A thing which is stolen, or the value of it. Blount.

CAPITALE VIVENS. Live cattle. Blount.

CAPITALIS. In old English law. Chief; principal; at the head. A term applied to persons, places, judicial proceedings, and some kinds of property.

CAPITALIS BARO. In old English law. Chief baron. Capitale baro seccorut domini regis, chief baron of the exchequer. Townsh., Pl. 211.

CAPITALIS CUSTOS. Chief warden or magistrate; mayor. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 64, § 2.

CAPITALIS DEBITOR. The chief or principal debtor, as distinguished from a surety; (plegius.)

CAPITALIS DOMINUS. Chief lord. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 12, § 4; id. c. 28, § 5.

CAPITALIS JUSTICIARIUS. The chief judicial; the principal minister of state, and guardian of the realm in the king's absence. This office originated under William the Conqueror; but its power was greatly diminished by Magna Charta, and finally distributed among several courts by Edward I. Spelman; 3 Bl. Comm. 38.

CAPITALIS JUSTICIARIUS AD PLACITA CORAM REGE TENENDA. Chief justice for holding pleas before the king. The title of the chief justice of the king's bench, first assumed in the latter part of the reign of Henry III. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 41, 255.

CAPITALIS JUSTICIARIUS BANCH. Chief justice of the bench. The title of the chief justice of the (now) court of common pleas, first mentioned in the first year of Edward I. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 48.


CAPITALIS PLEGIUS. A chief pledge; a head borough. Townsh., Pl. 35.

CAPITALIS REDITUS. A chief rent.

CAPITALIS TERRA. A head-land. A piece of land lying at the head of other land.

CAPITALIST. One exclusively dependent on accumulated property, whether denoting a person of large wealth or one having an income from investments. Elliott v. Frankfort Marine, Accident & Plate Glass Ins. Co. of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, 172 Cal. 261, 156 P. 481, 483, L. R. A. 1916F, 1026. The word has no legal meaning. In re Green's Estate, 178 N. Y. S. 353, 361, 109 Misc. 112.


CAPITANEUS. A tenant in capite. He who held his land or title directly from the king himself. A captain; a naval commander. This latter use began A. D. 1261. Spelman, Gloss. Capitaneus, Admirality.

A commander or ruler over others, either in civil, military, or ecclesiastical matters.

CAPITARE. In old law and surveys. To head, front, or abut; to touch at the head, or end.

CAPITATIM. Lat. By the head; by the poll; severally to each individual.

CAPITATION TAX. A poll tax. An imposition levied upon the person simply, without any reference to his property, real or personal, or to any business in which he may be engaged, or to any employment which he may follow. Gardner v. Hall, 61 N. C. 22; Leedy v. Bourbon, 12 Ind. App. 486, 40 N. E. 640; Head-Money Cases (C. C.) 18 Fed. 139; Hattiesburg Grocery Co. v. Robertson, 126 Miss. 34, 88 So. 4, 5, 25 A. L. R. 748. A tax or imposition raised on each person in consideration of his labor, industry, office, rank, etc. It is a very ancient kind of tribute, and answers to what the Latins called "tributum," by which taxes on persons are distinguished from taxes on merchandise, called "excita" or "excita." Wharton.

CAPITE. Lat. By the head. Tenure in capite was an ancient feudal tenure, whereby a man held lands of the king immediately. It was of two sorts,—the one, principal and general, or of the kind as the source of all tenure; the other, special and subalterm, or of a particular subject. It is now abolished. Jacob. As to distribution per capita, see Capita, per.

CAPITE MINUTUS. In the civil law. One who had suffered capitis diminutio, one who lost status or legal attributes. See Dig. 4, 5.

CAPITIS DIMINUTIO. In Roman law. A diminishing or abridgment of personality. This was a loss or curtailment of a man's status or aggregate of legal attributes and qualifications, following upon certain changes in his civil condition. It was of three kinds, enumerated as follows:

—Capitis dimissio maxima. The highest or most comprehensive loss of status. This co-
curred when a man's condition was changed from one of freedom to one of bondage, when he became a slave. It swept away with it all rights of citizenship and all family rights.

—Capitis diminutio media. A lesser or medium loss of status. This occurred where a man lost his rights of citizenship, but without losing his liberty. It carried away also the family rights.

—Capitis diminutio minima. The lowest or least comprehensive degree of loss of status. This occurred where a man's family relations alone were changed. It happened upon the arrogation of a person who had been his own master, (sui juris) or upon the emancipation of one who had been under the patria potestas. It left the rights of liberty and citizenship unaltered. See Inst. 1, 16, pr.; 1, 2, 3; Dig. 4, 5, 11; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 144.

CAPITITIUM. A covering for the head, mentioned in St. 1 Hen. IV, and other old statutes, which prescribe what dresses should be worn by all degrees of persons. Jacob.

CAPITULA. Collections of laws and ordinances drawn up under heads of divisions. Speelman.

The term is used in the civil and old English law, and applies to the ecclesiastical law also, meaning chapters or assemblies of ecclesiastical persons. Du Cange.

The Royal and Imperial Capitula were the edicts of the Frankish Kings and Emperors.

CAPITULA CORONÆ. Chapters of the crown. Chapters or heads of inquiry, resembling the capitula itineris (infra) but of a more minute character.

CAPITULA DE JUDÆIS. A register of mortgages made to the Jews. 2 Bl. Comm. 343; Crabb, Eng. Law, 130, et seq.

CAPITULA ITINERIS. Articles of inquiry which were anciently delivered to the justices in eyere when they set out on their circuits. These schedules were designed to include all possible varieties of crime. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, p. 4, c. 8.

CAPITULA RURALIA. Assemblies or chapters, held by rural deans and parochial clergy, within the precinct of every deanery; which at first were every three weeks, afterwards once a month, and subsequently once a quarter. Cowell.

CAPITULARY.

In French Law

A collection and code of the laws and ordinances promulgated by the kings of the Merovingian and Carlovingian dynasties.

Any orderly and systematic collection or code of laws.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A collection of laws and ordinances orderly arranged by divisions. A book containing the beginning and end of each Gospel which is to be read every day in the ceremony of saying mass. Du Cange.

CAPITULATION.

In Military Law

The surrender of a fortified town, or army in the field to a besieging or opposing army; the treaty or agreement between the commanding officers which embodies the terms and conditions on which the surrender is made.

In International Law

Capitulations is the name used for treaty engagements between the Turkish government and the principal states of Europe by which subjects of the latter, residents in the territory of the former, were exempt from the laws of the places where they dwelt. 1 Kinglake, Invasion of Crimèna 116.

"The 'usages of the Franks' begin in what are known in international law as 'the capitulations,' granting rights of extraterritoriality to Christians residing or traveling in Mohammedan countries. * * * By these capitulations a usage was established that Franks [a generic name for all participants in such privileges], being in Turkey, whether domiciled or temporarily, should be under the jurisdiction, civil and criminal, of their respective ministers and consuls." Dalmause v. United States, 15 Ct. Cl. 64.

In the Civil Law

An agreement by which the prince and the people, or those who have the right of the people, regulate the manner in which the government is to be administered. Wolffius, § 859.

CAPITULI AGRI. Head-fields; lands lying at the head or upper end of furrows, etc.


Capitulum est clericorum congregatio sub uno decano in ecclesia cathedrall. A chapter is a congregation of clergy under one dean in a cathedral church. Co. Litt. 98.

CAPPA. In old records. A cap. Cappa honoris, the cap of honor. One of the solemnities or ceremonies of creating an earl or marquis.

CAPTAIN. A head-man; commander; commanding officer. The captain of a war- vessel is the officer first in command. In the United States navy, the rank of "captain" is intermediate between that of "commander" and " commodore." The governor or controlling officer of a vessel in the merchant service is usually styled "captain" by the inferior officers and seamen, but in maritime business and admiralty law is perhaps more commonly designated as "master." In foreign jurisprudence his title is often that of "patron."
In the United States army (and the militia) the captain is the commander of a company of soldiers, one of the divisions of a regiment. The term is also used to designate the commander of a squad of municipal police.

The "captain of the watch" on a vessel is a kind of foreman or overseer, who, under the supervision of the mate, has charge of one of the two watches into which the crew is divided for the convenience of work. He calls them out and in, and directs them where to store freight, which packages to move, when to go or come ashore, and generally directs their work, and is an "officer" of the vessel within the meaning of statutes regulating the conduct of officers to the seamen. U. S. v. Trice (D. C.) 30 Fed. 491.

CAPTAIN. In French law. The act of one who succeeds in controlling the will of another, so as to become master of it; used in an invidious sense. Zerega v. Percival, 35 So. 476, 46 La. Ann. 590; Succession of Schlumbrecht, 138 La. 173, 70 So. 76, 79.

It was formerly applied to the first stage of the hypnotic or mesmeric trance.

CAPTATOR. A person who obtains a gift or legacy through artifice. See Captation.

CAPTIO. In old English law and practice. A taking or seizure; arrest; receiving; holding of court.

CAPTION.

In Practice

That part of a legal instrument, as a commission, indictment, etc., which shows where, when, and by what authority it is taken, found, or executed. State v. Sutton, 5 N. C. 281; U. S. v. Beebe, 2 Dak. 292, 11 N. W. 505; State v. Jones, 9 N. J. Law. 365, 17 Am. Dec. 483.

When used with reference to an indictment, caption signifies the style or preamble or commencement of the indictment; when used with reference to a commission, it signifies the certificate to which the commissioners' names are subscribed, declaring when and where it was executed. Brown. The caption is not a part of the indictment, but is the formal history of its finding, and is to be distinguished from the introductory portion. Harrington v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 267 F. 97, 100. The caption of an indictment is that entry of record showing when and where court is held, who presided as judge, complete venue and indorsements, and who were summoned and sworn as grand jurors. Williams v. State, 20 Ala. App. 26, 100 So. 573, 574.

The caption of a pleading, deposition, or other paper connected with a case in court, is the heading or introductory clause which shows the names of the parties, name of the court, number of the case on the docket or calendar, etc. Quoted with approval in St. Louis Lightning Rod Co. v. Johnson; 18 Ga. App. 190, 68 S. E. 169, 170. The terms "title" and "caption" are synonymous. Id. The caption of depositions should state the title of the cause, the names of the parties, and at whose instance the depositions are taken; Knight v. Nichols, 34 Me. 208. See Waskern v. Diamond, 1 Hemp. 701, Fed. Cas. No. 17,248. Generally, the title or caption is not part of the pleading, unless expressly made so by reference in the body thereof. Jackson v. Ashton, 8 Pet. 148, 8 L. Ed. 598. For some decisions as to the forms and requisites of captions, see State v. Sutton, 5 N. C. 281; State v. Creight, 1 Brev. (S. C.) 109, 2 Am. Dec. 659; Mitchell v. State, 8 Varg. (Tenn.) 514; State v. Brickell, 8 N. C. 354; Kirk v. State, 6 Mo. 439; Duncan v. People, 1 Scam. (11L) 456; Beauchamp v. State, 6 Blackf. (Ind.) 299; Thomas v. State, 5 How. (Miss.) 20.

Also signifies a taking, seizure, or arrest of a person. 2 Salk. 488. The word in this sense is now obsolete in English law.

In Scotch Law

Caption is an order to incarcerate a debtor who has disobeyed an order, given to him by what are called "letters of horning," to pay a debt or to perform some act enjoined thereby. Bell.

CAPTIVES. Prisoners of war. As in the goods of an enemy, so also in his person, a sort of qualified property may be acquired, by taking him a prisoner of war, at least till his ransom be paid. 2 Bl. Comm. 402.

CAPTOR. In international law. One who takes or seizes property in time of war; one who takes the property of an enemy. In a stricter sense, one who takes a prize at sea. 2 Bl. Comm. 401; 1 Kent, Comm. 86, 96, 105. Consult Oakes v. U. S., 18 S. Ct. 864, 174 U. S. 778, 42 L. Ed. 1108. The term also designates a belligerent who has captured the person of an enemy.

CAPTURE. In international law. The taking or wresting of property from one of two belligerents by the other. It occurs either on land or at sea. In the former case, the property captured is called "booty." In the latter case, "prize." Also a taking of property by a belligerent from an offending neutral.


In some cases, this is a mode of acquiring property. Thus every one may, as a general rule, on his own land, or on the sea, capture any wild animal, and acquire a qualified ownership in it by confining it, or absolute ownership by killing it. 2 Steph. Comm. 79.

CAPUT. A head; the head of a person; the whole person; the life of a person; one's personality; status; civil condition.
At Common Law

A head.

Caput comitatis, the head of the county; the sheriff; the king. Spelman.


In the Civil Law

It signified a person’s civil condition or status, and among the Romans consisted of three component parts or elements.—libertas, liberty; civitas, citizenship; and familia, family.

—Capitis aestimation. In Saxon law. The estimation or value of the head, that is, the price or value of a man’s life.

—Caput annil. The first day (or beginning) of the year.

—Caput baronia. The castle or chief seat of a baron.

—Caput jejuni. The beginning of the Lent fast, i.e., Ash Wednesday.

—Caput loci. The head or upper part of a place.

—Caput lupinum. In old English law. A wolf’s head. An outlawed felon was said to be caput lupinum, and might be knocked on the head like a wolf. 4 Bla. Comm. 320, 284.

—Caput mortuum. A dead head; dead; obsolete.

—Caput portus. In old English law. The head of a port. The town to which a port belongs, and which gives the denomination to the port, and is the head of it. Hale de Jure Mar. pt. 2, (de portibus maris,) c. 2.

—Caput, priscipium, et finis. The head, beginning, and end. A term applied in English law to the king, as head of parliament. 4 Inst. 3; 1 Bl. Comm. 188.

CAPUTAGIUM. In old English law. Head or poll money, or the payment of it. Cowell; Blount; Spelman, Gloss.

CAPUTIUM. In old English law. A head of land; a headland. Cowell.

CAR. A vehicle adapted to running upon the rails of a railroad. State v. Tardiff, 111 Me. 552, 90 A. 424, 425, L. R. A. 1915A, 817. The term may include a hand car; State v. Tardiff, supra; Boyd v. Missouri Pac. Ry. Co., 249 Mo. 119, 155 S. W. 13, 17, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 37; a locomotive engine; U. S. v. Philadelphia & R. Ry. Co. (D. C.) 223 F. 215, 216; and also a tender and the locomotive to which it is attached; Pennell v. Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., 231 U. S. 675, 34 S. Ct. 220, 58 L. Ed. 430; Davis v. Manry, 39 Ga. App. 213, 117 S. E. 253, 254. But a push car without means of propulsion or brakes, used for street railroad track repairs to push about to carry their tools and materials, was not a "car" within a Missouri statute requiring each car to be brought to a full stop before reaching railroad tracks. Cuccio v. Terminal R. Ass’n, 199 Mo. App. 365, 202 S. W. 493, 494.

The term is also used popularly to denote an automobile.


—General service cars. Cars serviceable as flat or gondola cars and also as dump cars. National Dump Car Co. v. Pullman Co. (C. C. A.) 228 F. 122, 124.

CAR TRUST CERTIFICATES, OR SECURITIES. A name used commercially to indicate a class of investment securities based upon the conditional sale or hire of railroad cars or locomotives to railroad companies with a reservation of title or lien in the vendor or bailor until the property is paid for. See Fidelity Trust Co. v. Lederer (D. C.) 276 F. 51; Commonwealth v. Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., 287 Pa. 190, 134 A. 455.

CARABUS. In old English law. A kind of raft or boat. Spelman.

CARAT. A measure of weight for diamonds and other precious stones, equivalent to three and one-sixth grains Troy, though divided by jewelers into four parts called "diamond grains." Also a standard of fineness of gold, twenty-four carats being conventionally taken as expressing absolute purity, and the proportion of gold to alloy in a mixture being represented as so many carats.

CARBON COPY. A copy, as of a letter, produced by placing a sheet of carbon paper between two sheets of letter paper, so that the same impression produces both the letter and the carbon copy. Engles v. Blocker, 127 Ark. 385, 192 S. W. 193, 195. See, also, Copy.

CARBONIC ACID. See Choke damp.

CARCAN. In French law. An instrument of punishment, somewhat resembling a pillory. It sometimes signifies the punishment itself. Biret, Vocab.

CARCANUM. A gaol; a prison.

CARCARE. In old English law. To load; to load a vessel; to freight.

CARCATUS. Loaded; freighted, as a ship.

CARCEL-AGE. Gaol-dues; prison-fees.

CARCER. A prison or gaol. Strictly, a place of detention and safe-keeping, and not of punishment. Co. Litt. 620.

Carcere ad homines custodiendos, non ad puniendos, dari debet. A prison should be used for keeping persons, not for punishing them. Co. Litt. 200a. See Dig. 45. 19. 8. 9.
Career non supplie caus æd custodie constitutus. A prison is ordained not for the sake of punishment, but of detention and guarding. Loft, 119.

CARDINAL. In ecclesiastical law. A dignitary of the court of Rome, next in rank to the pope. There are cardinal bishops, cardinal priests, and cardinal deacons. See Fleury, Hist. Eccles. liv. xxxv. n. 17, ii. n. 19; Thomassin, part. ii. liv. i. c. 58, part. iv. liv. i. cc. 79, 80; Loiseau, Traité des Ordres, c. 3, n. 31; André Droit Canon.

CARDS. In criminal law. Small papers or pastebounds of an oblong or rectangular shape, on which are printed figures or points, used in playing certain games. See Estes v. State, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 486; Commonwealth v. Arnold, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 251; State v. Her- ryyford, 19 Mo. 377; State v. Lewis, 12 Wis. 434.

CARE. Attention, oversight, management. Scaman v. State, 106 Ohio St. 177, 140 N. E. 108, 111. See Ryan v. Sawyer, 185 Ala. 69, 70 So. 652; Stafford v. Stovall, 190 Okl. 224, 225 P. 238, 239.

As a legal term, this word means diligence, prudence, discretion, attentiveness, watchfulness, vigilance. It is the opposite of negligence or carelessness. See Raymond v. Portland R. Co., 100 Me. 529, 22 A. 602, 605, 3 L. R. A. (N. S.) 94.

There are three degrees of care which are frequently recognized, corresponding (inversely) to the three degrees of negligence, viz.: slight care, ordinary care, and great care.

Slight care is such as persons of ordinary prudence usually exercise about their own affairs of slight importance. Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 5269 (Comp. Laws 1913, § 7261); Rev. St. Okl. 1903, § 2733 (St. 1831, § 84). Or it is the degree of care which a person exercises about his own concerns, though he may be a person of less than common prudence or of careless and inattentive disposition. Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 442, 57 Am. Dec. 544; Bank v. Gullmarin, 23 Ga. 503, 21 S. E. 55, 44 Am. St. Rep. 182.

"The exact boundaries between the several degrees of care, and their correlative degrees of carelessness, or negligence, are not always clearly defined or easily pointed out. We think, however, that by 'ordinary care' is meant 'that degree of care which may reasonably be expected from a person in the party's situation,' that is, 'in that capacity'; and that 'great negligence' imports not a malicious intention or design to produce a particular injury, but a thoughtless disregard of consequences; the absence, rather than the actual exercise, of volition with reference to resulta.\" Neal v. Gillett (1865), 25 Conn. 448.


Reasonable care is such a degree of care, precaution, or diligence as may fairly and properly be expected of a person having regard to the nature of the action, or of the subject-matter, and the circumstances surrounding the transaction. "Reasonable care and skill" is a relative phrase and, in its application as a rule or measure of duty, will vary in its requirements, according to the circumstances under which the care and skill are to be exerted. See Johnson v. Hudson River R. Co., 6 Duer (N. Y.) 466; Cunningham v. Hall, 4 Allen (Mass.) 278; DEXTER v. McCreary, 54 Conn. 171, 5 Atl. 859; Appel v. Ratson & Price Co., 37 Mo. App. 428, 71 S. W. 741; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Noble, 111 Ill. 578, 22 N. E. 684. "Reasonable care" means, not extraordinary care, but such care as an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under the conditions existing at the time he is called upon to act. Pena v. Jugovic, 53 N. J. 1101, 1101, 85 N. J. Law, 256; Midland Valley R. Co. v. Bell (C. C. A.) 243 F. 93, 93; Spindler v. American Indus. Co., 152 Pa. 257, 257, 257 S. W. 690, 691; Burroughs v. Postal Telegraph Cable Co., 194 Mich. 672, 155 N. W. 707, 710; Levereng v. Carmichael, 264 N. W. 221, 221, 164 Minn. 70; Substantially synonymous with ordinary or due care. Kneer v. Griesby, 24 Ohio App. 467, 158 N. E. 246, 246; Reed v. L. Hammel Dry Goods Co., 215 Ala. 494, 111 So. 237, 239; Union Traction Co. of Indiana v. Berry, 183 Ind. 514, 121 N. E. 655, 656, 32 A. L. R. 1171; Monk v. Bangor Power Co., 112 Me. 482, 32 A. 617; Wiley v. Rutland R. Co., 86 Vt. 604, 86 A. 861.

Great care is such as persons of ordinary prudence usually exercise about the matters of their own which are of great importance; or it is that degree of care usually bestowed upon the matter in hand by the most competent, prudent, and careful persons having to do with the particular subject. Railway Co. v. Reilly, 5 Kan. 480; Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 442, 57 Am. Dec. 544; Railway Co. v. Smith, 87 Tex. 494, 25 S. W. 526; Telegraph Co. v. Cook, 61 F. 628, 9 C. C. A. 690.

A high degree of care is not the legal equivalent of reasonable care. Gallatty v. Central R. of New Jersey, 85 N. J. Law, 418, 22 A. 279, 279. The "high degree of care," which it is the duty of a carrier to exercise towards his passenger, is a degree of care which is a very cautious, careful, and

The words "highest degree of care" and "utmost degree of care" have substantially the same meaning. Brown v. Union Traction Co., 76 W. Va. 998, 88 S. E. 763, 756. The term "highest degree of care" is a relative term, and its use, in an instruction, with respect to the degree of care required to be exercised in the operation of a car by a carrier of passengers was not erroneous, where it was not followed by the words "known to human skill and foresight," as it did not require a superlative degree of care, or that extraordinary skill that is possible without regard to the nature of the duties to be performed, but only required the care and skill extant of persons engaged in the same or similar business as such carrier. Birmingham Ry., Light & Power Co. v. Cockrell, 10 Ala. App. 576, 579. It means the highest degree required by law in any case where human safety is at stake, and the highest degree known to the usage and practice of very careful, skilful, and diligent persons engaged in the same business by similar means or agencies, but does not mean that every possible or conceivable act of care or precaution which might increase or even assure the safety of a passenger must be taken, only such as are reasonably practicable under the circumstances, viz., reasonably consistent with the practical operation of the carrier's business, being required. Birmingham Ry., Light & Power Co. v. Barrett, 179 Ala. 274, 90 So. 285, 294. The phrase "highest degree of care," in a charge defining the duty of a carrier to a passenger in the running of a car, is proper; that being only the reasonable care demanded by circumstances. Donahoe v. Boston Elevated Ry. Co., 214 Mass. 73, 100 N. E. 1033, 1034.

This division into three degrees of care, however, does not command universal assent. In Raymond v. Portland R. Co., 62 A. 692, 695, 100 Me. 539, 3 L. R. A. (N. S.) 94, the court say: "We are inclined to agree with the great weight of judicial opinion that the attempt to divide negligence, or its opposite, degrees of care, into degrees, will often lead to confusion and uncertainty." And in a later case, the same court describes the distinction in degrees of care, such as "slight," "ordinary," or "great," as unsound and impracticable, as the law furnishes no definition of these terms which can be applied in practice. Pomeroy v. Bangor & Aroostook R. Co., 102 Me. 457, 67 A. 503, 504.

CARELESS. Synonymous with "negligent," the latter being probably the better word in pleadings. Delmore v. Kansas City Hardwood Flooring Co., 90 Kan. 29, 133 P. 151, 47 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1229.


CARENA. A term used in the old ecclesiastical law to denote a period of forty days.

CARENCE. In French law. Lack of assets; insolvency. A proces-verbal de carence is a document setting out that the huissier attended to issue execution upon a judgment, but found nothing upon which to levy. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 547.

CARERA (spelled, also, Carreta and Carecet). A cart; a cart-load.

CARETORIUS, or CARECTARIUS. A carter. Blount.


CARGAISON. In French commercial law. Cargo; lading.

CARGARE. In old English law. To charge. Spelman.

CARGO. In mercantile law. The load or lading of a vessel; the goods, merchandise, or whatever is conveyed in a ship or other merchant vessel. Seams v. Loring, 21 Fed. Cas. 292; Wolcott v. Insurance Co., 4 Pick. (Mass.) 429; Macy v. Insurance Co., 9 Metc. (Mass.) 366; Thwing v. Insurance Co., 103 Mass. 401, 4 Am. Rep. 507.

The loading of a ship or other vessel, the bulk of which is to be ascertained from the capacity of the ship or vessel. The word embraces all that the vessel is capable of carrying. Planagan v. Demarest, 3 Rob. (N. J.) 173. While "cargo" is primarily the load of the ship, it may have a varying meaning. Pennsylvania Sugar Co. v. Cearnah-Rionda Co. (C. C. A.) 246 F. 912, 913.

The term may be applied in such a sense as to include passengers, as well as freight, but in a technical sense it designates goods only. Wolcott v. Eagle Ins. Co., 4 Pick. (Mass.) 429. Thus, we say, A cargo of emigrants. See 7 M. & G. 729, 744; Davison v. Von Lingen, 113 U. S. 49, 5 Sup. Ct. 346, 28 L. Ed. 385.

CARIAGIUM. In old English law. Carriage; the carrying of goods or other things for the king.

CARISTIA. Dearth, scarcity, dearness. Cowell.

CARK. In old English law. A quantity of wool, whereof thirty make a surplor. (The latter is equal to 2,240 pounds in weight.) St. 27 Hen. VI. c. 2. Jacob.

CARISLE TABLES. Life and annuity tables, compiled at Carlisle, England, about 1780. Used by actuaries, etc.


CARMEN. In the Roman law. Literally, a verse or song. A formula or form of words used on various occasions, as of divorce. Tyl. Civil Law, 349.
CARNAL. Of the body; relating to the body; fleshly; sexual.


CARNAL KNOWLEDGE. The act of a man in having sexual bodily connection with a woman; sexual intercourse. Noble v. State, 22 Ohio St. 541; Com. v. Squires, 97 Mass. 61; State v. Normandale, 154 La. 523, 97 So. 736, 600; People v. Allison, 25 Cal. App. 746, 115 P. 590; Patton v. State, 105 Tex. Cr. R. 128, 257 S. W. 51, 52. There is "carnal knowledge" if there is the slightest penetration of the sexual organ of the female by the sexual organ of the male. It is not necessary that the vagina be entered or that the hymen be ruptured; the entering of the vulva or labia is sufficient. State v. Huggins, 84 N. J. Law, 254, 87 A. 630, 633.


CARNALLY KNEW. In pleading. A technical phrase in an indictment to charge the defendant with the crime of rape. Some authorities suggest that the words "carnally knew" are included in the term "rapine" and are therefore unnecessary; 2 Hawk. P. C. c. 25, § 56; 2 Stark. Cr. Pl. 431, n. (d); at least in states in which the statutes do not designate the crime by the words "did ravish and carnally know"; 1 Hale, P. C. 628, 632; 3 Russell, Cr. (6th ed.) 230. See Noble v. State, 22 Ohio St. 545; Dawkins v. State, 58 Ala. 378, 29 Am. Rep. 754.

CARNO. In old English law. An immunity or privilege. Cowell.

CARROOME. In English law. A license by the lord mayor of London to keep a cart.

CARPEMEALS. Cloth made in the northern parts of England, of a coarse kind, mentioned in 7 Jac. I. c. 16. Jacob.

CARRERA. In Spanish law. A carriage-way; the right of a carriage-way. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 31, l. 8.

CARRIAGE. A vehicle used especially for the transportation of persons either for pleasure or business, and drawn by horses or other draught animals over the ordinary streets and highways of the country; not including cars used exclusively upon railroads or street railroads expressly constructed for the use of such cars. Snyder v. North Lawrence, 8 Kan. 84; Conway v. Jefferson, 46 N. H. 526; Turnpike Co. v. Marshall, 11 Conn. 190; Cream City R. Co. v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 63 Wis. 93, 23 N. W. 425, 53 Am. Rep. 267; Isaacs v. Railroad Co., 47 N. Y. 122, 7 Am. Rep. 418. The term as used in statutes exempting a debtor's property from attachment or execution is commonly held to include an automobile. Patten v. Sturgeon (C. C. A.) 214 F. 65, 67; Peevhouse v. Smith (Tex. Civ. App.) 152 S. W. 1196, 1197; Hammond v. Pickett ( Tex. Civ. App.) 158 S. W. 174, 175. And the same may be said of motor vehicles under various other circumstances. Doer v. Chicago Coach & Carriage Co., 194 Ill. App. 314: Ansell v. City of Boston, 254 Mass. 298, 150 N. E. 167, 168; State v. Jarvis, 89 Vt. 239, 95 A. 541, 543.

The act of carrying, or a contract for transportation of persons or goods.

The contract of carriage is a contract for the conveyance of property, persons, or messages, from one place to another. Civ. Code Cal. § 2085; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 6185; Comp. Laws S. D. 1929, § 1108.

As to "carriage by land or water" within the Illinois Workmen's Compensation Act, see Stevens v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 206 Ill. 376, 377, 137 N. E. 889, 891; Bishop v. Bowman Dairy Co., 258 Ill. App. 312, 315; Mattoon Clear Water Co. v. Industrial Commission, 234 Ill. 467, 126 N. E. 188, 189; Fruit v. Industrial Board, 234 Ill. 134, 119 N. E. 833, 834. In admiralty, "carriage" includes ability to lift a cargo and hold it afloat, and does not necessarily involve any translation of the vessel from one place to another. The Jungshoved (D. C.) 272 F. 122, 124.

CARRICLE, or CARRACLE. A ship of great burden.


Common and Private Carriers

Carriers are either common or private. Private carriers are persons who undertake for the transportation in a particular instance only, not making it their vocation, nor holding
themselves out to the public as ready to act for all who desire their services. Allen v. Sackrider, 37 N. Y. 341. Private carriers are those who, without being engaged in such business as a public employment, undertake to deliver goods or passengers in a particular case for hire or reward. Rathbun v. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, 299 Ill. 562, 152 N. E. 754, 755, 19 A. L. R. 140; Smith- erman & McDonald v. Mansfield Hardwood Lumber Co. (D. C.) 6 F.(2d) 29, 31. To bring a person within the description of a common carrier, he must exercise it as a public employment; he must undertake to carry goods for persons generally; and he must hold himself out as ready to transport goods for hire, as a business, not as a casual occupation, pro hac vice. Alexander v. Greene, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 564; Bell v. Pidgeon (D. C.) 5 Fed. 634; Wyatt v. Irr. Co., 1 Colo. App. 480, 29 P. 206. A common carrier may therefore be defined as one who, by virtue of his calling and as a regular business, undertakes for hire to transport persons or commodities from place to place, offering his services to all such as may choose to employ him and pay his charges. Iron Works v. Huribut, 158 N. Y. 34, 52 N. E. 665, 70 Am. St. Rep. 432; Dwight v. Brewster, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 53, 11 Am. Dec. 133; Railroad Co. v. Waterbury Button Co., 24 Conn. 479; Fuller v. Bradley, 25 Pa. 120; McDuFFee v. Railroad Co., 52 N. H. 447, 13 Am. Rep. 72; Piedmont Mfg. Co. v. Railroad Co., 19 S. C. 364; Burnett v. Riter (Tex. Civ. App.) 276 S. W. 347, 349.

Common Carriers of Passengers


CARROTED FUR. Fur that has been treated by a solution of nitrate of mercury, so as to remove the water-repelling substance covering the fibers, making them more pliable and more easily to interlock with other fibers of fur, or of wool. Mattesean Mfg. Co. v. Emmons Bros. Co. (C. C. A.) 253 F. 372, 373.

CARRY. To bear, bear about, sustain, transport, remove, or convey. To have or bear upon or about one's person, as a watch or weapon; locomotion not being essential. State v. Nieto, 101 Ohio St. 409, 130 N. E. 683, 693; Danal v. State, 14 Ala. App. 97, 71 So. 975. Compare Heaton v. State, 130 Tenn. 163, 169 S. W. 750.

CARRY A MEMBER. To pay the assessments against a sick or indigent member, as of a beneficial association, the payment being made by the other members or the local lodge or camp on his behalf. Bennett v. Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World (Tex. Civ. App.) 168 S. W. 1023, 1026.

CARRY AN ELECTION. For a candidate to be elected, or a measure carried, at an election, he or it must receive a majority or a plurality of the legal votes cast. McKinney v. Barker, 180 Ky. 523, 209 S. W. 303, 304, L. R. A. 1918E, 681.

CARRY ARMS OR WEAPONS. To wear, bear, or carry them upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose of use, or for the purpose of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in case of a conflict with another person. State v. Carter, 36 Tex. 89; State v. Roberts, 39 Mo. App. 47; State v. Murray, 39 Mo. App. 128; Morefield v. State, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 348; Owen v. State, 31 Ala. 398.

CARRY COSTS. A verdict is said to carry costs when the party for whom the verdict is given becomes entitled to the payment of his costs as incident to such verdict.


CARRY STOCK. To provide funds or credit for its payment for the period agreed upon from the date of purchase. Salts v. Genin, 16 N. Y. Super. Ct. 260. And see Pickering v. Demerritt, 100 Mass. 421.
CARRYING AWAY. In criminal law. The act of removal or asporation, by which the crime of larceny is completed, and which is essential to constitute it. Com. v. Adams, 7 Gray (Mass.) 45; Com. v. Fratt, 132 Mass. 249; Gettigner v. State, 13 Neb. 308, 14 N. W. 408.

CART. A carriage for luggage or burden, with two wheels, as distinguished from a wagon, which has four wheels. The vehicle in which criminals are taken to execution.

This word, in its ordinary and primary acceptance, signifies a carriage with two wheels; yet it has also a more extended significance, and may mean a carriage in general, Favers v. Glass, 22 Ala. 624, 58 Am. Dec. 272; but not an automobile, Whitney v. Weltzitz, 153 Minn. 162, 160 N. W. 57, 29 A. L. R. 68.

CART BOTE. Wood or timber which a tenant is allowed by law to take from an estate, for the purpose of repairing instruments, (including necessary vehicles,) of husbandry. 2 Bl. Comm. 33. See Bote.

CARTA. In Old English Law
A charter, or deed. Any written instrument.

In Spanish Law
A letter; a deed; a power of attorney. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 18, l. 30.

CARTA DE FORESTA. In old English law. The charter of the forest. More commonly called "Charta de Foresta," (q. v.)

CARTA MERCATORIA. A grant (1308) to certain foreign merchants, in return for custom duties, of freedom to deal wholesale in all cities and towns of England, power to export their merchandise, and liberty to dwell where they pleased, together with other rights pertaining to speedy justice; 1 Holdsw. Hist. 2d. 311.

CARTE. In French marine law. A chart.

CARTE BLANCHE. A white sheet of paper; an instrument signed, but otherwise left blank. A sheet given to an agent, with the principal's signature appended, to be filled up with any contract or engagement as the agent may see fit. Hence, metaphorically, unlimited authority.

CARTEL. An agreement between two hostile powers for the delivery of prisoners or deserters, or authorizing certain non-hostile intercourse between each other which would otherwise be prevented by the state of war; for example, agreements for intercommunication by post, telegraph, telephone, railway. 11 Op. 282.

A written challenge to a duel.

CARTEL-SHIP. A vessel commissioned in time of war to exchange the prisoners of any two hostile powers; also to carry any particular proposal from one to another. For this reason, the officer who commands her is particularly ordered to carry no cargo, ammunition, or implements of war, except a single gun for the purpose of signals. Crawford v. The William Penn, 6 Fed. Cas. 778; 4 C. Rob. Adm. 357; 1 Kent, 68.


CARTULARY. A place where papers or records are kept. In the plural: Ancient English records containing documents and legal proceedings—the muniments of title of the great landowners, and other miscellaneous documents. 2 Holdsw. Hist. 2d. 273. See 1 Poll. & Malt. p. xxii.

CARUCA, or CARUA. A plow. A four-wheeled carriage. A team for a plow, of four oxen abreast. See Carucata.

CARUCAGE. In old English law. A kind of tax or tribute anciently imposed upon every plow, (carue or plow-land,) for the public service. Spelman. The act of plowing.

CARUCATA, CARUCATE. A certain quantity of land used as the basis for taxation. A cart-load. As much land as may be tilled by a single plow in a year and a day. Skene, de verb. sig. A plow land of one hundred acres. Ken. Gloss. The quantity varies in different counties from sixty to one hundred and twenty acres. Whart. See Littleton, Ten. cxxii; 2 Holdsw. Hist. 2d. 66; Maitl. Domesday Book and Beyond 395; 1 L. J. R. 96. Also, a team of cattle, or a cart-load. See Borrow terræ.

CARUCATARIUS. One who held lands in carvage, or plow-tenure. Cowell.

CARUE. A carve of land; plow-land. Brit. c. 84.

CARYV. The same as carucage. (q. v.) Cowell.

CARVE. In old English law. A carucate or plow-land.

CAS FORTUIT. Fr. In the law of insurance. A fortuitous event; an inevitable accident.

CASATA. In old English law. A house with land sufficient for the support of one family. Otherwise called "hida," a hide of land, and by Bede, "família." Spelman.

CASATUS. A vassal or feudal tenant possessing a casata; that is, having a house, household, and property of his own.
CASE.

Action, Cause, Suit, or Controversy


The word “case” or “cause” means a judicial proceeding for the determination of a controversy between parties wherein rights are enforced or protected, or wrongs are prevented or redressed. Ex parte Carter, 99 Fla. 599, 132 So. 87, 89.

—Cases and controversies. This term, as used in the constitution of the United States, embraces claims or contentions of litigants brought before the court for adjudication by regular proceedings established for the protection or enforcement of rights, or the prevention, redress, or punishment of wrongs; and whenever the claim or contention of a party takes such a form that the judicial power is capable of acting upon it, it has become a case or controversy. Interstate Commerce Comm'n v. Brimson, 154 U. S. 447, 14 Sup. Ct. 1125, 38 L. Ed. 1047; Smith v. Adams, 130 U. S. 167, 9 Sup. Ct. 596, 32 L. Ed. 895; In re Railway Comm'n (C. C.) 32 Fed. 255; Muskrat v. U. S., 219 U. S. 346, 31 S. Ct. 259, 55 L. Ed. 246. But these two terms are to be distinguished; for there may be a “separable controversy” within a “case,” which may be removed from a state court to a federal court, though the case as a whole is not removable. Snow v. Smith (C. C.) 86 Fed. 683.

Statement of Facts

A statement of the facts involved in a transaction or series of transactions, drawn up in writing in a technical form, for submission to a court or judge for decision or opinion. Under this meaning of the term are included a “case made” for a motion for new trial, a “case reserved” on the trial of a cause, an “agreed case” for decision without trial, etc.

—Case agreed on. A formal written enumeration of the facts in a case, asmitted to by both parties as correct and complete, and submitted to the court by their agreement, in order that a decision may be rendered without a trial, upon the court's conclusions of law upon the facts as stated.

—Case for motion. In English divorce and probate practice, when a party desires to make a motion, he must file, among other papers, a case for motion, containing an abstract of the proceedings in the suit or action, a statement of the circumstances on which the motion is founded, and the prayer or nature of the decree or order desired. Browne, Div. 251; Browne, Prob. Pr. 295.

—Case-made. A statement of facts in relation to a disputed point of law, agreed to by both parties and submitted to the court without a preceding action. This is found only in the Code states. See De Armond v. Whittaker, 99 Ala. 252, 13 So. 613; Farthing v. Carrington, 116 N. C. 315, 22 S. E. 9; Bradford v. Buchanan, 39 S. C. 237, 17 S. E. 501. A complete record of each successive action of the trial court at the trial, including testimony. In re Opinion of the Judges, 29 Okt. Cr. 27, 232 P. 121, 122. A “case-made” consists of those things which transpired in court during the trial, and which are not a part of the record. Jones v. State, 9 Okt. Cr. 180, 130 P. 1178.

—Case on appeal. In American practice. Before the argument in the appellate court of a case brought there for review, the appellant's counsel prepares a document or brief, bearing this name, for the information of the court, detailing the testimony and the proceedings below. In English practice. The “case on appeal” is a printed statement prepared by each of the parties to an appeal to the house of lords or the privy council, setting out methodically the facts which make up his case, with appropriate references to the evidence printed in the “appendix.” The term also denotes a written statement, prepared and transmitted by an inferior court or judge raising a question of law for the opinion of a superior court.

—Case reserved. A statement in writing of the facts proved on the trial of a cause, drawn up and settled by the attorneys and counsel for the respective parties under the supervision of the judge, for the purpose of having certain points of law, which arose at the trial and could not then be satisfactorily decided, determined upon full argument before the court in hose. This is otherwise called a “special case;” and it is usual for the parties, where the law of the case is doubtful, to agree that the jury shall find a general verdict for the plaintiff, subject to the opinion of the court upon such a case to be made, instead of obtaining from the jury a special verdict. 3 Bl. Comm. 378; 3 Steph. Comm. 621; Steph. Pl. 92, 93; 1 Barrill, Fr. 242, 463.

—Case stated. In practice. An agreement in writing, between a plaintiff and defendant, that the facts in dispute between them are as therein agreed upon and set forth. Diehl v. Irrie, 3 Whart. (Pa.) 143; 3 Sharsw. Bla. Comm. 453, n. 6 Term. 313. A case agreed upon. A statement of all the facts of a case.
with the names of the witnesses, and a detail of the documents which are to support them.

A brief. As to the distinction between submission on a case stated and a submission merely on agreed facts, see Frati v. Jannini, 226 Mass. 430, 115 N. E. 746, 747.

—Case to move for new trial. In practice. A case prepared by the party against whom a verdict has been given, upon which to move the court to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial.

Form of Action


An Instance

Ex parte Simmons, 113 Neb. 766, 205 N. W. 296, 297.

Box or Container

A box or container, as for cans or bottles filled with milk or other liquid goods. Ex parte Relneger, 184 Cal. 97, 193 P. 81, 83.

CASE LAW. The aggregate of reported cases as forming a body of jurisprudence, or the law of a particular subject as evidenced or formed by the adjudged cases, in distinction to statutes and other sources of law.

CASE SYSTEM. A method of teaching or studying the science of the law by a study of the cases historically, or by the inductive method. It was introduced in the Law School of Harvard University in 1869-70 by Christopher C. Langdell, Dane Professor of Law.


CASH ACCOUNT. A record, in bookkeeping, of all cash transactions; an account of monies received and expended.

CASH BOOK. In bookkeeping, an account-book in which is kept a record of all cash transactions, or all cash received and expended. The object of the cash book is to afford a constant facility to ascertain the true state of a man’s cash. Pardessus, n. 87.


CASH PRICE. A price payable in cash at the time of sale of property, in opposition to a barter or a sale on credit.


CASH VALUE. The cash value of an article or piece of property is the price which it would bring at private sale (as distinguished from a forced or auction sale) the terms of sale requiring the payment of the whole price in ready money, with no deferred payments. Ankeny v. Blakley, 44 Or. 78, 74 P. 485; State v. Railway Co., 10 Nev. 68; Tax Com'rs v. Hollday, 150 Ind. 216, 49 N. E. 14, 42 L. R. A. 826; Cummings v. Bank, 101 U. S. 162, 25 L. Ed. 906.

CASHIER. n. An officer of a moneyed institution, or commercial house, or bank, who is entrusted with, and whose duty it is to take care of, the cash or money of such institution or bank. A custodian of the money of a bank, mercantile house, and the like. Miller v. State, 88 Tex. Cr. R. 69, 225 S. W. 379, 381, 12 A. L. R. 597.

The cashier of a bank is its chief executive officer. Peninsco County Bank v. Central-State Nat. Bank, 152 Tenn. 103, 177 S. W. 74, 75; Ledgerwood v. Dashiell (Tex. Civ. App.) 177 S. W. 1018, 1012; Bank of Commerce of Chautauqua v. Sams, 96 Kan. 457, 159 P. 28, 29. He is its chief financial agent, through whom its principal financial dealings are conducted: Brown v. Mt. Holy Nat. Bank, 258 Pa. 478, 136 A. 775, 775; Boyd v. Applewhite, 121 Miss. 875, 84 So. 16, 25; and is peculiarly that agency authorized to make and collect, whose special duty it is to give direction to and further the stockholders’ interests; People’s Bank of Calhoun v. Harry L. Winter, Inc., 161 Ga. 566, 133 S. E. 423, 424. He receives and pays out its moneys, collects and pays its debts, and receives and transfers its commercial securities. Tellers and other subordinate officers may be appointed, but they are under his direction, and are, as it were, the arms by which designated portions of his various functions are dis-

—Cashier's check. See Check.

CASHIER, v. In military law. To deprive a military officer of his rank and office.

CASHLITE. An amercement or fine; a mulct.

CASKET. In one sense, a coffin. Ware v. State, 31 Ga. App. 554, 121 S. E. 251.

CASSARE. To quash; to render void; to break. Du Cange.

CASSATION. In French law. Annulling; reversal; breaking the force and validity of a judgment. A decision emanating from the sovereign authority, by which a decree or judgment in the court of last resort is broken or annulled. Merl. Repert.

CASSATION, COURT OF. (Fr. cour de cassation.) The highest court in France; so termed from possessing the power to quash (ouassez) the decrees of inferior courts. It is a court of appeal in criminal as well as civil cases.

CASSETUR BILLA. (Lat. That the bill be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment for the defendant on a plea in abatement, where the action was commenced by bill, (billa.) 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Steph. Pl. 128, 131. The form of an entry made by a plaintiff on the record, after a plea in abatement, where he found that the plea could not be confessed and avoided, nor traversed, nor demurred to; amounting in fact to a discontinuance of the action. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 3, 296; 1 Tithd. Pr. 633.

CASSETUR BREVE. (Lat. That the writ be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment for the defendant on a plea in abatement, where the action was commenced by original writ (breve). 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Steph. Pl. 197, 199.

A judgment sometimes entered against a plaintiff at his request when, in consequence of allegations of the defendant, he can no longer prosecute his suit with effect. 5 Term 634.

CASSOCK, or CASSULA. A garment worn by a priest.

CAST, v. In old English practice. To allege, offer, or present; to proffer by way of excuse (as to "cast an escoll").

This word is now used as a popular, rather than a technical, term, in the sense of to overcome, overthrow, or defeat in a civil action at law. It is also used in connection with the imposition upon a party litigant of costs in the suit: as, A. is "cast" for the costs of the case.

—Cast away. To cast away a ship is to do such an act upon or in regard to it as causes it to perish or be lost, so as to be irrecoverable by ordinary means. The term is synonymous with "destroy," which means to unfit a vessel for service beyond the hope of recovery by ordinary means. U. S. v. Johns, 26 Fed. Cas. 616; U. S. v. Vanranst, 28 Fed. Cas. 360.

CASTEL, or CASTLE. A fortress in a town; the principal mansion of a nobleman. 3 Inst. 31.

CASTELLAIN. In old English law. The lord, owner, or captain of a castle; the constable of a fortified house; a person having the custody of one of the crown mansions; an officer of the forest.

CASTELLANUS. A castellan; the keeper or constable of a castle. Spelman.

CASTELLARIUM, CASTELLATUS. In old English law. The precinct or jurisdiction of a castle. Blount.

CASTELLORUM OPERATIO. In Saxon and old English law. Castle work. Service and labor done by inferior tenants for the building and upholstery of castles and public places of defense. One of the three necessary charges, (trinoda necessitas,) to which all lands among the Saxons were expressly subject. Cowell. Towards this some gave their personal service, and others, a contribution of money or goods. 1 Bla. Comm. 293.

CASTIGATORY. An engine used to punish women who have been convicted of being common scolds. It is sometimes called the trebucket, tumbril, ducking-stool, or cucking-stool. U. S. v. Royall, 27 Fed. Cas. 907; James v. Com., 12 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 225.

CASTING VOTE. Where the votes of a deliberative assembly or legislative body are equally divided on any question or motion, it is the privilege of the presiding officer to cast one vote (if otherwise he would not be entitled to any vote) on either side, or to cast one additional vote, if he has already voted as a member of the body. This is called the "casting vote." People v. Church of Atonement, 48 Barb. (N. Y.) 606; Brown v. Foster, 38 Me. 49, 33 A. 682, 31 L. R. A. 116; Wooster v. Mullins, 64 Conn. 349, 30 A. 144, 25 L. R. A. 604.

CASTLEGUARD. In feudal law. An imposition anciently laid upon such persons as lived within a certain distance of any castle, towards the maintenance of such as watched and warded the castle.

CASTLEGUARD RENTS. In old English law. Rents paid by those that dwelt within the precincts of a castle, towards the maintenance of such as watched and warded it.

CASTRENESIS. In the Roman law. Relating to the camp or military service.

Castreneum peculium, a portion of property which a son acquired in war, or from his connection with the camp. Dig. 49, 17.
CASTRUM. Lat. In Roman Law
A camp. In Old English Law
A castle. Bract. fol. 69b. A castle, including a manor. 4 Coke, 88.

CASU CONSIMILI. In old English law. A writ of entry, granted where tenant by the curtesy, or tenant for life, alienated in fee, or in tail, or for another's life, which was brought by him in reversion against the party to whom such tenant so alienated to his prejudice, and in the tenant's life-time. Termes de la Ley. See Consimili Casu.

CASU PROVISO. Lat. In the case provided for. A writ of entry framed under the provisions of the statute of Gloucester (6 Edw. I) c. 7, which lay for the benefit of the reversioner when a tenant in dower aliened in fee or for life.


CASUAL EJECTOR. In practice. The nominal defendant in an action of ejectment; so called because by a fiction of law peculiar to that action, he is supposed to come casually or by accident upon the premises, and to turn out or eject the lawful possessor. 3 Bl. Comm. 203; 3 Steph. Comm. 670; French v. Robb, 67 N. J. Law, 260, 51 A. 509, 57 L. R. A. 956, 91 Am. St. Rep. 423.

CASUAL EMPLOYEE. Though courts have refrained from defining "casual employee" as such term is used in the Workmen's Compensation Act, the test in the particular case is whether service rendered or work done, rather than contract of hiring, is of casual nature; infrequency of employment or its duration being immaterial. Hygeia Ice & Coal Co. v. Schaeffer, 152 Md. 231, 136 A. 548, 551.

CASUAL EMPLOYMENT. The question whether an employment is "casual," within the meaning of the Workmen's Compensation Act, must be determined with principal reference to the scope and purpose of the hiring, rather than with sole regard to the duration and regularity of the service. State Acc. Fund v. Jacobs, 134 Md. 133, 106 A. 225; Millard County v. Industrial Commission, 62 Utah, 46, 217 P. 974, 976. The word "casual" has reference to the contract for service, and not to the particular item of work being done at the time of injury. Scully v. Industrial Commission of Illinois, 284 Ill. 567, 120 N. E. 492, 493. "Casual" in this connection means occasional; incidental; happening at uncertain times; not stated or regular; its antonyms being regular; systematic; periodic; certain. Porter v. Mapleton Electric Light Co., 191 Iowa, 1031, 183 N. W. 583, 585; Pooler's Case, 122 Me. 11, 118 A. 560, 591.

CASUAL EVIDENCE. A phrase used to denote (in contradistinction to "preappointed evidence") all such evidence as happens to be admissible of a fact or event, but which was not prescribed by statute or otherwise arranged beforehand to be the evidence of the fact or event. Brown.

CASUAL PAUPER. A poor person who, in England, applies for relief in a parish other than that of his settlement. The ward in the work-house to which they are admitted is called the "casual ward."

CASUAL POOR. In English law. Those who are not settled in a parish. Such poor persons as are suddenly taken sick, or meet with some accident, when away from home, and who are thus providentially thrown upon the charities of those among whom they happen to be. Force v. Halnes, 17 N. J. Law, 405.

CASUALTY. Inevitable accident; an event not to be foreseen or guarded against. A loss from such an event or cause; as by fire, shipwreck, lightning, etc. Story, Ball. § 240; Gill v. Fugate, 117 Ky. 257, 78 S. W. 191; McCarty v. Railroad Co., 30 Pa. 251; Railroad Co. v. Car Co., 130 U. S. 78, 11 S. Ct. 499, 36 L. Ed. 97; Bank v. Bldg. Ass'n, 102 Iowa, 520, 71 N. W. 426; Anthony v. Karbach, 64 Neb. 509, 90 N. W. 243, 97 Am. St. Rep. 632; Waldeck v. Ins. Co., 56 Wls. 98, 14 N. W. 1.

Chance; accident; contingency; also that which comes without design or without being foreseen. Morris & Co. v. Industrial Board of Illinois, 284 Ill. 67, 119 N. E. 944, 946, L. R. A. 1918E, 919; Bennett v. Howard, 175 Ky. 797, 195 S. W. 117, 118, L. R. A. 1917E, 1075.

"Casualty" is a word of quite frequent use; yet it cannot be said that its definition has been very accurately settled by the courts. It has been said that strictly and literally the word "casualty" is limited to injuries which arise solely from accident, without any element of conscious human design or intentional human agency; something not to be foreseen or guarded against; something that happens not in the usual course of events; an accident. Eaton v. Glinsman, 33 Idaho, 338, 125 F. 90, 91.

—Casualties of superiority. In Scotch law. Payments from an inferior to a superior, that is, from a tenant to his lord, which arise upon uncertain events, as opposed to the payment of rent at fixed and stated times. Bell.
—Casualties of wards. In Scotch law. The
malls and duties due to the superior in ward-
holdings.

CASUS. Lat. Chance; accident; an event;
a case; a case contemplated.

CASUS BELLi. An occurrence giving rise to
or justifying war.

CASUS FEDERIS. In international law.
The case of the treaty. The particular event
or situation contemplated by the treaty, or
stipulated for, or which comes within its
terms. Grotius, b. 2, c. 25; Vattel, b. 2, c.
12, § 168; 1 Kent, 49. In commercial law.
The case or event contemplated by the par-
ties to an individual contract or stipulated
for by it, or coming within its terms.

CASUS FORTUITUS. An inevitable acci-
dent, a chance occurrence, or fortuitous event.
A loss happening in spite of all human effort
and sagacity. 3 Kent, Comm. 217, 300;
Whart. Neg. §§ 115, 155. The Majes tit, 166
U. S. 370, 17 S. Ct. 597, 41 L. Ed. 1093.

Casus fortuitus non est sperandus, et nemo
tenetur devinare. A fortuitous event is not
to be expected, and no one is bound to fore-
see it. 4 Coke, 66.

Casus fortuitus non est supponendus. A for-
tuitous event is not to be presumed. Har dr.
82, arg.

CASUS MAJOR. In the civil law. A casual-
ity; an extraordinary casualty, as fire, ship-
wreck, etc. Dig. 44, 7, 1, 4.

CASUS OMISSUS. A case omitted; an event
or contingency for which no provision is
made; particularly a case not provided for
by the statute on the general subject, and
which is therefore left to be governed by
the common law. 5 Co. 38; 11 East 1; Cresoe
260; Broom, Max. 46.

Casus omissus et oblivion datus dispositioni
juris communis relinquitur. A case omitted
and given to oblivion (forgotten) is left to the
disposal of the common law. 5 Coke, 38. A
particular case, left unprovided for by stat-
ute, must be disposed of according to the
law as it existed prior to such statute.
Broom, Max. 46; 1 Exch. 476.

Casus omissus pro omisso habendus est. A
case omitted is to be held as (intentionally)
omitted. Tray. Lat. Max. 67.

CAT. A domestic animal that catches mice;
a well known domesticated carnivorous mam-
mal kept to kill mice and rats, and as a
house pet. Thurston v. Carter, 112 Me. 361,
1917A, 389.

An instrument with which criminals are
flogged. It consists of nine lashes of whip-
cord, tied to a wooden handle, and is fre-
quently called cat-o-nine-tails. It is used
where the whipping-post is retained as a
mode of punishment and was formerly resort-
et to in the navy.

CATALLA. In old English law. Chattels.
The word among the Normans primarily sig-
nified only beasts of husbandry, or, as they
are still called, "cattle," but, in a secondary
sense, the term was applied to all movable
in general, and not only to these, but to
whatever was not a fief or feud. Wharton.
Cattalia justs possessa amittis non possunt.
Chattels justly possessed cannot be lost.
Jenk. Cent. 28.

CATALLA OTIOSA. Dead goods or chattels,
as distinguished from animals. Idle cattle,
that is, such as were not used for working,
as distinguished from beasts of the plow;
called also animaia otiosa. Bract. fols. 217,
217b; 3 Bl. Comm. 9.

Cattalia reputatur inter minima in leges.
Chattels are considered in law among the least
(or minor) things. Jenk. Cent. 52.

CATALLIS CAPTIS NOMINE DISTRI-
CTIONIS. An obsolete writ that lay where a
house was within a borough, for rent issuing
out of the same, and which warranted the
taking of doors, windows, etc., by way of
distress.

CATALLIS REDDENDIS. For the return of
the chattels; an obsolete writ that lay where
goods delivered to a man to keep till a cer-
tain day were not upon demand redelivered
at the day. Reg. Orig. 39.

CATALLUM. A chattel. Most frequently
used in the plural form, catalla (q. v.). Cow-
ell; Du Cange.

CATALS. Goods and chattels. See Catalla.

CATANEUS. A tenant in capite. A tenant
holding immediately of the crown. Spelman.

CATASCOPUS. An old name for an arch-
deacon.

CATASTROPHE. A notable disaster; a more
serious calamity than might ordinarily be
understood from the term "casualty." Reyn-
olds v. Board of Com'rs of Orleans Levee
Dist., 139 La. 518, 71 So. 787, 791.

CATCH TIME CHARTER. One under which
compensation is paid for the time the boat
is actually used. Schoonmaker-Connors Co.
v. New York Cent. R. Co. (D. C.) 12 F. (2d)
314, 315.

CATCHING BARGAIN. See Bargain.

CATCHINGS. Things caught, and in the pos-
session, custody, power, and dominion of the
party, with a present capacity to use them
for his own purposes. The term includes
blubber, or pieces of whale flesh cut from the
whale, and stowed on or under the deck of a ship. A policy of insurance upon outfits, and catchings substituted for the outfits, in a whaling voyage, protects the blubber. Rogers v. Insurance Co., 1 Story, 603; Fed. Cas. No. 12,016; 4 Law Rep. 297.

CATCHLAND. Land in Norfolk, so called because it is not known to what parish it belongs, and the minister who first seizes the tithes of it, by right of preoccupation, enjoys them for that year. Cowell.

CATCHPOLE. A name formerly given to a sheriff's deputy, or to a constable, or other officer whose duty it is to arrest persons. He was a sort of serjeant. The word is not now in use as an official designation. Minshew.

CATER COUSIN. (From Fr. Quatre-cousin.) A cousin in the fourth degree; hence any distant or remote relative. Bla. Law Tracts 6.

CATHEDRAL. In English ecclesiastical law. A tract set apart for the service of the church. The church of the bishop of the diocese, in which is his cathedra, or throne, and his special jurisdiction; in that respect the principal church of the diocese.

CATHEDRAL PREFERMENTS. In English ecclesiastical law. All deaneries, archdeaconries, and canonries, and generally all dignities and offices in any cathedral or collegiate church, below the rank of a bishop.

CATHEDRATIC. In English ecclesiastical law. A sum of 2s. paid to the bishop by the inferior clergy; but from its being usually paid at the bishop's synod, or visitation, it is commonly named synodalis. Wharton.

CATHOLIC CREDITOR. In Scotch law. A creditor whose debt is secured on all or several distinct parts of the debtor's property. Bell.

CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION ACT. The statute of 10 Geo. IV. c. 7, by which Roman Catholics were restored. In general, to the full enjoyment of all civil rights, except that of holding ecclesiastical offices, and certain high appointments in the state. 3 Steph. Comm. 109.

CATONIANA REGULA. In Roman law. The rule which is commonly expressed in the maxim, Quod ab ininito non valet tractu temporis non convalebit, meaning that what is at the beginning void by reason of some technical (or other) legal defect will not become valid merely by length of time. The rule applied to the institution of heredes, the bequest of legacies, and such like. The rule is not without its application also in English law; e. g., a married woman's will (being void when made) is not made valid merely because she lives to become a widow. Brown.

CATTLE. A generic term for domestic quadrupeds; animals used by man for labor or food. In its primary sense, it embraces horses, mares, geldings, foals, or fillies, asses, and mules, as well as animals of the ox kind. State v. Swager, 110 Wash. 431, 188 P. 564, 566; Bell v. Erie R. Co., 171 N. Y. S. 341, 343, 183 App. Div. 608. The term may also include goats, swine, and sheep. Decatur Bank v. Bank, 21 Wall. 299, 22 L. Ed. 560; Ash Sheep Co. v. U. S., 252 U. S. 159, 40 S. Ct. 241, 243, 64 L. Ed. 507.

In the narrower, popular sense, animals of the bovine genus. State v. Hunley, 139 La. 846, 72 So. 376, 377; State v. Englin, 148 La. 75, 86 So. 655, 659; Gracey v. State, 112 Neb. 782, 201 N. W. 338, 340. This is the sense in which the term is generally used in the western United States, and it is said further that it is not generally, but may be, taken to mean calves, or animals younger than yearlings. State v. District Court of Fifth Judicial Dist. in and for Nye County, 42 Nev. 218, 174 P. 1023, 1025.

CATTLE GATE. In English law. A customary proportionate right of pasture enjoyed in common with others. 34 E. L. & Eq. 511; 1 Term 137. A right to pasture cattle in the land of another. It is a distinct and several interest in the land, passing by lease and release. 13 East, 159; 5 Taunt. 812.

CATTLEGUARD. A device to prevent cattle from straying along a railroad-track at a highway-crossing. Heskett v. Railway Co., 61 Iowa, 467, 16 N. W. 525; Railway Co. v. Manson, 31 Kan. 387, 2 P. 800; True v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 113 Me. 375, 94 A. 183, 184.

CATTLE PASS. As used in a statute, a narrow passage way under a railroad track high and wide enough to admit the passage of a cow, horse, or ox to and from a pasture. True v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 113 Me. 375, 94 A. 183, 184.

CATTLE RANGE. Under a statute, a range the usual and customary use of which has been for cattle. State v. Butterfield, 30 Idaho, 415, 165 P. 218, 219.

CAUCASIAN. Pertaining to the white race, to which belong the greater part of European nations and those of western Asia. Rice v. Gong Lum, 139 Miss. 769, 104 So. 105, 116. The term is inapplicable to denote families or stocks inhabiting Europe, and speaking either the so-called Aryan or Semitic languages. Ex parte Shubild (D. C.) 205 F. 812, 814.

CAUCUS. A meeting of the legal voters of any political party assembled for the purpose of choosing delegates or for the nomination of candidates for office. Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 104, c. 11, § 1 (Gen. Laws, Tercentenary Edition, c. 50, § 1).

CAUDA TERRAE. A land's end, or the bottom of a ridge in arable land. Cowell.
CAULCEIS. Highroads or ways pitched with flint or other stones.

CAUPO. In the civil law. An innkeeper. Dig. 4, 9, 4, 5.

CAUPONA. In the civil law. An inn or tavern. Inst. 4, 8, 3.

CAUPONES. In the civil law. Inkeepers. Dig. 4, 9; Id. 47, 5; Story, Ag. § 458.

CAURSINES. Italian merchants who came into England in the reign of Henry III., where they established themselves as money lenders, but were soon expelled for their usury and extortion. Cowell; Blount.

CAUSA.

In General

Lat. A cause, reason, occasion, motive, or inducement.

In the Civil Law and in Old English Law

The word signified a source, ground, or mode of acquiring property: hence a title; one's title to property. Thus, "titulus est justa causa possidend a id quod nostrum est:" title is the lawful ground of possessing that which is ours. 8 Coke, 153. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 242, 283.

Condition, etc.

A condition; a consideration; motive for performing a juristic act. Used of contracts, and found in this sense in the Scotch law also. Bell.

In Old English Law

A cause; a suit or action pending. Causa testamentaria, a testamentary cause. Causa matrimonialis, a matrimonial cause. Bract. fol. 61.

In Old European Law

Any movable thing or article of property.

As Preposition

Used with the force of a preposition, it means by virtue of, on account of. Also with reference to, in contemplation of. Causa mortis, in anticipation of death.

See "Cause."

Causa causa est causa causati. The cause of a cause is the cause of the thing caused. 12 Mod. 636. The cause of the cause is to be considered as the cause of the effect also. Freem. 329.

CAUSA CAUSANS. The immediate cause; the last link in the chain of causation.

Causa causantis, causa est causati. The cause of the thing causing is the cause of the effect. 4 Camp. 284; Marble v. City of Worcester, 4 Gray (Mass.) 390.

CAUSA DATA ET NON SECUTA. In the civil law. Consideration given and not followed, that is, by the event upon which it was given. The name of an action by which a thing given in the view of a certain event was reclaimed if that event did not take place. Dig. 12, 4; Cod. 4, 6.

Causa ecclesiae publicae aquiparatur; et summa est ratio qua pro religione fact. The cause of the church is equal to public cause; and paramount is the reason which makes for religion. Co. Litt. 341.

Causa et origo est materia negotii. The cause and origin is the substance of the thing; the cause and origin of a thing are a material part of it. The law regards the original act. 1 Coke, 99; Wing. Max. 41. Max. 21.

CAUSA HOSPITANDI. For the purpose of being entertained as a guest. 4 Maule & S. 310.

CAUSA JACTITATIONIS MARITAGII. A form of action which anciently lay against a party who boasted or gave out that he or she was married to the plaintiff, whereby a common reputation of their marriage might ensue. 3 Bla. Comm. 93. See Jactitation of Marriage.

CAUSA LIST. See Cause List.

CAUSA MARMONII PRÆLOCUTI. A writ lying where a woman has given lands to a man in fee-simple with the intention that he shall marry her, and he refuses so to do within a reasonable time, upon suitable request. Cowell. Now obsolete. 3 Bla. Comm. 183, n.

CAUSA MORTIS. In contemplation of approaching death.

CAUSA MORTIS DONATIO. See Donatio Mortis Causa.

CAUSA PATET. The reason is open, obvious, plain, clear, or manifest. A common expression in old writers. Perk. c. 1, §§ 11, 14, 97.

CAUSA PROXIMA. The immediate, nearest, or last cause. The efficient cause; the one that necessarily sets the other causes in operation. Insurance Co. v. Boon, 95 U. S. 117, 130, 24 L. Ed. 395.

Causa proxima, non remota, spectatur. The immediate (or direct), not the remote, cause, is looked at, or considered. 12 East, 648; 3 Kent, Comm. 302; Story, Balim. § 515; Bac. Max. reg. 1; Broom, Max. 216; 2 East 318; Memphis & C. R. Co. v. Reeves, 10 Wall. 191, 19 L. Ed. 990; L. R. 1 C. P. 329; 4 Am. L. Rev. 201. For a distinction, however, between immediate and proximate cause, see "Cause."

CAUSA REI. In the civil law. Things accessary or appurtenant. The accessions, appurtenances, or fruits of a thing; comprehending all that the claimant of a principal thing can demand from a defendant in addi-
tion thereto, and especially what he would have had, if the thing had not been withheld from him. Inst. 4, 17, 3; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 166.

CAUSA REMOTA. A remote or mediate cause; a cause operating indirectly by the intervention of other causes.

CAUSA SCIENTIÆ PATET. The reason of the knowledge is evident. A technical phrase in Scotch practice, used in admissions of witnesses.

CAUSA SINE QUA NON. A necessary or inevitable cause; a cause without which the effect in question could not have happened. Hayes v. Railroad Co., 111 U. S. 285, 4 S. Ct. 369, 28 L. Ed. 410. A cause without which the thing cannot be. With reference to negligence, it is the cause without which the injury would not have occurred. Fisher v. Butte Electric Ry. Co., 72 Mont. 594, 235 P. 330, 332.

CAUSA TURPIS. A base (immoral or illegal) cause or consideration.

Causa vaga et incerta non est causa rationabilis. 5 Coke, 57. A vague and uncertain cause is not a reasonable cause.

Causae dotis, vitae, libertatis, foelui sunt inter favorabilia in lege. Causes of dower, life, liberty, revenue, are among the things favored in law. Co. Litt. 341.

CAUSAM NOBIS SIGNIFICARE QUARE. A writ addressed to a mayor of a town, etc., who was by the king's writ commanded to give seisin of lands to the king's grantee, on his delaying to do it, requiring him to show cause why he so delayed the performance of his duty. Bland; Cowell.

CAUSARE. In the civil and old English law. To be engaged in a suit; to litigate; to conduct a cause.

CAUSATOR. A litigant; one who takes the part of the plaintiff or defendant in a suit.

In old European law. One who manages or litigates another's cause. Spelman.


CAUSE, n. (Lat. causa.) That which produces an effect; whatever moves, impels, or leads. The origin or foundation of a thing, as of a suit or action; a ground of action. Corning v. McCullough, 1 N. Y. 47, 49 Am. Dec. 287; State v. Dougherty, 4 Or. 203.

"Cause" and "consequence" are correlative terms, one implying the other. Kelsey v. Reubenstein, 87 Conn. 566, 89 A. 170, 171, 55 L. R. A. (N. S.) 193.

A ground for one's acts or omissions; a reason. Thus, when used with reference to the removal of an officer or employee, "cause" means a just, not arbitrary, cause; one relating to a material matter, or affecting the public interest. Brokaw v. Burk, 89 N. J. Law, 132, 98 A. 11, 12; Moulton v. Scully, 111 Me. 428, 89 A. 944, 947; Clark v. Wild Rose Special School Dist. No. 90, 47 N. D. 297, 182 N. W. 307, 308; Farish v. Young, 18 Ariz. 298, 158 P. 845, 847; State ex rel. Eckles v. Kansas City (Mo. App.) 257 S. W. 197, 200.

In Civil and Scotch Law

The consideration of a contract, that is, the inducement to it, or motive of the contracting party for entering into it. Dug. 2, 147; Toullier, liv. 3, tit. 3, c. 2, § 4; 1 Abb. 26; Bell, Dict.

The civilians use the term "cause," in relation to obligations, in the same sense as the word "consideration" is used in the jurisprudence of England and the United States. It means the motive, the inducement to the agreement—id quod inducit ad contrahendum. Mouton v. Noble, 1 La. Ann. 192. But see Anes. 3 Sel. Essays in Anglo-Amer. Leg. Hist. 378; Poli. Contr. 74.

Used also in the civil law in the sense of res (a thing). Non porcellum, non agnellum neo aitia causa (not a hog, not a lamb, nor other thing). Du Cange.

In Pleading

Reason; motive; matter of excuse or justification. See 8 Co. 67; 11 East 451; 1 Chit. Pl. 585.

In Practice

A suit, litigation, or action. Any question, civil or criminal, contested before a court of justice.

Cause imports a judicial proceeding entire, and is nearly synonymous with is in Latin, or suit in English. Although allied to the word "cause," that word not infrequently has a more limited signification, importing a collection of facts, with the conclusion of law thereon. See Shirrs v. Irons, 47 Ind. 445; Blayw v. U. S., 13 Wall. 591, 20 L. Ed. 623; Erwin v. U. S., 37 Fed. 470, 2 L. R. A. 223. But "cause" and "case" are often used as synonymous. Zils v. Wilcox, 189 Mich. 468, 157 N. W. 77, 80; Ex parte Chesser, 93 Fla. 500, 112 So. 87, 90; Schmals v. Arnowine, 115 Or. 200, 246 P. 718, 719; Patterson v. People, 23 Colo. App. 479, 130 P. 618, 629; "U. S. v. Rockefu- ller (D. C.) 221 F. 462, 468.

A distinction is sometimes taken between "cause" and "action." Burrill observes that a cause is not, like an action or suit, said to be commenced, nor is an action, like a cause, said to be tried. But, if there is any substantial difference between these terms, it must lie in the fact that "action" refers more peculiarly to the legal procedure of a controversy; "cause" to its merits or the state of facts involved. Thus, we cannot say "the cause should have been reapplied." Nor would it be correct to say "the plaintiff pleaded his own action."

As to "Probable Cause" and "Proximate Cause," see those titles. As to challenge for cause, see "Challenge."

CAUSE-BOOKS. Books kept in the central office of the English supreme court, in which
are entered all writes of summons issued in the office. Rules of Court, s 8.

CAUSE LIST. In English practice. A printed roll of actions, to be tried in the order of their entry, with the names of the solicitors for each litigant. Similar to the calendar of causes, or docket, used in American courts.

CAUSE OF ACTION. Matter for which an action may be brought. The ground on which an action may be sustained. A fact, or a state of facts, to which the law, or principle of law, sought to be enforced against a person or thing, applies. Gulf, C. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. Cities Service Co. (D. C.) 270 F. 904, 995; Savage v. H. C. Burks & Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 270 S. W. 244, 245. An averment of facts sufficient to justify a court in rendering a judgment. Vickers v. Vickers, 45 Nev. 274, 202 P. 31, 32.

Under the code system of pleading, there is but one primary right, one primary duty, and one doctrine, and these three combined constitute one "cause of action." Williams v. Nelson, 45 Utah, 255, 145 P. 36, 41; Westover v. Hoover, 94 Neb. 506, 145 N. W. 56, 94, 48 L. R. A. (N. S.) 584; Hoag v. Washington-Oregon Corporation, 75 Or. 588, 147 P. 756, 758; Hurt v. Haering, 190 Cal. 193, 211 P. 228, 229; McLaughlin v. Marlatt, 296 Mo. 606, 246 S. W. 244, 252.


Cause of action is not synonymous with cause in action; the latter includes debts, etc., and even stocks. Bank of Commerce v. Rutland & W. R. Co., 18 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 1. But under a Montana statute, if the relief sought is the recovery of money or other personal property, the cause of action is designated a "thing in action." State v. District Court of Tenth Judicial Dist. in and for Fergus County, 74 Mont. 355, 240 P. 667, 669.

Cause of action may sometimes mean a person having a right of action. Thus, where a legacy is left to a married woman, and she and her husband bring an action to recover it, she is called in the old books the "meritorious cause of action." 1 H. Bl. 108.

CAUSES CÉLÈBRES. Celebrated cases. A work containing reports of the decisions of interest and importance in French courts in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Secondarily a single trial or decision is often called a "cause célèbre," when it is remarkable on account of the parties involved or the unusual, interesting, or sensational character of the facts.

CAUSEWAY. A raised roadbed through low lands; it differs from a levee. Board of Sup'ts of Quitman County v. Carrier Lumber & Mfg. Co., 103 Miss. 324, 60 So. 326, 327. See, also, Coleman-Fulton Pasture Co. v. Aransas County (Tex. Civ. App.) 150 S. W. 312, 313.

CAUSIDICUS. In the civil law. A speaker or pleader; one who argued a cause or tenus. See "Advocate."

CAUTELA. Lat. Care; caution; vigilance; prevision.

CAUTI JURATORIA. See "Caution Juratery."

CAUTIO.

In the Civil and French Law

Security given for the performance of any thing; bail; a bond or undertaking by way of surety. Also the person who becomes a surety.

In Scotch Law

A pledge, bond, or other security for the performance of an obligation, or completion of the satisfaction to be obtained by a judicial process. Bell, Dict.; 6 Mod. 162.

CAUTIO FIDEJUSSORIA. Security by means of bonds or pledges entered into by third parties. Du Cange.

CAUTIO MUCIANA. Security given by an heir or legatee, in order to obtain immediate possession of the inheritance or legacy, binding him and his surety for his observance of a condition annexed to the bequest, where the act which is the object of the condition is one which he must avoid committing during his whole life, e. g., that he will never marry, never leave the country, never engage in a particular trade, etc. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 705.

CAUTID PIGNORATITIA. Security given by pledge, or deposit, as plate, money, or other goods.
CAUTIO PRO EXPENSIS. Security for costs, charges, or expenses.

CAUTIO USUFRUCTUARIA. Security, which tenants for life give, to preserve the property rented free from waste and injury. Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 59.

CAUTION. In Scotch law, and in admiralty law. Surety; security; bail; an undertaking by way of surety. 6 Mod. 162. See Caution. See also Prudence; Cautious.

CAUTION JURATORY. In Scotch law. Security given by oath. That which a suspender swears is the best he can afford in order to obtain a suspension. Ersk. Pract. 4, 3, 6.

CAUTIONARY. In Scotch law. An instrument in which a person binds himself as surety for another.

CAUTIONARY JUDGMENT. Where an action in tort was pending and the plaintiff feared the defendant would dispose of his real property before judgment, a cautionary judgment was entered with a lien on the property; Seislner v. Blake, 13 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 335; so in an action on a note against a religious association, where it was alleged that the defendant was endeavoring to sell its real estate before judgment on the note; Witmer & Dundore v. Port Trevorington Church, 17 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 38.

CAUTIONE ADMITTENDA. In English ecclesiastical law. A writ that lies against a bishop who holds an excommunicated person in prison for contempt, notwithstanding he offers sufficient caution or security to obey the orders and commandment of the church for the future. Reg. Orig. 66; Cowell.

CAUTIONER. In Scotch law. A surety; a bondsman. One who binds himself in a bond with the principal for greater security. He is still a cautioner whether the bond be to pay a debt, or whether he undertake to produce the person of the party for whom he is bound. Bell.

CAUTIONNEMENT. In French law. The same as becoming surety in English law.

CAUTIONRY. In Scotch law. Suretyship.


The terms "cautious" and "prudent" may be used interchangeably in defining negligence. Malem v. Mooresville Cotton Mills, 191 N. C. 727, 133 S. E. 7, 9. But "cautious" differs from "prudent" in suggesting the idea of timidity, with its secondary meaning as overprudent; fearful. People v. Anderson, 58 Cal. App. 267, 208 P. 324, 325. See Prudence.

CAVEAT. Lat. Let him beware. A formal notice or warning given by a party interested to a court, judge, or ministerial officer against the performance of certain acts within his power and jurisdiction. This process may be used in the proper courts to prevent (temporarily or provisionally) the proving of a will or the grant of administration, or to arrest the enrollment of a decree in chancery when the party intends to take an appeal, to prevent the grant of letters patent, etc. It is also used, in the American practice, as a kind of equitable process, to stay the granting of a patent for lands. Wilson v. Gaston, 92 Pa. 207; Slocum v. Grandin, 38 N. J. Eq. 485; Ex parte Crafts, 28 S. C. 231, 5 S. E. 718; In re Miller's Estate, 166 Pa. 97, 31 A. 58; In re McCahran's Estate, 221 Pa. 183, 70 A. 711; Barton v. Swainson, 130 Md. 630, 101 A. 667, 668; Burchett v. Roop, 218 Ky. 774, 288 S. W. 685, 686. See, also, 1 Burn, Eq. Law 19, 263; Nelson, Abr.; Dane, Abr.; Ayliff, Paraeq.; 3 Bla. Comm. 246; 2 Chit. Pr. 502, note b; 3 Redf. Wills 119; Toph. 133; 1 Sid. 371; In re Road, 8 N. J. Law, 130.

In Patent Law

A caveat is a formal written notice given to the officers of the patent-office, requiring them to refuse letters patent on a particular invention or device to any other person, until the party filing the caveat (called the "cauteur") shall have an opportunity to establish his claim to priority of invention. The practice was abolished by act of June 25, 1910, c. 414, § 1, 36 Stat. 843.

CAVEAT ACTOR. Let the doer, or actor, beware.

CAVEAT EMPTOR. Let the buyer beware (or take care). 110 U. S. 113, 3 S. Ct. 533, 28 L. Ed. 86. This maxim summarizes the rule that the purchaser of an article must examine, judge, and test it for himself, being bound to discover any obvious defects or imperfections. Miller v. Tiffany, 1 Wall. 309, 17 L. Ed. 540; Barnard v. Kellogg, 10 Wall. 385, 19 L. Ed. 987; Slaughter v. Gerson, 13 Wall. 383, 20 L. Ed. 627; Heuros v. Stone, 5 N. Y. 82; Wissler v. Craig, 80 Va. 32; Wright v. Hart, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 453; Humphrey v. Baker, 71 Okt. 272, 176 P. 896; Pridgen v. Long, 177 N. C. 159, 98 S. E. 451; Cudahy Packing Co. v. Narzischenfeld (C. C. A.) 3 F.(2d) 567, 570.

Caveat emptor, qui ignaros non debuit quod jus alienum emit. Hob. 99. Let a purchaser beware, who ought not to be ignorant that he is purchasing the rights of another. Let a buyer beware; for he ought not to be ignorant of what they are when he buys the rights of another. Broom, Max. 765; Co. Litt. 152 a; 3 Taunt. 439; Sugd. V. & P. 325; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. ch. 6.

CAVEAT VENDOR. In Roman Law

A maxim, or rule, casting the responsibility for defects or deficiencies upon the seller of goods, and expressing the exact opposite of
the common law rule of caveat emptor. See Wright v. Hart, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 449; Lofft 328; Weeks v. Ellis, 2 Barb. (N. Y.) 323; Hargous v. Stone, 5 N. Y. 73.

In English and American Jurisprudence

Caveat venditor is sometimes used as expressing, in a rough way, the rule which governs all those cases of sales to which caveat emptor does not apply.

CAVEAT VIATOR. Let the wayfarer beware. Broom, Max. 387, n.; 10 Exch. 774. This phrase has been used as a concise expression of the duty of a traveler on the highway to use due care to detect and avoid defects in the way. Cornwell v. Comrs', 10 Exch. 771, 774.

CAVEATOR. One who files a caveat.


CAVERE. Lat. In the civil and common law. To take care; to exercise caution; to take care or provide for; to provide by law; to provide against; to forbid by law; to give security; to give caution or security on arrest.

CAVERS.Persons stealing ore from mines in Derbyshire, punishable in the borough or miners' court; also officers belonging to the same mines. Wharton.

CAYA. In old English law. A quay, kay, key, or wharf. Cowell.

CAYAGIUM. In old English law. Carage or kayage; a toll or duty annually paid the king for landing goods at a quay or wharf. The barons of the Cinque Ports were free from this duty. Cowell.

CEAP. A bargain; anything for sale; a chattel; also cattle, as being the usual medium of barter. Sometimes used instead of ceapgild, (q. v.)

CEAPGILD. Payment or forfeiture of an animal. An ancient species of forfeiture. Cowell.

CEASE. To stop; to become extinct; to pass away. McDonald v. Atina Indemnity Co., 90 A. 926, 927, 90 Conn. 226. Denoting a cessation of activity. Huasteca Petroleum Co. v. Cia de Navegacao Lloyd Brasileiro (D. C.) 297 F. 318, 521; In re Simpson, 62 Cal. App. 549, 217 P. 759, 790. But see City of Macon v. Bunch. 156 Ga. 27, 118 S. E. 769, holding that a city detective, by being kept in jail for 31 days to answer an indictment, did not cease to perform the duties of his office so as to cause a vacancy therein.

CEASE TO DO BUSINESS. A going concern ceases to do business when it sells all its property, plant, assets of all kinds, including cash, and the buyer takes possession. Van Oss v. Premier Petroleum Co., 113 Me. 150, 96 A. 72, 77.

CEDE. To yield up; to assign; to grant. Generally used to designate the transfer of territory from one government to another. Goetz v. United States (C. C.) 103 Fed. 72; Baltimore v. Turnpike Road, 50 Md. 535, 31 Atl. 420; Somers v. Pierson, 16 N. J. Law, 181.

CEDENT. In Scotch law. An assignor. One who transfers a chose in action. Kames, Eq. 43.

CEDO. I grant. The word ordinarily used in Mexican conveyances to pass title to lands. Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 89, 108.

CEDULA. In Old English Law

A schedule.

In Spanish Law

An act under private signature, by which a dealer admits the amount of the debt, and binds himself to discharge the same on a specified day or on demand. Also the notice or citation affixed to the door of a fugitive criminal requiring him to appear before the court where the accusation is pending.


CELATION. In medical jurisprudence. Concealment of pregnancy or delivery.

CELTRA. In old English law, a chaldron. In old Scotch law, a measure of grain, otherwise called a "chaldar." See 1 Kames, Eq. 215.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE. The formal act by which a man and woman take each other for husband and wife, according to law; the solemnization of a marriage. The term is usually applied to a marriage ceremony attended with ecclesiastical functions. See Pearson v. Howey, 11 N. J. Law, 19.

CELIBACY. The condition or state of life of an unmarried person.

CELLERARIUS. A butler in a monastery; sometimes in universities called "maneiple" or "caterer."

CEMETERY. A graveyard; burial ground. Peterson v. Stolz (Tex. Civ. App.) 269 S. W. 113, 117; Village of Villa Park v. Wanderer's Rest Cemetery Co., 316 Ill. 226, 147 N. E. 104, 105. A place set apart, either by municipal authority or private enterprise, for the interment of the dead, the term including not only lots for depositing the bodies of the dead, but also avenues, walks, and grounds for shrubbery and ornamental purposes. Ex parte Adlaf, 80 Tex. Cr. R. 13, 215 S. W. 222.
223. A place of burial, differing from a churchyard by its locality and incidents,—by its locality, as it is separate and apart from any sacred building used for the performance of divine service; by its incidents that, inasmuch as no vault or burying-place in an ordinary churchyard can be purchased for a perpetuity, in a cemetery a permanent burial place can be obtained. Wharton. See Winters v. State, 9 Ind. 174; Cemetery Ass'n v. Board of Assessors, 37 La. Ann. 33; Jenkins v. Andover, 103 Mass. 104; Cemetery Ass'n v. New Haven, 43 Conn. 243, 21 Am. Rep. 643.

Six or more human bodies being buried at one place constitutes the place a cemetery. Pol. Code Cal. § 3206.

Cemetery Work. Platting, grading, planting, beautifying, and maintaining a tract of land in such manner as to render it a proper place for sepulture of the dead, and to preserve it as such, under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Rosedale Cemetery Ass'n v. Industrial Accident Commission of California, 37 Cal. App. 706, 174 P. 351, 352.

Cendulum. Small pieces of wood laid in the form of tiles to cover the roof of a house; shingles. Cowell.

Cenegild. In Saxon law. An expiatory mulct or fine paid to the relations of a murdered person by the murderer or his relations. Spelman.

Cenelle. In old records. Acorns.

Cenniga. A notice given by a buyer to a seller that the things which had been sold were claimed by another, in order that he might appear and justify the sale. Blount; Whishaw. But the exact significance of this term is somewhat doubtful. Spelman, Gloss.

Cens. In French Canadian law. An annual tribute or due reserved to a seignior or lord, and imposed merely in recognition of his superiority. Guyot, Inst. c. 9. The cens varies in amount and in mode of payment. 2 Low. C. 40. See Censive; Censitaire.

Censaria. In old English law. A farm, or house and land let at a standing rent. Cowell.

Censarii. In old English law. Farmers, or such persons as were liable to pay a census, (tax.) Blount; Cowell.

Censere. In the Roman law. To ordain; to decree. Dig. 50, 16, 111.

Censitaire. In Canadian law. A tenant by cens, (q. v.)

Censive. In Canadian law. Tenure by cens, (q. v.)

Censo. In Spanish and Mexican law. An annuity. A ground rent. The right which a person acquires to receive a certain annual pension, for the delivery which he makes to another of a determined sum of money or of an immovable thing. Civ. Code Mex. art. 3206. See Schm. Civil Law, 149, 309; White, New Recop. bk. 2, c. 7, § 4.


Censo Consignativo. A censo (q. v.) is called "consignativo" when he who receives the money assigns for the payment of the pension (annuity) the estate the fee in which he reserves. Civ. Code Mex. art. 3207.

Censo Enfiteutico. In Spanish and Mexican law. An emphystetic annuity. That species of census (annuity) which exists where there is a right to require of another a certain canon or pension annually, on account of having transferred to that person forever certain real estate, but reserving the fee in the land. The owner who thus transfers the land is called the "censoalista," and the person who pays the annuity is called the "censario." Hall, Mex. Law, § 756; Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 557.

Censo Reservatio. In Spanish and Mexican law. The right to receive from another an annual pension by virtue of having transferred land to him by full and perfect title. Trevino v. Fernandez, 13 Tex. 635.

Censuales. In old European law. A species of obhali or voluntary slaves of churches or monasteries; those who, to procure the protection of the church, bound themselves to pay an annual tax or quit-rent only of their estates to a church or monastery.

Censuere. In Roman law. They have decreed. The term of art, or technical term for the judgment, resolution, or decree of the senate. Tayl. Civil Law, 599.

Censumethodus, or Censumorthidus. A dead rent, like that which is called "mortmain." Blount; Cowell.

Censure. In ecclesiastical law. A spiritual punishment, consisting in withdrawing from a baptized person (whether belonging to the clergy or the laity) a privilege which the church gives him, or in wholly expelling him from the Christian communion. The principal varieties of censures are admonition, degradation, deprivation, excommunication, penance, sequestration, suspension. Phllim. Ecc. Law, 1367.

A custom observed in certain manors in Devon and Cornwall, where all persons above the age of sixteen years are cited to swear fealty to the lord, and to pay 11d. per poll, and 1d. per annum.

Census. The official counting or enumeration of the people of a state or nation, with
statistics of wealth, commerce, education, etc.

In Roman Law
A numbering or enrollment of the people, with a valuation of their fortunes.

In Old European Law

CENSUS REGALIS. In English law. The annual revenue or income of the crown.

CENT. A coin of the United States, the least in value of those now minted. It is the hundredth part of a dollar. Its weight is 48 gr., and it is composed of ninety-five per centum of copper and of five per centum of tin and zinc in such proportions as shall be determined by the Director of the Mint. Act of Feb. 12, 1873, § 16. See Rev. Stat. § 3516 (31 USCA § 317).

CENTENAS. A hundred. A district or division containing originally a hundred freemen, established among the Goths, Germans, Franks, and Lombards, for military and civil purposes, and answering to the Saxon "hundred." Speelman; 1 Bl. Comm. 115.

Also, in old records and pleadings, a hundred weight.

CENTENARIU. Petty judges, under-sheriffs of counties, that had rule of a hundred, (centenae) and judged smaller matters among them. 1 Vent. 211.

CENTENI. The principal inhabitants of a centena, or district composed of different villages, originally in number a hundred, but afterwards only called by that name.

CENTER. This term is often used, not in its strict sense of a geographical or mathematical center, but as meaning the middle or central point or portion of anything. Bass v. Harden, 160 Ga. 400, 128 S. E. 397, 400; Rowland v. Matthews, 155 Ga. 849, 113 S. E. 442, 444; Hill v. Ralph, 165 Ark. 524, 265 S. W. 57, 58; Rice v. Douglas County, 93 Or. 551, 183 P. 768, 771; Darnell v. Ransdall (Mo. App.) 277 S. W. 372, 373; Kerr v. Fee, 179 Iowa, 1097, 161 N. W. 545, 546. But the center of a section of land is the intersection of a straight line from the north quarter corner to the south quarter corner with a straight line from the east quarter corner to the west quarter corner. Luns v. Sandmeier's Estate, 172 Minn. 398, 215 N. W. 426. Similarly, the center of a street intersection refers to the point where the center lines of the two streets cross. Thrush v. Lingo Lumber Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 282 S. W. 551, 552.

CENTESIMA. In Roman law. The hundredth part.
Usuria centesima. Twelve per cent. per annum; that is, a hundredth part of the principal was due each month,—the month being the unit of time from which the Romans reckoned interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note.

CENTIME. The name of a denomination of French money, being the one-hundredth part of a franc.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT. Since 1834, an English court, having jurisdiction for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors committed in London and certain adjoining parts of Kent, Essex, and Sussex, and of such other criminal cases as may be sent to it out of the king's bench, though arising beyond its proper jurisdiction. It was constituted by the acts 4 & 5 Wm. IV. c. 36, and 19 & 20 Vict. c. 16, and superseded the "Old Bailey."

CENTRAL OFFICE. The central office of the supreme court of judicature in England is the office established in pursuance of the recommendation of the legal departments commission in order to consolidate the offices of the masters and associates of the common-law divisions, the crown office of the king's bench division, the record and writ clerk's report, and enrollment offices of the chancery division, and a few others. The central office is divided into the following departments, and the business and staff of the office are distributed accordingly: (1) Writ, appearance, and judgment; (2) summons and order, for the common-law divisions only; (3) filing and record, including the old chancery report office; (4) taxing, for the common-law divisions only; (5) enrollment; (6) judgments, for the registry of judgments, executions, etc.; (7) bills of sale; (8) married women's acknowledgments; (9) king's remembrancer; (10) crown office; and (11) associates. Sweet.

CENTRALIZATION. This word is used to express the system of government prevailing in a country where the management of local matters is in the hands of functionaries appointed by the ministers of state, paid by the state, and in constant communication and under the constant control and inspiration of the ministers of state, and where the funds of the state are largely applied to local purposes. Wharton.

CENTUMVIRI. In Roman law. The name of an important court consisting of a body of one hundred and five judges. It was made up by choosing three representatives from each of the thirty-five Roman tribes. The judges sat as one body for the trial of certain important or difficult questions, (called, "causa centumvirales," ) but ordinarily they were separated into four distinct tribunals. 3 Bla. Comm. 515.

CENTURY. One hundred. A body of one hundred men. The Romans were divided in-
to centuries as the English were divided into hundreds.
Also a cycle of one hundred years.

CEORL. In Anglo-Saxon law. The freemen were divided into two classes,—thanes and ceorls. The thanes were the proprietors of the soil, which was entirely at their disposal. The ceorls were men personally free, but possessing no landed property. Guizot, Rep. Govt.
A tenant at will of free condition, who held land of the thane on condition of paying rent or services. Cowell.
A freeman of inferior rank occupied in husbandry. Spelman.

Under the Norman rule, this term, as did others which denoted workmen, especially those which applied to the conquered race, became a term of reproach, as is indicated by the popular signification of churl. Cowell; 1 Petti. & Maitt. 8; 2 id. 468.

CEPI. Lat. I have taken. This word was of frequent use in the returns of sheriffs when they were made in Latin, and particularly in the return to a writ of capias.

The full return (in Latin) to a writ of capias was commonly made in one of the following forms: Cepi corpus, I have taken the body, i.e., arrested the body of the defendant; Cepi corpus et bail, I have taken the body and released the defendant on a bail-bond; Cepi corpus et committitur, I have taken the body and he has been committed (to prison); Cepi corpus et est in custodia, I have taken the defendant and he is in custody; Cepi corpus et est lupus in lupum, I have taken the defendant and he is sick, i.e., so sick that he cannot safely be removed from the place where the arrest was made; Cepi corpus et paratum habeo, I have taken the body and have it (him) ready, i.e., in custody and ready to be produced when ordered.

CEPIT.

In Civil Practice
He took. This was the characteristic word employed in (Latin) writs of trespass for goods taken, and in declarations in trespass and replevin.

Replevin in the cepit is a form of replevin which is brought for carrying away goods merely. Wells, Rep. § 53; Cummings v. Vorcee, 3 Hill (N. Y.) 282; Davis v. Calvert, 17 Ark. 85; Ford v. Ford, 3 Wis. 399.

In Criminal Practice
This was a technical word necessary in an indictment for larceny. The charge must be that the defendant took the thing stolen with a felonious design. Bac. Abr. "Indictment," G, 1.

In General
—Cepit et abduxit. He took and led away. The emphatic words in writs in trespass or indictments for larceny, where the thing taken was a living chattel, i.e., an animal.

—Cepit et asportavit. He took and carried away. Applicable in a declaration in trespass or an indictment for larceny where the defendant has carried away goods without right. 4 Bl. Comm. 221.

—Cepit in alio loco. In pleading. A plea in replevin, by which the defendant alleges that he took the thing repleved in another place than that mentioned in the declaration. 1 Chit. Pl. 490; Rast. Entr. 554, 555; Morris, Repl. 141; Wells, Repl. § 707.

CEPPAGIUM. In old English law. The stumps or roots of trees which remain in the ground after the trees are felled. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 41, § 24.

CERA, or CERE. In old English law. Wax; a seal.

CERA IMPRESSA. Lat. An impressed seal. It does not necessarily refer to an impression on wax, but may include an impression made on wafers or other adhesive substances capable of receiving an impression, or even paper. Pierce v. Indseth, 106 U. S. 548, 1 S. Ct. 418; 27 L. Ed. 254.

CERAGRUM. In old English law. A payment to provide candles in the church. Blount.

CEREISA. In old English law. Ale or beer.

CERT MONEY. In old English law. Head money or common fine. Money paid yearly by the residents of several manors to the lords thereof, for the certain keeping of the leet, (pro certo leto) and sometimes to the hundred. Blount; 6 Coke, 78; Cowell.

Certa debet esse intentio, et narratio, et certum fundamentum, et certa res qua deducitur in judicio. The design and narration ought to be certain, and the foundation certain, and the matter certain, which is brought into court to be tried. Co. Litt. 303a.

CERTA RES. In old English law. A certain thing. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, §§ 24, 25.

CERTAIN. Ascertained; precise; identified; definitive; clearly known; unambiguous; or, in law, capable of being identified or made known, without liability to mistake or ambiguity, from data already given. Cooper v. Bigly, 13 Mich. 479; Losecoo v. Gregory, 108 La. 648, 32 So. 986; Smith v. Fyler, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 649; White v. Wadhams, 204 Mich. 351, 170 N. W. 60, 62. That is "certain" which can be made certain. Singer v. Campbell, 217 Ky. 830, 290 S. W. 667, 668; Civ. Code La. art. 3550. See, also, Larson v. Russell, 45 N. D. 33, 176 N. W. 998, 1002.

CERTAIN SERVICES. In feudal and old English law. Such services as were stinted (limited or defined) in quantity, and could not be exceeded on any pretense, as to pay a stated annual rent, or to plow such a field for three days. 2 Bl. Comm. 61.
CERTAINTY.  

In Pleading  

Distinctness; clearness of statement; particularity. Such precision and explicitness in the statement of alleged facts that the pleader's averments and contention may be readily understood by the pleader on the other side, as well as by the court and jury. State v. Hayward, 83 Mo. 309; State v. Burke, 151 Mo. 143, 52 S. W. 226; David v. David, 66 Ala. 148.

This word is technically used in pleading in two different senses, signifying either distinctness, or particularity, as opposed to undue generality.

Certainty is said to be of three sorts: (1) 

Certainty to a common intent is such as is attained by using words in their ordinary meaning, but is not exclusive of another meaning which might be made out by argument or inference. See 2 H. Bla. 530; Andr. Steph. Pl. 384. (2) Certainty to a certain intent in general is that which allows of no misunderstanding if a fair and reasonable construction is put upon the language employed, without bringing in facts which are possible, but not apparent. 1 Wms. Saund. 49; Fuller v. Hampton, 5 Conn. 428. (3) Certainty to a certain intent in particular is the highest degree of technical accuracy and precision. Co. Litt. 303; 2 H. Bl. 530; Spencer v. Southwick, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 317; State v. Parker, 34 Ark. 158, 36 Am. Rep. 5; Lawes, Pl. 54.

These definitions, which have been adopted from Coke, have been subjected to severe criticism, but are of some utility in drawing attention to the different degrees of exactness and fulness of statement required in different instances. 8 East, 85; 13 East, 112; 3 Maxon & B. 14; People v. Dunlap, 13 Johns. (N. Y.) 467.

In Contracts  


A thing is certain when its essence, quality, and quantity are described, distinctly set forth, etc. Dig. 12, 1, 6. It is uncertain when the description is not that of an individual object, but designates only the kind. Civ. Code La. art. 3556, par. 7; 5 Coke, 121.

CERTIFICANDO DE RECOGNIZIONE STAPULÆ. In English law. A writ commanding the mayor of the staple to certify to the lord chancellor a statute-staple taken before him where the party himself detains it, and refuses to bring in the same. There is a like writ to certify a statute-merchant, and in divers other cases. Reg. Orig. 148, 151, 152.

CERTÍFICATE. A written assurance, or official representation, that some act has or has not been done, or some event occurred, or some legal formality been complied with. Particularly, such written assurance made or issuing from some court, and designed as a notice of things done therein, or as a warrant or authority, to some other court, judge, or officer. People v. Foster, 27 Misc. Rep. 576, 58 N. Y. Supp. 374; U. S. v. Ambrose, 108 U. S. 336, 2 Sup. Ct. 625, 27 L. Ed. 746; Ticonic Bank v. Stackpole, 41 Me. 305; Dickinson v. Perry, 131 P. 504, 511, 75 Okl. 25; Cincinnati, N. O. & T. P. Ry. Co. v. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland (C. C. A.) 296 F. 296, 300. A declaration in writing, Ballen & Friedman v. Bank of Krenilin, 37 Okl. 112, 130 P. 539, 540, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 621. A "certificate" by a public officer is a statement written and signed, but not necessarily or customarily sworn to, which is by law made evidence of the truth of the facts stated for all or for certain purposes. State v. Abernethy, 190 N. C. 768, 130 S. E. 619, 620.

A writing by which testimony is given that a fact has or has not taken place. Federal Union Surety Co. v. Schlosser, 66 Ind. App. 139, 114 N. E. 875, 877; Lacelle Land & Improvement Co. v. Morten, 183 Mo. App. 637, 167 S. W. 658.

A document in use in the English custom-house. No goods can be exported by certificate, except foreign goods formerly imported, on which the whole or a part of the customs paid on importation is to be drawn back. Wharton.

CERTIFICATE FOR COSTS. In English practice. A certificate or memorandum drawn up and signed by the judge before whom a case was tried, setting out certain facts the existence of which must be thus proved before the party is entitled, under the statutes, to recover costs.

CERTIFICATE INTO CHANCERY. In English practice. This is a document containing the opinion of the common-law judges on a question of law submitted to them for their decision by the chancery court.

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT. The certificate of a notary public, justice of the peace, or other authorized officer, attached to a deed, mortgage, or other instrument, setting forth that the parties thereto personally appeared before him on such a date and acknowledged the instrument to be their free and voluntary act and deed. Read v. Loan Co., 68 Ohio St. 290, 67 N. E. 729, 62 L. R. A. 790, 96 Am. St. Rep. 663.

CERTIFICATE OF ASSIZE. A writ granted for the re-examination or retrial of a matter passed by assize before justices. Flitzh. Nat. Brev. 181. It is now entirely obsolete. 3 Bla. Comm. 389. Consult, also, Comyns, Dig. Assize (B, 27, 28).

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT. In the practice of bankers. This is a writing acknowledging that the person named has deposited

CERTIFICATE OF HOLDER OF ATTACHED PROPERTY. A certificate required by statute, in some states, to be given by a third person who is found in possession of property subject to an attachment in the sheriff's hands, setting forth the amount and character of such property and the nature of the defendant's interest in it. Code Civil Proc. N. Y. § 650 (Civil Practice Act, § 915).

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION. The instrument by which a private corporation is formed, under general statutes, executed by several persons as incorporators, and setting forth the name of the proposed corporation, the objects for which it is formed, and such other particulars as may be required or authorized by law, and filed in some designated public office as evidence of the corporate existence. This is properly distinguished from a "charter," which is a direct legislative grant of corporate existence and powers to named individuals; but practically the certificate of incorporation or "articles of incorporation" will contain the same enumeration of corporate powers and description of objects and purposes as a charter.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS. A form of obligation sometimes issued by public or private corporations having practically the same force and effect as a bond, though not usually secured on any specific property. Christie v. Duluth, 84 N. W. 754, 82 Minn. 202; Armstrong v. Union Trust & Savings Bank (C. C. A.) 248 F. 268, 270. It may, however, create a lien on all the property of the corporation issuing it, superior to the rights of general creditors. Jefferson Banking Co. v. Trustees of Martin Institute, 146 Ga. 383, 91 S. E. 463, 466.

CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE. A certificate issued by the proper public officer to the successful bidder at a judicial sale (such as a tax sale) setting forth the fact and details of his purchase, and which will entitle him to receive a deed upon confirmation of the sale by the court, or (as the case may be) if the land is not redeemed within the time limited for that purpose. Lightcap v. Bradley, 186 Ill. 510, 58 N. E. 221; Taylor v. Weston, 77 Cal. 534, 20 Pac. 62.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY. In maritime law. A certificate of the registration of a vessel according to the registry acts, for the purpose of giving her a national character. 3 Steph. Comm. 274; 3 Kent, Comm. 130–150.

CERTIFICATE OF SALE. The same as "certificate of purchase," supra.

CERTIFICATE OF STOCK. A certificate of a corporation or joint-stock company that the person named is the owner of a designated number of shares of its stock; given when the subscription is fully paid and the "scrip-certificate" taken up. Gibbons v. Mahon, 136 U. S. 549, 10 Sup. Ct. 1057, 34 L. Ed. 525; Merritt v. Barge Co., 79 Fed. 233, 24 C. C. A. 550; Edwards v. Wabash Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 284 F. 610, 613. A written instrument signed by the proper officers of the corporation, stating or acknowledging that the person named therein is the owner of a designated number of shares of its stock. It is not the stock itself, but merely written evidence of ownership thereof, and of the rights and liabilities resulting from such ownership. It is merely a paper representation of an incorporeal right, and stands on the footing similar to that of other muniments of title. Whitehead v. Gormley, 116 Okl. 287, 215 P. 562, 565, 47 A. L. R. 171; Crocker v. Crocker, 84 Cal. App. 114, 257 P. 611, 617; Gallatin County Farmers' Alliance v. Flannery, 59 Mont. 534, 197 P. 996, 998; De Loach v. Bennett, 156 Ga. 633, 119 S. E. 592; Misener v. Alexander, 102 N. C. 228, 78 S. E. 161, 164.

CERTIFICATE, TRIAL BY. This is a mode of trial now little in use; it is resorted to in cases where the fact in issue lies out of the cognizance of the court, and the judges, in order to determine the question, are obliged to rely upon the solemn averment or information of persons in such a station as affords them the clearest and most competent knowledge of the truth. Brown.

CERTIFICATION. In Scotch practice. This is the assurance given to a party of the course to be followed in case he does not appear or obey the order of the court.

CERTIFICATION OF ASSIZE. In English practice. A writ anciently granted for the re-examining or retrial of a matter passed by assize before justices, now entirely superseded by the remedy afforded by means of a new trial. See Certificate of Assize.

CERTIFICATS DE CÔTUME. In French law. Certificates given by a foreign lawyer, establishing the law of the country to which he belongs upon one or more fixed points. These certificates can be produced before the
French courts, and are received as evidence in suits upon questions of foreign law. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 548.

CERTIFIED CHECK. In the practice of bankers. This is a depositor’s check recognized and accepted by the proper officer of the bank as a valid appropriation of the amount specified to the payee named, and as drawn against funds of such depositor held by the bank. The usual method of certification is for the cashier or teller to write across the face of the check, over his signature, a statement that it is “good when properly indorsed” for the amount of money written in the body of the check. See McAdoo v. Farmers’ State Bank of Zenda, 106 Kan. 602, 150 P. 155, 156; Bathgate v. Exchange Bank of Chula, 199 Mo. App. 583, 205 S. W. 575, 576; Merchants’ & Planters’ Bank of Camden v. New First Nat. Bank of Columbus, Ohio, 116 Ark. 1, 170 S. W. 852, 854, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 944.

CERTIFIED COPY. A copy of a document, signed and certified as a true copy by the officer to whose custody the original is intrusted. Dorensus v. Smith, 4 N. J. Law, 143; People v. Foster, 27 Misc. 576, 58 N. Y. Supp. 574; Nelson v. Blakey, 51 Ind. 36.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. A trained accountant who examines the books of accounts of corporations and others and reports upon them.


CERTIORARI. Lat. (To be informed of, to be made certain in regard to.) The name of a writ issued by a superior court directing an inferior court to send up to the former some pending proceeding, or all the record and proceedings in a cause before verdict, with its certificate to the correctness and completeness of the record, for review or trial; or it may serve to bring up the record of a case already terminated below, if the inferior court is one not of record, or in cases where the procedure is not according to the course of the common law. State v. Sullivan (C. C.) 50 F. 393; Dean v. State, 63 Ala. 154; Railroad Co. v. Trust Co. (C. C.) 78 F. 681; Fowler v. Lindsey, 3 Dall. 413, 1 L. Ed. 658; Basset v. Jacksonville, 18 Fla. 526; Walpole v. Ink, 9 Ohio, 144; People v. Livingston County, 43 Barb. (N. Y.) 234; State v. City Council of Camden, 47 N. J. Law, 64, 54 Am. Rep. 117; Dancy v. Owens, 126 Okl. 37, 258 P. 878, 881; State ex rel. Shaw State Bank v. Pfefle, 220 Mo. App. 676, 298 S. W. 512, 515; U. S. v. Elliott (D. C.) 3 F.(2d) 496, 497; Sisson v. Peloquin (R. I.) 133 A. 621; People ex rel. Hoesterye v. Taylor, 205 N. Y. S. 897, 898, 210 App. Div. 195. It is available only for the review of judicial or quasi judicial actions. Hawkins v. City of St. Joseph (Mo. Sup.) 251 S. W. 420, 421; State v. Canfield, 186 Minn. 414, 208 N. W. 181.

Originally, and in English practice, a certiorari is an original writ, issuing out of the court of chancery or the king’s bench, and directed in the king’s name to the judges or officers of inferior courts, commanding them to certify or to return the records or proceedings in a cause depending before them, for the purpose of a judicial review of their action. Jacob; Ashworth v. Hatcher, 88 W. Va. 228, 128 S. E. 93. For other common-law definitions, see F. N. B. 554 A; 455 F. 557 L; Buse, Abbr. 162, 163, citing 4 Burr. 2244; In re Dance, 2 N. D. 184, 29 N. W. 733, 9 Am. Rep. 738; 2 L. R. (K. B.) 318; 4 Bla. Comm. 255, 251, 272.

In Massachusetts it is defined by statute as a writ issued by the supreme judicial court to any inferior tribunal, commanding it to certify and return to the supreme judicial court its records in a particular case, in order that any errors or irregularities which appear in the proceedings may be corrected. Pub. St. Mass. 1832, p. 1354. Inhabitants of Town of Westport v. County Com’rs of Bristol County, 246 Mass. 556, 141 N. E. 591, 592; Coolidge v. Bruce, 249 Mass. 465, 144 N. E. 397.

In some states the writ has been abolished by statute so far as the common-law name is concerned, but the remedy is preserved under the new name of “writ of review”; People v. County Judge, 40 Cal. 470; Sutherlin v. Roberts, 4 Or. 388; Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co. v. Robinson, 48 F. 771, 1 C. C. A. 91.

The distinction between “mandamus” and “certiorari” is that the former issues to compel, and the latter to review, official or judicial action. West Jersey & S. R. Co. v. Board of Public Utility Com’rs, 85 N. J. Law, 574, 89 A. 1027, 1029.

CERTIORARI BILL OF. In English chancery practice. An original bill praying relief. It was filed for the purpose of removing a suit pending in some inferior court of equity into the court of chancery, on account of some alleged incompetency or inconvenience.

CERTIORARI FACIAS. Cause to be certified. The command of a writ of certiorari.

Certum est quod certum reddi potest. That is certain which can be rendered certain. 9 Coke, 47; Broom, Max. 623; Noy, Max. 451; Co. Litt. 45 b, 96 a, 142 a; 2 Bla. Comm. 143; 2 M. & S. 50; 3 Term 493; 3 M. & E. 353; President, etc., of Lechmere Bank v. Boynton, 11 Cush. (Mass.) 350.

CERURA. A mound, fence, or inclosure.

CERVISARII. In Saxon law. Tenants who were bound to supply drink for their lord’s table. Cowell.

CERVISIA. Ale, or beer. Sometimes spelled “cervisia.”
CERVISIARIUS. In old records. An alehouse keeper. A beer or ale brewer. Blount; Cowell.

CERVIS. Lat. A stag or deer.

CESAREVITCH, CESAREWITCH. Originally, a title introduced in Russia in 1799 by Paul I (1754–1801) for his second son, the Grand Duke Constantine. Afterward the title of the czar’s eldest son, or the heir apparent to the Russian throne. 6 New Internat. Encyc. 420.

CESAREVNA. In Imperial Russia, the title of the wife of the cesarevitch, or heir apparent. 6 New Internat. Encyc. 420.


CESS, v. In old English law. To cease, stop, determine, fall.

CESS, n. An assessment or tax. In Ireland, it was ancienly applied to an exaction of victuals, at a certain rate, for soldiers in garrison.

Cessa regnare, si non vis judicare. Cease to reign, if you wish not to adjudicate. Hob. 105.

Cessante causa, cessat effectus. The cause ceasing, the effect ceases. Broom, Max. 160; 1 Exch. 490.

Cessante ratione legis, cessat et ipsa lex. The reason of the law ceasing, the law itself also ceases. Co. Litt. 709; 2 Bl. Comm. 390, 391; Broom, Max. 159; 4 Co. 38; 7 id. 69; 13 East 545; 4 Bingh. N. C. 388; Appeal of Cummings, 11 Pa. 273; Nice’s Appeal, 54 Pa. 201. See Dig. 35, 1, 72, 6.

Cessante statu primitivo, cessat derivatus. When the primitive or original estate determines, the derivative estate determines also. 8 Coke, 34; Broom, Max. 495; 4 Kent, 32.

CESSARE. L. Lat. To cease, stop, or stay.

CESSAVIT PER BIENNION. In practice. An obsolete writ, which could formerly have been sued out when the defendant had for two years ceased or neglected to perform such service or to pay such rent as he was bound to do by his tenure, and had not upon his lands sufficient goods or chattels to be distrained. Fitzh. Nat. Brer. 209. It also lay where a religious house held lands on condition of performing certain spiritual services which it failed to do. 3 Bl. Comm. 232. Emig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 460.

CESSE. (1) An assessment or tax; (2) a tenant of land was said to cesse when he neglected or ceased to perform the services due to the lord. Co. Litt. 373a, 380b.

CESSER. Neglect; a ceasing from, or omission to do, a thing. 3 Bl. Comm. 232.

The determination of an estate. 1 Coke, 84; 4 Kent, Comm. 33, 90, 105, 295.

The “cesser” of a term, annuity, or the like, takes place when it determines or comes to an end. The expression is chiefly used (in England) with reference to long terms of a thousand years or some similar period, created by a settlement for the purpose of securing the income, portions, etc., given to the objects of the settlement. When the trusts of a term of this kind are satisfied, it is desirable that the term should be put an end to, and with this object it was formerly usual to provide in the settlement itself that, as soon as the trusts of the term had been satisfied, it should cease and determine. This was called a “proviso for cesser.” Sweet.

As to the cesser clause in a charter party, see Steamship Rutherford Co. v. Howard & Partners, 203 F. 345, 122 C. C. A. 109; The Marpedia (C. C. A.) 292 F. 357, 573.

CESSER, PROVISO FOR. Where terms for years are raised by settlement, it is usual to introduce a proviso that they shall cease when the trusts end. This proviso generally expresses three events: (1) The trusts never arising; (2) their becoming unnecessary or incapable of taking effect; (3) the performance of them. Suld. Vend. (14th Ed.) 621–623.

CESSET EXECUTIO. (Let execution stay.) In practice. A stay of execution; or an order for such stay; the entry of such stay on record. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1104.

CESSET PROCESSUS. (Let process stay.) A stay of proceedings entered on the record. See 2 Doug1. 627; 11 Mod. 231.

CESSIO. Lat. A cession; a giving up, or relinquishment; a surrender; an assignment.

CESSIO BONORUM. In Roman law. Cession of goods. A surrender, relinquishment, or assignment of all his property and effects made by an insolvent debtor for the benefit of his creditors. The effect of this voluntary action on the debtor’s part was to secure him against imprisonment or any bodily punishment, and from infamy, and to cancel his debts to the extent of the property ceded. It much resembled our voluntary bankruptcy or assignment for creditors. The term is commonly employed in modern continental jurisprudence to designate a bankrupt’s assignment of property to be distributed among his creditors, and is used in the same sense by some English and American writers, but here rather as a convenient than as a strictly technical term. See 2 Bl. Comm. 473; 1 Kent, Comm. 247, 422; Ersk. Inst. 4, 3, 26; Dig. 2, 4, 25; 48, 19, 1; Nov. 4, 3; Lu. Civ. Code art. 2166 (Civil Code, art. 2170); Golis v. His Creditors, 2 Mart. N. S. (La.) 108; Richards v. His Creditors, 5 Mart. N. S. (La.) 299; Sturgeon v. Crowninshield, 4 Wheat. 122, 4 L. Ed. 629.
CESSIO IN JURE. In Roman law. A fictitious suit, in which the person who was to acquire the thing claimed (vindicabat) the thing as his own, the person who was to transfer it acknowledged the justice of the claim, and the magistrate pronounced it to be the property (addicabat) of the claimant. Sandars’ Just. Inst. (6th Ed.) 89, 122.

CESSION. The act of ceding; a yielding or giving up; surrender; relinquishment of property or rights.

In the Civil Law

An assignment. The act by which a party transfers property to another. The surrender or assignment of property for the benefit of one’s creditors. See Cessio Honorum.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A giving up or vacating a benefice, by accepting another without a proper dispensation. 1 Bl. Comm. 392; Latch. 234; Cowell.

In Public Law

The assignment, transfer, or yielding up of territory by one state or government to another. See U.S. v. Chaves, 159 U.S. 452, 18 S. Ct. 57, 40 L. Ed. 215; Municipality of Ponce v. Church, 210 U. S. 310, 28 S. Ct. 737, 52 L. Ed. 1068.

CESSIO DES BIENS. In French law. The surrender which a debtor makes of all his goods to his creditors, when he finds himself in insolvent circumstances. It is of two kinds, either voluntary or compulsory, (judiciaire,) corresponding very nearly to liquidation by arrangement and bankruptcy in English and American law.

CESSION OF GOODS. The surrender of property; the relinquishment that a debtor makes of all his property to his creditors, when he finds himself unable to pay his debts. Civil Code La. art. 2170.

CESSIONARY. In Scotch law. An assignee. Bell.

CESSIONARY BANKRUPT. One who gives up his estate to be divided among his creditors.

CESSMENT. An assessment, or tax.

CESSOR. One who ceases or neglects so long to perform a duty that he thereby incurs the danger of the law. O. N. B. 138.

CESSURE. L. Fr. A receiver; a bailiff. Kelham.

C’EST ASCAVOIR. L. Fr. That is to say, or to-wit. Generally written as one word, estascavoir, estascavoir.

C’est le crime qui falt la honte, et non pas l’échafaud. Fr. It is the offense which causes the shame, and not the scaffold.

CESTUI, CESTUY. He. Used frequently in composition in law French phrases.

CESTUI QUE TRUST. He who has a right to a beneficial interest in and out of an estate the legal title to which is vested in another. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 163. The person who possesses the equitable right to property and receives the rents, issues, and profits thereof, the legal estate of which is vested in a trustee. Bernardsville Methodist Episcopal Church v. Seney, 85 N. J. Eq. 271, 96 A. 388, 399; Moore v. Shifflett, 187 Ky. 7, 216 S. W. 614, 616. It has been proposed to substitute for this uncouth term the English word “beneficiary,” and the latter, though still far from universally adopted, has come to be quite frequently used. It is equal in precision to the antiquated and unwieldy Norman phrase, and far better adapted to the genius of our language.

CESTUI QUE USE. He for whose use and benefit lands or tenements are held by another. The cestui que use has the right to receive the profits and benefits of the estate, but the legal title and possession (as well as the duty of defending the same) reside in the other. 2 Bla. Comm. 330; 2 Washb. Real Prop. 95.

CESTUI QUE VIE. He whose life is the measure of the duration of an estate. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 88. The person for whose life any lands, tenements, or hereditaments are held.

Cestuy que doit inheriter al père doit inheriter al fils. He who would have been heir to the father of the deceased shall also be heir of the son. Fitzh. Abr. “Descent,” 2; 2 Bl. Comm. 239, 250.

CF. An abbreviated form of the Latin word confer, meaning “compare.” Directs the reader’s attention to another part of the work, to another volume, case, etc., where contrasted, analogous, or explanatory views or statements may be found.

CH. This abbreviation most commonly stands for “chapter,” or “chancellor,” but it may also mean “chancery,” or “chief.”

CHACE. L. Fr. A chase or hunting ground.

CHACEA. In old English law. A station of game, more extended than a park, and less than a forest; also the liberty of chasing or hunting within a certain district; also the way through which cattle are driven to pasture, otherwise called a “droweway.” Blount.


CHACEABLE. L. Fr. That may be chased or hunted.
CHACER. L. Fr. To drive, compel, or oblige; also to chase or hunt.

CHACURUS. L. Lat. A horse for the chase, or a hound, dog, or courser.

CHAFEWAX. An officer in the English chancery whose duty was to prepare wax to seal the writs, commissions, and other instruments thence issuing. The office was abolished by St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, § 23.

CHAFFERS. An ancient term for goods, wares, and merchandise; hence the word chaffering, which is yet used for buying and selling, or beating down the price of an article. The word is used in Stat. 3 Edw. III. c. 4.

CHAFFERY. Traffic; the practice of buying and selling.

CHAIN. A measure used by engineers and surveyors, being twenty-two yards in length.

CHAIN OF TITLE. A term applied metaphorically to the series of conveyances, or other forms of alienation, affecting a particular parcel of land, arranged consecutively, from the government or original source of title down to the present holder, each of the instruments included being called a "link." Payne v. Marke, 59 Ill. 69; Capper v. Poulson, 321 Ill. 450, 152 N. E. 587, 588; Maturi v. Fay, 96 N. J. Eq. 472, 126 A. 170, 173.

CHAIRMAN. A name given to the presiding officer of an assembly, public meeting, convention, deliberative or legislative body, board of directors, committee, etc.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE. In English parliamentary practice. In the commons, this officer, always a member, is elected by the house on the assembling of every new parliament. When the house is in committee on bills introduced by the government, or in committee of ways and means, or supply, or in committee to consider preliminary resolutions, it is his duty to preside.

CHALDRON, CHALDERN, or CHALDER. Twelve sacks of coals, each holding three bushels, weighing about a ton and a half. In Wales they reckon 12 barrels or pitchers a ton or chaldron, and 29 cwt. of 120 lbs. to the ton. Wharton.

A measure of capacity, equal to fifty-eight and two-thirds cubic feet, nearly. Cowell.

CHALLENGE. 1. To object or except to; to prefer objections to a person, right, or instrument; to formally call into question the capability of a person for a particular function, or the existence of a right claimed, or the sufficiency or validity of an instrument.

2. As a noun, the word signifies the objection or exception so advanced.

3. An exception taken against legal documents, as a declaration, count, or writ. But this use of the word is now obsolete. See, however, Adkins v. Wayne County Court, 94 W. Va. 460, 119 S. E. 254, 255.

4. An exception or objection preferred against a person who presents himself at the polls as a voter, in order that his right to cast a ballot may be inquired into.

5. An objection or exception to the personal qualification of a judge or magistrate about to preside at the trial of a cause; as on account of personal interest, his having been of counsel, bias, etc. See Bank of North America v. Fitzsimons, 2 Blinn. (Pa.) 454; Pearce v. Affleck, 4 id. 319.

6. An exception or objection taken to the jurors summoned and returned for the trial of a cause, either individually, (to the polls,) or collectively, (to the array,) People v. Travers, 88 Cal. 253, 26 P. 88; People v. Fitzpatrick, 1 N. Y. Cr. R. 425. See 2 Poll & Maitl. 619, 646; Co. Litt. 155 b et seq.; State v. Levy, 187 N. C. 581, 122 S. E. 396, 398.

At Common Law

The causes for principal challenges fall under four heads: (1) Propter honoris respectum. On account of respect for the party's social rank. (2) Propter defection. On account of some legal disqualification, such as insanity or alienage. (3) Propter afectum. On account of partiality; that is, either expressed or implied bias or prejudice. (4) Propter delictum. On account of crime; that is, disqualification arising from the conviction of an infamous crime. Co. Litt. 155 b et seq.; State v. Levy, 187 N. C. 581, 122 S. E. 396, 398.

7. A request by one person to another to fight a duel. Ivey v. State, 12 Ala. 276; State v. Strickland, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 181; Com. v. Pope, 3 Dana (Ky.) 418; Hawk. Pl. Cr. b. 1, c. 3, § 3; State v. Gibbons, 4 N. J. Law, 40; State v. Farrier, 8 N. C. 457; Com. v. Lambert, 9 Leigh (Va.) 603; 2 Bish. Cr. Law, § 312.


—Challenge propter affectum. A challenge interposed on account of an ascertained or suspected bias or partiality, and which may be either a principal challenge or a challenge to the favor. Harrisburg Bank v. Forster, 8 Watts (Pa.) 306; State v. Sawtell, 66 N. H. 488, 32 A. 831; Jewell v. Jewell, 84 Me. 304, 24 A. 558, 18 L. R. A. 473.

—Challenge to the array. An exception to the whole panel in which the jury are arrayed, or set in order by the sheriff in his return, upon account of partiality, or some default in the sheriff, coroner, or other officer who arrayed the panel or made the return. 3 Bl. Comm. 359; Co. Litt. 155 b; Moore v. Guano Co., 130 N. C. 229, 41 S. E. 298;
Chamberlain. Keeper of the chamber. Originally the chamberlain was the keeper of the treasure chamber (camera) of the prince or state; otherwise called "treasurer." Cowell.

The name of several high officers of state in England, as the lord great chamberlain of England, lord chamberlain of the household, chamberlain of the exchequer. Cowell; Blount.

The word is also used in some American cities as the title of an officer corresponding to "treasurer."
CHAMBERLARIA. Chamberlainship; the office of a chamberlain. Cowell.

CHAMBERS. In Practice

The private room or office of a judge; any place in which a judge hears motions, signs papers, or does other business pertaining to his office, when he is not holding a session of court. Business so transacted is said to be done "in chambers." Quoted with approval in Chapman v. Châteauq Oil-Mill Co., 22 Ga. App. 446, 96 S. E. 579, 580. See, also, Atchison, T. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. Long, 122 Okl. 86, 251 P. 486, 491; In re Neagle (C. C.) 39 Fed. 855, 5 L. R. A. 78; Von Schmidt v. Widber, 99 Cal. 511, 34 P. 109; Hoskins v. Baxter, 64 Minn. 226, 66 N. W. 969. The term is also applied, in England, to the private office of a barrister.

In International Law

Portions of the sea cut off by lines drawn from one promontory to another, or included within lines extending from the point of one cape to the next, situate on the sea-coast of the same nation, and which are claimed by that nation as asylums for merchant vessels, and exempt from the operations of belligerents.

CHAMBIUM. In old English law. Change, or exchange. Bract.fols. 117, 118.

CHAMBRE DEPENDE. A name anciently given to St. Edward's chamber, called the "Painted Chamber," destroyed by fire with the houses of parliament.

CHAMFER. A small gutter, furrow, or groove; the slope or bevel produced by cutting off the edge of anything which was originally right angled. Syracuse Chilled Plow Co. v. Robinson (C. C.) 35 F. 502, 503.

CHAMOTTE. A clay which has been burned to an extent which deprives it of further shrinkage on being again subjected to heat. Panael v. Battle Island Paper & Pulp Co. (D. C.) 132 F. 607, 609. As used in the arts, see Id. (C. C. A.) 138 F. 48, 50.

CHAMP DE MAI. (Lat. Campus Maii.) The field or assembly of May. The national assembly of the Franks, held in the month of May.

CHAMP DE MARIS. (Lat. Campus Martii.) The field or assembly of March. The national assembly of the Franks, held in the month of March, in the open air.

CHAMPART. In French law. The grant of a piece of land by the owner to another, on condition that the latter would deliver to him a portion of the crops. 18 Toullier, n. 152.

CHAMPERT. In Old English Law

A share or division of land; champerty.

In Old Scotch Law

A gift or bribe, taken by any great man or judge from any person, for delay of just actions, or furthering of wrongful actions, whether he be lands or any goods movable. Skene.

CHAMPERTOR. In criminal law. One who makes or brings pleas or suits, or causes them to be moved or brought, either directly or indirectly, and sues them at his proper costs, upon condition of having a part of the gains or of the land in dispute. One guilty of champerty. St. 33 Edw. I. c. 2; In re Aldrich, 86 Vt. 531, 86 A. 801, 802.

CHAMPERTOUS. Of the nature of champerty; affected with champerty.

CHAMPERTY. A bargain made by a stranger with one of the parties to a suit, by which such third person undertakes to carry on the litigation at his own cost and risk, in consideration of receiving, if he wins the suit, a part of the land or other subject sought to be recovered by the action. Small v. Mott, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 405; Jewel v. Neidy, 61 Iowa, 236, 16 N. W. 141; Weakly v. Hall, 13 Ohio, 175, 42 Am. Dec. 194; Poe v. Davis, 29 Ala. 683; Gilman v. Jones, 87 Ala. 601, 5 So. 735, 7 So. 48, 4 L. R. A. 113; Torrence v. Shed, 112 Ill. 496; Casserleigh v. Wood, 119 F. 308, 56 C. C. A. 212; Dumas v. Smith, 17 Ala. 306; Key v. Vattier, 1 Ohio, 132; Kelly v. Kelly, 56 Wis. 179, 56 N. W. 867; Nickels v. Kane's Adm'r, 82 Va. 309; Gowen v. New Orleans Naval Stores, 157 Ga. 107, 120 S. E. 776, 777.

The purchase of an interest in a thing in dispute, with the object of maintaining and taking part in the litigation. 7 Bing. 278.

Champerty is the carrying on a suit in the name of another, but at one's own expense, with the view of receiving as compensation a certain share of the avails of the suit. Ogden v. Des Arta, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 275; Wilhoit's Adm'r v. Richardson, 193 Ky. 559, 238 S. W. 1025, 1026. As to an attorney's contract for a contingent fee varying with whether the case was settled, tried in the district court, or appealed, see Clayson v. Kelly, 182 Iowa, 1207, 189 N. W. 859 (holding the contract nonchampertous); cositeo, where an attorney contracted to carry on litigation at his own expense for a share of what he might recover. Phillips v. South Park Comrs., 129 Ill. 638, 639.

Champerty differs from maintenance chiefly in this, that in champerty the compensation to be given for the service rendered is a part of the matter in suit, or some profit growing out of it; 4 Bla. Com., Chase's ed. 905, n. 8; Wheeler v. Pounds, 24 Ala. 472; Lathrop v. Bank, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 489; Barnes v. Strong, 54 N. C. 100; Areden v. Patter- son, 5 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 44; Moses v. Dewberry, 57 Ga. 283; Hayney v. Coyne, 49 Ill. (Term.) 335; Coleman v. Billings, 29 Ill. 183; while in simple maintenance the question of compensation does not enter into the account; 2 Blash. Cr. Law, § 131; Quigley v. Thompson, 53 Ind. 317. Quoted with approval in Whiseman v. Wells, 256 Ky. 35, 59 S. W. 287, 598. In maintenance the interfering party is in no way benefited by the success of the party aided, but

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simply intermeddles officiously. Thus every chancery includes maintenance, but not every maintenance is chancery. See 2 Inst. 208; Stotesbury v. Marks, 79 Ind. 156; Lytle v. State, 17 Ark. 624; Sampiner v. Motion Picture Patents Co. (C. C. A.) 225 F. 343, 347.

CHAMPION. A person who fights a combat in his own cause, or in place of another. The person who, in the trial by battle, fought either for the tenant or demandant. 3 Bl. Comm. 339; Bracton, l. 4, t. 2, c. 12.

A person who engages in any contest; a combatant; a fighter; one who acts or speaks in behalf of a person, or a cause; defender; an advocate. Egan v. Signal Pub. Co., 140 La. 1069, 74 So. 596, 558.

CHAMPION OF THE KING OR QUEEN. An ancient officer, whose duty it was to ride armed cap-a-pie, into Westminster Hall at the coronation, while the king was at dinner, and, by the proclamation of a herald, make a challenge "that, if any man shall deny the king's title to the crown, he is there ready to defend it in single combat." The king drank to him, and sent him a gilt cup covered, full of wine, which the champion drank, retaining the cup for his fee. This ceremony, long discontinued, was revived at the coronation of George IV., but not afterwards. Wharton.

CHANCE. In criminal law. An accident; an unexpected, unforeseen, or unintended consequence of an act; a fortuitous event. The opposite of intention, design, or contrivance.

There is a wide difference between chance and accident. The one is the intervention of some unforeseen condition to prevent an expected result; the other is the uncalculated effect of mere luck. The shot discharged at random strikes its object by chance; that which is turned aside from its well-directed aim by some unforeseen circumstance misses its mark by accident. Pure chance consists in the entire absence of all the means of calculating results; accident, in the unusual prevention of an effect naturally resulting from the means employed. Harless v. U. S., Morris (Iowa) 173.

What a man does not know and cannot find out is "chance" as to him. Dillingham v. McLaughlin, 44 S. Ct. 362, 363, 584 U. S. 370, 68 L. Ed. 742.

CHANGE-MEDLEY. In criminal law. A sudden affray. This word is sometimes applied to any kind of homicide by misadventure, but in strictness it is applicable to such killing only as happens in defending one's self. 4 Bl. Comm. 184.

CHANGE VERDICT. See Verdict.

CHANCEL. In ecclesiastical law. The part of a church in which the communion table stands; it belongs to the rector or the impropriator. 2 Broom & H. Comm. 420.

CHANCELLOR. In American law, this is the name given in some states to the judge (or the presiding judge) of a court of chancery. In England, besides being the designation of the chief judge of the court of chancery, the term is used as the title of several judicial officers attached to bishops or other high dignitaries and to the universities. The title is also used in some of the dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States to designate a member of the legal profession who gives advice and counsel to the bishop and other ecclesiastical authorities.

In Scotland, this title is given to the foreman of an assize or jury. Bish. Eq. 7.

An officer bearing this title is to be found in some countries of Europe, and is generally invested with extensive political authority.

—Chancellor of a cathedral. In English ecclesiastical law. One of the quatuor personae, or four chief dignitaries of the cathedrals of the old foundation. The duties assigned to the office by the statutes of the different chapters vary, but they are chiefly of an educational character, with a special reference to the cultivation of theology.

—Chancellor of a diocese. In ecclesiastical law, the officer appointed to assist a bishop in matters of law, and to hold his consistory courts for him. 1 Bl. Comm. 382; 2 Steph. Comm. 672.

—Chancellor of a university. In English law. The official head of a university. His principal prerogative is to hold a court with jurisdiction over the members of the university, in which court the vice-chancellor presides. The office is for the most part honorary.

—Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster. In English law. An officer before whom, or his deputy, the court of the duchy chamber of Lancaster is held. This is a special jurisdiction concerning all manner of equity relating to lands helden the king in right of the duchy of Lancaster. Hob. 77; 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

—Chancellor of the exchequer. In English law. A high officer of the crown, who formerly sat in the exchequer court, and, together with the regular judges of the court, saw that things were conducted to the king's benefit. Cowell. In modern times, however, his duties are not of a judicial character, but such as pertain to a minister of state charged with the management of the national revenue and expenditure. 2 Steph. Comm. 407.

—Chancellor of the order of the garter, and other military orders, in England, is an officer who seals the commissions and the mandates of the chapter and assembly of the knights, keeps the register of their proceedings, and delivers their acts under the seal of their order.

—Chancellor, the lord high. In England, this is the highest judicial functionary in the kingdom, and superior, in point of precedence, to every temporal lord. He is appointed by the delivery of the king's great seal into his
custody. He may not be a Roman Catholic. He is a cabinet minister, a privy councillor, and procutor of the house of lords by prescription, but not necessarily, though usually, a peer of the realm, and vacates his office with the ministry by which he was appointed.

To him belongs the appointment of all justices of the peace throughout the kingdom. Being, in the earlier periods of English history, usually an ecclesiastic, (for none else were then capable of an office so conversant in writings,) and presiding over the royal chapel, he became keeper of the sovereign's conscience, visitor, in right of the crown, of the hospitals and colleges of royal foundation, and patron of all the crown livings under the value of twenty marks per annum in the king's books. He is the general guardian of all infants, idiots, and lunatics, and has the general superintendence of all charitable uses, and all this, over and above the vast and extensive jurisdiction which he exercises in his judicial capacity in the supreme court of judicature, of which he is the head. Wharton.

—Vice-chancellor. In English law. A judge of the court of chancery, acting as assistant to the lord chancellor, and holding a separate court, from whose judgment an appeal lay to the chancellor. 3 Steph. Comm. 418.


CHANCER. To adjust according to principles of equity, as would be done by a court of chancery. Cent. Diet.

The practice indicated by the word arose in parts of New England at a time when the courts had no equity jurisdiction, and were sometimes compelled to act upon equitable principles; as by restraining the enforcement of the penalty of a bond beyond what was equitable. See Lewiston v. Gagne, 59 Me. 395, 39 A. 629, 56 Am. St. Rep. 432; Colt v. Eaton, 1 Root (Conn.) 354; In re Appel, 183 F. 1002, 29 C. C. A. 172, 26 L. R. A. (N. E.) 76; James v. Smith, 1 Tyler (Vt.) 123; Philbrick v. Buxton, 40 N. H. 384; Murphy v. Paris, 57 App. D. C. 19, 19 F. (2d) 516.


CHANGE, n. An alteration; substitution of one thing for another. This word does not connote either improvement or deterioration as a result. In this respect it differs from amendment, which, in law, always imports a change for the better. As a verb, "change" is synonymous with "alter" or "vacate," as a road. Board of Sup'rs of Yavapai County v. Stephens, 20 Ariz. 115, 177 P. 269, 264; Tummons v. Stokes (Mo. App.) 274 S. W. 528, 529; Police Jury of Jackson Parish, La., v. Tremont & G. Ry. Co., 136 La. 784, 67 So. 828, 830. See Alteration.

Exchange of money against money of a different denomination. Also small coin. Also an abbreviation of exchange.

CHANGE OF GRADE. Usually understood as an elevation or depression of the surface of a street, or a change of the natural contour of its face so as to facilitate travel over it. McCabe v. City of New York, 140 N. Y. S. 127, 131, 155 App. Div. 262. It is essential that there shall have been a previously established grade and that a new grade be physically made. Gas Engine & Power Co. v. City of New York, 151 N. Y. S. 310, 313, 166 App. Div. 297; Berglar v. University City (Mo. App.) 190 S. W. 620, 623.

CHANGE OF VENUE. Properly speaking, the removal of a suit begun in one county or district to another county or district for trial, though the term is also sometimes applied to the removal of a suit from one court to another court of the same county or district. Dudley v. Power Co., 139 Ala. 453, 36 So. 709; Felts v. Railroad Co., 195 Pa. 21, 45 A. 489; State v. Wofford, 119 Mo. 375, 24 S. W. 764.

CHANGER. An officer formerly belonging to the king's mint, in England, whose business was chiefly to exchange coin for bullion brought in by merchants and others.

CHANNEL. The bed in which the main stream of a river flows, rather than the deep water of the stream as followed in navigation. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 53 Iowa, 558, 5 N. W. 443. See The Oliver (D. C.) 22 F. 849; Iowa v. Illinois, 147 U. S. 1, 13 S. Ct. 239, 37 L. Ed. 55; Cessill v. State, 40 Ark. 504.

But the term is sometimes used to designate the customary and traveled fairway. The Arlington (C. C. A.) 19 F.(2d) 285, 296, 54 A. L. R. 101.

It may also be used as a generic term applicable to any water course, whether a river, creek, slough, or canal. McKissick Cattle Co. v. Alsaga, 182 F. 795, 797, 41 Cal. App. 350.

The "channel" of a river is to be distinguished from a "branch." U. S. v. Hutchings (D. C.) 252 F. 841, 844.

By act of Sept. 19, 1890 (33 USCA § 603), any alteration of the channel of any navigable water without the approval of the secretary of war, is prohibited. See U. S. v. Burns (C. C.) 14 F. 311.

Main Channel

That bed of the river over which the principal volume of water flows. Many great rivers discharge themselves into the sea through more than one channel. They all, however, have a main channel. Packet Co. v. Bridge

The main channel of a navigable stream, called for as a boundary between states, means the "thalweg," or deepest and most navigable channel as it then existed. White-side v. Norton (C. O. A.) 205 F. 5, 9.

Natural Channel

The channel of a stream as determined by the natural conformation of the country through which it flows; that is, the bed over which the waters of the stream flow when not in any manner diverted or interfered with by man. See Larabee v. Cloverdale, 131 Cal. 96, 63 P. 143.

The floor or bed on which the water flows, and the banks on each side thereof as carved out by natural causes. Pima Farms Co. v. Proctor, 30 Ariz. 96, 245 P. 369, 372.

CHANTER. The chief singer in the choir of a cathedral. Mentioned in 13 Eliz. c. 10.

CHANTRY. A church or chapel endowed with lands for the maintenance of priests to say mass daily for the souls of the donors. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

CHAPEL. A place of worship; a lesser or inferior church, sometimes a part of another church. Webster. Rex v. Nixon, 7 Car. & P. 442; In re Atkinson's Will, 197 N. Y. S. 831, 832, 120 Misc. 196.

—Chapel of ease. In English ecclesiastical law. A chapel founded in general at some period later than the parochial church itself, and designed for the accommodation of such of the parishioners as, in course of time, had begun to fix their residence at some distance from its site; and so termed because built in aid of the original church. 3 Steph. Comm. 151.

—Free chapels. So called from their freedom or exemption from all ordinary jurisdiction.

—Private chapels. Chapels owned by private persons, and used by themselves and their families, are called "private," as opposed to chapels of ease, which are built for the accommodation of particular districts within a parish, in ease of the original parish church. 2 Steph. Comm. 745.

—Proprietary chapels. In English law. Those belonging to private persons who have purchased or erected them with a view to profit or otherwise.

—Public chapels. In English law, are chapels founded at some period later than the church itself. They were designed for the accommodation of such of the parishioners as in course of time had begun to fix their residence at a distance from its site; and chapels so circumstanced were described as "chapels of ease," because built in aid of the original church. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 745.

CHAPELRY. The precinct and limits of a chapel. The same thing to a chapel as a parish is to a church. Cowell; Blount; Termes de la Ley.

CHAPERON. A hood or bonnet anciently worn by the Knights of the Garter, as part of the habit of that order; also a little escutcheon fixed in the forehead of horses drawing a hearse at a funeral. Wharton.

CHAPITRE. A summary of matters to be inquired of or presented before justices in eyre, justices of assise, or of the peace, in their sessions. Also articles delivered by the justice in his charge to the inquest. Brit. c. III.

CHAPLAIN. An ecclesiastical who performs divine service in a chapel; but it more commonly means one who attends upon a king, prince, or other person of quality, for the performance of clerical duties in a private chapel. 4 Coke, 90.

A clergyman officially attached to a ship of war, to an army, (or regiment,) or to some public institution, for the purpose of performing divine service. Webster.

CHAPMAN. An itinerant vendor of small wares. A trader who trades from place to place. Say. 191, 192.

CHAPTER. In ecclesiastical law. A congregation of ecclesiastical persons in a cathedral church, consisting of canons, or prebendaries, whereof the dean is the head, all subordinate to the bishop, to whom they act as assistants in matters relating to the church, for the better ordering and disposing the things thereof, and the confirmation of such leases of the temporality and offices relating to the bishopric, as the bishop shall make from time to time. And they are termed "capitulum," as a kind of head, instituted not only to assist the bishop in manner aforesaid, but also ancietly to rule and govern the diocese in the time of vacation. Burn, Dict.; Coke, Litt. 103.

CHARACTER. The aggregate of the moral qualities which belong to and distinguish an individual person; the general result of the one's distinguishing attributes.

That moral predisposition or habit, or aggregate of ethical qualities, which is believed to attach to a person, on the strength of the common opinion and report concerning him. A person's fixed disposition or tendency, as evidenced to others by his habits of life, through the manifestation of which his general reputation for the possession of a character, good or otherwise, is obtained. Keith v. State, 127 Tenn. 40, 152 S. W. 1029, 1030.

The opinion generally entertained of a person derived from the common report of the people who are acquainted with him. Smith v. State, 88 Ala. 75, 7 So. 52; State v. Turn-
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Although "character" is often used in the sense of "reputation," the terms are distinguishable. State v. Taylor, 267 Mo. 41, 183 S. W. 139, 191; Commonwealth v. Webb, 232 Pa. 187, 97 A. 156, 159.

Character and reputation are not synonymous terms. Character is what a man or woman is morally, while reputation is what he or she is reputed to be. Yet reputation is the estimate which the community has of a person's character; and it is the belief that moral character is wanting in an individual that renders him unworthy of belief; that is to say, that reputation is evidence of character, and if the reputation is bad for truth, or reputation is bad in other respects affecting the moral character, then the jury may infer that the character is bad and the witness not reliable. General character has always been proved by proving general reputation. Leverich v. Frank, 6 Cr. 315. See, also, Richardson v. State, 233 S. W. 273, 277, 94 Tex. Cr. R. 616; Creer v. Active Automobile Exch., 121 A. 888, 889, 99 Conn. 206.

The word "character" no doubt has an objective and subjective import, which are quite distinct. As to the objective, character is its quality. As to man, it is the quality of his mind, and his affections, his capacity and temperament. But as a subjective term, certainly in the minds of others, one's character is the aggregate, or the abstract of other men's opinions of one. And in this sense when a witness speaks of the character of another witness for truth, he draws not upon his memory alone, but his judgment also. It is the conclusion of the mind of the witness, in summoning up the amount of all the reports he has heard of the man, and declaring his character for truth, as held in the minds of his neighbors and acquaintances, and in this sense character, general character, and general report or reputation are the same, as held in the books. Powers v. Leach, 26 Vt. 273.

"Character" is what a man is, and "reputation" is what he is supposed to be. Hopkins v. Tate, 29 A. 210, 215, 25 Pa. 58; State v. Pickett, 202 Iowa, 1821, 210 N. W. 783, 785. "Character" depends on attributes possessed, and "reputation" on attributes which others believe one to possess. Bills v. State, 187 Ind. 721, 119 N. E. 465. The former signifies reality and the latter merely what is accepted to be reality at present. State v. Lesbo, 120 Or. 180, 249 P. 363.

CHARGE, n.

To load, as a firearm. People v. Limeberry, 298 Ill. 335, 131 N. E. 691, 696.

In the first sense above given, a jury in a criminal case is "charged" with the duty of trying the prisoner (or, as otherwise expressed, with his fate or his "deliverance") as soon as they are impaneled and sworn, and at this moment the prisoner's legal "jeopardy" begins. This is altogether a different matter from "charging" the jury in the sense of giving them instructions on matters of law, which is a function of the court. Tomassen v. State, 122 Tenn. 556, 79 S. W. 863. And see Keith v. Commonwealth, 197 Ky. 362, 247 S. W. 42, 44.

In General

An incumbrance, lien, or burden; an obligation or duty; a liability; an accusation. Darling v. Rogers, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 461. Custody; it connotes physical possession. Randazzo v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 300 F. 794, 797.

In Contracts

An obligation, binding upon him who enters into it, which may be removed or taken away by a discharge. Terms de la Ley. An undertaking to keep the custody of another person's goods. State v. Clark, 86 Me. 194, 29 Atl. 864.

An obligation entered into by the owner of an estate, which binds the estate for its performance. Com. Dig. "Rent," c. 6; 2 Ball B. 223.

In Criminal Law


In the Law of Wills


A charge upon land is distinguished from a devise of land in trust, in that in the former the land is devised generally for the beneficial enjoyment of the devisee, subject to the payment by him of a specific sum of money or the performance of a particular duty. Howells State Bank v. Pout, 113 Neb. 181, 232 N. W. 457, 459.

In Equity Pleading

An allegation in the bill of matters which disapprove or avoid a defense which it is alleged the defendant is supposed to pretend or intend to set up. Story, Eq. Pl. § 31; Cooper-
er, Eq. Pl. 11; 1 Dan. Ch. Pr. 372, 1883, n.; 11 Ves. Ch. 574.

In Equity Practice

A paper presented to a master in chancery by a party to a cause, being a written statement of the items with which the opposite party should be debited or should account for, or of the claim of the party making it. It is more comprehensive than a claim, which implies only the amount due to the person producing it, while a charge may embrace the whole liabilities of the accounting party. Hoff. Mast. 36.

In Common-law Practice

The final address made by a judge to the jury trying a case, before they make up their verdict, in which he sums up the case, and instructs the jury as to the rules of law which apply to its various issues, and which they must observe, in deciding upon their verdict, when they shall have determined the controverted matters of fact. The term also applies to the address of the court to a grand jury, in which the latter are instructed as to their duties.

In Scotch Law

The command of the king’s letters to perform some act; as a charge to enter heir. Also a messenger’s execution, requiring a person to obey the order of the king’s letters; as a charge on letters of horning, or a charge against a superior. Bell.

General Charge

The charge or instruction of the court to the jury upon the case, as a whole, or upon its general features and characteristics.

Public Charge

A person whom it is necessary to support at public expense by reason of poverty, insanity and poverty, disease and poverty, or idiocy and poverty. Wallis v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 273 F. 508, 511. As used in Immigration Act Feb. 5, 1917, § 19 (8 USCA § 155), one who produces a money charge on, or an expense to, the public for support and care. Ex parte Klehmirlantz (D. C.) 283 F. 697, 698. As so used, the term is not limited to paupers or those liable to become such, but includes those who will not undertake honest pursuits, or who are likely to become periodically the inmates of prisons. Lam Fung Yen v. Frick (C. C. A.) 223 F. 393, 396; Ex parte Horn (D. C.) 292 F. 465, 457; Ex parte Riley (D. C.) 17 F.(2d) 646. But see Ng Fung Ho v. White (C. C. A.) 206 F. 765, 769.

Special Charge

A charge or instruction given by the court to the jury, upon some particular point or question involved in the case, and usually in response to counsel’s request for such instruction.

CHARGE AND DISCHARGE. Under the former system of equity practice, this phrase was used to characterize the usual method of taking an account before a master. After the plaintiff had presented his “charge,” a written statement of the items of account for which he asked credit, the defendant filed a counter-statement, called a “discharge,” exhibiting any claims or demands he held against the plaintiff. These served to define the field of investigation, and constituted the basis of the report.

CHARGÉ DES AFFAIRES, or CHARGÉ D’AFFAIRES. The title of a diplomatic representative of inferior rank. He has not the title or dignity of a minister, though he may be charged with the functions and offices of the latter, either as a temporary substitute for a minister or at a court to which his government does not accredit a minister. In re Baiz, 135 U. S. 403, 10 Sup. Ct. 854, 34 L. Ed. 222; Holland v. Baiz (D. C.) 41 F. 732; 1 Kent, 39, n.; Du Pont v. Pichon, 4 Dall. 321, 1 L. Ed. 851.

CHARGE-SHEET. A paper kept at a police-station to receive each night the names of the persons brought and given into custody, the nature of the accusation, and the name of the accuser in each case. It is under the care of the inspector on duty. Wharton.

CHARGE TO ENTER HEIR. In Scotch law. A writ commanding a person to enter heir to his predecessor within forty days, otherwise an action to be raised against him as if he had entered.

CHARGEABLE. This word, in its ordinary acceptation, as applicable to the imposition of a duty or burden, signifies capable of being charged, subject to be charged, liable to be charged, or proper to be charged. Gillillian v. Chatterton, 38 Minn. 335, 37 N. W. 583; Walbridge v. Walbridge, 46 Vt. 625.

CHARGEANT. Weighty; heavy; penal; expensive. Kelham.

CHARGES. The expenses which have been incurred, or disbursements made, in connection with a contract, suit, or business transaction. Spoken of an action made, it is said that the term includes more than what falls under the technical description of “costs.”

CHARGING LIEN. See Lien.

CHARGING ORDER. See Order.

CHARITABLE. Having the character or purpose of a charity (q. v.).

CHARITABLE CORPORATION. One that freely and voluntarily ministers to the physical needs of those pecuniarily unable to help themselves. In re Rockefeller's Estate, 177 App. Div. 788, 165 N. Y. S. 154, 158; Brooklyn Children's Aid Society v. Prendergast, 166 App. Div. 852, 151 N. Y. S. 726, 723.

One which, by its powers, or usage, is charged with administering charitable relief. In re Burnham's Estate, 183 N. Y. S. 539, 543, 112 Misc. 560; In re Beckman's Estate, 195 App. Div. 681, 188 N. Y. S. 175, 179.

One organized for the purpose, among other things, of promoting the welfare of mankind at large, or of a community, or of some class from a part of it indefinite as to number of individuals. In re Dol's Estate, 156 Cal. 64, 108 P. 1539; Litvak v. Columbus Hospital of Richland County, 98 S. C. 25, 1 S. E. 512, 513; Charlesbush Holmes v. City of Boston, 218 Mass. 14, 106 N. E. 459; In re Lubin's Estate, 186 Cal. 326, 199 P. 15.

CHARITABLE GIFT. In a legal sense, every gift for a general public use, to be applied consistent with existing laws, for the benefit of an indefinite number of persons, and designed to benefit them from an educational, religious, moral, physical, or social standpoint.


Such a gift was defined by Binney to be "whatever is given for the love of God or for the love of your neighbor, in the catholic and universal sense—given from these motives, and to these ends—free from the stain or taint of every consideration that is personal, private, or selfish." Vidai v. Girard, 2 How. 123, 11 L. Ed. 236, appr. Price v. Maxwell, 23 Pa. 55; Gould v. Hospital, 95 U. S. 311, 24 L. Ed. 430; and Palmer v. Oiler, 102 Ohio St. 267, 119 N. E. 362, 363. See Charitable Uses or Purposes, infra.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTION. One supported in whole or in part at public expense or by charity. City of Vicksburg v. Vicksburg Sanitarium, 117 Miss. 709, 78 So. 702; Barr v. Brooklyn Children's Aid Soc. (Sup.) 190 N. Y. S. 296, 298. One for the relief of a certain class of persons, either by alms, education, or care. Utica Trust & Deposit Co. v. Thompson, 57 Misc. 31, 140 N. Y. S. 362, 363.


CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. One which has no capital stock and no provision for making dividends and profits, but derives its funds mainly from public and private charity, and holds them in trust for the objects and purposes expressed in its charter, the test being whether it exists to carry out a purpose recognized in law as charitable or whether it is maintained for gain, profit, or private advantage. Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Soc. v. Board of Review, 125 N. E. 7, 9, 290 Ill. 108.

CHARITABLE USES OR PURPOSES. Originally those enumerated in the statute Eliz. c. 4, and afterwards those which, by analogy, come within its spirit and purpose. Boyle, Char. 17.

A "charitable use" is one that exists for persons uncertain, as the public at large, or some general section of it, such as the poor or the needy. In re Altman's Estate, 124 N. Y. S. 601, 604, 57 Misc. 260; Institution for Savings in Roxbury and its Vicinity v. Roxbury House for Aged Women, 244 Mass. 685, 138 N. E. 301, 302. The term may be applied to anything that tends to promote the well-doing and well-being of social man. In re Barnwell's Estate, 239 Pa. 443, 112 A. 535; Stowell v. Pretis, 233 Ill. 309, 154 N. E. 120, 135, 50 A. L. R. 334; People v. Thomas Walters Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, 311 Ill. 304, 142 N. E. 566, 567; Vineyard Trust Co. v. Westendorf, 28 N. J. Eq. 342, 28 A. 314; Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. v. Benedict, 41 R. I. 143, 103 A. 145, 146. It includes all gifts in trust for religious and educational purposes and for the public benefit, convenience, utility, or comfort, and open to an indefinite or vague number of persons. Camp v. Presbyterian Soc. of Sackets Harbor, 173 N. Y. S. 581, 584, 105 Misc. 128.

A gift for a "charitable use" is a gift for the benefit of persons by bringing their hearts and minds under the influence of education or religion. By relieving their bodies of disease, suffering, or constraint, by assisting to establish them for life, by erecting or maintaining public buildings, or in other ways lessening the burdens or making better the condition of the general public, or some class thereof, indefinite as to names and numbers. In re Coleman's Estate, 167 Cal. 213, 138 P. 952, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 562.

In its present usage, the term is so broad as to include almost everything which tends to promote the physical or moral welfare of man, provided only the distribution of benefits is to be free and not a source of profit.

In respect to gifts and devises, and also in respect to freedom from taxation, charitable uses and purposes may include not only the relief of poverty by alms-giving and the relief of the indigent sick and of homeless persons by means of hospitals and asylums, but also religious instruction and the support of churches, the dissemination of knowledge by means of schools and colleges, libraries, scientific academies, and museums, the special care of children and of prisoners and released convicts, the benefit of handicraftsmen, the erection of public buildings, and reclamation of criminals in penitentiaries and reformatories. Hence the word "charitable" in this connection is not to be understood as strictly equivalent to "eleemosynary," but as the synonym of "benevolent" or "philanthropic." Beckwith v. Parish, 69 Ga. 569; Price v. Maxwell, 23 Pa. 23; Webster v. Sughrue, 68 N. H. 330, 45 A. 129, 45 L. R. A. 120; Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Allen...
CHARITY.

Subjectively, the sentiment or motive of benevolence and philanthropy; the disposition to relieve the distressed. Objectively, alms-giving; acts of benevolence; relief, assistance, or services accorded to the needy without return. Also gifts for the promotion of philanthropic and humanitarian purposes. Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Allen (Mass.) 538; Vidal v. Girard, 2 How. 127, 11 L. Ed. 265; Historical Soc. v. Academy of Science, 94 Mo. 439, 8 S. W. 310.

Charity, as used in the Massachusetts Sunday law, includes whatever proceeds from a sense of moral duty or a feeling of kindness and humanity, and is intended wholly for the purpose of the relief or comfort of another, and not for one's own benefit or pleasure. John v. Railroad Co., 118 Mass. 198, 19 Am. Rep. 421.

Charity, in its widest sense, denotes all the good affections men ought to bear towards each other; in a restricted and common sense, relief of the poor. More v. Bishop of Durham, 3 Ves. 235.

In its legal sense, the word includes not only gifts for the benefit of the poor, but endowments for the advancement of learning, or institutions for the encouragement of science and art, and it is said, for any other useful and public purpose. Gerke v. Purcell, 25 Ohio St. 245. It includes gifts to be applied for the benefit of an indefinite number of persons for the purpose of education, religious instruction, or relief from disease, suffering, or constraint, or for the erection or maintaining of public buildings, or otherwise lessening the burden of government. Jansen v. Godair, 127 N. E. 97, 109, 292 Ill. 304; Peirce v. Attwell, 234 Mass. 369, 125 N. E. 569; In re Lewton's Estate, 264 Pa. 77, 107 A. 376, 378; Noe v. Schnell, 101 N. J. Eq. 235, 137 A. 585, 585, 52 A. L. R. 965; Buckley v. Monck (Mo. Sup.) 187 S. W. 31, 33. The term includes substantially any scheme to better the conditions of any considerable part of society, and includes any gift, not inconsistent with the law, which tends to promote science or the education, enlightenment, or the amelioration of the conditions of mankind, or which is for the public convenience. Wilson v. First Nat. Bank, 164 Iowa, 402, 145 N. W. 945, 955, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 481.

"Charity" is a gift to a general public use, which may extend to those as rich as well as poor. Amb. 651; Coggeshall v. Pelton, 7 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 294, 11 Am. Dec. 471; 1 Ph. Ch. 391; Perin v. Carey, 24 How. 506, 16 L. Ed. 701; Bisp. Eq. § 124; Franklin v. Aranfeld, 2 Speed (Tenn.) 390; Congressional Sunday School & Publishing Soc. v. Board of Review, 250 Ill. 108, 125 N. E. 7, 91; Rhode Island Hos-
ville, 100 Ky. 470, 36 S. W. 921, 40 L. R. A. 139.

CHARLEY. A familiar nickname or substitute for "Charles." Carroll v. State, 24 Okl. Cr. 26, 213 P. 797, 798.

CHARRE OF LEAD. A quantity consisting of 36 pigs of lead, each pig weighing about 70 pounds.

CHART. The word "chart," as used in the copyright law, does not include sheets of paper exhibiting tabulated or methodically arranged information. Taylor v. Gilman (C. C.) 24 Fed. 632.

CHARTA.

In Old English Law

A charter or deed; an instrument written and sealed; the formal evidence of conveyances and contracts. Also any signal or token by which an estate was held.

The term came to be applied, by way of eminence, to such documents as proceeded from the sovereign, granting liberties or privileges, and either where the recipient of the grant was the whole nation, as in the case of Magna Carta, or a public body, or private individual, in which case it corresponded to the modern word "charter."

In the Civil Law

Paper, suitable for the inscription of documents or books; hence, any instrument or writing. See Dig. 32, 52, 6; Nov. 44, 2.

In General

—Charta Communis. In old English law. An indenture; a common or mutual charter or deed; one containing mutual covenants, or involving mutuality of obligation; one to which both parties might have occasion to refer, to establish their respective rights. Bract. fols. 332, 34.

—Charta cyrographata (or chirographata). In old English law. A chirographed charter; a charter executed in two parts, and cut through the middle, (scinditur per medium,) where the word "cyrographum," or "chirographum," was written in large letters. Bract. col. 34; Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 3. See Chirograph.

—Charta de forescta. A collection of the laws of the forest, made in the 9th Hen. III. and said to have been originally a part of Magna Charta.

The charta de forescta was called the Great Charter of the woodland population, nobles, barons, freemen, and slaves, loyally granted by Henry III. early in his reign (A. D. 1217), Inderwick, King's Peace 159; Stubbs's Charters 847. There is a difference of opinion as to the original charter of the forest similar to that which exists respecting the true and original Magna Carta (q. e.), and for the same reason, viz., that both required repeated confirmation by the kings, despite their supposed inviolability. This justifies the remark of recent historians as to the great charter that "this theoretical sanctity and this practical insecurity are shared with 'the Great Charter of Liberties' by the Charter of the Forest which was issued in 1217," 1 Poll. & Matl. 158. It is asserted with great positiveness by Inderwick that no forest charter was ever granted by King John, but that Henry III. issued the charter of 1217 (which he puts in the third year of the reign, which, however, only commenced Oct. 28, 1216), in pursuance of the promises of his father; and Lord Coke, referring to it as a charter on which the lives and liberties of the woodland population depended, says that it was confirmed at least thirty times between the death of John and that of Henry V.; 4 Co. Inst. 308.

Webster, under the title Magna Charta, says that the name is applied to the charter granted in the 9th Hen. III. and confirmed by Edw. I. Prof. Maitland, in speaking of Magna Carta, refers to "the sister-charter which defined the forest law" as one of the four documents which, at the death of Henry III., comprised the written law of England. 1 Soc. England 410. Edward I. in 1297 confirmed "the charter made by the common consent of all the realm in the time of Henry III. to be kept in every point without breach." Inderwick, King's Peace 160; Stubbs's Charters 456. The Century Dictionary refers to this latter charter of Edw. I. as the Charter of the Forest; but it was, as already shown, only a confirmation of it, and a comparison of the authorities leaves little if any doubt that the date was as above stated and the history as here given. Its provisions may be found in Stubbs's Charters and they are summarized by Inderwick, in his work above cited.

—Charta de una parte. A deed-poll; a deed of one part. Formerly used to distinguish a deed poll—that is, an agreement made by one party only—from a deed inter partes. Co. Litt. 229.

—Charta partita. (Literally, a deed divided.) A charter-party. 3 Kent, Comm. 201.

Charta de non ente non valet. A deed of a thing not in being is not valid. Co. Litt. 36.

Charta non est nisi vestimentum donationis. A deed is nothing else than the vestment of a gift. Co. Litt. 36.

CHARTÆ LIBERTATUM. The charters (grants) of liberties. These are Magna Charta and Charta de Foresta.

Chartarum super fideum, mortuis testibus, ad patriam de necessitudine recurrendum est. Co. Litt. 36. The witnesses being dead, the truth of charters must of necessity be referred to the country, i. e., a jury.
CHARTER. Fr. A chart, or plan, which mariners use at sea.

CHARTÉ-PARTIE. Fr. In French marine law. A charter-party.

CHARTEL. A variant of "cartel" (q. v.).

CHARTER, n. In mercantile law. To hire or lease a vessel for a voyage. Thus, a "chartered" is distinguished from a "seeking" ship. 7 East, 24.

CHARTER, n. An instrument emanating from the sovereign power, in the nature of a grant, either to the whole nation, or to a class or portion of the people, or to a colony or dependency, and assuring to them certain rights, liberties, or powers. Such was the "Great Charter" or "Magna Charta," and such also were the charters granted to certain of the English colonies in America. See Story, Const. § 161; 1 Bla. Comm. 108.

A charter differs from a constitution, in that the former is granted by the sovereign, while the latter is established by the people themselves.


Also a corporation's constitution or organic law; Schultz v. City of Phoenix, 18 Ariz. 35, 156 P. 75, 76; C. J. Kuhbach Co. v. McGuire, 190 Cal. 213, 245 P. 676, 677; that is to say, the articles of incorporation taken in connection with the law under which the corporation was organized; Chicago Open Board of Trade v. Bldg. Co., 136 Ill. App. 608; Bentley v. Cincinnati, C. & E. Ry. Co., 180 Ky. 497, 203 S. W. 199, 201, L. R. A. 1915E, 315; Fitzgerald v. City of Cleveland, 88 Ohio St. 338, 103 N. E. 512, 513, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 106; In re Hanson's Estate, 38 S. D. 1, 139 N. W. 390, 400. The authority by virtue of which an organized body acts. Ryan v. Witt (Tex. Civ. App.) 173 S. W. 932, 939.

In Old English Law
A deed or other written instrument under seal; a conveyance, covenant, or contract. Cowell; Spelman; Co. Litt. 6; 1 Co. 1; F. Moore 887.

In Old Scotch Law
A disposition made by a superior to his vassal, for something to be performed or paid by him. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, b. 2, c. 1, tit. 1. A writing which contains the grant or transmission of the feu rights to the vassal. Ersk. Inst. 2, 3, 19.

Blank Charter
A document given to the agents of the crown in the reign of Richard II, with power to fill up as they pleased.

CHARTER-PARTY

In General

—Charter of pardon. In English law. An instrument under the great seal, by which a pardon is granted to a man for a felony or other offense.

—Charter of the forest. See Charta de foresta.

—Charter rolls. Ancient English records of royal charters, granted between the years 1199 and 1516.

CHARTER-HOUSE. Formerly a convent of Carthusian monks in London; now a college founded and endowed by Thomas Sutton. The governors of the charter-house are a corporation aggregate without a head, president, or superior, all the members being of equal authority. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 14, 97.

CHARTER-LAND. In English law. Otherwise called "book-land." Property held by deed under certain rents and free services. It, in effect, differs nothing from the free socage lands, and hence have arisen most of the freehold tenants, who hold of particular manors, and owe suit and service to the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

CHARTER-PARTY. A contract by which an entire ship, or some principal part thereof, is let to a merchant for the conveyance of goods on a determined voyage to one or more places. The Harvey and Henry, 86 F. 653, 90 C. C. A. 350; The New York (D. C.) 90 F. 497; Vandersloot v. The Yankee Blade, 28 Fed. Cas. 480; Spring v. Gray, 6 Pet. 151, 8 L. Ed. 372; Fish v. Sullivan, 40 La. Ann. 193, 3 So. 730; Drinkwater v. The Spartan, 7 Fed. Cas. 1065. A contract of affreightment in writing, by which the owner of a ship lets the whole or a part of her to a merchant, for the conveyance of goods on a particular voyage, in consideration of the payment of freight. 3 Kent, Comm. 201.

A written agreement not usually under seal, by which a ship-owner lets an entire ship, or a part of it, to a merchant for the conveyance of goods, binding himself to transport them to a particular place for a sum of money which the merchant undertakes to pay as freight for their carriage. Maude & F. Mer. Shipp., 227; Parker v. Washington Tug & Barge Co., 85 Wash. 573, 149 P. 88, 89.

The contract by which a ship is let is termed a "charter-party." By it the owner may either let the capacity or burden of the ship, continuing the employment of the owner's master, crew, and equipment, or may surrender the entire ship to the charterer, who then provides them himself. The master or part owner may be a charterer. Civil Code Cal. § 1959; Civil Code Dak. § 1127.

"A charter party may be a contract for the lease of the vessel, or for a special service to be rendered by the owner of the vessel. Where, as is very frequently the case, the shipowner undertakes to carry a cargo, to be provided by the charterer, on a designated voyage, the arrangement is a mere contract of affreightment." United States v. Hvaselof, 35 S. Ct. 469, 460, 337 L. S. 1, 59 L. Ed. 811, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 288.
CHARTERED SHIP. A ship hired or freighted; a ship which is the subject-matter of a charter-party.

CHARTERER. In mercantile law. One who charters (i.e., hires or engages) a vessel for a voyage; a freighter. 2 Steph. Comm. 184; 3 Kent, Comm. 137; Turner v. Cross, 58 Tex. 219, 15 S. W. 579, 15 L. R. A. 262.

CHARTIS REDDENDIS. (For returning the charters.) An ancient writ which lay against one who had charters of feoffment intrusted to his keeping and refused to deliver them. Reg. Orig. 139.

CHARTOPHYLAX. In old European law. A keeper of records or public instruments; a chartulary; a registrar. Spelman.

CHARUE. In old English law. A plow. Bestes des charues; beasts of the plow.

CHASE. The liberty or franchise of hunting, one's self, and keeping protected against all other persons, beasts of the chase within a specified district, without regard to the ownership of the land. 2 Bl. Comm. 414-416.

A privileged place for the preservation of deer and beasts of the forest, of a middle nature between a forest and a park. It is commonly less than a forest, and not endowed with so many liberties, as officers, laws, courts; and yet it is of lesser compass than a park, having more officers and game than a park. Every forest is a chase, but every chase is not a forest. It differs from a park in that it is not inclosed, yet it must have certain mates and bounds, but it may be in other men's grounds, as well as in one's own. Manwood, 49; Termes de la Ley.

The act of acquiring possession of animals ferar nature by force, cunning, or address.

Common Chase
In old English law. A place where all alike were entitled to hunt wild animals.

CHASSIS. As applied to a motor car, the rectangular metal framework, as distinguished from its body and seats, but including its accessories for propulsion, as the tanks, motor, etc., and general running gear. Kansas City Automobile School Co. v. Holcker-Elberg Mfg. Co. (Mo. App.) 152 S. W. 759, 761.


CHASTE CHARACTER. Denoting purity of mind and innocence of heart;—not limited merely to unlawful sexual intercourse. State v. Wilcoxen, 200 Iowa, 1250, 206 N. W. 260, 261.

This term, as used in statutes, means actual personal virtue, and not reputation or good name. It may include the character of one who was formerly unchaste but is reformed. Kenyon v. People, 26 N. Y. 239, 84 Am. Dec. 177; Boak v. State, 5 Iowa, 429; People v. Nelson, 153 N. Y. 56, 46 N. E. 1040, 60 Am. St. Rep. 692; People v. Mills, 94 Mich. 530, 54 N. W. 483.

CHASTITY. Purity; continence. That virtue which prevents the unlawful intercourse of the sexes. Also the state of purity or abstinence from unlawful sexual connection. People v. Brown, 71 Hun, 601, 24 N. Y. S. 1111; People v. Kehoe, 123 Cal. 224, 55 P. 911, 69 Am. St. Rep. 52; State v. Carron, 15 Iowa, 375, 57 Am. Dec. 401.


The term has been held to include growing crops; West Springfield Trust Co. v. Hinckley, 258 Mass. 107, 154 N. E. 580, 582; Power Mercantile Co. v. Moore Mercantile Co., 52 Mont. 401, 177 P. 496, 497; McKee v. Farned, 14 Ala. App. 445, 70 S. 297, 298; municipal bonds; Kornegay v. City of Goldsboro, 120 N. C. 441, 27 S. E. 187, 191; and bank bills, bank notes, coin, money, mortgages, shares of stock, and negotiable instruments; Gockstetter v. Williams (D. C.) 9 F. (2d) 928, 930; as well as choses in action generally; Sharp v. Cincinnati, N. O. & T. P. Ry. Co., 132 Tenn. 1, 179 S. W. 375, 376, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 1212. For a decision to the contrary as regards choses in action, including shares of stock, see Vidal v. South American Securities Co. (C. C. A.) 275 P. 855, 858. See also, Buchanan v. Castle Brewing Co. v. Gehl, 129 N. Y. S. 897, 898, 154 App. Div. 849 (liquor tax certificate); Carrollton Monument Co. v. Geary, 249 S. W. 506, 507, 310 Mo. App. 45 (granite monument for a lot in a cemetery).

The name given to things which in law are deemed personal property. Chattels are divided into chattels real and chattels personal; chattels real being interests in land which devolve after the manner of personal estate, as homesteads. As opposed to freeholds, they are regarded as personal estate. But, as being interests in real estate, they are called "chattels real," to distinguish them
from movables, which are called "chattels personal." Mozley & Whitley.

Chattels personal are movables only; chattels real are such as savory only of the realty. Putnam v. Westcott, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 73; Hawkins v. Trust Co. (C. C.) 79 Fed. 50; Insurance Co. v. Haven, 95 U. S. 251, 24 L. Ed. 473; Knapp v. Jones, 143 Ill. 375, 32 N. E. 382.

The term "chattels" is a more comprehensive one than "goods," as it includes animate as well as inanimate property. 2 Chit. Bl. Comm. 383, note. In a devise, however, they may be of the same import. Shep. Touch. 447; 2 Fonbl. Eq. 325.

—Chattel interest. An interest in corporeal hereditaments less than a freehold. 2 Kent, Comm. 342.

—Personal chattels. Things movable which may be annexed to or attendant on the person of the owner, and carried about with him from one part of the world to another. 2 Bl. Comm. 387; 2 Kent, 340; Co. Litt. 48 a; 4 Co. 6; In re Gay, 5 Mass. 419; Brewster v. Hill, 1 N. H. 350.

—Real chattels. Such as concern, or savor of, the realty, such as leasehold estates; interests issuing out of, or annexed to, real estate; such chattel interests as devolve after the manner of realty. 2 Bl. Comm. 386; Brown v. Beccher, 120 Pa. 500, 15 A. 605; State v. Welch, 16 Okl. Cr. 485, 184 P. 756, 757; Chicago Auditorium Ass'n v. Willing (C. C. A.) 20 F. (2d) 857, 849; First Nat. Bank v. Brashear, 200 Cal. 359, 253 P. 143, 145; In re Dalton's Estate, 183 Iowa, 1013, 186 N. W. 392, 394.

CHATTLE MORTGAGE. An instrument of sale personally conveying the title of the property to the mortgagee with terms of defeasance; and, if the terms of redemption are not complied with, then, at common law, the title becomes absolute in the mortgagee. Means v. Montgomery (C. C.) 23 F. 421; Stewart v. Slater, 6 Duer (N. Y.) 99; In re Packard Press (C. C. A.) 5 F. (2d) 653, 655. A bill of sale with a defeasance clause incorporated in it. Monongahela Ins. Co. v. Batson, 111 Ark. 167, 183 S. W. 510, 511; Bank of Dillon v. Murchison (C. C. A.) 213 F. 147, 151; Maynard v. Shaw, 246 Pa. 329, 92 A. 294, 295; Compare Owens v. Bridges, 13 Ga. App. 419, 70 S. E. 225, involving a stipulation for a re-conveyance of the property rather than a defeasance clause.

A transfer of personal property as security for a debt or obligation in such form that, upon failure of the mortgagor to comply with the terms of the contract, the title to the property will be in the mortgagee. Thomas, Mortg. 427.


An instrument giving a lien on personal property as security for a debt or the performance of some obligation. Davis v. Caldwell, 37 N. D. 1, 163 N. W. 275, 277; Stoddard v. Ploeger, 42 Idaho, 688, 247 P. 791, 793; Anglo-American Mill Co. v. First Nat. Bank, 76 Colo. 57, 230 P. 118, 120.

An absolute pledge, to become an absolute interest if not redeemed at a fixed time. Cortelyou v. Lansing, 2 Calmes, Cas. (N. Y.) 200, per Kent, Ch.


The material distinction between a pledge and a mortgage of chattels is that a mortgage is a conveyance of the legal title upon condition, and it becomes absolute in law if not redeemed by a given time; a pledge is a deposit of goods, redeemable on certain terms, either with or without a fixed period for redemption. In pledge, the general property does not pass, as in the case of mortgage, and the pawnee has only a special property in the thing deposited. The pawnee must choose between two remedies,—a bill in chancery for a judicial sale under a decree of foreclosure, or a sale without judicial process, on the refusal of the debtor to redeem, after reasonable notice to do so. Evans v. Darlington, 5 Black. (Ind.) 230.

In a condition mortgage the purchaser has merely a right to purchase, and no debt or obligation exists on the part of the vendor; this distinguishes such a sale from a mortgage. Weatherly v. Weatherly, 40 Miss. 483, 90 Am. Dec. 344; Gomes v. Kampf, 4 Daily (N. Y.) 77. And see Wills-Overland Co. v. California Chapman (Tex. Civ. App.) 296 S. W. 578, 581; Young v. Phillips, 262 Mich. 66, 269 N. W. 832.

CHAUD—MEDLEY. A homicide committed in the heat of an affray and while under the influence of passion; it is thus distinguished from chance murder, which is the killing of a man in a casual affray in self-defense. 4 Bl. Comm. 184. It has been said, however, that the distinction is of no great importance. See 1 Russ. Crimes, 660.

CHAUFFEUR. Defined by the New York Motor Vehicle (Highway) Law as anyone operating or driving a motor vehicle as an employee or for hire. People v. Fulton, 96 Misc. 693, 162 N. Y. S. 123, 126; People ex rel. McCaul v. Loughrey (Sp. Sess.) 150 N. Y. S. 590.

Statutes elsewhere contain substantially similar definitions. See Burns' Ann. St. Ind. 1625; § 1984;
CHAUMPERT. A kind of tenure mentioned in a patent of 35 Edw. III. Cowell; Blount.

CHAUNTRY RENTS. Money paid to the crown by the servants or purchasers of chauntry-lands. See Chantry.


The words "cheat and defraud" usually mean to induce a person to part with the possession of property by reason of intentionally false representations relied and acted upon by such person to his harm. Antonio Pepe Co. v. Apuzzo, 36 Conn. 507, 120 A. 651, 652; Cheek v. State, 14 Ga. App. 536, 51 S. E. 856. They include not only the crime of false pretenses, but also all civil frauds. Hinchaw v. State, 188 Ind. 147, 122 N. E. 418, 419.

CHEAT, n. Swindling; defrauding. "Deceitful practices in defrauding or endeavoring to defraud another of his known right, by some wilful device, contrary to the plain rules of common honesty." Hawk. P. C. b. 2, c. 23, § 1. "The fraudulent obtaining the property of another by any deceitful and illegal practice or token (short of felony) which affects or may affect the public." Steph. Crim. Law, 93.

Cheats, punishable at common law, are such cheats (not amounting to felony) as are effected by deceitful or illegal symbols or tokens which may affect the public at large, and against which common prudence could not have guarded. 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1116; 2 East, P. C. 818; People v. Babcock, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 201, 5 Am. Dec. 256; Von Mumm v. Prash (C. C.) 56 F. 886; State v. Parker, 43 N. H. 85.

CHEATERS, or ESCHATEORS, were officers appointed to look after the king's escheats, a duty which gave them great opportunities of fraud and oppression, and in consequence many complaints were made of their misconduct. Hence it seems that a cheater came to signify a fraudulent person, and thence the verb to cheat was derived. Wharton.

CHECK, v. To control or restrain; to hold within bounds. To verify or audit; to verify, guard, or examine the work of another. Marsh v. State, 125 Ark. 252, 188 S. W. 515, 516; State v. Hearne, 115 Ohio St. 340, 154 N. E. 244, 245. Particularly used with reference to the control or supervision of one department, bureau, office, or person over another.

CHECK-off system. In mining, a system whereby the mine operator retains certain sums from the miners' wages and pays the sums retained to the miners' union for a particular purpose, such as the purchase of food to advance efforts to unionize and destroy competition of mines in another state. Borderland Coal Corporation v. International Organization of United Mine Workers of America (D. C.) 275 F. 871, 873.

—Check-roll. In English law. A list or book, containing the names of such as are attendants on, or in the pay of, the queen or other great personages, as their household servants.


A draft or order upon a bank or banking-house, purporting to be drawn upon a deposit of funds, for the payment at all events of a certain sum of money to a certain person therein named, or to him or his order, or to bearer, and payable instantly on demand. 2 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 1566; Bank v. Patton, 109 Ill. 484; Douglass v. Wilkeson, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 643; Thompson v. State, 49 Ala. 18; Bank v. Wheaton, 4 R. I. 33; Metropolitan Loan Co. v. Reeves (Tex. Civ. App.) 236 S. W. 762.


A check differs from an ordinary bill of exchange in the following particulars: (1) It is drawn on a bank or bankers, and is payable immediately on presentment, without any days of grace. (2) It is payable immediately on presentment, and no acceptance as distinct from payment is required. (3) By its terms, it is supposed to be drawn upon a previous deposit of funds, and is an absolute appropriation of so much money in the hands of the bankers to the holder of the check, to remain there until called for, and cannot after notice be withdrawn by the drawer. Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 16 Wall. 647, 19 L. Ed. 1008; In re Brown, 4 Fed. Cas. 243; People v. Compton, 123 Cal. 403, 56 P. 44.

The term "check," within the ordinary meaning of that term, includes "draft," the only distinction being that in a draft the drawer is a bank, while in the ordinary check the drawer is an individual. Leech v. Merchants' Sav. Bank, 211 N. W. 556, 559, 202 Iowa, 899, 50 A. L. R. 358.
Check-book. A book containing blank checks on a particular bank or banker, with an inner margin, called a “stub,” on which to note the number of each check, its amount and date, and the payee’s name, and a memorandum of the balance in bank.

Cashier’s check. One issued by an authorized officer of a bank directed to another person, evidencing that the payee is authorized to demand and receive upon presentation from the bank the amount of money represented by the check. State v. Tyler County State Bank (Tex. Com. App.) 277 S. W. 625, 627, 42 A. L. R. 1347. A form of a check by which the bank lends its credit to the purchaser of the check, the purpose being to make it available for immediate use in banking circles. Duke v. Johnson, 127 Wash. 601, 221 P. 321, 322. A bill of exchange drawn by a bank upon itself, and accepted by the act of issuance. Anderson v. Bank of Tupelo, 135 Miss. 351, 100 So. 179; Montana-Wyoming Ass’n of Credit Men v. Commercial Nat. Bank of Miles City, 80 Mont. 174, 259 P. 1060, 1061; Walker v. Sellers, 201 Ala. 189, 77 So. 715. In its legal effect, it is the same as a certificate of deposit, certified check or draft. Middelkauff v. State Banking Board, 111 Tex. 561, 242 S. W. 442, 443; Lummus Cotton Gin Co. v. Walker, 185 Ala. 552, 70 So. 754, 756; Montana-Wyoming Ass’n of Credit Men v. Commercial Nat. Bank of Miles City, 80 Mont. 174, 259 P. 1060, 1061.

Crossed check. A check crossed with two lines, between which are either the name of a bank or the words “and company,” in full or abbreviated. In the former case, the banker on whom it is drawn must not pay the money for the check to any other than the banker named; in the latter case, he must not pay it to any other than a banker. 2 Steph. Comm. 118, note c. And see 7 Exch. 359; [1909] A. C. 240; Farmers’ Bank v. Johnson, King & Co., 134 Ga. 486, 68 S. E. 85, 30 L. R. A. (N. S.) 697, 137 Am. St. Rep. 242.


Memorandum check. A check given by a borrower to a lender, for the amount of a short loan, with the understanding that it is not to be presented at the bank, but will be redeemed by the maker himself when the loan falls due. This understanding is evidenced by writing the word “Men.” on the check. This is not unusual among merchants. See U. S. v. Isham, 17 Wall. 502, 21 L. Ed. 728; Turnbull v. Osborne, 12 Abb. Prac. (N. S.) (N. Y.) 202; Franklin Bank v. Freeman, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 539; Dykers v. Bank, 11 Paige (N. Y.) 212; Story, Pr. Notes § 499.

Checker. The old Scotch form of exchequer.

Checkerboard system. This term, with reference to entries on lands, means one entry built on another, and a third on the second. Sequatchie & South Pittsburg Coal & Iron Co. v. Tennessee Coal, Iron & R. Co., 181 Tenn. 221, 174 S. W. 1122.

Chefe. In Anglo-Norman law. Were or wergild; the price of the head or person, (capitis pretium.)

Chemерage. In old French law. The privilege or prerogative of the eldest. A provincial term derived from chemier, (q. v.) Guyot, Inst.


CheMIN. Fr. The road wherein every man goes; the king’s highway. Called in law Latin via regia. Terms de la Ley; Cowell; Spelman, Gloss.

Chemis. In old Scotch law. A chief dwelling or mansion house.

Cheque. A variant of check (q. v.).

Cherokee Nation. One of the civilized Indian tribes. See Indians; Indian Tribe.

Chevage. A sum of money paid by vassals to their lords in acknowledgment of their bondage.

It was exacted for permission to marry, and also permission to remain without the dominion of the lord. When paid to the king, it was called subjection. Terms de la Ley; Co. Litt. 149 a; Spelman, Gloss.

Chevage seems also to have been used for a sum of money yearly given to a man of power for his counienance and protection as a chief or leader. Terms de la Ley; Cowell.

Chevantia. In old records. A loan or advance of money upon credit. Cowell.

Chevisance. An agreement or composition; an end or order set down between a creditor or debtor; an indirect gain in point of usury, etc.; also an unlawful bargain or contract. Wharton.

Cheviti/e. In old records. Pieces of ground, or heads at the end of plowed lands. Cowell.

Chezé. A homestead or homesfall which is accessory to a house.

Chicane. Swindling; shrewd cunning. The use of tricks and artifice.
CHICKASAW NATION. One of the civilized Indian tribes. See Indians; Indian Tribe.

CHIEF FREIE. In feudal law. A small rent paid to the lord paramount.

CHIEF. One who is put above the rest. Principal; leading; head; eminent in power or importance; the best or most important or valuable of several.

Declaration in chief is a declaration for the principal cause of action. 1 Tidd, Fr. 419.

Examination in chief is the first examination of a witness by the party who produces him. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 445.

Tenant in chief was one who held directly of the king. 1 Washb. R. P. *19. See “Chief, tenant in,” infra.

CHIEF BARON. The presiding judge of the English court of exchequer; answering to the chief justice of other courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 44; 3 Steph. Comm. 401.

CHIEF CLERK. The principal clerical officer of a bureau or department, who is generally charged, subject to the direction of his superior officer, with the superintendence of the administration of the business of the office.

CHIEF JUDGE. In some states, the presiding judge, as in the New York Court of Appeals and the Maryland Court of Appeals. The term is also used in 1 Tyler (Vt.) with “assistant” judge for the puisne. It is likewise applied to the judge of the London bankruptcy court. In general, the term is equivalent to “presiding justice” or “presiding magistrate.” Bean v. Loryea, 81 Cal. 151, 22 P. 513.

CHIEF JUSTICE. The presiding, eldest, or principal judge of a court of justice.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF ENGLAND. The presiding judge in the king's bench division of the high court of justice, and, in the absence of the lord chancellor, president of the high court, and also an ex officio judge of the court of appeals. The full title is “Lord Chief Justice of England.”

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COMMON PLEASES. In England. The presiding judge in the court of common pleas, and afterwards in the common pleas division of the high court of justice, and one of the ex officio judges of the high court of appeal.

CHIEF JUSTICIAR. In old English law. A high judicial officer and special magistrate, who presided over the aula regis of the Norman kings, and who was also the principal minister of state, the second man in the kingdom, and, by virtue of his office, guardian of the realm in the king's absence. 3 Bl. Comm. 38.

CHIEF LORD. The immediate lord of the fee, to whom the tenants were directly and personally responsible. Burton, R. P. 317.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE. The head of the executive department of government of a nation, state, or municipal corporation. McIntire v. Ward, 3 Yentes (Pa.) 424.

CHIEF PLEDGE. The borsholder, or chief of the borough. Spelman.

CHIEF RENTS. In English law. Were the annual payments of freeholders of manors; and were also called “quit-rents,” because by paying them the tenant was freed from all other rents or services. 2 Bl. Comm. 42.

CHIEF TENANT IN. In English feudal law. All the land in the kingdom was supposed to be holden mediatly or immediately of the king, who was styled the “Lord Paramount,” or “Lord Above All;” and those that held immediately under him, in right of his crown and dignity, were called his tenants “in capite” or “in chief,” which was the most honorable species of tenure, but at the same time subjected the tenant to greater and more burdensome services than inferior tenures did. Brown.

CHILD. This word has two meanings in law: (1) In the law of the domestic relations, and as to descent and distribution, it is used strictly as the correlative of “parent,” and means a son or daughter, irrespective of age, considered as in relation with the father or mother, and does not ordinarily include a grandchild; nor does it ordinarily include, in its legal meaning, an illegitimate child. (2) In the law of negligence, and in laws for the protection of children, etc., it is used as the opposite of “adult,” and means the young of the human species (generally under the age of puberty or not old enough to dispense with maternal aid and care), without any reference to parentage and without distinction of sex. Miller v. Finegan, 26 Fla. 29, 7 So. 140, 6 L. R. A. 513; Falter v. Walker, 47 Okl. 527, 149 P. 1111, 1112; Bradley v. Gilliam (Tex. Clv. App.) 269 S. W. 299, 291; Hoggatt v. Clopton, 142 Tenn. 184, 217 S. W. 657, 660; Albright v. Albright, 116 Ohio St. 698, 157 N. E. 760, 763; Central of Georgia R. Co. v. Robins, 200 Ala. 6, 95 So. 367, 369, 36 A. L. R. 10; Meissner v. U. S. (D. C.) 295 F. 866, 868; State v. Gauthier, 113 Or. 297, 231 P. 141, 144.

The word “child” in statutes often means either child or children. Cunningham v. Dunn, 84 W. Va. 698, 100 S. E. 410, 411. See Children.

—Child of tender age or years. Such a child must be less than 14 years old. Barnhill's Adm'r v. Mt. Morgan Coal Co. (D. C.) 215 F. 608, 610. A minor more than 15 years of age is not included within the meaning of the term. Paulk & Fossil v. Lee, 31 Ga. App. 629, 121 S. E. 545.
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—Child’s part. A “child’s part,” which a widow, by statute in some states, is entitled to take in lieu of dower or the provision made for her by will, is a full share to which a child of the decedent would be entitled, subject to the debts of the estate and the cost of administration up to and including distribution. Benedict v. Wilmarth, 46 Fla. 535, 35 So. 84.

—Illegitimate child. A bastard (q. v.).

—Legitimate child. One born in lawful wedlock.

—Natural child. A bastard (q. v.); a child born out of lawful wedlock. But in a statute declaring that adopted shall have all the rights of “natural” children, the word “natural” was used in the sense of “legitimate.” Barns v. Allen, 9 Am. Law Reg. (O. S.) 747. In Louisiana. Illegitimate children who have been acknowledged by the father. Civ. Code La. art. 202. In the civil law. A child by natural relation or procreation; a child by birth, as distinguished from a child by adoption. Inst. 11, pr.; Id. 3, 1, 2.; Id. 3, 8 pr. See, also, Conner v. Parry, 192 Ky. 237, 234 S. W. 972, 974; Ransom v. New York, C. & St. L. Ry. Co., 93 Ohio St. 223, 112 N. E. 596, L. R. A. 1916D, 704; Middletown Trust Co. v. Gaffney, 96 Conn. 61, 112 A. 658, 651.

A child by concubinage, in contradistinction to a child by marriage. Cod. 5, 27.

—Posthumous child. One born after the father’s death.

—Quasi posthumous child. In the civil law. One who, born during the life of his grandfather, or other male ascendant, was not his heir at the time he made his testament, but who by the death of his father became his heir in his life-time. Inst. 2, 13, 2.; Dig. 28, 3, 13.

CHILDREN. Offspring; progeny; the immediate descendants of a person, whether by a first or subsequent marriage. Lewis, Perp. 196; Stahl v. Emery, 147 Md. 123, 127 A. 760, 762; Widgeon v. Widgeon, 147 Va. 1068, 133 S. E. 533, 535.


As the term is used in deeds or wills especially, being technically a word of purchase and not of limitation, it will not be construed to mean grandchildren, unless a strong case of intention or necessary implication requires it. Greenfield v. Lauritson, 366 Ill. 379, 137 N. E. 818, 819; Hanes v. Central Illinois Utilities Co., 262 Ill. 81, 104 N. E. 156, 167; Warne v. Sorge, 258 Mo. 150, 177 S. W. 947, 958; Carter v. Carter, 208 Ky. 291, 270 S. W. 769, 781; Merovitz v. Whitby, 138 Md. 222, 133 A. 651, 652. For cases holding that “child” or “children” includes “grandchildren,” see Holbrook v. Shepard, 245 N. Y. 135, 157 N. E. 607, 612; Ex parte Blaylock, 130 So. 688, 688; Davis v. Thompson, 179 Ind. 558, 301 N. E. 1012, 1013. See, also, Lewis, Perp. 185, 196; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. pp. 39, 39, §§ 988, 989; 4 Kent, Comm. 340, 346, note.

“Children” is ordinarily a word of description, limited to persons standing in the same relation, and has the same effect as if the names were given. Balcom v. Haynes, 14 Allen (Mass.) 294; Rowley v. Currie, 94 N. J. Eq. 606, 120 A. 653, 658.


Similarly, the word “heirs,” in its natural signification, is a word of limitation, and is presumed to be used in that sense, unless a contrary intention appears. Sanders, Matter of, 4 Paige (N. Y.) 295; Rogers v. Rogers, 3 Wond. (N. Y.) 269, 30 Am. Dec. 716. Hence, neither the term “heirs” nor “heirs of the body” is ordinarily equivalent to “children.” Kaelalaii v. Sullivan (C. C. A.) 243 F. 446, 450; Snowden v. Snowden, 187 N. C. 590, 122 E. 300, 301; Stanchfield v. Ramey, 137 Ky. 784, 191 S. W. 550, 553; In re Webb’s Will, 290 Pa. 420, 98 A. 562; In re Surls (Tex. Civ. App.) 153 S. W. 916, 916. But the words “heirs” and “heirs of the body” are often used synonymously with “children,” and will be so construed in wills if necessary to carry into effect the manifest intention of the testator. Gilligan v. Gilligan, 278 Mo. 650, 212 S. W. 542; Bentley v. Consolidation Coal Co., 209 Ky. 63, 272 S. W. 48, 49; Lee v. Robertson, 257 Ill. 321, 130 N. E. 774, 778; Desmond v. MacNeill, 90 Conn. 142, 96 A. 924, 925; Conover v. Cade, 184 Ind. 604, 112 N. E. 7, 12; Gibson v. Gibson, 113 S. C. 160, 101 S. E. 922; Darrah v. Barrow (Tex. Civ. App.) 242 S. W. 712, 713.


Stepchildren may also be included within the meaning of the word “children.” Newark Paving Co. v. Klotz, 85 N. J. Law, 432, 81 A. 91, 92; Hum-
CHILDMAN. In old English law. A road, way, highway. It is either the king's highway (chimonius regex) or a private way. The first is that over which the subjects of the realm, and all others under the protection of the crown, have free liberty to pass, though the property in the soil itself belong to some private individual; the last is that in which one person or more have liberty to pass over the land of another, by prescription or charter. Wharton. See Chemin.

CHIMINAGE. A toll for passing on a way through a forest; called in the civil law "pedagium." Cowell. See Co. Litt. 56 a; Spelman, Gloss.; Termes de la Ley; Baldwin's Ed. of Britton, 63.

CHIMINUS. The way by which the king and all his subjects and all under his protection have a right to pass, though the property of the soil of each side where the way lieth may belong to a private man. Cowell.

CHIMNEY MONEY, or HEARTH MONEY. A tax upon chimneys or hearths; an ancient tax or duty upon houses in England, now repealed. See Hearth Money; Fuage.

CHIPPINGAVEL. In old English law. A tax upon trade; a toll imposed upon traffic, or upon goods brought to a place to be sold; a toll for buying and selling. Whishaw; Blount.

CHIRGEMOT, CHIRCHGEMOT. (Also spelled Chirgemeote, Chirghemote, Chirgemote, Kirkmote.) In Saxon law. An ecclesiastical assembly or court. Spelman. A synod or meeting in a church or vestry. 4 Inst. 321; Blount; Spelman, Gloss.; Hen. I. cc. 4, 8; Cunningh. Law Dict.

CHIROGRAPH. In Old English Law

A deed or indenture; also the last part of a fine of land, called more commonly, perhaps, the foot of the fine. Cruise, Dig. t. 35, c. 2, s. 52.

An instrument of gift or conveyance attested by the subscription and crosses of the witnesses, which was in Saxon times called "chirographum," and which, being somewhat changed in form and manner by the Normans, was by them styled "charta." Anciently when they made a chirograph or deed which required a counterpart, as we call it, they engrossed it twice upon one piece of parchment contrariwise, leaving a space between, in which they wrote in capital letters the word "chirograph," and then cut the parchment in two through the middle of the word, giving a part to each party. Cowell; 2 Bla. Comm. 296. See, also, Charta cyrographata.

In Scotch Law

A written voucher for a debt. Bell.

BL. LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)
CHIRURGEON. The ancient denomination of a surgeon.

CHIVALRY. In feudal law. Knight-service. Tenure in chivalry was the same as tenure by knight-service. 2 Bl. Comm. 61, 62.

CHIVALRY, COURT OF. See Court of Chivalry.

CHIVALRY, TENURE BY. Tenure by knight-service. Co. Litt.


CHOP-CHURCH. A word mentioned in 9 Hen. VI. c. 65, by the sense of which it was in those days a kind of trade, and by the judges declared to be lawful. But Brooke, in his abridgment, says it was only permissible by law. It was, without doubt, a nickname given to those who used to change benefices, as to "chop and change" is a common expression. Jacob.


CHORAL. In ancient times a person admitted to sit and worship in the choir; a chorister.

CHOREPISCOPO. In old European law. A rural bishop, or bishop's vicar. Spelman; Cowell.

CHOSE. Fr. A thing; an article of personal property. A chose is a chattel personal, (Williams, Pers. Prop. 4.) and is either in action or in possession. See Chose in Action and Chose in Possession, infra.

—Chose local. A local thing; a thing annexed to a place, as a mill. Kitchin, fol. 18; Cowell; Blount.

—Chose transitory. A thing which is movable, and may be taken away or carried from place to place. Cowell; Blount.

CHOSE IN ACTION. A right to personal things of which the owner has not the possession, but merely a right of action for their possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 389, 397; 1 Chit. Fr. 99. The phrase includes all personal chattels which are not in possession; 11 App. Cas. 440; and all property in action which depends entirely on contracts express or implied; Castle v. Castle (C. C. A.) 267 F. 521, 523.


Any right to damages, whether arising from the commission of a tort, the omission of a duty, or the breach of a contract. Pitts v.
Curtis, 4 Ala. 350; Magee v. Toland, 8 Port. ( Ala.) 40.

The term has been held to include rights of action for tort. Sharp v. Cincinnati, N. O. & T. P. Ry. Co., 232 Tenn. 1, 379 S. W. 375, 376, Ann. Cas. 1937C, 127; Northern Texas Transfer Co. v. Tex. Civ. App. 267 S. W. 7, 72. It has elsewhere been said, however, that the words "chose in action" mean nothing more and can have no broader signification than the words "rights of action," and that "rights of action" include only rights of action founded on contracts, or for injuries to property, and not rights of action for torts. Wilson v. Shredder, 73 W. Va. 105, 79 S. E. 2083, 1985, Ann. Cas. 1926D, 288.


A distinction should be made between the security or the evidence of the debt, and the thing due. The chose in action being money, does not of itself create or evidence a debt. The bond or note is but the evidence of it. 1 Bouv. Inst. p. 191; First Nat. Bank v. Holland, 99 Va. 495, 39 S. E. 126, 55 L. R. A. 155, 88 Am. St. Rep. 808.

The phrase is sometimes used to signify a right of bringing an action, and, at others, the thing itself which forms the subject-matter of that right, or with regard to which that right is exercised; but it more properly includes the idea both of the thing itself and of the right of action as annexed to it. Thus, when it is said that a debt is a chose in action, the phrase conveys the idea, not only of the thing itself, i. e., the debt, but also of the right of action or of recovery possessed by the person to whom the debt is due. When it is said that a chose in action cannot be assigned, it means that a thing to which a right of action is annexed cannot be transferred to another, together with such right. Brown.

CHOOSE IN POSSESSION. A personal thing of which one has possession. A thing in possession, as distinguished from a thing in action. Sterling v. Sims, 72 Ga. 53; Yawter v. Griffin, 40 Ind. 601. See Chose in Action. Taxes and customs, if paid, are a chose in possession; if unpaid, a chose in action. 2 Bl. Comm. 405.

CHOOSE FREEHOLDERS. Under the municipal organization of the state of New Jersey, each county has a board of officers, called by this name, composed of representatives from the cities and townships within its limits, and charged with administering the revenues of the county. They correspond to the "county commissioners" or "supervisors" in other states.

CHOUT. In Hindu law. A fourth, a fourth part of the sum in litigation. The "Maharatta chout" is a fourth of the revenues exacted as tribute by the Maharattas.

CHOW SUM. A Chinese name for ginseng roots which have been dried and treated with sugar and honey, such treatment having the purpose and effect of enhancing their value commercially but not therapeutically. Tong & Co. v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 32, 33.

CHRENECRUDA. Under the Salic law. This was a ceremony performed by a person who was too poor to pay his debt or fine, whereby he applied to a rich relative to pay it for him. It consisted (after certain preliminaries) in throwing green herbs upon the party, the effect of which was to bind him to pay the whole demand.

CHRISTIAN. Pertaining to Jesus Christ or the religion founded by him; professing Christianity. As a noun, it signifies one who accepts and professes to live by the doctrines and principles of the Christian religion; it does not include Mohammedans, Jews, pagans, or infidels. Hale v. Everet, 33 N. H. 93, 16 Am. Rep. 92; State v. Buswell, 40 N. H. 153, 58 N. W. 725, 24 L. R. A. 68.

CHRISTIAN NAME. The baptismal name as distinct from the surname. Stratton v. Foster, 11 Me. 467. The name which is given one after his birth or at baptism, or is afterward assumed by him in addition to his family name. Badger Lumber Co. v. Collins, 97 Kan. 704, 156 P. 724, 725.

A Christian name may consist of a single letter. Wharton: People v. Reilly, 257 Ill. 558, 101 N. E. 54, Ann. Cas. 1914A, 112. There is no presumption that letters are not themselves Christian names, and where a letter or letters appear before a surname they are treated, in the absence of any showing to the contrary, as the Christian name. Riley v. Litchfield, 183 Iowa, 187, 150 N. W. 83, 82, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 172.

CHRISTIANITATIS CURIA. The court Christian. An ecclesiastical court, as opposed to a civil or lay tribunal. Cowell. See also, Court Christian.

CHRISTIANITY. The religion founded and established by Jesus Christ. Hale v. Ever-


CHRISTMAS DAY. A festival of the Christian church, observed on the 25th of December, in memory of the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHROME YELLOW. A metal largely used as a yellow pigment. It is an active poison. U. S. v. R. C. Boeckel & Co. (C. C. A.) 221 F. 885, 888.

CHROMO. A chromolithograph;—a picture produced from drawings on stones, each color being represented by a different stone. Stecher Lithographic Co. v. Dunton Lithograph Co. (D. C.) 233 F. 601, 602.


CHURCH. In its most general sense, the religious society founded and established by Jesus Christ, to receive, preserve, and propagate its doctrines and ordinances.

A body or community of Christians, united under one form of government by the profession of the same faith, and the observance of the same ritual and ceremonies. See Mcnelly v. First Presbyterian Church in Brookline, 245 Mass. 531, 137 N. E. 691, 694.


The term may denote either a society of persons who, professing Christianity, hold certain doctrines or observances which differentiate them from other like groups, and who use a common discipline, or the building in which such persons habitually assemble for public worship. Baker v. Fales, 16 Mass. 498; Tate v. Lawrence, 11 Heisk. (Tenn.) 531; In re Zinnow, 18 Misc. 663, 43 N. Y. S. 714; Neale v. St. Paul's Church, S Gill (Md.) 116; Gaff v. Greer, 58 Ind. 122, 45 Am. Rep. 449; Joney v. Trust Co., 106 Ga. 606, 52 S. E. 628; Den v. Bolton, 12 N. J. Law, 206, 214; St. John's Church v. Haines, 31 Pa. 9; Blair v. Odum, 3 Tex. 288; Witham v. St. Thomas' Church in and County of New York, 146 N. Y. S. 278, 290, 161 App. Div. 208; Scott Co. v. Roman Catholic Archbishop for Diocese of Oregon, 83 Or. 97, 165 P. 88, 91.

The terms "church" and "society" are used to express the same thing, namely, a religious body organized to perform public worship. In re Dehais' Estate, 94 Neb. 290, 141 N. W. 296, 300, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 447.

The body of communicants gathered into church order, according to established usage in any town, parish, precinct, or religious society, established according to law, and actually connected and associated therewith for religious purposes, for the time being, is to be regarded as the church of such society, as to all questions of property depending upon that relation. Stebbins v. Jennings, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 193.

A congregational church is a voluntary association of Christians united for discipline and worship, connected with, and forming a part of, some religious society, having a legal existence. Anderson v. Brock, 3 Me. 248.

In English ecclesiastical law. An institution established by the law of the land in reference to religion. 3 Steph. Comm. 54.

The word "church" is said to mean, in strictness, not the material fabric, but the care of souls and the right of titles. 1 Mod. 201.

—Church building acts. Statutes passed in England in and since the year 1818, with the object of extending the accommodation afforded by the national church, so as to make it more commensurate with the wants of the people. 3 Steph. Comm. 152–164.

—Church discipline act. The statute 3 & 4 Vict. c. 88, containing regulations for trying clerks in holy orders charged with offenses against ecclesiastical law, and for enforcing sentences pronounced in such cases. Philim. Ecc. Law, 1314.

—Church of England. The church of England is a distinct branch of Christ's church, and is also an institution of the state, (see the first clause of Magna Charta,) of which the sovereign is the supreme head by act of parliament, (26 Hen. VIII. c. 1,) but in what sense is not agreed. The sovereign must be a member of the church, and every subject is in theory a member. Wharton. Pawlet v. Clark, 9 Cranch, 292, 3 L. Ed. 735.

—Church property. This term is used in a constitutional provision granting exemption from taxation has reference to the use of the property and its relation to the purposes and activities of the church organization, and does not exempt real property not used by it
for any purpose except to derive income therefrom. State v. Union Congregational Church, 178 Minn. 40, 216 N. W. 326, 328.

—Church rate. In English law. A sum assessed for the repair of parochial churches by the representatives of the parishioners in vestry assembled. Wharton.


—Church-seot. In old English law. Customary obligations paid to the parish priest; from which duties the religious sometimes purchased an exemption for themselves and their tenants.

—Church wardens. A species of ecclesiastical officers who are intrusted with the care and guardianship of the church building and property. These, with the rector and vestry, represent the parish in its corporate capacity. See 3 Steph. Comm. 90; 1 Bla. Comm. 394; Cowell; Terrett v. Taylor, 9 Cranch, 43, 3 L. Ed. 650.

—Church-yard. See Cemetery.


CHURCHESSET. In old English law. A certain portion or measure of wheat, anciently paid to the church on St. Martin’s day; and which, according to Fleta, was paid as well in the time of the Britons as of the English. Fleta, lib. 1; c. 47, § 28.

CHURL. In Saxon law. A freeman of inferior rank, chiefly employed in husbandry. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 5. A tenant at will of free condition, who held land from a thane, on condition of rents and services. Cowell. See Coerl.

Ct. Fr. So; here. Ct Dietu vous eyde, so help you God. Ct devant, heretofore. Ct bien, as well.

CIBARIA. Lat. In the civil law. Food; victuals. Dig. 34, 1.

CICATRIX. In medical jurisprudence. A scar; the mark left in the flesh or skin after the healing of a wound, and having the appearance of a seam or of a ridge of flesh.

CIDER. Formerly, any liquor made of fruit juices; now, the juice of apples either before or after fermentation. U. S. v. Dodson (D. C.) 288 F. 397, 403; In re Stiller, 161 N. Y. S. 594, 597, 175 App. Div. 211; Sterling Cider Co. v. Casey (D. C.) 285 F. 885, 886; Monroe Cider Vinegar & Fruit Co. v. Riordan (D. C.) 274 F. 783, 737.


CINQUE PORTS. Five (now seven) ports or havens on the south-east coast of England, towards France, formerly esteemed the most important in the kingdom. They are Dover, Sandwich, Romney, Hastings, and Hythe, to which Winchelsea and Rye have been since added. They had similar franchises, in some respects, with the counties palatine, and particularly an exclusive jurisdiction, (before the mayor and jurats, corresponding to aldermen, of the ports,) in which the king’s ordinary writ did not run. 3 Bl. Comm. 79. The representatives in parliament and the inhabitants of the Cinque Ports were termed barons. Brande; Cowell; Termes de la Ley. And see Round, Feudal England 583.

The 18 & 19 Vict. c. 48, (amended by 20 & 21 Vict. c. 1,) abolishes all jurisdiction and authority of the lord warden of the Cinque Ports and constable of Dover Castle, in or in relation to the administration of justice in actions, suits, or other civil proceedings at law or in equity.

CIPHER. Ordinarily, a secret or disguised written communication, unintelligible to one without a key. As applied to telegrams, a "cipher" message is one that is unintelligible. Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Geo. F. Fish, Inc., 148 Md. 210, 128 A. 14, 16.

CIPPI. An old English law term for the stocks, an instrument in which the wrists or ankles of petty offenders were confined.

CIRCADA. A tribute anciently paid to the bishop or archbishop for visiting churches. Du Fresne.

CIRCAR. In Hindu law. Head of affairs; the state or government; a grand division of a province; a headman. A name used by Europeans in Bengal to denote the Hindu writer and accountant employed by themselves; or in the public offices. Wharton.
CIRCUIT. A division of the country, appointed for a particular judge to visit for the trial of causes or for the administration of justice. See 3 Bla. Comm. 65; State v. Cooler, 112 S. C. 95, 28 S. E. 845; State v. Maples, 107 S. C. 345, 92 S. E. 1053.

Circuits, as the term is used in England, may be otherwise defined to be the periodical progresses of the judges of the superior courts of common law, through the several counties of England and Wales, for the purpose of administering civil and criminal justice. 3 Bla. Comm. 57; 3 Steph. Comm. 321.

CIRCUIT COURTS. Courts whose jurisdiction extends over several counties or districts, and of which terms are held in the various counties or districts to which their jurisdiction extends.

The name of a former system of courts of the United States, invested with general original jurisdiction of such matters and causes as are of Federal cognizance, except the matters specially delegated to the district courts. 1 Kent, Comm. 301-303. Abolished by the Judicial Code of 1911.

In several of the states, the name given to a tribunal, the territorial jurisdiction of which may comprise several counties or districts, and whose sessions are held in such counties or districts alternately. These courts usually have general original jurisdiction. In re Johnson, 12 Kan. 102; Montesano Lumber & Mfg. Co. v. Portland Iron Works, 78 Or. 35, 152 P. 244, 249; Blocher v. State, 90 Fla. 139, 105 So. 315, 318; Renshaw v. Reynolds, 317 Mo. 454, 207 S. W. 374, 376.

CIRCUIT COURTS OF APPEALS. A system of courts of the United States (one in each circuit) created by act of congress of March 3, 1891, composed of three judges (provision being made also for the allotment of the justices of the supreme court among the circuits), and having appellate jurisdiction from the district courts except in certain specified classes of cases. Judicial Code §§ 117, 119, 128 (28 USCA §§ 212, 215, 225); 25 C. J. 961.

CIRCUIT JUDGE. The judge of a circuit court. Crozier v. Lyons, 72 Iowa, 401, 34 N. W. 186.

CIRCUIT JUSTICE. In federal law and practice. The justice of the supreme court who is allotted to a given circuit. Judicial Code, § 119 (28 USCA § 215).

CIRCUIT PAPER. In English practice. A paper containing a statement of the time and place at which the several assises will be held, and other statistical information connected with the assises. Holthouse.

Circuitus est evitandum; et boni judiciis est lites dirimere, ne lis ex lite oriatur. 5 Coke, 31. Circuity is to be avoided; and it is the duty of a good judge to determine litigations, lest one lawsuit arise out of another. Co. Litt. 384 a; Wing. Max. 179; Broom, Max. 343; 15 M. & W. 208; 5 Exch. 829.

CIRCUITY OF ACTION. A complex, indirect, or roundabout course of legal proceeding, making two or more actions necessary in order to effect that adjustment of rights between all the parties concerned in the transaction which, by a more direct course, might have been accomplished in a single suit. This is particularly obnoxious to the law, as tending to multiply suits. Fellows v. Fellows, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 682, 15 Am. Dec. 412.

CIRCULAR NOTES. Instruments similar to "letters of credit." They are drawn by resident bankers upon their foreign correspondents, in favor of persons traveling abroad. The correspondents must be satisfied of the identity of the applicant, before payment; and the requisite proof of such identity is usually furnished, upon the applicant's producing a letter with his signature, by a comparison of the signatures. Brown.

CIRCULATION. As used in statutes providing for taxes on the circulation of banks, this term includes all currency or circulating notes or bills, or certificates or bills intended to circulate as money. U. S. v. White (C. C.) 19 F. 723; U. S. v. Wilson, 103 U. S. 620, 2 S. Ct. 55, 27 L. Ed. 310.

—Circulating medium. This term is more comprehensive than the term "money," as it is the medium of exchanges, or purchases and sales, whether it be gold or silver coin or any other article.

CIRCULATORY HEATING SYSTEM. One in which the heating box, being outside the room to be heated, heats a body of air in passing over it, which body of air is then conducted to the room to be heated, thus indirectly accomplishing the result—distinguished from a "radiating" or direct system, in which the heating body or box is in the room intended to be heated. Pelton v. Williams (C. C. A.) 235 F. 131, 132.

CIRCUMDUCTION. In Scotch law. A closing of the period for lodging papers, or doing any other act required in a cause. Paters. Comp.

CIRCUMDUCTION OF THE TERM. In Scotch practice. The sentence of a judge, declaring the time elapsed within which a proof ought to have been led, and precluding the party from bringing forward any further evidence. Bell.


CIRCUMSPECTE AGATIS. The title of a statute passed 13 Edw. I (1255) and so called from the initial words of it, the object of which was to ascertain the boundaries of ec-
CIRCUMSTANCES. The particulars which accompany an act. Facts or things standing around, or about, some central fact. Salter v. State, 163 Ga. 90, 155 S. E. 408, 409.

A principal fact or event being the object of investigation, the circumstances are the related or accessory facts or occurrences which attend upon it, which closely precede or follow it, which surround and accompany it, which depend upon it, or which support or qualify it. Pfanenstich v. Railroad, 142 Ind. 246, 41 N. E. 539; Clare v. People, 9 Colo. 322, 10 P. 709; Williams v. National Fruit Exch., 95 Conn. 300, 111 A. 197, 203.

The terms “circumstance” and “fact” are, in many applications, synonymous; but the true distinction of a circumstance is its relative character. “Any fact may be a circumstance with reference to any other fact.” 1 Benth. Jud. Evid. 42, note; id. 142.

Thrift, integrity, good repute, business capacity, and stability of character, for example, are “circumstances” which may be very properly considered in determining the question of “adequate security.” Martin v. Duke, 5 Redf. Sur. (N. Y.) 600.

The word “circumstances,” as used in a statute providing for a suitable allowance for the wife in a divorce action, having regard to the “circumstances” of the parties, includes practically everything which has a legitimate bearing on present and prospective matters relating to the lives of both parties. Lamborn v. Lamborn, 90 Cal. App. 484, 251 P. 943, 945.

The surroundings at the commission of an act.

The “circumstances of the transaction itself,” as used in the doctrine of dying declarations, are the circumstances or facts leading up to, causing, or attending the homicide, and are not confined to occurrences at the very time thereof. Pendleton v. Commonwealth, 131 Va. 676, 109 S. E. 201, 209.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE. Evidence directed to the attending circumstances; evidence which inferentially proves the principal fact by establishing a condition of surrounding and limiting circumstances, whose existence is a premise from which the existence of the principal fact may be concluded by necessary laws of reasoning. State v. Avery, 118 Mo. 475, 21 S. W. 193; Howard v. State, 34 Ark. 433; State v. Evans, 1 Marvel (Del.) 477, 41 A. 136; Commn. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 319, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Gardiner v. Preston, 2 Day (Conn.) 205, 2 Am. Dec. 91; State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 564, 32 A. 137.

When the existence of any fact is attested by witnesses, as having come under the cognizance of their senses, or is stated in documents, the genuineness and veracity of which there seems no reason to question, the evidence of that fact is said to be direct or positive. When, on the contrary, the existence of the principal fact is only inferred from one or more circumstances which have been established directly, the evidence is said to be circumstantial. And when the existence of the principal fact does not follow from the evidentiary facts as a necessary consequence of the law of nature, but is deduced from them by a process of probable reasoning, the evidence and proof are said to be presumptive. Best, Pres. 246; Id. 12.

All presumptive evidence is circumstantial, because necessarily derived from or made up of circumstances, but all circumstantial evidence is not presumptive, that is, it does not operate in the way of presumption, being sometimes of a higher grade, and leading to necessary conclusions, instead of probable ones. Burrill.

CIRCUMSTANTIBUS, TALES DE. See Tales.

CIRCUMVENTION. In Scotch law. Any act of fraud whereby a person is reduced to a deed by decree. It has the same sense in the civil law. Dig. 50, 17, 49, 135. And see Oregon v. Jennings, 119 U. S. 74, 7 S. Ct. 124, 30 L. Ed. 323.


CIRIC. In Anglo-Saxon and old English law, a church.

CIRIC-BRYCE. Any violation of the privileges of a church.

CIRIC SCEAT. Church-scot, or shot; an ecclesiastical due, payable on the day of St. Martin, consisting chiefly of corn.

CIRLISCUS. A coerel (q. v.).

CISTA. A box or chest for the deposit of charters, deeds, and things of value.

CITACION. In Spanish law. Citation; summons; an order of a court requiring a person against whom a suit has been brought to appear and defend within a given time.

It is synonymous with the term emplazamiento in the old Spanish law, and the in jus vocatio of the Roman law.

CITATIO. Lat. A citation or summons to court.

CITATIO AD REASSUMENDAM CAUSAM. A summons to take up the cause. A process, in the civil law, which issued when one of the parties to a suit died before its determination, for the plaintiff against the defendant's heir, or for the plaintiff's heir against the defendant, as the case might be; analo-
gous to a modern bill of reviver, which is probably borrowed from this proceeding.

**Citatio est de juri naturali.** A summons is by natural right. Cases in Banco Regis Wm. III. 453.

**CITATION.**

**In Practice**


It is usually original process in any proceeding where used, and in such respect is analogous to a writ of capias or summons at law and subpoena in chancery. Gondas v. Gondas, 29 N. J. Eq. 472, 194 A. 618, 618.

The act by which a person is so summoned or cited.

The act of the court through its proper officer commanding the appearance of defendant at the time and place named to answer to plaintiff's petition, having the dignity of official character and weight of superior authority. Mormon Oil & Gas Co. v. Anderson (Tex. Civ. App.) 223 S. W. 1031, 1032. It is used in this sense, in American law, in the practice upon writs of error from the United States supreme court, and in the proceedings of courts of probate in many of the states. In re Martin's Estate, 82 Wash. 225, 146 P. 42, 44; Leavitt v. Leavitt, 135 Mass. 193; State v. McCann, 67 Me. 374; Schwartz v. Lake, 209 La. 1093, 44 So. 96; Cohen v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 430, 5 L Ed. 257; Redaktionsholst am v. Universal Transp. Co. (C. C. A.) 245 F. 282, 283.

Also the name of the process used in the English ecclesiastical, probate, and divorce courts to call the defendant or respondent before them. 3 Bl. Comm. 109; 3 Steph. Comm. 720.

**In Scotch Practice**

The calling of a party to an action done by an officer of the court under a proper warrant.

The service of a writ or bill of summons. Paters. Comp.

**CITATION OF AUTHORITIES.** The reading, or production of, or reference to, legal authorities and precedents, (such as constitutions, statutes, reported cases, and elementary treatises,) in arguments to courts, or in legal text-books, to establish or fortify the propositions advanced.

**Law of Citations**

See Law.

**Citationes non concedantur prulsquam exprimatur super qua re fieri debet citatio.** Citations should not be granted before it is stated about what matter the citation is to be made. (A maxim of ecclesiastical law.) 12 Coke, 44.

**CITE.** L. Fr. City; a city. *Cite de Londres*, city of London.

**CITE.** To summon; to command the presence of a person; to notify a person of legal proceedings against him and require his appearance thereto. See In re Eno's Estate, 180 N. Y. S. 889, 890, 111 Misc. 69.

To read or refer to legal authorities, in an argument to a court or elsewhere, in support of propositions of law sought to be established.

**CITIZEN.**

**In General**

A member of a free city or jurial society, (civitas,) possessing all the rights and privileges which can be enjoyed by any person under its constitution and government, and subject to the corresponding duties.

The term appears to have been used in the Roman government to designate a person who had the freedom of the city, and the right to exercise all political and civil privileges of the government. There was also, at Rome, a partial citizenship, including civil, but not political rights. Complete citizenship embraced both. Thomasson v. State, 15 Ind. 452; 17 L. Q. Rev. 270; 1 Sol. Essays in Anglo-Am. L. H. 678.

One who, as a member of a nation or body politic of the sovereign state, owes allegiance to and may claim reciprocal protection from its government. Ozbolt v. Lumbermen's Indemnity Exchange (Tex. Civ. App.) 204 S. W. 252, 253.

A member of the civil state entitled to all its privileges. Cooley, Const. Lim. 77.

One of the sovereign people. A constituent member of the sovereignty synonymous with the people. Scott v. Sandford, 19 How. 464, 15 L. Ed. 691.

**In American Law**

One who, under the constitution and laws of the United States, or of a particular state, and by virtue of birth or naturalization within the jurisdiction, is a member of the political community, owing allegiance and being entitled to the enjoyment of full civil rights. U. S. v. Cruikshank, 92 U. S. 542, 23 L. Ed. 586; White v. Clements, 39 Ga. 250; Amy v. Smith, 1 Litt. (Ky.) 331; State v. County Court, 90 Mo. 593, 2 S. W. 788; Minor v. Happersett, 21 Wall. 162, 22 L. Ed. 627; U. S. v. Morris (D. C.) 125 F. 325.


There is in our political system a government of each of the several states, and a government of the United States. Each is distinct from the others, and has citizens of its own, who owe it allegiance, and
whose rights, within its jurisdiction, it must protect. The same person may be at the same time a citizen of the United States and a citizen of a state; but his rights of citizenship under one of these governments will be different from those he has under the other. The government of the United States, although it is, within the scope of its powers, supreme and beyond the states, can neither grant nor assure to its citizens rights or privileges which are not expressly or by implication placed under its jurisdiction. All that cannot be so granted or secured are left to the exclusive protection of the states. U. S. v. Cruikshank, 92 U. S. 542, 23 L. Ed. 588.


In English Law


It will be seen that, in the English usage, the word adheres closely to its original meaning, as shown by its derivation, (civis, a free inhabitant of a city.) When it is designed to designate an inhabitant of the country, or one amenable to the laws of the nation, “subject” is the word there employed.

In Civil Law

The status of being a citizen (q. v.). Membership in a political society, implying a duty of allegiance on the part of the member and a duty of protection on the part of the society. Luria v. U. S., 231 U. S. 9, 34 S. Ct. 10, 13, 58 L. Ed. 101.

CITY.

In England

An incorporated town or borough which is or has been the see of a bishop. Co. Litt. 108; 1 Bl. Comm. 114; Cowell; 1 Steph. Comm. 115. State v. Green, 126 N. C. 1032, 55 S. E. 402.

There is said, however, to be no necessary connection between a city and a see. Oxford Diet., cit. Freeman.


In America

A municipal corporation of a larger class, the distinctive feature of whose organization is its government by a chief executive (usually called "mayor") and a legislative body, composed of representatives of the citizens, (usually called a "council" or "board of aldermen," and other officers having special functions. Wight Co. v. Wolff, 112 Ga. 169, 73 S. E. 395. A political entity or subdivision for local governmental purposes. Nolan v. Jones, 215 Ky. 238, 284 S. W. 1054, 1056. A voluntary organization created for local convenience, advantage, and interest, and acting in a private as well as a public capacity. City of Golden v. Western Lumber & Pole Co., 60 Colo. 352, 154 P. 95, 96.

The fundamental distinction between town and city organization is that in the former all the qualified inhabitants meet together to deliberate and vote as individuals, each in his own right, while in the latter all municipal functions are performed by deputes; the one being direct, the other representational. In re Opinion of the Justices, 229 Mass. 601, 119 N. E. 773, 781.

The word "city," however, is often used to include an incorporated town. People v. Grover, 258 Ill. 124, 101 N. E. 218, 218, Ann. Cas. 1914B, 212; State Board of Land Comrs v. Ririe, 66 Utah, 213, 190 P. 59, 61; Ransome-Crummeney Co. v. Woodham, 25 Cal. App. 356, 156 P. 62, 63; Green v. Hutson, 139 Miss. 471, 104 So. 171, 172. It has also been held that, under statutes, the term includes all municipal corporations and corporate authorities, such as a board of park commissioners; People v. Keener, 321 Ill. 230, 151 N. E. 481, 482; but that it does not include a village; Village of Depue v. Bannochbach, 273 Ill. 574, 113 N. E. 156, 159.

In Medieval History

In the Middle Ages in Germany, fortified places in the enjoyment of market-jurisdiction.

The German as well as the French cities are a creation of the Middle Ages; there was an organic
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CITY COUNCIL. The name of a group of municipal officers constituting primarily a legislative and administrative body, but which is often charged with judicial or quasi-judicial functions, as when sitting on charges involving the removal of an officer for cause. Rutter v. Burke, 89 Vt. 14, 29 A. 842, 849.

CITY OF LONDON COURT. A court having a local jurisdiction within the city of London. It is to all intents and purposes a county court, having the same jurisdiction and procedure.

CIUDADES. Sp. In Spanish law, cities; distinguished from towns (pueblos) and villages (villas). Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 537.

CIVIC. Pertaining to a city or citizen, or to citizenship. Cleveland Opera Co. v. Cleveland Civic Opera Ass'n, 22 Ohio App. 400, 154 N. E. 362, 363.

CIVIC ENTERPRISE. A project or undertaking in which citizens of a city co-operate to promote the common good and general welfare of the people of the city. James McCard Co. v. Citizens' Hotel Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 287 S. W. 906, 908.

CIVIL. Originally, pertaining or appropriate to a member of a civitas or free political community; natural or proper to a citizen. Also, relating to the community, or to the policy and government of the citizens and subjects of a state.

The word is derived from the Latin civilis, a citizen, as distinguished from a savage or barbarian. Byers v. Sun Savings Bank, 41 Okl. 728, 139 P. 949, 949, 52 L. R. A. (N. S.) 320, Ann. Cas. 1916D, 222.

In law, the term has various significations. In contradistinction to barbarous or savage, it indicates a state of society reduced to order and regular government; thus, we speak of civil life, civil society, civil government, and civil liberty. In contradistinction to criminal, it indicates the private rights and remedies of men, as members of the community, in contrast to those which are public and relate to the government; thus, we speak of civil process and criminal process, civil jurisdiction and criminal jurisdiction.

It is also used in contradistinction to military, ecclesiastical, natural, or foreign; thus, we speak of a civil state, as opposed to a military or an ecclesiastical state; a civil death, as opposed to a natural death; a civil war, as opposed to a foreign war. Story, Const. § 79; 1 Bla. Comm. 6, 125, 251; Montesquieu, Sp. of Laws, b. 1, c. 3; Rutherforth, Inst. b. 2, c. 3; id. c. 3; id. c. 8, p. 539; Heineccius, Elem. Jurl. Nat. b. 2, ch. 6.


—Civil responsibility. The liability to be called upon to respond to an action at law for an injury caused by a delict or crime, as opposed to criminal responsibility, or liability to be proceeded against in a criminal tribunal.

—Civil side. When the same court has jurisdiction of both civil and criminal matters, proceedings of the first class are often said to be on the civil side; those of the second, on the criminal side.


CIVIL ACTION.

In the Civil Law

A personal action which is instituted to compel payment, or the doing of some other thing which is purely civil. Pothier, Introd. Gen. aux Cont. 110.

At Common Law

One which seeks the establishment, recovery, or redress of private and civil rights;—distinguished from a criminal action.

One brought to recover some civil right, or to obtain redress for some wrong not being a crime or misdemeanor. Wheeling Traction Co. v. Pennsylvania Co. (D. C.) 1 F.(2d) 478, 479.

Civil cases are those which involve disputes or contests between man and man, and which terminate only in the adjustment of the rights of plaintiffs and defendants. They include all cases which cannot legally be denominated "criminal cases." Fenstermacher v. State, 19 Or. 504, 25 P. 142. And see Grainola State Bank v. Shellemberger, 81 Okl. 204, 197 P. 436, 437; Village of Marble Hill v. Cablewell (Mo. App.) 178 S. W. 226, 227; U. S. v. Great Northern Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 230 F. 630, 633; People v. Vaughn, 235 Ill. App. 308, 313; Ex parte Wong Woung (D. C.) 290 F. 353, 354; State v. Willis, 95 Wash. 251, 163 P. 737; State v. Flannell, 56 Kan. 533, 164 P. 285, 286; Appeal of Slattery, 50 Conn. 48, 96 A. 178, 179.

Civil suits relate to and affect, as to the parties against whom they are brought, only individual rights which are within their individual control, and which they may part with at their pleasure. The design of such suits is the enforcement of merely private obligations and duties. Criminal proceedings, on the other hand, involve public wrongs, or a breach and violation of public rights and duties, which affect the whole community, considered as such in its social and aggregate capacity. The end they have in view is the prevention of similar offenses, not atonement or expiation for crime committed. Cancemi v. People, 18 N. Y. 128.

"Civil cause" comprehends every conceivable cause of action whether legal or equitable, except such as are criminal in the usual sense; that is, where the judgment against the defendant may be fine, or imprisonment, or both, and in case of fine
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In Code Practice

A proceeding in a court of justice in which one party, known as the "plaintiff," demands against another party, known as the "defendant," the enforcement or protection of a private right, or the prevention or redress of a private wrong. It may also be brought for the recovery of a penalty or forfeiture. Rev. Code Iowa 1886, § 2505 (Code 1931, § 10659).

A "civil action" implies adversary parties and an issue, and is designed for the recovery or vindication of a civil right or the redress of some civil wrong. Hopet v. Williams, 287 Mo. 337, 229 S. W. 796, 798.

The distinction between actions at law and suits in equity, and the forms of all such actions and suits, heretofore existing, is abolished; and there shall be in this state, hereafter, but one form of action for the enforcement or protection of private rights and the redress of private wrongs, which shall be denominated a "civil action." Code N. Y. § 69.

"Civil action" is a generic term, and does not necessarily imply jury trial. State Board of Medical Examiners v. Macy, 22 Wash. 614, 109 P. 801, 804.

CIVIL BILL COURT. A tribunal in Ireland with a jurisdiction analogous to that of the county courts in England. The judge of it is also chairman of quarter sessions (where the jurisdiction is more extensive than in England), and performs the duty of revising barrister. Wharton.


CIVIL LAW. "Civil Law," "Roman Law" and "Roman Civil Law" are convertible phrases, meaning the same system of jurisprudence.

The word "civil," as applied to the laws in force in Louisiana, before the adoption of the Civil Code, is not used in contradistinction to the word "criminal," but must be restricted to the Roman law. It is used in contradistinction to the laws of England and those of the respective states. Jeanson v. Warmack, 5 La. 483.

The system of jurisprudence held and administered in the Roman empire, particularly as set forth in the compilation of Justinian and his successors,—comprising the Introductory, Code, Digest, and Novels, and collectively denominated the "Corpus Juris Civilis,"—as distinguished from the common law of England and the canon law.

That rule of action which every particular nation, commonwealth, or city has established peculiarly for itself; more properly called "municipal" law, to distinguish it from the "law of nature," and from international law. See Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 19; Sever v. Riley, 189 Cal. 176, 244 P. 323, 325.

That division of municipal law which is occupied with the exposition and enforcement of civil rights as distinguished from criminal law.

CIVIL LIST. In English public law. An annual sum granted by parliament, at the commencement of each reign, for the expense of the royal household and establishment, as distinguished from the general exigencies of the state, being a provision made for the crown out of the taxes in lieu of its proper pittance, and in consideration of the assignment of that pittance to the public use. 2 Steph. Comm. 591; 1 Bl. Comm. 332.

CIVIL OBLIGATION. One which binds in law, and may be enforced in a court of justice. Pothier, Obl. 173, 191.

CIVIL OFFICE. An office, not merely military in its nature, that pertains to the exercise of the powers or authority of civil government. Advisory Opinion to the Governor, 94 Fla. 620, 113 So. 913, 915; State v. Hawkins, 79 Mont. 506, 257 F. 411, 413, 53 A. L. R. 853.

CIVIL OFFICER. Any officer of the United States who holds his appointment under the national government, whether his duties are executive or judicial, in the highest or the lowest departments of the government, with the exception of officers of the army and navy. Rawle, Const. 213; 1 Story, Const. § 790; U. S. v. American Brewing Co. (D. C.) 296 F. 772, 776; Steele v. U. S., 45 S. Ct. 417, 418, 267 U. S. 505, 69 L. Ed. 761; Dauener-Lieberman Brewing Co. v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 8 F. (2d) 1, 2.

CIVIL SERVICE. This term properly includes all functions under the government, except military functions. In general it is confined to functions in the great administrative departments of state. See Hope v. New Orleans, 106 La. 345, 30 So. 542; People v. Cram, 29 Misc. 359, 61 N. Y. S. 858.

CIVIL TOWNSHIP. A legal subdivision of the county for governmental purposes. Appeal of Trustees of Iowa College, 185 Iowa 454, 170 N. W. 813, 814.

CIVILIAN. One who is skilled or versed in the civil law. A doctor, professor, or student of the civil law. Also a private citizen, as distinguished from such as belong to the army and navy or (in England) the church.

CIVILIS. Lat. Civil, as distinguished from criminal. Civilitas actio, a civil action. Bract. fol. 101b.

CIVILISTA. In old English law. A civil lawyer, or civilian. Dyer, 267.

CIVILITER. Civilly. In a person's civil character or position, or by civil (not criminal) process or procedure. This term is used in distinction or opposition to the word "criminaliter,"—criminally,—to distinguish civil actions from criminal prosecutions. 2 East, 104.

CIVILITER MORTUUS. Civilly dead; dead in the view of the law. The condition of one who has lost his civil rights and capacities, and is accounted dead in law. Troup v. Wood, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 228; Platner v. Sherwood, 6 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 118; Quck v. Western Ry. of Alabama, 207 Ala. 376, 92 So. 608.

CIVILIZATION.

In Practice

A law; an act of justice, or judgment which renders a criminal process civil; performed by turning an information into an inquest, or the contrary. Wharton.

In Public Law

This is a term which covers several states of society; it is relative, and has no fixed sense, but implies an improved and progressive condition of the people, living under an organized government, with systematized labor, individual ownership of the soil, individual accumulations of property, humane and somewhat cultivated manners and customs, the institution of the family, with well-defined and respected domestic and social relations, institutions of learning, intellectual activity, etc. Roche v. Washington, 19 Ind. 56, 51 Am. Dec. 376.

CIVIS. Lat. In the Roman law. A citizen; as distinguished from incolae, (an inhabitant,) origin or birth constituting the former, domicile the latter. Code, 10, 40, 7. And see U. S. v. Rhodes, 27 Fed. Cas. 788.

CIVITAS. Lat. In the Roman law. Any body of people living under the same laws; a state. Jus civitatis, the law of a state; civil law. Inst. 1, 2, 1, 2. Civitates federate, towns in alliance with Rome, and considered to be free. Butl. Hor. Jur. 29.

Citizenship; one of the three status, conditions, or qualifications of persons. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 181.

A term in the Anglo-Saxon land books, commonly applied to Worcester, Canterbury and other such places, which are both bishop's sees and the head places of large districts. Maitland, Domestacy and Beyond 183. See 17 L. Q. R. 274. Oxford Dict. s. v. City.

See City.

CLAIM, v. To demand as one's own; to assert a personal right to any property or any right; to demand the possession or enjoyment of something rightfully one's own, and wrongfully withheld. Hill v. Henry, 68 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl. 555.

CLAIM, n. A legal capability to require a positive or negative act of another person. (Kocourek, Jural Relations (2d Ed.) 7.) SYN. N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl. 555.


A claim is a right or title, actual or supposed, to a debt, privilege, or other thing in the possession of another; not the possession, but the means by or through which the claimant obtains the posses-
A claim is, in a just, juridical sense, a demand of some matter as of right made by one person upon another, to do or to forbear to do some act or thing as a matter of duty. A more limited, but at the same time an equally expressive, definition was given by Lord Dyer, that "a claim is a challenge by a man of the propriety or ownership of a thing, which he has not in possession, but which is wrongfully detained from him." Prigg v. Pennsylvania, 16 Pet. 615, 10 L. Ed. 1060.

"Claim" has generally been defined as a demand for a thing, the ownership of which, or an interest in which, is in the claimant, but the possession of which is wrongfully withheld by another. But a broader meaning must be accorded to it. A demand for damages for criminal conversation with plaintiff's wife is a claim; but it would be doing violence to language to say that such damages are property of plaintiff which defendant withholds. In common parlance the noun "claim" means an assertion, a pretension; and the verb is often used (not quite correctly) as a synonym for "state," "urge," "insist," or "assert." In a statute authorizing the courts to order a bill of particulars of the "claim" of either party, "claim" is co-extensive with "case," and embraces all causes of action and all grounds of defense, the plea of both parties, and plea in confession and avoidance, no less than complaints and counter-claims. It warrants the court in requiring a defendant who justifies in a libel suit to furnish particulars of the facts relied upon in justification. Orvis v. Jennings, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 446.

Under the mechanic's lien law of some states, a demand put on record by a mechanic or material-man against a building for work or material contributed to its erection is called a "claim." Under the land laws of the United States, the tract of land taken up by a preemtioner or other settler (and also his possession of it) is called a "claim." Railroad Co. v. Abink, 14 Neb. 95, 15 N. W. 317; Bowdoin v. Torr, 3 Iowa, 573.

In patent law, the claim is the specification by the applicant for a patent of the particular things in which he insists his invention is novel and patentable; it is the clause in the application in which the applicant defines precisely what his invention is. White v. Dunbar, 119 U. S. 47, 7 S. Ct. 72, 30 L. Ed. 308; Brammer v. Schroeder, 106 F. 930, 46 C. C. A. 41; Mercenhaler Linotype Co. v. International Typesetting Mach. Co. (D. C.) 229 F. 198, 173; Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. v. Metropolitan Electric Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 290 F. 661, 664.


-Adverse claim. A claim set up by a stranger to goods upon which the sheriff has levied an execution or attachment. Also applied to claims to real property.


-Claim in equity. In English practice. In simple cases, where there was not any great conflict as to facts, and a discovery from a defendant was not sought, but a reference to chambers was nevertheless necessary before final decree, which would be as of course, all parties being before the court, the summary proceeding by claim was sometimes adopted, thus obviating the recourse to plenary and protracted pleadings. This summary practice was created by orders 22d April, 1850, which came into operation on the 22d May following. See Smith, Ch. Pr. 604. By Consolid. Ord. 1860, viii, r. 4, claims were abolished. Wharton.

-Claim of conususance. In practice. An intervention by a third person in a suit, claiming that he has rightful jurisdiction of the cause which the plaintiff has commenced out of the claimant's court. Now obsolete. 2 Wils. 409; 3 Blis Comm. 298.

-Claim of liberty. In English practice. A suit or petition to the queen, in the court of exchequer, to have liberties and franchises confirmed there by the attorney general.


-Counter-claim. A claim set up and urged by the defendant in opposition to or reduction of the claim presented by the plaintiff. See, more fully, Counter-claim.

CLAIM JUMPING. The location on ground, knowing it to be excess ground, within the staked boundaries of another mining claim initiated prior thereto, because law governing manner of making location had not been compiled with, so that location covers the workings of the prior locators. Nelson v. Smith, 42 Nev. 302, 176 P. 261, 265.

CLAIMANT. In admiralty practice. A person who lays claim to property seized on a
CLASS LEGISLATION

CLAREMETHEN. In old Scotch law. The warranty of stolen cattle or goods; the law regulating such warranty. Skene.

CLARENDON, ASSIZE OF. A statute (1166) the principal feature of which was an improvement of judicial procedure in the case of criminals. It was a part of the same scheme of reform as the Constitution of Clarendon. See James C. Carter, The Law, etc., 65.

CLARENDON, CONSTITUTIONS OF. Certain statutes made in the reign of Henry II. of England, at a parliament held at Clarendon, (A.D. 1164,) by which the king checked the power of the pope and his clergy, and greatly narrowed the exemption they claimed from secular jurisdiction. 4 Bl. Comm. 422; Fitz Stephen 27; 2 Lengard 59; 1 Hume 882; Wilkins 321; 1 Poll. & M. 430-440, 461; 2 Id. 196.

CLARIFICATIO. Lat. In old Scotch law. A making clear; the purging or clearing (clening) of an assise. Skene.

CLASS. The order or rank according to which persons or things are arranged or assorted. Also a group of persons or things, taken collectively, having certain qualities in common, and constituting a unit for certain purposes; e.g., a class of legateses. In re Harpke, 116 F. 207, 54 C. C. A. 97; Swarts v. Bank, 117 F. 1, 54 C. C. A. 387; Farnam v. Farnam, 53 Conn. 261, 2 A. 325, 5 A. 682; Dunlany v. Middleton, 72 Md. 67, 19 A. 146; In re Russell, 186 N. Y. 169, 61 N. E. 168; Swinton v. Legare, 2 McCord Eq. (S. C.) 440; Justices of Cumberland v. Armstrong, 14 N. C. 284; White v. Delavan, 17 Wend. (N. Y.) 52; Ellis v. Kimball, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 132; Wheeler v. Philadelphi, 77 Pa. 358; 1 Ld. Raym. 768; Clark v. Kennebec Journal Co., 120 Me. 133, 119 A. 51; Anderson v. Stayton State Bank, 22 Or. 137, 159 P. 1033, 1640; Dosen v. East Butte Copper Mining Co., 75 Mont. 579, 254 P. 880, 886.

CLASS ACTION. One which several of a class are allowed to maintain either for themselves or for themselves and other members of a class. Eberhard v. Northwestern Mut. Life Ins. Co. (C. C. A.) 241 F. 335, 336.

CLASS LEGISLATION. A term applied to statutory enactments which divide the people or subjects of legislation into classes, with reference either to the grant of privileges or the imposition of burdens, upon an arbitrary, unjust, or invidious principle of division, or which, though the principle of division may be sound and justifiable, make arbitrary discriminations between those persons or things coming within the same class. State v. Garbroski, 111 Iowa, 496, 82 N. W. 950, 56 L. R. A. 570, 82 Am. St. Rep. 524; In re Hang Kie, 69 Cal. 149, 10 P. 327; Hawkins v. Roberts, 122 Ala. 139, 27 So. 327; State, v. Cooley, 56

CLAP. Vulgar name for "gonorrhoea," a contagious inflammatory disease of the genitourinary tract, caused by a specific microorganism, the gonococcus, and affecting especially the urethra in the male and the vagina in the female. Sally v. Brown, 220 Ky. 576, 295 S. W. 880, 881.

CLARE CONSTAT. (It clearly appears.) In Scotch law. The name of a precept for giving seisin of lands to an heir; so called from its initial words. Ersk. Inst. 3, 8, 71.
CLASS SUIT


CLASS SUIT. See Suit.

CLASSIARIUS. A seaman or soldier serving at sea.

CLASSICI. In the Roman law. Persons employed in servile duties on board of vessels. Cod. 11, 12.

CLASSIFICATION. In the practice of the English chancery division, where there are several parties to an administration action, including those who have been served with notice of the decree or judgment, and it appears to the judge (or chief clerk) that any of them form a class having the same interest, (e. g., residuary legateses,) he may require them to be represented by one solicitor, in order to prevent the expense of each of them attending by separate solicitors. This is termed "classifying the interests of the parties attending," or, shortly, "classifying," or "classification." In practice the term is also applied to the directions given by the chief clerk as to which of the parties are to attend on each of the accounts and inquirers directed by the judgment. Sweet.


CLASSIFICATION OF RISKS. Term "classification of risks" in insurance practice relates, not to perils insured against nor amount to be paid, but in fire insurance to the nature and situation of the articles insured, and in accident insurance to the occupation of the applicant. Hopkins v. Connecticut General Life Ins. Co., 225 N. Y. 76, 121 N. E. 465, 467.

CLAUSE. A single paragraph or subdivision of a legal document, such as a contract, deed, will, constitution, or statute. Sometimes a sentence or part of a sentence. Appeal of Miles, 68 Comm. 227, 39 A. 39, 39 L. R. A. 178; Eschbach v. Collins, 61 Md. 499, 45 Am. Rep. 133.

CLAUSE IRRITANT. In Scotch law. By this clause, in a deed or settlement, the acts or deeds of a tenant for life or other proprietor, contrary to the conditions of his right, become null and void; and by the "resolutive" clause such right becomes resolved and extinguished. Bell.

CLAUSE POTESTATIVE. In French law. The name given to the clause whereby one party to a contract reserves to himself the right to annul it.

CLAUSE ROLLS. In English law. Rolls which contain all such matters of record as were committed to close writs; these rolls are preserved in the Tower.

CLAUSA. A clause; a sentence or part of a sentence in a written instrument or law.

CLAUSULA DEROGATIVA. A clause in a will which provides that no will subsequently made is to be valid. The latter would still be valid, but there would be ground for suspecting undue influence. Grotius.

Clausa generalis de residuo non ea complectitur quae non ejusdem sint generis cum is quae speciatim dicta fuerant. A general clause of remainder does not embrace those things which are not of the same kind with those which had been specially mentioned. Loft, Appendix, 419.

Clausa generalis non referetur ad expressa. 8 Coke, 154. A general clause does not refer to things expressed.

Clausa quae abrogationem excludit ab initio non valet. A clause [in a law] which precludes its abrogation is void from the beginning. Bae. Max. 77.

Clausa vel dispositio inutilis per præsumptionem remotam, vel causam ex post facto non fulcit. A useless clause or disposition [one which expresses no more than the law by intention would have supplied] is not supported by a remote presumption, [or foreign] Intendment of some purpose, in regard where-of it might be material[,] or by a cause arising afterwards, [which may induce an operation of those idle words.] Bae. Max. 82, regula 21.

Clausae inconstantes semper inducent suspicacionem. Unusual clauses [in an instrument] always induce suspicion. 3 Coke, 81.

CLAUSUM. Lat. Close, closed up, sealed. Inclosed, as a parcel of land.

In Old English Law

Close. Closed.

A writ was either clausum (close) or operatum (open). Grants were said to be by litera potentia (open grant) or litera clausa (close grant); 2 Bla. Comm. 346. Occurring in the phrase quære clausum fregit (Rucker v. McNeely, 4 Blackf. [Ind.] 181), it denotes in this sense only reality in which the plaintiff has some exclusive interest, whether for a limited or unlimited time or for special or
for general purposes; 1 Chit. Pl. 174; Austin v. Sawyer, 9 Cow. (N. Y.) 39; 6 East. 606.

CLAUSUM FREGIT. L. Lat. (He broke the close.) In pleading and practice. Technical words formerly used in certain actions of trespass, and still retained in the phrase quem clausum fregit (q. v.).

CLAUSUM PASCHÆ. In English law. The morrow of the utas, or eight days of Easter; the end of Easter; the Sunday after Easter-day. 2 Inst. 157.

CLAUSAUR. In old English law. An enclosure. Clausura keyæ, the enclosure of a hedge. Cowell.

CLAVES CURIÆ. The keys of the court. They were the officers of the Scotch courts, such as clerk, doosemer, and serjeant. Burrill.

CLAVES INSUBLE. In Manx law. The keys of the Island of Man, or twelve persons to whom all ambiguous and weighty causes are referred.

CLAVIA. In old English law. A club or mace; tenure per serjiamentam clacie, by the serjeanty of the club or mace. Cowell.

CLAVIGERATUS. A treasurer of a church.

CLAWA. A close, or small enclosure. Cowell.

CLEAN. Irreproachable; innocent of fraud or wrongdoing; free from defect in form or substance; free from exceptions or reservations. It is a very elastic adjective, however, and is particularly dependent upon context. Clamptt v. St. Louis Southwestern R. Co. of Texas (Tex. Civ. App.) 185 S. W. 342, 344.

CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH. One certifying that no contagious or infectious disease exists, or certifying as to healthy conditions generally without exception or reservation.

CLEAN BILL OF LADING. One without exception or reservation as to the place or manner of stowage of the goods, and importing that the goods are to be (or have been) safely and properly stowed under deck. The Delaware, 14 Wall. 596, 20 L. Ed. 779; The Kirkhill, 90 F. 575, 59 C. C. A. 668; The Wellington, 26 Fed. Cas. 625; The St. Johns N. F. (C. C. A.) 272 F. 673, 674. One which contains nothing in the margin qualifying the words in the bill of lading itself. The Isla de Panay (C. C. A.) 292 F. 723, 730.

CLEAN HANDS. It is a rule of equity that a plaintiff must come with "clean hands," i. e., he must be free from reproach in his conduct. But there is this limitation to the rule: that his conduct can only be excepted to in respect to the subject-matter of his claim; everything else is immaterial. American Ass'n v. Davis, 169 Ky. 595, 60 S. W. 388; Harton v. Little, 188 Ala. 640, 65 So. 951, 952; Canfield v. Jack, 78 Okl. 127, 188 P. 1040, 1041; Plato Oil & Gas Co. v. Miller, 95 Okl. 222, 219 P. 303, 307; Trice v. Comstock, 121 F. 620, 57 C. C. A. 646, 61 L. R. A. 176; West v. Washburn, 153 App. Div. 469, 138 N. Y. S. 230; Elgiebush v. Boone Loan & Investment Co., 216 Ky. 69, 287 S. W. 225, 226.

CLEAR. Plain; evident; obvious; free from doubt or conjecture; beyond reasonable doubt; perspicuous; plain; also, unnumbered; free from deductions or draw-backs.

CLEAR AND CONVINCING PROOF. There are numerous variations of the phrase "clear and convincing" as applied to proof, such as "clear and distinct," "clear, distinct and satisfactory," "clear, precise and indubitable," "clear and satisfactory," "clear, cogent and convincing," etc. Generally, they mean, when applied to proof, proof beyond a reasonable, i. e., a well-founded, doubt, though of course, the evidence may be conflicting, and absolute certainty is not required. Karr v. Pearl, 212 Ky. 387, 279 S. W. 631, 632; Jackman v. Lawrence Drilling & Development Co., 106 Kan. 59, 187 P. 258, 260; Beeler v. People, 58 Colo. 451, 146 P. 762, 764; State v. Price, 101 Ohio St. 50, 128 N. E. 173, 174. There are cases, however, that give a less rigorous, but somewhat uncertain, meaning, viz., more than a preponderance but less than is required in a criminal case. Dovich v. Chief Consolidated Mining Co., 53 Utah, 522, 174 P. 827, 830; Washam v. Beaty, 210 Ala. 635, 59 So. 163, 167; Good Milking Mach. Co. v. Galloway, 108 Iowa, 550, 150 N. W. 710, 712; Pierce-Fordyce Oil Ass'n v. Staley (Tex. Civ. App.) 190 S. W. 814, 815; M. E. Smith & Co. v. Kimble, 38 S. D. 511, 162 N. W. 162, 163; Merrick v. Ditzler, 91 Ohio St. 256, 110 N. E. 493, 494.

CLEAR ANNUAL VALUE. The net yearly value to the possessor of the property, over and above taxes, interest on mortgages, and other charges and deductions. Groton v. Boxborough, 6 Mass. 56; Marsh v. Hammond, 108 Mass. 149; Shelton v. Campbell, 109 Tenn. 690, 72 S. W. 112.

CLEAR ANNUITY. The devise of an annuity "clear" means an annuity free from taxes (Hodgsworth v. Crowther, 2 Atk. 375) or free or clear of legacy or inheritance taxes. In re Bishop's Estate, 24 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 79.

CLEAR DAYS. If a certain number of clear days be given for the doing of any act, the time is to be reckoned exclusively, as well of the first day as the last. Rex v. Justices, 3 Barn. & Ald. 581; Hodgins v. Hanoock, 14 Mees. & W. 120; State v. Marvin, 12 Iowa. 502.

CLEAR EVIDENCE OR PROOF. Evidence which is positive, precise and explicit, as opposed to ambiguous, equivocal, or contradictory proof, and which tends directly to estab-
lish the point to which it is adduced, instead of leaving, and is sufficient to make out a prima facie case. Mortgage Co. v. Pace, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 222, 56 S. W. 377; Reynolds v. Blaisdell, 23 R. I. 16, 49 A. 42; Ward v. Waterman, 85 Cal. 488, 24 P. 930; Jermyrn v. McClure, 195 Pa. 245, 45 A. 938; Winston v. Burnell, 44 Kan. 367, 24 P. 477, 21 Am. St. Rep. 289; Spencer v. Colt, 89 Pa. 318; People v. Wreden, 59 Cal. 393. A "clear proof" necessarily means a clear preponderance. It may mean that which may be seen, that which is discernible, and that which may be appreciated and understood. In such sense it may not really mean more than a fair preponderance of proof. It may, however, also convey the idea, under emphasis, of certainty, and probably would to the common mind. It may be understood as meaning beyond doubt. The expression is equivocal and mischievous. It may be reasonably construed as requiring higher degree of proof than fair preponderance. Aubin v. Duluth St. Ry. Co., 169 Minn. 342, 211 N. W. 580, 583.


CLEARANCE CARD. A letter given to an employee by his employer, at the time of his discharge or end of service, showing the cause of such discharge or voluntary quitance, the length of time of service, his capacity, and such other facts as would give to those concerned information of his former employment. Cleveland, C. C. & St. L. R. Co. v. Jenkins, 174 Ill. 385, 81 N. E. 811, 62 L. R. A. 922, 66 Am. St. Rep. 296.

CLEARING. The departure of a vessel from port, after complying with the customs and health laws and like local regulations. In mercantile law. A method of making exchanges and settling balances, adopted among banks and bankers.


CLEMENT'S INN. An inn of chancery. See Inns of Chancery.

CLEMENTINES. In canon law. The collection of decrees or constitutions of Pope Clement V., made by order of John XXII., his successor, who published it in 1317.

CLOSE. In old Scotch law. To clear or acquit of a criminal charge. Literally, to clean or clean.

CLED AND CALL. In old Scotch practice. A solemn form of words prescribed by law, and used in criminal cases, as in pleas of wrong and unlawful.

CLERGY. The whole body of clergy or ministers of religion. Also an abbreviation for "benefit of clergy." See Benefit of Clergy.

Regular Clergy

In old English law. Monks who lived secedum regulas (according to the rules) of their respective houses or societies were so denominated, in contradistinction to the parochial clergy, who performed their ministry in the world, in seculo, and who from thence were called "secular" clergy. 1 Chit. Bl. 387, note.

CLEGIBLE. In old English law. Allowing of, or entitled to, the benefit of clergy (privilegium clericale). Used of persons or crimes. 4 Bla. Com. 371. See Benefit of Clergy.

CLERICAL. Pertaining to clergy or ministers; or pertaining to the office or labor of a clerk.

CLERICAL ERROR. A mistake in writing or copying; error apparent on face of instrument and ascertainable from it; an unintentional mistake, not involving exercise of discretion, in writing; error of clerk or writer, or counsel or court in respect of matters of record. 1 L. Raym. 183; Castle v. Gleason, B.Law Dict. (3d Ed.)

**CLERICAL MISPRISION.** A mistake or a fraud perpetrated by a clerk of the court which is susceptible of demonstration by the face of the record, or a clerical error, which is an error by a clerk in transcribing or otherwise apparent on the face of the record. Combs v. Deaton, 199 Ky. 477, 251 S. W. 638, 641; Brady v. Equitable Trust Co. of Dover, 178 Ky. 693, 199 S. W. 1052, 1053; Carter v. Carter, 205 Ky. 96, 265 S. W. 478, 479. But see Newman v. Ohio Valley Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 221 Ky. 616, 290 S. W. 559, 560.

**CLERICAL TONSURE.** The having the head shaven, which was formerly peculiar to clerks, or persons in orders, and which the clofs worn by serjeants at law are supposed to have been introduced at law to be concealed. 1 Bl. Comm. 24, note t; 4 Bl. Comm. 367.

**CLERICAL PRIVILEG.** In old English law. The clerical privilege; the privilege or benefit of clergy.

**CLERICI DE CANCELLARIA; CLERICI DE CURSU.** Clerks of the chancery. See Cursitors.

Clerici non ponatur in offisulis. Co. Litt. 96; Clergymen should not be placed in offices; i. e., in secular offices. See Loft, 508.

**CLERICI PRÆNOTARII.** The six clerks in chancery. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 251.

**CLERICO ADMITTENDO.** See Admittendo Clerico.

**CLERICO CAPTO PER STATUTUM MERCATORUM.** A writ for the delivery of a clerk out of prison, who was taken and incarcerated upon the breach of a statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 147.

**CLERICO CONVICTO COMMISSO GAOLÆ IN DEFECTU ORDINARI DELIBERANDO.** An ancient writ, that lay for the delivery to his ordinary of a clerk convicted of felony, where the ordinary did not challenge him according to the privilege of clerks. Reg. Orig. 69.

**CLERICO INFRA SACROS ORDINES CONSTITUTO, NON ELIGENDO IN OFFICIUM.** A writ directed to those who had thrust a bailiwick or other office upon one in holy orders, charging them to release him. Reg. Orig. 143.

**CLERICUS.**

In **Roman Law**

A minister of religion in the Christian church; an ecclesiastic or priest. Cod. 1, 3; Nov. 3, 123, 137. A general term, including bishops, priests, deacons, and others of inferior order. Brissouius. Also of the amanuenses of the judges or courts of the king. Du Cange.

In **Old English Law**

A clerk or priest; a person in holy orders; a secular priest; a clerk of a court.

An officer of the royal household, having charge of the receipt and payment of moneys, etc. Fleta enumerates several of them, with their appropriate duties; as clericus coquinus, clerk of the kitchen; clericus paneter et butler, clerk of the pantry and buttry. Lib. 2, cc. 18, 19.

—Clericus mercati. In old English law. Clerk of the market. 2 Inst. 543.


Clericus et agricola et mercator, tempore belli, ut orat, colat, et commutet, poae fructurum. 2 Inst. 58. Clergymen, husbandmen, and merchants, in order that they may preach, cultivate, and trade, enjoy peace in time of war.

Clericus non consumetur in dubius ecclesias. 1 Rolle. A clergyman should not be appointed to two churches.

**CLERIGOS.** In Spanish law. Clergy; men chosen for the service of God. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, ch. 4.

**CLERK.**

In **Ecclesiastical Law**

A person in holy orders; a clergyman; an individual attached to the ecclesiastical state, and who has the clerical tonsure. See 4 Bl. Comm. 366, 367.

In **Practice**

A person employed in a public office, or as an officer of a court, whose duty is to keep records or accounts. In re Allen (N. J. Sup.) 93 A. 215, 216; Crawford v. Rosolos, 254 Mass. 163, 149 N. E. 707, 709. A person serving a practicing solicitor under binding articles in England, for the purpose of being admitted to practice as solicitor.

In **Commercial Law**

A person employed by a merchant, or in a mercantile establishment, as a salesman, book-
keeper, accountant, amanuensis, etc., invested with more or less authority in the administration of some branch or department of the business, while the principal himself superintends the whole. State v. Barter, 68 N. H. 604; Hamuel v. State, 5 Mo. 264; Railroad Co. v. Trust Co., 82 Md. 555, 34 A. 775, 38 L. R. A. 97. In New England, used to designate a corporation official who performs some of the duties of a secretary.

In General

—Clerk of arraigns. In English law. An assistant to the clerk of assise. His duties are in the crown court on circuit.

—Clerk of assise. In English law. Officers who officiate as associates on the circuits. They record all judicial proceedings done by the judges on the circuit.


—Clerk of enrolments. In English law. The former chief officer of the English enrolment office, (q. v.) He now forms part of the staff of the central office.

—Clerk of the crown in chancery. See Crown Office in Chancery.

—Clerk of the house of commons. An important officer of the English house of commons. He is appointed by the crown as under-clerk of the parliament to attend upon the commons. He makes a declaration, on entering upon his office, to make true entries, remembrances, and journals of the things done and passed in the house. He signs all orders of the house, indorses the bills sent or returned to the lords, and reads whatever is required to be read in the house. He has the custody of all records and other documents. May, Parl. Pr. 238.

—Clerk of the market. The overseer or superintendent of a public market. In old English law, he was a quasi judicial officer, having power to settle controversies arising in the market between persons dealing there. Called "clericus mercati." 4 Bl. Comm. 275.

—Clerk of the parliaments. One of the chief officers of the house of lords. He is appointed by the crown, by letters patent. On entering office he makes a declaration to make true entries and records of the things done and passed in the parliaments, and to keep secret all such matters as shall be treated therein. May, Parl. Pr. 238.

—Clerk of the peace. In English law. An officer whose duties are to officiate at sessions of the peace, to prepare indictments, and to record the proceedings of the justices, and to perform a number of special duties in connection with the affairs of the county.

—Clerk of the petty bag. See Petty Bag.

—Clerk of the privy seal. There are four of these officers, who attend the lord privy seal, or, in the absence of the lord privy seal, the principal secretary of state. Their duty is to write and make out all things that are sent by warrant from the signet to the privy seal, and which are to be passed to the great seal; and also to make out privy seals (as they are termed) upon any special occasion of his majesty's affairs, as for the loan of money and such like purposes. Cowell.

—Clerk of the signet. An officer, in England, whose duty it is to attend on the king's principal secretary, who always has the custody of the privy signet, as well for the purpose of sealing his majesty's private letters, as also grants which pass his majesty's hand by bill signed; there are four of these officers. Cowell.

—Clerk of the table. An official of the British House of Commons who advises the speaker on all questions of order.

—Clerks of indictments. Officers attached to the central criminal court in England, and to each circuit. They prepare and settle indictments against offenders, and assist the clerk of arraigns.

—Clerks of records and writes. Officers formerly attached to the English court of chancery, whose duties consisted principally in sealing bills of complaint and writs of execution, filing affidavits, keeping a record of suits, and certifying office copies of pleadings and affidavits. They were three in number, and the business was distributed among them according to the letters of the alphabet. By the judicature acts, 1873, 1875, they were transferred to the chancery division of the high court. Now, by the judicature (officers') act, 1879, they have been transferred to the central office of the supreme court, under the title of "Masters of the Supreme Court," and the office of clerk of records and writs has been abolished. Sweet.

—Clerks of seats, in the principal registry of the probate division of the English high court, discharge the duty of preparing and passing the grants of probate and letters of administration, under the supervision of the registrars. There are six seats, the business of which is regulated by an alphabetical arrangement, and each seat has four clerks. They have to take bonds from administrators, and to receive censures against a grant being made in a case where a will is contested. They also draw the "acts," i. e., a short summary of
each grant made, containing the name of the deceased, amount of assets, and other particulars. Sweet.

CLERKSHIP. The period which must be spent by a law-student in the office of a practising attorney before admission to the bar. 1 Tidd Pr. 61, et seq. In re Dunn, 43 N. J. Law, 359, 39 Am. Rep. 680.

In old English practice. The art of drawing pleadings and entering them on record in Latin, in the ancient court hand; otherwise called "skill of pleading in actions at the common law."

CLIENTS. Lat. In the Roman law. A client or dependent. One who depended upon another as his patron or protector, adviser or defender, in suits at law and other difficulties; and was bound, in return, to pay him all respect and honor, and to serve him with his life and fortune in any extremity. Dionys. II. 10; Adams, Rom. Ant. 35.

CLIENT. A person who employs or retains an attorney, or counsellor, for appear him in courts, advise, assist, and defend him in legal proceedings, and to act for him in any legal business. McCrea v. Hoopes, 25 Miss. 425; McFurland v. Crary, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 297; Cross v. Riggins, 50 Mo. 385. It should include one who disclosed confidential matters to attorney while seeking professional aid, whether attorney was employed or not. Sitton v. Perry, 117 Or. 107, 214 P. 62, 64.

CLIENTELA. In old English law. Clientship, the state of a client; and, correlatively, protection, patronage, guardianship.

CLIFFORD'S INN. An inn of chancery. See Inns of Chancery.

CLINICAL TESTS. Observations made of patient by physician or surgeon without the aid of instruments, apparatus or chemical examinations for the discovery of the existence or progress of disease or the patient's condition. Peterson v. Widule, 157 Wis. 641, 147 N. W. 966, 970, 52 L. R. A. (N. S.) 778.

CLITIN. In Saxon law. The son of a king or emperor. The next heir to the throne; the Saxon adeling. Spellman.

CLOERE. A jail; a prison or dungeon.


To shut up, so as to prevent entrance or access by any person; as in statutes requiring saloons to be "closed" at certain times, which further implies an entire suspension of business, Kuritz v. People, 33 Mich. 282; People v. James, 100 Mich. 522, 59 N. W. 236; Harvey v. State, 65 Ga. 570; People v. Cummerford, 58 Mich. 328, 25 N. W. 203; or to vacate streets, or obstruct road, City v. Lynchburg v. Peters, 145 Va. 1, 133 S. E. 674, 677; Jones v. Brooksfield Tp., 221 Mich. 235, 190 N. W. 733, 734.

CLOSE, n. A portion of land, as a field, inclosed, as by a hedge, fence, or other visible inclosure. 3 Bl. Comm. 209. The interest of a person in any particular piece of ground, whether actually inclosed or not. Locklin v. Casler, 50 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 41; Meade v. Watson, 67 Cal. 501, 8 Pac. 311; Matthews v. Treat, 75 Me. 600; Wright v. Bennett, 4 Ill. 258; Blakeney v. Blakeney, 6 Port. (Ala.) 115, 30 Am. Dec. 374.

The noun "close," in its legal sense, imports a portion of land inclosed, but not necessarily inclosed by actual or visible barriers. The invisible, ideal boundary, founded on limit of title, which surrounds every man's land, constitutes it his close, irrespective of walls, fences, ditches, or the like.

In practice. The word means termination; winding up. Thus the close of the pleadings is where the pleadings are finished, i. e., when issue has been joined.

CLOSE, adj. In practice. Closed or sealed up. A term applied to writs and letters, as distinguished from those that are open or patent.

—Close copies. Copies of legal documents which might be written closely or loosely at pleasure; as distinguished from office copies, which were to contain only a prescribed number of words on each sheet.

—Close corporation. One in which the directors and officers have the power to fill vacancies in their own number, without allowing to the general body of stockholders any choice or vote in their election. McKim v. Odom, 3 Bland (Md.) 416, note.

—Close molds. Molds in two parts, called the drag and the case (or cope) forming together a two-part flask, one part being placed over the other and each being impressed with one half of the matrix or pattern. Cole v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 269 F. 250, 252.

—Close rolls. Rolls containing the record of the close writs (literæ clausee) and grants of the king, kept with the public records. 2 Bl. Comm. 346.

—Close season. In game and fish laws, this term means the season of the year in which the taking of particular game or fish is prohibited, or in which all hunting or fishing is forbidden by law. State v. Theriault, 70
CLOSE


—Close writs. In English law. Certain letters of the king, sealed with his great seal, and directed to particular persons and for particular purposes, which, not being proper for public inspection, are closed up and sealed on the outside, and are thence called "writs close." 2 Bl. Comm. 346; Sewell, Sheriffs, 372. Writs directed to the sheriff, instead of to the lord. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 45.

CLOSE-HAULED. In admiralty law, this nautical term means the arrangement or trim of a vessel's sails when she endeavors to make a progress in the nearest direction possible towards that point of the compass from which the wind blows. But a vessel may be considered as close-hauled, although she is not quite so near to the wind as she could possibly lie. Chadwick v. Packet Co., 6 El. & Bl. 771.

CLOSED COURT. A term sometimes used to designate the Common Pleas Court of England when only serjeants could argue cases, which practice persisted until 1883.


CLOTURE. The procedure in deliberative assemblies whereby debate is closed. Introduced in the English parliament in the session of 1882. It is generally effected by moving the previous question. See Roberts, Rules of Order §§ 26, 55 a.

CLOUD ON TITLE. An outstanding claim or incumbrance which, if valid, would affect or impair the title of the owner of a particular estate, and on its face has that effect, but can be shown by extrinsic proof to be invalid or inapplicable to the estate in question. A conveyance, mortgage, judgment, tax-levy, etc., may all, in proper cases, constitute a cloud on title. Pixley v. Huggins, 15 Cal. 133; Schenck v. Wicks, 23 Utah, 576, 65 Pac. 732; Lick v. Ray, 43 Cal. 87; Stoddard v. Prescott, 58 Mich. 542, 25 N. W. 508; Phelps v. Harris, 101 U. S. 370, 25 L. Ed. 855; Fonda v. Sage, 48 N. Y. 151; Rigdon v. Shirk, 127 Ill. 411, 19 N. E. 698; Bissell v. Kellogg, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 617; Bank v. Lawler, 46 Conn. 245.

CLOUGH. A valley. Also an allowance for the turn of the scale, on buying goods wholesale by weight.

CLUB. A voluntary, incorporated or unincorporated association of persons for purposes of a social, literary, or political nature, or the like. A club is not a partnership. 2 Mees. & W. 172.

The word "club" has no very definite meaning. Clubs are formed for all sorts of purposes, and there is no uniformity in their constitutions and rules. It is well known that clubs exist which limit the number of the members and select them with great care, which own considerable property in common, and in which the furnishing of food and drink to the members for money is but one of many conveniences which the members enjoy. Com. v. Pomporet, 137 Mass. 567, 50 Am. Rep. 346; Van Pelt v. Hilliard, 75 Fla. 726, 78 So. 695, 695, L. R. A. 1918E, 693; Roberts v. Gerber, 187 Wis. 282, 202 N. W. 101, 103.

Unincorporated Members' Club
A society of persons each of whom contributes to the fund out of which the expenses of conducting the society are paid. Van Pelt v. Hilliard, 75 Fla. 726, 78 So. 695, 695, L. R. A. 1918E, 639.

Unincorporated Proprietary Club
One the property and funds of which belong to a proprietor who usually conducts the club with a view to profit. The members in consideration of the payment of an entrance fee and subscriptions are entitled to make such use of the premises and property and to exercise such other rights and privileges as the contract between them and the proprietor justifies. Van Pelt v. Hilliard, 75 Fla. 726, 78 So. 693, 695, L. R. A. 1918E, 639.

CLUB-LAW. Rule of violence; regulation by force; the law of arms.

CLUTCH. A device introduced in the transmission, some place between the mechanism in which power is created and the mechanism to which it is applied, and which serves to make and break the connection between the two. Eclipse Mach. Co. v. Harley Davidson Motor Co. (C. C. A.) 252 F. 805, 806.

CLYPEUS, or CLEPEUS. In old English law. A shield; metaphorically one of a noble family. Clupei prostrati, noble families extinct. Mat. Paris, 463.

CO. A prefix meaning "with" or "in conjunction" or "joint;" e. g., co-trustees, co-executors. Also an abbreviation for "county," (Gillman v. Sheets, 78 Iowa, 496, 43 N. W. 286,) and for "company," (Railroad Co. v. People, 155 Ill. 293, 40 N. E. 599.) It may also indicate a partnership (Jennette v. Coppersmith, 176 N. C. 62, 97 S. E. 54, 55).

COACH. Coach is a generic term. It is a kind of carriage, and is distinguished from other vehicles, chiefly, as being a covered box, hung on leathers, with four wheels. Turn-
pike Co. v. Nell, 9 Ohio, 12; Turnpike Co. v. Frink, 15 Pick. (Mass.) 444.

COADJUTOR. An assistant, helper, or ally; particularly a person appointed to assist a bishop who from age or infirmity is unable to perform his duty. Olcott v. Gabert, 80 Tex. 121, 23 S. W. 985. Also an overseer, (coadjutor of an executor,) and one who dispossesses a person of land not to his own use, but to that of another.

CO-ADMINISTRATOR. One who is a joint administrator with one or more others.

COADUNATIO. A uniting or combining together of persons; a conspiracy. 9 Coke, 56.


COAL NOTE. A species of promissory note, formerly in use in the port of London, containing the phrase "value received in coals." By the statute 3 Geo. II. c. 26, §§ 7, 8, these were to be protected and noted as inland bills of exchange. But this was repealed by the statute 47 Geo. III. sess. 2 c. 68, § 28.

COALITION. In French law. An unlawful agreement among several persons not to do a thing except on some conditions agreed upon; particularly, industrial combinations, strikes, etc.; a conspiracy.

CO-ASSIGNEE. One of two or more assignees of the same subject-matter.

COAST. The edge or margin of a country bounding on the sea. It is held that the term includes small islands and reefs naturally connected with the adjacent land, and rising above the surface of the water, although their composition may not be sufficiently firm and stable to admit of their being inhabited or fortified; but not shoals which are perpetually covered by the water. U. S. v. Pope, 28 Fed. Cas. 630; Hamilton v. Menifee, 11 Tex. 751.

This word is particularly appropriate to the edge of the sea, while "shore" may be used of the margins of inland waters.

—Coast waters. Tide waters navigable from the ocean by sea-going craft, the term embracing all waters opening directly or indirectly into the ocean and navigable by ships coming in from the ocean of draft as great as that of the larger ships which traverse the open seas. The Britannia, 153 U. S. 130, 14 S. Ct. 795, 38 L. Ed. 690; The Victory (D. C.) 63 F. 636; The Garden City (D. C.) 26 F. 773.

—Coaster. A term applied to vessels plying exclusively between domestic ports, and usually to those engaged in domestic trade, as distinguished from vessels engaged in foreign trade and plying between a port of the United States and a port of a foreign country; not including pleasure yachts. Belden v. Chase, 150 U. S. 674, 14 S. Ct. 264, 37 L. Ed. 1218.

—Coasting trade. In maritime law. Commerce and navigation between different places along the coast of the United States, as distinguished from commerce with ports in foreign countries. Commercial intercourse carried on between different districts in different states, different districts in the same state, or different places in the same district, on the sea-coast or on a navigable river. Steamboat Co. v. Livingston, 3 Cow. (N. Y.) 747; San Francisco v. California Steam Nav. Co., 10 Cal. 507; U. S. v. Pope, 28 Fed. Cas. 630; Ravesies v. U. S. (D. C.) 25 F. 919.

—Coastwise. Vessels "plying coastwise" are those which are engaged in the domestic trade, or plying between port and port in the United States, as contradistinguished from those engaged in the foreign trade, or plying between a port of the United States and a port of a foreign country. San Francisco v. California Steam Nav. Co., 10 Cal. 504; Petition of Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. (D. C.) 278 F. 150, 292.

COAST-GUARD. In English law. A body of officers and men raised and equipped by the commissioners of the admiralty for the defense of the coasts of the realm, and for the more ready manning of the navy in case of war or sudden emergency, as well as for the protection of the revenue against smugglers. Mozley & Whitley.

COAT ARMOR. Heraldic ensigns, introduced by Richard I. from the Holy Land, where they were first invented. Originally they were painted on the shields of the Christian knights who went to the Holy Land during the crusades, for the purpose of identifying them, some such contrivance being necessary in order to distinguish knights when clad in armor from one another. Wharton.

COBRA—VENOM REACTION. In medical jurisprudence. A method of serum-diagnosis of insanity from hemolysis (breaking up of the red corpuscles of the blood) by injections of the venom of cobras or other serpents. This test for insanity has recently been employed in Germany and some other European countries and in Japan.

COCKBILL. To place the yards of a ship at an angle with the deck. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1288.

COCKET. In English law. A seal belonging to the custom-house, or rather a scroll of parchment, sealed and delivered by the officers of the custom-house to merchants, as a warrant that their merchandises are entered;
likewise a sort of measure. Fleta, lib. 2, c. ix.

COCKPIT. A name which used to be given to the judicial committee of the privy council, the council-room being built on the old cockpit of Whitehall Place.

COCKSETUS. A boatman; a cockswain. Cowell.


A body of law established by the legislative authority, and intended to set forth, in generalized and systematic form, the principles of the entire law, whether written or unwritten, positive or customary, derived from enactment or from precedent. Abbott. A code is to be distinguished from a digest. The subject-matter of the latter is usually reported decisions of the courts. But there are also digests of statutes. These consist of an orderly collection and classification of the existing statutes of a state or nation, while a code is promulgated as one new law covering the whole field of jurisprudence.

—Code civil. The code which embodies the civil law of France. Framed in the first instance by a commission of jurists appointed in 1800. This code, after having passed both the tribunate and the legislative body, was promulgated in 1804 as the “Code Civil des Français.” When Napoleon became emperor, the name was changed to that of “Code Napoléon,” by which it is still often designated, though it is now officially styled by its original name of “Code Civil.”

—Code de procédure civil. That part of the Code Napoléon which regulates the system of courts, their organization, civil procedure, special and extraordinary remedies, and the execution of judgments.

—Code d'instruction criminelle. A French code, enacted in 1808, regulating criminal procedure.


—Code noir. Fr. The black code. A body of laws which formerly regulated the institution of slavery in the French colonies.

—Code of Justinian. The Code of Justinian (Codex Justinianus) was a collection of imperial constitutions, compiled, by order of that emperor, by a commission of ten jurists, including Tribonian, and promulgated A. D. 529. It comprised twelve books, and was the first of the four compilations of law which make up the Corpus Juris Civilis. This name is often met in a connection indicating that the entire Corpus Juris Civilis is intended, or, sometimes, the Digest; but its use should be confined to the Codex.

—Code pénal. The penal or criminal code of France, enacted in 1810.

CODEx. Lat. A code or collection of laws; particularly the Code of Justinian. Also a roll or volume, and a book written on paper or parchment.

CODEX GREGORIANUS. A collection of imperial constitutions made by Gregorius, a Roman jurist of the fifth century; about the middle of the century. It contained the constitutions from Hadrian down to Constantine. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 63.

CODEX HERMogenianus. A collection of imperial constitutions made by Hermogenes, a jurist of the fifth century. It was nothing more than a supplement to the Code Gregorianus, (supra,) containing the constitutions of Diocletian and Maximian. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 63.

CODEX JUSTINIANUS. A collection of imperial constitutions, made by a commission of ten persons appointed by Justinian, A. D. 528.

CODEX REPETITÆ PRELECTIONIS. The new code of Justinian; or the new edition of the first or old code, promulgated A. D. 554, being the one now extant. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 78. Tayl. Civil Law, 22.

CODEX THEODOSIANUS. A code compiled by the emperor Theodosius the younger, A. D. 438, being a methodical collection, in sixteen books, of all the imperial constitutions
then in force. It was the only body of civil law publicly received as authentic in the western part of Europe till the twelfth century, the use and authority of the Code of Justinian being during that interval confined to the East. 1 Bl. Comm. 81.


A codicil is an addition or supplement to a will, either to add to, take from, or alter the provisions of the will. It must be executed with the same formality as a will, and, when admitted to probate, forms a part of the will. Code Ga. 1882, § 2404 (Code 1910, § 3263).

CODICILLUS. In the Roman law. A codicil; an informal and inferior kind of will, in use among the Romans.

CODIFICATION. Process of collecting and arranging the laws of a country or state into a code, i. e., into a complete system of positive law, scientifically ordered, and promulgated by legislative authority.

COEMPTIO. Mutual purchase. One of the modes in which marriage was contracted among the Romans. The man and the woman delivered to each other a small piece of money. The man asked the woman whether she would become to him a materfamilias, (mistress of his family,) to which she replied that she would. In her turn she asked the man whether he would become to her a paterfamilias, (master of a family.) On his replying in the affirmative, she delivered her piece of money and herself into his hands, and so became his wife. Adams, Rom. Ant. 501.

CO-EMPTION. The act of purchasing the whole quantity of any commodity. Wharton.

COERCION. Compulsion; force; duress. It may be either actual, (direct or positive,) where physical force is put upon a man to compel him to do an act against his will, or implied, (legal or constructive,) where the relation of the parties is such that one is under subjection to the other, and is thereby constrained to do what his free will would refuse. State v. Darlington, 153 Ind. 1, 53 N. E. 625; Chappell v. Trent, 90 Va. 849, 19 S. E. 314; Radich v. Hutchins, 95 U. S. 215, 24 L. Ed. 490; Pesey v. New York, 70 N. Y. 497, 26 Am. Rep. 624; State v. Boyle, 13 R. I. 533. As used in testamentary law, any pressure by which testator's action is restrained against his free will in the execution of his testament. In re Hermann's Will, 87 Misc. 476, 150 N. Y. S. 118, 125; Max Ams Mach. Co. v. International Ass'n of Machinists, Bridgeport Lodge, No. 30, 92 Conn. 297, 102 A. 785, 789; Webb v. Cook's, Waiters' and Waitresses' Union, No. 749 (Tex. Civ. App.) 205 S. W. 456, 467; Hughes v. Leonard, 66 Colo. 500, 181 P. 290, 293, 5 A. L. R. 817; People v. Hamilton, 183 App. Div. 55, 170 N. Y. S. 705, 710.

CO-EXECUTOR. One who is a joint executor with one or more others.


COFFERER OF THE QUEEN'S HOUSEHOLD. In English law. A principal officer of the royal establishment, next under the controller, who, in the counthouse and elsewhere, had a special charge and oversight of the other officers, whose wages he paid.

Cognitionis panem nemo patitur. No one is punished for his thoughts. Dig. 48, 19, 18.

COGNAC. A distilled brandy, containing more than one-half of 1 per centum of alcohol. Benson v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 10 F. (2d) 300, 310.


COGNATI. Lat. In the civil law. Cognates; relations by the mother's side. 2 Bl. Comm. 235. Relations in the line of the mother. Hale, Com. Law, c. xi. Relations by or through females.

COGNATIO. Lat. In the Civil Law

Cognition. Relationship, or kindred generally. Dig. 38, 10, 4, 2; Inst. 3, 6, pr.
Relationship through females, as distinguished from agnatio, or relationship through males. Agnatio a patre sit, cognatio a matre. Inst. 3, 5, 4. See Agnatio.

**In Canon Law**

Consanguinity, as distinguished from affinity. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 56-58.

Consanguinity, as including affinity. Id.

**Cognatio.** In the civil law. Signifies generally the kindred which exists between two persons who are united by ties of blood or family, or both.

Natural cognatio is that which is alone formed by ties of blood; such is the kindred of those who owe their origin to an illicit connection, either in relation to their ascendants or collaterals.

Civil cognatio is that which proceeds alone from the ties of families, as the kindred between the adopted father and the adopted child.

Mixed cognatio is that which unites at the same time the ties of blood and family, as that which exists between brothers the issue of the same lawful marriage. Inst. 3, 5; Dig. 88, 10.

**Cognatus.** Lat. In the civil law. A relation by the mother's side; a cognate.

A relation, or kinsman, generally.

**Cognitio.**

**In Old English Law**

The acknowledgment of a fine; the certificate of such acknowledgment.

**In the Roman Law**

The judicial examination or hearing of a cause.

**Cognitiones.** Ensigns and arms, or a military coat painted with arms. Mat. Par. 1250.

**Cognitionibus mittendis.** In English law. A writ to a justice of the common pleas, or other, who has power to take a fine, who, having taken the fine, defers to certify it, commanding him to certify it. Now abolished. Reg. Orig. 68.

**Cognitionis causa.** In Scotch practice. A name given to a judgment or decree pronounced by a court, ascertaining the amount of a debt against the estate of a deceased landed proprietor, on cause shown, or after a due investigation. Bell.

**Cognitio.** In the Roman law. An advocate or defender in a private cause; one who defended the cause of a person who was present. Calvin. Lex. Jurid.

**Cognizance.**

**In Old Practice**

That part of a fine in which the defendant acknowledged that the land in question was the right of the complainant. From this the fine itself derived its name, as being sur cognizance de droit, etc., and the parties their titles of cognizor and cognizee. 12 Ad. & El. 259.

**In Modern Practice**

Judicial notice or knowledge; the judicial hearing of a cause; jurisdiction, or power to try and determine causes; acknowledgment; confession; recognition.

**Of Pleas**

Jurisdiction of causes. A power granted by the king to a city or town to hold pleas within it. 11 East, 543; 1 W. Bla. 454; 3 Bla. Com. 298.

**Claim of Cognizance (or of Conusance)**

Is an intervention by a third person, demanding judicature in the cause against the plaintiff, who has chosen to commence his action out of claimant's court. 2 Wills. 469; 2 Bl. Comm. 390, note.

**In Pleading**

A species of answer in the action of replevin, by which the defendant acknowledges the taking of the goods which are the subject-matter of the action, and also that he has no title to them, but justifies the taking on the ground that it was done by the command of one who was entitled to the property. Lawes, Pl. 35; 2 Bla. Com. 350. Inhabitants of Sturbridge v. Winslow, 21 Pick. (Mass.) 87; Noble v. Holmes, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 194.

In the process of levying a fine, it is an acknowledgment by the defendant that the lands in question belong to the complainant.

In the language of American jurisprudence, this word is used chiefly in the sense of jurisdiction, or the exercise of jurisdiction; the judicial examination of a matter, or power and authority to make it. Webster v. Com., 5 Cush. (Mass.) 400; Clarion County v. Hospital, 111 Pa. 339, 3 A. 97.

**Judicial Cognizance**

Judicial cognizance is judicial notice, or knowledge upon which a judge is bound to act without having it proved in evidence.

**Cognize.** The party to whom a fine was levied. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.

**Cognizor.** In old conveyancing. The party levying a fine. 2 Bl. Comm. 350, 351.

**Cognomen.**

**In Roman Law**

A man's family name. The first name (prænomen) was the proper name of the individual; the second (nomen) indicated the gens or tribe to which he belonged; while the third (cognomen) denoted his family or house.

The prænomen among the Romans distinguished the person, the nomen the gens, or all the kindred
descended from a remote common stock through males, while the cognomen denoted the particular family. The agnomen was added on account of some particular event, as a further distinction. Thus, in the designation Publius Cornelius Scipio Africanus, Publius is the prae cognomen, Cornelius is the nomen, Scipio the cognomen, and Africanus the agnomen. Vicat. See Cai. temp. Hardw. 296; 6 Co. 65.

In English Law

A surname. A name added to the nomen proper, or name of the individual; a name descriptive of the family.

Cognomen majorum est ex sanguine tractum, hoc intrinsecum est; agnomen extrinsecum ab eventu. 6 Coke, 65. The cognomen is derived from the blood of ancestors, and is intrinsic; an agnomen arises from an event, and is extrinsic.

COGNOVIT ACTIONEM. (He has confessed the action.) A defendant's written confession of an action brought against him, to which he has no available defense. It is usually upon condition that he shall be allowed a certain time for the payment of the debt or damages, and costs. It is supposed to be given in court, and it impliedly authorizes the plaintiff's attorney to sign judgment and issue execution. Mallory v. Kirkpatrick, 54 N. J. Eq. 59, 33 A. 265.


—Cohabiting in state of adultery. One or more acts of sexual intercourse while living together. Sams v. State, 195 Ind. 497, 145 N. E. 773, 775.

Coheredes an persona consentur, propter unitatem juris quod habent. Co. Litt. 163. Co-heirs are deemed as one person, on account of the unity of right which they possess.

COHÆRES. Lat. In civil and old English law. A co-heir, or joint heir.

CO-HEIR. One of several to whom an inheritance descends.

CO-HEIRESS. A joint heiress. A woman who has an equal share of an inheritance with another woman.

COHERER. In wireless telegraphy, the "detector" or "coherer" and "wave responsive device" is a device by which the electromagnetic waves cause the indicator to respond. National Electric Signaling Co. v. Telefunken Wireless Telegraph Co. of United States (C. C. A.) 221 F. 629, 631.

COHUAGIUM. A tribute made by those who meet promiscuously in a market or fair. Du Cange.

COIF. A title given to serjeants at law, who are called "serjeants of the coif," from the coif they wear on their heads. The use of this coif at first was to cover the clerical tonsure, many of the practicing serjeants being clergymen who had abandoned their profession. It was a thin linen cover, gathered together in the form of a skull or helmet; the material being afterwards changed into white silk, and the form eventually into the black patch at the top of the fore wig, which is now the distinguishing mark of the degree of serjeant at law. (Cowell; Foss, Judg.; 3 Steph. Comm. 272, note.) Brown.

COIN, n. To fashion pieces of metal into a prescribed shape, weight, and degree of fineness, and stamp them with prescribed devices, by authority of government, in order that they may circulate as money, Legal Tender Cases, 12 Wall. 484. 20 L. Ed. 287; Thayer v. Hedges, 22 Ind. 391; Bank v. Van Dyck, 27 N. Y. 490; Borie v. Trott, 5 Phila. (Pa.) 403; Latham v. U. S., 1 Ct. Cl. 154; Hague v. Powers, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 466, or to invent words or phrases.

COIN, n. Pieces of gold, silver, or other metal, fashioned into a prescribed shape, weight, and degree of fineness, and stamped, by authority of government, with certain marks and devices, and put into circulation as money at a fixed value, Com. v. Gallagher, 16 Gray (Mass.) 240; Latham v. U. S., 1 Ct. Cl. 150; Borie v. Trott, 5 Phila. (Pa.) 403, or any metal disc, State v. Kelleher, 127 A. 503, 504, 2 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 559.

Strictly speaking, coin differs from money, as the species differs from the genus. Money is any matter, whether metal, paper, beads, shells, etc., which has currency as a medium in commerce. Coin is a particular species, al-
ways made of metal, and struck according to a certain process called "coining." Wharton.

**COINAGE.** The process or the function of coining metallic money; also the great mass of metallic money in circulation. Moyer v. Roosevelt, 25 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 105; U. S. v. Oavy (C. C.) 31 F. 70.

**COINSURANCE.** A relative division of risk between the insurer and the insured, dependent upon the relative amount of the policy and the actual value of the property insured, and taking effect only when the actual loss is partial and less than the amount of the policy; the insurer being liable to the extent of the policy for a loss equal to or in excess of that amount. Buse v. National Ben Franklin Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., 100 N. Y. S. 566, 568, 96 Misc. 229.

**COITUS.** Sexual intercourse; carnal copulation; coition.

**COJUDICES.** Lat. In old English law. Associate judges having equality of power with others.

**COKE.** Partially consumed bituminous coal, from which the volatile constituents have been burned away, or partly graphitized carbon, whose fiber has been affected by escaping and burning gases, so that it is lighter than coal, although its substance is hard and dense. Mitchell v. Connellsville Central Coke Co. (C. C. A.) 231 F. 131, 137; Otto Coking Co. v. Koppers Co. (C. C. A.) 258 F. 122, 131.

**COLD WATER ORDEAL.** The trial which was anciently used for the common sort of people, who, having a cord tied about them under their arms, were cast into a river; if they sank to the bottom until they were drawn up, which was in a very short time, then were they held guiltless; but such as did remain upon the water were held culpable, being, as they said, of the water rejected and kept up. Wharton.

**COLIBERTUS.** In feudal law. One who, holding in free socage, was obliged to do certain services for the lord. A middle class of tenants between servile and free, who held their freedom of tenure on condition of performing certain services. Said to be the same as the **conditionate**. Cowell.

**COLLATERAL.** By the side; at the side; attached upon the side. Not lineal, but upon a parallel or diverging line. Additional or auxiliary; supplementary; co-operating.

**COLLATERAL ACT.** In old practice. The name "collateral act" was given to any act (except the payment of money) for the performance of which a bond, recognizance, etc., was given as security.

**COLLATERAL ANCESTORS.** A phrase sometimes used to designate uncles and aunts, and other collateral antecedors, who are not strictly ancestors. Banks v. Walker, 3 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 433, 446.

**COLLATERAL ASSURANCE.** That which is made over and above the principal assurance or deed itself.

**COLLATERAL ATTACK.** See Collateral Impeachment.


**COLLATERAL FACTS.** Such as are outside the controversy, or are not directly connected with the principal matter or issue in dispute. Summerour v. Felker, 102 Ga. 254, 29 S. E. 448; Garner v. State, 76 Miss. 515, 25 So. 363.

**COLLATERAL IMPEACHMENT.** A collateral impeachment of a judgment or decree is an attempt made to destroy or evade its effect as an estoppel, by reopening the merits of the cause or by showing reasons why the judgment should not have been rendered or should not have a conclusive effect, in a collateral proceeding, i. e., in any action other than that in which the judgment was rendered; for, if this be done upon appeal, error, or **cortiorari**, the impeachment is **direct**. Burke v. Lean Ass'n, 25 Mont. 313, 64 P. 381, 87 Am. St. 416; Crawford v. McDonald, 88 Tex. 629, 33 S. W. 225; Morrill v. Morrill, 20 Or. 96, 25 P. 362, 11 L. R. A. 155, 22 Am. St. Rep. 95; Harman v. Moore, 112 Ind. 221, 33 N. E. 718; Schneider v. Sellers, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 226, 61 S. W. 541; Bitzer v. Merck, 111 Ky. 299, 63 S. W. 771; Lough v. Taylor, 97 W. Va. 150, 124 S. E. 585; State ex rel. Van Hautten v. Ellison, 285 Mo. 301, 226 S. W. 559, 562, 12 A. L. R. 1157; Johnson v. Johnson, 132 Ala. 376, 62 So. 706, 709; Richardson v. Carr, 68 Okl. 46, 171 P. 476, 481; Tolbert v. Roark, 126 S. C. 207, 119 S. E. 571, 574; In re Gingers's Estate, 103 Ohio St. 559, 134 N. E. 449, 451.

**COLLATERAL INHERITANCE TAX.** A tax levied upon the collateral devolution of property by will or under the intestate law. In re Bittinger's Estate, 129 Pa. 358, 18 A. 152; Strode v. Com., 32 Pa. 181; In re Cupples' Estate, 272 Mo. 465, 190 S. W. 556, 558; Perfection Tire & Rubber Co. v. Kellogg-Mackay Equipment Co., 194 Iowa, 523, 187 N. W. 32, 33.

**COLLATERAL KINSMEN.** Those who descend from one and the same common ancestor, but not from one another.

**COLLATERAL PROMISE.** A promise merely super-added to the promise of another, he remaining primarily liable. Fairbanks v. Bark- er, 115 Me. 31, 97 A. 3, 5; Miller v. Davis, 168 Ky. 691, 182 S. W. 539, 940.

COLLATERAL UNDERTAKING. "Collateral" and "original" have become the technical terms whereby to distinguish promises that are within, and are as are not within, the statute of frauds. Elder v. Warfield, 7 Har. & J. (Md.) 391; Turner v. Commercial Savings Bank, 17 Ga. App. 631, 57 S. E. 918.


COLLATERALIS ET SOCI. The ancient title of masters in chancery.

COLLATIO BONORUM. Lat. In the civil law. The obligation on successors to an inheritance to return to the common inheritance gifts received from the ancestor during his lifetime. In re Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 105 N. Y. S. 961, 967, 99 Misc. 420; In re Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 108 N. Y. S. 952, 956, 151 App. Div. 642. A joining together or contribution of goods into a common fund. This occurs where a portion of money, advanced by the father to a son or daughter, is brought into a litigated matter so as to have an equal distributory share of his personal estate at his death. See Collation.

COLLATIO SIGNORUM. In old English law. A comparison of marks or seals. A mode of testing the genuineness of a seal, by comparing it with another known to be genuine. Adams. See Bract. fol. 389b.

COLLATION.

In the Civil Law

The collation of goods is the supposed or real return to the mass of the succession which an heir makes of property which he received in advance of his share or otherwise, in order that such property may be divided together with the other effects of the succession. Civ. Code La. art. 1227; Miller v. Miller, 105 La. 257, 29 So. 802; Succession of Thompson, 9 La. Ann. 96.

The term is sometimes used also in common-law jurisdictions in the sense given above. It is synonymous with "hotspot." Moore v. Freeman, 50 Ohio St. 592, 35 N. E. 502.

In Ecclesiastical Law

The act by which the bishop who has the bestowing of a benefice gives it to an incumbent. 2 Bla. Comm. 22.

In Practice

The comparison of a copy with its original to ascertain its correctness; or the report of the officer who made the comparison.

COLLATION OF SEALS. When upon the same label one seal was set on the back or reverse of the other. Wharton.

COLLATION TO A BENEFICE. In ecclesiastical law. This occurs where the bishop and patron are one and the same person, in which case the bishop cannot present the clergyman to himself, but does, by the one act of collation or conferring the benefice, the whole that is done in common cases both by presentation and institution. 2 Bl. Comm. 22.

COLLATIONE FACTA UNI POST MORTEM ALTERIUS. A writ directed to Justices of the common pleas, commanding them to issue their writ to the bishop, for the admission of a clerk in the place of another presented by the crown, where there had been a demise of the crown during a suit; for judgment once passed for the king's clerk, and he dyeing before admittance, the king may bestow his presentation on another. Reg. Orig. 31.

COLLATIONE HEREDITAGII. In old English law. A writ whereby the king conferred the keeping of an hermitage upon a clerk. Reg. Orig. 306, 308.

COLLECT. To gather together; to bring scattered things (assets, accounts, articles of property) into one mass or fund; to assemble.

To collect a debt or claim is to obtain payment or liquidation of it, either by personal solicitation or legal proceedings. White v. Case, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 544; Ryan v. Tudor, 31 Kan. 366, 2 P. 797; Purdy v. Independence, 75 Iowa, 356, 39 N. W. 441; McInerney v. Reed, 23 Iowa, 414; Taylor v. Kearney County, 35 Neb. 351, 53 N. W. 211; Board of Com'rs of Okfuskee County v. Hazelwood, 79 Okl. 158, 192 P. 217, 218, 11 A. L. R. 709; Isler v. National Park Bank of New York, 239 N. Y. 402, 147 N. E. 66, 98.
COLLECT ON DELIVERY. See C. O. D.

COLLECTIBLE. Debts, obligations, demands, liabilities that one may be made to pay by means of legal process. Shanahan v. State, 142 Md. 616, 121 A. 636, 640.


COLLECTION OF ILLEGAL FEES. Collection by public official of fees in excess of those fixed by law for certain services. Parker v. Morgan, 45 Utah, 403, 160 P. 764, 765.

COLLECTOR. One appointed to receive taxes or other impositions: as, collector of taxes, collector of militia fines, etc. A person appointed by a private person to collect the credits due him.

COLLECTOR OF DECEASED'S ESTATE. A person temporarily appointed by the probate court to collect rents, assets, interest, bills receivable, etc., of a deceased's estate, and act for the estate in all financial matters requiring immediate settlement. Such collector is usually appointed when there is protracted litigation as to the probate of the will, or as to the person to take out administration, and his duties cease as soon as an executor or administrator is qualified.


COLLECTION. Indorsement "for collection." See For Collection.

COLLEGA. In the civil law. One invested with joint authority. A colleague; an associate.

COLLEGATARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A co-legatee. Inst. 2, 20, 8.

COLLEGATORY. A co-legatee; a person who has a legacy left to him in common with other persons.

COLLEGE. An organized assembly or collection of persons, established by law, and empowered to co-operate for the performance of some special function or for the promotion of some common object, which may be educational, political, ecclesiastical, or scientific in its character.

The assemblage of the cardinals at Rome is called a "college." So, in the United States, the body of presidential electors is called the "electoral college." In the most common use of the word, it designates an institution of learning (usually incorporated) which offers instruction in the liberal arts and humanities and in scientific branches, but not in the technical arts or those studies preparatory to admission to the professions. Com. v. Banks, 198 Pa. 397, 48 A. 277; Chegaray v. New York, 13 N. Y. 229; Northampton County v. Lafayette College, 125 Pa. 132, 18 A. 516. But "college" is also applied to all kinds of institutions from universities, or departments thereof to "business colleges" "barber colleges," etc. State v. Erickson, 75 Mont. 420, 244 P. 287, 281; Shepard v. Union & New Haven Trust Co., 106 Conn. 627, 138 A. 809, 815; State Board of Agriculture v. State Administrative Board, 226 Mich. 417, 197 N. W. 160.

In England, it is a civil corporation, company or society of men, having certain privileges, and endowed with certain revenues, founded by royal license. An assemblage of several of these colleges is called a "university." Wharton.

COLLEGIA. In the civil law. The guild of a trade.

COLLEGIALITER. In a corporate capacity. 2 Kent, Comm. 296.

COLLEGIANTE CHURCH. In English ecclesiastical law. A church built and endowed for a society or body corporate of a dean or other president, and secular priests, as canons or prebendaries in the said church; such as the churches of Westminster, Windsor, and others. Cowell.

COLLEGIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A word having various meanings; e. g., an assembly, society, or company; a body of bishops; an army; a class of men. But the principal idea of the word was that of an association of individuals of the same rank and station, or united for the pursuit of some business or enterprise. Sometimes, a corporation, as in the maxim "tres factum collegium" (1 Bl. Comm. 469), though the more usual and proper designation of a corporation was "universitas."

COLLEGIIUM AMMIRALITATIS. The college or society of the admiralty.

Collegium est societas plarium corporum simul habitantium. Jenk. Cent. 229. A college is a society of several persons dwelling together.

COLLEGIUM ILLICITUM. One which abused its right, or assembled for any other purpose than that expressed in its charter.

COLLEGIUM LICITUM. An assemblage or society of men united for some useful purpose or business, with power to act like a single individual. 2 Kent, Comm. 259.

COLLIERY. This term is sufficiently wide to include all contiguous and connected veins and seams of coal which are worked as one concern, without regard to the closes or pieces of ground under which they are carried, and apparently also the engines and machinery in such contiguous and connected veins. MacSwain, Mines, 25. See Carey v. Bright, 58 Pa. 85.

COLLIGENDUM BONA DEFUNCTI. See Ad Colligendum, etc.

In Maritime Law


The term is not inapplicable to cases where a stationary vessel is struck by one under way, strictly termed “allision”; or where one vessel is brought into contact with another by swinging at anchor. And even an injury received by a vessel at her moorings, in consequence of being violently rubbed or pressed against by a second vessel lying alongside of her, in consequence of a collision against such second vessel by a third one under way, may be compensated for, under the general head of “collision,” as well as an injury which is the direct result of a “blow,” properly so called. The Moxy, Abb. Adm. 75, Fed. Cas. No. 2,824.

In Automobile Insurance Law

The term denotes the act of colliding; striking together; violent contact. Ætna Casualty & Surety Co. v. Cartmel, 87 Fla. 495, 100 So. 802, 803, 35 A. L. R. 1013. The term implies an impact or sudden contact of a moving body with an obstruction in its line of motion, whether both bodies are in motion or one stationary and the other, no matter which, in motion. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. American Compounding Co., 211 Ala. 593, 100 So. 904, 905, 35 A. L. R. 1013.


COLLISION CLAUSE. An additional provision for insurance, on the margin of the policy, covering the contingency of a collision of the insured vessel with another vessel and the liability of the insured for the injury to such other vessel. Fireman’s Fund Ins. Co. v. Globe Nav. Co. (C. C. A.) 230 F. 618, 631. Also known as “running down” clause.

COLLISTRIGIUM. The pillory.

COLLIGTANT. One who litigates with another.

COLLOBIUM. A hood or covering for the shoulders, formerly worn by sergeants at law.

COLLOCATION. In French law. The arrangement or marshalling of the creditors of an estate in the order in which they are to be paid according to law. Merel Répért.

An averment that the words in question are spoken of or concerning some usage, report, or fact which gives to words otherwise indifferent the peculiar defamatory meaning assigned to them. Carter v. Andrews, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 6.

COLLUSION. A deceitful agreement or compact between two or more persons, for the one party to bring an action against the other for some evil purpose, as to defraud a third party of his right. Cowell.

A secret arrangement between two or more persons, whose interests are apparently conflicting, to make use of the forms and proceedings of law in order to defraud a third person, or to obtain that which justice would not give them, by deceiving a court or its officers. Baldwin v. New York, 45 Barb. (N. Y.) 339; Belt v. Blackburn, 28 Md. 235; Railroad Co. v. Gay, 96 Tex. 571, 26 S. W. 596, 25 L. R. A. 52; Balch v. Beach, 119 Wis. 77, 95 N. W. 132.

In divorce proceedings, collusion is an agreement between husband and wife that one of them shall commit, or appear to have committed, or be represented in court as having committed, acts constituting a cause of divorce, for the purpose of enabling the other to obtain a divorce. Civil Code Cal. § 114. But it also means connivance or conspiracy in initiating or prosecuting the suit, as where there is a compact for mutual aid in carrying it through to a decree. Beard v. Beard, 95 Cal. 354, 4 P. 229; Pohlman v. Pohlman, 60 N. J. Eq. 28, 46 Atl. 653; Drayton v. Drayton, 54 N. J. Eq. 298, 38 A. 25; Harne v. Harne, 141 Md. 123, 118 A. 122, 125; Stewart v. Stewart, 83 N. J. Eq. 1, 114 A. 861, 862; McCauley v. McCauley, 88 N. J. Eq. 392, 105 A. 26, 25; Underwood v. Underwood, 30 App. D. C. 223, 71 F. 533, 555, A. C. 544; Weston v. National Life Ins. Co. of United States, 84 Or. 588, 165 P. 675, 677; Blee v. Nelson, 105 Kan. 23, 180 P. 206, 207; Neal & Kennedy Co. v. Ellis, 188 Tenn. 216, 197 S. W. 489, 490; Daly v. Haight, 170 App. Div. 469, 156 N. Y. S. 538, 541.

COLLYBISTA. In the civil law. A money-changer; a dealer in money.

COLLYBUM. In the civil law. Exchange.

COLNE. In Saxon and old English law. An account or calculation.

COLONUS. In old European law. A husbandman; an inferior tenant employed in cultivating the lord's land. A term of Roman origin, corresponding with the Saxon eorl. 1 Spence, Ch. 51.

COLONY. A dependent political community, consisting of a number of citizens of the same country who have emigrated therefrom to people another, and remain subject to the mother country. U. S. v. The Nancy, 3 Wash. C. C. 257, Fed. Cas. No. 15,854.

A settlement in a foreign country possessed and cultivated, either wholly or partially, by immigrants and their descendants, who have a political connection with and subordination to the mother-country, whence they emigrated. In other words, it is a place peopled from some more ancient city or country. Wharton.

Colonial Laws

In America, this term designates the body of law in force in the thirteen original colonies before the Declaration of Independence. In England, the term signifies the laws enacted by Canada and the other present British colonies.

Colonial Office

In the English government, this is the department of state through which the sovereign appoints colonial governors, etc., and communicates with them. Until the year 1854, the secretary for the colonies was also secretary for war.

COLOR. An appearance, semblance, or simulacrum, as distinguished from that which is real. A prima facie or apparent right. Hence, a deceptive appearance; a plausible, assumed exterior, concealing a lack of reality; a disguise or pretext. Railroad Co. v. Allfree, 64 Iowa, 500, 20 N. W. 779; Berks County v. Railroad Co., 107 Pa. 102, 31 Atl. 474; Broughton v. Haywood, 61 N. C. 383; Wilt v. Bueter, 186 Ind. 98, 111 N. E. 926, 929.

In pleading. Ground of action admitted to subsist in the opposite party by the pleading of one of the parties to an action, which is so set out as to be apparently valid, but which is in reality legally insufficient.

This was a term of the ancient rhetoricians, and early adopted into the language of
pleading. It was an apparent or *prima facie* right; and the meaning of the rule that pleadings in confession and avoidance should give color was that they should confess the matter adversely alleged, to such an extent, at least, as to admit some apparent right in the opposite party, which required to be encountered and avoided by the allegation of new matter. Color was either express, i. e., inserted in the pleading, or implied, which was naturally inherent in the structure of the pleading. *Steph. Pl.* 233; *Merten v. Bank*, 5 Okl. 585, 49 P. 913.

The word also means the dark color of the skin showing the presence of negro blood; and hence it is equivalent to African descent or parentage. *Johnson v. Board of Education of Wilson County*, 186 N. C. 408, 82 S. E. 892, 894, L. R. A. 1916A, 828.

**COLOR OF AUTHORITY.** That semblance or presumption of authority sustaining the acts of a public officer which is derived from his apparent title to the office or from a writ or other process in his hands apparently valid and regular. *State v. Oates*, 86 Wis. 634, 57 N. W. 296, 59 Am. St. Rep. 912; *Wyatt v. Monroe*, 27 Tex. 268.


**COLOR OF OFFICE.** An act unjustly done by the countenance of an office, being grounded upon corruption, to which the office is as a shadow and color. *Ploow. 64.*


The phrase implies, we think, some official power vested in the actor,—he must be at least officer *de facto*. We do not understand that an act of a mere pretender to an office, or false personator of an officer, is said to be done by color of office. And it implies an illegal claim of authority, by virtue of the office, to do the act or thing in question. *Bur ral v. Acker*, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 606, 35 Am. Dec. 682.

**COLOR OF TITLE.** The appearance, semblance, or *simulaeurn* of title. Any fact, extraneous to the act or mere will of the claimant, which has the appearance, on its face, of supporting his claim of a present title to land, but which, for some defect, in reality falls short of establishing it. *Wright v. Matthison*, 15 How. 55, 15 L. Ed. 260; *Camargo v. U. S.*, 148 U. S. 301, 13 S. Ct. 506, 37 L. Ed. 459; *Saltmarsh v. Crommelin*, 24 Ala. 532; *It has been termed 'apparent right.'* *Fears v. Barwise*, 93 Kan. 131, 143 P. 505, 507.

Anything in writing purporting to convey title to the land, which defines the extent of the claim, it being immaterial how defective or imperfect the writing may be, that it is a sign, semblance, or color of title. *Veal v. Robinson*, 99 Ala. 386; *Mullan's Adm'r v. Carper*, 37 W. Va. 215, 18 S. E. 537; *Theisen v. Qualley*, 42 S. D. 307, 175 N. W. 555, 557. A title that is imperfect, but not so obviously so that it would be apparent to one not skilled in the law. *Williamson v. Tison*, 19 Ga. 77, 30 S. E. 78; *Head v. Phillips*, 70 Ark. 432, 83 S. W. 575; *Bloom v. Straus*, 70 Ark. 483, 69 S. W. 549, 72 S. W. 564; *Ipeck v. Gaiskins*, 161 N. C. 703, 77 S. E. 845, 847.


"Any instrument having a grantor and grantee, and containing a description of the lands intended to be conveyed, and apt words for their conveyance, gives color of title to the lands described. Such an instrument purports to be a conveyance of the title, and because it does not, for some reason, have that effect, it cannot be the only color or semblance of a title." *Brooks v. Bruyn*, 55 III. 392.


**COLORABLE.** That which has or gives color. That which is in appearance only, and not in reality, what it purports to be. Considered, feigned, having the appearance of truth. *Elias v. Jones*, 73 Colo. 516, 216 P. 257, 258.

**COLORABLE ALTERATION.** One which makes no real or substantial change, but is introduced only as a subterfuge or means of evading the patent or copyright law.
COLORABLE CAUSE, ETC.

COLORABLE CAUSE OR INVOCATION OF JURISDICTION. With reference to actions for malicious prosecution, a “colorable cause or invocation of jurisdiction” means that a person, apparently qualified, has appeared before a justice and made a complaint under oath and in writing, stating some facts which in connection with other facts constitute a criminal offense or bear a similitude thereto. Hotel Supply Co. v. Reid, 16 Ala. App. 503, 80 So. 187, 138.

COLORABLE CLAIM. In bankruptcy law, a claim made by one holding the property as an agent or bailee of the bankrupt; a claim in which as a matter of law, there is no adversity. In re Blum (C. C. A.) 202 F. 883, 884; In re Western Rope & Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 208 F. 828, 827.

COLORABLE IMITATION. In the law of trade-marks, this phrase denotes such a close or ingenious imitation as to be calculated to deceive ordinary persons.

COLORABLE PLEADING. The practice of giving color in pleading.

COLORABLE TRANSACTION. One presenting an appearance which does not correspond with the reality, and, ordinarily, an appearance intended to conceal or to deceive. Osborn v. Osborn, 102 Kan. 890, 172 P. 23, 24.

COLORE OFFICII. Lat. By color of office.

Acts done “vitiate offici” are those within the authority of the officer, when properly performed, but which are performed improperly: acts done “colore offici” are those which are entirely outside or beyond the authority conferred by the office. Haffner v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., 207 N. Y. 416, 417, 58 Idaho, 377; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco v. Smith, 244 P. 1192, 1194, 42 Idaho, 224.

COLORED. By common usage in America, this term, in such phrases as “colored persons,” “the colored race,” “colored men,” and the like, is used to designate negroes or persons of the African race, including all persons of mixed blood descended from negro ancestry. Van Camp v. Board of Education, 9 Ohio St. 411; U. S. v. La Costa, 29 Fed. Cas. 829; Jones v. Com., 80 Va. 542; Heint v. Bridault, 37 Miss. 222; State v. Chavers, 50 N. C. 15; Johnson v. Norwich, 29 Conn. 407; Collins v. Oklahoma State Hospital, 76 Okl. 229, 184 P. 946, 949, 7 A. L. R. 896.

But where a state Constitution provided for separate schools for the white and colored races, the term “white race” was held to be limited to the Caucasian race, and the term “colored races” to embrace all other races. Rice v. Gong Lum, 139 Miss. 790, 104 So. 195, 197.

It has also been held that there is no legal technical signification to the phrase “colored person” which the courts are bound judicially to know. Pauwka v. Daus, 11 Tex. 76.

COLPICES. Young poles, which, being cut down, are made levers or lifters. Blount.

COLPINDACH. In old Scotch law. A young beast or cow, of the age of one or two years; in later times called a “cowdash.”

COLT. An animal of the horse species, whether male or female, not more than four years old. Russ. & R. 416; Mallory v. Berry, 16 Kan. 295; Pullen v. State, 11 Tex. App. 91.


COMBARONES. In old English law. Fellow-barons; fellow-citizens;—the citizens or freemen of the Cinque Ports being anciently called “barons;” the term “combarones” is used in this sense in a grant of Henry III. to the barons of the port of Faversham. Cowell.

COMBAT. A forcible encounter between two or more persons; a battle; a duel. Trial by battle. Mutual Combat

One into which both the parties enter willingly or voluntarily; it implies a common intent to fight, but not necessarily an exchange of blows. Aldridge v. State, 59 Miss. 250; Tate v. State, 46 Ga. 158; State v. Moss, 24 N. M. 59, 172 P. 199; Findley v. State, 125 Ga. 532, 54 S. E. 166.

COMBATERAE. A valley or piece of low ground between two hills. Kennett, Gloss.

COMBE. A small or narrow valley.


In patent law, a union of different elements. A patent may be taken out for a new combination of existing machines. Stevenson Co. v. McFassell, 90 F. 797, 32 C. C. A. 249; Moore v. Schau (C. C.) 118 F. 602; Moody v. Fiske, 2 Mas. 112, Fed. Cas. No. 9,745.

As applied to patent law, when the elements are so united that by their reciprocal influence upon each other, or their joint action on their common object, they perform additional functions and accomplish additional results, the union is a true “combination.” Benjamin Menu Card Co. v. Rand, McNally & Co. (C. C.) 210 F. 285, 287.

The distinction between a "combination" and an “aggregation” lies in the presence or absence of mutuality of action; a “combination” essentially requiring that there be some joint operation performed by its elements, producing a result due to their joint and cooperating action, while in an “aggregation” there is a mere adding together of separate contributions, each operating independently of the other. Hall v. Coker (C. C. A.) 219 F. 278, 282; Bryant Electric Co. v. Harvey Hubbell, Inc. (C. C. A.) 267 F. 573, 575; Mead Morriston Mfg. Co. v. Exeter Mach. Works (D. C.) 215 F. 731.
COMBINATION IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE. A trust, pool, or other association of two or more individuals or corporations having for its object to monopolize the manufacture or traffic in a particular commodity, to regulate or control the output, restrict the sale, establish and maintain the price, stifle or exclude competition, or otherwise to interfere with the normal course of trade under conditions of free competition. Northern Securities Co. v. U. S., 193 U. S. 197, 24 S. Ct. 436, 68 L. Ed. 679; U. S. v. Knight Co., 156 U. S. 1, 15 S. Ct. 249, 39 L. Ed. 325; Texas Brewing Co. v. Templeman, 90 Tex. 277, 38 S. W. 27; U. S. v. Patterson (C. C.) 55 F. 605; State v. Continental Tobacco Co., 177 Mo. 1, 75 S. W. 737.

COMBINED CARBON. As used in the metallurgy of iron and steel, carbon in union with some one or more metallic constituents in the iron alloy. Pittsburgh Iron & Steel Foundries Co. v. Seaman-Sieeth Co. (C. C. A.) 248 F. 765, 797.


COMBUSTIO. Burning. In old English law, the punishment inflicted upon apostates.

COMBUSTIO DOMORUM. Houseburning; arson. 4 Bl. Comm. 272.

COMBUSTIO PECUNIÆ. Burning of money; the ancient method of testing mixed and corrupt money, paid into the exchequer, by melting it down.

COME. To present oneself; to appear in court. In modern practice, though such presence may be constructive only, the word is still used to indicate participation in the proceedings. Thus, a pleading may begin, "Now comes the defendant," etc. In case of a default, the technical language of the record is that the court "comes in default, but makes default." Horner v. O'Loughlin, 29 Md. 472. See also, Melfi v. Barney (R. L.) 121 A. 67, 68.

COMES, n. A word used in a pleading to indicate the defendant's presence in court. See Come.

COMES, n. Lat. A follower, companion, or attendant; a count or earl.

COMES AND DEFENDS. This phrase, anciently used in the language of pleading, and still surviving in some jurisdictions, occurs at the commencement of a defendant's plea or demurrer; and of its two verbs the former signifies that he appears in court, the latter that he defends the action.


COMINUS. Lat. Immediately; hand-to-hand; in personal contact.

COMITAS. Lat. Courtesy; civility; comity. An indulgence or favor granted another nation, as a mere matter of indulgence, without any claim of right made. Comitas inter communitates; or comitas inter gentes; comity between communities or nations; comity of nations. 2 Kent, Comm. 457.

COMITATU COMMISSO. A writ or commission, whereby a sheriff is authorized to enter upon the charges of a county. Reg. Orig. 285.

COMITATU ET CASTRO COMMISSO. A writ by which the charge of a county, together with the keeping of a castle, is committed to the sheriff.

COMITATUS. In old English law. A county or shire; the body of a county. The territorial jurisdiction of a comes, i. e., count or earl. 1 Bla. Comm. 116. An earldom. 1 Ld. Raym. 13. The county court, a court of great antiquity and of great dignity in early times. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 42, 68. Also, the retinue or train of a prince or high governmental official. Spelman. The retinue which accompanied a Roman proconsul to his province. Du Cange. The personal following of professional warriors. Taylor, Jurispr. 216.

COMITES. Counts or earls. Attendants or followers. Persons composing the retinue of a high functionary. Persons who are attached to the suite of a public minister. As to their privileges, see Respublica v. De Longchamps, 1 Dall. (Pa.) 117, 1 L. Ed. 59; U. S. v. Bcnner, Baldw. 210, Fed. Cas. No. 14,568.

COMITES PALEYS. Counts or earls pallatine; those who had the government of a county pallatine.

COMITIA. In Roman law. An assembly, either (1) of the Roman citizen, in which case it was called the "comitia curiata vel calata"; or (2) of the Roman centuries, in which case it was called the "comitia centuriata" (called also comitia majores); or (3) of the Roman tribes, in which case it was called the "comitia tributa." Only patricians were members of the first comitia, and only plebeians of the last; but the comitia centuriata comprised the entire populace, patricians and plebeians both, and was the great legislative assembly passing the leges, properly so called, as the senate passed the senatus consultum, and the comitia tributa passed the plebiscita.
Under the Lex Hortensia, 257 B. C., the piebidesium acquired the force of a lex Brown.

COMITISSA. In old English law. A countess; an earl's wife.

COMITIVA. In old English law. The dignity and office of a comes (count or earl); the same with what was afterwards called "comitatus."

Also a companion or fellow-traveler; a troop or company of robbers. Jacob.

COMITY. Courtesy; complaisance; respect; a willingness to grant a privilege, not as a matter of right, but out of deference and good will. Dow v. Lillie, 26 N. D. 512, 144 N. W. 1082, 1083, L. R. A. 1915D, 754; Woodard v. Bush, 282 Mo. 163, 220 S. W. 839, 842.

The practice by which one court follows the decision of another court on a like question, though not bound by the law of precedents to do so. Herron v. Passalataigue, 92 Fla. 818, 110 So. 530, 542.

Comity is not a rule of law, but one of practice, convenience and expediency. It is something more than mere courtesy, which implies only deference to the opinion of others, since it has a substantial value in securing uniformity of decision, and discouraging repeated litigation of the same question. But its obligation is not imperative. Comity persuades; but it does not command. It declares not how a case shall be decided, but how it may with propriety be decided. Mast, Foos & Co. v. Mfg. Co., 177 U. S. 485, 488, 20 S. Ct. 708, 44 L. Ed. 559; National Electric Signaling Co. v. Telefunken Wireless Telegraph Co. of United States (C. C. A.) 221 F. 639, 622; Luer v. Freudenthal, 95 Wash. 734, 165 P. 98, 99.

"Comity" is a doctrine founded in necessity, meaning the rule under which one authority gives way to another, and has no application where what is done by one court is with concurrence of the other. It answers with courts and cabinets, in law and diplomacy, substantially the same purpose which personal courtseies serve in the social relations. U. S. v. Marrin (D. C.) 227 F. 314, 317.

Comity of Nations

The most appropriate phrase to express the true foundation and extent of the obligation of the laws of one nation within the territories of another. It is derived altogether from the voluntary consent of the latter; and it is inadmissible when it is contrary to its known policy, or prejudicial to its interests. It is without or in spite of any positive rule affirming or denying or restraining the operation of foreign laws, courts of justice presume the tacit adoption of them by their own government, unless repugnant to its policy, or prejudicial to its interests. It is not the comity of the courts, but the comity of the nation, which is administered and ascertained in the same way, and guided by the same reasoning, by which all other principles of the municipal law are ascertained and guided. Story, Confi. Laws, § 38. The comity of nations (comitas gentium) is that body of rules which states observe towards one another from courtesy or mutual convenience, although they do not form part of international law. Holtz, Enc. a. e. Hilton v. Guyot, 130 U. S. 118, 18 S. Ct. 159, 40 L. Ed. 95; Fisher v. Fielding, 67 Conn. 91, 34 A. T14, 32 L. R. A. 236, 52 Am. St. Rep. 270; People v. Martin, 175 N. Y. 315, 67 N. E. 589, 98 Am. St. Rep. 628; People v. Rushworth, 294 Ill. 455, 128 N. E. 555, 558; Second Russian Ins. Co. v. Miller (C. C. A.) 207 F. 404, 409.

"The use of the word 'comity' as expressing the basis of jurisdiction has been criticized. It is, however, a mere question of definition. The principles lying behind the word are recognized. The truth remains that jurisdiction depends upon the law of the forum, and this law in turn depends upon the public policy disclosed by the acts and declarations of the political departments of the government." Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic v. Chirarre, 235 N. Y. 555, 139 N. E. 529, 599.

Judicial Comity


There is no statute or common-law rule by which one court is bound to abide by the decisions of another court of equal rank. It does so simply for what may be called comity among judges. There is no common law or statutory rule to oblige a court to bow to its own decisions: it does so on the ground of judicial comity. (1884) 9 P. D. 58, per Brett, M. R.

Of such a use of the word, however, Dicey says: "The term 'comity' * * * is open to the charge of implying that the Judge, when he applies foreign law to a particular case, does so as a matter of course of price or favor."

COMMA. A point used to mark the smallest structural divisions of a sentence, or a rhetorical punctuation mark indicating the slightest possible separation in ideas or construction. Travelers' Ins. Co. v. Pomerantz, 207 N. Y. S. 81, 86, 124 Misc. 250.

The term "instance," as used with reference to doing an act at one's instance, does not imply the same degree of obligation to obey as does "command." Peere v. Trammel, 194 So. 908, 913, 213 Ala. 293.

COMMANDEMENT. In French law. A writ served by the huisier pursuant to a judgment or to an executory notarial deed. Its object is to give notice to the debtor that if he does not pay the sum to which he has been condemned by the judgment, or which he engaged to pay by the notarial deed, his property will be seized and sold. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 650.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. By article 2, § 2, of the constitution it is declared that the president shall be commander in chief of the army and navy of the United States. The term implies supreme control of military operations during the progress of a war, not only on the side of strategy and tactics, but also in reference to the political and international aspects of the war. See Fleming v. Page, 9 How. 663, 13 L. Ed. 276; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 665, 17 L. Ed. 459; Swalm v. U. S., 28 Ct. Cl. 173.

COMMANDEERY. In old English law. A manor or chief messuage with lands and tenements thereto appertaining, which belonged to the priory of St. John of Jerusalem, in England; he who had the government of such a manor or house was styled the "commander," who could not dispose of it, but to the use of the priory, only taking thence his own sustenance, according to his degree. The manors and lands belonging to the priory of St. John of Jerusalem were given to Henry the Eighth by 32 Hen. VIII. c. 20, about the time of the dissolution of abbeys and monasteries; so that the name only of commanderies remains, the power being long since extinct. Wharton.

COMMANDITAIRES. Special partners; partners en commandité. See Commandité.

COMMANDITÉ. In French law. A partnership in which some furnish money, and others furnish their skill and labor in place of capital.

A special or limited partnership, where the contract is between one or more persons who are general partners, and jointly and severally responsible, and one or more other persons who merely furnish a particular fund or capital stock, and thence are called "commanditaires," or "commanditaires," or "partners en commandité;" the business being carried on under the social name or firm of the general partners only, composed of the names of the general or complementary partners, the partners in commandité being liable to losses only to the extent of the funds or capital furnished by them. Story, Part. § 78; 3 Kent, Comm. 214. The term includes a partnership containing dormant rather than special partners. Story, Partn. § 109.

COMMENCEMENT. In Practice

An authoritative order of a judge or magisterial officer.

In Criminal Law

The act or offense of one who commands another to trespass the law, or do anything contrary to law, as theft, murder, or the like. Particularly applied to the act of an accessory before the fact, in inciting, procuring, setting on, or stirring up another to do the fact or act. 2 Inst. 152.

COMMARCHIO. A boundary; the confines of land.


To commence an action or suit is to demand something by the Institution of process in a court of justice. Cohens v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 406, 5 L. Ed. 257. To "bring" a suit is an equivalent term; an action is "commenced" when it is "brought," and vice versa. Goldenberg v. Murphy, 108 U. S. 162, 2 S. Ct. 288, 27 L. Ed. 686; Hannaman v. Gordon (Tex. Com. App.) 261 S. W. 1006, 1007.


A suit in equity is not commenced until the issuance of a subpoena followed by a bona fide effort to serve R. U. S. v. Scheurman (D. C.) 238 F. 915, 919.

To commence drilling operations within the meaning of an oil and gas lease refers to the first movement of the drill in penetrating the ground. Sohler v. Sunburst Oil & Gas Co., 73 Mont. 94, 225 P. 761, 763. But see Terry v. Texas Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 228 S. W. 1019, holding that a lessee, by placing timbers for the erection of a derick, together with machinery, including a boiler, on the ground where an oil well was to be drilled, complied with a provision requiring him to "commence to drill." But compare Lauderdale Power Co. v. Perry, 202 Ala. 304, 80 So. 478, 480.

COMMENCEMENT OF A DECLARATION. That part of the declaration which follows the venue and precedes the circumstantial statement of the cause of action.

It formerly contained a statement of the names of the parties, and the character in which they sue or are sued, if any other than their natural capacity; of the mode in which the defendant had been brought into court, and a brief statement of
the form of action. In modern practice, however, in most cases, it contains little else than the names and character of the parties.

COMMENDA.

In French Law
The delivery of a benefice to one who cannot hold the legal title, to keep and manage it for a time limited and render an account of the proceeds. Guyot, Rép. Univ.

In Mercantile Law
An association in which the management of the property was intrusted to individuals. Troub. Lim. Partn. c. 3, § 27.

Commenda est facultas recipienda et retinendi beneficium contra jus positivum a supremâ postestate. Moore, 905. A commendam is the power of receiving and retaining a benefice contrary to positive law, by supreme authority.

COMMENDAM.

In Ecclesiastical Law
The appointment of a suitable clerk to hold a void or vacant benefice or church living until a regular pastor be appointed. Hob. 144; Latch, 236.

In Commercial Law
A species of limited partnership. The limited partnership (or Société en commandité) of the French law has been introduced into the Code of Louisiana under the title of "Partnership in Commandam." Civil Code La. art. 2810 (Civ. Code, art. 2898). See Mitchell, in 3 Sel. Essays, Anglo-Am. L. H. 185; Commandité; Société.

COMMENDATIO. In the civil law. Commendation, praise, or recommendation, as in the maxim "simpex commendatio non obligat," meaning that mere recommendation or praise of an article by the seller of it does not amount to a warranty of its qualities. 2 Kent, Comm. 485.

COMMENDATION. In feudal law. The act by which an owner of alodial land placed himself and his land under the protection of a lord, so as to constitute himself his vassal or feudal tenant.

COMMENDATORS. Secular persons upon whom ecclesiastical benefices were bestowed, as in Scotland; called so because the benefices were commended and intrusted to their supervision. They are merely trustees.

COMMENDATORY. He who holds a church living or preference in commendam.

COMMENDATORY LETTERS. In ecclesiastical law. Such as are written by one bishop to another on behalf of any of the clergy, or others of his diocese traveling thither, that they may be received among the faithful, or that the clerk may be promoted, or necessities administered to others, etc. Wharton.

COMMENDATUS. In feudal law. One who intrusts himself to the protection of another. Spelman. A person who, by voluntary homage, put himself under the protection of a superior lord. Cowell.

COMMENT. The expression of the judgment passed upon certain alleged facts by a person who has applied his mind to them, and who while so commenting assumes that such allegations of fact are true. The assertion of a fact is not a "comment." Sherman v. International Publications, 212 N. Y. S. 478, 484, 214 App. Div. 457. See Smith v. State, 106 Tex. Cr. R. 588, 294 S. W. 221, 222; Horn v. State, 106 Tex. Cr. R. 190, 292 S. W. 227, 228.


Intercourse by way of trade and traffic between different peoples or states and the citizens or inhabitants thereof, including not only the purchase, sale, and exchange of commodities, but also the instrumentalities and agencies by which it is promoted and the means and appliances by which it is carried on, and the transportation of persons as well as of goods, both by land and by sea. Brennan v. Tinsville, 153 U. S. 289, 14 S. Ct. 529, 38 L. Ed. 719; Railroad Co. v. Fuller, 17 Wall. 508, 21 L. Ed. 710; Winder v. Caldwell, 14 How. 444, 14 L. Ed. 487; Cooley v. Board of Wardens, 12 How. 299, 13 L. Ed. 996; Trade-Mark Cases, 100 U. S. 96, 25 L. Ed. 550; Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 1, 6 L. Ed. 23; Brown v. Maryland, 12 Wheat. 448, 6 L. Ed. 678; Bowman v. Railroad, 125 U. S. 465, 8 S. Ct. 689, 31 L. Ed. 700; Lelsy v. Hardin, 135 U. S. 100, 10 S. Ct. 681, 34 L. Ed. 128; Mobile County v. Kimball, 102 U. S. 391, 26 L. Ed. 258; Corfield v. Coryell, 6 Fed. Cas. 546; Fuller v. Railroad Co., 31 Iowa, 297; Passenger Cases, 7 How. 401, 12 L. Ed. 702; Robbins v. Shelby County Taxing Dist., 120 U. S. 459, 7 S. Ct. 592, 30 L. Ed. 694; Arnold v. Yanders, 66 Ohio St. 417, 47 N. E. 50, 60 Am. St. Rep. 73; Fry v. State, 63 Ind. 592, 30 Am. Rep. 238; Webb v. Dunn, 18 Fla. 724; Gilman v. Philadelphia, 3 Wall. 724, 18 L. Ed. 96; Hoke v. United States, 227 U. S. 308, 32 S. Ct. 283, 283, 57 L. Ed. 523, 43 L. R. A. (N. S.) 906, Ann. Cas. 1913E, 905.


The words "commerce" and "trade" are often used interchangeably; but, strictly speaking, commerce relates to intercourse or dealings with foreign nations, states, or political communities, while trade denotes business intercourse or mutual traffic within the limits of a state or nation, or the buying, selling, and exchanging of articles between mem-
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not a very scientific or accurate term. As foreign commerce is carried on by means of shipping, the term has come to be used occasionally as synonymous with "maritime law;" but, in strictness, the phrase "commercial law" is wider, and includes many transactions or legal questions which have nothing to do with shipping or its incidents. Watson v. Tarpley, 18 How. 521, 15 L. Ed. 509; Williams v. Gold Hill Min. Co. (C. C.) 96 F. 464.

COMMERCIAL MARK. In French law, a trade-mark is specially or purely the mark of the manufacturer or producer of the article, while a "commercial" mark is that of the dealer or merchant who distributes the product to consumers or the trade. La Republique Francaise v. Schultz (C. C.) 57 F. 41.

COMMERCIAL PAPER. Bills of exchange, promissory notes, bank-checks, and other negotiable instruments for the payment of money, which, by their form and on their face, purport to be such instruments as are, by the law-merchant, recognized as falling under the designation of "commercial paper." In re Hercules Mut. L. Assur. Soc., 6 Ben. 35, 12 Fed. Cas. 12. Negotiable paper given in due course of business, whether the element of negotiability be given it by the law-merchant or by statute. In re Sykes, 5 Biss. 118, Fed. Cas. No. 13,708; Martin v. McAvoy, 130 Wash. 641, 228 P. 694. And see Farmers’ Nat. Bank of Osolado v. Stanton, 191 Iowa, 458, 122 N. W. 647, 649, 17 A. L. R. 557; American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. v. Reason, 154 Ind. 352, 110 N. E. 690, 691; Postal Telegraph Cable Co. v. Citizens’ Nat. Bank (C. C. A.) 228 F. 601, 604.

COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIP. A "commercial and trading partnership" is one that buys and sells;—distinguished from one of employment and occupation. Reid v. Linder, 77 Mont. 406, 251 P. 157, 161.

COMMERCIAL RAILROADS. A term used to embrace those railways intended to carry all freight and passenger traffic between one town or place and another, and usually not constructed upon streets and highways except for short distances;—distinguished from street railways. Hartzell v. Alton, Granite & St. Louis Traction Co., 263 Ill. 295, 104 N. E. 1050, 1061; Ahlalt v. Waterloo, C. F. & N. Ry. Co., 166 Iowa, 479, 147 N. W. 928, 931.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELER. A drummer; a traveling salesman who simply exhibits samples of goods kept for sale by his principal, and takes orders from purchasers for such goods, which goods are afterwards to be delivered by the principal to the purchasers, and payment for the goods is to be made by the purchasers to the principal on such delivery. Kansas City v. Collins, 34 Kan. 484, 8 P. 865; Olney v. Todd, 47 Ill. App. 440; Ex parte Taylor, 58 Miss. 481, 38 Am. Rep. 338; State v. Miller, 98 N. C. 511, 53 Am. Rep. 469; Mc-


An agent who sells by sample and on credit, is not intrusted with the possession of the goods to be sold, has no implied authority to receive payment, and payment to whom will not discharge the purchaser. Butler v. Dorman, 88 Mo. 302, 39 Am. Rep. 785; Law v. Stokes, 32 N. J. Law, 229, 30 Am. Dec. 655; Selpke v. Irwin, 30 Pa. 513; Korneman v. Monaghan, 24 Mich. 36.

COMMERCIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Commerce; business; trade; dealings in the nature of purchase and sale; a contract.

Commercium iure gentium communio esse debet, et non in monopolio et privatum paucorum quantum convertendum. 3 Inst. 181. Commerce, by the law of nations, ought to be common, and not converted to monopoly and the private gain of a few.

COMMINALTY. The communality or the people.

COMMUNATORIUM. In old practice. A clause sometimes added at the end of writs, admonishing the sheriff to be faithful in executing them. Bract. fol. 398.

COMMUNSTAT. One in which the bones have been somewhat crushed. Sang v. City of St. Louis, 262 Mo. 454, 171 S. W. 347, 349.

COMMUTATE. In old French law. Forfeiture: the forfeiture of a fief; the penalty attached to the ingratitude of a vassal. Guyot, Inst. Feud. c. 12.

COMMISSAIRE. In French law. A person who receives from a meeting of shareholders a special authority, viz., that of checking and examining the accounts of a manager or of valuing the apports on nature, (q. v.) The name is also applied to a judge who receives from a court a special mission, e. g., to Institute an inquiry, or to examine certain books, or to supervise the operations of a bankruptcy. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 551.

COMMISSAIRE-PRISEURS. In French law. Autioneers, who possess the exclusive right of selling personal property at public sale in the towns in which they are established; and they possess the same right concurrently with notaries, greffiers, and huisiers, in the rest of the arrondissement. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 551.

COMMISSARIA LEX. A principle of the Roman law relative to the forfeiture of contracts. See Commissoria Lex.

COMMISSARIAT. The whole body of officers who make up the commissaries’ department of an army.

COMMISSARY.

In Ecclesiastical Law

One who is sent or delegated to execute some office or duty as the representative of his
In Criminal Law


In Practice

An authority or writ issuing from a court, in relation to a cause before it, directing and authorizing a person or persons named to do some act or exercise some special function; usually to take the depositions of witnesses.

A process issued under the seal of the court and the signature of the clerk, directed to some person designated as commissioner, authorizing him to examine the witness upon oath on interrogatories annexed thereto, to take and certify the deposition of the witness, and to return it according to the directions given with the commission. Pen. Code Cal. § 1351.

COMMISSION DAY. In English practice. The opening day of the assises.

COMMISSION DE LUNATICO INQUIRENDO. The same as a commission of lunacy, (see Infra.) In re Misselwitz, 177 Pa. 399, 37 A. 722.

COMMISSION DEL CREDERE, in commercial law, is where an agent of a seller undertakes to guaranty to his principal the payment of the debt due by the buyer. The phrase "del credere" is borrowed from the Italian language, in which its significance is equivalent to our word "guaranty" or "warrant." Story, Ag. 28.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT. A method of municipal government in which the legislative power is in the hands of a few persons. See State v. Ure, 91 Neb. 31, 135 N. W. 224; State v. City of Mankato, 117 Minn. 458, 135 N. W. 241, 41 L. R. A. (N. S.) 111; Gardner v. Board of Park Directors, 35 Cal. App. 597, 170 P. 672, 673 (mayor held not a "commissioner").

COMMISSION MERCHANT. A term which is synonymous with "factor." It means one who receives goods, chattels, or merchandise for sale, exchange, or other disposition, and who is to receive a compensation for his services, to be paid by the owner, or derived from the sale, etc., of the goods. State v. Thompson, 120 Mo. 12, 25 S. W. 346; Perkins v. State, 50 Ala. 154; White v. Com., 78 Va. 484; G. H. Hammond Co. v. Joseph Mercantile Co., 144 Ark. 108, 222 S. W. 27, 28; I. J. Cooper Rubber Co. v. Johnson, 133 Tenn. 562, 182 S. W. 588, L. R. A. 1917A, 292. One whose business is to receive and sell goods for a commission, being intrusted with the possession of the goods to be sold, and usually selling in his own name. City of Atlanta v. York Mfg. Co., 135 Ga. 33, 116 S. E. 195.

A "commission merchant" differs from a broker in that he may buy and sell in his own name without disclosing his principal, while the broker can...
only buy or sell in the name of his principal. A commission merchant has a lien upon the goods for his charges, advances, and commissions, while the broker has no control of the property and is responsible only for bad faith. McCormick & Co., Bankers, v. Tolmie Bros., 243 P. 356, 358, 42 Idaho, 1.

COMMISSION OF ANTICIPATION. In English law. An authority under the great seal to collect a tax or subsidy before the day.

COMMISSION OF APPRAISMENT AND SALE. Where property has been arrested in an admiralty action in rem and ordered by the court to be sold, the order is carried out by a commission of appraisement and sale; in some cases (as where the property is to be released on bail and the value is disputed) a commission of appraisement only is required. Sweet.

COMMISSION OF ARRAY. In English law. A commission issued to send into every county officers to muster or set in military order the inhabitants. The introduction of commissions of lieutenancy, which continued, in substance, the same powers as these commissions, superseded them. 2 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 382.

COMMISSION OF ASSIZE. In English practice. A commission which formerly issued from the king, appointing certain persons as commissioners or judges of assize to hold the assizes in association with discreet knights during those years in which the justices in eyre did not come. A commission issued to judges of the high court or court of appeal, authorizing them to sit at the assizes for the trial of civil actions.

COMMISSION OF BANKRUPT. A commission or authority formerly granted by the lord chancellor to such persons as he should think proper, to examine the bankrupt in all matters relating to his trade and effects, and to perform various other important duties connected with bankruptcy matters. But now, under St. 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 56, § 12, a flat issues instead of such commission.

COMMISSION OF CHARITABLE USES. This commission issues out of chancery to the bishop and others, where lands given to charitable uses are misemployed, or there is any fraud or dispute concerning them, to inquire of and redress the same, etc.

COMMISSION OF DELEGATES. When any sentence was given in any ecclesiastical cause by the archbishop, this commission, under the great seal, was directed to certain persons, usually lords, bishops, and judges of the law, to sit and hear an appeal of the same to the king, in the court of chancery. But latterly the judicial committee of the privy council has supplied the place of this commission. Brown.

COMMISSION OF LUNACY. A writ issued out of chancery, or such court as may have jurisdiction of the case, directed to a proper officer, to inquire whether a person named therein is a lunatic or not. 1 Bouv. Inst. n. 382, et seq.; In re Moore, 68 Cal. 251, 9 P. 164.

COMMISSION OF PARTITION. In the former English equity practice, this was a commission or authority issued to certain persons, to effect a division of lands held by tenants in common desiring a partition; when the commissioners reported, the parties were ordered to execute mutual conveyances to confirm the division. Commissioners appointed to make partition are in the nature of arbitrators. Clough v. Cromwell, 250 Mass. 324, 145 N. E. 473, 474.

COMMISSION OF REBELLION. In English law. An attaching process, formerly issuable out of chancery, to enforce obedience to a process or decree; abolished in August, 1841.

COMMISSION OF REVIEW. In English ecclesiastical law. A commission formerly sometimes granted in extraordinary cases, to revise the sentence of the court of delegates. 3 Bl. Comm. 67. Now out of use, the privy council being substituted for the court of delegates, as the great court of appeal in all ecclesiastical causes. 3 Steph. Comm. 432.

COMMISSION OF THE PEACE. In English law. A commission from the crown, appointing certain persons therein named, jointly and severally, to keep the peace, etc. Justices of the peace are always appointed by special commission under the great seal, the form of which was settled by all the judges. A. D. 1590, and continues with little alteration to this day. 1 Bl. Comm. 351; 3 Steph. Comm. 39, 40.

COMMISSION OF TREATY WITH FOREIGN PRINCES. Leagues and arrangements made between states and kingdoms, by their ambassadors and ministers, for the mutual advantage of the kingdoms in alliance. Wharton.

COMMISSION OF UNLIVERY. In an action in the English admiralty division, where it is necessary to have the cargo in a ship unladen in order to have it appraised, a commission of unlivery is issued and executed by the marshal. Williams & B. Adm. Jur. 233.

COMMISSION TO EXAMINE WITNESSES. In practice. A commission issued out of the court in which an action is pending, to direct the taking of the depositions of witnesses who are beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

COMMISSION TO TAKE ANSWER IN CHANCERY. In English law. A commission issued when defendant lives abroad to swear him to such answer. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 56, § 21. Obsolete. See Jud. Acts, 1873, 1875.

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS. A written authority issued by a court of justice, giving power to take the testimony of witness-
es who cannot be personally produced in court. Tracy v. Suydam, 30 Barb. (N. Y.) 110.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. In the United States army and navy and marine corps, those of or above the rank of second lieutenant. Davis, Mil. L. 26. Those who hold their rank and office under commissions issued by the president, as distinguished from non-commissioned officers (in the army, including sergeants, corporals, etc.) and warrant officers (in the navy, including boatswains, gunners, etc.) and from privates or enlisted men. Stephens v. Civil Service Commission of New Jersey, 101 N. J. Law, 122, 127 A. 808, 811. See Babbitt v. U. S., 16 Ct. Cl. 202.

COMMISSIONER. A person to whom a commission is directed by the government or a court. State v. Banking Co., 14 N. J. Law, 437; In re Canter, 81 N. Y. S. 338, 40 Misc. 126.

In the governmental system of the United States, this term denotes an officer who is charged with the administration of the laws relating to some particular subject-matter, or the management of some bureau or agency of the government. Such are the commissioners of education, of patents, of pensions, of fisheries, of the general land-office, of Indian affairs, etc.

In the state governmental systems, also, and in England, the term is quite extensively used as a designation of various officers having a similar authority and similar duties.

In the commission form of municipal government, the term is applied to any of the several officers constituting the commission. See Gardner v. Board of Park Directors, 35 Cal. App. 597, 170 P. 672, 673.

-Commissioners of bail. Officers appointed to take recognizances of bail in civil cases.

-Commissioners of bankrupts. The name given, under the former English practice in bankruptcy, to the persons appointed under the great seal to execute a commission of bankruptcy (q. v.).

-Commissioners of circuit courts. Officers appointed by and attached to the former circuit courts of the United States, performing functions partly ministerial and partly judicial. In re Com'r's of Circuit Court (C. C.) 65 F. 317. Their office was abolished by the Act of May 28, 1896 (34 Stat. 184) and they have been succeeded by "United States commissioners." See that title.

-Commissioners of deeds. Officers empowered by the government of one state to reside in another state, and there take acknowledgments of deeds and other papers which are to be used as evidence or put on record in the former state.

-Commissioners of highways. Officers appointed in each county or township, in many of the states, with power to take charge of the altering, opening, repair, and vacating of highways within such county or township.

-Commissioner of patents. The title given by law to the head of the patent office. See 35 USC 2 § 2.

-Commissioners of sewers. In English law. Commissioners appointed under the great seal, and constituting a court of special jurisdiction; which is to overlook the repairs of the banks and walls of the seacoast and navigable rivers, or, with consent of a certain proportion of the owners and occupiers, to make new ones, and to cleanse such rivers, and the streams communicating therewith. St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 22, § 10; 3 Steph. Comm. 442.

-Commissioner of woods and forests. An officer created by act of parliament of 1817, to whom was transferred the jurisdiction of the chief justices of the forest. Underwick, The King's Peace.

-County commissioners. See County.

COMMISSIONS. The compensation or reward paid to a factor, broker, agent, baillee, executor, trustee, receiver, etc., usually calculated as a percentage on the amount of his transactions or the amount received or expended. See Commission.

COMMISSIVE. Caused by or consisting in acts of commission, as distinguished from neglect, sufferance, or toleration; as in the phrase "commissive waste," which is contrasted with "permissive waste." See Waste.

COMMISSORIA LEX. In Roman law. A clause which might be inserted in an agreement for a sale upon credit, to the effect that the vendor should be freed from his obligation, and might rescind the sale, if the vendee did not pay the purchase price at the appointed time. Also a similar agreement between a debtor and his pledgee that, if the debtor did not pay at the day appointed, the pledge should become the absolute property of the creditor. This, however, was abolished by a law of Constantine. Cod. 8, 35, 3. See Dig. 18; 3; Mackel. Rom. Law, §§ 447, 461; 2 Kent, Comm. 583.

COMMIT. To perpetrate, as a crime; to perform, as an act. Groves v. State, 116 Ga. 516, 42 S. E. 755, 59 L. R. A. 568.

Under a constitutional requirement that the trial take place in the parish in which the offense was committed, a murder may be "committed" in the parish where the wound was inflicted, even though death occurred in another parish. State v. Stelly, 149 La. 1023, 99 So. 390.

As used in a will stating, "I commit * * * my soul unto God-- * * * my property unto my wife," the word "commit" has a final and irrevocable sense, so as to give the wife full title to the property. Fressbruy v. Simpson, 280 F. 233, 235, 23 App. D. C. 568.
To send a person to prison by virtue of a lawful authority, for any crime or contempt, or to an asylum, workhouse, reformatory, or the like, by authority of a court or magistrate. People v. Beach, 122 Cal. 37, 54 P. 369; Cumming v. Wareham, 9 Cush. (Mass.) 535; French v. Bancroft, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502; People v. Warden, 76 N. Y. 8. 728, 73 App. Div. 174.

To deliver a defendant to the custody of the sheriff or marshal, on his surrender by his bail. 1 Tidd, Pr. 285, 287.

COMMITMENT. In practice. The warrant or mittimus by which a court or magistrate directs an officer to take a person to prison. Authority for holding in prison one convicted of a crime. Ex parte Haynes, 98 Tex. Cr. R. 609, 267 S. W. 490, 493. A process directed to a ministerial officer by which a person is to be confined in prison, usually issued by a court or magistrate. Lynch v. Jackson County, 131 Tenn. 72, 173 S. W. 440, 441.

A warrant which does not direct an officer to commit a party to prison but only to receive him into custody and safely keep him for further examination, is not a commitment. Gilbert v. U. S., 23 Ct. Cl. 218.

The act of sending a person to prison by means of such a warrant or order. People v. Rutan, 3 Mich. 49; Guthmann v. People, 203 Ill. 260, 67 N. E. 821; Allen v. Hassan, 170 N. Y. 46, 62 N. E. 1086; Skinner v. White, 9 N. H. 204.

A proceeding for the restraining and confining of insane persons for their own and the public's protection. Vance v. Ellerbe, 150 La. 388, 90 So. 735, 740.

COMMITTEE. In Practice

A person, or an assembly or board of persons, to whom the consideration, determination, or management of any matter is committed or referred, as by a court. Lloyd v. Hart, 2 Pa. 473, 45 Am. Dec. 612; Farrar v. Eastman, 5 Me. 345; Bhilsdel v. Inhabitants of Town of York, 110 Me. 500, 87 A. 361, 370.

An individual or body to whom others have delegated or committed a particular duty, or who have taken on themselves to perform it in the expectation of their act being confirmed by the body they profess to represent or act for. 15 Mees. & W. 529.

The term is especially applied to the person or persons who are invested, by order of the proper court, with the guardianship of the person and estate of one who has been adjudged a lunatic.

In Parliamentary Law

A portion of a legislative body, comprising one or more members, who are charged with the duty of examining some matter specially referred to them by the house, or of deliberating upon it, and reporting to the house the result of their investigations or recommending a course of action. A committee may be appointed for one special occasion, or it may be appointed to deal with all matters which may be referred to it during a whole session or during the life of the body. In the latter case, it is called a "standing committee." It is usually composed of a comparatively small number of members, but may include the whole house.

Joint Committee

A joint committee of a legislative body comprising two chambers is a committee consisting of representatives of each of the two houses, meeting and acting together as one committee.

Secret Committee

A secret committee of the house of commons is a committee specially appointed to investigate a certain matter, and to which secrecy being deemed necessary in furtherance of its objects, its proceedings are conducted with closed doors, to the exclusion of all persons not members of the committee. All other committees are open to members of the house, although they may not be serving upon them. Brown.

COMMITTING MAGISTRATE. See Magistrate.

COMMITTITUR. In practice. An order or minute, setting forth that the person named in it is committed to the custody of the sheriff.

COMMITTITUR PIECE. In English law. An instrument in writing on paper or parchment, which charges a person, already in prison, in execution at the suit of the person who arrested him. 2 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 1208.

COMMIXTIO, OR COMMIXTION. In the civil law. The mixing together or confusion of things, dry or solid, belonging to different owners, as distinguished from confusio, which has relation to liquids. Lec. Éléon. du Dr. Rom. §§ 370, 371; Story, Bailim. § 40; 1 Bouvier, Inst. n. 506.

COMMODATE. In Scotch law. A gratuitous loan for use. Ersk. Inst. 3, 1, 20; 1 Bell, Comm. 225. Closely formed from the Lat. commodatum (q. v.).

COMMODATI ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action of loan; an action for a thing lent. An action given for the recovery of a thing loaned, (commodatum,) and not returned to the lender. Inst. 3, 15, 2; Id. 4, 1, 16.

COMMODATO. In Spanish law. A contract by which one person lends gratuitously to another some object not consumable, to be restored to him in kind at a given period; the same contract as commodatum (q. v.).

COMMODATUM. In the civil law. A contract by which one of the parties binds him-
self to return to the other certain personal chattels which the latter delivers to him to be used by him without reward; for use.

A gratuitous loan of goods to be temporarily used by the bailee, and returned in specie. Hanes v. Shapiro & Smith, 168 N. C. 24, 84 S. E. 33, 35; Johnson v. H. M. Bullard Co., 95 Conn. 251, 111 A. 70, 72, 12 A. L. R. 766.

He who lends another a thing for a definite time, to be enjoyed and used under certain conditions, without pay or reward, is called "commodity;" the person who receives the thing is called "commodityarius," and the contract is called "commodatum." It differs from locatio and conductio, in this: that the use of the thing is gratuitous. Dig. 13, 6; Inst. 2, 2, 14; Story, Bailm., § 221. Coogs v. Bernard, 2 Ed. Raym. 509; Adams v. Mortgage Co., 82 Miss. 263, 34 So. 482; 17 L. R. A. (N. S.) 138, 100 Am. St. Rsp. 623; World's Columbian Exposition Co. v. Republic of France, 96 F. 693, 38 C. C. A. 483.

COMMODITIES. Those things which are useful or serviceable, particularly articles of merchandise movable in trade. American League Baseball Club of Chicago v. Chase, 140 N. Y. S. 6, 15, 86 Misc. 441.


This word is a broader term than merchandise, and, in referring to commerce may include almost any article of movable or personal property. Pond v. Lawrence (Tex. Civ. App.) 233 S. W. 359, 361; Shuttleworth v. State, 35 Ala. 415; State v. Henke, 19 Mo. 225.

Labor has been held not to be a commodity. Rohl v. Kasmeieler, 140 Iowa, 183, 118 N. W. 278, 23 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1285; Hareison v. Tyler, 231 Mo. 333, 109 S. W. 868, 913; State v. Frank, 114 Ark. 47, 93 S. W. 333, 334, 2 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1149, Ann. Cas. 1916D, 881. But it has been held that the supplying of telephone service is the supplying of a commodity of commerce; McKinley Telephone Co. v. Cumberland Telephone Co., 152 Wis. 390, 140 N. W. 38, 39; and it has also been thought that the privilege of receiving property by will or intestate succession is a commodity subject to the Massachusetts excise law; Dana v. Dana, 226 Mass. 297, 115 N. E. 415, 419.

COMMODITIES CLAUSE. A clause in the act of Congress, June 29, 1906 (40 USCA § 1 (8), providing that it shall be unlawful for any railroad company to transport commodities (excepting timber and its manufactured products) manufactured, mined or produced by it, or under its authority, or which it may own in whole or in part, or in which it may have any interest, direct or indirect, except such articles or commodities as may be necessary and intended for its use in its business, U. S. v. R. Co., 220 U. S. 257, 31 S. Ct. 387, 55 L. Ed. 458.

COMMODITY. In the most comprehensive sense, convenience, accommodation, profit, benefit, advantage, interest, commodiousness.

In the commercial sense, any movable or tangible thing that is produced or used as the subject of barter or sale. People v. Epstein, 170 N. Y. S. 68, 79, 102 Misc. 476. See Commodities.

COMMODITY RATE. With reference to railroads, a rate which applies to a specific commodity alone;—distinguished from a "class rate," meaning a single rate which applies to a number of articles of the same general character. Norfolk Southern R. Co. v. Freeman Supply Corporation, 145 Va. 207, 133 S. E. 817, 818.


Commudum ex injurib aut nemo habere debet. No person ought to have advantage from his own wrong. Jenk. Cent. 161; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 62.

COMMON, n. An incorporeal hereditament which consists in a profit which one man has in connection with one or more others in the land of another. Trustees v. Robinson, 12 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 31; Watts v. Coast, 11 Johns. (N. Y.) 498; Leyman v. Aabel, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 30; Thomas v. Inhabitants of Marshfield, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 394; 3 Kent 403.

In English law, is an incorporeal right which lies in grant, originally commencing on some agreement between lords and tenants, which by time has been formed into prescription, and continues good, although there be no deed or instrument to prove the original contract. 4 Coke, 37; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 258. See 258.

Common, or a right of common, is a right or privilege which several persons have to the produce of the lands or waters of another. Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 30 Wend. (N. Y.) 647, 25 Am. Dec. 582.


—Common appurtenant. A right annexed to the possession of arable land, by which the owner is entitled to feed his beasts on the lands of another, usually of the owner of the manor of which the lands entitled to common are a part. 2 Bl. Comm. 53; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 327; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 648.

—Common appurtenant. A right of feeding one's beasts on the land of another, (in com-
mon with the owner or with others,) which is founded on a grant, or a prescription which supposes a grant. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 264, § 277. This kind of common arises from no conception of tenure, and is against common right; it may commence by grant within time of memory, or, in other words, may be created at the present day; it may be claimed as annexed to any kind of land, and may be claimed for beasts not comonable, as well as those that are. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 649; Smith v. Floyd, 15 Barb. (N. Y.) 537; 2 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 5; 30 E. L. & Eq. 170; 15 East 108.

—Common because of vicinage is where the inhabitants of two townships which lie contiguous to each other have usually intercommuned with one another, the beasts of the one straying mutually into the other's fields, without any molestation from either. This is, indeed, only a permissive right, intended to excuse what, in strictness, is a trespass in both, and to prevent a multiplicity of suits, and therefore either township may inclose and bar out the other, though they have intercommuned out of mind. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Co. Litt. 122a; 4 Co. 38a; 10 Q. B. 581, 589, 604; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 523.

—Common in gross, or at large. A species of common which is neither appurtenant nor appurtenant to land, but is annexed to a man's person, being granted to him and his heirs by deed; or it may be claimed by prescriptive right, as by a person of a church or the like corporation sole. 2 Bl. Comm. 34. It is a separate inheritance, entirely distinct from any other landed property, vested in the person to whom the common right belongs. 2 Steph. Comm. 6; Mitchell v. D'Olier, 68 N. J. Law, 375, 53 A. 467, 59 L. R. A. 949.

—Common of digging. Common of digging, or common in the soil, is the right to take for one's own use part of the soil or minerals in another's land; the most usual subjects of the right are sand, gravel, stones, and clay. It is of a very similar nature to common of estovers and of turbarry. Elton, Com. 109.

—Common of estovers. A liberty of taking necessary wood for the use or furniture of a house or farm from off another's estate, in common with the owner or with others. 2 Bl. Comm. 35. It may be claimed, like common of pasture, either by grant or prescription. 2 Steph. Comm. 10; Plowd. 351; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 648.

—Common of fishery. The same as Common of piscary. See infra.

—Common of fouling. In some parts of the country a right of taking wild animals (such as conies or wildfowl) from the land of another has been found to exist; in the case of wildfowl, it is called a "common of fouling." Elton, Com. 118.
him, and all controversies, doubts, and difficulties are either prevented or removed. Wharton.

—Common causes or suits. A term anciently used to denote civil actions, or those depending between subject and subject, as distinguished from pleas of the crown. Dalliet v. Felitus, T. Phila. (Pa.) 287.

—Common conditio. See Condictit.

—Common danger. "Common danger" which gives a right to contribution in general average does not mean equal danger; hence, the fact that a part of the cargo of a stranded steamship is of a kind which is in little danger of injury does not relieve it of the liability to contribute. Willcox, Peck & Hughes v. American Smelting & Refining Co. (D. C.) 210 F. 59, 91.

—Common design. In criminal law. Community of intention between two or more persons to do an unlawful act. State v. Hill, 273 Mo. 329, 201 S. W. 58, 60.

—Common fine. In old English law. A certain sum of money which the residents in a leet paid to the lord of the leet, otherwise called "head silver," "cert money," (q. v.), or "certum lote." Terms de la Ley; Cowell; Fleta; Wharton. A sum of money paid by the inhabitants of a manor to their lord, towards the charge of holding a court leet. Bailey, Dict.

—Common form. A will is said to be proved in common form when the executor proves it on his own oath; as distinguished from "proof by witnesses," which is necessary when the paper propounded as a will is disputed. Hubbard v. Hubbard, 7 Or. 42; Richardson v. Green, 61 F. 423, 9 C. C. A. 505; In re Straub, 49 N. J. Eq. 264, 24 A. 569; Sutton v. Hancock, 118 Ga. 435, 45 S. E. 504.

—Common hall. A court in the city of London, at which all the citizens, or such as are free of the city, have a right to attend.


—Common liquor dealer. In Florida, one who, being charged with unlawfully engaging in and carrying on the business of a dealer in liquors, has been before convicted of a like offense and duly sentenced therefor. Thomas v. State, 74 Fla. 200, 76 So. 780. See, also, Common thief, infra.

—Common peril. See Common danger, supra.

—Common place. Common pleas. The English court of common pleas is sometimes so called in the old books.

—Common prayer. The liturgy, or public form of prayer prescribed by the Church of England to be used in all churches and chapels, and which the clergy are enjoined to use under a certain penalty.

—Common repute. The prevailing belief in a given community as to the existence of a certain fact or aggregation of facts. Brown v. Foster, 41 S. C. 118, 19 S. E. 298.

—Common right. A term applied to rights, privileges, and immunities appertaining to and enjoyed by all citizens equally and in common, and which have their foundation in the common law. Co. Inst. 142a; Spring Valley Waterworks v. Schottler, 62 Cal. 106.

—Common seller. A common seller of any commodity (particularly under the liquor laws of many states) is one who sells it frequently, usually, customarily, or habitually; in some states, one who is shown to have made a certain number of sales, either three or five. State v. O'Conner, 49 Me. 596; State v. Nutt, 28 Vt. 598; Moundsville v. Fountain, 27 W. Va. 194; Com. v. Tubbs, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 2.

—Common sense. Sound practical judgment; that degree of intelligence and reason, as exercised upon the relations of persons and things and the ordinary affairs of life, which is possessed by the generality of mankind, and which would suffice to direct the conduct and actions of the individual in a manner to agree with the behavior of ordinary persons.

—Common service. That service in which are engaged (with reference to the fellow-servant rule) all those who enter into the service of a common master, except those who become heads of and vested with absolute control of separate departments or branches of a great and diversified business. Union Pac. R. Co. v. Marone (C. C. A.) 246 F. 916, 923. The term, in its broadest and most obvious sense, would include all activities prosecuted in the business of the master which have for their purpose the attainment of one common end; nevertheless, an employee, invested with the duty of overseeing, directing, and controlling workmen, is not a fellow servant with respect to the discharge of those duties, but is a representative of the master. Funk v. Fulton Iron Works Co., 311 Mo. 77, 277 S. W. 566, 369.

—Common thief. One who by practice and habit is a thief; or, in some states, one who has been convicted of three distinct larcenies at the same term of court. World v. State, 50 Md. 54; Com. v. Hope, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 1; Stevens v. Com., 4 Metc. (Mass.) 364.

—Common use. This phrase, as used in an anti-trust law extending to contracts affecting the prices of articles or commodities in "common use," describes articles used by the people in general; such articles or commodities as are in general use or used to a great extent in the homes of the people; the articles which are produced to be sold to the people, to be consumed and used by the people in
general, and to be found for sale in all the
markets of trade. People v. Epstein, 102 Misc.
476, 170 N. Y. S. 65, 75. It suggests the oppo-
site of casual use. Gels v. State, 126 Md. 265,
91 A. 909, 910.

—Common victualer. The keeper of a restaur-
ant or public eating house, where the food
sold is eaten on the premises. Commonwealth
v. Meckel, 221 Mass. 70, 103 N. E. 917.

—Common weal. The public or common good
or welfare.

—Common woman. One who is low, Inferior,
vulgar, or coarse; also, one who is unchaste.
But the term does not necessarily impute un-
 chastity. Daniel v. Moncure, 58 Mont. 133,
190 P. 983, 985.

As to common "Ball," "Barretor," "Car-
"Counts," "Diligence," "Day," "Debtor,"
"Drunkard," "Error," "Fishery," "Highway,
"Informers," "Inn," "Intendment," "Intent,"
"Jury," "Labor," "Nuisance," "Occupant,
"Wall," see those titles.

COMMON BAR. In pleading. (Otherwise
called "blank bar.") A plea to compel the
plaintiff to assign the particular place where
the trespass has been committed. Steph. P1.
256.

COMMON BENCH. The ancient name for the
English court of common pleas. Its original
title appears to have been simply "The Bench,"
but it was designated "Common Bench" to distinguish it from the "King's Bench," and because in it were tried and
determined the causes of common persons, i. e.,
causes between subject and subject, in which
the crown had no interest.

COMMON LAW. As distinguished from the
Roman law, the modern civil law, the canon
law, and other systems, the common law is
that body of law and juristic theory which
was originated, developed, and formulated
and is administered in England, and has ob-
tained among most of the states and peoples
of Anglo-Saxon stock. Lux v. Haggin, 69
Cal. 253, 10 P. 674.

As distinguished from law created by the
enactment of legislatures, the common law
comprises the body of those principles and
rules of action, relating to the government
and security of persons and property, which
derive their authority solely from usages and
customs of immemorial antiquity, or from the
judgments and decrees of the courts recog-
izing, affirming, and enforcing such usages
and customs; and, in this sense, particularly
the ancient unwritten law of England. 1
Kent, Comm. 492. Western Union Tel. Co.
L. Ed. 765; State v. Buchannan, 5 Har. & J.
(Md.) 865, 9 Am. Dec. 534; Lux v. Haggin, 69
Cal. 253, 10 P. 674; Barry v. Port Jervis, 64
App. Div. 288, 72 N. Y. S. 104; U. S. v. Miller
(D. C.) 236 F. 783, 800.

As distinguished from equity law, it is a
body of rules and principles, written or un-
written, which are of fixed and immutable
authority, and which must be applied to con-
verses rigorously and in their entirety, and
cannot be modified to suit the peculiarities
of a specific case, or colored by any judi-
cial discretion, and which rests confessedly
upon custom or statute, as distinguished from
any claim to ethical superiority. Klever v.
Seawall, 65 F. 385, 12 C. C. A. 661.

As distinguished from ecclesiastical law,
it is the system of jurisprudence adminis-
tered by the purely secular tribunals.

As concerns its force and authority in the
United States, the phrase designates that por-
tion of the common law of England (including
such acts of parliament as were applicable)
which had been adopted and was in force here
at the time of the Revolution. This, so far
as it has not since been expressly abrogated,
is recognized as an organic part of the juris-
prudence of most of the United States. Browning v. Browning, 3 N. M. 271, 9 P. 677;
Guardians of Poor v. Greene, 5 Bn. (Pa.) 557;
107; Hageman v. Vanderdoes, 15 Ariz. 312.
158 P. 1053, 1056, 158 L. R. A. 1915A, 491;
Ann. Cas. 1915D, 1197; Industrial Acceptance
Corporation v. Webb (Mo, App.) 287 S. W. 667,
660.

The "common law" of England, which is the rule
development in all courts of Montana, in so far as
it is not repugnant to the Constitution of the United
States or the Constitution or laws of that state,
means that body of jurisprudence as applied
and modified by the courts of this country up to
the time it was adopted in Montana. Herrin v.
See, also, Norfolk & Western Hardware Co. v. McCamey
(Tex. Civ. App.) 230 S. W. 725, 727; Fletcher v. Los
Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, 182 Cal. 177, 187 P.
425, 427.

Cal. § 468, does not refer solely to the lex non
scripta, the common law unmodified by statute, but
contemplates the whole body of jurisprudence as it
stood, influenced by statute at the time when the
Code section was adopted, and also embraces equi-
ity. Martin v. Superior Court of California in
and for Alameda County, 176 Cal. 259, 168 P. 355,
156, L. R. A. 1915B, 313.

In a wider sense than any of the foregoing,
the "common law" may designate all that part
of the positive law, juristic theory, and ancient custom of any state or nation which
is of general and universal application, thus
marking off special or local rules or customs.
As a compound adjective "common-law" is
understood as contrasted with or opposed to
"statutory," and sometimes also to "equita-
able" or to "criminal." See examples below.

COMMON-LAW ACTION. A civil suit, as dis-
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COMMON-LAW ASSIGNMENTS. Such forms of assignments for the benefit of creditors as were known to the common law, as distinguished from such as are of modern invention or authorized by statute. Ontario Bank v. Hurst, 103 F. 231, 43 C. C. A. 193.

COMMON-LAW CHEAT. The obtaining of money or property by means of a false token, symbol, or device; this being the definition of a cheat or "cheating" at common law. State v. Wilson, 72 Minn. 522, 75 N. W. 715; State v. Renick, 33 Or. 584, 56 Pac. 275, 44 L. R. A. 266, 72 Am. St. Rep. 758.

COMMON-LAW CONTEMPT. A name sometimes applied to proceedings for contempt which are criminal in their nature, as distinguished from those which are intended as purely civil remedies ordinarily arising out of the alleged violation of some order entered in the course of a chancery proceeding. People v. Samuel, 199 Ill. App. 234, 237; People v. Buconich, 199 Ill. App. 410, 412.


COMMON-LAW CRIME. One punishable by the force of the common law, as distinguished from crimes created by statute. In re Greene (C. C.) 32 Fed. 194.

COMMON-LAW JURISDICTION. Jurisdiction of a court to try and decide such cases as were cognizable by the courts of law under the English common law; the jurisdiction of those courts which exercise their judicial powers according to the course of the common law. People v. McGowan, 77 Ill. 644, 20 Am. Rep. 224; In re Conner, 39 Cal. 98, 2 Am. Rep. 430; U. S. v. Power, 27 Fed. Cas. 607.

COMMON-LAW LIEN. One known or granted by the common law, as distinguished from statutory, equitable, and maritime liens; also one arising by implication of law, as distinguished from one created by the agreement of the parties. The Menominie (D. C.) 36 Fed. 197; Tobacco Warehouse Co. v. Trustee, 117 Ky. 478, 78 S. W. 413, 64 L. R. A. 219.

COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE. One not solemnized in the ordinary way, but created by an agreement to marry, followed by cohabitation; a consummated agreement to marry, between a man and a woman, per verba de presente, followed by cohabitation. Taylor v. Taylor, 10 Colo. App. 393, 50 P. 1049; Cuneo v. De Cuneo, 24 Tex. Civ. App. 436, 39 S. W. 254; Morrill v. Palmer, 68 Vt. 1, 33 A. 829, 35 BL. LAW Dict. (3d Ed.)—24


COMMON-LAW MORTGAGE. One possessing the characteristics or fulfilling the requirements of a mortgage at common law; not known in Louisiana, where the civil law prevails; but such a mortgage made in another state and affecting lands in Louisiana, will be given effect there as a "conventional" mortgage, affecting third persons after due inscription. Gates v. Gaither, 46 La. Ann. 286, 15 So. 50.

COMMON-LAW PROCEDURE ACTS. Three acts of parliament, passed in the years 1852, 1854, and 1890, respectively, for the amendment of the procedure in the common-law courts. The common-law procedure act of 1852 is 15 & 16 Vict. c. 76; that of 1854, St. 17 & 18 Vict. c. 125; and that of 1860, St. 23 & 24 Vict. c. 126. Mozley & Whitley.


The "right of a common-law remedy," saved to suitors in actions maritime in their nature arising under charter parties by Judicial Code, § 24, par. 3 (28 USCA § 41), does not include attempt claims by the states in the substantive admiralty law, but does include all means, other than proceedings in admiralty, which may be employed to enforce the right or to redress the injury involved, and includes remedies in pais, as well as proceedings in court; judicial remedies conferred by statute, as well as those existing in the common law: remedies in equity, as well as those enforceable in a court of law. Red Cross Line v. Atlantic Fruit Co., 44 S. Ct. 274, 277, 235 U. S. 109, 68 L. Ed. 582.

COMMON-LAW WIFE. A woman who was party to a "common-law marriage," as above defined; or one who, having lived with a man in a relation of concubinage during his
life, asserts a claim, after his death, to have been his wife according to the requirements of the common law. In re Brush, 25 App. Div. 610, 49 N. Y. S. 803.

COMMON LAWYER. A lawyer learned in the common law.


COMMON PLEAS. The name of a court of record having general original jurisdiction in civil suits.


COMMON RECOVERY. In conveyancing. A species of common assurance, or mode of conveying lands by matter of record, formerly in frequent use in England. It was in the nature and form of an action at law, carried regularly through, and ending in a recovery of the lands against the tenant of the freehold; which recovery, being a supposed adjudication of the right, bound all persons, and vested a free and absolute fee-simple in the recoverer. 2 Bl. Comm. 357. Christy v. Burch, 25 Fla. 942, 2 So. 258. Common recoveries were abolished by the statutes 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74. They were resorted to when the object was to create an absolute bar of estates tail, and of the remainders and reversions excepted on the determination of such estates. 2 Bla. Comm. 357. Though it has been used in some of the states, this form of conveyance is practically obsolete, easier and less expensive modes of making conveyances having been substituted. Frost v. Cloutman, 7 N. H. 9, 26 Am. Dec. 723; Lyle v. Richards, 9 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 322; Dow v. Warren, 6 Mass. 328.

COMMONABLE. Entitled to common. Commonable beasts are either beasts of the plow, as horses and oxen, or such as manure the land, as kine and sheep. Beasts not commonable are swine, goats, and the like. Co. Litt. 122a; 2 Bl. Comm. 33.

COMMONALTY. The great body of citizens; the mass of the people, excluding the nobility.
The body of people composing a municipal corporation, excluding the corporate officers.
The body of a society or corporation, as distinguished from the officers. 1 Perr. & D. 243.

Charters of incorporation of the various tradesmen's societies, etc., in England are usually granted to the master, wardens, and commonalty of such corporation.

COMMONANCE. The commoners, or tenants and inhabitants, who have the right of common or commoning in open field. Cowell.

COMMONERS. In English law. Persons having a right of common. So called because they have a right to pasture on the waste, in common with the lord. 2 H. Bl. 389.

COMMONS. The class of subjects in Great Britain exclusive of the royal family and the nobility. They are represented in parliament by the house of commons.

Part of the demesne land of a manor, or the land of the property of which was in the lord,) which, being uncultivated, was termed the "lord's waste," and served for public roads and for common of pasture to the lord and his tenants. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

Squares; pleasure grounds and spaces or open places for public use or public recreation owned by towns;—in modern usage usually called "parks." Woodward v. City of Des Moines, 182 Iowa, 1102, 165 N. W. 313, 314; Jones v. City of Jackson, 104 Miss. 449, 61 So. 456, 457.

COMMONS, HOUSE OF. See House of Commons.

COMMONTY. In Scotch law. Land possessed in common by different proprietors, or by those having acquired rights of servitude. Bell.

COMMONWEALTH. The public or common weal or welfare. This cannot be regarded as a technical term of public law, though often used in political science. It generally designates, when so employed, a republican frame of government,—one in which the welfare and rights of the entire mass of people are the main consideration, rather than the privileges of a class or the will of a monarch; or it may designate the body of citizens living under such a government. Sometimes it may denote the corporate entity, or the government, of a jural society (or state) possessing powers of self-government in respect of its immediate concerns, but forming an integral part of a larger government, (or nation.) In this latter sense, it is the official title of several of the United States (as Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Kentucky), and would be appropriate to them all. In the former sense, the word was used to designate the English government during the protectorate of Cromwell. See Government; Nation; State. (State v. Lambert, 44 W. Va. 308, 28 S. E. 930.)

COMMORANCY. The dwelling in any place as an inhabitant; which consists in usually lying there. 4 Bl. Comm. 273. In American law it is used to denote a mere temporary residence. Ames v. Winsor, 19 Pick. (Mass.) 248; Fullen v. Monk, 82 Me. 412, 19 A. 809; Gilman v. Imman, 55 Me. 105, 20 A. 1049.

COMMORANT. Staying or abiding; dwelling temporarily in a place. One residing in a particular town, city, or district. Barnes, 162.

BL. LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)
COMMORIENTES. Several persons who perish at the same time in consequence of the same calamity.

COMMORTH, or COMORTH. A contribution which was gathered at marriages, and when young priests said or sung the first masses. Prohibited by 26 Hen. VIII. c. 6. Cowell.

COMMUTE. Half a cantred or hundred in Wales, containing fifty villages. Also a great seignory or lordship, and may include one or divers manors. Co. Litt. 5.

COMMOTION. A "civil commotion" is an insurrection of the people for general purposes, though it may not amount to rebellion where there is a usurped power. 2 Marsh. Ins. 783; Boon v. Insurance Co., 40 Conn. 554; Grame v. Assur. Soc., 112 U. S. 273, 5 S. Ct. 150, 28 L. Ed. 716; Spruill v. Insurance Co., 46 N. C. 127.

A civil commotion is an uprising among a mass of people which occasions a serious and prolonged disturbance and infraction of civil order not attaining the status of war or armed insurrection; it is a wild and irregular action of many persons assembled together. Hartford Fire Ins. Co., Hartford, Conn. v. War Eagle Coal Co. (C. C. A.) 295 F. 663, 665. The term refers to political disorders, not to an economic disturbance. The Poznan (D. C.) 276 F. 418, 427.

COMMUNE, n. A self-governing town or village. The name given to the committee of the people in the French revolution of 1793; and again, in the revolutionary uprising of 1871, it signified the attempt to establish absolute self-government in Paris, or the mass of those concerned in the attempt. In old French law, it signified any municipal corporation. And in old English law, the community or common people. 2 Co. Inst. 540.

COMMUNE, adj. Lat. Common.

COMMUNE CONCILIVM. The King's Council. See Privy Council.

COMMUNE CONCILIVM REGNI. The common council of the realm. One of the names of the English parliament. See Communitas Regni Anglie.

COMMUNE FORUM. The common place of justice. The seat of the principal courts, especially those that are fixed.

COMMUNE PLACITUM. In old English law. A common plea or civil action, such as an action of debt.

COMMUNE VINCULUM. A common or mutual bond. Applied to the common stock of consanguinity, and to the feudal bond of fealty, as the common bond of union between lord and tenant. 2 Bl. Comm. 200; 8 Bl. Comm. 230.

COMMUNI CUSTODIA. In English law. An obsolete writ which anciently lay for the lord, whose tenant, holding by knight's service, died, and left his eldest son under age, against a stranger that entered the land, and obtained the ward of the body. Reg. Orig. 161.

COMMUNI DIVIDUNDO. In the civil law. An action which lies for those who have property in common, to procure a division. It lies where parties hold land in common but not in partnership. Calvin.

COMMUNIA. In old English law. Common things, res communia. Such as running water, the air, the sea, and sea shores. Bract. fol. 76.

COMMUNIA PLACITAV. In old English law. Common pleas or actions: those between one subject and another, as distinguished from pleas of the crown.

COMMUNIA PLACITAV NON TENENDA IN SCACCARIO. An ancient writ directed to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer, forbidding them to hold pleas between common persons (i. e., not debtors to the king, who alone originally sued and were sued there) in that court, where neither of the parties belonged to the same. Reg. Orig. 157.

COMMUNIC. In feudal law on the continent of Europe, this name was given to towns enfranchised by the crown, about the twelfth century, and formed into free corporations by grants called "charters of community."

COMMUNICIBUS ANNIS. In ordinary years; on the annual average.


COMMUNICATION. Information given, the sharing of knowledge by one with another; conference; consultation or bargaining preparatory to making a contract. Intercourse; connection. Also, the Masonic equivalent for the word "meeting." State v. Goodwyn, 83 W. Va. 255, 98 S. E. 577.

Something said by one person to another;—so used in a statute providing that neither a party nor his or her spouse shall be examined as a witness as to personal transactions or communications between witness and persons since deceased. Secor v. Siver, 188 Iowa, 1126, 161 N. W. 768, 772, 176 N. W. 951.

"Transactions and communications," within statute declaring inadmissible testimony of interested witness concerning transactions and communications between himself and deceased person, embrace every variety of affairs which conform to the subject of negotiation, interviews, or actions between two persons, and include every method by which
one person can derive impressions or information from the conduct, condition or language of another. Bright v. Virginia & Gold Hill Water Co. (C. C. A.) 270 F. 419, 413.

The act of communicating:—so used in a statute declaring that no husband or wife shall be compelled to disclose any confidential communication made by one to the other during marriage. Whitford v. North State Life Ins. Co., 163 N. C. 223, 79 S. E. 301, 502, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 270. In a broader sense, the word embraces all knowledge upon the part of either obtained by reason of the marriage relations, and which but for the confidence growing out of such relation would not have been known. Alleco v. Allecock, 174 Ky. 635, 102 S. W. 853, 854.

As used in a statute providing that an attorney cannot, without the consent of his client, be examined as to any communication made by the client, “communication” is not restricted to more words but includes acts as well. Ex parte McDonough, 179 Cal. 320, 16 F. 506, 507, L. R. A. 1916C, 695, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 327.

In French Law

The production of a merchant’s books, by delivering them either to a person designated by the court, or to his adversary, to be examined in all their parts, and as shall be deemed necessary to the suit. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 552.

In General

—Confidential communications. These are certain classes of communications, passing between persons who stand in a confidential or fiduciary relation to each other, (or who, on account of their relative situation, are under a special duty of secrecy and fidelity,) which the law will not permit to be divulged, or allow them to be inquired into in a court of justice, for the sake of public policy and the good order of society. Examples of such privileged relations are those of husband and wife and attorney and client. Hatton v. Robinson, 14 Pick. (Mass.) 416; 25 Am. Dec. 415; Parker v. Carter, 4 Munf. (Va.) 287, 6 Am. Dec. 515; Chirac v. Reinicker, 11 Wheat. 289, 6 L. Ed. 474; Parkhurst v. Berdoll, 110 N. Y. 380, 18 N. E. 123, 6 Am. St. Rep. 384.

—Privileged communication. In the law of evidence. A communication made to a counsel, solicitor, or attorney, in professional confidence, and which is not permitted to divulge; otherwise called a “confidential communication.” 1 Starkie, Ev. 185. In the law of libel and slander. A defamatory statement made to another in pursuance of a duty, political, judicial, social, or personal, so that an action for libel or slander will not lie, though the statement be false, unless in the last two cases actual malice be proved in addition. Bacon v. Railroad Co., 66 Mich. 166, 33 N. W. 181; 5 E. & B. 347. When a communication is fairly made by one in the discharge of a public or private duty, legal, moral, or social, of perfect or imperfect obligation, or in the conduct of his own affairs, to one who has a corresponding interest to receive such communication, it is “privileged,” International & G. N. Ry. Co. v. Edmundson (Tex. Com. App.) 222 S. W. 181, 183, if made in good faith and without actual malice, Baker v. Clark, 196 Ky. 516, 218 S. W. 280, 285. A “privileged communication” is one made in good faith, upon any subject-matter in which the party communicating has an interest, or in reference to which he has, or honestly believes he has, a duty, and which contains matter which, without the occasion upon which it is made, would be defamatory and actionable. Bland v. Lawyer-Cuff Co., 72 Okl. 128, 178 P. 885, 887; Gardea v. Sociedad de Obreros (Tex. Civ. App.) 263 S. W. 913, 944. See also, Zanley v. Hyde, 208 Mich. 36, 175 N. W. 261, 233; Friedell v. Blakely Printing Co., 163 Minn. 226, 208 N. W. 974, 975; Alexander v. Vann, 180 N. C. 187, 104 S. E. 360, 361; Putnal v. Inman, 76 Fla. 533, 50 So. 316, 318, 3 A. L. R. 1589; Massee v. Williams (C. C. A.) 207 F. 222, 230; Peak v. Taubman, 251 Mo. 390, 158 S. W. 656, 658. In a “privileged communication” the words used, if defamatory and libellous, are excused, while in “fair comment” the words are not a defamation of plaintiff and not libellous. Van Lonkhuyzen v. Daily News Co., 203 Mich. 570, 179 N. W. 93, 99.

Privileged communications are either (1) absolutely privileged, or (2) conditionally or qualifiedly privileged. Grantham v. Wilkes, 135 Miss. 777, 100 So. 673. An “absolutely privileged communication” is one made in the interest of the public service or the due administration of justice, and is practically limited to legislative and judicial proceedings and other actions of state. Grantham v. Wilkes, 135 Miss. 777, 100 So. 673. By an “absolutely privileged” publication is not to be understood a publication for which the publisher is in no wise responsible, but it means a publication in respect of which, by reason of the occasion upon which it is made, no remedy can be had in a civil action for slander or libel. Peterson v. Cleaver, 105 Neb. 438, 181 N. W. 187, 189, 15 A. L. R. 447, even though the words are published maliciously and with knowledge of their falsity, Spencer v. Looney, 116 Va. 767, 82 S. E. 745, 747. A “qualifiedly privileged communication” is a slanderous statement uttered in good faith upon a proper occasion and from a proper motive based upon an honest belief that it is true, but, unlike communications wholly privileged, the defendant has the burden of proving want of malice or ill will. Peak v. Taubman, 251 Mo. 390, 158 S. W. 656, 658. A communication “qualifiedly privileged” is one which is prima facie privileged only, and in which the privilege may be lost by proof of malice in the publication. Spencer v. Looney, 116 Va. 767, 82 S. E. 745, 747. A communication made in good faith upon
any subject-matter in which the party communicating has an interest or in reference to which he has a duty, either legal, moral, or social, if made to a person having a corresponding interest or duty, is "qualifiedly privileged." Peterson v. Cleaver, 105 Neb. 438, 181 N. W. 187, 189, 15 A. L. R. 447; Grantham v. Wilkes, 135 Miss. 777, 100 So. 673; Bland v. Lawyer-Cuff Co., 72 Okl. 128, 178 P. 885, 887. See, also, Finkelstein v. Gelsmar, 91 N. J. Law, 46, 106 A. 209; Stanley v. Prince, 118 Me. 360, 108 A. 328, 330; Kenney v. Gurley, 208 Ala. 623, 93 So. 34, 37, 26 A. L. R. 818; Massie v. Williams (C. C. A.) 297 F. 222, 230; German-American Ins. Co. v. Huntley, 62 Okl. 93, 161 P. 815, 818; Privilege.

COMMUNINGS. In Scotch law. The negotiations preliminary to entering into a contract.

COMMUNIO BONORUM. In the civil law. A community of goods.

COMMUNION OF GOODS. In Scotch law. The right enjoyed by married persons in the movable goods belonging to them. Bell.

Communion error facit jus. Common error makes law. 4 Inst. 240; Noy, Max. p. 37, max. 27. Common error goeth for a law. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 54. Common error sometimes passes current as law. Broom, Max. 139, 140. (What was at first illegal is presumed, when repeated many times, to have acquired the force of usage; and then it would be wrong to depart from it.) 1 Ld. Raym. 42; 6 Cl. & F. 172; 3 M. & S. 396; Goodman v. Eastman, 4 N. H. 458; Kent v. Kent, 2 Mass. 357; Davey v. Turner, 1 Dall. 13, 1 L. Ed. 15. The converse of this maxim is communis error non facit jus. A common error does not make law. 4 Inst. 242; 3 Term 725; 6 Term 564.

COMMUNIS OPINIO. Common opinion; general professional opinion. According to Lord Coke (who places it on the footing of observation or usage), common opinion is good authority in law. Co. Litt. 186a.

COMMUNIS PARIUS. In the civil law. A common or party wall. Dig. 8, 2, 8, 13.


COMMUNIS SCRIPTURA. In old English law. A common writing; a writing common to both parties; a chirograph. Glan. ib. 8, c. 1.

COMMUNIS STIPES. A common stock of descent; a common ancestor.

COMMUNISM. A name given to proposed systems of life or social organization based upon the fundamental principle of the non-existence of private property and of a community of goods in a society.

Any theory or system of social organization involving common ownership of the agents of production, and some approach to equality in the distribution of the products of industry. Webster, Dict. A system by which the state controls the means of production and the distribution and consumption of industrial products. Cent. Dict.

An equality of distribution of the physical means of life and enjoyment as a transition to a still higher standard of justice that all should work according to their capacity and receive according to their wants. 1 Mill, Pol. Ec. 248.

COMMUNITAS REGNI ANGLIÆ. The general assembly of the kingdom of England. One of the ancient names of the English parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 118. See, also, Commune Concilium Regni.


The term "community," as used in a statute providing that communities may be incorporated for the purpose of supplying inhabitants with water, should be construed to include all the inhabitants of a district having a community of interest in obtaining for themselves in common a water supply for domestic use. Hamilton v. Budeen, 12 Or. 268, 112 Or. 224 P. 92, 93.

In connection with the rule requiring, for purposes of impeachment, a knowledge of the character of the witness in the community or neighborhood in which he resides, the term "community" means, generally, where the person is well known and has established a reputation. Craven v. State, 22 Ala. App. 23, 111 So. 767, 769.

In the Civil Law

A corporation or body politic. Dig. 3, 4.

In French Law

A species of partnership which a man and a woman contract when they are lawfully married to each other. See, also, Community Property, infra.

Conventional community is that which is formed by express agreement in the contract of marriage.

By this contract the legal community which would otherwise subsist may be modified as to the proportions which each shall take, and as to the things which shall compose it.
Legal community is that which takes place by virtue of the contract of marriage itself.

The French system of community property was known as the dotal system, and the Spanish as the ganancial system. The conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards and their acquisition of the Florida territory resulted in the introduction on American soil of the Spanish system, which now prevails, usually in a somewhat modified form, in Texas, California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, Porto Rico, and the Philippines. See Ballinger, Com. Property, § 6; Chavez v. McKnight, 1 N. M. 147. The Louisiana Code has, with slight modifications, adopted the system of the Napoleons in regard to the separate rights of husband and wife, but as to their common property, it retained the essential features of the Spanish ganancial system. See Civ. Code Cal. § 152 et seq.; Civ. Code Ariz. 1913, pars. 3846, 3850 (Rev. Code 1929, §§ 2717, 2713); Rev. Laws Nev. §§ 2155, 2169 (Comp. Laws 1929, §§ 3852, 3860); Code N. M. 1913, §§ 2767, 2768, 2798, 1940, 1941 (Comp. Stat. 1929, §§ 68-350, 68-358, 68-408, 38-304, 32-160); Vernon's Ann. Civ. St., art. 4519 et seq.; Rev. Codex Idaho, § 5741 et seq. (Code 1922, § 21-201 et seq.); Rem. & Bail. Code (Wash.) §§ 6935-6937 (Rem. Comp. Stat., §§ 6806-6802).

COMMUNITY DEBT. One chargeable to the community (of husband and wife) rather than to either of the parties individually. Calhoun v. Leary, 6 Wash. 17, 32 P. 1070.

COMMUNITY OF PROFITS. This term is, as used in the definition of a partnership, to which a community of profits is essential, means a proprietorship in them as distinguished from a personal claim upon the other associate, a property right in them from the start in one associate as much as in the other. Bradley v. Ely, 24 Ind. App. 2, 56 N. E. 144, 79 Am. St. Rep. 251; Moore v. Williams, 26 Tex. Civ. App. 142, 62 S. W. 977.

COMMUNITY PROPERTY. Property owned in common by a husband and wife as a kind of marital partnership. Coleman v. Coleman (Tex. Civ. App.) 293 S. W. 693, 699. Property acquired by husband and wife, or either, during marriage, when not acquired as the separate property of either, in re Lux's Estate, 114 Cal. 73, 45 P. 1023; Mitchell v. Mitchell, 80 Tex. 101, 15 S. W. 705; Ames v. Hubby, 49 Tex. 705; Holyoke v. Jackson, 3 Wash. T. 235, 3 P. 841; Civ. Code Cal. § 657. This partnership or community consists of the profits of all the effects of which both the husband has the administration and enjoyment, either of right or in fact, of the produce of the reciprocal industry and labor of both husband and wife, and of the estates which they may acquire during the marriage, either by donations made jointly to them both, or by purchase, or in any other similar way, even although the purchase be only in the name of one of the two, and not of both, because in that case the period of time when the purchase is made is alone attended to, and not the person who made the purchase. Rev. Civ. Code La. arts. 2402, 2404; Davidson v. Stuart, 10 La. 146; Brown v. Cobb, 10 La. 172; Clark v. Norwood, 12 La. Ann. 598; Barnes v. Thompson, 154 La. 1036, 98 So. 657, 658.

COMMUTATION. Change; substitution.

In Criminal Law

The substitution of one punishment for another, after conviction of the party subject to it.


Although both a pardon and a commutation are granted by the sovereign power; Goben v. State, 32 Okl. Cr. 237, 240 P. 1085, 1087; Ex parte Janaea, 1 Nev. 331: In re Victor, 31 Ohio St. 209; Lee v. Murphy, 22 Grat. (Va.) 769, 12 Am. Rep. 546; a "commutation" means merely a change of punishment, while a "pardon" avoids or terminates punishment for crime; U. S. v. Commissioner of Immigration at Port of New York (C. C. A.) 5 F.(2d) 162, 165. A pardon bears no relation to the term of punishment, and must be accepted or it is nugatory; commutation removes no stain, restores no civil privileges, and may be effected without the consent and against the will of the prisoner. In re Charles, 115 Kan. 323, 222 P. 605, 606; Chapman v. Scott (D. C.) 10 F.(2d) 156, 159.

"Commutation" is also distinguishable from a "repleviet" or "repletv," meaning simply the withholding of a sentence for an interval of time, a postponement of execution, or a temporary suspension of execution. State v. District Court of Eighteenth Judicial Dist. in and for Blaine County, 73 Mont. 541, 237 P. 525, 527.

In Civil Matters

The conversion of the right to receive a variable or periodical payment into the right to receive a fixed or gross payment. Commutation may be effected by private agreement, but it is usually done under a statute.

COMMUTATION OF TAXES. Payment of a designated lump sum (permanent or annual) for the privilege of exemption from taxes, or the settlement in advance of a specific sum in lieu of an ad valorem tax. Cotton Mfg. Co. v. New Orleans, 31 La. Ann. 440.

COMMUTATION OF TITHES. Signifies the conversion of tithes into a fixed payment in money.

COMMUTATION TICKET. A railroad ticket giving the holder the right to travel at a certain rate for a limited number of trips (or for an unlimited number within a certain period of time) for a less amount than would be paid in the aggregate for so many separate trips. Interstate Commerce Com'n v. Baltimore & O. R. Co. (C. C.) 43 F. 56.
COMMUTATIVE CONTRACT. In civil law. One in which each of the contracting parties gives and receives an equivalent; e. g., the contract of sale. Pothier, Obl. n. 13. See Contract.

COMMUTATIVE JUSTICE. See Justice.

COMPACT, n. An agreement; a contract. Green v. Biddle, 8 Wheat. 1, 92, 5 L. Ed. 547. Usually applied to conventions between nations or sovereign states.

A contract between parties, which creates obligations and rights capable of being enforced, and contemplated as such between the parties, in their distinct and independent characters. Story, Coast. b. 3. c. 3; Rutherf. Inst. b. 2. c. 6, § 1.

A mutual consent of parties concerning some property or right that is the object of the stipulation, or something that is to be done or forborne. Chesapeake & O. Canal Co. v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 4 Gill & J. (Md.) 1.


COMPANAGE. All kinds of food, except bread and drink. Spelman.

COMPANIES CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT. An English statute, (8 Vict. c. 16,) passed in 1845, which consolidated the clauses of previous laws still remaining in force on the subject of public companies. It is considered as incorporated into all subsequent acts authorizing the execution of undertakings of a public nature by companies, unless expressly excepted by such later acts. Its purpose is declared by the preamble to be to avoid repeating provisions as to the constitution and management of the companies, and to secure greater uniformity in such provisions. Wharton.

COMPANION OF THE GARTER. One of the knights of the Order of the Garter.

COMPANIONS. In French law. A general term, comprehending all persons who compose the crew of a ship or vessel. Poth. Mar. Cont. no. 163.

COMPANULATE. This term, used to describe the shape of the cover of a lunch-box containing a thermos bottle, means bell-shaped. American Can Co. v. Goldee Mfg. Co. (D. C.) 290 F. 523, 527.

COMPANY. A society or association of persons, in considerable number, interested in a common object, and uniting themselves for the prosecution usually of some commercial or industrial undertaking, or other legitimate business. Mills v. State, 23 Tex. 303; Smith v. Janesville, 62 Wis. 680, 9 N. W. 789.

The proper signification of the word “company,” when applied to persons engaged in trade, denotes those united to the same purpose or in a joint concern. It is so commonly used in this sense, or as indicating a partnership, that few persons accustomed to purchase goods at shops, where they are sold by retail, would misapprehend that such was its meaning. Palmer v. Pfinckham, 33 Me. 22.

The term is not identical with “partnership,” although every unincorporated society is, in its legal relations, a partnership. In common use a distinction is made, the name “partnership” being reserved for business associations of a limited number of persons (usually not more than four or five) trading under a name composed of their individual names set out in succession; while “company” is appropriately as the designation of a society comprising a larger number of persons, with greater capital, and engaged in more extensive enterprises, and trading under a title not disclosing the names of the individuals. See Allen v. Long, 30 Tex. 351, 15 S. W. 45, 25 Am. St. Rep. 735; Adams Exp. Co. v. Schofield, 111 Ky. 582, 84 S. W. 982; Kosakowski v. People, 177 Ill. 563, 53 N. E. 115; In re Jones, 28 Misc. Rep. 356, 59 N. Y. Supp. 983; Attorney General v. Mercantile Marine Ins. Co., 121 Mass. 535.

Sometimes the word is used to represent those members of a partnership whose names do not appear in the name of the firm. See 12 Toullier, 27.

A number of persons united for performing or carrying on anything jointly. In re Tide-water Coal Exchange (C. C. A.) 280 F. 638, 643.

Thus, the term is not necessarily limited to a trading or commercial body, but may include an unincorporated organisation to promote fraternity among its members and provide mutual aid and protection through the payment of death benefits. In re Order of Sparta (D. C.) 238 F. 427.

"Company" is a generic and comprehensive word, which may include individuals, partnerships, and corporations. Asbury v. Town of Albemarle, 102 N. C. 247, 78 S. E. 146, 148, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1189; J. P. Duffly Co. v. Todebush (Sup.) 139 N. Y. S. 112, 113.


Joint Stock Company

An association of individuals for purposes of profit, possessing a common capital contributed by the members composing it, such capital being commonly divided into shares of which each member possesses one or more, and which are transferable by the owner. Shelf. Jt. St. Co. 1. One having a joint stock or capital, which is divided into numerous transferable shares, or consists of transferable stock. Lindl. Partn. 6. A partnership whereof the capital is divided, or agreed to be divided, into shares so as to be transferable without the express consent of the co-partners. Pars. Part. § 435. A quasi partnership, invested by statutes in England and many of the states with some of the privileges of a

A "joint-stock company" is an entirely different organization from a "corporation," although it has many of the same characteristics and is often not improperly called a quasi corporation, especially under particular statutes, but in Kentucky it is still what it was at common law, namely, a hybrid midway between a corporation and a partnership, that is, it has directors and officers, articles of association, a common capital divided into shares which represented the interests of the members and are transferable without the consent of the other members so that the death of a member does not dissolve the company—but, on the other hand, each member was liable for the debts of the concern, so that such company had characteristics of both a corporation and a partnership. Roller v. Madison, 172 Ky. 683, 158 S. W. 514, 515.

Limited Company

A company in which the liability of each shareholder is limited by the number of shares he has taken, so that he cannot be called on to contribute beyond the amount of his shares. In England, the memorandum of association of such company may provide that the liability of the directors, manager, or managing director thereof shall be unlimited. 30 & 31 Vict. c. 131; 1 Lindl. Partn. 383; Mozley & Whitley.

Public Company

In English law. A business corporation; a society of persons joined together for carrying on some commercial or industrial undertaking.

Uninorporated Company

If a number of persons are united for carrying on any kind of business enterprise jointly, and are not incorporated, and do not constitute a partnership, they are an uninorporated "company" within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Act of July 1, 1898, c. 541, § 4b, 30 Stat. 547 (11 USC § 22(b)). In re Tidewater Coal Exchange (C. C. A.) 250 F. 638, 640.

COMPARATIO LITERARIUM. In the civil law. Comparison of writings, or handwritings. A mode of proof allowed in certain cases.

COMPARATIVE. Proceeding by the method of comparison; founded on comparison; estimated by comparison.

COMPARATIVE INTERPRETATION. That method of interpretation which seeks to arrive at the meaning of a statute or other writing by comparing its several parts and also by comparing it as a whole with other like documents proceeding from the same source and referring to the same general sub-


COMPARATIVE JURISPRUDENCE. The study of the principles of legal science by the comparison of various systems of law.

COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE. That doctrine in the law of negligence by which the negligence of the parties is compared, in the degrees of "slight," "ordinary," and "gross" negligence, and a recovery permitted, notwithstanding the contributory negligence of the plaintiff, when the negligence of the plaintiff is slight and the negligence of the defendant gross, but refused when the plaintiff has been guilty of a want of ordinary care, thereby contributing to his injury, or when the negligence of the defendant is not gross, but only ordinary or slight, when compared, under the circumstances of the case, with the contributory negligence of the plaintiff. 3 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 367. See Steel Co. v. Martin, 115 Ill. 358, 3 N. E. 456; Imes v. R. Co., 105 Ill. App. 37; Railroad Co. v. Ferguson, 113 Ga. 709, 39 S. E. 306, 54 L. R. A. 802; Sluder v. Transit Co., 189 Mo. 107, 88 S. W. 648, 5 L. R. A. (N. S.) 239; Halley-Ola Coal Co. v. Morgan, 39 Okl. 71, 134 P. 29, 31; St. Louis & S. F. R. Co. v. Elsing, 37 Okl. 323, 132 P. 483, 486.

COMPARISON OF HANDWRITING. A comparison by the juxtaposition of two writings, in order, by such comparison, to ascertain whether both were written by the same person.

A method of proof resorted to where the genuineness of a written document is disputed; it consists in comparing the handwriting of the disputed paper with that of another instrument which is proved or admitted to be in the writing of the party sought to be charged, in order to infer, from their identity or similarity in this respect, that they are the work of the same hand.


COMPASCUM. Belonging to commonage. Jus compascuum, the right of common of pasture.

COMPASS, THE MARINER'S. An instrument used by mariners to point out the course of a ship at sea. It consists of a magnetized steel bar called the "needle," attached to the underside of a card, upon which are drawn the points of the compass, and supported by a fine pin, upon which it turns freely in a horizontal plane.

COMPASSING. Imagining or contriving, or plotting. In English law, "compassing the king's death" is treason. 4 Bl. Comm. 76.

COMPATERNITAS. In the canon law. A kind of spiritual relationship contracted by baptism.
COMPATERNITY. Spiritual affinity, contracted by sponsorship in baptism.

COMPATIBILITY. As applied to offices, such relation and consistency between the duties of two offices that they may be held and filled by one person.

COMPEAR. In Scotch law. To appear.

COMPEARANCE. In Scotch practice. Appearance; an appearance made for a defendant; an appearance by counsel. Bell.


In an allegation that plaintiff was compelled to pay license taxes, the word "compel" does not necessarily import elements of compulsory payment. Singer Sewing Mach. Co. v. Teasley, 198 Ala. 673, 73 So. 969, 971. Compare Ains v. Hayes, 92 Conn. 120, 101 A. 179, L. R. A. 1917F, 1083, and also Sinnott v. District Court in and for Clarke County, 201 Iowa, 292, 207 N. W. 129, 131.


COMPELLATVS. An adversary or accuser.

Compendia sunt dispensa. Co. Litt. 305. Abbreviations (or abridgments) are detriments.

COMPENDIUM. An abridgment, synopsis, or digest.

COMPENSACION. In Spanish law. Compensation; set-off. The extinction of a debt by another debt of equal dignity between persons who have mutual claims on each other.

COMPENSATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Compensation, or set-off. A proceeding resembling a set-off in the common law, being a claim on the part of the defendant to have an amount due to him from the plaintiff deducted from his demand. Dig. 16, 2; Inst. 4, 6, 39, 39; 3 Bl. Comm. 305.

COMPENSATIO CRIMINIS. (Set-off of crime or guilt.) In practice. The compensation or set-off of one crime against another; the plea of recrimination in a suit for a divorce; that is, that the complainant is guilty of the same kind of offense with which the respondent is charged. See 1 Hagg. Cons. 144; 1 Hagg. Eccl. 714; Wood v. Wood, 2 Paige, Ch. (N. Y.) 108, 2 D. & B. 61; Bishop, Marr. & D. §§ 393, 394.

COMPENSATION. Indemnification; payment of damages; making amends; making whole; giving an equivalent or substitute of equal value; that which is necessary to re-

store an injured party to his former position. An act which a court orders to be done, or money which a court or other tribunal orders to be paid, by a person whose acts or omissions have caused loss or injury to another, in order that thereby the person damnedified may receive equal value for his loss, or be made whole in respect of his injury. Railroad Co. v. Denman, 10 Minn. 280 (Gil. 206); Jablonowski v. Modern Cap Mfg. Co., 312 Mo. 173, 279 S. W. 89, 95; Proctor v. Dillon, 235 Mass. 538, 129 N. E. 265, 269; City of Sacramento v. Industrial Accident Commission of California, 74 Cal. App. 380, 240 P. 732, 734.

"Compensation" is a misleading term, and is used merely for lack of a word more nearly expressing the thought of the law which permits recovery for an imponderable and intangible thing for which there is no money equivalent. Stutsmen v. Des Moines City Ry. Co., 190 Iowa, 534, 163 N. W. 589, 595.

The word "compensation," as used in Workmen's Compensation Acts, means the money relief afforded an injured employee or his dependents according to the scale established and for the persons designated in the act, and not the compensatory damages recoverable in an action at law for a wrong done or a contract broken. Devine's Case, 236 Mass. 588, 129 N. E. 414, 415; Mosley v. Empire Gas & Fuel Co., 313 Mo. 225, 281 S. W. 762, 767, 45 A. L. R. 1233; Christensen v. Morse Dry Dock & Repair Co., 214 N. Y. S. 735, 740, 216 App. Div. 741.


Also that equivalent in money which is paid to the owners and occupiers of lands taken or injuriously affected by the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

In the constitutional provision for "just compensation" for property taken under the power of eminent domain, this term means a payment in money. Any benefit to the remaining property of the owner, arising from public works for which a part has been taken, cannot be considered as compensation. Railroad Co. v. Burkett, 42 Ala. 85.

As compared with consideration and damages, compensation, in its most careful use, seems to be between them. Consideration is means for something given by consent, or by the owner's choice. Damages is means exacted from a wrong-doer for a tort. Compensation is means for something which was taken without the owner's choice, yet without commission of a tort. Thus, one should may, consideration for land sold; compensation for land taken for a railway; damages for a trespass. But such distinctions are not uniform. Land dam-
COMPENSATION

ages is a common expression for compensation for lands taken for public use. Abbott.

"Compensation" is distinguishable from "damag-
es," inasmuch as the former may mean the sum which will remunerate an owner for land actually taken, while the latter signifies an allowance made for injury to the real estate; but such distinction is not ordinarily observed. Faulkner v. City of Nash-
ville, 154 Tenn. 146, 28 S. W. 29, 42.

The remuneration or wages given to an employee or, especially, to an officer. Salary, pay, or emolument. Christopherson v. Reeves, 44 S. D. 634, 184 N. W. 1015, 1019; State v. Lushcer, 157 Minn. 102, 185 N. W. 914, 916; Higgins v. Glenn, 65 Utah, 406, 237 P. 513, 515.

The ordinary meaning of the term "compensation," as applied to officers, is remuneration, in whatever form it may be given, whether it be salaries and fees, or both combined. State v. Bland, 91 Kan. 206, 136 P. 947, 949; State v. Watkins, 88 Fla. 282, 108 So. 347, 358. It is broad enough to in-
clude other remuneration for official services; State ex rel. Emmons v. Farmer, 271 Mo. 596, 196 S. W. 1106, 1109; such as mileage or traveling expenses; Leckenby v. Post Printing & Publishing Co., 65 Colo. 443, 176 P. 490, 492; and also the repayment of amounts expended; State v. Clausen, 142 Wash. 453, 255 P. 355, 357. Compare, however, People v. Chapman, 225 N. Y. 270, 122 N. E. 240; McCoy v. Handlin, 25 S. D. 487, 153 N. W. 361, 371, L. R. A. 1915E, 588, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 1046.


A "reasonable compensation" is that which will fairly compensate the laborer when the character of the work and the effectiveness and ability entering into the service are considered. Chapman v. A. H. Averill Machinery Co., 23 Idaho, 121, 152 P. 573, 575.

Compensation is not synonymous with "pension," which is ordinarily a gratuity from the government or some of its subordinate agencies in recognition of, but not in payment for, past services. Dickey v. Jackson, 181 Iowa, 1105, 106 N. W. 387, 388.

In the Civil, Scotch, and French Law

Recoupment; set-off. The meeting of two debts due by two parties, where the debtor in the one debt is the creditor in the other; that is to say, where one person is both debtor and creditor to another, and therefore, to the extent of what is due to him, claims al-
allowance out of the sum that he is due. Bell; 1 Kames, Eq. 395, 396.

Compensation is of three kinds,—legal, or by operation of law; compensation by way of exception; and by reconvocation. Stewart v. Harper, 16 La. Ann. 181; Blanchard v. Cole, 8 La. 158; 8 Dig. 16, 2; Code, 4, 31; Inst. 4, 6, 30; Burge, Suret, b. 2, c. 6, p. 161; La. Civ. Code, arts. 2299-2208 (Civ. Code, arts. 2207-2221).

In Criminal Law

Recrimination. See Compensatio criminis; Recrimination.

COMPENSATION PERIOD. The period fixed by the Workmen's Compensation Act during which the injured party is to receive com-
ensation, unless the board reduces the period by correspondingly increasing the amount of weekly compensation. Southern Casualty Co. v. Boykin (Tex. Civ. App.) 298 S. W. 639, 640.

COMPENSATORY DAMAGES. See Damages.

COMPERENDINGATIO. In the Roman law. The adjournment of a case, in order to hear the parties or their advocates a second time; a second hearing of the parties to a cause. Calvin.

COMPETORIUM. In the civil law. A ju-
dicial inquest made by delegates or commissioners to find out and relate the truth of a cause. Wharton.

COMPERUIT AD DIEM. A plea in bar of an action of debt on a bond that the defendant appeared at the day required. For forms, 400 & Wentworth 470; Lilly, Entr. 114; 2 Chit. Pl. 527. See, generally, Comyns, Dig. Picader (2 W. 31); 7 B. & C. 478.

COMPETE. To contend eminently, to strive for the position for which another is striving, to contend in rivalry. People v. Chew, 67 Colo. 394, 179 P. 812, 813; Commonwealth v. Shenandoah River Light & Power Corporation, 135 Va. 47, 113 S. E. 693, 695. See Competition.

COMPETENCY.

In the Law of Evidence

The presence of those characteristics, or the absence of those disabilities, which render a witness legally fit and qualified to give testimony in a court of justice;—applied, in the same sense, to documents or other written evidence.

Competency differs from credibility. The former is a question which arises before considering the evidence given by the witness; the latter concerns the degree of credit to be given to his story. The former denotes the personal qualification of the witness; the latter his veracity. A witness may be competent, and yet give incredible testimony; he may be incompetent, and yet his evidence, if received, be perfectly credible. Competency is for the court; credibility for the jury. Yet in some cases the term "credible" is used as an equivalent for "competent." Thus, in a statute relating to the execution of wills, the term "credible witness" is held to mean one who is entitled to be examined and to give evidence in a court of justice; not necessarily one who is personally worthy of be-

In French Law

The right in a court to exercise jurisdic-
tion in a particular case.

A testator may be said to be “competent,” if he has mental capacity to understand the nature of his act, to understand and recollect the nature and situation of his property and his relations to persons having claims on his bounty and whose interests are affected by his will. In re Smith’s Estate, 200 Cal. 154, 252 P. 345, 348.


COMPETENT AND OMITTED. In Scotch practice. A term applied to a plea which might have been urged by a party during the dependence of a cause, but which had been omitted. Bell.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY. As applied to courts and public officers, this term imports jurisdiction and due legal authority to deal with the particular matter in question. Mitchel v. U. S., 9 Pet. 735, 9 L. Ed. 263; Charles v. Charles, 41 Minn. 201, 42 N. W. 935.

COMPETENT EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

COMPETENT WITNESS. One who is legally qualified to be heard to testify in a cause. Hogan v. Sherman, 5 Mich. 60; People v. Compton, 123 Cal. 403, 56 P. 44; Com. v. Mullen, 97 Mass. 545. As used in the statute relating to the execution of wills, the term means a person who, at the time of making the testament, could legally testify in court to the facts which he attests by subscribing his name to the will. In re Wiese’s Estate, 98 Neb. 463, 153 N. W. 556, L. R. A. 1915E, 832. See Competency.


As used in a statute taxing moneyed capital competing with national banks, “competition” means a condition of business rivalry which arises when moneyed capital is devoted with reasonable continuity and regularity to operations having for their primary and characteristic purpose, as distinguished from some incidental operations or details, the transaction of some branch of business which may be carried on by national banks, and it is not necessary that this employment shall bring capital into competition with all of such branches. People ex rel. Fruit v. Goldfogle, 245 N. Y. 277, 158 N. E. 455, 461. The term involves the idea of struggling to obtain the same thing. First Nat. Bank v. City of Hartford, 187 Wis. 230, 200 N. W. 721, 723. See, also, First Nat. Bank v. City of Hartford, 47 S. Ct. 462, 466, 273 U. S. 545, 71 L. Ed. 767, 83 A. L. R. 1.

Unity of object with diversity of method is the essence of competition. Continental Securities Co. v. Interborough Rapid Transit Co. (D. C.) 207 F. 467, 470.

In Scotch Practice

The contest among creditors claiming on their respective diligences, or creditors claiming on their securities. Bell.

Unfair Competition in Trade

See Unfair.

COMPETITORS. Persons endeavoring to do the same thing and each offering to perform the act, furnish the merchandise or render the service better or cheaper than his rival. Continental Securities Co. v. Interborough Rapid Transit Co. (D. C.) 207 F. 467, 470.

COMPILATION. A literary production composed of the works of others and arranged in a methodical manner.

A compilation consists of selected extracts from different authors; an abridgment is a condensation of the views of one author. Story v. Holcombe, 4 McLean 306, 314, Fed. Cas. No. 13,497.

COMPILE. To copy from various authors into one work. See Compilation.

COMPILED STATUTES. A collection of the statutes existing and in force in a given state, all laws and parts of laws relating to each subject-matter being brought together under one head, and the whole arranged systematically in one book, either under an alphabetical arrangement or some other plan of classification. Such a collection of statutes differs from a code in this, that none of the laws so compiled derives any new force or undergoes any modification in its relation to other statutes in pari materia from the fact of the compilation, while a code is a re-enactment of the whole body of the positive law and is to be read and interpreted as one entire and homogeneous whole. Railway Co. v. State, 104 Ga. 531, 31 S. E. 531; Black, Interp. Laws, p. 363.

COMPLAINANT. In practice. One who applies to the courts for legal redress; one who exhibits a bill of complaint. This is the proper designation of one suing in equity, though “plaintiff” is often used in equity proceedings as well as at law. Bennett Add’n v. Robinson, 147 Ill. 128, 35 N. E. 168.

One who instigates prosecution or who prefers accusation against suspected person. People v. Lay, 129 Mich. 476, 100 N. W. 467, 470; State v. Snyder, 98 N. J. Law, 18, 107 A. 187, 188.
COMPLAINT.

In Civil Practice

In those states having a Code of Civil Procedure, the complaint is the first or initiatory pleading on the part of the plaintiff in a civil action. It corresponds to the declaration in the common-law practice. Code N. Y., § 141; Sharon v. Sharon, 67 Cal. 155, 7 P. 456; Railroad Co. v. Young, 154 Ind. 24, 55 N. E. 853; McMahon v. Parsons, 26 Minn. 246, 2 N. W. 703.

The complaint shall contain: (1) The title of the cause, specifying the name of the court in which the action is brought, the name of the county in which the trial is required to be had, and the names of the parties to the action, plaintiff and defendant. (2) A plain and concise statement of the facts constituting a cause of action, without unnecessary repetition; and each material allegation shall be distinctly numbered. (3) A demand of the relief to which the plaintiff supposes himself entitled. If the recovery of money be demanded, the amount thereof must be stated. Code N. C. 1883, § 223 (G. S. § 506).

Cross-complaint. In code practice. Whenever the defendant seeks affirmative relief against any party, relating to or depending upon the contract or transaction upon which the action is brought, or affecting the property to which the action relates, he may, in addition to his answer, file at the same time, or by permission of the court subsequently, a cross-complaint. The cross-complaint must be served upon the parties affected thereby, and such parties may demur or answer thereto as to the original complaint. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 442; Stanley v. Insurance Co., 95 Ind. 254; Harrison v. McCormick, 69 Cal. 618, 12 P. 456; Bank v. Ridpath, 29 Wash. 667, 70 P. 159. This is allowed when a defendant has a cause of action against a co-defendant, or a person not a party to the action, and affecting the subject-matter of the action. The only real difference between a complaint and a cross-complaint is that the first is filed by the plaintiff and the second by the defendant. Both contain a statement of the facts, and each demands affirmative relief upon the facts stated. The difference between a counter-claim and a cross-complaint is that in the former the defendant's cause of action is against the plaintiff; and the latter, against a co-defendant, or one not a party to the action; White v. Reagan, 32 Ark. 259.

In Criminal Law

A charge, preferred before a magistrate having jurisdiction, that a person named (or an unknown person) has committed a specified offense, with an offer to prove the fact, to the end that a prosecution may be instituted. It is a technical term, descriptive of proceedings before a magistrate. Hobbs v. Hill, 137 Mass. 556, 32 N. E. 892; Com. v. Davis, 11 Pick. (Mass.) 438; U. S. v. Collins (D. Ct.) 79 F. 66; State v. Dodge Co., 20 Neb. 595, 31 N. W. 117; City of Richland v. Null, 194 Mo. App. 176, 185 S. W. 250, 251. In some instances “complaint” is interchangeable with “information.” State v. Stafford, 26 Idaho, 351, 143 P. 528, 530; State v. Ritzler, 17 Ohio App. 304, 305.

The complaint is an allegation, made before a proper magistrate, that a person has been guilty of a designated public offense. Code Ala. 1896, § 4255 (Code 1923, § 5217).

COMPLETE, v. To finish; accomplish that which one starts out to do. Ries v. Williams, 130 Ky. 596, 228 S. W. 40, 41.

COMPLETE, adj. Full; entire; including every item or element of the thing spoken of, without omissions or deficiencies; as, a “complete” copy, record, schedule, or transcript. Yeager v. Wright, 112 Ind. 230, 13 N. E. 707; Anderson v. Ackerman, 88 Ind. 490; Bailey v. Martin, 119 Ind. 103, 21 N. E. 346.

Perfect; consummate; not lacking in any element or particular; as in the case of a “complete legal title” to land, which includes the possession, the right of possession, and the right of property. Dingley v. Faxon, 69 Miss. 1054; Ehle v. Quackenbos, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 537.

COMPLETE AND PERMANENT LOSS OF USE OF RIGHT ARM. Inability to use in any gainful activity. Bell & Zoller Mining Co. v. Industrial Commission, 322 Ill. 356, 155 N. E. 609, 682.

COMPLETE DETERMINATION OF CAUSE. Determination of every issue so as to render decree or judgment res judicata. Consolidated Gas Co. of New York v. Newton (D. C.) 206 F. 258, 244.


COMPLETED. Finished; nothing substantial remaining to be done; state of a thing that has been created, erected, constructed or done substantially according to contract. Fox & Co. v. Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Baker City, 197 Or. 557, 215 P. 178, 179; Taylor Bros. v. Gill, 126 Or. 293, 229 P. 236, 238, 54 A. L. R. 979; Hennessey v. Brewer (Tex. Civ. App.) 282 S. W. 617, 619; Carolina Spruce Co. v. Black Mountain R. Co., 139 Tenn. 137, 201 S. W. 154, 157; Louisiana & A. Ry. Co. v. State Board of Appraisers, 135 La. 69, 64 So. 985, 986; Sibley, L. B. & S.
COMPOSITION OF MATTER


COMPLICATED. Consisting of many parts or particulars not easily separable in thought; hard to understand or explain; involved, intricate, confused. Niemies v. Niemies, 97 Ohio St. 145, 119 N. E. 503, 505.

COMPLICATED FRACTURE. One where flesh and ligaments get between parts of broken bones, causing suppuration and preventing union of such parts. Sang v. City of St. Louis, 262 Mo. 454, 171 S. W. 347, 349.

COMPLICE. One who is united with others in an ill design; an associate; a confederate; an accomplice.

COMPOS MENTIS. Sound of mind. Having use and control of one's mental faculties.

COMPOS SUI. Having the use of one's limbs, or the power of bodily motion. St. fuit tta compos sui quod itinerare potuit de loco in locum, if he had so far the use of his limbs as to be able to travel from place to place. Bract. fol. 14b.


COMSTITIO MENSURARUM. The ordinance of measures. The title of an ancient ordinance, not printed, mentioned in the statute 23 Hen. VIII. c. 4; establishing a standard of measures. 1 Bl. Comm. 273.

COMSTITIO ULNARUM ET PERTICARUM. The statute of ells and perchess. The title of an English statute establishing a standard of measures. 1 Bl. Comm. 275.

COMPOSITION. An agreement, made upon a sufficient consideration, between an insolvent or embarrassed debtor and his creditors, whereby, the latter, for the sake of im-

"Composition" should be distinguished from "accord." The latter properly denotes an arrangement between a debtor and a single creditor for a discharge of the obligation by a part payment or on different terms. The former designates an arrangement between a debtor and the whole body of his creditors (or at least a considerable proportion of them) for the liquidation of their claims by the dividend offered.

In Ancient Law

Among the Franks, Goths, Burgundians, and other barbarous peoples, this was the name given to a sum of money paid, as satisfaction for a wrong or personal injury, to the person harmed, or to his family if he died, by the aggressor. It was originally made by mutual agreement of the parties, but afterwards established by law, and took the place of private physical vengeance.

COMPOSITION CHIPS. In the metal trade, "composition chips" or "turnings" are chips without aluminum. Ehrlich v. United Smelting & Aluminum Co., 252 Mass. 12, 147 N. E. 29.

COMPOSITION DEED. An agreement embodying the terms of a composition between a debtor and his creditors.

COMPOSITION IN BANKRUPTCY. An arrangement between a bankrupt and his creditors, whereby the amount he can be expected to pay is liquidated, and he is allowed to retain his assets, upon condition of his making the payments agreed upon. In re Wayne Realty Co. (D. C.) 275 F. 935, 937; American Imp. Co. v. Lillianthal, 43 Cal. App. 50, 184 P. 692, 693; Nassau Smelting & Refining Works v. Brightwood Bronze Foundry Co., 265 U. S. 269, 44 S. Ct. 506, 507, 68 L. Ed. 1013; Myers v. International Trust Co., 273 U. S. 386, 47 S. Ct. 372, 374, 71 L. Ed. 692.

COMPOSITION OF MATTER. In patent law, a substance composed of two or more dif-

COMPOSITION OF TITHE, OR REAL COMPOSITION. This arises in English ecclesiastical law, when an agreement is made between the owner of the land and the incumbent of a benefice, with the consent of the ordinary and the patron, that the lands shall, for the future, be discharged from payment of tithes, by reason of some land or other real recompense given in lieu and satisfaction thereof. 2 Bl. Comm. 28; 3 Steph. Comm. 129.

COMPTORIUM. In old English law. A party accounting. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 71, § 17.

COMPOUND, v. To compromise; to effect a composition with a creditor; to obtain discharge from a debt by the payment of a smaller sum. Bank v. Malheur County, 30 Or. 429, 45 Pac. 785, 55 L. R. A. 141; Haskins v. Newcomb, 2 Johns. (N. Y.) 405; Pennell v. Rhodes, 9 Q. B. 114.


COMPOUND INTEREST. Interest upon interest, i. e., when the interest of a sum of money is added to the principal, and then bears interest, which thus becomes a sort of secondary principal. Camp v. Bates, 11 Conn. 487; Woods v. Rankin, 2 Hezek. (Tenn.) 46; U. S. Mortg. Co. v. Sperry (C. C.) 26 Fed. 730.

COMPOUNDER. In Louisiana. The maker of a composition, generally called the “amicable compounder.”

COMPOUNDING A FELONY. The offense committed by a person who, having been directly injured by a felony, agrees with the criminal that he will not prosecute him, on condition of the latter’s making reparation, or on receipt of a reward or bribe not to prosecute.

The offense of taking a reward for forbearing to prosecute a felony, as where a party robbed takes his goods again, or other amends, upon an agreement not to prosecute. Watson v. State, 29 Ark. 290; Com. v. Pease, 16 Mass. 91; Riemen v. Morrison, 264 Ill. 273, 106 N. E. 215, 217.

COMPRAY VENTA. In Spanish law. Purchase and sale.

COMPRINT. A surreptitious printing of another book-seller’s copy of a work, to make gain thereby, which was contrary to common law, and is illegal. Wharton.


COMPRUVIGIINI. In the civil law. Children by a former marriage, (individually called “pruvigni,” or “pruvigno”) considered relatively to each other. Thus, the son of a husband by a former wife, and the daughter of a wife by a former husband, are the compruvigini of each other. Inst. 1, 10, 8.


An agreement between two or more persons, who, for preventing or putting an end to a lawsuit, adjust their difficulties by mutual consent in the manner which they agree on, and which every one of them prefers to the hope of gaining, balanced by the danger of losing. Sharp v. Knox, 4 La. 456.

In the Civil Law

An agreement whereby two or more persons mutually bind themselves to refer their legal dispute to the decision of a designated third person, who is termed “umpire” or “arbitrator.” Dig. 4, 8; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 471. Offer of compromise, see the title Offer, s.


COMPRMOISSARIUS. In the civil law. An arbitrator.

COMPRMOISSUM. A submission to arbitration.

COMPTE ARRÊTÉ. Fr. An account stated in writing, and acknowledged to be correct on its face by the party against whom it is stated. Paschal v. Union Bank of Louisiana, 9 La. Ann. 494.

COMPTER. In Scotch law. An accounting party.

COMPTROLLER. A public officer of a state or municipal corporation, charged with certain duties in relation to the fiscal affairs of the same, principally to examine and audit the accounts of collectors of the public money, to keep records, and report the financial situation from time to time. There are also officers bearing this name in the treasury department of the United States.

—Comptroller in bankruptcy. An officer in England, whose duty it is to receive from the trustee in each bankruptcy his accounts and periodical statements showing the proceedings in the bankruptcy, and also to call the trustee to account for any misfeasance, neglect, or omission in the discharge of his duties. Robs. Bankr. 13; Bankr. Act 1899, § 55.

—Comptrollers of the hanaper. In English law. Officers of the court of chancery; their offices were abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 103.

—State comptroller. A supervising officer of revenue in a state government, whose principal duty is the final auditing and settling of all claims against the state. State v. Doron, 5 Nev. 413.


COMPULSORY, n. In ecclesiastical procedure, a compulsory is a kind of writ to compel the attendance of a witness, to undergo examination. Philim. Ecc. Law, 1258.

COMPULSORY, adj. Involuntary; forced; coerced by legal process or by force of statute.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION. That which takes place where the consent of one of the parties is enforced by statutory provisions. Wood v. Seattle, 26 Wash. 1, 62 Pac. 135, 52 L. R. A. 369.

COMPULSORY NONSUIT. An involuntary nonsuit. See Nonsuit.

COMPULSORY PAYMENT. One not made voluntarily, but exacted by duress, threats, the enforcement of legal process, or unconscionably taking advantage of another. Shaw v. Woodcock, 7 Barn. & C. 73; Beckwith v. Erisble, 32 Vt. 563; State v. Nelson, 41 Minn. 25, 42 N. W. 548; 4 L. R. A. 300; Lonergan v. Buford, 148 U. S. 581, 13 Sup. Ct. 584, 37 L. Ed. 569; Singer Sewing Mach. Co. v. Teasley, 198 Ala. 673, 73 So. 969, 971.

COMPULSORY PROCESS. Process to compel the attendance in court of a person wanted there as a witness or otherwise; including not only the ordinary subpoena, but also a warrant of arrest or attachment if needed. Powers v. Com., 24 Ky. Law Rep. 1007, 70 S. W. 644; Graham v. State, 50 Ark. 161, 6 S. W. 721; State v. Nathaniel, 52 La. Ann. 558, 26 So. 1008.

It means such coercive means as the courts, by virtue of their inherent powers or sanction of the law, are permitted to employ, Greene v. Ballard, 174 Ky. 608, 192 S. W. 841, 845; and includes the right to have a subpoena issued, as well as issued (Const. § 11). Hossins v. Commonwealth, 216 Ky. 358, 287 S. W. 924, 925; Fugate v. Commonwealth, 202 Ky. 506, 260 S. W. 338, 340.

COMPULSORY SALE OR PURCHASE. A term sometimes used to characterize the transfer of title to property under the exercise of the power of eminent domain. In re Barre Water Co., 62 Vt. 27, 20 A. 109, 9 L. R. A. 195.

COMPURGATOR. One of several neighbors of a person accused of a crime, or charged as a defendant in a civil action, who appeared and swore that they believed him on his oath. 3 Bl. Comm. 541.

COMPUTING SCALE. A balance having an indicator apparatus so arranged that, within the limits of weights and prices for which it is contrived, one glance at a printed card, which is a part thereof, shows not only the weight of the article, but its price at a given rate per pound. Standard Computing Scale Co. v. Farrell (D. C.) 242 F. 87.

COMPUTO. Lat. To compute, reckon, or account. Used in the phrases insinul computasset, "they reckoned together," (see Insinul:) plene computavit, "he has fully accounted," (see Plene:) quod computet, "that he account," (see Quod Computet.)

COMPUTATION. The act of computing, numbering, reckoning, or estimating. The account or estimation of time by rule of law, as distinguished from any arbitrary construction of the parties. Cowell.

COMPUTUS. A writ to compel a guardian, bailiff, receiver, or accountant to yield up his accounts. It is founded on the statute Westm. 2, c. 12; Reg. Orig. 135.

COMTE. Fr. A count or earl. In the ancient French law, the comte was an officer having jurisdiction over a particular district
or territory, with functions partly military and partly judicial.

**CON BUENA FE.** In Spanish law. With (or in) good faith.

**CONACRE.** In Irish practice. The payment of wages in land, the rent being worked out in labor at a money valuation. Wharton.

Conatus quid sit, non definitur in jure. 2 Bulst. 277. What an attempt is, is not defined in law.

**CONCEAL.** To hide; secrete; withhold from the knowledge of others.

The word "conceal," according to the best lexicographers, signifies to withhold or keep secret mental facts from another's knowledge; as well as to hide or secrete physical objects from sight or observation. Gerry v. Dunham, 57 Me. 339.

"Conceal" means to hide, or withdraw from observation; to withhold from utterance or declaration. The synonyms of conceal are "to hide; disguise, dissemble; secrete." To hide is generic; "conceal" is simply not to make known what we wish to secrete; disguise or dissemble is to conceal by assuming some false appearance; to secrete is to hide in some place of secrecy. A man may conceal facts, disguise his sentiments, dissemble his feelings, or secrete stolen goods. Darnell v. State, 14 Okl. Cr. 540, 174 P. 290, 292, 1 A. L. R. 633; Firpo v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 201 F. 860, 863; U. S. v. Bookbinder (D. C.) 231 F. 207, 209.

**CONCEALED.** The term "concealed" is not synonymous with "lying in wait." If a person conceals himself for the purpose of shooting another unaware, he is lying in wait; but a person may, while concealed, shoot another without committing the crime of murder. People v. Miles, 55 Cal. 207. The term "concealed weapons" means weapons willfully or knowingly covered or kept from sight. Owen v. State, 31 Ala. 357.

**CONCEALERS.** In old English law. Such as find out concealed lands; that is, lands privily kept from the king by common persons having nothing to show for them. They are called "a troublesome, disturbent sort of men; turbulent persons." Cowell.

**CONCEALMENT.** The improper suppression or disguising of a fact, circumstance, or qualification which rests within the knowledge of one only of the parties to a contract, but which ought in fairness and good faith to be communicated to the other, whereby the party so concealing draws the other into an engagement which he would not make but for his ignorance of the fact concealed. A neglect to communicate that which a party knows, and ought to communicate, is called a "concealment." Civ. Code Cal. § 2561. The terms "misrepresentation" and "concealment" have a known and definite meaning in the law of insurance. Misrepresentation is the statement of something as fact which is untrue in fact, and which the assured states, knowing it to be not true, with an intent to deceive the underwriter, or which he states positively as true, without knowing it to be true, and which has a tendency to mislead, such fact in either case being material to the risk. Concealment is the designed and intentional withholding of any fact material to the risk, which the assured, in honesty and good faith, ought to communicate to the underwriter; mere silence on the part of the assured, especially as to some matter of fact which he does not consider important for the underwriter to know, is not to be considered as such concealment. If the fact so untruly stated or purposely suppressed is not material, that is, if the knowledge or ignorance of it would not naturally influence the judgment of the underwriter in making the contract, or in estimating the degree and character of the risk, or in fixing the rate of the premium, it is not a "misrepresentation" or "concealment," within the clause of the conditions annexed to policies. Daniels v. Insurance Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 416, 59 Am. Dec. 192; Murray v. Brotherhood of American Yeomen, 185 Iowa, 626, 105 N. W. 421, 428; State v. Taylor, 90 Kan. 453, 133 P. 861, 863; Borough of Mt. Union v. Kunz, 290 Pa. 353, 130 A. 118, 121; Todd v. American Mut. Union (Mo. App.) 276 S. W. 60, 62; U. S. v. One Diamond Ring (D. C.) 2 F.(2d) 732, 733; State v. Jackson, 52 Ind. App. 254, 100 N. E. 479, 481.

**CONCEDER.** Fr. In French law. To grant. See Concession.

**CONCEDO.** Lat. I grant. A word used in old Anglo-Saxon grants, and in statutes merchant.

**CONCEPTION.** The beginning of pregnancy, (q. v.).

**CONCEPTUM.** In the civil law. A theft (furtum) was called "conceptum," when the thing stolen was searched for, and found upon some person in the presence of witnesses. Inst. 4, 1, 4.

CONCERT OF EUROPE. The union between the chief powers of Europe for purposes of concerted action in matters affecting their mutual interests. It is sometimes called the Primacy of the Great Powers. It has existed under various forms from the time of the Congress of Vienna, in 1815.

CONCERT-ROOM. A place in which musical, as distinguished from dramatic, performances are usually given. People ex rel. McShane v. Keller, 161 N. Y. S. 152, 153, 96 Misc. 92.

CONCERTED ACTION (or PLAN). Action that has been planned, arranged, adjusted, agreed on and settled between parties acting together pursuant to some design or scheme. State v. Jessup & Moore Paper Co., 4 Boyce (Del.) 248, 88 A. 449, 451; State v. Murray (Mo. Sup.) 193 S. W. 580, 582. But see, U. S. v. M. Piowaty & Sons (D. C.) 231 F. 375, 376.

CONCESSI. Lat. I have granted. At common law, in a feoffment or estate of inheritance, this word does not imply a warranty; it only creates a covenant in a lease for years. Co. Litt. 384a. See Kinney v. Watts, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 40; Koch v. Hustis, 112 Wis. 599, 87 N. W. 831; Burwell v. Jackson, 9 N. Y. 535; 2 Saund. 96; Co. Litt. 301; Dane, Abr. Index; Hemphill v. Eckfeldt, 5 Whart. (Pa.) 278; Co. Litt. 384; 4 Co. 80; Vaughan's Argument in Vaughan 128; Butler's note, Co. Litt. 384. But see 1 Freem. 239, 414.

CONCESSIMUS. Lat. We have granted. A term used in conveyances, the effect of which was to create a joint covenant on the part of the grantors. 5 Co. 16; Bacon, Abr. Covenant.

CONCESSIO. In old English law. A grant. One of the old common assurances, or forms of conveyance.

Concessio per regem fieri debet de certitudine. 9 Coke, 46. A grant by the king ought to be made from certainty.

Concessio versus concedentem latam interpretationem habere debet. A grant ought to have a broad interpretation (to be liberally interpreted) against the grantor. Jenk. Cent. 279.

CONCESSION. A grant; ordinarily applied to the grant of specific privileges by a government; French and Spanish grants in Louisiana. See Western M. & M. Co. v. Peytoya Coal Co., 8 W. Va. 446. A voluntary grant, or a yielding to a claim or demand; rebate; abatement. U. S. v. P. Koenig Coal Co. (D. C.) 1 F. (2d) 738, 740; Williams v. Belvedere Hotel Co., 137 Md. 635, 113 A. 335, 337, 14 A. L. R. 622.

CONCESSIT SOLVERE. (He granted and agreed to pay.) In English law. An action of debt upon a simple contract. It lies by custom in the mayor's court, London, and Bristol city court.

CONCESSOR. In old English law. A grantor.

CONCESSUM. Accorded; conceded. This term, frequently used in the old reports, signifies that the court admitted or assented to a point or proposition made on the argument.

CONCESSUS. A grantee.

CONCILIABULUM. A council house.

CONCILIATION. In French law. The formality to which intending litigants are subjected in cases brought before the juge de paix. The judge convenes the parties and endeavors to reconcile them. Should he not succeed, the case proceeds. In criminal and commercial cases, the preliminary of conciliation does not take place. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 552.

CONCILIAM. Lat. A council.

In Roman Law

A meeting of a section of the people to consider and decide matters especially affecting itself. Launsbach, State and Family in Early Rome 70. Also argument in a cause, or the sitting of the court to hear argument; a motion for a day for the argument of a cause; a day allowed to a defendant to present his argument; an imparlance. State ex rel. Stueve v. Reynolds, 266 Mo. 12, 178 S. W. 468, 470.

CONCILIUM ORDINARIUM. In Anglo-Norman times. An executive and residuary judicial committee of the Aula Regis, (q. v.).

CONCILIUM REGIS. An ancient English tribunal existing during the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II., to which was referred cases of extraordinary difficulty. Co. Litt. 304.

CONCIONATOR. In old records. A common council man; a freeman called to a legislative hall or assembly. Cowell.

CONCLUDE. To finish; determine; to es- top; to prevent.

CONCLUDED. Ended; determined; estopped; prevented from.

CONCLUSION. The end; the termination; the act of finishing or bringing to a close. The conclusion of a declaration or complaint is all that part which follows the statement of the plaintiff's cause of action. The conclusion of a plea is its final clause, in which the defendant either "puts himself upon the country" (where a material averment of the declaration is traversed and issue tendered) or offers a verification, which is proper where
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new matter is introduced. State v. Waters, 1 Mo. App. 7.

In Trial Practice

It signifies making the final or concluding address to the jury or the court. This is, in general, the privilege of the party who has to sustain the burden of proof.

Conclusion also denotes a bar or estoppel; the consequence, as respects the individual, of a judgment upon the subject-matter, or of his confession of a matter or thing which the law thenceforth forbids him to deny.

CONCLUSION AGAINST THE FORM OF THE STATUTE. The proper form for the conclusion of an indictment for an offense created by statute is the technical phrase "against the form of the statute in such case made and provided;" or, in Latin, contra formam statutam.

CONCLUSION OF FACT. An inference drawn from the subordinate or evidentiary facts. Maeder Steel Products Co. v. Zanello, 109 Or. 562, 220 P. 155, 158; Great Northern Ry. Co. v. City of Minneapolis, 142 Minn. 508, 172 N. W. 155, 156; In re Liquors Seized at Auto Inn, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, N. Y., 204 App. Div. 155, 107 N. Y. S. 753, 760.

CONCLUSION OF LAW. Within the rule that pleadings should contain only facts, and not conclusions of law, this means a proposition not arrived at by any process of natural reasoning from a fact or combination of facts stated, but by the application of the artificial rules of law to the facts pleaded. Levins v. Rovegno, 71 Cal. 273, 12 P. 161; Iron Co. v. Vandervort, 164 Pa. 572, 30 A. 491; Clark v. Railway Co., 25 Minn. 69, 9 N. W. 75.

CONCLUSION TO THE COUNTRY. In pleading. The tender of an issue to be tried by jury. Steph. 220; 10 Mod. 166; 2 Saund. 159; Gazley v. Price, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 267; Co. Litt. 126 a; 1 Saund. 103; 1 Chit. Pl. 592; Com. Dig. Plead. E, 82.

CONCLUSIVE. Shutting up a matter; shutting out all further evidence; not admitting of explanation or contradiction; putting an end to inquiry; final; decisive. Hoadley v. Hammond, 63 Iowa, 599, 19 N. W. 794; Joslyn v. Rockwell, 59 Hun, 129, 13 N. Y. S. 311; Appeal of Bixler, 59 Cal. 550. Beyond question or beyond dispute; manifest; plain; clear; obvious; visible; apparent; indubitable; palpable; and "notorious." Covington County v. Pfe, 120 Miss. 421, 82 So. 308, 309.

As to conclusive "Evidence," "Presumption," and "Proof," see those titles.

CONCORD. In the old process of levying a fine of lands, the concord was an agreement between the parties (real or fegned) in which the deforclant (or he who keeps the other out of possession) acknowledges that the lands in question are the right of complainant; and, from the acknowledgment or admission of right thus made, the party who levies the fine is called the "cognizor," and the person to whom it is levied the "cognizee." 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

The term also denotes an agreement between two persons, one of whom has a right of action against the other, settling what amends shall be made for the breach or wrong; a compromise or an accord.

In Old Practice

An agreement between two or more, upon a trespass committed, by way of amends or satisfaction for it. Plowd. 5, 6, 8.

Concordare leges legis est optimus interpretandi modus. To make laws agree with laws is the best mode of interpreting them. Halk. Max. 70.

CONCORDAT.

In Public Law

A compact or convention between two or more independent governments.

An agreement made by a temporal sovereign with the pope, relative to ecclesiastical matters.

In French Law

A compromise effected by a bankrupt with his creditors, by virtue of which he engages to pay within a certain time a certain proportion of his debts, and by which the creditors agree to discharge the whole of their claims in consideration of the same. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 553.

CONCORDIA. Lat. In old English law. An agreement, or concord. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 3, § 5. The agreement or unanimity of a jury. Compellere ad concordiam. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 9, § 2.

CONCORDIA DISCORDANTIUM CANONUM. The harmony of the discordant canons. A collection of ecclesiastical constitutions made by Gratian, an Italian monk, A. D. 1151; more commonly known by the name of "Decretum Gratiani."

Concordia parvae res essent et opulentia lites. 4 Inst. 74. Small means increase by concord and litigations by opulence.

CONCUBARIA. A fold, pen, or place where cattle lie. Cowell.

CONCUBEANT. Lying together, as cattle.

CONCUBINAGE. A species of loose or informal marriage which took place among the ancients, and is yet in use in some countries. See Concubinatus.

The act or practice of cohabiting, in sexual commerce, without the authority of law or a legal marriage. State v. Adams, 179 Mo. 334, 70 S. W. 588; State v. Overstreet, 48 Kan. 295, 28 P. 572; Henderson v. Peo.
ple, 124 Ill. 607, 17 N. E. 68, 7 Am. St. Rep. 391; Gauff v. Johnson, 161 La. 975, 109 So. 782, 788; Hovis v. State, 162 Ark. 31, 257 S. W. 363, 364. Living together and having sexual relations as husband and wife; State v. Tucker, 72 Kan. 481, 84 P. 126. The words *concubinae* and *prostitution* have no common law meaning, but in their popular sense cover all cases of lewd intercourse; People v. Cummings, 56 Mich. 544, 23 N. W. 215.

An exception against a woman suing for dower, on the ground that she was the concubine, and not the wife, of the man of whose land she seeks to be endowed. Britt. c. 107.

**CONCUBINATUS.** In Roman law. An informal, unsanctioned, or "natural" marriage, as contradistinguished from the *juste nuptiae*, or *justum matrimonium*, the civil marriage.

**CONCUBINE.** (1) A woman who cohabits with a man to whom she is not married. (2) A sort of inferior wife, among the Romans, upon whom the husband did not confer his rank or quality.

**CONCUR.** To agree; accord; consent. In the practice of appellate courts, a "concurring opinion" is one filed by one of the judges or justices, in which he agrees with the conclusions or the result of another opinion filed in the case (which may be either the opinion of the court or a dissenting opinion) though he states separately his views of the case or his reasons for so concurring. Blakemore v. Brown, 142 Ark. 293, 219 S. W. 311.

In Louisiana law. To join in with other claimants in presenting a demand against an insolvent estate.

**CONCURRATOR.** In the civil law. A joint or co-curator, or guardian.

**CONCURRENCE.** In French law. The possession, by two or more persons, of equal rights or privileges over the same subject-matter.

**CONCURRENCE DE LOYALE.** A term of the French law nearly equivalent to "unfair trade competition;" and used in relation to the infringement of rights secured by trademarks, etc. It signifies a dishonest, pernicious, or treacherous rivalry in trade, or any manoeuvre calculated to prejudice the good will of a business or the value of the name of a property or its credit or renown with the public, to the injury of a business competitor. Simmons Medicine Co. v. Mansfield Drug Co., 93 Tenn. 84, 23 S. W. 165.

**CONCURRENT.** Running together; having the same authority; acting in conjunction; agreeing in the same act or opinion; pursuit of same course; contributing to the same event; contemporaneous. State v. Johnson, 170 N. C. 685, 68 S. E. 758, 790; Donnelly v. Ft. Dodge Portland Cement Corporation, 168 Iowa, 393, 148 N. W. 982, 984; Brinkman v. Morgan (C. A.) 253 F. 553, 554.


**CONCURS.** In the law of Louisiana, the name of a suit or remedy to enable creditors to enforce their claims against an insolvent or failing debtor. Schroeder v. Nicholas, 2 La. 355. Litigation or opportunity of litigation between various creditors, each claiming adversely to one another to share in a fund or an estate, object being to assemble in one account all claimants on the fund. Seal v. Gano, 160 La. 686, 107 So. 473, 474.


A proceeding in Louisiana similar to interpleader. See Louisiana Molasses Co. v. Le Sassier, 52 La. Ann. 2070, 28 So. 217.

**CONCUSS.** In Scotch law. To coerce.

**CONCUSSIO.** In the civil law. The offense of extortion by threats of violence. Dig. 47, 13.

**CONCURRENCE.**

In the Civil Law

The unlawful forcing of another by threats of violence to give something of value. It differs from robbery, in this: That in robbery the thing is taken by force, while in concussion it is obtained by threatened violence. Helnec. Elem. § 1071.

In Medical Jurisprudence

Concussion of the brain is a jarring of the brain substance, by a fall, blow, or other external injury, without laceration of its tissue, or with only microscopic laceration. Maynard v. Railroad Co., 43 Or. 63, 72 P. 590.

**CONDEDIT.** In ecclesiastical law. The name of a plea entered by a party to a libel filed in the ecclesiastical court, in which it is pleaded that the deceased made the will which is the subject of the suit, and that he was of sound mind. 2 Eng. Ecc. R. 438; 6 Eng. Ecc. R. 431.

**CONDEMN.** To find or adjudge guilty. 3 Leon. 68. To adjudge or sentence. 3 Bl. Comm. 291. To adjudge (as an admiralty court) that a vessel is a prize, or that she is unfit for service. 1 Kent, Comm. 102; 5 Esp. 65. To set apart or expropriate property for public use, in the exercise of the
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In Admiralty Law

The judgment or sentence of a court having jurisdiction and acting in rem, by which (1) it is declared that a vessel which has been captured at sea as a prize was lawfully so seized and is liable to be treated as prize; or (2) that property which has been seized for an alleged violation of the revenue laws, neutrality laws, navigation laws, etc., was lawfully so seized, and is, for such cause, forfeited to the government; or (3) that the vessel which is the subject of Inquiry is unfit and unsafe for navigation. Gallagher v. Murray, 9 Fed. Cas. 1087.

In the Civil Law

A sentence or judgment which condemns some one to do, to give, or to pay something, or which declares that his claim or pretensions are unfounded. Lockwood v. Saffold, 1 Ga. 72.

In Real Property Law


A "condemnation proceeding" is a special proceeding at law to determine in a single action the damages done by the taking, but it is not a civil action, or a civil process within the meaning of the statutes relating to civil process. In re New Haven Water Co., 96 Conn. 361, 52 A. 636, 638.

CONDEMNATION MONEY. In practice. The damages which the party falling in an action is adjudged or *condemned* to pay; sometimes simply called the "condemnation."

As used in an appeal bond, this phrase means the damages which should be awarded against the appellant by the judgment of the court. It does not embrace damages not included in the judgment. Doe v. Daniels, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 8; Hayes v. Weaver, 61 Ohio St. 55, 55 N. E. 172; Maloney v. Johnson-McLean Co., 72 Neb. 340, 100 N. W. 424; Ownbey v. Morgan, 105 A. 838, 843, 7 Boyce (Del.) 297; Thomas v. Gethman, 91 Okl. 42, 215 P. 731, 732.

CONDESCENDENCE. In the Scotch law. A part of the proceedings in a cause, setting forth the facts of the case on the part of the pursuer or plaintiff.

CONDITION. In Roman law. A general term for actions of a personal nature, founded upon an obligation to give or do a certain and defined thing or service. It is distinguished from *vindicatio rei*, which is an action to vindicate one’s right of property in a thing by regaining (or retaining) possession of it against the adverse claim of the other party.

CONDITION CERTI. An action which lies upon a promise to do a thing, where such promise or stipulation is certain, (si certa sit stipulatio.) Inst. 3, 19, pr.; Id. 3, 15, pr.; Dig. 12, 1; Bract. fol. 1035.

CONDITION EX LEGE. An action arising where the law gave a remedy, but provided no appropriate form of action. Calvin.

CONDITION INDEBITATI. An action which lay to recover anything which the plaintiff had given or paid to the defendant, by mistake, and which he was not bound to give or pay, either in fact or in law.

CONDITION REI FURTIVAE. An action which lay to recover a thing stolen, against the thief himself, or his heir. Inst. 4, 1, 19.

CONDITION SINE CAUSA. An action which lay in favor of a person who had given or promised a thing without consideration, (causa.) Dig. 12, 7; Cod. 4, 9.

CONDITION. Lat. A condition.

Conditio beneficialis, qua statum constriuit, benignae secundum verborum intentionem est interpretanda; odiosa autem, qua statum destruct, stricte secundum verborum proprietatem accipienda. 8 Coke, 90. A beneficial condition, which creates an estate, ought to be construed favorably, according to the intention of the words; but a condition which destroys an estate is odious, and ought to be construed strictly according to the letter of the words.

Conditio dealtur, cum quid in casum incertum qui potest tendere ad esse aut non esse, confertur. Co. Litt. 201. It is called a "condition," when something is given on an uncertain event, which may or may not come into existence.

Conditio illicita habetur pro non adjecta. An unlawful condition is deemed as not annexed.

Conditio precedentis adimpleri debet prius quam sequatur effectus. Co. Litt. 201. A condition precedent must be fulfilled before the effect can follow.
CONDITION

In the Civil Law

The rank, situation, or degree of a particular person in some one of the different orders of society.

An agreement or stipulation in regard to some uncertain future event, not of the essential nature of the transaction, but annexed to it by the parties, providing for a change or modification of their legal relations upon its occurrence. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 184.

Classification. In the civil law, conditions are of the following several kinds:

The casuist condition is that which depends on chance, and is in no way in the power either of the creditor or of the debtor. Civ. Code La. art. 2023.

A mixed condition is one that depends at the same time on the will of one of the parties and on the will of a third person, or on the will of one of the parties and also on a casual event. Civ. Code La. art. 2025.

The potestative condition is that which makes the execution of the agreement depend on an event which it is in the power of the one or the other of the contracting parties to bring about or to hinder. Civ. Code La. art. 2024.

A resoluto or dissolving condition is that which, when accomplished, operates the revocation of the obligation, placing matters in the same state as though the obligation had not existed. It does not suspend the execution of the obligation. It only obliges the creditor to restore what he has received in case the event provided for in the condition takes place. Civ. Code La. art. 2043; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 991.

A suspensive condition is that which depends, either on a future and uncertain event, or on an event which has actually taken place, without its being yet known to the parties. In the former case, the obligation cannot be executed till after the event; in the latter, the obligation has its effect from the day on which it was contracted, but it cannot be enforced until the event is known. Civ. Code La. art. 2042; New Orleans v. Railroad Co., 171 U. S. 312, 18 S. Ct. 875, 43 L. Ed. 178; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 991. A condition which prevents a contract from going into operation until it has been fulfilled.

In French Law

In French law, the following peculiar distinctions are made: (1) A condition is casuist when it depends on a chance or hazard; (2) a condition is potestative when it depends on the accomplishment of something which is in the power of the party to accomplish; (3) a condition is mixte when it depends partly on the will of the party and partly on the will of others; (4) a condition is suspensive when it is a future and uncertain event, or present but unknown event, upon which an obligation takes or fails to take effect; (5) a condition is resoluto when it is the event which undoes an obligation which has already had effect as such. Brown.

In Common Law

The rank, situation, or degree of a particular person in some one of the different orders of society; or his status or situation, considered as a juridical person, arising from positive law or the institutions of society. Thill v. Pohlman, 76 Iowa, 635, 41 N. W. 388.

A clause in a contract or agreement which has for its object to suspend, rescind, or modify the principal obligation, or, in case of a will, to suspend, revoke, or modify the devise or bequest. Towle v. Remeaen, 70 N. Y. 308.

A modus or quality annexed by him that hath an estate, or interest or right to the same, whereby an estate, etc., may either be defeated, enlarged, or created upon an uncertain event. Co. Litt. 201a.

A qualification or restriction annexed to a conveyance of lands, whereby it is provided that in case a particular event does or does not happen, or in case the grantor or grantee does or omits to do a particular act, an estate shall commence, be enlarged, or be defeated. Heath v. Randolph County, 20 Ind. 398; Cooper v. Green, 28 Ark. 54; State v. Board of Public Works of Ohio St., 61 N. Seldon v. Pringle, 17 Barb. (N. Y.) 465; Anderson v. Palladine, 20 Cal. App. 256, 178 P. 553, 554.


—Classification. The different kinds of conditions known to the common law may be arranged and described as follows:

They are either express or implied, the former when incorporated in express terms in the deed, contract, lease, or grant; the latter, when inferred or presumed by law, from the nature of the transaction or the conduct of the parties, to have been tacitly understood between them as a part of the agreement, though not expressly mentioned.

2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 782; Bract. fol. 47; Civ. Code La. art. 2076; Raley v. Umatilla County, 15 Or. 172, 13 P. 800, 3 Am. St. Rep. 142. Express and implied conditions are also called by the older writers, respectively, conditions in deed (or in fact, the Law French term being conditions en fait) and conditions in law. Co. Litt. 2016.

They are possible or impossible; the former when they admit of performance in the ordinary course of events; the latter when it is contrary to the course of nature or human limitations that they should ever be performed.

They are lawful or unlawful; the former when their character is not in violation of any rule, principle, or policy of law; the latter when they are such as the law will not allow to be made.

They are consistent or repugnant; the former when they are in harmony and accord with the other parts of the transaction; the latter when they contradict, annul, or neutralize the main purpose of the contract. Repugnant conditions are also called "insensible."

They are affirmative or negative; the former being a condition which consists in doing a thing; as provided that the lessee shall pay rent, etc., and the latter being a condition which consists in not doing a thing; as provided that the lessee shall not alien, etc. Shep. Touch. 118.

They are precedent or subsequent. A condition precedent is one which must happen or be performed before the estate to which it is annexed can vest or be enlarged; or it is one which is to be performed before some right dependent thereon accrues, or some act dependent thereon is performed. Towle v. Rens- men, 70 N. Y. 309; Jones v. U. S., 96 U. S. 28, 24 L. Ed. 644; Redman v. Insurance Co., 49 Wis. 431, 4 N. W. 591; Beatty's Estate v. Western College, 177 Ill. 250, 52 N. E. 492, 42 L. R. A. 787, 59 Am. St. Rep. 242; Warner v. Bennett, 31 Conn. 475; Bleam v. Messenger, 33 N. J. Law. 503.


Conditions may also be positive (requiring that a specified event shall happen or an act be done) and restrictive or negative, the latter being such as impose an obligation not to do a particular thing, as, that a lessee shall not alien or sub-let or commit waste, or the like. Shep. Touch. 118.

They may be single, copulative, or disjunctive. Those of the first kind require the performance of one specified thing only; those of the second kind require the performance of divers acts or things; those of the third kind require the performance of one of several things. Shep. Touch. 118.

Conditions may also be independent, dependent, or mutual. They belong to the first
class when each of the two conditions must be performed without any reference to the other; to the second class when the performance of one condition is not obligatory until the actual performance of the other; and to the third class when neither party need perform his condition unless the other is ready and willing to perform his, or, in other words, when the mutual covenants go to the whole consideration on both sides and each is precedent to the other. Huggins v. Daley, 99 F. 609, 49 C. C. A. 12, 48 L. R. A. 320.

The following varieties may also be noted: A condition *collateral* is one requiring the performance of a collateral act having no necessary relation to the main subject of the agreement. A *compulsory* condition is one which expressly requires a thing to be done, as, that a lessee shall pay a specified sum of money on a certain day or his lease shall be void. Shep. Touch. 118. *Concurrent* conditions are those which are mutually dependent and are to be performed at the same time. Civ. Code Cal. § 1437; Kennedy v. Dennstadt, 31 N. D. 422, 154 N. W. 271, 275; Milwaukee Land Co. v. Ruesink, 50 Mont. 489, 148 P. 396, 401. A condition *inherent* is one annexed to the rent reserved out of the land whereof the estate is made, or rather, to the estate in the land, in respect of rent. Shep. Touch. 118.

**Synonyms Distinguished**

A "condition" is to be distinguished from a *limitation*, in that the latter may be to or for the benefit of a stranger, who may then take advantage of its determination, while only the grantor, or those who stand in his place, can take advantage of a condition, (Hoselton v. Hoselton, 166 Mo. 182, 65 S. W. 1005; Stearns v. Gofrey, 16 Me. 158;) and in that a limitation ends the estate without entry or claim, which is not true of a condition. It also differs from a *conditional limitation*. In determining whether, in the case of estates greater than estates for years, the language constitutes a "condition" or a "conditional limitation," the rule applied is that, where an estate is so expressly limited by the words of its creation that it cannot endure for any longer time than until the condition happens on which the estate is to fail, this is limitation, but when the estate is expressly granted on condition in deed, the law permits it to endure beyond the time of the contingency happening, unless the grantor takes advantage of the breach of condition, by making entry. Lounis v. Silver, 195 N. Y. S. 214, 215, 201 App. Div. 883; Hess v. Kernen Bros., 169 Iowa, 646, 149 N. W. 847, 851; Norman S. Riesenberg, Inc., v. R. W. Realty Co., 217 N. Y. S. 306, 311, 127 Misc. 630; Eastham v. Eastham, 191 Ky. 617, 281 S. W. 221, 222; Yarbrough v. Yarbrough, 151 Tenn. 221, 249 S. W. 36, 38; Church v. Grant, 3 Gray (Mass.) 147, 63 Am. Dec. 725. It differs also from a *covenant*, which can be made by either grantor or grantee, while only the grantor can make a condition (Co. Litt. 70); De Grasse v. Verona Mining Co., 185 Mich. 514, 152 N. W. 242, 248; Murphy v. Schuster Springs Lumber Co., 215 Ala. 412, 111 So. 427, 430; Perkins v. Kirby, 35 R. I. 84, 85 A. 648, 651. The chief distinction between a condition subsequent in a deed and a covenant pertains to the remedy in event of breach, which, in the former case, subjects the estate to a forfeiture, and in the latter is merely a ground for recovery of damages. Rooks Creek Evangelical Lutheran Church v. First Lutheran Church of Pontiac, 290 Ill. 133, 124 N. E. 793, 796, 7 A. L. R. 1422. A *charge* is a devise of land with a bequest out of the subject-matter, and a charge upon the devisee personally, in respect of the estate devised, gives him an estate on condition. A condition also differs from a *remainder*; for, while the former may operate to defeat the estate before its natural termination, the latter cannot take effect until the completion of the preceding estate.

**CONDITIONAL**. That which is dependent upon or granted subject to a condition.

**CONDITIONAL CREDITOR.** In the civil law. A creditor having a future right of action, or having a right of action in expectancy. Dlg. 50, 16, 54.

**CONDITIONAL STIPULATION.** In the civil law. A stipulation to do a thing upon condition, as the happening of any event.


**Conditions quaestiti odienses; maxime aeternum contra matrimonium et commercium.** Any conditions are odious, but especially those which are against [in restraint of] marriage and commerce. Loft, Appendix, 644.

**CONDITIONS OF SALE.** The terms upon which sales are made at auction; usually written or printed and exposed in the auction room at the time of sale.

**CONDONORIA.** In the civil law. Co-ownerships or limited ownerships, such as *emphysema*, *superficies*, *pignus*, *hypotheea*, *usufructus*, *usuas*, and *habitatio*. These were more than mere *jura in re aliena*, being portion of the *dominium* itself, although they are commonly distinguished from the *dominium* strictly so called. Brown.

**CONDONACION.** In Spanish law. The remission of a debt, either expressly or tacitly.

**CONDONATION.** The conditional remission or forgiveness, by means of continuance or resumption of matrual cohabitation, by one of the married parties, of a known matrimonial offense committed by the other, that would
CONDUCT. In the civil law. A hire.

CONDUCT OPERARUM. In the civil law. A person who engages to perform a piece of work for another, at a stated price.

CONDUCTUS. A thing hired.

CONE. In geography. Area built up by a stream, near the mouth of a canyon of boulders, small stones, gravel, sand and other detritus. Hanck v. San Fernando Mission Land Co., 177 Cal. 140, 169 P. 1021, 1022.

CONE AND KEY. In old English law. A woman at fourteen or fifteen years of age may take charge of her house and receive one and key; that is, keep the accounts and keys. Cowell. Said by Lord Coke to be cover and keye, meaning that at that age a woman knew what in her house should be kept under lock and key. 2 Inst. 203.

CONFARREATIO. In Roman law. A sacrificial rite resorted to by marrying persons of high patrician or priestly degree, for the purpose of clothing the husband with the manus over his wife; the civil modes of effecting the same thing being coemptio, (formal) and usus materialis, (informal). Brown.

CONFECTIO. The making and completion of a written instrument. 5 Coke, 1.

CONFEDERACY.

In Criminal Law

The association or banding together of two or more persons for the purpose of committing an act or furthering an enterprise which is forbidden by law, or which, though lawful in itself, becomes unlawful when made the object of the confederacy. State v. Crowley, 41 Wis. 254, 22 Am. Rep. 719; Watson v. Navigation Co., 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 353. Conspiracy is a more technical term for this offense.

The act of two or more who combine together to do any damage or injury to another, or to do any unlawful act. Jacob. See Watson v. Navigation Co., 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 353; State v. Crowley, 41 Wis. 254, 22 Am. Rep. 719.

In Equity Pleading

An improper combination alleged to have been entered into between the defendants to a bill in equity.

In International Law

A league or agreement between two or more independent states whereby they unite for their mutual welfare and the furtherance of their common aims. The term may apply to a union so formed for a temporary or limited purpose, as in the case of an offensive and defensive alliance; but it is more commonly used to denote that species of political connection between two or more independent states by which a central government is cre-
ated, invested with certain powers of sovereignty, (mostly external,) and acting upon the several component states as its units, which, however, retain their sovereign powers for domestic purposes and some others. See Federal Government.

CONFEDERATION. A league or compact for mutual support, particularly of princes, nations, or states. Such was the colonial government during the Revolution.

Articles of Confederation

The name of the instrument embodying the compact made between the thirteen original states of the Union, before the adoption of the present constitution.

CONFERENCE. A meeting of several persons for deliberation, for the interchange of opinion, or for the removal of differences or disputes. Thus, a meeting between a counsel and solicitor to advise on the cause of their client.

In the practice of legislative bodies, when the two houses cannot agree upon a pending measure, each appoints a committee of "conference," and the committees meet and consult together for the purpose of removing differences, harmonizing conflicting views, and arranging a compromise which will be accepted by both houses.

In International Law

A personal meeting between the diplomatic agents of two or more powers, for the purpose of making statements and explanations that will obviate the delay and difficulty attending the more formal conduct of negotiations.

In French Law

A concordance or identity between two laws or two systems of laws.

CONFESS. To admit the truth of a charge or accusation. Usually spoken of charges of tortious or criminal conduct.

CONFESSIO. Lat. A confession. Confessio in judicio, a confession made in or before a court.


Also the act of a prisoner, when arraigned for a crime or misdemeanor, in acknowledging and avowing that he is guilty of the offense charged.

Classification

Confessions are divided into judicial and extrajudicial. The former are such as are made before a magistrate or court in the due course of legal proceedings, while the latter are such as are made by a party elsewhere than in court or before a magistrate. Speer v. State, 4 Tex. App. 479; State v. Snider, 81 W. Va. 522, 94 S. E. 951, 953; State v. Stevenson, 98 Or. 285, 189 P. 1030, 1082; State v. Bowman, 294 Mo. 245, 243 S. W. 110, 116. An implied confession is where the defendant, in a case not capital, does not plead guilty but indirectly admits his guilt by placing himself at the mercy of the court and asking for a light sentence. 2 Hawk. P. C. p. 469; State v. Conway, 29 R. I. 270, 38 A. 656. An indirect confession is one inferred from the conduct of the defendant. State v. Miller, 9 How. (Del.) 564, 32 A. 137; People v. Tielke, 259 Ill. 88, 102 N. E. 229, 231. A naked confession is an admission of the guilt of the party, but which is not supported by any evidence of the commission of the crime. A relative confession, in the older criminal law of England, "is where the accused confesseth and appealeth others thereof, to become an approver." (2 Hale, P. C. c. 29,) or in other words to "turn king's evidence." This is now obsolete, but something like it is practiced in modern law, where one of the persons accused or supposed to be involved in a crime is put on the witness stand under an implied promise of pardon. Com. v. Knapp, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 477, 20 Am. Dec. 534; State v. Willis, 71 Conn. 293, 41 A. 820. A simple confession is merely a plea of guilt. State v. Willis, 71 Conn. 293, 41 A. 820; Bram v. U. S., 168 U. S. 552, 18 S. Ct. 158, 42 L. Ed. 308. A voluntary confession is one made spontaneously by a person accused of crime, free from the influence of any extraneous disturbing cause, and in particular, not influenced, or extorted by violence, threats, or promises. State v. Clifford, 86 Iowa, 550, 53 N. W. 299, 41 Am. St. Rep. 518; State v. Alexander, 100 La. 507, 33 So. 600; Com. v. Seigo, 125 Mass. 213; Bullock v. State, 65 N. J. Law, 557, 47 A. 62, 86 Am. St. Rep. 638; Colburn v. Groton, 66 N. H. 151, 28 A. 95, 22 L. R. A. 763; Fisher v. State, 145 Miss. 116, 110 So. 361, 363; State v. Guile, 50 Mont. 485, 186 P. 329, 330.

It need not be spontaneous nor proceed wholly at maker's suggestion, but may be set in motion by external causes, so long as such influences are not what the law deems improper. People v. Vincel, 295 Ill. 418, 129 N. E. 193, 195; Dewein v. State, 114 Ark. 472, 170 S. W. 582, 586; State v. Priest, 117 Me. 223, 103 A. 350, 362.

—Confession and avoidance. A plea in confession and avoidance is one which expressly and confesses the truth of the averments of fact in the declaration, either expressly or by implication, but then proceeds to allege new matter which tends to deprive the facts admitted of their ordinary legal effect, or to obviate, neutralize, or avoid them. Bavarian Brewing Co. v. Retkowski, 113 A. 903, 907, 1 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 225; Swift & Henry Live Stock Commission Co. v. Mounts (Tex. Civ. App.) 285 S. W. 932, 935.

—Confession of defense. In English practice, where defendant alleges a ground of defense arising since the commencement of the action, the plaintiff may deliver confession of such defense and sign judgment for his costs up to the time of such pleading, unless it be otherwise ordered. Jud. Act 1875, Ord. XX, r. 3.

—Confession of judgment. The act of a debtor in permitting judgment to be entered against him by his creditor, for a stipulated sum, by a written statement to that effect or by warrant of attorney, without the institution of legal proceedings of any kind.

—Confessing error. A plea to an assignment of error, admitting the same.

CONFESSO, BILL TAKEN PRO. In equity practice. An order which the court of chancery makes when the defendant does not file an answer, that the plaintiff may take such a decree as the case made by his bill warrants.

CONFESSOR. An ecclesiastic who receives auricular confessions of sins from persons under his spiritual charge, and pronounces absolution upon them. The secrets of the confessional are not privileged communications at common law, but this has been changed by statute in some states. See 1 Greenl. Ev. §§ 247, 248.


Confessus in judicio pro judicato habetur, et quodammodo sua sententia damnatur. 11 Coke, 30. A person confessing his guilt when arraigned is deemed to have been found guilty, and is, as it were, condemned by his own sentence.

CONFIDENCE. Trust; reliance; ground of trust. In the construction of wills, this word is considered peculiarly appropriate to create a trust. "It is as applicable to the subject of a trust, as nearly a synonym, as the English language is capable of. Trust is a confidence which one man reposes in another, and confidence is a trust." Appeal of Coutes, 2 Pa. 133.

CONFIDENCE GAME. Obtaining of money or property by means of some trick, device, or swindling operation in which advantage is taken of the confidence which the victim reposes in the swindler. People v. Mitchler, 306 Ill. 207, 140 N. E. 820, 822, 35 A. L. R. 393; State v. Moran, 56 Mont. 94, 152 P. 110, 113; People v. Miller, 278 Ill. 490, 116 N. E. 131, 136, L. R. A. 1917E, 797; State v. Hathaway, 185 Wis. 513, 170 N. W. 651, 653; People v. Benton, 324 Ill. 301, 155 N. E. 308, 300, 56 A. L. R. 728; State v. Echeverria, 163 La. 13, 111 So. 474, 475; Roll v. People, 78 Colo. 589, 243 P. 641, 643.

CONFIDENTIAL. Intrusted with the confidence of another or with his secret affairs or purposes; intended to be held in confidence or kept secret.

CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS. See Communication.

CONFIDENTIAL CREDITOR. This term has been applied to the creditors of a failing debtor who furnished him with the means of obtaining credit to which he was not entitled, involving in loss the unsuspecting and fair-dealing creditors. Gay v. Strickland, 112 Ala. 597, 20 So. 921.

CONFIDENTIAL RELATION. A fiduciary relation. These phrases are used as convertible terms. It is a peculiar relation which exists between client and attorney, principal and agent, principal and surety, landlord and tenant, parent and child, guardian and ward, ancestor and heir, husband and wife, trustee and cestui que trust, executors or administrators and creditors, legateses, or distributees, appointor and appointee under powers, and partners and part owners. In these and like cases, the law, in order to prevent undue advantage from the unlimited confidence or sense of duty which the relation naturally creates, requires the utmost degree
of good faith in all transactions between the parties. Robins v. Hope, 57 Cal. 493; People v. Palmer, 152 N. Y. 217, 46 N. E. 328; Brown v. Deposit Co., 87 Md. 377, 40 A. 256; In re Brand, 173 N. Y. S. 169, 173, 185 App. Div. 134; Raney v. Raney, 216 Ala. 29, 112 So. 313, 316; Scott v. Brown, 90 Ind. App. 397, 157 N. E. 64, 68; Bordner v. Kelso, 236 Ill. 175, 127 N. E. 337, 338; Leedom v. Palmer, 274 Pa. 22, 117 A. 410, 411; Derryn v. Low, 94 Okl. 41, 220 P. 945, 947; In re Cover's Estate, 188 Cal. 333, 204 P. 583, 388. The term "confidential relations," within the exception to the rule that misrepresentations of law will not work an estoppel, is not confined to the strict fiduciary relationship existing between those having definite, well-recognized legal relations of trust and confidence, but extends to every possible case in which a fiduciary relation exists as a fact, though it may be a moral, social, domestic, or merely personal relation, and need not be a legal one. Robbins v. Law, 48 Cal. App. 555, 192 P. 118, 120; Roberts v. Parsons, 195 Ky. 274, 242 S. W. 594, 596; Wood v. Whlte, 121 Me. 139, 122 A. 177, 179; Hitchcock v. Tackett, 205 Ky. 803, 272 S. W. 52, 54.

CONFIRMATION. Confinement may be by either a moral or a physical restraint, by threats of violence with a present force, or by physical restraint of the person. U. S. v. Thompson, 1 Summ. 171, Fed. Cas. No. 16,492; Ex parte Snodgrass, 43 Tex. Cr. R. 359, 85 S. W. 1061.

Restrain by sickness in childbirth; lying-in for delivery of child, or possibly because of advanced pregnancy. Rose v. Commonwealth Beneficial Ass'n, 86 A. 673, 674; A Boyce (Del.) 144; Searle v. Carroll (N. J. Sup.) 91 A. 600.

Solitary Confinement

See Solitary Confinement.

CONFIRM. To complete or establish that which was imperfect or uncertain; to ratify what has been done without authority or insufficiently. Boggs v. Mining Co., 14 Cal. 305; Railway Co. v. Ransom, 15 Tex. Civ. App. 680, 41 S. W. 523.

Confirmare est id firmum facere quod prius infirnum fuit. Co. Litt. 295. To confirm is to make firm that which was before infirm.

Confirmare nemo potest prius quam jus ei accidit. No one can confirm before the right accrues to him. 10 Coke, 48.

Confirmat usum qui tollit absum. He confirms the use [of a thing] who removes the abuse [of it]. Moore, 764.

CONFIRMATIO. The conveyance of an estate, or the communication of a right that one hath in or unto lands or tenements, to another that has the possession thereof, or some other estate therein, whereby a voidable estate is made sure and unavowable, or whereby a particular estate is increased or enlarged. Shep. Touch. 311; 2 Bl. Comm. 325.

—Confirmatio crescens. An enlarging confirmation; one which enlarges a rightful estate. Shep. Touch. 311.

—Confirmatio diminuens. A diminishing confirmation. A confirmation which tends and serves to diminish and abridge the services whereby a tenant doth hold, operating as a release of part of the services. Shep. Touch. 311.

—Confirmatio perficiens. A confirmation which makes valid a wrongful and defeasible title, or makes a conditional estate absolute. Shep. Touch. 311.

CONFIRMATIO CHARTARUM. Lat. Confirmation of the charters. A statute passed in the 25 Edw. I., whereby the Great Charter is declared to be allowed as the common law; all judgments contrary to it are declared void; copies of it are ordered to be sent to all cathedral churches and read twice a year to the people; and sentence of excommunica tion is directed to be constantly denounced against all those that, by word or deed or counsel, act contrary thereto or in any degree infringe it. 1 Bl. Comm. 123.

Confirmatio est nulla ubi donum praecedens est invalidum. Moore, 764; Co. Litt. 295. Confirmation is void where the preceding gift is invalid.

Confirmatio omnes supplet defectus, liceit id quod actu est ab initio non valuit. Co. Litt. 295b. Confirmation supplies all defects, though that which had been done was not valid at the beginning.


A conveyance of an estate or right in esse, whereby a voidable estate is made sure and unavowable, or whereby a particular estate is increased. Co. Litt. 295b. Jackson v. Root, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 60; People v. Law, 84 Barb. (N. Y.) 511; De Marea v. Gilpin, 15 Colo. 76, 24 P. 565; Hammond v. Oregon & C. R. Co., 98 Or. 1, 193 P. 457, 460; Byers v. Wa-wa-ne, 86 Or. 167, 169 P. 121, 122; Sanchez v. Deering (O. C. A.) 298 F. 268, 287;

In English Ecclesiastical Law

The ratification by the archbishop of the election of a bishop by dean and chapter under the king’s letter missive prior to the investment and consecration of the bishop by the archbishop. 25 Hen. VIII. c. 20.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE. The confirmation of a judicial sale by the court which ordered it is a signification in some way (usually by the entry of an order) of the court’s approval of the terms, price, and conditions of the sale. Johnson v. Cooper, 56 Miss. 618; Hyman v. Smith, 13 W. Va. 765.

CONFIRMAVI. Lat. I have confirmed. The emphatic word in the ancient deeds of confirmation. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 5.

CONFIRMEE. The grantee in a deed of confirmation.

CONFIRMOR. The grantor in a deed of confirmation.

CONFISCABLE. Capable of being confiscated or suitable for confiscation; liable to forfeiture. Camp v. Lockwood, 1 Dall. (Pa.) 393, 1 L. Ed. 194.

CONFISCARE. In civil and old English law. To confiscate; to claim for or bring into the fisc, or treasury. Bract. fol. 150.

CONFISCATE. To appropriate property to the use of the state. To adjudge property to be forfeited to the public treasury; to seize and condemn private forfeited property to public use. Ware v. Hylton, 3 Dall. 234, 1 L. Ed. 568; State v. Sargent, 12 Mo. App. 234; City of Portsmouth v. Public Utilities Commission, 308 Ohio St. 272, 140 N. E. 694, 606.

Formerly, it appears, this term was used synonymous with “forfeit,” but at present the distinction between the two terms is well marked. Confiscation supervenes upon forfeiture. The person, by his act, forfeits his property; the state thereupon appropriates it, that is, confiscates it. Hence, to confisicate property implies that it has first been forfeited; but to forfeit property does not necessarily imply that it will be confiscated.

“Confiscation” is also to be distinguished from “condemnation” as prize. The former is the act of the sovereign against a rebellious subject; the latter is the act of a belligerent against another belligerent. Confiscation may be effected by such means, summary or arbitrary, as the sovereign, expressing its will through lawful channels, may please to adopt. Condemnation as prize can only be made in accordance with principles of law recognized in the common jurisprudence of the world. Both are proceedings in rem, but confiscation recognizes the title of the original owner to the property, while in prize the tenure of the property is qualified, provisional, and desti-
as to which of two systems of law should govern a given case, this amounts simply to saying that the term "conflict of laws" may be used as an inaccurate equivalent for the less objectionable phrase "choice of laws." Taylor, Jurisprudence, 611, after considering the opinion of many writers, concludes that the term "private international law" is subject to many objections. Holland, Jurisprudence, 410, considers it "wholly indefensible," as does Gray, Nature, etc., of the Law, 124. Pollock, First Book of Jurisp. 99, prefers the German term—International Privat-recht.

CONFLICT OF PREMISES. In this conflict certain rules are applicable, viz.: (1) Special take precedence of general premises; (2) constant of casual ones; (3) presume in favor of innocence; (4) of legality; (5) of validity; and, when these rules fail, the matter is said to be at large. Brown.

CONFORMITY. Correspondence in form, manner, or use; agreement; harmony; congruity. Guettler v. Alfsen, 289 F. 613, 615, 63 App. D. C. 215; Brown Real Estate Co. v. Lancaster County, 110 Neb. 605, 194 N. W. 897, 898.

In English Ecclesiastical Law

Adherence to the doctrines and usages of the Church of England.

CONFORMITY ACT, or STATUTE. A term used to designate Act June 1, 1872, c. 255, § 5, 17 Stat. 197, whence is derived Rev. St. U. S. § 914 (28 USCA § 724) providing that the practice, pleadings, and forms and modes of proceeding in civil causes, other than equity and admiralty causes, in the federal district courts shall conform, as near as may be, to those existing in like causes in the courts of the state within which such district courts are held.

CONFORMITY, BILL OF. See Bill of Conformity.

CONFRARIE. Fr. In old English law. A fraternity, brotherhood, or society. Cowell.

CONFRERES. Brethren in a religious house; fellows of one and the same society. Cowell.

CONFRONTATION. In criminal law, the act of setting a witness face to face with the prisoner, in order that the latter may make any objection he has to the witness, or that the witness may identify the accused. State v. Behman, 114 N. C. 707, 19 S. E. 220, 25 L. R. A. 440; Howard v. Com., 51 Pa. 332; State v. Mannion, 19 Utah 505, 57 P. 542, 5 L. R. A. 638, 75 Am. St. Rep. 753; People v. Elliott, 172 N. Y. 146, 64 N. E. 837, 60 L. R. A. 318.

The constitutional right of confrontation does not mean merely that witnesses are to be made visible to the accused, but imports the constitutional privilege to cross-examine them. State v. Crooker, 123 Me. 130, 122 A. 585, 586, 33 A. L. R. 251; People v. Werblow, 123 Misc. 204, 206 N. Y. S. 617, 618.

CONFUSIO. In the civil law. The inseparable intermixture of property belonging to different owners; it is properly confined to the pouring together of fluids, but is sometimes also used of a melting together of metals or any compound formed by the irrecoverable commixture of different substances.

It is distinguished from commingled by the fact that in the latter case a separation may be made, while in a case of confusio there cannot be. 2 Bl. Comm. 405.

CONFUSION. This term, as used in the civil law and in compound terms derived from that source, means a blending or intermingling, and is equivalent to the term "merger" as used at common law. Palmer v. Burnside, 1 Woods, 182 Fed. Cas. No. 10,685.

CONFUSION OF BOUNDARIES. The title of that branch of equity jurisdiction which relates to the discovery and settlement of conflicting, disputed, or uncertain boundaries.

CONFUSION OF DEBTS. A mode of extinguishing a debt, by the concurrence in the same person of two qualities or adverse rights to the same thing which mutually destroy each other. This may occur in several ways, as where the creditor becomes the heir of the debtor, or the debtor the heir of the creditor, or either accedes to the title of the other by any other mode of transfer. Woods v. Ridley, 11 Humph. (Tenn.) 193.

CONFUSION OF GOODS. The inseparable intermixture of property belonging to different owners; properly confined to the pouring together of fluids, but used in a wider sense to designate any indistinguishable compound of elements belonging to different owners. The term "confusion" is applicable to a mixing of chattels of one and the same general description, differing thus from "accesison," which takes place where various materials are united in one product. Confusion of goods arises wherever the goods of two or more persons are so blended as to have become undistinguishable. 1 Schouler, Pers. Prop. 41. Trent v. Barber, 7 Conn. 250; Robinson v. Holt, 39 N. H. 563, 75 Am. Dec. 233; Belcher v. Commission Co., 26 Tex. Civ. App. 60, 62 S. W. 224; Callaghan v. Myers, 125 U. S. 617, 9 S. Ct. 177, 32 L. Ed. 547.

CONFUSION OF RIGHTS. A union of the qualities of debtor and creditor in the same person. The effect of such a union is, generally, to extinguish the debt. 1 Salk. 306; Cro. Car. 551; 1 Ld. Raym. 515. See 5 Term 381; Comyns, Dig. Baron et Fene (1).}

CONFUSION OF TITLES. A civil-law expression, synonymous with "merger," as used in the common law, applying where two titles to the same property unite in the same person.

CONFUTE. To prove to be false, defective, or invalid. Wiley v. Baker, 219 Mich. 629, 190 N. W. 273, 278.

CONGÉ. Fr. In French law. Permission, leave, license; a passport or clearance to a vessel; a permission to arm, equip, or navigate a vessel.

CONGÉ D’ACCORDER. Leave to accord. A permission granted by the court, in the old process of levying a fine, to the defendant to agree with the plaintiff. Termes de la Ley; Cowell. See Licentia Concordandi; 2 Bl. Comm. 250.


CONGÉ O’ESLIRE. Also spelled congé d’élire, congé d’ètre. Cowell; Termes de la Ley; 1 Bl. Comm. 379, 382. A permission or license from the British sovereign to a dean and chapter to elect a bishop, in time of vacation; or to an abbey or priory which is of royal foundation, to elect an abbot or prior.

CONGEABLE. I. Fr. Lawful; permissible; allowable. “Diselsin is properly where a man entereth into any lands or tenements where his entry is not congreable, and putteth out him that hath the freehold.” Litt. § 279. See Ricard v. Williams, 7 Wheat. 107, 5 L. Ed. 398.

CONGILDONES. In Saxon law. Fellow-members of a guild.

CONGIUS. An ancient measure containing about a gallon and a pint. Cowell.

CONGREGATE. To come together; to assemble; to meet. Board of Health of City of Paterson v. Clayton, 93 N. J. Law, 64, 106 A. 813, 814.

CONGREGATION. An assembly or gathering; specifically, an assembly or society of persons who together constitute the principal supporters of a particular parish, or habitually meet at the same church for religious exercises. Robertson v. Bullions, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 67; Runkel v. Winemiller, 4 Har. & McH. (Md.) 452, 1 Am. Dec. 411; In re Walker, 200 Ill. 566, 66 N. E. 144. And see Laird v. State, 69 Tex. Cr. R. 553, 155 S. W. 290, 292.

In Ecclesiastical Law

Certain bureaus at Rome, where ecclesiastical matters are attended to.

CONGRESS.

In International Law

An assembly of envoys, commissioners, deputies, etc., from different sovereignties who meet to concert measures for their common good, or to adjust their mutual concerns.

In American Law

The legislative assembly of the United States, composed of the senate and house of representatives (q. d. a.). U. S. Const. art. 1, § 1.

CONGRESSMAN. Strictly, a member of the Congress of the United States. But there is a strong tendency in popular usage to apply this term only to a member of the House of Representatives, as distinguished from a senator. State v. Kopriva, 49 N. D. 1040, 194 N. W. 704, 705.

CONGRESSUS. The extreme practical test of the truth of a charge of impotence brought against a husband by a wife. It is now disused. Causes Célèbres. 6, 1-3.

CONJECTIO. In the civil law of evidence. A throwing together. Presumption; the putting of things together, with the inference drawn therefrom.

CONJECTIO CAUSA. In the civil law. A statement of the case. A brief synopsis of the case given by the advocate to the judge in opening the trial. Calvin.


Supposition or surmise. The idea of a fact, suggested by another fact; as a possible cause, concomitant, or result. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 27.

An idea or notion founded on a probability without any demonstration of its truth.

An explanation consistent with but not deducible as a reasonable inference from known facts or conditions. Southern Ry. Co. v. Dickson, 211 Ala. 451, 100 So. 605, 608.

Also, the bringing together of the circumstances, as well as the result obtained. Reynolds v. Maryland Casualty Co., 274 Mo. 63, 261 S. W. 1128, 1133.


CONJOIN. Persons married to each other. Story, Confl. Laws, § 71; Wolfius, Droit de la Nat. § 858.


CONJUGAL RIGHTS. Matrimonial rights; the right which husband and wife have to each other’s society, comfort, and affection.

CONJUGIUM. One of the names of marriage, among the Romans. Taylor, Civil Law, 284.

CONJUNCT. In Scotch law. Joint.
CONJUNCTA. In the civil law. Things joined together or united; as distinguished from disjuncta, things disjoined or separated. Dig. 50, 16, 53.


CONJUNCTIO. In the civil law. Conjunction; connection of words in a sentence. See Dig. 50, 16, 29, 142.

Conjunctori marieti et feminae est de jure naturae. The union of husband and wife is of the law of nature.

CONJUNCTIVE. Connecting in a manner denoting union. A grammatical term for particles which serve for joining or connecting together. Thus, the word "and" is called a "conjunctive," and "or" a "disjunctive," conjunction.

CONJUNCTIVE DENIAL. Where several material facts are stated conjunctively in the complaint, an answer which undertakes to deny their averments as a whole, conjunctively stated, is called a "conjunctive denial." Doll v. Good, 28 Cal. 287.

CONJUNCTIVE OBLIGATION. See Obligation.

CONJURATIO.

In Old English Law

A swearing together; an oath administered to several together; a combination or confederacy under oath. Cowell.

In Old European Law

A compact of the inhabitants of a commune, or municipality, confirmed by their oaths to each other and which was the basis of the commune. Steph. Lect. 119.

CONJURATION. In old English law. A plot or compact made by persons combining by oath to do any public harm. Cowell.

The offense of having conference or commerce with evil spirits, in order to discover some secret, or effect some purpose. Id. Classified by Blackstone with witchcraft, enchantment, and sorcery, but distinguished from each of these by other writers. 4 Bl. Comm. 60; Cowell. Cooper v. Livingston, 19 Fla. 693; Mozley & W. Law Dict.

CONJURATOR. In old English law. One who swears or is sworn with others; one bound by oath with others; a compurgator; a conspirator.

CONNECTED. Joined; united by junction, by an intervening substance or medium, by dependence or relation, or by order in a series. State v. Patterson, 95 S. C. 463, 79 S. E. 309, 310.

With reference to buildings, the term does not generally denote such a close union as is implied by the words "attached" or "boxed;" but signifies the connection effected by a flume; Plattsburg Gas & Electric Co. v. Miller, 296 N. Y. S. 42, 45, 125 Misc. 651; or by piping or telephone connections; Williams Mfg. Co. v. Insurance Co. of North America, 95 Vt. 161, 106 A. 657, 659.


CONNECTION. The state of being connected or joined; union by junction, by an intervening substance or medium, by dependence or relation, or by order in a series. State v. Patterson, 95 S. C. 463, 79 S. E. 309, 310.


CONNECTIONS. Relations by blood or marriage, but more commonly the relations of a person with whom one is connected by marriage. In this sense, the relations of a wife are "connections" of her husband. The term is vague and indefinite. See Storer v. Wheatley, 1 Pa. 507.

CONNEقبIT. In French law. This exists when two actions are pending which, although not identical as in res pendens, are so nearly similar in object that it is expedient to have them both adjudicated upon by the same judges. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 553.

CONNIVANCE. The secret or indirect consent or permission of one person to the commission of an unlawful or criminal act by another. Oakland Bank v. Wilcox, 60 Cal. 137; State v. Gesell, 124 Mo. 531, 27 S. W. 1101.

Literally, a winkling at; intentional forbearance to see a fault or other act; generally implying consent to it. Webster.

The corrent consent of one to be a party to the commission of the acts of the other constituting the cause of divorce. Civ. Code Cal. § 112; Rev. Codes Mont. § 3950 (Rev. Codes 1921, § 5751); Dennis v. Dennis, 63 Conn. 186, 38 A. 34, 34 L. R. A. 449, 57 Am. St. Rep. 90;

Conscientia differs from condonation, though the same legal consequences may attend it. Conscientia necessarily involves criminality on the part of the individual who consents; condonation may take place without imputing the slightest blame to the party who forges the injury. Conscientia must be the act of the mind before the offense has been committed; condonation is the result of a determination to forgive an injury which was not known until after it was inflicted. Turton v. Turton, 3 Hagg. Eccl. 359.

Conscientia differs also from collusion: the former is generally collusion for a particular purpose, while the latter may exist without conscientia. 3 Hagg. Eccl. 130.

CONVIVAE. To co-operate secretly with, or to have a secret or clandestine understanding with. People v. Munday, 296 Ill. 191, 127 N. E. 364, 365. To take part or co-operate privily with another, to aid or abet. People v. Munday, 215 Ill. App. 356, 377. To look upon with secret favor; it implies both knowledge and assent, either active or passive. State v. Forth, 82 Wash. 665, 144 P. 907, 910.

CONNOISSEMENT. In French law. An instrument, signed by the master of a ship or his agent, containing a description of the goods loaded on a ship, the persons who have sent them, the persons to whom they were sent, and the undertaking to transport them; same as to the English and American bill of lading. Guyot, Répért. Unis.; Ord. de la Marine, t. 3, t. 3, art. 1.

CONNUBIO. In the civil law. Marriage. Among the Romans, a lawful marriage as distinguished from "concubinage" (q. v.), an inferior marriage.


CONOCIMIENTO. In Spanish law. A bill of lading. In the Mediterranean ports it is called "pola da cargamento."


CONQUEREUR. In Norman and old English law. The same as "conqueror" (q. v.).

CONQUEROR. In old English and Scotch law. The first purchaser of an estate; he who first bought an estate into his family, or into the family owning it. 2 Bl. Comm. 242, 243.

CONQUEST. In Feudal Law

Conquest; acquisition by purchase; any method of acquiring the ownership of an estate other than by descent. Also an estate acquired otherwise than by inheritance.

In International Law

The acquisition of the sovereignty of a country by force of arms, exercised by an independent power which reduces the vanquished to the submission of its empire. Castillero v. U. S., 2 Black, 109, 17 L. Ed. 360; American Ins. Co. v. Canter, 1 Pet. 511, 7 L. Ed. 242.

In Scotch Law

Purchase. Bell.

CONQUESTER. Conqueror. The title given to William of Normandy.

CONQUETS. In French law. The name given to every acquisition which the husband and wife, jointly or severally, make during the conjugal community. Thus, whatever is acquired by the husband and wife, either by his or her industry or good fortune, inures to the extent of one-half for the benefit of the other. Merit. Repert. "Conquêt"; Merit. Quest., "Conquêt." Picotte v. Cooley, 10 Mo. 312. In Louisiana, these gains are called acquêts. La. Civ. Code, art. 2369 (Civ. Code, art. 2390).


CONSANGUINEUS. Lat. A person related by blood; a person descended from the same common stock.

Consangineus est quasi eodem sanguine natus. Co. Litt. 157. A person related by consanguinity is, as it were, sprung from the same blood.

CONSANGUINEUS FRATER. In civil and feudal law. A half-brother by the father's side, as distinguished from frater uterenus, a brother by the mother's side. 2 Bla. Comm. 231.

CONSANGUINITY. Kinship; blood relationship; the connection or relation of persons descended from the same stock or common ancestor. 2 Bl. Comm. 202; Blodget v. Brinsmaid, 9 Vt. 30; State v. De Hart, 100 La. 570, 33 So. 603; Tepper v. Supreme Council, 59 N. J. Eq. 521, 45 Atl. 111; Rector v. Drury, 3 Fin. (Wls.) 298; Swetsy v. Willis, 1 Brad. Surr. R. (N. Y.) 495.

Consanginity is distinguished from "affinity," which is the connection existing in consequence of a marriage, between each of the married persons and the kindred of the other. Tagarden v. Phillips, 14 Ind. App. 27, 42 N. E. 54; Garnaa v. Newell, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 25; Spear v. Robinson, 29 Mo. 546. Adopted in Sisemore v. Commonwealth, 210 Ky. 687, 276 S. W. 534, 535.
Lineal and Collateral Consanguinity.

Lineal consanguinity is that which subsists between persons of whom one is descended in a direct line from the other, as between son, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and so upwards in the direct ascending line; or between son, grandson, great-grandson, and so downwards in the direct descending line. Collateral consanguinity is that which subsists between persons who have the same ancestors, but who do not descend (or ascend) one from the other. Thus, father and son are related by lineal consanguinity, uncle and nephew by collateral consanguinity. 2 Bl. Comm. 268; McDowell v. Addams, 45 Pa. 332; State v. De Hart, 100 La. 576, 32 So. 605; Brown v. Baraboo, 60 Wis. 151, 62 N. W. 921, 30 L. R. A. 320; Capps v. State, 87 Fla. 388, 100 So. 172, 173.

CONSCIENCE. The moral sense; the faculty of judging the moral qualities of actions, or of discriminating between right and wrong; particularly applied to one’s perception and judgment of the moral qualities of his own conduct, but in a wider sense, denoting a similar application of the standards of morality to the acts of others. The sense of right and wrong inherent in every person by virtue of his existence as a social entity; good conscience being a synonym of equity. Van Graafeland v. Wright, 286 Mo. 414, 238 S. W. 465, 493. In law, especially the moral rule which requires probity, justice, and honest dealing between man and man, as when we say that a bargain is “against conscience” or “unconscionable,” or that the price paid for property at a forced sale was so inadequate as to “shock the conscience.” This is also the meaning of the term as applied to the jurisdiction and principles of decision of courts of chancery, as in saying that such a court is a “court of conscience,” that it proceeds “according to conscience,” or that it has cognizance of “matters of conscience.” See 3 Bl. Comm. 47-50; People v. Stewart, 7 Cal. 143; Miller v. Miller, 187 Pa. 572, 41 A. 277.

CONSCIENCE OF THE COURT. When an issue is sent out of chancery to be tried at law, to “inform the conscience of the court,” the meaning is that the court is to be supplied with exact and dependable information as to the unsettled or disputed questions of fact in the case, in order that it may proceed to decide it in accordance with the principles of equity and good conscience in the light of the facts thus determined. See Watt v. Starke, 101 U. S. 252, 25 L. Ed. 828.

CONSCIENCE, COURTS OF. Courts, not of record, constituted by act of parliament in the city of London, and other towns, for the recovery of small debts; otherwise and more commonly called “Courts of Requests.” 3 Steph. Comm. 451.

CONSCIENCE, RIGHT OF. As used in some constitutional provisions, this phrase is equiv-
tion of this body. For example, a guardian can neither accept nor reject an inheritance to which the minor has succeeded without its authority, (Code Nap. 461;) nor can he accept for the child a gift inter vivos without the like authority, (id. 463.)

CONSEIL DE PRUDHOMMES. In French law. One of a species of trade tribunals, charged with settling differences between masters and workmen. They endeavor, in the first instance, to conciliate the parties. In default, they adjudicate upon the questions in dispute. Their decisions are final up to 200f. Beyond that amount, appeals lie to the tribunals of commerce. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 553.

CONSEIL JUDICIAIRE. In French law. When a person has been subjected to an interdiction on the ground of his insane extravagance, but the interdiction is not absolute, but limited only, the court of first instance, which grants the interdiction, appoints a council, called by this name, with whose assistance the party may bring or defend actions, or compromise the same, alienate his estate, make or incur loans, and the like. Brown.

CONSENSUAL CONTRACT. A term derived from the civil law, denoting a contract founded upon and completed by the mere consent of the contracting parties, without any external formality or symbolic act to fix the obligation.

CONSENSUS AD IDEM. An agreement of parties to the same thing; a meeting of minds.

Consensus est voluntas plurium ad quos res pertinent, simul juncta. Lofft, 514. Consent is the conjoint will of several persons to whom the thing belongs.

Consensus facit legem. Consent makes the law. (A contract is law between the parties agreeing to be bound by it.) Branch, Princ.

Consensus non concubitus, facit nuptias vel matrimonium, et consentire non possunt ante annos nubiles. 6 Coke, 22. Consent, and not cohabitation (or coition), constitutes nuptials or marriage, and persons cannot consent before marriageable years. 1 Bl. Comm. 434; Co. Litt. 33 a; Dig. 50, 17, 30. See 10 Cl. & F. 534; Broom, Max. 506.


Consensus voluntas multorum ad quos res pertinent, simul juncta. Consent is the united will of several interested in one subject-matter. Davis, 48; Branch, Princ.

CONSENT. A concurrence of wills. Voluntarily yielding the will to the proposition of another; acquiescence or compliance therewith. State v. Boggs, 151 Iowa, 358, 154 N. W. 759, 761. Agreement; the act or result of coming into harmony or accord. Glantz v. Gabel, 66 Mont. 134, 212 P. 858, 860.

Consent in an act of reason, accompanied with deliberation, the mind weighing as in a balance the good or evil on each side. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 522; Plummer v. Com., 1 Bush (Ky.) 76; Dickein v. Johnson, 7 Ga. 492; Maelter v. Firth, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 114, 21 Am. Dec. 263; People v. Studwell, 91 App. Div. 459, 88 N. Y. S. 967. It means voluntary agreement by a person in the possession and exercise of sufficient mentality to make an intelligent choice to do something proposed by another. People v. Kangiesser, 44 Cal. App. 245, 180 P. 358, 359.

Consent supposes a physical power to act, a moral power of acting, and a serious, determined, and free use of these powers. Fonblanque, Eq. b. 1, c. 2, a. 1: State ex rel. United Rys. Co. of St. Louis v. Public Service Commission of Missouri, 270 Mo. 450, 192 S. W. 958, 961. Consent is implied in every agreement. It is an act unclouded by fraud, duress, or sometimes even mistake. Heine v. Wright, 76 Cal. App. 338, 244 P. 955, 956.

There is a difference between consenting and submitting. Every consent involves a submission; but a mere submission does not necessarily involve consent. 9 Car. & P. 722.


As used in the law of rape ("consent"). means consent of the will, and submission under the influence of fear or terror cannot amount to real consent. Hallmark v. State, 22 Okl. Cr. 422, 212 P. 322, 323.


—Consent decree. See Decree.

—Consent judgment. See Judgment.

—Express Consent. That directly given, either vociferous or in writing.

—Implied Consent. That manifested by signs, actions, or facts, or by inaction or silence.

B.L.A.W. Dict. (3d Ed.)
which raise a presumption that the consent has been given. Cowen v. Paddock, 62 Hun, 622, 17 N. Y. S. 358; Avery v. State, 12 Ga. App. 562, 77 S. E. 802. See State v. Horton, 247 Mo. 657, 153 S. W. 1051, 1053; White v. White, 84 N. J. Eq. 512, 85 A. 197, 199.

CONSENT RULE. An entry of record by the defendant, confessing the lease, entry, and ouster by the plaintiff, in the action of ejectment. A superseded instrument, in which a defendant in an action of ejectment specified for what purpose he intended to defend, and undertook to confess not only the fictitious lease, entry, and ouster, but that he was in possession. See Ad. Eject. 253; Jackson v. Stiles, 2 Cow. (N. Y.) 412; Jackson v. Dennis-ton, 4 Johns. (N. Y.) 311.

CONSENTIBLE LINES. See Line.

Consentientes et agentes pari porno plecuntur. They who consent to an act, and they who do it, shall be visited with equal punishment. 5 Coke, 80.

Consentire matrimonio non possunt infra [ante] annos nubiles. Parties cannot consent to marriage within the years of marriage, [before the age of consent.] 5 Coke, 80; 6 Coke, 22.

CONSEQUENCE. The result following in natural sequence from an event which is adapted to produce, or to aid in producing, such result; — the correlative of "cause." Kelsey v. Rebuffini, 87 Conn. 566, 80 A. 170, 171, 52 L. R. A. (N. S.) 103.

In Consequence of

This phrase has been used as equivalent to the words, "in the event of." In re Spalding's Estate, 84 Cal. App. 371, 258 P. 154, 155.

Consequentie non est consequentia. Bac. Max. The consequence of a consequence exists not.

CONSEQUENTIAL CONTEMPT. The ancient name for what is now known as "constructive" contempt of court. Ex parte Wright, 63 Ind. 508. See Contempt.

CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE. Such damage, loss, or injury as does not flow directly and immediately from the act of the party, but only from some of the consequences or results of such act. Swain v. Copper Co., 111 Tenn. 430, 78 S. W. 93; Pearson v. Spartanburg County, 51 S. C. 480, 29 S. E. 193.

The term means sometimes damage which is so remote as not to be actionable; sometimes damage which, though somewhat remote, is actionable; or damage which, though actionable, does not follow immediately, in point of time, upon the doing of the act complained of. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 81 N. H. 504, 12 Am. Rep. 147.

CONSEQUENTS. In Scotch law. Implied powers or authorities. Things which follow, usually by implication of law. A commission being given to execute any work, every power necessary to carry it on is implied. 1 Kames, Eq. 242.

CONSERVATOR. A guardian; protector; preserver.

"When any person having property shall be found to be incapable of managing his affairs, by the court of probate in the district in which he resides, it shall appoint some person to be his conservator, who, upon giving a probate bond, shall have the charge of the person and estate of such incapable person." Gen. St. Conn. 1875, p. 316, § 1 (Gen. St. 1930, § 4815); Treat v. Peck, 5 Conn. 289; Hutchins v. Johnson, 12 Conn. 376, 39 Am. Dec. 622.

One whose business it is to attend to the enforcement of certain statutes. See Conservators of the Peace, infra.

One whose duty requires him to prevent and arrest for breaches of the peace in his presence, but not to arraign and try for them. Marcuchi v. Norfolk & W. Ry. Co., 51 W. Va. 648, 94 S. E. 979, 980.

A delegated umpire or standing arbitrator, chosen to compose and adjust difficulties arising between two parties. Cowell.

CONSERVATOR TRUCIS. Lat. An official appointed under an English act of 1414 passed to prevent breaches of truces made, or of safe conducts granted, by the king. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 392; 4 Bin. Comm. 69.

CONSERVATORS OF RIVERS. Commissioners or trustees in whom the control of a certain river is vested, in England, by act of parliament.

CONSERVATORS OF THE PEACE. Officers authorized to preserve and maintain the public peace. In England, these officers were locally elected by the people until the reign of Edward II., when their appointment was vested in the king. Their duties were to prevent and arrest for breaches of the peace, but if they had no power to arraign and try the offender until about 1360, when this authority was given to them by act of parliament, and "then they acquired the more honorable appellation of justices of the peace." 1 Bl. Comm. 351. Even after this time, however, many public officers were styled "conservators of the peace," not as a distinct office but by virtue of the duties and authorities pertaining to their offices. In this sense the term may include the king himself, the lord chancellor, justices of the king's bench, master of the rolls, coroners, sheriffs, constables, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 350. See Smith v. Abbott, 17 N. J. Law, 533. In Texas, the constitution provides that county judges shall be conservators of the peace. Const. Tex. art. 4, § 15; Jones v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 65 S. W. 92. The Constitution of Delaware (1831) provides that: "The members of the senate and house of representatives, the chancellor, the

CONSIDER. To fix the mind on, with a view to careful examination; to examine; to inspect. Eastman Kodak Co. v. Richards, 204 N. Y. S. 246, 248, 123 Misc. 83. To deliberate about and ponder over. Ingard v. Barker, 27 Idaho, 124, 147 P. 293, 237. To entertain or give heed to. Ikodof v. Board of Com'rs of Tulsa County, 122 Okl. 120, 251 P. 740, 741. See also, Considered.

CONSIDERABLE. Worthy of consideration; required to be observed. Gougar v. Buffalo Specialty Co., 26 Colo. App. 8, 141 P. 511, 514. A "considerable" number, as of persons, does not necessarily mean a very great or any particular number of persons; the term "considerable" being merely relative. People v. Kings County Iron Foundry, 209 N. Y. 207, 102 N. E. 598, 599.

CONSIDERATIO CURIE. The judgment of the court.

CONSIDERATION.

In Practice

A technical term indicating that a tribunal has heard and judicially determined matters submitted to it. Meaney v. State Industrial Accident Commission, 113 Or. 371, 232 P. 786, 791.

In Contracts


Consideration is not to be confounded with motive. Consideration means something which is of value in the eye of the law, moving from the plaintiff, either of benefit to the plaintiff or of detriment to the defendant. Patteson, J., in Langd. Sch. Cas.
CONSIDERATION

Considerations are either executed or executory; express or implied; good or valuable. See definitions infra.

Adequate Consideration
See Adequate.

Concurrent Consideration
One which arises at the same time or where the promises are simultaneous.

Continuing Consideration
One consisting in acts or performances which must necessarily extend over a considerable period of time.

Equitable or Moral Considerations
Considerations which are devoid of efficacy in point of strict law, but are founded upon a moral duty, and may be made the basis of an express promise.

Executed or Executory Considerations
The former are acts done or values given before or at the time of making the contract; the latter are promises to give or do something in future.

Express or Implied Considerations
The former are those which are specifically stated in a deed, contract, or other instrument; the latter are those inferred or supposed by the law from the acts or situation of the parties.

Fair Consideration
One which, under all the circumstances, is honest, reasonable, and free from suspicion, whether or not strictly "adequate" or "full." Ferguson v. Dickson (C. C. A.) 310 F. 961, 993.

Under the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, a consideration which is not disproportionate to the value of the property conveyed. Buhr v. McDowell, 51 S. D. 603, 216 N. W. 346, 347.

Fair and Valuable Consideration
One which is a substantial compensation for the property conveyed, or which is reasonable, in view of the surrounding circumstances and conditions, in contradistinction to an adequate consideration. McCaffrey v. Owings, 110 Okt. 128, 236 P. 390, 391; Jones v. Wey, 124 Okt. 1, 253 P. 291, 292.

Good Consideration
Such as is founded on natural duty and affection, or on a strong moral obligation. Code Ga. 1882, § 2741 (Clv. Code 1910, § 4243); Chit. Cont. 7. A consideration for love and affection entertained by and for one within degree recognized by law. Gay v. Fricks, 211 Ala. 119, 99 So. 846, 847. See also, Berry v. Berry, 88 W. Va. 763, 99 S. E. 79.


The term is sometimes used in the sense of a consideration valid in point of law; and it then includes a valuable or sufficient as well as a meritorious consideration. Hodgson v. Butts, 3 Cra. (U. S.) 140, 2 L. Ed. 391; Lang v. Johnson, 24 N. H. 302; 2 Madd. 430; 3 Co. 81; Warren Nat. Bank, Warren, Pa., v. Suerken, 46 Cal. App. 736, 188 P. 615, 614; Amb. 598. Generally, however, good is used in antithesis to valuable consideration (q. u.).

Gratuitous Consideration
One which is not founded upon any such loss, injury, or inconvenience to the party to whom it moves as to make it valid in law.

Illegal Consideration
An act which if done, or a promise which if enforced, would be prejudicial to the public interest. Harriman, Cont. 101.

Implied Considerations
See Express or Implied Considerations, supra.

Impossible Consideration
One which cannot be performed.

Legal Consideration
One recognized or permitted by the law as valid and lawful; as distinguished from such as are illegal or immoral. The term is also sometimes used as equivalent to "good" or "sufficient" consideration. See Sampson v. Swift, 11 Vt. 315; Albert Lea College v. Brown, 88 Minn. 524, 93 N. W. 672, 50 L. R. A. 570.

Meritorious Consideration
See Good consideration.

Moral Considerations
See Equitable or Moral Considerations, supra.

Nominal Consideration
One bearing no relation to the real value of the contract or article, as where a parcel of land is described in a deed as being sold for "one dollar," no actual consideration passing, or the real consideration being concealed. This term is also sometimes used as descriptive of an inflated or exaggerated value placed upon property for the purpose of an exchange. Boyd v. Watson, 101 Iowa, 214, 70 N. W. 123; Emmi v. Patane, 220 N. Y. S. 496, 498, 128 Misc. 901.

Past Consideration
An act done before the contract is made, which is ordinarily by itself no consideration for a promise. Anson, Cont. 32; Witt v. Wilson (Tex. Civ. App.) 160 S. W. 500, 510.

As to time, considerations may be of the past, present, or future. Those which are present or future will support a contract not void for other reasons. Story, Contr. 71.
CONSIDERATION

Pecuniary Consideration
A consideration for an act or forbearance which consists either in money presently passing or in money to be paid in the future, including a promise to pay a debt in full which otherwise would be released or diminished by bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings. See Phelps v. Thomas, 6 Gray (Mass.) 328; In re Ekings (D. C.) 6 F. 170.

Sufficient Consideration
One deemed by the law of sufficient value to support an ordinary contract between parties, or one sufficient to support the particular transaction. Golson v. Dunlap, 75 Cal. 157, 14 P. 576.

Valuable Consideration
One founded on money, or something convertible into money, or having a value in money, except marriage, which is also a valuable consideration. Code Ga. 1882, § 2741 (Civ. Code 1910, § 4242); See Chitl. Cont. 7; Whelan v. Wheeler, 3 Cow. (N. Y.) 537; Huston’s Adm’r v. Conant, 11 Leigh (Va.) 130; Magniac v. Thompson, 7 Pet. 348, 8 L. Ed. 709. See further. Valuable.

CONSIDERATUM EST PER CURIAM. (It is considered by the court.) The formal and ordinary commencement of a judgment. Baker v. State, 3 Ark. 491.

CONSIDERATUR. L. Lat. It is considered. Held to mean the same with consideratum est. 2 Strange, 874.

CONSIDERED. Deemed; determined; adjudged; reasonably regarded. State v. District Court of Eighth Judicial Dist. in and for Cascade County, 64 Mont. 181, 208 P. 952, 955; Polsgrove v. Miss. 154 Ky. 409, 157 S. W. 1133, 1135. See Consider.

Evidence may be said to have been “considered” when it has been reviewed by a court to determine whether any probative force should be given it. Taylor v. Gossett (Tex. Civ. App.) 269 S. W. 230, 233.

CONSIGN.

In the Civil Law
To deposit in the custody of a third person a thing belonging to the debtor, for the benefit of the creditor, under the authority of a court of justice. Poth. Obl. pt. 3, c. 1, art. 8.

In Commercial Law

To deliver or transfer as a charge or trust; to commit, intrust, give in trust; to transfer from oneself to the care of another; to send or transmit goods to a merchant, factor, or agent for sale; to deposit with another to be sold, disposed of, or called for. Edwards v. Baldwin Piano Co., 78 Fla. 143, 83 So. 915, 918; J. H. Arnold & Co. v. Gibson, 216 Ala. 314, 113 So. 25, 26; In re Caldwell Machinery Co. (D. C.) 213 F. 428, 428; Gillespie v. Winberg, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 320.

CONSIGNMENT.

In Scotch Law
The payment of money into the hands of a third party, when the creditor refuses to accept of it. The person to whom the money is given is termed the “consignatory.” Bell.

In French Law
A deposit which a debtor makes of the thing that he owes into the hands of a third person, and under the authority of a court of justice. 1 Poth. Obl. 536; Weld v. Hadley, 1 N. H. 304.

CONSIGNEE. In mercantile law. One to whom a consignment is made. The person to whom goods are shipped for sale. Lyon v. Alvord, 18 Conn. 80; Gillespie v. Winberg, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 320; Comm. v. Harris, 165 Pa. 619, 32 A. 92; Railroad Co. v. Freed, 38 Ark. 622.


The one to whom the carrier may lawfully make delivery in accordance with its contract of carriage. Great Northern Pac. S. S. Co. v. Rainier Brewing Co. (C. C. A.) 253 F. 762, 764; Pennsylvania R. Co. v. Townsends, 90 N. J. Law, 75, 100 A. 855, 866.

One to whom merchandise has been delivered. International Trust Co. v. Webster Nat. Bank, 258 Mass. 17, 154 N. E. 320, 322, 49 A. L. R. 277; Chicago, R. I. & P. R. Co. v. Title Guaranty & Surety Co., 115 Ark. 75, 172 S. W. 263, 264. Under a statute, the person who, under circumstances in which he might be entitled to the delivery of the goods, represents that he is so entitled, tenders a bond in the statutory form, and requests delivery. St. Louis, I. M. & S. R. Co. v. Bankers’ Surety Co., 115 Ark. 58, 172 S. W. 265, 268.

CONSIGNMENT. The act or process of consigning goods; the transportation of goods consigned; an article or collection of goods sent to a factor to be sold; goods or property sent, by the aid of a common carrier, from one person in one place to another person in another place; something consigned and shipped. See Consign; Johnston-Crews Co. v. Smith, 161 Ga. 382, 131 S. E. 65, 68; McGaw v. Hanway, 120 Md. 197, 87 A. 666, 667, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 601; In re Sachs (D. C.) 21 F.(2d) 994, 996; Cass v. Rochester, 174 Cal. 355, 163 P. 212, 213.
CONSIGNOR. One who sends or makes a consignment. A shipper of goods.

Consilia multorum queruntur in magnis. 4 Inst. 1. The counsels of many are required in great things.

CONSLIARIUS. In the civil law. A counselor, as distinguished from a pleader or advocate. An assistant judge. One who participates in the decisions. Du Cange.

CONSLIUM. A day appointed to hear the counsel of both parties. A case set down for argument.

It is commonly used for the day appointed for the argument of a demurrer, or errors assigned. 1 Tidd, Pr. 438; 2 Tidd, Pr. 684, 1122; 1 Sel. Pr. 336; 1 Archb. Pr. 191, 246.

CONSIMILI CASU. In practice. A writ of entry, framed under the provisions of the statute Westminster 2, (13 Edw. I.) c. 24, which lay for the benefit of the reversioner, where a tenant by the curtesy aliened in fee or for life. 3 Bla. Comm., 4th Dublin ed. 183 n.; Bac. Abr. Court of Chancery (A).

Many other new writs were framed under the provisions of this statute; but this particular writ was known especially by the title here defined. The writ is now practically obsolete. See 3 Bla. Comm. 51.


CONSISTING. Being composed or made up of. This word is not synonymous with "including;" for the latter, when used in connection with a number of specified objects, always implies that there may be others which are not mentioned. Parish v. Cook, 6 Mo. App. 331; Baker v. Soltau, 94 N. J. Eq. 544, 118 A. 682, 683.

CONSISTOR. A magistrate. Jacob L. D.

CONSISTORIUM. The state council of the Roman emperors. Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 58.

CONSISTORY. An assembly of cardinals convoked by the pope. A tribunal (praetorium).

CONSISTORY COURTS. The courts of diocesan bishops held in their several cathedrals (before the bishop's chancellor, or commissary, who is the judge) for the trial of all ecclesiastical causes arising within their respective dioceses, and also for granting probates and administrations. Mozley & Whitley; 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 309, citing L. R. 1902, 1 K. B. 816. From the sentence of these courts an appeal lies to the Provincial Court of the archbishop of each province respectively. 2 Steph. Comm. 230; 3 Steph. Comm. 430; 3 Bia. Comm. 64; 1 Woold. Lect. 145; Halifax, An. b. 3, c. 10, n. 12.

CONSOBRINI. In the civil law. Cousins-german, in general; brothers' and sisters' children, considered in their relation to each other.

CONSOCLATIO. Lat. An association, fellowship, or partnership. Applied by some of the older writers to a corporation, and even to a nation considered as a body politic. Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 104.


CONSOLATO DEL MARE. The name of a code of sea-laws, said to have been compiled by order of the kings of Aragon (or, according to other authorities, at Pisa or Barceloná) in the fourteenth century, which comprised the maritime ordinances of the Roman emperors, of France and Spain, and of the Italian commercial powers. This compilation exercised a considerable influence in the formation of European maritime law.

CONSOLIDATE. In a general sense, to unite into one mass or body, as to consolidate the forces of an army, or various funds. In parliamentary usage, to consolidate two bills is to unite them into one. In law, to consolidate benefits is to combine them into one. The term means something more than to rearrange or redivide. Fairview v. Durland, 45 Iowa, 56. To consolidate cases for trial simply means that all are to be tried together by the same jury; but separate judgments may properly be entered. People v. Green, 281 Ill. 32, 117 N. E. 764, 767.

To make solid or firm; to unite, compress, or pack together and form into a more compact mass, body, or system. Marfield v. Cincinnati, D. & T. Traction Co., 111 Ohio St. 139, 144 N. E. 659, 696, 40 A. L. R. 357.

CONSOLIDATED FUND. In England. (Usually abbreviated to Consols.) A fund for the payment of the public debt.

CONSOLIDATED LAWS OR STATUTES. A collection or compiliation into one statute or one code or volume of all the laws of the state in general, or of those relating to a particular subject; nearly the same as "compiled laws" or "compiled statutes." See Compilation. And see Ellis v. Parsell, 100 Mich. 170, 58 N. W. 839; Graham v. Muskegon County Clerk, 116 Mich. 571, 74 N. W. 729.

CONSOLIDATED ORDERS. The orders regulating the practice of the English court
of chancery, which were issued, in 1860, in
substitution for the various orders which had
previously been promulgated from time to
time.

CONSOLIDATION.

In Practice
The union of two or more actions, as in
the same declaration, or for the purpose of
trial or appellate review. See Consolidation
of actions, infra.

In the Civil Law
The union of the usufruct with the estate
out of which it issues, in the same person;
which happens when the usufructuary ac-
quires the estate, or vice versa. In either
case the usufruct is extinct. Lec. El. Dr.
Rom. 424.

In Ecclesiastical Law
The union of two or more benedicin in one.
Cowell.

In Scotch Law
The junction of the property and superor-
ity of an estate, where they have been dis-
joined. Bell.

In General
—Consolidation of actions. The act or process
of uniting several actions into one trial and
judgment, by order of a court, where all the
actions are between the same parties, pend-
ing in the same court, and turning upon the
same or similar issues; or the court may
order that one of the actions be tried, and
the others decided without trial according to
the judgment in the one selected. Powell
v. Gray, 1 Ala. 77; Jackson v. Chamberlin,
5 Cow. (N. Y.) 252; Thompson v. Shepherd,
9 Johns. (N. Y.) 262; 28 USCA § 734.

—Consolidation of benedicin. The act or process
of uniting two or more of them into one.

—Consolidation of corporations. The union into
one corporate body of two or more corpora-
tions which had been separately creat-
ed for similar or connected purposes. In
England this is termed "amalgamation." When
the rights, franchises, and effects of
two or more corporations are, by legal au-
thority and agreement of the parties, com-
bined and united into one whole, and com-
mittied to a single corporation, the stockhold-
ers of which are composed of those (so far
as they choose to become such) of the com-
panies thus agreeing, this is in law, and
according to common understanding, a con-
solidation of such companies, whether such
single corporation, called the consolidated
company, be a new one then created, or one
of the original companies, continuing in ex-
istence with only larger rights, capacity, and
property. Meyer v. Johnston, 64 Ala. 655;
Shadford v. Railway Co., 120 Mich. 300, 59
N. W. 960; Adams v. Railroad Co., 77 Missa.
194, 24 So. 200, 25 So. 956, 60 L. R. A. 33;
Pingree v. Railroad Co., 115 Mich. 314, 76 N.
W. 635, 53 L. R. A. 274; People v. Coke Co.,
244; Buford v. Packet Co., 3 Mo. App. 171;
Royal Palm Soap Co. v. Seaboard Air Line

—Consolidation rule. In practice. A rule or
order of court requiring a plaintiff who has
instituted separate suits upon several claims
against the same defendant, to consolidate
them in one action, where that can be done
consistently with the rules of pleading.
Brown v. Scott, 1 Hall. (Pa.) 147, 1 L. Ed.
74; Groff v. Masser, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 264;
2 Archb. Pr. 150. The Federal courts are
authorized to consolidate actions of a like
nature, or relative to the same question, when
it appears reasonable to do so. 28 USCA §
734.

CONSOIS. An abbreviation of the expres-
sion "consolidated annuities," and used in
modern times as a name of various funds
united in one for the payment of the British
national debt. Also, a name given to certain
issues of bonds of the state of South Caro-
olina. Whaley v. Gaillard, 21 S. C. 508. See
Consolidated Fund.

Consortio malorum me quoque malum facit.
Moore, 817. The company of wicked men
makes me also wicked.

CONSORTIUM. In the civil law. A union of
fortunes; a lawful Roman marriage. The
joining of several persons as parties to one
action. In old English law, the term signified
company or society, and in the language of
pleading, as in the phrase per quod consor-
tium amisit, it has substantially the same
meaning, viz., the companionship or society
of a wife. 3 Bla. Comm. 140; Bigaouette
Lockwood v. Lockwood, 67 Minn. 476, 70 N.
308, 46 N. E. 1063, 35 L. R. A. 631, 60 Am.
St. Rep. 397.

Also the right of the husband or wife to the
conjugal fellowship, company, co-operation,
and aid of the other in every conjugal
509, 150 N. E. 406, 406; Lane v. Dunning,
136 Ky. 797, 218 S. W. 269, 270; Woodson
v. Bailey, 210 Ala. 509, 98 So. 809, 810; Bal-
dwin v. Kansas City Rys. Co. (Mo. App.)
231 S. W. 250, 282; Guevin v. Manchester St.
Ry., 78 N. H. 289, 99 A. 288, 300, L. R. A.
1917C, 410; Little Rock Gas & Fuel Co. v.
Coppedge, 116 Ark. 334, 172 S. W. 885, 890;
504, 151 N. W. 724, 726, L. R. A. 1915D, 524,
Ann. Cas. 1916G, 882; Murray v. Murray,
30 N. M. 557, 240 P. 303, 304.

The term includes the exclusive right to the
services of the spouse, and to his or her society,
companionship, and conjugal affection. Valentine
CONSTITUTE. In maritime law. An agreement or stipulation between the owners of different vessels that they shall keep in company, mutually aid, instead of interfering with each other, in wrecking and salvage, and share any money awarded as salvage, whether earned by one vessel or both. Andrews v. Wall, 3 How. 571, 11 L. Ed. 729.

CONSPICUOUS PLACE. Within the meaning of a statute relating to the posting of notices, a “conspicuous place” means one which is reasonably calculated to impart the information in question. Didier v. Webster Mines Corporation, 49 Nev. 5, 234 P. 520, 523.


A consultation or agreement between two or more persons, either falsely to accuse another of a crime punishable by law; or wrongfully to injure or prejudice a third person, or any body of men, in any manner; or to commit any offense punishable by law; or to do any act with intent to prevent the course of justice; or to effect a legal purpose with a corrupt intent, or by improper means. Haw. P. C. c. 72, § 2; Archib. Crim. Pr. 590, adding also combinations by journeymen to raise wages. State v. Murphy, 6 Ala. 725, 41 Am. Dec. 79.

With the courts of Kansas, the term “conspiracy” is merely a matter of denunciatory phraseology. It means an agreement of evil purpose. Criminal culpability only begins when some overt act is committed or attempted to carry that evil purpose into effect. State v. Robinson, 124 Kan. 245, 259 P. 691, 693.

Under certain circumstances collusion has been held synonymous with conspiracy. South Side Lumber Co. v. John Eller Lumber Co., 361 Wis. 399, 154 N. W. 621, 622.

Civil and Criminal Conspiracies

The term “civil” is used to designate a conspiracy which will furnish ground for a civil action, as where, in carrying out the design of the conspirators, overt acts are done causing legal damage, the person injured has a right of action. It is said that the gist of civil conspiracy is the injury or damage. While criminal conspiracy does not require such overt acts, yet, so far as the rights and remedies are concerned, all criminal conspiracies are embraced within the civil conspiracies. Brown v. Pharmacy Co., 115 Ga. 429, 11 S. E. 553, 57 L. R. A. 547, 90 Am. St. Rep. 126.

Accurately speaking, there is no such thing as a civil action for conspiracy. The better view is that the damage sustained, and not the conspiracy is the gist of the action. The combination may be of no consequence except as bearing upon rules of evidence or the persons liable. Dahiquist v. Mattson, 46 Idaho, 378, 233 P. 883, 885.

The essence of a “civil conspiracy” is a concert or combination to defraud or cause other injury to person or property, which results in damage to the person or property of plaintiff. Conner v. Bryce (Sup.) 170 N. Y. 84, 56.


CONSPIRATORS. Persons guilty of a conspiracy.

Those who blind themselves by oath, covenant, or other alliance that each of them shall aid the other falsely and maliciously to indict persons, or falsely to move and maintain pleas, etc. 3 Bouw. I. St. 2. Besides these, there are conspirators in treasonable purposes; as for plotting against the government. Wharton.

CONSTABLE. In Medieval Law

A high functionary under the French and English kings, the dignity and importance of whose office was second only to that of the monarch. He was in general the leader of the royal armies, and had cognizance of all matters pertaining to war and arms, exercising both civil and military jurisdiction.
He was also charged with the conservation of the peace of the nation. Thus there was a "Constable of France" and a "Lord High Constable of England."

In English Law

A public civil officer, whose proper and general duty is to keep the peace within his district, though he is frequently charged with additional duties. 1 Bl. Comm. 356. There are "high," " petty," and "special" constables. See the definitions, infra.

In American Law

An officer of a municipal corporation (usually elected) whose duties are similar to those of the sheriff, though his powers are less and his jurisdiction smaller. He is to preserve the public peace, execute the process of magistrates' courts, and of some other tribunals, serve writs, attend the sessions of the criminal courts, have the custody of juries, and discharge other functions sometimes assigned to him by the local law or by statute. Comm. v. Deacon, 8 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 47; McCullough v. Commonwealth, 67 Pa. 30, 32; Leavitt v. Leavitt, 135 Mass. 191; Allor v. Wayne County, 43 Mich. 76, 4 N.W. 462.

In General


—Constable of Scotland. An officer who was formerly entitled to command all the king's armies in the absence of the king, and to take cognizance of all crimes committed within four miles of the king's person or of parliament, the privy council, or any general convention of the states of the kingdom. The office was hereditary in the family of Errol, and was abolished by the 20 Geo. III. c. 43. Bell; Ersk. Inst. 1, 3, 37.

—Constable of the exchequer. An officer mentioned in Fleta, lib. 2, c. 31, and in 51 Hen. IIII. stat. 5, cited by Cowell.

—High constables. In England, officers appointed in every hundred or franchise, whose proper duty seems to be to keep the king's peace within their respective hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 356; 3 Steph. Comm. 47; Coke, 4th Inst. 267.

—High constable of England, lord. His office has been disused (except only upon great and solemn occasions, as the coronation, or the like) since the attainder of Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, in the reign of Henry VII.

—Petty constables. Inferior officers in every town and parish, subordinate to the high constable of the hundred, whose principal duty is the preservation of the peace, though they also have other particular duties assigned to them by act of parliament, particularly the service of the summonses and the execution of the warrants of justices of the peace. 1 Bl. Comm. 356; 3 Steph. Comm. 47, 48.

—Special constables. Persons appointed (with or without their consent) by the magistrates to execute warrants on particular occasions, as in the case of riots, etc.

CONSTABLEWICK. In English law. The territorial jurisdiction of a constable; as bailiff is of a bailiff or sheriff. 5 Nev. & M. 201.

CONSTABULARIUS. An officer of horse; an officer having charge of foot or horse; a naval commander; an officer having charge of military affairs generally. Spelman.

In England his power was early diminished and restricted to those duties which related to the preservation of the king's peace. The office is now abolished in England, except as a matter of ceremony, and in France. Guyot, Rep. Univ.; Cowell.

CONSTANT. Fixed or invariable; uniform. Webster. With reference to electric current, the term implies a source steady in purpose, but not necessarily a source always in use. Union Switch & Signal Co. v. Hall Switch & Signal Co. (D. C.) 228 F. 709, 716.

CONSTANTLY. In a constant manner; uniformly; continuously. Webster.

An instruction that a train crew knew that a railroad right of way had been "constantly" frequent, and regularly used by a considerable number of persons at a particular hour of the day was not subject to the criticism that the word "constantly" imported an uninterrupted and continuous presence of such persons on the track, so that at no moment of time it would be vacant of pedestrians. Grauer v. Alabama Great Southern R. Co., 209 Ala. 558, 96 So. 915, 919.

CONSTAT. It is clear or evident; it appears; it is certain; there is no doubt. Non constat, it does not appear.

A certificate which the clerk of the pipe and auditors of the exchequer made, at the request of any person who intended to plead or move in that court, for the discharge of anything. The effect of it was the certifying what appears (constat) upon record, touching the matter in question. Wharton.


An exemplification under the great seal of the enrolment of letters patent. Co. Litt. 225.

CONSTAT D'HUISSIER. In French law. An affidavit made by a huissier, setting forth the appearance, form, quality, color, etc., of
any article upon which a suit depends. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 654.

CONSTATE. To establish, constitute, or ordain.

"Constituting instruments" of a corporation are its charter, organic law, or the grant of powers to it. See examples of the use of the term, Green's Brice, Ultra Vires, p. 39; Ackerman v. Halsey, 37 N. J. Eq. 383.

CONSTITUENT. He who gives authority to another to act for him.

The term is used as a correlative to "attorney," to denote one who constitutes another his agent or invests the other with authority to act for him.

It is also used in the language of politics, as a correlative to "representative," the constituents of a legislator being those whom he represents and whose interests he is to care for in public affairs; usually the electors of his district.

CONSTITUER. Lat. To appoint, constitute, establish, ordain, or undertake. Used principally in ancient powers of attorney, and now supplanted by the English word "constitute."

CONSTITUIMUS. A Latin term, signifying we constitute or appoint.

CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES. Officers properly appointed under the constitution for the government of the people.

CONSTITUTION.

In the Civil Law

An imperial ordinance, decree, or constitution, distinguished from Lex, Senatus-Consultum, and other kinds of law and having its effect from the sole will of the emperor. Dig. 1, 4, 1, Cooper's notes.

An establishment or settlement. Used of controversies settled by the parties without a trial. Calvin.

A sum paid according to agreement. Du Cange.

In Old English Law

An ordinance or statute. A provision of a statute.

CONSTITUTIO DOTIS. Establishment of dower.

CONSTITUTION.

In Public Law

The organic and fundamental law of a nation or state, which may be written or unwritten, establishing the character and conception of its government, laying the basic principles to which its internal life is to be conformed, organizing the government, and regulating, distributing, and limiting the functions of its different departments, and prescribing the extent and manner of the exercise of sovereign powers. A charter of government deriving its whole authority from the governed. Fairhope Single Tax Corporation v. Melville, 193 Ala. 289, 69 So. 465, 470. See, also, Browne v. City of New York, 228 App. Div. 265; 242 N. Y. S. 304; 211; Loring v. Young, 230 Mass. 349, 132 N. E. 65, 74.

In a more general sense, any fundamental or important law or edict; as the Novel Constitutions of Justinian; the Constitutions of Clarendon.

In American Law

The written instrument agreed upon by the people of the Union or of a particular state, as the absolute rule of action and decision for all departments and officers of the government in respect to all the points covered by it, which must control until it shall be changed by the authority which established it, and in opposition to which any act or ordinance of any such department or officer is null and void. Cooley, Const. Lim. 3.

CONSTITUTIONAL. Consistent with the constitution; authorized by the constitution; not conflicting with any provision of the constitution or fundamental law of the state. Dependent upon a constitution, or secured or regulated by a constitution; as "constitutional monarchy," "constitutional rights."

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. A duly constituted assembly of delegates or representatives of the people of a state or nation for the purpose of framing, revising, or amending its constitution.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. (1) That branch of the public law of a state which treats of the organization and frame of government, the organs and powers of sovereignty, the distribution of political and governmental authorities and functions, the fundamental principles which are to regulate the relations of government and subject, and which prescribes generally the plan and method according to which the public affairs of the state are to be administered. (2) That department of the science of law which treats of constitutions, their establishment, construction, and interpretation, and of the validity of legal enactments as tested by the criterion of conformity to the fundamental law. (3) A constitutional law is one which is consonant to, and agrees with, the constitution; one which is not in violation of any provision of the constitution of the particular state.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY OR FREEDOM. Such freedom as is enjoyed by the citizens of a country or state under the protection of its constitution; the aggregate of those personal, civil, and political rights of the individual which are guaranteed by the constitution and secured against invasion by the government or any of its agencies. People v. Huribut, 24 Mich. 106, 9 Am. Rep. 106.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER. One whose tenure and term of office are fixed and defin-
ed by the constitution, as distinguished from the incumbents of offices created by the legislature. Foster v. Jones, 79 Va. 642, 52 Am. Rep. 637; People v. Scheu, 60 App. Div. 592, 60 N. Y. S. 597; Franklin v. Westfall, 273 Ill. 402, 112 N. E. 974, 975.


CONSTITUTIONES. Laws promulgated, i.e., enacted, by the Roman Emperor. They were of various kinds, namely, the following: (1) Edicta; (2) decreta; (3) rescripta, called also "epistolar." Sometimes they were general, and intended to form a precedent for other like cases; at other times they were special, particular, or individual, (persona/us) and not intended to form a precedent. The emperor had this power of irresponsible enactment by virtue of a certain lex regia, whereby he was made the fountain of justice and of mercy. Brown.

Constitutiones tempore posteriores potiores sunt his quae ipsas praecesserunt. Dig. 1, 4. 4. Later laws prevail over those which preceded them.

CONSTITUTIONES OF CLARENDON. See Clarendon.

CONSTITUTIONES OF THE FOREST. See Charta de Foresta.

CONSTITUOR. In the civil law. One who, by a simple agreement, becomes responsible for the payment of another's debt. Inst. 4, 6, 9.

CONSTITUTUM. In the civil law. An agreement to pay a subsisting debt which exists without any stipulation, whether of the promisor or another party. It differs from a stipulation in that it must be for an existing debt. Du Cange.


Constitutum esse eam domum unicumque nostrum debere existimari, ubi quisque sedes et tabulas habet, suarumque rerum constitutionem fecisset. It is settled that this is to be considered the home of each one of us where he may have his habitation and account-books, and where he may have made an establishment of his business. Dig. 50, 16, 203.

CONSTRANT. This term is held to be exactly equivalent with "restraint." Edmondson v. Harris, 2 Tenn. Ch. 427.

In Scotch law. Duress.


"Construct" is distinguishable from "maintain," which means to keep up, to keep from change, to preserve. State v. Olympia Light & Power Co., 91 Wash. 519, 158 P. 55, 59. Under a broad interpretation, however, "construct" may be synonymous with maintain, repair, or improve. Independent Highway Dist. No. 2 of Ada County v. Ada County, 21 Idaho, 412, 124 P. 542, 545; Thomason v. Court of County Comrs., 184 Ala. 28, 63 So. 87, 88.

Constructio legis non fault iuriunam. The construction of the law (a construction made by the law) works no injury. Co. Litt. 183; Broom, Max. 663. The law will make such a construction of an instrument as to not injure a party.

CONSTRUCTION. The process, or the art, of determining the sense, real meaning, or proper explanation of obscure or ambiguous terms or provisions in a statute, written instrument, or oral agreement, or the application of such subject to the case in question, by reasoning in the light derived from extraneous connected circumstances or laws or writings bearing upon the same or a connected matter, or by seeking and applying the probable aim and purpose of the provision. Quoted with approval in Koy v. Schneider, 110 Tex. 360, 221 S. W. 880, 884.


Drawing conclusions respecting subjects that lie beyond the direct expression of the term. Lieber, Leg. & Pol. Herm. 29; Roberts v. Portland Water Dist., 124 Me. 63, 126 A. 162, 163.

This term is properly distinguished from interpretation, although the two are often used synonymously. In strictness, interpretation is limited to exploring the written text, while construction goes beyond and may call in the aid of extrinsic considerations, as above indicated.

The process of bringing together and correlating a number of independent entities, so as to form a definite entity. The Dredge A (D. C.) 217 F. 617, 631.

The creation of something new, as distinguished from the repair or improvement of something already existing. Carlson v. Kitsap County, 124 Wash. 155, 213 P. 939, 931. The act of fitting an object for use or occupation in the usual way, and for some distinct purpose. Paterson N. & R. R. Co. v. City of
CONSUETUDINARIUS. In ecclesiastical law. A ritual or book, containing the rites and forms of divine offices or the customs of abbey and monasteries.
CONSUETUDINARY LAW. Customary law. Law derived by oral tradition from a remote antiquity. Bell.

CONSUETUDINES. In old English law. Customs. Thus, consuetudines et assises forestae, the customs and assizes of the forest.

CONSUETUDINES FEUDORUM. (Lat. feudal customs.) A compilation of the law of feuds or fiefs in Lombardy, made A. D. 1170. It is of great authority.

CONSUETUDINIBUS ET SERVICIS. In old English law. A writ of right close, which lay against a tenant who deforced his lord of the rent or service due to him. Reg. Orig. 159; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 151.

CONSUETUDO. Lat. A custom; an established usage or practice. Co. Litt. 58. Tolls; duties; taxes. 1d. 58b.

CONSUETUDO ANGLICANA. The custom of England: the ancient common law, as distinguished from lex, the Roman or civil law.

Consuetudo contra rationem introducta potius usurpatio quam consuetudo appellari debet. A custom introduced against reason ought rather to be called a "usurpation" than a "custom." Co. Litt. 113.

CONSUETUDO CURIÆ. The custom or practice of a court. Hardr. 141.

Consuetudo debet esse certa; nam incerta pro nullâ habetur. Dav. 33. A custom should be certain; for an uncertain custom is considered null.

Consuetudo est altera lex. Custom is another law. 4 Coke, 21.

Consuetudo est optimus interpres legum. 2 Inst. 18. Custom is the best expounder of the laws.

Consuetudo et communis assuetudo vincit legem non scriptam, si sit specialis; et interpretatur legem scriptam, si lex sit generalis. Jenk. Cent. 273. Custom and common usage overcomes the unwritten law, if it be special; and interprets the written law, if the law be general.

Consuetudo ex certa causa rationabilis usitata privat communem legem. A custom, grounded on a certain and reasonable cause, supersedes the common law. Litt. § 169; Co. Litt. 113; Broom, Max. 919.

Consuetudo, ille sit magna auctoritatis, nunquam tamen, praemudicat manifesta veritati. A custom, though it be of great authority, should never prejudice manifest truth. 4 Coke, 18.

Consuetudo loci observanda est. Litt. § 169. The custom of a place is to be observed.

Consuetudo manerii et loci observanda est. 6 Coke, 67. A custom of a manor and place is to be observed.

CONSUETUDO MERCATORUM. Lat. The custom of merchants, the same with lex mercatoria.

Consuetudo neque injuria oriri neque tolli postest. Loft. 340. Custom can neither arise from nor be taken away by injury.

Consuetudo non trahit in consequentiam. 3 Keb. 499. Custom is not drawn into consequence. 4 Jur. (N. S.) Ex. 139.

Consuetudo prescripta et legitima vincit legem. A prescriptive and lawful custom overcomes the law. Co. Litt. 113; 4 Coke, 21.


Consuetudo semel reprobata non potest amplius induci. A custom once disallowed cannot be again brought forward, [or relied on.] Dav. 33.

Consuetudo tollit communem legem. Co. Litt. 33b. Custom takes away the common law.

Consuetudo vincit communem legem. Custom overrules common law. 1 Rop. H. & W. 351; Co. Litt. 33b.

Consuetudo volentes ducti, lex nobentis trahit. Custom leads the willing, law compels [drags] the unwilling. Jenk. Cent. 274.

CONSUL. In Roman Law

During the republic, the name "consul" was given to the chief executive magistrate, two of whom were chosen annually. The office was continued under the empire, but its powers and prerogatives were greatly reduced. The name is supposed to have been derived from consul, to consult, because these officers consulted with the senate on administrative measures.

In Old English Law

An ancient title of an earl.

In International Law

An officer of a commercial character, appointed by the different states to watch over the mercantile interests of the appointing state and of its subjects in foreign countries. There are usually a number of consuls in every maritime country, and they are usually subject to a chief consul, who is called a "consul general." Schurior v. Russell, 83 Tex. 38, 18 S. W. 494; Seddel v. Peschkaw, 27 N. J. Law, 427; Sartori v. Hamilton, 13 N. J. Law, 107; The Anne, 3 Wheat. 445, 4 L. Ed. 428.

The word "consul" has two meanings: (1) It denotes an officer of a particular grade in the consular service; (2) it has a broader generic sense, embracing all consular officers. Dainese v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 64.
The official designations employed throughout this title shall be deemed to have the following meanings, respectively: First. "Consul general," "consul," and "commercial agent" shall be deemed to denote full, principal, and permanent consular officers, as distinguished from subordinates and substitutes. Second. "Deputy-consul" and "consular agent" shall be deemed to denote consular officers subordinate to such principals, exercising the powers and performing the duties within the limits of their consulates or commercial agencies respectively, the former at the same ports or places and the latter at ports or places different from those at which such principals are located respectively. Third. "Vice-consuls" and "vice-commercial agents" shall be deemed to denote consular officers who shall be substituted, temporarily, to fill the places of consuls general, consuls, or commercial agents, when they shall be temporarily absent or relieved from duty. Fourth. "Consular officer" shall be deemed to include consuls general, consuls, commercial agents, deputy-consuls, vice-consuls, vice-commercial agents, and consular agents, and none others. Fifth. "Diplomatic officer" shall be deemed to include ambassadors, envoys extra-ordinary, ministers plenipotentiary, ministers resident, commissioners, chargés d'affaires, agents, and secretaries of legation, and none others. Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (22 USCA §§ 40, 51).

CONSULAR COURTS. Courts held by the consuls of one country, within the territory of another, under authority given by treaty, for the settlement of civil cases. In some instances they have also a criminal jurisdiction, but in this respect are subject to review by the courts of the home government. See Rev. St. U. S. § 4083 (22 USCA § 141.)

CONSULTA ECCLESIA. In ecclesiastical law. A church full or provided for. Cowell.

CONSULTARY RESPONSE. The opinion of a court of law on a special case.

CONSULTATION. A writ whereby a cause which has been wrongfully removed by prohibition out of an ecclesiastical court to a temporal court is returned to the ecclesiastical court. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1439.

A conference between the counsel engaged in a case, to discuss its questions or arrange the method of conducting it.

In French Law

The opinion of counsel upon a point of law submitted to them.

CONSULTO. Lat. In the civil law. Designately; intentionally. Dig. 28, 41.

CONSUMMATE, adj. Completed; as distinguished from initiate, or that which is merely begun. The husband of a woman seised of an estate of inheritance becomes, by the birth of a child, tenant by the curtesy initiate, and may do many acts to charge the lands, but his estate is not consummate till the death of the wife. 2 Bl. Comm. 126, 128; Co. Litt. 30a.

CONSUMMATE. v. To finish by completing what was intended; bring or carry to utmost point or degree; carry or bring to completion; finish; perfect; achieve. American Mercantile Corporation v. Spielberg (C. C. A.) 202 F. 402, 406; Purcell v. Firth, 175 Cal. 146, 177 P. 379, 380; Connor v. Riggins, 21 Cal. App. 756, 123 P. 449; S. 590; Oregon Home Builders v. Montgomery Inv. Co., 94 Or. 349, 184 P. 487, 493; Oregon Home Builders v. Montgomery Inv. Co., 94 Or. 349, 184 P. 487, 492.

CONSUMMATION. The completion of a thing; the completion of a marriage between two affianced persons by cohabitation. Sharon v. Sharon, 79 Cal. 633, 22 P. 28.

CONTAGIOUS ABORTION. A disease of cows generally contracted through the digestive tract from infected food which causes premature birth of calves. Gesme v. Potter, 118 Or. 621, 247 P. 765, 766.


CONTANGO. A double bargain, consisting of a sale for cash of stock previously bought which the broker does not wish to carry, and a repurchase for the re-settlement two weeks ahead of the same stock at the same price as at the sale plus interest accrued up to the date of that settlement. The rate of interest is called a "contango" and contango days are the two days during the settlement when these arrangements are in effect.


CONTEMNER. One who has committed contempt of court. Wyatt v. People, 17 Colo. 252, 28 P. 961.

CONTEMPLATION. The act of the mind in considering with attention. Continued attention of the mind to a particular subject. Consideration of an act or series of acts with the intention of doing or adopting them. The consideration of an event or state of facts with the expectation that it will transpire.

CONTEMPLATION OF BANKRUPTCY. Contemplation of the breaking up of one's business or an inability to continue it; knowledge of, and action with reference to, a condition of bankruptcy or ascertained insolven-
CONTEMPLATION OF DEATH


Classification

Contempts are of two kinds, direct and constructive. Direct contempts are those committed in the immediate view and presence of the court (such as insults language or acts of violence) or so near the presence of the court as to obstruct or interrupt the due and orderly course of proceedings. These are punishable summarily. They are also called "criminal" contempts, but that term is better used in contrast with "civil" contempts. See infra. Ex parte Wright, 65 Ind. 508; State v. McClougherthy, 33 W. Va. 250, 10 S. E. 407; State v. Shepherd, 177 Mo. 205, 76 S. W. 70, 99 Am. St. Rep. 624; Indianapolis Water Co. v. American Strawboard Co. (C. C.) 7 F. 333; In re O'Neil, 32 Kan. 665, 5 P. 30, 49 Am. Rep. 505; Androcoggin & Kennebec R. Co. v. Androcoggin R. Co., 49 Me. 392; State v. District Court, Second Judicial District in and for Silver Bow County, 76 Mont. 495, 248 P. 213, 215; State v. Martin, 125 Okl. 51, 256 P. 667, 674; Snow v. Hawkes, 183 N. C. 365, 111 S. E. 621, 622, 23 A. L. R. 183; In re Jenkins, 93 N. J. Eq. 545, 118 A. 240; Melton v. Commonwealth, 160 Ky. 642, 170 S. W. 37, 39, L. R. A. 1915B, 689.

Constructive (or indirect) contempts are those which arise from matters not occurring in or near the presence of the court, but which tend to obstruct or defeat the administration of justice, and the term is chiefly used with reference to the failure or refusal of a party to obey a lawful order, injunction, or decree of the court laying upon him a duty of action or forbearance. Androcoggin & & E. R. Co. v. Androcoggin R. Co., 49 Me. 392; Cooper v. People, 13 Colo. 337, 22 P. 790, 8 L. R. A. 430; Stuart v. People, 4 Ill. 395; McMakin v. Mc-
CONTEMPTIBILITER. Lat. Contemptuous-ly.

In Old English Law

Contempt, contemptus. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 85.

CONTESTENEMUNTUM. See Walpurgium; Contenentment.

CONTENTSIOUS. Contested; adversary; litigated between adverse or contending parties; a judicial proceeding not merely ex parte in its character, but comprising attack and defense as between opposing parties, is so called. The litigious proceedings in ecclesiastical courts are sometimes said to belong to its "contentious" jurisdiction, in contradiction to what is called its "voluntary" jurisdiction, which is exercised in the granting of licenses, probates of wills, dispensations, faculties, etc.

CONTENTSIOUS JURISDICTION. In English ecclesiastical law. That branch of the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts which is exercised upon adversary or contentious proceedings.

CONTENTSIOUS POSSESSION. In stating the rule that the possession of land necessary to give rise to a title by prescription must be a "contentious" one, it is meant that it must be based on opposition to the title of the rival claimant (not in recognition thereof or by subordination thereto) and that the opposition must be based on good grounds, or such as might be made the subject of litigation. Railroad Co. v. McFarlan, 43 N. J. Law, 621.

CONTEMPTMENT, CONTENEMENT.

A man's countenance or credit, which he has together with, and by reason of, his freehold; or that which is necessary for the support and maintenance of men, agreeably to their several qualities or states of life. Wharton; Cowell.

Comfort; consolation; ease; enjoyment; happiness; pleasure; satisfaction. National Surety Co. v. Jarrett, 95 W. Va. 420, 121 S. E. 291, 295.

CONTENTS. The contents of a promissory note or other commercial instrument or chose in action means the specific sum named therein and payable by the terms of the instrument. Trading Co. v. Morrison, 175 U. S. 262, 20 S. Ct. 589, 44 L. Ed. 1061; Sere v. Pilot, 6 Cranch, 335, 3 L. Ed. 240; Simons v. Paper Co. (C. J.) 33 F. 185; Barney v. Bank, 2 Fed. Cas. 894; Corbin v. Black Hawk County, 105 U. S. 659, 26 L. Ed. 1136.

CONTENTS AND NOT CONTENTS. In parliamentary law. The "contents" are those who, in the house of lords, express assent to a bill; the "not" or "non contents" dissent. May, Parl. Law, cc. 12, 357.
CONTESTATION LITIS.

In Roman Law

Contestation of suit; the framing an issue; joinder in issue. The formal act of both the parties with which the proceedings in jure were closed when they led to a judicial investigation, and by which the neighbors whom the parties brought with them were called to testify. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 219.

In Old English Law

Coming to an issue; the issue so produced. Crabb, Eng. Law, 216.

Contestatio litis eget terminos contradictorios. An issue requires terms of contradiction. Jenk. Cent. 117. To constitute an issue, there must be an affirmative on one side and a negative on the other.

CONTESTATION OF SUIT. In an ecclesiastical cause, that stage of the suit which is reached when the defendant has answered the libel by giving in an allegation.

CONTESTED ELECTION. This phrase has no technical or legally defined meaning. An election may be said to be contested whenever an objection is formally urged against it which, if found to be true in fact, would invalidate it. This is true both as to objections founded upon some constitutional provision and to such as are based on statutes. Robertson v. State, 109 Ind. 116, 10 N. E. 600.

CONTEXT. The context of a particular sentence or clause in a statute, contract, will, etc., comprises those parts of the text which immediately precede and follow it. The context may sometimes be scrutinized, to aid in the interpretation of an obscure passage.


CONTIGUOUS AND COMPACT. In respect of school district, territory so closely united and so nearly adjacent to the school building that all the children residing in the district, their ages considered, may conveniently travel from their homes to the school building and return in a reasonable time and with a reasonable degree of comfort. People v. Simpson, 308 Ill. 418, 159 N. E. 590, 593; People v. Dodds, 310 Ill. 607, 142 N. E. 241, 242.

CONTINENCIA. In Spanish law. Continuity or unity of the proceedings in a cause. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 6, c. 1.

CONTINENS. In the Roman law. Continuing; holding together. Adjoining buildings were said to be continencia.

CONTINENTAL. Pertaining or relating to a continent; characteristic of a continent; as broad in scope or purpose as a continent. Continental Ins. Co. v. Continental Fire Ass'n (C. C.) 96 F. 848.

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS. The first national legislative assembly in the United States, which met in 1774, in pursuance of a recommendation made by Massachusetts and adopted by the other colonies. In this congress all the colonies were represented except Georgia. The delegates were in some cases chosen by the legislative assemblies in the states; in others by the people directly. The powers of the congress were undefined, but it proceeded to take measures and pass resolutions which concerned the general welfare and had regard to the inauguration and prosecution of the war for independence. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 40; 1 Story, Const. §§ 198-217.

CONTINENTAL CURRENCY. Paper money issued under the authority of the continental congress. Wharton v. Morris, 1 Dall. 125, 1 L. Ed. 65.


CONTINGENCY. An event that may or may not happen, a doubtful or uncertain future event. The quality of being contingent.

A fortuitous event, which comes without

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design, foresight, or expectation. A contingent expense must be deemed to be an expense depending upon some future uncertain event. People v. Yonkers, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 272.

CONTINGENCY OF A PROCESS. In Scotch law. Where two or more processes are so connected that the circumstances of the one are likely to throw light on the others, the process first enrolled is considered as the leading process, and those subsequently brought into court, if not brought in the same division, may be remitted to it, ob contingentiwm, on account of their nearness or proximity in character to it. The effect of remitting processes in this manner is merely to bring them before the same division of the court or same lord ordinary. In other respects they remain distinct. Bell.

CONTINGENCY WITH DOUBLE ASPECT. A remainder is said to be "in a contingency with double aspect," when there is another remainder limited on the same estate, not in derogation of the first, but as a substitute for it in case it should fail. Fearne, Rem. 373.

CONTINGENT. Possible, but not assured; doubtful or uncertain, conditioned upon the occurrence of some future event which is itself uncertain, or questionable. Verdier v. Rouch, 96 Cal. 467, 31 P. 554.

This term, when applied to a use, remainder, devise, bequest, or other legal right or interest, implies that no present interest exists, and that whether such interest or right ever will exist depends upon a future uncertain event. Jemison v. Blowers, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 692.


CONTINGENT INTEREST IN PERSONAL PROPERTY. It may be defined as a future interest not transmissible to the representatives of the party entitled thereto, in case he dies before it vests in possession. Thus, if a testator leaves the income of a fund to his wife for life, and the capital of the fund to be distributed among such of his children as shall be living at her death, the interest of each child during the widow's life-time is contingent, and in case of her death is not transmissible to his representatives. Mozley & Whitley.


CONTINUAL CLAIM. In old English law. A formal claim made by a party entitled to enter upon any lands or tenements, but deterred from such entry by menaces, or bodily fear, for the purpose of preserving or keeping alive his right. It was called "continual," because it was required to be repeated once in the space of every year and day. It had to be made as near to the land as the party could approach with safety, and, when made in due form, had the same effect with, and in all respects amounted to, a legal entry. Litt. §§ 419-423; Co. Litt. 250e; 8 Bl. Comm. 175.

CONTINUANCE. The adjournment or postponement of an action pending in a court, to a subsequent day of the same or another term. Com. v. Maloney, 145 Mass. 205, 13 N. E. 482; State v. Underwood, 76 Mo. 680; Reynolds v. Cropsy, 241 N. Y. 388, 150 N. E. 303, 304. Also the entry of a continuance made upon the record of the court, for the purpose of formally evidencing the postponement, or of connecting the parts of the record so as to make one continuous whole.
CONTINUANDO. In pleading. A form of allegation in which the trespass, criminal offense, or other wrongful act complained of is charged to have been committed on a specified day and to have “continued” to the present time, or is averred to have been committed at divers days and times within a given period or on a specified day and on divers other days and times between that day and another. This is called “laying the time with a continuing.” Benson v. Swift, 2 Mass. 52; People v. Sullivan, 9 Utah, 195, 33 P. 701; State v. Brown, 10 Okl. Cr. 52, 133 P. 1143, 1144.

CONTINUING. Enduring; not terminated by a single act or fact; subsisting for a definite period or intended to cover or apply to successive similar obligations or occurrences. As to continuing “Breach,” “Consideration,” “Covenant,” “Damages,” “Guaranty,” “Nuisance,” and “Offense,” see those titles.

CONTINUOUS. Uninterrupted; unbroken; not intermittent or occasional; so persistently repeated at short intervals as to constitute virtually an unbroken series. Black v. Canal Co., 22 N. J. Eq. 402; Hofer’s Appeal, 116 Pa. 360, 9 A. 441; Ingraham v. Hough, 46 N. C. 43.


CONTINUOUS INJURY. One recurring at repeated intervals, so as to be of repeated occurrence; not necessarily an injury that never ceases. Wood v. Sutcliffe, 8 Eng. Law & Eq. 217.

As to continuous “Crime” and “Easements,” see those titles.


CONTIONS. General meetings of the Roman people. Lannspach, State and Family in Early Rome 69.

CONTRA. Against, confronting, opposite to; on the other hand; on the contrary. The word is used in many Latin phrases, as appears by the following titles. In the books of reports, contra, appended to the name of a judge or counsel, indicates that he held a view of the matter in argument contrary to that next before advanced. Also, after citation of cases in support of a position, contra is often prefixed to citations of cases opposed to it.

CONTRA BONOS MORES. Against good morals. Contracts contra bonos mores are void.

CONTRA FORMAM COLLATIONIS. In old English law. A writ that issued where lands given in perpetual alms to lay houses of religion, or to an abbot and convent, or to the warden or master of an hospital and his convent, to find certain poor men with necessaries, and do divine service, etc., were alienated, to the disherison of the house and church. By means of this writ the donor or his heirs could recover the lands. Reg. Orig. 238; Fitz. Nat. Brev. 210.

CONTRA FORMAM DONI. Against the form of the grant. See Formedon.

CONTRA FORMAM FEIOFFAMENTI. In old English law. A writ that lay for the heir of a tenant, enfeoffed of certain lands or tenements, by charter of feeftment from a lord to make certain services and suits to his court, who was afterwards distrained for more services than were mentioned in the charter. Reg. Orig. 176; Old Nat. Brev. 162.

CONTRA FORMAM STATUTI. In criminal pleading. (Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.) The usual conclusion of every indictment, etc., brought for an offense created by statute.

CONTRA JUS BELLI. Lat. Against the law of war. 1 Kent. Comm. 6.

CONTRA JUS COMMUNE. Against common right or law; contrary to the rule of the common law. Bract. fol. 459.

Contra legem facit qui id fact quod lex prohibet; in fraudem vero qui, salvis verbis legis, sententiam ejus circumanvenit. He does contrary to the law who does what the law prohibits; he acts in fraud of the law who, the letter of the law being inviolate, uses the law contrary to its intention. Dig. I, 3, 28.

CONTRA LEGEM TERRÆ. Against the law of the land.

Contra negantem principia non est disputandum. There is no disputing against one who denies first principles. Co. Litt. 343.

Contra non valentem agere nulla currit præscriptio. No prescription runs against a person unable to bring an action. Broom, Max. 903.


CONTRA PACEM. Against the peace. A phrase used in the Latin forms of indictments, and also of actions for trespass, to signify that the offense alleged was committed against the public peace, e., involved a breach of the peace. The full formula was contra pacem domini regis, against the peace
of the lord the king. In modern pleading, in this country, the phrase "against the peace of the commonwealth" or "of the people" is used.

CONTRA PROFERENTEM. Against the party who proffers or puts forward a thing. J. Zimmerm's Co. v. Granade, 212 Ala. 172, 102 So. 210, 211.

CONTRA TABULAS. In the civil law. Against the will, (testament.) Dig. 37, 4.

CONTRA VADIAM ET PLEGIUM. In old English law. Against gage and pledge. Bract. fol. 152.

Contra veritatem lex nunquam aliquid permittit. The law never suffers anything contrary to truth. 2 Inst. 232.

CONTRABAND. Against law or treaty; prohibited. Goods exported from or imported into a country against its laws. Brande. Articles, the importation or exportation of which is prohibited by law. P. Enc. Waldo v. Gould, 165 Minn. 128, 206 N. W. 46, 48.

CONTRABAND OF WAR. Certain classes of merchandise, such as arms and ammunition, which, by the rules of international law, cannot lawfully be furnished or carried by a neutral nation to either of two belligerents; if found in transit in neutral vessels, such goods may be seized and condemned for violation of neutrality. The Peterhoff, 5 Wall. 58, 18 L. Ed. 564; Richardson v. Insurance Co., 6 Mass. 114, 4 Am. Dec. 92.

A recent American author on international law says that, "by the term 'contraband of war,' we now understand a class of articles of commerce which neutrals are prohibited from furnishing to either one of the belligerents, for the reason that, by so doing, injury is done to the other belligerent;" and he treats of the subject, chiefly, in its relation to commerce upon the high seas. Hall, Int. Law, 570, 592; Elrod v. Alexander, 4 Hel. (Tenn.) 345.

CONTRACASATOR. A criminal; one prosecuted for a crime.

CONTRACT. A promissory agreement between two or more persons that creates, modifies, or destroys a legal relation. See Buffalo Pressed Steel Co. v. Kirwan, 138 Md. 60, 113 A. 625, 630; Mexican Petroleum Corporation of Louisiana v. North German Lloyd (D. C.) 17 F. (2d) 113, 114.


A contract is an agreement between two or more persons to do or not to do a particular thing; and the obligation of a contract is found in the terms in which the contract is expressed, and is the duty thus assumed by the contracting parties respectively to perform the stipulations of such contract. When that duty is recognized and enforced by the municipal law, it is one of perfect, and when not so recognized and enforced, of imperfect, obligation. Barlow v. Gregory, 31 Conn. 265.

A covenant or agreement between two or more persons, with a lawful consideration or cause. Jacob.

A deliberate engagement between competent parties, upon a legal consideration, to do, or abstain from doing, some act. Wharton.

A contract or agreement is either where a promise is made on one side and assented to on the other; or where two or more persons enter into engagement with each other by a promise on either side. 2 Steph. Comm. 54.

A contract is an agreement by which one person obligates himself to another to give, to do, or permit, or not to do, something expressed or implied by such agreement. Civ. Code Cal. art. 1761; Fisk v. Police Jury, 34 La. Ann. 45.

The writing which contains the agreement of parties, with the terms and conditions, and which serves as a proof of the obligation.

Classification

Contracts may be classified on several different methods, according to the element in them which is brought into prominence. The usual classifications are as follows:

Record, Specialty, Simple

Contracts of record are such as are declared and adjudicated by courts of competent jurisdiction, or entered on their records, including judgments, recognizances, and statutes stapled. Hardeman v. Downer, 39 Ga. 425. These are not properly speaking contracts at all, though they may be enforced by action like contracts. Specialties, or special contracts, are contracts under seal, such as deeds and bonds. Ludwig v. Bungart, 26 Misc. Rep. 247, 56 N. Y. S. 51. All others are included in the description "simple" contracts; that is, a simple contract is one that is not a contract of record and not under seal; it may be either written or oral, in either case, it is called a "parol" contract, the distinguishing feature being the lack of a seal. Webster v. Fleming, 178 Ill. 149, 52 N. E. 975; Perrine v. Chesseman, 11 N. J. Law, 177, 19 Am. Dec. 388; Corecoran v. Railroad Co., 20 Misc. Rep. 197, 45 N. Y. S. 861; Justice v. Lang, 42 N. Y. 496, 1 Am. Rep. 376; Stackpole v. Arnold, 11 Mass. 59, 6 Am. Dec. 130; 4 B. & Ald. 588; 2 Bla. Comm. 472.

Express and Implied

An express contract is an actual agreement of the parties, the terms of which are openly uttered or declared at the time of making it, being stated in distinct and explicit language, either orally or in writing.
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An implied contract is one not created or evidenced by the explicit agreement of the parties, but inferred by law, as a matter of reason and justice from the acts or conduct, the circumstances surrounding the acts or transaction making it a reasonable, or even a necessary, assumption that a contract existed between them by tacit understanding. Miller’s Appeal, 100 Pa. 508, 45 Am. Rep. 394; Wickham v. Weil (Com. Pl.) 17 N. Y. S. 518; Hinkle v. Sage, 67 Ohio St. 258, 65 L. E. 399; Power Co. v. Montgomery, 114 Ala. 453, 21 South. 960; Railway Co. v. Gaffney, 65 Ohio St. 104, 61 N. E. 152; Jennings v. Bank, 79 Cal. 323, 21 P. 852, 5 L. R. A. 253, 12 Am. St. Rep. 145; Deane v. Hodge, 35 Minn. 146, 27 N. W. 917, 59 Am. Rep. 321; Bixby v. Moor, 51 N. H. 495; Kiebe v. U. S., 203 U. S. 188, 44 S. Ct. 58, 58 L. Ed. 244; Landon v. Kansas City Gas Co. (C. C. A.) 10 F.(2d) 265, 266; Caldwell v. Missouri State Life Ins. Co., 145 Ark. 474, 250 S. W. 565, 568. Implied contracts are sometimes subdivided into those “implied in fact” and those “implied in law,” the former being covered by the definition just given, while the latter are obligations imposed upon a person by the law, not in pursuance of his intention and agreement, either expressed or implied, but even against his will and design, because the circumstances between the parties are such as to render it just that the one should have a right, and the other a corresponding liability, similar to those which would arise from a contract between them. This kind of obligation therefore rests on the principle that whatsoever it is certain a man ought to do that the law will suppose him to have promised to do. And hence it is said that, while the liability of a party to an express contract arises directly from the contract, it is just the reverse in the case of a contract “implied in law,” the contract there being implied or arising from the liability. Musgrove v. Jackson, 39 Miss. 392; Bliss v. Hoyt, 70 Vt. 594, 41 A. 1026; Linn v. Ross, 10 Ohio, 414, 36 Am. Dec. 95; People v. Speir, 77 N. Y. 150; O’Briens v. Young, 35 N. Y. 432, 47 Am. Rep. 64. But obligations of this kind are not purely contracts at all, and should not be so denominated. There can be no true contract without a mutual and concurrent intention of the parties. Such obligations are more properly described as “quasi contracts.” Willard v. Doran, 48 Hun, 402, 1 N. Y. S. 588; People v. Speir, 77 N. Y. 150; Woods v. Ayres, 39 Mich. 350, 33 Am. Rep. 396; Bliss v. Hoyt, 70 Vt. 534, 41 A. 1026; Keener, Quasi Contr. 5; People v. Dummer, 274 Ill. 637, 113 N. E. 934, 935.

Executed and Executory

Contracts are also distinguished into executed and executory: executed, where nothing remains to be done by either party, and where the transaction is completed at the moment that the arrangement is made, as where an article is sold and delivered, and payment therefor is made on the spot; executory, where some future act is to be done, as where an agreement is made to build a house in six months, or to do an act on or before some future day, or to lend money upon a certain interest, payable at a future time. Farrington v. Tennessee, 95 U. S. 683, 24 L. Ed. 558; Fox v. Kitton, 19 Ill. 552; Watkins v. Nugent, 118 Ga. 372, 45 S. E. 262; Kynoch v. Ives, 14 Fed. Cas. 800; Watson v. Coast, 35 W. Va. 463, 14 S. E. 249; Keokuk v. Electric Co., 86 Iowa. 67, 57 N. W. 658; Hatch v. Standard Oil Co., 100 U. S. 130, 25 L. Ed. 554; Foley v. Pelath, 58 Ala. 176, 13 South. 485, 39 Am. St. Rep. 39; Epstein v. Waas, 28 N. M. 608, 416 P. 506, 508; Brooks v. Tyner, 38 Okl. 271, 132 P. 683, 685; Carpenter v. Roach, 55 Okl. 103, 153 P. 237; Tucker v. Cox, 101 S. C. 473, 56 S. E. 28, 29; Wong Ah Sure v. Ty Fook, 37 Cal. App. 465, 174 P. 64, 66; McCutchen v. Klaes, 26 Colo. App. 374, 143 P. 143, 144; All v. All (D. C.) 250 F. 120, 133; Lewis v. Lambros, 58 Mont. 555, 194 P. 152, 154; Lam v. White, 201 Ky. 557, 261 S. W. 1113, 1115; Cloud v. Burnett, 201 Iowa. 733, 206 N. W. 283, 286; State v. Associated Packing Co., 135 Iowa, 1818, 192 N. W. 267, 269.

But executed contracts are not properly contracts at all, except reminiscently. The term denotes rights in property which have been acquired by means of contract; but the parties are no longer bound by a contractual tie. Mettel v. Gales, 12 S. D. 632, 82 N. W. 181.

Entire and Severable

An entire contract is one the consideration of which is entire on both sides. The entire fulfillment of the promise by either is a condition precedent to the fulfillment of any part of the promise by the other. Whenever, therefore, there is a contract to pay the gross sum for a certain and definite consideration, the contract is entire. A severable contract is one the consideration of which is, by its terms, susceptible of apportionment on either side, so as to correspond to the unascertained consideration on the other side, as a contract to pay a person the worth of his services so long as he will do certain work; or to give a certain price for every bushel of so much corn as corresponds to a sample. Orenstein v. Kahn, 13 Del. Ch. 376, 119 A. 444, 446; Kahn v. Orenstein, 12 Del. Ch. 344, 114 A. 165, 167; Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co. v. Gambell, 95 Conn. 399, 111 A. 864, 867;
Snyder v. Noss, 99 Okt. 142, 226 P. 319, 323; In re Hellans (D. C.) 223 F. 460, 461; Potter v. Potter, 43 Or. 149, 72 P. 702; Telephone Co. v. Root (Pa.) 4 A. 829; Horseman v. Horseman, 43 Or. 38, 72 P. 696; Norrington v. Wright (C. C.) 5 F. 771; Dowley v. Schiffer (Com. Pt.) 15 N. Y. S. 552; Ogden v. Bandier, 75 Iowa, 550, 39 N. W. 887, 1 L. R. A. 655. Where a contract consists of many parts, which may be considered as parts of one whole, the contract is entire. When the parts may be considered as so many distinct contracts, entered into at one time, and expressed in the same instrument, but not thereby made one contract, the contract is a separable contract. But, if the consideration of the contract is single and entire, the contract must be held to be entire, although the subject of the contract may consist of several distinct and wholly independent items. 2 Pars. Cont. 517.

Parol

All contracts which are not contracts of record and not specialties are parol contracts. It is erroneous to contrast “parol” with “written.” Though a contract may be wholly in writing, it is still a parol contract if it is not under seal. Tarborough v. West, 10 Ga. 473; Jones v. Holliday, 11 Tex. 415, 62 Am. Dec. 487; Ludwig v. Bungart, 26 Misc. 247, 66 N. Y. Supp. 51.

Joint and Several

A joint contract is one made by two or more promisors, who are jointly bound to fulfill its obligations, or made to two or more promisees, who are jointly entitled to require performance of the same. A contract may be “several” as to any one of several promisors or promisees, if he has a legal right (either from the terms of the agreement or the nature of the undertaking) to enforce his individual interest separately from the other parties. Rainey v. Smithe, 28 Mo. 310; Bartlett v. Robbins, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 186; Jens-Marie Oil Co. v. Rixse, 72 Okt. 93, 178 P. 658. Generally all contracts are Joint where the interest of the parties for whose benefit they are created is Joint, and separate where that interest is separate. Shurtleff v. Udall, 97 Vt. 150, 122 A. 465, 468.

Principal and Accessory

A principal contract is one entered into by both parties on their own account or in the several qualities they assume. It is one which stands by itself, justifies its own existence, and is not subordinate or auxiliary to any other. Accessory contracts are those made for assuring the performance of a prior contract, either by the same parties or by others, such as suretyship, mortgage, and pledge. Civ. Code La. art. 1771.

Unilateral and Bilateral

A unilateral contract is one in which one party makes an express engagement or under- takes a performance, without receiving in return any express engagement or promise of performance from the other. Bilateral (or reciprocal) contracts are those by which the parties expressly enter into mutual engagements, such as sale or hire. Civ. Code La. art. 1765; Poth. Obl. 1, 1, 1, 2; Montpelier Seminary v. Smith, 69 Vt. 382, 38 Atl. 66; Laclede Const. Co. v. Tudor Ironworks, 169 Mo. 137, 69 S. W. 388; Edwards v. Robertis (Tex. Civ. App.) 209 S. W. 247, 250; Perfection Mattress & Spring Co. v. Duprec, 216 Ala. 308, 113 So. 74, 77. When the party to whom an engagement is made makes no express agreement on his part, the contract is called unilateral, even in cases where the law attaches certain obligations to his acceptance. La. Civ. Code, art. 1765. A contract is also said to be “unilateral” when there is a promise on one side only, the consideration on the other side being executed. Miller v. Kimmel, 76 Okt. 233, 184 P. 762, 764; Winders v. Kenan, 161 N. C. 628, 77 S. E. 687, 689; Rifle Potato Growers Co-op. Ass'n v. Smith, 78 Colo. 171, 246 P. 937, 938; Aspironal Laboratories v. Rosenhant, 34 Ga. App. 255, 129 S. E. 140, 142; McMahan v. McMahon, 122 S. C. 336, 115 S. E. 293, 294, 26 A. L. R. 1295.

Consensual and Real

Consensual contracts are such as are founded upon and completed by the mere agreement of the contracting parties, without any external formality or symbolic act to fix the obligation. Real contracts are those in which it is necessary that there should be something more than mere consent, such as a loan of money, deposit or pledge, which, from their nature, require a delivery of the thing, (res.) Inst. 3, 14, 2; Id. 3, 15; Halifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 15, No. 1. In the common law a contract respecting real property (such as a lease of land for years) is called a “real” contract. 3 Coke, 22a.

Certain and Hazardous

Certain contracts are those in which the thing to be done is supposed to depend on the will of the party, or when, in the usual course of events, it must happen in the manner stipulated. Hazardous contracts are those in which the performance of that which is one of its objects depends on an uncertain event. Civ. Code La. 1776.

Commutative and Independent

Commutative contracts are those in which what is done, given, or promised by one party is considered as an equivalent to or in consideration of what is done, given, or promised by the other. Civ. Code La. 1768; Ridings v. Johnson, 128 U. S. 212, 9 Sup. Ct. 73, 32 L. Ed. 401. Independent contracts are those in which the mutual acts or promises have no relation to each other, either as equivalents or as considerations. Civ. Code La. 1769.
Divisible and Indivisible

The effect of the breach of a contract depends in a large degree upon whether it is to be regarded as indivisible or divisible; i.e., whether it forms a whole, the performance of every part of which is a condition precedent to bind the other party, or is composed of several independent parts, the performance of any one of which will bind the other party pro tanto. The only test is whether the whole quantity of the things concerned, or the sum of the acts to be done, is of the essence of the contract. It depends, therefore, in the last resort, simply upon the intention of the parties. Broumel v. Rayner, 68 Md. 47, 11 Atl. 833; Wooten v. Walters, 110 N. C. 251, 14 S. E. 734, 756. See 9 Q. B. D. 648; H. v. Lumber Co., 151 Pa. 534, 25 Atl. 120; Norrington v. Wright, 115 U. S. 186, 6 Sup. Ct. 12, 29 L. Ed. 366; Barrie v. Earle, 143 Mass. 1, 8 N. E. 639, 59 Am. Rep. 126; King Philip Mills v. Slater, 12 R. I. 82, 34 Am. Rep. 603; Pope v. Porter, 102 N. Y. 366, 7 N. E. 304. When a consideration is entire and indivisible, and it is against law, the contract is void in toto. Woodruff v. Hinman, 11 Vt. 592, 34 Am. Dec. 712; Frazier v. Thompson, 2 Watts & S. (Pa.) 235. When the consideration is divisible, and part of it is illegal, the contract is void only pro tanto. See, generally, Harr. Contr. 132; Gelpeck v. Dubuque, 1 Wall. 120, 17 L. Ed. 230.

Gratuitous and Onerous

Gratuitous contracts are those of which the object is the benefit of the person with whom it is made, without any profit or advantage received or promised as a consideration for it. It is not, however, the less gratuitous if it proceed either from gratitude for a benefit before received or from the hope of receiving one thereafter, although such benefit be of a pecuniary nature. Onerous contracts are those in which something is given or promised as a consideration for the engagement or gift, or some service, interest, or condition is imposed on what is given or promised, although unequal to it in value. Civ. Code La. 1773, 1774; Penitentiary Co. v. Nelms, 66 Ga. 506, 38 Am. Rep. 783. A gratuitous contract is sometimes called a contract of beneficence. Howe, Studies in the Civil Law 107.

Mutual Interest, Mixed, etc.

Contracts of "mutual interest" are such as are entered into for the reciprocal interest and utility of each of the parties; as sales, exchange, partnership, and the like. "Mixed" contracts are those by which one of the parties confers a benefit on the other, receiving something of inferior value in return, such as a donation subject to a charge. Contracts "of beneficence" are those by which only one of the contracting parties is benefited; as loans, deposit and mandate. Poth. Obl. 1, 1, 1, 2.

Conditional Contract

A conditional contract is an executory contract the performance of which depends upon a condition. It is not simply an executory contract, since the latter may be an absolute agreement to do or not to do something, but it is a contract whose very existence and performance depend upon a contingency. Railroad Co. v. Jones, 2 Cold. (Tenn.) 584; French v. Osmer, 67 Vt. 427, 32 Atl. 254.

Constructive Contract

Constructive contracts are such as arise when the law prescribes the rights and liabilities of persons who have not in reality entered into a contract at all, but between whom circumstances make it just that one should have a right, and the other be subject to a liability, similar to the rights and liabilities in cases of express contract. Wickham v. Weil (Com. Pl.) 17 N. Y. Supp. 513; Graham v. Cummings, 206 Pa. 516, 57 Atl. 943; Robinson v. Turrentine (C. C.) 59 Fed. 559; Hertzog v. Hertzog, 29 Pa. 465.

Personal Contract

A contract relating to personal property, or one which so far involves the element of personal knowledge or skill or personal confidence that it can be performed only by the person with whom made, and therefore is not binding on his executor. See Janin v. Browne, 59 Cal. 44.

Special Contract

A contract under seal; a specialty; as distinguished from one merely oral or in writing not sealed. But in common usage this term is often used to denote an express or explicit contract, one which clearly defines and settles the reciprocal rights and obligations of the parties, as distinguished from one which must be made out, and its terms ascertained, by the inference of the law from the nature and circumstances of the transaction.

A special contract may rest in parol, and does not mean a contract by specialty; it is defined as one with peculiar provisions not found in the ordinary contracts relating to the same subject-matter. Midland Roofing Mfg. Co. v. Pickens, 96 S. Ct. 293, 30 S. E. 484, 485.

Compound Words and Phrases

—Contract of benevolence. A contract made for the benefit of one of the contracting parties only, as a mandate or deposit.

—Contract of record. A contract of record is one which has been declared and adjudicated by a court having jurisdiction, or which is entered of record in obedience to, or in carrying out, the judgments of a court. Code Ga. 1882, § 2716 (Civ. Code 1310, § 4219).

—Contract of sale. A contract by which one of the contracting parties, called the "seller," enters into an obligation to the other to cause
him to have freely, by a title of proprietor, a thing, for the price of a certain sum of money, which the other contracting party, called the "buyer," on his part obliges himself to pay. Poth. Cont.; Civ. Code La. art. 2439; White v. Treat (C. C.) 100 Fed. 291; Sawmill Co. v. O'Shee, 111 La. 617, 35 South. 910.

—Pre-contract. An obligation growing out of a contract or contractual relation, of such a nature that it debars the party from legally entering into a similar contract at a later time with any other person; particularly applied to marriage.


—Subcontract. A contract subordinate to another contract, made or intended to be made between the contracting parties, on one part, or some of them, and a stranger. 1 H. Bl. 37, 45.

One made under a prior contract. Mobley v. Leeper Bros. Lumber Co., 89 Okl. 95, 214 P. 174, 175. Where a person has contracted for the performance of certain work, (e. g., to build a house,) and he in turn engages a third party to perform the whole or a part of that which is included in the original contract, (e. g., to do the carpenter work,) his agreement with such third person is called a "subcontract," and such person is called a "subcontractor." Central Trust Co. v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 54 Fed. 723; Lester v. Houston, 101 N. C. 605, 8 S. E. 396; People v. Connel, 136 Mich. 77, 116 N. W. 844, 845. The term "subcontractor" means one who has contracted with the original contractor for the performance of all or a part of the work or services which such contractor has himself contracted to perform. Fitzgerald v. Neal, 113 Or. 103, 231 P. 645, 650; Dolose Bros. Co. v. Andreopoulas, 113 Okl. 15, 237 P. 844, 846; Republic Supply Co. v. Allen (Tex. Civ. App.) 262 S. W. 113, 114.

Contractatio rei aliena animo furandi, est furatum. The touching or removing of another's property, with an intention of stealing, is theft. 13 J. Cr. 132.

CONTRACTION. Abbreviation; abridgment or shortening of a word by omitting a letter or letters or a syllable, with a mark over the place where the elision occurs. This was customary in records written in the ancient "court hand," and is frequently found in the books printed in black-letter.

CONTRACTOR. This term is strictly applicable to any person who enters into a contract (Kent v. Railroad Co., 12 N. Y. 628), but is commonly reserved to designate one who,
for a fixed price, undertakes to procure the performance of works on a large scale, or the furnishing of goods in large quantities, whether for the public or a company or individual (McCarthy v. Second Parish, 71 Me. 318, 36 Am. Rep. 320; Brown v. Trust Co., 174 Pa. 443, 34 A. 335; Kopper & Steinichen v. Rylander, 29 Ga. App. 41, 114 S. E. 81, 83).

One who in pursuit of independent business undertakes to perform a job or piece of work, retaining in himself control of means, method, and manner of accomplishing the desired result. Marion Maleable Iron Works v. Baldwin, 52 Ind. App. 206, 145 N. E. 559, 560; Stewart v. Talbott, 58 Colo. 563, 146 P. 771, 775, Ann. Cas. 1916C, 1116; Arnold v. Lawrence, 72 Colo. 323, 213 P. 129.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION. The obligation which arises from a contract or agreement.

CONTRACTUS. Lat. Contract; a contract; contracts.

CONTRACTUS BONÆ FIDEI. In Roman law. Contracts of good faith. Those contracts which, when brought into litigation, were not determined by the rules of the strict law alone, but allowed the judge to examine into the bona fides of the transaction, and to hear equitable considerations against their enforcement. In this they were opposed to contracts stricti juris, against which equitable defenses could not be entertained.

CONTRACTUS CIVILES. In Roman law. Civil contracts. Those contracts which were recognized as actionable by the strict civil law of Rome, or as being founded upon a particular statute, as distinguished from those which could not be enforced in the courts except by the aid of the praetor, who, through his equitable powers, gave an action upon them. The latter were called "contractus pretorii."

Contractus est quasi actus contra actum. 2 Coke, 15. A contract is, as it were, act against act.

Contractus ex turpi causa, vel contra bonos mores, nullus est. A contract founded on a base consideration, or against good morals, is null. Hob. 167.

Contractus legem ex conventione accepleunt. Contracts receive legal sanction from the agreement of the parties. Dig. 16, 3, 1, 6.

CONTRADICT. In practice. To disprove. To prove a fact contrary to what has been asserted by a witness.

CONTRADICTION IN TERMS. A phrase of which the parts are expressly inconsistent, as e.g., "an innocent murder;" "a fee-simple for life."

CONTRAÆSCRIPTURA. In Spanish law. A counter-writing; counter-letter. A document executed at the same time with an act of sale or other instrument, and operating by way of defeasance or otherwise modifying the apparent effect and purport of the original instrument.

CONTRAFACTIO. Counterfeiting; as contrafactio sigill regis, counterfeiting the king's seal. Cowell.

CONTRAINTE PAR CORPS. In French law. The civil process of arrest of the person, which is imposed upon vendors falsely representing their property to be unincumbered, or upon persons mortgaging property which they are aware do not belong to them, and in other cases of moral heinousness. Brown.


CONTRAMANDATIO. A countermanding. Contramandatio placit, in old English law, was the repiting of a defendant, or giving him further time to answer, by countermanding the day fixed for him to plead, and appointing a new day; a sort of impudence.

CONTRAMANDATUM. A lawful excuse, which a defendant in a suit by attorney alleges for himself to show that the plaintiff has no cause of complaint. Blount.


CONTRARIENTS. This word was used in the time of Edw. II. to signify those who were opposed to the government, but were neither rebels nor traitors. Jacob.

Contrariorum contraria est ratio. Hob. 344. The reason of contrary things is contrary.

CONTRAROTULATOR. A controller. One whose business it was to observe the money which the collectors had gathered for the use of the king or the people. Cowell.

CONTRAROTULATOR PIPEÆ. An officer of the exchequer that writeth out summons twice every year, to the sheriffs, to levy the rents and debts of the pipe. Blount.

CONTRARY. Against; opposed or in opposition to; in conflict with.

CONTRARY TO THE EVIDENCE. Against the evidence; against the weight of the evidence. Bagley v. Cooper, 90 Vt. 576, 99 A. 239, 231.

CONTRARY TO LAW. Illegal; in violation of statute or legal regulations at a given time. Feathers of Wild Birds v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 297 F. 694, 667; In re 200912 Dosen Wool Hose and Half Hose (C. C. A.) 293 F. 376, 377;
CONTRAT. In French law. Contracts are of the following varieties: (1) Bilateral, or symmiallographique, where each party is bound to the other to do what is just and proper; or (2) unilateral, where the one side only is bound; or (3) commutatif, where one does to the other something which is supposed to be an equivalent for what the other does to him; or (4) aléatoire, where the consideration for the act of the one is a mere chance; or (5) contrat de bienfaisance, where the one party procures to the other a purely gratuitous benefit; or (6) contrat à titre onereux, where each party is bound under some duty to the other.


CONTRATENERE. To hold against; to withhold. Whishaw.

CONTRAVENING EQUITY. A right or equity, in another person, which is inconsistent with and opposed to the equity sought to be enforced or recognized.

CONTRAVENTION.

In French Law

An act which violates the law, a treaty, or an agreement which the party has made. That infraction of the law punished by a fine which does not exceed fifteen francs and by an imprisonment not exceeding three days. Pen. Code, 1.

In Scotch Law

The act of breaking through any restraint imposed by deed, by covenant, or by a court.

CONTRACTARE. Lat.

In the Civil Law

To handle; to take hold of; to meddle with.

In Old English Law

To treat. Vel malè contractet; or shall ill treat. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 17, § 4.

CONTRACTATIO. In the civil and old English law. Touching; handling; meddling. The act of removing a thing from its place in such a manner that, if the thing be not restored, it will amount to theft.

Contrastatio rei alienae, animo furandi, est furturn. Jenk. Cent. 152. The touching or removing of another's property, with an intention of stealing, is theft.

CONTRIBUTIONE FACIENDA. In old English law. A writ that lays where tenants in


CONTRIBUTION.

In Common Law


In Maritime Law

Where the property of one of several parties interested in a vessel and cargo has been voluntarily sacrificed for the common safety, (as by throwing goods overboard to lighten the vessel,) such loss must be made good by the contribution of the others, which is termed "general average." 3 Kent, Comm. 232–244; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 490.

In the Civil Law

A partition by which the creditors of an insolvent debtor divide among themselves the proceeds of his property proportionally to the amount of their respective credits. Code La. art. 3553, par. 9.

Contribution is the division which is made among the heirs of the succession of the debts with which the succession is charged, according to the proportion which each is bound to bear. Civv. Code La. art. 1420.

CONTRIBUITE FACIENDA. In French marine law. The chief officer of a vessel, who, in case of the sickness or absence of the master, commanded in his place. Literally, the counter-master.
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common were bound to do some act, and one of them was put to the whole burthen, to compel the rest to make contribution. Reg. Orig. 175; Fitch, Nat. Brev. 162.

CONTRIBUTORY, n. A person liable to contribute to the assets of a company which is being wound up, as being a member or (in some cases) a past member thereof. Mozley & Whitley.

CONTRIBUTORY, adj. Joining in the promotion of a given purpose; lending assistance to the production of a given result. Armstrong v. Green, 113 Okl. 254, 241 P. 789, 791.

As to contributory “infringement” and “Negligence,” see those titles.


CONTROL OF CARBON. Such a chemical action upon the carbon in an alloy as will keep it largely in a combined graphitic state. Pittsburgh Iron & Steel Foundries Co. v. Seaman-Sleeth Co. (D. C.) 236 F. 756, 760.

CONTROLLER. A comptroller, which see.

CONTROLLMENT. In old English law. The controlling or checking of another officer’s account; the keeping of a counter-roll.

CONTROVER. In old English law. An inventor or deviser of false news. 2 Inst. 227.

CONTROVERSY. A litigated question; adversary proceeding in a court of law; a civil action or suit, either at law or in equity; a justiciable dispute. Barber v. Kennedy, 18 Minn. 216 (Gil. 186); State v. Guinotte, 150 Mo. 513, 56 S. W. 261, 50 L. R. A. 787; Becker v. Hopper, 23 Wyo. 209, 147 P. 1085, 1086, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 35; Scott v. Nesper, 194 Iowa 595, 188 N. W. 899, 901; Webster v. Van Allen, 217 App. Div. 219, 216 N. Y. S. 562, 563.

It differs from "case," which includes all suits, civil as well as criminal; whereas "controversy" is a civil and not a criminal proceeding. Chisholm v. Georgia, 2 Dall. 410, 431, 432, 1 L. Ed. 440.

CONTROVERT. To dispute; to deny; to oppose or contest; to take issue on. Buggy Co. v. Patt, 73 Iowa, 465, 35 N. W. 857; Swenson v. Kleinsehmidt, 10 Mont. 473, 26 P. 198; Wiley v. Baker, 219 Mich. 629, 190 N. W. 273, 278.

CONSCUBERNIUM. In Roman law. The marriage of slaves; a permitted cohabitata.

CONTEMAC CAIPIENDO. In English law. Excommunication in all cases of contempt in the spiritual courts is discontinued by 33 Geo. III. c. 127, § 2, and in lieu thereof, where a lawful citation or sentence has not been obeyed, the judge shall have power, after a certain period, to pronounce such person contumacious and in contempt, and to signify the same to the court of chancery, whereupon a writ de contumace capiendo shall issue from that court, which shall have the same force and effect as formerly belonged, in case of contempt, to a writ de excommunicato capiendo. (2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 93; 3 & 4 Vict. c. 93.) Wharton; 1 Holdsw. Hist. Engl. Law App. XVIII. See Excommunication.

CONTUMACY. The refusal or intentional omission of a person who has been duly cited before a court to appear and defend the charge laid against him, or, if he is duly before the court, to obey some lawful order or direction made in the cause. In the former case it is called "presumed" contumacy; in the latter, "actual." The term is chiefly used in ecclesiastical law. See 3 Curt. Ecc. 1.

CONTUMAX. One accused of a crime who refuses to appear and answer to the charge. An outlaw.

CONTUMELY. Rudeness compounded of haughtiness and contempt; scornful insolence; despicable treatment; disdain, contemptuousness in act or speech; disgrace. United States v. Strong (D. C.) 263 F. 789, 796.

CONTUSION. In medical jurisprudence. A bruise; an injury to any external part of the body by the impact of a fall or the blow of a blunt instrument, without laceration of the flesh, and either with or without a tearing of the skin, but in the former case it is more properly called a "contused wound."

CONTUTOR. Lat. In the civil law. A co-tutor, or co-guardian. Inst. 1, 24, 1.

CONUSANCE. In English law. Cognizance or jurisdiction. Conusance of pleas. Terms de la Ley.

CONUSANCE, CLAIM OF. See Cognizance.

CONUSANT. Cognizant; acquainted with; having actual knowledge; as, if a party...
knowing of an agreement in which he has an interest makes no objection to it, he is said to be conusant. Co. Litt. 157.

CONUSEE. See Cognizee.

CONUSOR. See Cognizer.


CONVENABLE. In old English law. Suitable; agreeable; convenient; fitting. Litt. § 105.

CONVENE. In the civil law. To bring an action.


CONVENIT. Lat. In civil and old English law. It is agreed; it was agreed.

CONVENT. The fraternity of an abbey or priory, as societas is the number of fellows in a college. A religious house, now regarded as a merely voluntary association, not importing civil death. 33 Law J. Ch. 508.

CONVENTICLE. A private assembly or meeting for the exercise of religion. The word was first an appellation of reproach to the religious assemblies of Wycliffe in the reigns of Edward III. and Richard II., and was afterwards applied to a meeting of dissenters from the established church. As this word in strict propriety denotes an unlawful assembly, it cannot be justly applied to the assembling of persons in places of worship licensed according to the requisitions of law. Wharton.

CONVENTIO. In Canon Law

The act of summoning or calling together the parties by summoning the defendant.

In the Civil Law

A compact, agreement, or convention. An agreement between two or more persons respecting a legal relation between them. The term is one of very wide scope, and applies to all classes of subjects in which an engagement or business relation may be founded by agreement. It is to be distinguished from the negotiations or preliminary transactions on the object of the convention and fixing its extent, which are not binding so long as the convention is not concluded. Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 385, 386.

In Contracts

An agreement; a covenant. Cowell.

CONVENTIO IN UNUM. In the civil law. The agreement between the two parties to a contract upon the sense of the contract proposed. It is an essential part of the contract, following the pollitation or proposal emanating from the one, and followed by the consent or agreement of the other.

Conventio privaterum non potest publico juri derogare. The agreement of private persons cannot derogate from public right, i.e., cannot prevent the application of general rules of law, or render valid any contravention of law. Co. Litt. 166a; Wing. Max. p. 746, max. 201.

Conventio vincet legem. The express agreement of parties prevails against the law. Story, Ag. § 368.

CONVENTION. In Roman Law

An agreement between parties; a pact. A convention was a mutual engagement between two persons, possessing all the subjective requisites of a contract, but which did not give rise to an action, nor receive the sanction of the law, as bearing an "obligation," until the objective requisite of a solemn ceremonial, (such as stipulatio) was supplied. In other words, convention was the informal agreement of the parties, which formed the basis of a contract, and which became a contract when the external formalities were superimposed. See Maine, Anc. Law, 312.

"The division of conventions into contracts and pacts was important in the Roman law. The former were such conventions as already, by the older civil law, founded an obligation and action; all the other conventions were termed 'pacts.' These generally did not produce an actionable obligation. Actionability was subsequently given to several pacts, whereby they received the same power and efficacy that contracts received." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 385.

In English Law

An extraordinary assembly of the houses of lords and commons, without the assent or summons of the sovereign. It can only be justified ex necessitate rei, as the parliament which restored Charles II., and that which disposed of the crown and kingdom to William and Mary. Wharton.

Also the name of an old writ that lay for the breach of a covenant.

In Legislation

An assembly of delegates or representatives chosen by the people for special and extraordinary legislative purposes, such as the framing or revision of a state constitution. Also an assembly of delegates chosen by a political party, or by the party organization in a larger or smaller territory, to nominate

In Public and International Law

A pact or agreement between states or nations in the nature of a treaty; usually applied (a) to agreements or arrangements preliminary to a formal treaty or to serve as its basis, or (b) International agreements for the regulation of matters of common interest but not coming within the sphere of politics or commercial intercourse, such as international postage or the protection of submarine cables. U. S. v. Hunter (C. C.) 21 F. 615.

In General

—Constitutional convention. See Constitution.

—Judicial convention. See Judicial.

CONVENTIONAL. Depending on, or arising from, the mutual agreement of parties; as distinguished from legal, which means created by, or arising from, the act of the law. De Vita v. Plantisani, 217 N. Y. S. 498, 440, 127 Misc. 611.

As to conventional “Estates,” “Interest,” “Mortgage,” “Subrogation,” and “Trustees,” see those titles.

CONVENTIONE. The name of a writ for the breach of any covenant in writing, whether real or personal. Reg. Orig. 115; Flizh. Nat. Brev. 145.

CONVENTIONS. This name is sometimes given to compacts or treaties with foreign countries as to the apprehension and extradition of fugitive offenders. See Extradition.

CONVENTUAL CHURCH. In ecclesiastical law. That which consists of regular clerks, professing some order or religion; or of dean and chapter; or other societies of spiritual men.

CONVENTUALS. Religious men united in a convent or religious house. Cowell.

CONVENTUS. Lat. A coming together; a convention or assembly. Conventus magnatum vel procerum (the assembly of chief men or peers) was one of the names of the English parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 148.

In the Civil Law

The term meant a gathering together of people; a crowd assembled for any purpose; also a convention, pact, or bargain.

CONVENTUS JURIDICUS. In the Roman law. A court of sessions held in the Roman provinces, by the president of the province, assisted by a certain number of councillors and assessors, at fixed periods, to hear and determine suits, and to provide for the civil administration of the province. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 17.

CONVERSANT. One who is in the habit of being in a particular place is said to be conversant there. Barnes, 162. Acquainted; familiar.

CONVERSANTES. In old English law. Conversant or dwelling; commorant.

CONVERSATION. Manner of living; habits of life; conduct; as in the phrase “chaste life and conversation.” Bradshaw v. People, 153 Ill. 156, 38 N. E. 532. Criminal conversation means seduction of another man’s wife, considered as an actionable injury to the husband. Prettyman v. Williamson, 1 Pennewill (Del.) 224, 39 A. 731; Crocker v. Crocker, 98 F. 702.

CONVERSE. The transposition of the subject and predicate in a proposition, as: “Everything is good in its place.” Converse, “Nothing is good which is not in its place.” Wharton.

CONVERSION.

At Law


—Constructive conversion. An implied or virtual conversation, which takes place where a person does such acts in reference to the goods of another as amount in law to the appropriation of the property to himself. Scruggs v. Scruggs (C. C.) 105 F. 28; Lavery v. Sneathen, 68 N. Y. 524, 23 Am. Rep. 184; Wade v. Ray, 67 Ohio 39, 105 P. 447, 449, L. R. A. 1915 B, 796. A direct conversion takes place when a person actually appropriates the property of another to his own beneficial use and enjoyment, or to that of a third person, or destroys it, or alters its nature; Ross v. Lewis, 23 N. M. 524, 169 P. 488, 489; or wrongfully as-
CONVEYANCE.

In Pleading

Introduction or Inducement.

In Real Property Law


An instrument in writing under seal, (anciently termed an “assurance,”) by which some estate or interest in lands is transferred from one person to another; such as a deed, mortgage, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 295, 295, 306.

Conveyance includes every instrument in writing by which any estate or interest in real estate is created, aliened, mortgaged, or assigned, or by which the title to any real estate may be affected in law or equity, except last wills and testaments, leases for a term not exceeding three years, and executory contracts for the sale or purchase of lands. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 762, § 38; Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 40, § 26 (Minn. St. 1927, § 8190); How. St. Mich. 1882, § 5689 (Comp. Laws 1929, § 13309); Stearns Lighting & Power Co. v. Central Trust Co. (C. C. A.) 223 F. 992, 996; Shraiberg v. Hanson, 138 Minn. 80, 163 N. W. 1062, 1063.

The term “conveyance,” as used in the California Code, embraces every instrument in writing by which any estate or interest in real property is created, aliened, mortgaged, or incurred, or by which the title to any real property may be affected, except wills. Civil Code Cal. § 1215.

In General

—Absolute or conditional conveyance. An absolute conveyance is one by which the right or property in a thing is transferred, free of any condition or qualification, by which it might be defeated or changed; as an ordinary deed of lands, in contradistinction to a mortgage, which is a conditional conveyance. *Burlill v. Falconer*, etc., R. Co., 69 N. Y. 491.

—Fraudulent conveyance. See Fraudulent.

—Mesne conveyance. An intermediate conveyance; one occupying an intermediate position in a chain of title between the first grantee and the present holder.

—Primary conveyances. Those by means whereof the benefit or estate is created or first arises; as distinguished from those whereby it may be enlarged, restrained, transferred, or extinguished. The term includes fee simple.
CONVEYANCE

Also in the sense of finding against the defendant in a civil case.

Formerly a man was said to be convict when he had been found guilty of treason or felony, but before judgment had been passed on him, after which he was said to be at-taint, (q. v.). Co. Litt. 390b.


CONVICTED. This term has a definite signification in law, and means that a judgment of final condemnation has been pronounced against the accused. Gallagher v. State, 10 Tex. App. 469.

CONVICTION. In practice. In a general sense, the result of a criminal trial which ends in a judgment or sentence that the prisoner is guilty as charged.

Finding a person guilty by verdict of a jury. 1 Bish. Crim. Law, § 223.

A record of the summary proceedings upon any penal statute before one or more justices of the peace or other persons duly authorized, in a case where the offender has been convicted and sentenced. Holthouse.


The ordinary legal meaning of “conviction,” when used to designate a particular stage of a criminal prosecution triable by a jury, is the confes-
tion of the accused in open court or the verdict returned against him by the jury, which ascertains and publishes the fact of his guilt; while "judgment" or "sentence" is the appropriate word to denote the action of the court before which the trial is had, declaring the consequences to the convict of the fact thus ascertained. A pardon granted after verdict of guilty, but before sentence, and pending a hearing upon exceptions taken by the accused during the trial, is granted after conviction, within the meaning of a constitutional restriction upon granting pardon before conviction. When, indeed, the word "conviction" is used to describe the effect of the guilt of the accused as judicially proved in one case, when pleaded or given in evidence in another, it is sometimes used in a more comprehensive sense, including the judgment of the court upon the verdict or confession of guilt; as, for instance, in speaking of the plea of autrefois convict, or of the effect of guilt, judicially ascertained, as a disqualification of the convict. Com. v. Lockwood, 169 Mass. 333, 12 Am. Rep. 699.

Former Conviction


Summary Conviction

The conviction of a person, (usually for a minor misdemeanor,) as the result of his trial before a magistrate or court, without the intervention of a jury, which is authorized by statute in England and in many of the states. In these proceedings there is no intervention of a jury, but the party accused is acquitted or condemned by the suffrages of such person only as the statute has appointed to be his judge. A conviction reached on such a magistrate's trial is called a "summary conviction." Brown; Blair v. Com., 25 Grat. (Va.) 853.


CONVIVIUM. A tenure by which a tenant was bound to provide meat and drink for his lord at least once in the year. Cowell.

CONVOCATION. In ecclesiastical law. The general assembly of the clergy to consult upon ecclesiastical matters.

CONVOY. A naval force, under the command of an officer appointed by government, for the protection of merchant-ships and others, during the whole voyage, or such part of it as is known to require such protection. Marsh, Ins. b. 1, c. 9, § 5; Park, Ins. 588; Peake, Add. Cas. 143; 2 H. Bl. 551.

CO-OBLIGOR. A joint obligor; one bound jointly with another or others in a bond or obligation.

COOL BLOOD. In the law of homicide. Calmness or tranquillity; the undisturbed possession of one's faculties and reason; the absence of violent passion, fury, or uncontrollable excitement.

COOLING TIME. Time to recover "cool blood" after severe excitement or provocation; time for the mind to become so calm and sedate as that it is supposed to contemplate, comprehend, and coolly act with reference to the consequences likely to ensue. Eanes v. State, 10 Tex. App. 447; May v. People, 8 Colo. 219, 6 P. 816; Kelser v. Smith, 71 Ala. 481, 46 Am. Rep. 342; Jones v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 492, 28 S. W. 1082, 47 Am. St. Rep. 46.

CO-OPERATE. To act jointly or concurrently toward a common end. Darnell v. Equity Life Ins. Co.'s Receivers, 129 Ky. 496, 200 S. W. 937, 970.

CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION. A union of individuals commonly laborers, farmers, or small capitalists, formed for the prosecution in common of some productive enterprise, the profits being shared in accordance with the capital or labor contributed by each. Mooney v. Farmers' Mercantile & Elevator Co. of Madison, 138 Minn. 159, 164 N. W. 804, 805.

CO-OPERATION.

In Economics

The combined action of numbers. It is of two distinct kinds: (1) Such co-operation as takes place when several persons help each other in the same employment; (2) such cooperation as takes place when several persons help each other in different employments. These may be termed "simple co-operation" and "complex co-operation." Mill, Pol. Ec. 142.

In Patent Law

Unity of action to a common end or a common result, not merely joint or simultaneous action. Boynton Co. v. Morris Cattle Co. (C. C.) 82 F. 441; Fastener Co. v. Webb (C. C.) 88 F. 987; Holmes, etc., Tel. Co. v. Domestic, etc., Tel. Co. (C. C.) 42 F. 227.

COOPERIO. In old English law. The head or branches of a tree cut down; though cooperio arborum is rather the bark of timber trees felled, and the chumps and broken wood. Cowell.

COOPERTUM. In forest law. A covert; a thicket (damecum) or shelter for wild beasts in a forest. Spelman.

COOPERTURA. In forest law. A thicket, or covert of wood.
COOPERUS. Covert; covered.

CO-OPTION. A concurring choice; the election, by the members of a close corporation, of a person to fill a vacancy.

CO-ORDINATE. Of the same order, rank, degree, or authority; concurrent; without any distinction of superiority and inferiority; as, courts of “co-ordinate jurisdiction.” See Jurisdiction.

Co-ordinate and Subordinate are terms often applied as a test to ascertain the doubtful meaning of clauses in an act of parliament. If there be two, one of which is grammatically governed by the other, it is said to be “subordinate” to it; but, if both are equally governed by some third clause, the two are called “co-ordinate.” Wharton.

COPARCENARY. A species of estate, or tenancy, which exists where lands of inheritance descend from the ancestor to two or more persons. It arises in England either by common law or particular custom. By common law, as where a person seised in fee-simple or fee-tail, dies, and his next heirs are two or more females, his daughters, sisters, aunts, cousins, or their representatives; in this case they all inherit, and these co-heirs are then called “coparceners,” or, for brevity, “parceners” only. Litt. §§ 241, 242; 2 Bl. Comm. 187. By particular custom, as where lands descend, as in gavelkind, to all the males in equal degree, as sons, brothers, uncles, etc. Litt. § 265; 1 Steph. Comm. 319.

While joint tenancies refer to persons, the idea of coparcenary refers to the estate. The title to it is always by descent. The respective shares may be unequal; as, for instance, one daughter and two granddaughters, children of a deceased daughter, may take by the same act of descent. As to strangers, the tenants’ seisin is a joint one, but, as between themselves, each is seised of his or her own share, on whose death it goes to the heirs, and not by survivorship. The right of possession of coparceners is in common, and the possession of one is, in general, the possession of the others. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *414.

COPARCENERS. Persons to whom an estate of inheritance descends jointly, and by whom it is held as an entire estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 187.

COPARTICEPS. In old English law. A coparcener.

COPARTNER. One who is a partner with one or more other persons; a member of a partnership.

COPARTNERY. In Scotch law. The contract of copartnership. A contract by which the several partners agree concerning the communication of loss or gain, arising from the subject of the contract. Bell.

COPE. A custom or tribute due to the crown or lord of the soil, out of the lead mines in Derbyshire; also a hill, or the roof and covering of a house; a church vestment.

COPEMAN, or COPESMAN. A chapman (q. t.).

COPESMATE. A merchant; a partner in merchandise.

COPIA. Lat.

In Civil and Old English Law

Opportunity or means of access.

In Old English Law

A copy. Copia libelli, the copy of a libel. Reg. Orig. 55.

In General

—Copia libelli deliberanda. The name of a writ that lay where a man could not get a copy of a libel at the hands of a spiritual judge, to have the same decided to him. Reg. Orig. 51.

—Copia vera. In Scotch practice. A true copy. Words written at the top of copies of instruments.

COPPA. In English law. A crop or cock of grass, hay, or corn, divided into titheable portions, that it may be more fairly and justly tithed.

COPPER AND SCALES. See Municipio.

COPPER MATTE. A product of smelting copper ore in a furnace consisting almost entirely of a mixture of iron sulphide and copper sulphide. It requires further treatment to break up and remove iron sulphide, and then convert remaining copper sulphide which is called white metal to metallic copper. United Verde Copper Co. v. Peirce-Smith Converter Co. (C. C. A.) 7 F.2d 13. Also known as “regulus of copper.” U. S. v. Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co., 8 Ct. Cust. App. 226, 227.

COPPICE, or COPSE. A small wood consisting of underwood, which may be cut at twelve or fifteen years’ growth for fuel.

COPROLALIA. In medical jurisprudence. A disposition or habit of using obscene language, developing unexpectedly in the particular individual or contrary to his previous history and habits, recognized as a sign of insanity or of aphasia.

COPULA. The corporal consummation of marriage. Copula, (in logie), the link between subject and predicate contained in the verb.

Copulatio verborum indicat acceptationem in eodem sensu. Coupling of words together shows that they are to be understood in the same sense. 4 Bacon’s Works, p. 26; Broom, Max. 588.

BL. LAW DICT. (3D ED.)
COPULATIVE TERM. One which is placed between two or more others to join them together.

COPY. The transcript or double of an original writing; as the copy of a patent, charter, deed, etc. Nations v. Lowenstein, 27 N. M. 613, 204 P. 60, 62; State Text-Book Commission v. Weathers, 184 Ky. 748, 213 S. W. 207, 210.

Carbon copies. Carbon copies made at the same time and with the same device as the original are not "copies" but duplicate originals. Martin & Lanier Paint Co. v. Daniels, 27 Ga. App. 302, 108 S. E. 246, 247; People v. Chicago & E. I. Ry. Co., 315 Ill. 424, 146 N. E. 499, 500. See, also, Carbon Copy.

Exemplifications are copies verified by the great seal or by the seal of a court. West Jersey Traction Co. v. Board of Public Works, 57 N. J. Law, 313, 30 A. 581.

Examined copies are those which have been compared with the original or with an official record thereof.

Office copies are those made by officers intrusted with the originals and authorized for that purpose. Id., Stamper v. Gay, 3 Wyo. 322, 23 P. 69. See, also, Office.

COPYHOLD. A species of estate at will, or customary estate in England, the only visible title to which consists of the copies of the court rolls, which are made out by the steward of the manor, on a tenant's being admitted to any parcel of land, or tenement belonging to the manor. It is an estate at the will of the lord, yet such a will as is agreeable to the custom of the manor, which customs are preserved and evidenced by the rolls of the several courts Baron, in which they are entered. 2 Bl. Comm. 95. In a larger sense, copyhold is said to import every customary tenure, (that is, every tenure pending on the particular custom of a manor,) as opposed to free socage, or freehold, which may now (since the abolition of knight-service) be considered as the general or common-law tenure of the country. 1 Steph. Comm. 210.

—Copyhold commissioners. Commissioners appointed to carry into effect various acts of parliament, having for their principal objects the compulsory commutation of manorial burdens and restrictions, (fines, heriots, rights to timber and minerals, etc.,) and the compulsory enfranchisement of copyhold lands. 1 Steph. Comm. 643; Elton, Copyhold.


—Privileged copyholds. Those copyhold estates which are said to be held according to the custom of the manor, and not at the will of the lord, as common copyholds are. They include customary freeholds and ancient demesnes. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 706, § 919.

COPYRIGHT. The right of literary property as recognized and sanctioned by positive law. A right granted by statute to the author or originator of certain literary or artistic productions, whereby he is invested, for a limited period, with the sole and exclusive privilege of multiplying copies of the same and publishing and selling them. In re Rider, 16 R. I. 271, 15 A. 72; Mott Iron Works v. Clow, 83 F. 316, 27 C. C. A. 250; Palmer v. De Witt, 47 N. Y. 536, 7 Am. Rep. 450; Keene v. Wheatley, 14 Fed. Cas. 135.

An incorporeal right, being the exclusive privilege of printing, reprinting, selling, and publishing his own original work, which the law allows an author. Wharton.

International copyright is the right of a subject of one country to protection against the republication in another country of a work which he originally published in his own country. Sweet.

CORAGIUM, or CORAGE. Measures of corn. An unusual and extraordinary tribute, arising only on special occasions. They are thus distinguished from services. Mentioned in connection with hidage and carving. Cowell.

CORAM. Lat. Before; in presence of. Applied to persons only. Townsh. Pl. 22.

CORAM DOMINO REGE. Before our lord the king. Coram dominio regi ubiqueque tune fuerit Angliae, before our lord the king whenever he shall then be in England.

CORAM IPSO REGE. Before the king himself. The old name of the court of king’s bench, which was originally held before the king in person. 3 Bl. Comm. 41.

CORAM NOBIS. Before us ourselves, (the king, i. e., in the king’s or queen’s bench.) Applied to writs of error directed to another branch of the same court, e. g., from the full bench to the court at nisi prius. 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 234. See Writ of Error.

CORAM NON JUDICE. In presence of a person not a judge. When a suit is brought and determined in a court which has no jurisdiction in the matter, then it is said to be coram non judice, and the judgment is void. Manufacturing Co. v. Holt, 51 W. Va. 332, 41 S. E. 351.

CORAM PARIBUS. Before the peers or freeholders. The attestation of deeds, like all other solemn transactions, was originally done only coram paribus. 2 Bl. Comm. 307. Coram paribus de vicinete, before the peers or freeholders of the neighborhood. Id. 315.

CORAM SECTORIBUS. Before the suitors. Cro. Jac. 582.

CORAM VOBIS. Before you. A writ of error directed by & court of review to the court which tried the cause, to correct an error in

CO-RESPONDENT. A person summoned to answer a bill, petition, or libel, together with another respondent. Now chiefly used to designate the person charged with adultery with the respondent in a suit for divorce for that cause, and joined as a defendant with such party. Lowe v. Bennett, 27 Misc. 356, 58 N. Y. S. 88.

CORIUM FORISFACERE. To forfeit one's skin, applied to a person condemned to be whipped; anciently the punishment of a servant. Corium perdere, the same. Corium redimere, to compound for a whipping. Wharton.

CORN. In English law, a general term for any sort of grain; but in America it is properly applied only to maize. Sullivan v. State, 53 Ala. 476; Kerrick v. Van Dusen, 52 Minn. 317, 20 N. W. 228; Com. v. Pine, 3 Pa. Law J. 412. In the memorandum clause in policies of insurance it includes peas and beans, but not rice. Park, Ins. 112; Scott v. Bourdillon, 2 Bos. & P. (N. R.) 213.

CORN LAWS. A species of protective tariff formerly in existence in England, imposing import-duties on various kinds of grain. The corn laws were abolished in 1846.

CORN MEAL. An unmixed meal made from entire grains of corn. Miller Grain & Commission Co. v. International Sugar Feed No. 2 Co., 197 Ala. 100, 72 So. 368.

CORN RENT. A rent in wheat or malt paid on college leases by direction of St. 18 Eliz. c. 6. 2 Bl. Comm. 609.


CORNAGE. A species of tenure in England, by which the tenant was bound to blow a horn for the sake of alarming the country on the approach of an enemy. It was a species of grand serjeancy. Bac. Abr. "Tenure," N.

CORNER. A combination among the dealers in a specific commodity, or outside capitalists, for the purpose of buying up the greater portion of that commodity which is upon the market or may be brought to market, and holding the same back from sale, until the demand shall so far outrun the limited supply as to advance the price abnormally. Kirkpatrick v. Bonsall, 72 Pa. 158; Wright v. Cudahy, 168 Ill. 86, 48 N. E. 39; United States v. Patten, 187 F. 664, 665.

A "corner" is a condition arising when a much greater quantity of any given commodity is sold for future delivery within a given period than can be purchased in the market. The buyers, who are called in the slang of the exchanges, the "longs," then insist on delivery, and thus succeed in running up the prices to a fictitious point, at which the deals are "rung out" between the dealers by the payment of differences, or, where the buyers insist, by actual delivery. Kent v. Mittenberger, 13 Mo. App. 393, 395.

In Surveying

An angle made by two boundary lines; the common end of two boundary lines, which run at an angle with each other.

Obliterated Corner

One where no visible evidence remains of the work of the original surveyor in establishing it. Fellows v. Willett, 88 Okl. 248, 224 P. 295, 390.

CORNET. A commissioned officer of cavalry, abolished in England in 1871, and not existing in the United States army.

CORODIO HABENDO. The name of a writ to exact a corody of an abbey or religious house.

CORODIUM. In old English law. A corody.

CORODY. In old English law. A sum of money or allowance of meat, drink, and clothing due to the crown from the abbey or other religious house, whereof it was founder, towards the sustentation of such one of its servants as is thought fit to receive it. It differs from a pension, in that it was allowed towards the maintenance of any of the king's servants in an abbey; a pension being given to one of the king's chaplains, for his better maintenance, till he may be provided with a benefice. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 250. See 1 Bl. Comm. 238.

COROLLARY. In logic. A collateral or secondary consequence, deduction, or inference.

CORONA. The crown. Placita corona; pleas of the crown; criminal actions or proceedings, in which the crown was the prosecutor.

CORONA MALA. In old English law. The clergy who abuse their character were so called. Elount.
CORONARE. In old records. To give the tonsure, which was done on the crown, or in the form of a crown; to make a man a priest. Cowell.

CORONARE FILIUM. To make one's son a priest. Homo coronatus was one who had received the first tonsure, as preparatory to superior orders, and the tonsure was in form of a corona, or crown of thorns. Cowell.

CORONATION. It "is but a royal ornament and solemnization of the royal descent, but no part of the title." By the laws of England there can be no interregnum; 7 Co. Rep. 10 b.

CORONATION OATH. The oath administered to a sovereign at the ceremony of crowning or investing him with the insignia of royalty, in acknowledgment of his right to govern the kingdom, in which he swears to observe the laws, customs, and privileges of the kingdom, and to act and do all things conformably thereto. Wharton.

CORONATOR. A coroner, (q. v.) Spelman.

CORONATORE ELIGENDO. The name of a writ issued to the sheriff, commanding him to proceed to the election of a coroner.

CORONATORE EXONERANDO. In English law. The name of a writ for the removal of a coroner, for a cause which is to be therein assigned, as that he is engaged in other business, or incapacitated by years or sickness, or has not a sufficient estate in the county, or lives in an inconvenient part of it.

CORONER. The name of an ancient officer of the common law, whose office and functions are continued in modern English and American administration. The coroner is an officer belonging to each county, and is charged with duties both judicial and ministerial, but chiefly the former. It is his special province and duty to make inquiry into the causes and circumstances of any death happening within his territory which occurs through violence or suddenly and with marks of suspicion. This examination (called the "coroner's inquest") is held with a jury of proper persons upon view of the dead body. See Bract. fol. 121; 1 Bl. Comm. 316-318; 3 Steph. Comm. 318. In England, branch of his judicial office is to inquire concerning shipwrecks, and certify whether wreck or not, and who is in possession of the goods; and also to inquire concerning treasure trove, who were the finders, and where it is, and whether any one be suspected of having found and concealed a treasure. 1 Bl. Comm. 319. It belongs to the ministerial office of the coroner to serve writs and other process, and generally to discharge the duties of the sheriff, in case of the incapacity of that officer or a vacancy in his office. On the office and functions of coroners, see, further, Pueblo Conn.


CORONER'S INQUEST. An inquisition or examination into the causes and circumstances of any death happening by violence or under suspicious conditions within his territory, held by the coroner with the assistance of a jury. Boisliniere v. County Com'rs, 32 Mo. 378.

CORPORAL. Relating to the body; bodily. Should be distinguished from corporeal (q. v.).

CORPORAL IMBECILITY. Physical inapility to perform completely the act of sexual intercourse; not necessarily congenital, and not invariably a permanent and incurable impotence. Griffith v. Griffith, 162 Ill. 383, 44 N. E. 820; Ferris v. Ferris, 8 Conn. 166.

CORPORAL OATH. An oath, the external solemnity of which consists in laying one's hand upon the Gospels while the oath is administered to him. More generally, a solemn oath. The terms "corporal oath" and "solemn oath" are, in Indiana, at least, used synonymously; and an oath taken with the uplifted hand may be properly described by either term. Jackson v. State, 1 Ind. 185; State v. Norris, 9 N. H. 102; Com. v. Jarboe, 89 Ky. 143, 12 S. W. 138.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT. Physical punishment as distinguished from pecuniary punishment or a fine; any kind of punishment of or inflicted on the body, such as whipping or the pillory; the term may or may not include imprisonment, according to the context. Ritchey v. People, 22 Colo. 251, 45 Pac. 1426; People v. Winchell, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 325, note.

CORPORAL TOUCH. Bodily touch; actual physical contact; manual apprehension.

CORPORALE SACRAMENTUM. In old English law. A corporal oath.

Corporalis Injuria non recapit asseminationem de futuro. A personal injury does not receive satisfaction from a future course of proceeding. [Is not left for its satisfaction to a future course of proceeding.] Bac. Max. reg. 6; Broom, Max. 278.

CORPORATE. Belonging to a corporation; as a corporate name. Incorporated; as a corporate body.

CORPORATE AUTHORITIES. The title given in statutes of several states to the aggregate body of officers of a municipal cor-
poration, or to certain of those officers (excluding the others) who are vested with authority in regard to the particular matter spoken of in the statute, as, taxation, bonded debt, regulation of the sale of liquors, etc. See People v. Knopf, 171 Ill. 191, 49 N. E. 424; State v. Andrews, 11 Neb. 523, 16 N. W. 410; Com. v. Upper Darby Auditors, 2 Pa. Dist. R. 89; Herschbach v. Kashaanka Island Sanitary and Levee Dist., 285 Ill. 283, 106 N. E. 942, 945; Board of Education of Houston County v. Hunt, 159 Ga. 749, 126 S. E. 793, 792; Smith v. Board of Education of Washington County, 153 Ga. 783, 113 S. E. 147, 149; White v. Papilion Drainage Dist., 96 Neb. 241, 147 N. W. 218, 219; Schaeffer v. Bonham, 95 Ill. 382.


CORPORATE FRANCHISE. The right to exist and do business as a corporation; the right or privilege granted by the state or government to the persons forming an aggregate private corporation, and their successors, to exist and do business as a corporation and to exercise the rights and powers incidental to that form of organization or necessarily implied in the grant. Bank of California v. San Francisco, 142 Cal. 278, 75 Pac. 832, 64 L. R. A. 918, 100 Am. St. Rep. 136; Jersey City Gaslight Co. v. United Gas Imp. Co. (C. C.) 46 Fed. 264; Cobb v. Durham County, 122 N. C. 397, 38 S. E. 338; People v. Knight, 174 N. Y. 475, 67 N. E. 65, 63 L. R. A. 87; State on inf. Wear v. Business Men's Athletic Club, 178 Mo. App. 548, 163 S. W. 301, 307.

CORPORATE NAME. When a corporation is erected, a name is always given to it, or, supposing none to be actually given, will attach to it by implication, and by that name alone it must sue and be sued, and do all legal acts, though a very minute variation therein is not material, and the name is capable of being changed (by competent authority) without affecting the identity or capacity of the corporation. Wharton.

CORPORATE PURPOSE. In reference to municipal corporations, and especially to their powers of taxation, a "corporate purpose" is one which shall promote the general prosperity and the welfare of the municipality, Dickinson v. Salt Lake City, 57 Utah, 580, 195 P. 1110, 1111; People v. Williamson County, 236 Ill. 44, 121 N. E. 157, 158; Battle v. Willcox, 128 S. O. 500, 122 S. E. 516, 517; Sinclair v. City of Lincoln, 101 Neb. 163, 162 N. W. 488, L. R. A. 1917E, 542; City of Quitman v. Jelski & McLeod, 139 Ga. 258, 77 S. E. 76; or a purpose necessary or proper to carry into effect the object the creation of the corporate body (People v. School Trustees, 78 Ill. 140); or one which is germane to the general scope of the objects for which the corporation was created or has a legitimate connection with those objects and a manifest relation thereunto. (Weightman v. Clark, 103 U. S. 256, 26 L. Ed. 392).

CORPORATION. An artificial person or legal entity created by or under the authority of the laws of a state or nation, composed, in some rare instances, of a single person and his successors, being the incumbents of a particular office, but ordinarily consisting of an association of numerous individuals, who subsist as a body politic under a special denomination, which is regarded in law as having a personality and existence distinct from that of its several members, and which is, by the same authority, vested with the capacity of continuous succession, irrespective of changes in its membership, either in perpetuity or for a limited term of years, and of acting as a unit or single individual in matters relating to the common purposes of the association, within the scope of the powers and authorities conferred upon such bodies by law. See Case of Sutton's Hospital, 10 Coke, 32; Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 518, 636, 657, 4 L. Ed. 629; U. S. v. Trinidad Coal Co., 137 U. S. 160, 11 Sup. Ct. 57, 34 L. Ed. 640; Andrews Bros. Co. v. Youngstown Coke Co., 58 Fed. 585, 30 C. C. A. 283; Porter v. Railroad Co., 76 Ill. 575; State v. Payne, 129 Mo. 465, 31 S. W. 797, 33 L. R. A. 576; Farmers' L. & T. Co. v. New York, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 238; State v. Turley, 142 Mo. 405, 44 S. W. 267; Barber v. International Co., 73 Conn. 587, 48 Atl. 758; Sovereign Camp v. Frazier, 94 Tex. 200, 59 S. W. 905, 51 L. R. A. 888; American Soap Co. v. Bogue, 114 Ohio St. 149, 150 N. E. 745; Nebraska Wheat Growers' Ass'n v. Smith, 115 Neb. 177, 212 N. W. 39, 44; Adams v. Georgia Ry. & Electric Co., 142 Ga. 497, 83 S. E. 131; State v. Thistle Down Jockey Club, 114 Ohio St. 582, 151 N. E. 709, 711; Congdon v. Congdon, 160 Minn. 343, 200 N. W. 76, 87.

A franchise possessed by one or more individuals, who subsist as a body politic, under a special denomination, and are vested by the policy of the law with the capacity of perpetual succession, and of acting in several respects, however numerous the association may be, as a single individual. 2 Kent, Comm. 267.

An artificial person or being, endowed by law with the capacity of perpetual succession; consisting either of a single individual, (termed "a corporation sole," or of a collection of several individuals, which is termed
a "corporation aggregate.") 3 Steph. Comm. 168; 1 Bl. Comm. 467, 469.

A corporation is an intellectual body, created by law, composed of individuals united under a common name, the members of which succeed each other, so that the body continues always the same, notwithstanding the change of the individuals who compose it, and which, for certain purposes, is considered a natural person. Civil Code La. art. 427.

A "corporation" is more nearly a method than a thing, and in dealing with a corporation, need not define it as a person or entity, or even as an embodiment of functions, rights, and duties, but may treat it as a name for a useful and usual collection of juridical relations, each one of which must in every instance be ascertained, analyzed, and assigned to its appropriate place according to the circumstances of the particular case, having due regard to the purposes to be achieved. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. v. Pierson, 222 N. Y. S. 532, 543, 130 Misc. 110.

The statement that a "corporation" is an artificial person or entity, apart from its members, is merely a description, in figurative language, of a corporation viewed as a collective body. A corporation is really an association of persons, and no judicial dictum or legislative enactment can alter this fact. McIntosh v. Dakota Trust Co., 53 N. D. 732, 204 N. W. 513, 515, 49 A. L. R. 1021.

A corporation is a collection of natural persons, joined together by their voluntary action or by legal compulsion, by or under the authority of an act of the Legislature, consisting either of a special charter or of a general permissive statute, to accomplish some purpose, pecuniary, ideal, or governmental, and authorized by the charter or governing statute, under a scheme of organization, and by methods thereby prescribed or permitted, with the faculty of having a continuous succession during the period prescribed by the Legislature for its existence, of having a corporate name by which it may make and take contracts, and sue and be sued, and with the faculty of acting as a unit in respect of all matters, within the scope of the purposes for which it is created. State v. Knights of Ku Klux Klan, 117 Kan. 564, 232 P. 254, 257, 37 A. L. R. 1267.

Classification

According to the accepted definitions and rules, corporations are classified as follows:


Private corporations are those founded by and composed of private individuals, for private purposes, as distinguished from governmental purposes and having no political or governmental franchises or duties. Santa Clara County v. Southern Pac. R. Co. (C. C.) 18 F. 402; Swan v. Williams, 2 Mich. 434; People v. McAdams, 82 Ill. 381; McKim v. Odom, 3 Bland (Md.) 415; Rundle v. Canal Co., 21 Fed. Cas. 6; State ex rel. Coco v. River- side Irr. Co., 142 La. 10, 76 So. 218, 218; Forbes Pioneer Boat Line v. Board of Com'rs of Everglades Drainage Dist., 82 So. 346, 350, 77 Fla. 742; Providence Engineering Corporation v. Downey Shipbuilding Corporation (C. C. A.) 294 F. 641, 646.

The true distinction between public and private corporations is that the former are organized for governmental purposes, the latter not. The term "public" has sometimes been applied to corporations of which the government owned the entire stock, as in the case of a state bank. But there is nothing in mind that "public" is here equivalent to "political." It will be apparent that this is a misnomer. Again the fact that the business or operations of a corporation may directly and very extensively affect the general public (as in the case of a railroad company or a bank or an insurance company) is no reason for calling it a public corporation. If organized by private persons for their own advantage, or even if organized for the benefit of the public generally, as in the case of a free public hospital or other charitable institution, it is none the less a private corporation, if it does not possess governmental powers or functions. The uses may in a sense be called "public," but the corporation is "private," as much as so as if the franchises were vested in a single person. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 568, 4 L. Ed. 629; Ten Eyck v. Canal Co., 18 N. J. Law, 204, 37 Am. Dec. 233. It is to be observed, however, that those corporations which serve the public or contribute to the comfort and convenience of the general public, though owned and managed by private interests, are now (and quite appropriately) denominated "public-service corporations." See infra. Another distinction between public and private corporations is that the former are not warehousemen (as the latter are) and that there is no contractual relation between the government and a public corporation or between the individuals who compose
Aggregate and sole. A corporation sole is one consisting of one person only, and his successors in some particular station, who are incorporated by law in order to give them some legal capacities and advantages, particularly that of perpetuity, which in their natural persons they could not have had. In this sense, the sovereign in England is a sole corporation, so is a bishop, so are some deans distinct from their several chapters, and so is every parson and vicar. 3 Steph. Comm. 195, 199; 2 Kent, Comm. 273. Warner v. Beavers, 23 Wash. (N. Y.) 177. Cooper v. Readbone, 19 N. Y. 39; First Parish v. Dunning, 7 Mass. 447; Reid v. Barry, 93 Fla. 849, 112 So. 846, 859.

A corporation aggregate is one composed of a number of individuals vested with corporate powers; and a “corporation,” as the word is used in general popular and legal speech, and as defined at the head of this title, means a “corporation aggregate.”

Domestic and foreign. With reference to the laws and the courts of any given state, a “domestic” corporation is one created by, or organized under, the laws of that state; a “foreign” corporation is one created by or under the laws of another state, government, or country. In re Grand Lodge, 110 Pa. 613, 1 A. 582; Boley v. Trust Co., 12 Ohio St. 143; Bowen v. Bank, 34 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 411; Fowler v. Chillingworth, 94 Fla. 1, 113 So. 677, 669; Kittredge v. Fairbanks Co., 91 Vt. 174, 99 A. 1016, 1017; Magna Oil & Refining Co. v. Uncle Sam Oil Co., 51 Okl. 8, 196 P. 142, 143; Wulfsohn v. Russian Socialist Federated Soviet of Russia, 118 Misc. 28, 192 N. Y. S. 282, 284.

Close and open. A “close” corporation is one in which the directors and officers have the power to fill vacancies in their own number, without allowing to the general body of stockholders any choice or vote in their election. An “open” corporation is one in which all the members or corporators have a vote in the election of the directors and other officers. McKim v. Odom, 3 Bland (Md.) 416.

Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

A business corporation is one formed for the purpose of transacting business in the widest sense of that term, including not only trade and commerce, but manufacturing, mining, banking, insurance, transportation, and practically every form of commercial or industrial activity where the purpose of the organization is pecuniary profit; contrasted with religious, charitable, educational, and other like organizations, which are sometimes grouped in the statutory law of a state under the general designation of “corporations not for profit.” Winter v. Railroad Co., 20 Fed. Cas. 329; In re Independent Ins. Co., 38 Fed. Cas. 13; McLeod v. College, 69 Neb. 550, 86 N. W. 265.

Corporation de facto. One existing under color of law and in pursuance of an effort.

-Corporation de jure. That which exists by reason of full compliance by incorporators with requirements of an existing law permitting organization of such corporation; it is impregnable to assault in the courts from any source. Henderson v. School Dist. No. 44, 75 Mont. 154, 242 P. 973, 980.

-Joint-stock corporation. This differs from a joint-stock company in being regularly incorporated, instead of being a mere partnership, but resembles it in having a capital divided into shares of stock. Most business corporations (as distinguished from eleemosynary corporations) are of this character.

A "joint-stock corporation" is one organized under a general statute authorizing the creation of such corporations and providing the procedure for creating it, and is distinguished from a "corporation" created by special resolution or act of the legislature, which resolution or act is the charter of the corporation, when accepted, and the corporation organized thereunder, and the corporation is a chartered corporation, as distinguished from a joint-stock corporation. Barber v. Morgan, 59 Conn. 663, 94 A. 968, 986, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 192.

-Moneyed corporations are, properly speaking, those dealing in money or in the business of receiving deposits, loaning money, and exchange; but in a wider sense the term is applied to all business corporations having a money capital and employing it in the conduct of their business. Mutual Ins. Co. v. Erie County, 4 N. Y. 444; Gillet v. Moody, 3 N. Y. 487; Vermont Stat. 1894, § 3874; Hill v. Reed, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 287; In re California Pac. R. Co., 4 Fed. Cas. 1000; Hobbs v. National Bank, 101 F. 75, 41 C. C. A. 295.

-Municipal corporations. See that title.

-Public-service corporations. Those whose operations serve the needs of the general public or conduct to the comfort and convenience of an entire community, such as railroads, gas, water, and electric light companies. The business of such companies is said to be "affected with a public interest," and for that reason they are subject to legislative regulation and control to a greater extent than corporations not of this character. Washington & C. Ry. Co. v. Mobile & O. R. Co. (C. C. A.) 255 F. 12, 14.

-Quasi corporations. Organizations resembling corporations; municipal societies or similar bodies which, though not true corporations in all respects, are yet recognized, by statutes or immemorial usage, as persons or aggregate corporations, with precise duties which may be enforced, and privileges which may be maintained, by suits at law. They may be considered quasi corporations, with limited powers, co-extensive with the duties imposed upon them by statute or usage, but restrained from a general use of the authority which belongs to those metaphysical persons by the common law. Scales v. King, 110 Ill. 498; Adams v. Wiscasset Bank, 1 Me. 361, 1 Am. Dec. 88; Lawrence County v. Railroad Co., 81 Ky. 227; Barnes v. District of Columbia, 91 U. S. 532, 23 L. Ed. 440.

This term is lacking in definiteness and precision. It appears to be applied indiscriminately (a) to all kinds of municipal corporations, the word "quasi" being introduced because it is said that these are not voluntary organizations like private corporations, but created by the legislature for its own purposes and without reference to the wishes of the people of the territory affected; (b) to all municipal corporations except cities and incorporated towns, the latter being considered the only true municipal corporations because they exist and act under charters or statutes of incorporation while counties, school districts, and the like are merely created or set off under general laws; (c) to municipal corporations possessing only a low order of corporate existence or the most limited range of corporate powers, such as hundreds in England, and counties, villages, and school districts in America.

A term applied to those bodies, or municipal societies, which, though not vested with the general powers of corporations, are yet recognized, by statutes or immemorial usage, as persons, or aggregate corporations, with precise duties, which may be enforced, and privileges, which may be maintained, by suits at law. State v. Hagen, 136 La. 868, 67 So. 855, 926.

There is a well-defined and marked distinction between municipal corporations proper and political or quasi corporations. Cities, towns, and villages are municipal corporations proper, while counties, townships, school districts, road districts, and the like are quasi corporations. Honnold v. Board of Com's of Carter County, 71 Okl. 71, 177 P. 71, 74; City of East Cleveland v. Board of Education of City School Dist. of East Cleveland, 112 Ohio St. 607, 149 N. E. 350, 351.

"Quasi corporation" is a phrase used to designate bodies which possess a limited number of corporate powers, and which are low down in the scale or grade of corporate existence, and is generally applied to a body which exercises certain functions of a corporate character, but which has not been

—Quasi public corporations. This term is sometimes applied to corporations which are not strictly public, in the sense of being organized for governmental purposes, but whose operations contribute to the comfort, convenience, or welfare of the general public, such as telegraph and telephone companies, gas, water, and electric light companies, and irrigation companies. More commonly and more correctly styled "public-service corporations." See Wiener v. Louisville Water Co. (C. C.) 130 F. 251; Cumberland Tel. Co. v. Evansville (C. C.) 127 F. 187; McKim v. Odom, 3 Bland (Md.) 419; Campbell v. Watson, 62 N. J. Eq. 396, 50 A. 120; Burgess v. City of Brockton, 233 Mass. 86, 126 N. E. 456, 460; Van Valkenburgh v. Ford (Tex. Civ. App.) 207 S. W. 495, 414; Borough of Mt. Union v. Kunz, 260 Pa. 356, 139 A. 118, 121.

There is a large class of private corporations which on account of special franchises conferred on them owe a duty to the public which they may be compelled to perform. This class of corporations is known as public service corporations, and in legal phraseology as "quasi public corporations," or corporations affected with a public interest. A "quasi public corporation" may be said to be a private corporation which has given to it certain powers of a public nature, such, for instance, as the power of eminent domain, in order to enable it to discharge its duties for the public benefit, in which respect it differs from an ordinary private corporation, the powers of which are given and exercised for the exclusive advantage of its stockholders. State ex rel. Coco v. Riverside Irr. Co., 142 La. 10, 78 So. 215, 218.

The term is also applied to corporations of that class sometimes called "quasi municipal corporations," such as school districts; Courtright v. Consolidated Independent School Dist. of Mapleton, 203 Iowa, 26, 212 N. W. 368, 369; road districts; Road Improvement Dist. No. 7 of Poinsett County, Ark., v. Guardian Savings & Trust Co. (C. C.) 298 F. 272, 274; Tyree v. Road Dist. No. 5, Navarro County (Tex. Civ. App.) 199 S. W. 644, 647; drainage districts; Taylor Coal Co. v. Board of Drainage Comrs of Ohio County, 150 Ky. 783, 225 S. W. 368, 369; Middle Canal Co. v. Whitley, 172 N. C. 100, 90 S. E. 1; irrigation districts; Bonneville Irr. Dist. v. Kirle, 57 Utah, 306, 195 P. 204, 205; Rathfon v. Fayette-Oregon Slope Irr. Dist., 76 Or. 606, 149 P. 1044, 1045; and counties, townships, etc., Forbes Pioneer Boat Line v. Board of Comrs of Everglades Drainage Dist., 77 Fla. 742, 82 So. 346, 350.

—Trading corporations. A trading corporation is a commercial corporation engaged in buying and selling. The word "trading," is much narrower in scope than "business," as applied to corporations, and though a trading corporation is a business corporation, there are many business corporations which are not trading companies. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 669, 4 L. Ed. 629; Adams v. Railroad Co., 1 Fed. Cas. 92.

—Tramp corporations. Companies chartered in one state without any intention of doing business therein, but which carry on their business and operations wholly in other states. State v. Georgia Co., 112 N. G. 34, 17 S. E. 10, 19 L. R. A. 465.

Synonyms

The words "company" and "corporation" are commonly used as interchangeable terms. In strictness, however, a company is an association of persons for business or other purposes, embracing a considerable number of individuals, which may or may not be incorporated. In the former case, it is legally a partnership or a joint-stock company; in the latter case, it is properly called a "corporation." Goddard v. Railroad Co., 202 Ill. 362, 66 N. E. 1068; Bradley Fertilizer Co. v. South Pub. Co., 4 Misc. 172, 23 N. Y. S. 675; Com. v. Reinhoel, 163 Pa. 287, 29 A. 896, 25 L. R. A. 247; State v. Mead, 27 Vt. 722; Leader Printing Co. v. Lowry, 9 Okl. 89, 59 P. 242. For the particulars in which corporations differ from "Joint-Stock Companies" and "Partnerships," see those titles.

CORPORATION ACT. In English law. The statute 13 Car. II. St. 2, c. 1; by which it was provided that no person should thereafter be elected to office in any corporate town that should not, within one year previously, have taken the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the rites of the Church of England; and every person so elected was also required to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. 3 Steph. Comm. 103, 104; 4 Bl. Comm. 58. This statute is now repealed. 4 Steph. Comm. 511.

CORPORATION COURTS. Certain courts in Virginia described as follows: "For each city of the state, there shall be a court called a 'corporation court,' to be held by a judge, with like qualifications and elected in the same manner as judges of the county court." Code Va. 1887, § 3050 (Code 1919, § 5905).

CORPORATOR. A member of a corporation aggregate. Grant, Corp. 48.

CORPOREAL. A term descriptive of such things as have an objective, material existence; perceptible by the senses of sight and touch; possessing a real body. Opposed to
incorporeal and spiritual. Civ. Code La. art. 466; Sullivan v. Richardson, 39 Fla. 1, 14 So. 692.

There is a distinction between “corporate” and “corporal.” The former term means “possessing a body,” that is, tangible, physical, material; the latter means “relating to or affecting a body,” that is, bodily, external. Corporal denotes the nature or physical existence of a body; corporeal denotes its exterior or the co-ordination of it with some other body. Hence we speak of “corporeal hereditaments;” but of “corporal punishment,” “corporal touch,” “corporal oath,” etc.

CORPOREAL HEREDITAMENTS. See Hereditaments.

CORPOREAL PROPERTY. Such as affects the senses, and may be seen and handled, as opposed to incorporeal property, which cannot be seen or handled, and exists only in contemplation. Thus a house is corporeal, but the annual rent payable for its occupation is incorporeal. Corporeal property is, if movable, capable of manual transfer; if immovable, possession of it may be delivered up. But incorporeal property cannot be so transferred, but some other means must be adopted for its transfer, of which the most usual is an instrument in writing. Mosley & Whitley.

In Roman law, the distinction between things corporeal and incorporeal rested on the sense of touch; tangible objects only were considered corporeal. In modern law, all things which may be perceived by any of the bodily senses are termed corporeal, although a common definition of the word includes merely that which can be touched and seen. 16a C. J. 164 (citing Abbott’s Dict.). Marnett Oil & Gas Co. v. Munsey (Tex. Civ. App.) 232 S. W. 867, 869; Sullivan v. Richardson, 33 Fla. 1, 116, 14 So. 692.

The term “property,” however, is a generic term of extensive application. 33 Cyc. 467. In its strict legal sense, “property” is nothing but the right of dominion, possession, and disposition which may be acquired over physical things. Bracelville Coal Co. v. People, 147 Ill. 66, 35 N. E. 62, 22 L. R. A. 345, 37 Am. St. Rep. 206; Pears v. State, 102 Ga. 274, 29 S. E. 463; De Lauder v. Baltimore County, 94 Md. 1, 60 A. 427; Jaynes v. Omaha St. R. Co., 55 Neb. 8, 54 N. W. 67, 33 L. R. A. 751. It follows that from that point of view, there is no such thing as “tangible” property or “corporeal” property, and the only meaning which can in law be given to the expression “corporeal property” is the right to possess, use, occupy, and enjoy corporeal things and take the profits thereof. Transcontinental Oil Co. v. Emmerson, 229 Ill. 304, 121 N. E. 646, 618, 16 L. R. A. 296.

CORPS DIPLOMATIQUE. In international law. Ambassadors and diplomatic persons at any court or capital.

CORPSE. The dead body of a human being. 1 Russ. & R. 366; 2 Term 733; 1 Leach 49; Com. v. Loring, 8 Pick. (Mass.) 370; Dig. 47, 12, 3, 7; 11 7, 38; Code, 34, 4; Co. 3d Inst. 205; 1 Russ. Cr. 629.

CORPUS. (Lat.) Body; the body; an aggregate or mass, (of men, laws, or articles;)

physical substance, as distinguished from intellectual conception; the principal sum or capital, as distinguished from interest or income. In re Barron’s Will, 186 Wis. 275, 155 N. W. 1087, 1089; United States Trust Co. of New York v. Heye, 181 App. Div. 544, 188 N. Y. S. 1051, 1057; Macy v. Ladd, 219 N. Y. S. 449, 460, 128 Misc. 732; In re Schley (Sup.) 173 N. Y. S. 317, 319.

A substantial or positive fact, as distinguished from what is equivocal and ambiguous. The corpus delicti (body of an offense) is the fact of its having been actually committed. Best, Pres. 269-279.

A corporeal act of any kind, (as distinguished from animus or mere intention,) on the part of him who wishes to acquire a thing, whereby he obtains the physical ability to exercise his power over it whenever he pleases. The word occurs frequently in this sense in the civil law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 245.

—Corpus comitatus. The body of a county. The whole county, as distinguished from a part of it, or any particular place in it. U. S. v. Grush, 5 Mason, 296, Fed. Cas. No. 15, 268.

—Corpus corporatum. A corporation; a corporate body, other than municipal.

—Corpus cum causa. (The body with the cause.) An English writ which issued out of chancery, to remove both the body and the record, touching the cause of any man lying in execution upon a judgment for debt, into the king’s bench, there to remain until he satisfied the judgment. Cowell; Blount.


—Corpus pro corpore. In old records. Body for body. A phrase expressing the liability of manuporters. 3 How. State Tr. 110.
CORPUS CHRISTI DAY. In English law. A feast instituted in 1264, in honor of the sacrament. 32 Hen. VIII. c. 21.

Corpus humanum non recipit aestimationem. The human body does not admit of valuation. Hob. 59.

CORPUS JURIS. A body of law. A term used to signify a book comprehending several collections of law. There are two principal collections to which this name is given; the Corpus Juris Civiles, and the Corpus Juris Canonici. Also name of an encyclopedic statement of the principles of Anglo-American law.

—Corpus juris canonici. The body of the canon law. A compilation of the canon law, comprising the decrees and canons of the Roman Church, constituting the body of ecclesiastical law of that church.

—Corpus juris civilis. The body of the civil law. The system of Roman jurisprudence compiled and codified under the direction of the emperor Justinian, in A. D. 528-534. This collection comprises the Institutes, Digest, (or Pandects,) Code, and Novels. The name is said to have been first applied to this collection early in the seventeenth century.

CORRECT ATTEST. These words, used before the signatures of bank directors to reports made to the commissioner of banking, mean not alone to bear witness, but to affirm to be true or genuine, and such words are appropriately used for the affirmation of persons in their official capacity to attest the truth of a writing. Eland State Bank v. Massachusetts Bonding & Ins. Co., 168 Wis. 485, 162 N. W. 662, 663.


CORRECTION. Discipline; chastisement administered by a master or other person in authority to one who has committed an offense, for the purpose of curing his faults or bringing him into proper subjection.

CORRECTION, HOUSE OF. A prison for the reformation of petty or juvenile offenders.

CORRECTOR OF THE STAPLE. In old English law. A clerk belonging to the staple, to write and record the bargains of merchants there made.

CORREGIDOR. In Spanish law. A magistrate who took cognizance of various misdemeanors, and of civil matters. 2 White, New Recip. 53.

CORREI. Lat. In the civil law. Co-stipulators; joint stipulators.

CORREI CREDENDI. In the civil and Scotch law. Joint creditors; creditors in solidum. Poth. Obl. pt. 2, c. 4, art. 3, § 11.

CORREI DEBENDI. In Scotch law. Two or more persons bound as principal debtors to another. Ersk. Inst. 3, 3, 74.

CORRELATIVE. Having a mutual or reciprocal relation, in such sense that the existence of one necessarily implies the existence of the other. Father and son are correlational terms. Claim and duty are correlational terms.

CORRESPONDENCE. Interchange of written communications. The letters written by a person and the answers written by the one to whom they are addressed.


The expression "corroborating circumstances" clearly does not mean facts which, independent of a confession, will warrant a conviction; for then the verdict would stand not on the confession, but upon those independent circumstances. To corroborate is to strengthen, to confirm by additional security, to add strength. The testimony of a witness is said to be corroborated when it is shown to correspond with the representation of some other witness, or to comport with some facts otherwise known or established. Corroborating circumstances, then, used in reference to a confession, are such as serve to strengthen it, to render it more probable; such, in short, as may serve to impress a jury with a belief in its truth. State v. Guild, 10 N. J. Law, 103, 105 Am. Dec. 494.

CORROBORATING EVIDENCE. Evidence supplementary to that already given and tending to strengthen or confirm it; additional evidence of a different character to the same point. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1343; Burton's Ex'r v. Manson, 142 Va. 500, 129 S. E. 356, 359; In re Cardoner's Estate, 27 N. M. 105, 196 P. 327, 328; State v. Ellis, 1 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 153, 112 A. 172, 174; State v. Lasstee, 191 N. C. 210, 131 S. E. 577, 579; U. S. v. Murphy (D. C.) 253 F. 404, 405; Varner's Ex'mrs v. White, 149 Va. 177, 140 S. E. 128, 130; State v. Smith, 75 Mont. 22, 241 P. 522, 523; People v. Follette, 74 Cal. App. 176, 240 P. 502, 519.
CORRUPT. Spolied; tainted; vitiated; depraved; debased. Webster.

One who stirs up and rolls the water of a spring by digging into the mud with a stick is held not to "corrupt" or "defile" the water within the meaning of a statute. State v. Blaisdell, 119 Me. 13, 106 A. 269, 270.


CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT. The Act of June 25, 1910, c. 392, 36 Stat. 822, which, like the English act of 1883 and supplements, dealt with "corrupt and illegal practices" in connection with elections, and which was repealed by the "Federal Corrupt Practices Act" of Feb. 28, 1925, c. 368, Title III (2 USCA § 241 et seq.).


CORRUPTION. Illegality; a vicious and fraudulent intention to evade the prohibitions of the law.


The act of an official or fiduciary person who unlawfully and wrongfully uses his station or character to procure some benefit for himself or for another person, contrary to duty and the rights of others. U. S. v. Johnson (C. C.) 26 F. 682; State v. Ragsdale, 59 Mo. App. 603; Wight v. Rindskopf, 43 Wis. 331; Worsham v. Murchison, 66 Ga. 719; U. S. v. Edwards (C. C.) 43 F. 67.

CORRUPTION OF BLOOD. In English law. The consequence of attaint, being that the attainted person could neither inherit lands or other hereditaments from his ancestor, nor retain those he already had, nor transmit them by descent to any heir, because his blood was considered in law to be corrupted. Avery v. Everett, 116 N. Y. 341, 18 N. E. 148, 1 L. R. A. 364, 6 Am. St. Rep. 368; 1 Steph. Comm. 446. This was abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, and 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23, and is unknown in America. Const. U. S. art. 3, § 3.

CORRUPTLY. When used in a statute, this term generally imports a wrongful design to acquire some pecuniary or other advantage. Grebe v. State, 112 Neb. 715, 209 N. W. 143, 144; Bosselman v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 239 F. 82, 83.

CORSELET. Ancient armor which covered the body.

CORSE-PRESENT. In old English law. A mortuary, thus termed because, when a mortuary became due upon the death of a man, the best or second-best beast was, according to custom, offered or presented to the priest, and carried with the corpse. In Wales a corse-present was due upon the death of a clergyman to the bishop of the diocese, till abolished by 12 Anne St. 2, c. 6. 2 Bl. Comm. 426; Stat. 21 Hen. VIII. cap. 6; Cowell.

CORSNED. In Saxon law. The morsel of execration. A species of ordeal in use among the Saxons, performed by eating a piece of bread over which the priest had pronounced a certain imprecation. If the accused ate it freely, he was pronounced innocent; but, if it stuck in his throat, it was considered as a proof of his guilt. Crabb, Eng. Law, 39; Reeve, Eng. Law, 22; 4 Bl. Comm. 345; Spelman, Gloss. 439.

CORTES. The name of the legislative assemblies, the parliament or congress, of Spain and Portugal.

COTEX. The bark of a tree; the outer covering of anything.

CORTIS. A court or yard before a house. Blount.

CORTULARIUM, or CORTARIUM. In old records. A yard adjoining a country farm.

CORVEE. In French law. Gratuitous labor exacted from the villages or communities, especially for repairing roads, constructing bridges, etc. State v. Covington, 125 N. C. 641, 34 S. E. 272.

CORVEE SEIGNEURLIALE. Services due the lord of the manor. Guyot, Rép. Univ.; 3 Low. C. 1.

COSA JUZGADA. In Spanish law. A cause or matter adjudged, (res judicata.) White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 8, note.

COSAS COMUNES. In Spanish law. A term corresponding to the res communes of the Roman law, and descriptive of such things as are open to the equal and common enjoyment of all persons and not to be reduced to private ownership, such as the air, the sea, and the water of running streams. Hall, Mex. Law, 447; Lux v. Haggan, 69 Cal. 265, 10 P. 707.

COSBERING. See Coshering.

COSDUNA. In feudal law. A custom or tribute.


COSENAGE. (Also spelled "Coshnage," "Consinage.") In old English law. A writ
that lay for the heir where the trespass, i. e., the father of the be sure, or great-grandfather, was seized of lands in fee at his death, and a stranger entered upon the land and abated. Flath. Nat. Brev. 221; 3 Bla. Comm. *186.

Kindred; cousinship; relationship; affinity. Stat. 4 Hen. III. cap. 8; 3 Bla. Comm. 198; Co. Litt. 160a.

Cosing. In old English law. An offense, mentioned in the old books, where anything was done deceitfully, whether belonging to contracts or not, which could not be properly termed by any special name. The same as the stellonatus of the civil law. Cowell; West. Symb. pt. 2, Indictment, § 68; Blount; 4 Bla. Comm. 158.

Coshering. In old English law. A feudal prerogative or custom for lords to lie and feast themselves at their tenants' houses. Cowell.


Coss. A term used by Europeans in India to denote a road-measure of about two miles, but differing in different parts. Wharton.


Cost-book. In English law. A book in which a number of adventurers who have obtained permission to work a lode, and have agreed to share the enterprise in certain proportions, enter the agreement, and from time to time the receipts and expenditures of the mine, the names of the shareholders, their respective accounts with the mine, and transfers of shares. These associations are called "Cost-Book Mining Companies," and are governed by the general law of partnership. Lndl. Partn. *147.

Cost-plus contract. One which fixes the amount to be paid the contractor on a basis, generally, of the cost of the material and labor, plus an agreed percentage thereon. The Spica (C. C. A.) 280 F. 436, 445.


Costs of collection. Strictly, expenses involved in endeavoring to make collection, as of a promissory note; but as used in or with reference to such notes, the phrase is synonymous with attorney's fees. McClain v. Continental Supply Co., 66 Okl. 225, 168 P. 815, 818; Wood v. Ferguson, 71 Mont. 540, 230 P. 592, 594. It does not refer to costs of suit, which are recoverable by law. Cox v. Hagan, 125 Va. 656, 100 S. E. 690, 674.

Co-stipulator. A joint promisor.


Expenses pending suit as allowed or taxed by the court. Jones v. Adkins, 170 Ark. 298, 280 S. W. 389, 394.

Certain sums of money granted by law to the prevailing party by way of indemnity for maintaining an action, or for vindicating a defense, being an incident of the judgment. Burdick v. Tun-A-Lum Lumber Co., 97 Or. 459, 191 P. 654.

Fees and charges required by law to be paid to the courts or some of their officers, the amount of which is fixed by law. Blair v. Brownstone Oil & Refining Co., 20 Cal. App. 316, 123 P. 1022.

Costs and fees were originally altogether different in their nature. The one is an allowance to a party for expenses incurred in prosecuting or defending a suit; the other, a compensation to an officer for services rendered in the progress of a cause. Therefore, while an executor or administrator was not personally liable to his adversary for costs, yet, if at his instance an officer performed services for him, he had a personal demand for his fees. Musser v. Good, 11 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 547. Moreover, costs are an incident to the judgment; fees are compensation to public officers for services rendered individuals not in the course of litigation. Tillman v. Wood, 68 Ala. 573.

In Georgia, however, it is held that "costs," include all charges fixed by statute as compensation for services rendered by officers of the court in the progress of the cause. Walton County v. Dean, 23 Ga. App. 97, 97 S. E. 561, 563.

There is no general or controlling provision or principle of law to the effect that attorney fees that may by statute be recovered by the winning party against the losing party in a suit or action
are, or should be regarded as, costs in the case. "Costs" do not include attorney fees unless such fees are by a statute denominated costs or are by statute allowed to be recovered as costs in the case. State ex rel. Royal Ins. Co. v. Barres, 67 Fla. 168, 99 So. 661, 669; McRostie v. City of Owmouma, 152 Minn. 63, 188 N. W. 63, 84; In re Board of Water Supply of City of New York, 142 N. Y. S. 801, 804, 158 App. Div. 116; Stover v. Durfee, 219 Mich. 555, 19 N. W. 14, 15; Pacific Gas & Electric Co. v. Chubb, 21 Cal. App. 205, 141 P. 38, 37; Bell v. McNair, 169 Ga. 863, 159 S. E. 94; Littlefield v. Scott (Tex. Civ. App.) 344 S. W. 824, 825; Calman v. Cox (Mo. App.) 296 S. W. 845, 846.


In England, the term "costs" is also used to designate the charges which an attorney or solicitor is entitled to make and recover from his client, as his remuneration for professional services, such as legal advice, attendances, drafting and copying documents, conducting legal proceedings, etc.

**Bill of Costs**

A certified, itemized statement of the amount of costs in an action or suit.

**Certificate for Costs**

In English practice, a certificate or memorandum drawn up and signed by the judge before whom a case was tried, setting out certain facts, the existence of which must be thus proved before the party is entitled, under the statutes, to recover costs.

**Cost Bond, or Bond for Costs**

A bond given by a party to an action to secure the eventual payment of such costs as may be awarded against him.

**Costs de Incremento**

Increased costs, costs of increase. Costs adjudged by the court in addition to those assessed by the jury. Day v. Woodworth, 13 How. 372, 14 L. Ed. 181. Those extra expenses incurred which do not appear on the face of the proceedings, such as witnesses' expenses, fees to counsel, attendances, court fees, etc. Wharton.

**Costs of the Day**

Costs which are incurred in preparing for the trial of a cause on a specified day, consisting of witnesses' fees, and other fees of attendance. Archib. N. Prac. 281; Ad. Eq. 343.

**Costs to Abide Event**

When an order is made by an appellate court reversing a judgment, with "costs to abide the event," the costs intended by the order include those of the appeal, so that, if the appellee is finally successful, he is entitled to tax the costs of the appeal. First Nat. Bank v. Fourth Nat. Bank, 84 N. Y. 469; Casualty Co. of America v. A. L. Swett Electric Light & Power Co., 121 Misc. 268, 200 N. Y. S. 796, 801.

**Double Costs**

The ordinary single costs of suit, and one-half of that amount in addition. 2 Tidd, Pr. 987. "Double" is not used here in its ordinary sense of "twice" the amount. Van Aulen v. Decker, 2 N. J. Law, 108; Gilbert v. Kennedy, 22 Mich. 19. But see Moran v. Hudson, 34 N. J. Law, 531. These costs are now abolished in England by St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 97. Wharton.

**Final Costs**

Such costs as are to be paid at the end of the suit; costs, the liability for which depends upon the final result of the litigation. Goodyear v. Sawyer (C. C.) 17 F. 8.

**Interlocutory Costs**

In practice. Costs accruing upon proceedings in the intermediate stages of a cause, as distinguished from final costs; such as the costs of motions. 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 597; Goodyear v. Sawyer (C. C.) 17 F. 6.

**Security for Costs**

In practice. A security which a defendant in an action may require of a plaintiff who does not reside within the jurisdiction of the court, for the payment of such costs as may be awarded to the defendant. 1 Tidd, Pr. 534. Ex parte Louisville & N. R. Co., 121 Ala. 547, 27 So. 239.

**Treble Costs**

A rate of costs given in certain actions, consisting, according to its technical import, of the common costs, half of these, and half of the latter. 2 Tidd, Pr. 988. The word "treble," in this application, is not understood in its literal sense of thrice the amount of single costs, but signifies merely the addition together of the three sums fixed as above. 1d. Treble costs have been abolished in England, by St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 97. In American law. In Pennsylvania and New Jersey the rule is different. When an act of assembly gives treble costs, the party is allowed three times the usual costs, with the exception that the fees of the officers are not to be trebled when they are not regularly or usually payable by the defendant. Shoemaker v. Nesbit, 2 Rawle (Pa.) 203; Welsh v. Anthony, 16 Pa. 256; Mairs v. Sparks, 5 N. J. Law, 518.

**Costumbre.** In Spanish law. Custom; an unwritten law established by usage, during a long space of time. Las Partidas, pt. 1, tit. 2, l. 4.

**CO-SURETIES.** Joint sureties; two or more sureties to the same obligation.
COTA. A cot or hut. Blount.

COTAGIUM. In old English law. A cottage.

COTARIUS. In old English law. A cottager, who held in free socage, and paid a stated fine or rent in provisions or money, with some occasional personal services. See Coterelli.


COTEREILLI. Anciently, a kind of peasantry who were outlaws; robbers. Blount.

COTEREILLUS. In feudal law. A cottager; a servile tenant, who held in mere villegage; his person, issue, and goods were disposable at the lord's pleasure. A coterellus, therefore, occupied a less favorable position than a cotarius (q. v.), for the latter held by socage tenure. Cowell.

COTERIE. A fashionable association, or a knot of persons forming a particular circle. The origin of the term was purely commercial, signifying an association, in which each member furnished his part, and bore his share in the profit and loss. Wharton.

COTESWOLD. In old records. A place where there is no wood.

COTLAND. In old English law. Land held by a cottager, whether in socage or villegage. Cowell; Blount.

COTSEETHLA. In old English law. The little seat or mansion belonging to a small farm.

COTSEETHLAND. The seat of a cottage with the land belonging to it. Spelman.

COTSETUS. A cottager or cottage-holder who held by servile tenure and was bound to do the work of the lord. Cowell.

COTTAGE. In English law. A small dwelling-house that has no land belonging to it. Shep. Touch. 31; Emerston v. Selby, 2 Le Raym. 1015; Scholes v. Hargreaves, 5 Term, 49; Hubbard v. Hubbard, 15 Adol. & E. (N. S.) 240; Gibson v. Brockway, 8 N. H. 470, 31 Am. Dec. 200. It has been held that the term includes a two-family house, not being limited to a structure for the use of only one family. Jones v. Mulligan (N. J. Ch.) 121 A. 608, 609.

COTTIER TENANCY. A species of tenancy in Ireland, constituted by an agreement in writing, and subject to the following terms: That the tenement consists of a dwelling-house with not more than half an acre of land; at a rental not exceeding £5 a year; the tenancy to be for not more than a month at a time; the landlord to keep the house in good repair. Landlord and Tenant Act, Ireland, (23 & 24 Vict. c. 154, § 81.)


COTTON. A term which is applicable to such substance in whatever state it exists after it has been gathered and before it is manufactured into some article of merchandise, whether the seed have been removed at the gin or whether it is lint cotton in the seed or in the bale. Freeman v. State, 136 Ark. 592, 247 S. W. 51.

COTTON GIN. A term sometimes used as synonymous with ginhouse. State v. Rodgers, 168 N. C. 112, 63 S. E. 161, 162.


COTTON MILL OR FACTORY. One which manufactures cotton from the raw state into a finished product. Dumas v. State, 17 Ala. App. 492, 80 So. 162, 163.

COTTON NOTES. Receipts given for each bale of cotton received on storage by a public warehouse. Fourth Nat. Bank v. St. Louis Cotton Compress Co., 11 Mo. App. 337.

COTTON SEASON. The season for buying and selling cotton between September 1 and the following May 1. Morris v. Hellums Co., 131 Ark. 685, 199 S. W. 927, 928.

COTUCA. Coat armor.

COTUCHANS. A term used in Domesday for peasants, boors, husbandmen.

COUCHANT. Lying down; squatting. Couchant et levant (lying down and rising up) is a term applied to animals trespassing on the land of one other than their owner, for one night or longer. 3 Bl. Comm. 9.

COUCHER, or COURCHER. A factor who continues abroad for traffic, (37 Edw. III. c. 19;) also the general book wherein any corporation, etc., register their acts, (3 & 4 Edw. VI. c. 10.)

COULISSE. The stockbrokers' curb market in Paris.

COUNCIL. An assembly of persons for the purpose of contracting measures of state or municipal policy; hence called "councillors."

In American Law
The legislative body in the government of cities or boroughs. An advisory body selected to aid the executive; particularly in the

Counsellors who are associated with those regularly retained in a cause, either for the purpose of advising as to the points of law involved, or preparing the case on its legal side, or arguing questions of law to the court, or preparing or conducting the case on its appearance before an appellate tribunal, are said to be "of counsel."

2. Knowledge. A grand jury is sworn to keep secret everything "the commonwealth's counsel, their fellows, and their own."

3. Advice given by one person to another in regard to a proposed line of conduct, claim, or contention. State v. Russell, 83 Wis. 330, 33 N. W. 441; Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 1049 (Code 1850, §§ 32–101). The words "counsel" and "advise" may be, and frequently are, used in criminal law to describe the offense of a person who is actually doing the felonious act, by his will contributed to it or procured it to be done. True v. Com., 99 Ky. 651, 14 S. W. 684; Omer v. Com., 95 Ky. 853, 25 S. W. 594.

—Counsel's signature. This is required, in some jurisdictions, to be affixed to pleadings, etc., as affording the court a means of judging whether they are interposed in good faith and upon legal grounds. It has been held that the word "counsel" in this connection denotes a person capable of testifying, and that a certificate bearing only the firm signatures of partnerships of attorneys is insufficient. Benedict v. Seiberling (D. C.) 17 F.(2d) 831, 838.

—Junior counsel. The younger of the counsel employed on the same side of a case, or the one lower in standing or rank, or who is instructed with the less important parts of the preparation or trial of the cause.

COUNSELLOR. An advocate or barrister. A member of the legal profession whose special function is to give counsel or advice, as to the legal aspects of judicial controversies, or their preparation and management, and to appear in court for the conduct of trials, or the argument of causes, or presentation of motions, or any other legal business that takes him into the presence of the court.

In some of the states, the two words "counsellor" and "attorney" are used interchangeably to designate all lawyers. In others, the latter term alone is used, "counsellor" not being recognized as a technical name. In still others, the two are associated together as the full legal title of any person who has been admitted to practice in the courts; while in a few they denote different grades, it being prescribed that no one can become a counsellor until he has been an attorney for a specified time and has passed a second examination.
In the practice of the United States supreme court, the term denotes an officer who is employed by a party in a cause to conduct the same on its trial on his behalf. He differs from an attorney at law.

In the supreme court of the United States, the two degrees of attorney and counsel were at first kept separate, and no person was permitted to practice in both capacities, but the present practice is otherwise. Weeks, Attys. at Law, 54. It is the duty of the counsel to draft or review and correct the special pleadings, to manage the cause on trial, and, during the whole course of the suit, to apply established principles of law to the exigencies of the case. 1 Kent, Comm. 307.

COUNT, v. In pleading. To declare; to recite; to state a case; to narrate the facts constituting a plaintiff's cause of action. In a special sense, to set out the claim or count of the demandant in a real action.

To plead orally; to plead or argue a case in court; to recite or read in court; to recite a count in court.

—Count upon a statute. To make express reference to it, as by the words "against the form of the statute" (or "by the force of the statute") "in such case made and provided." Richardson v. Fletcher, 74 Vt. 417, 52 A. 1064.

"Pleading the statute" is stating the facts which bring the case within it, and "counting" on it is making express reference to it by apt terms to show the source of right relied on. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. State, 73 Fla. 669, 74 So. 595, 599.

COUNT, n. In pleading. The plaintiff's statement of his cause of action. The different parts of a declaration, each of which, if it stood alone, would constitute a ground for action. Used also to signify the several parts of an indictment, each charging a distinct offense. Cheetham v. Tillotson, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 434; Buckingham v. Murray, 7 Howst. (Del.) 176, 30 A. 779; Boren v. State, 23 Tex. App. 28, 4 S. W. 463; Bailey v. Mosher, 63 F. 490, 11 O. A. 304; Ryan v. Riddle, 109 Mo. App. 115, 52 S. W. 1,117.

"Count" and "charge" when used relative to allegations in an indictment are synonymous. State v. Thornton, 143 La. 787, 77 So. 634, 636.

—Count sur concessit solvere. A claim based upon a promise to pay;—a count in the mayor's court of London. Under it the plaintiff can sue for any liquidated demand, but not for money due under a covenant. Particulars defining more precisely the nature of the claim must be delivered with the declaration. Odger, C. L. 1029.

—Common counts. Certain general counts or forms inserted in a declaration in an action to recover a money debt, not founded on the circumstances of the individual case, but intended to guard against a possible variance, and to enable the plaintiff to take advantage of any ground of liability which the proof may disclose, within the general scope of the action. In the action of assumpsit, these counts are as follows: For goods sold and delivered, or bargained and sold; for work done; for money lent; for money paid; for money received to the use of the plaintiff; for interest; or for money due on an account stated. See Nugent v. Teacotch, 67 Mich. 571, 35 N. W. 254.


—Omnibus count. A count which combines in one all the money counts with one for goods sold and delivered, work and labor, and an account stated. Webber v. Tivill, 2 Saund. 122; Griffin v. Murdock, 38 Me. 254, 34 A. 30.

—Money counts. A species of common counts, so called from the subject matter of them; embracing the indebitatus assumpsit count for money lent and advanced, for money paid and expended, and for money had and received, together with the insinum computasent count, or count for money due on an account stated. 1 Burrill, Pr. 132.

—Several counts. Where a plaintiff has several distinct causes of action, he is allowed to pursue them cumulatively in the same action, subject to certain rules which the law prescribes. Wharton.

—Special count. As opposed to the common counts, in pleading, a special count is a statement of the actual facts of the particular case, or a count in which the plaintiff's claim is set forth with all needed particularity. Wertheim v. Casualty Co., 72 Vt. 328, 47 A. 1071.

COUNT. (Fr. conte; from the Latin comes.) An earl.

It gave way as a distinct title to the Saxon earl, but was retained in counties, viscounts, and as the basis of county. Terres de la ley; 1 Bla. Comm. 386.

COUNT-OUT. In English parliamentary law. Forty members form a house of commons; and, though there be ever so many at the beginning of a debate, yet, if during the course of it the house should be deserted by the members, till reduced below the number of forty, any one member may have it adjourned upon its being counted: but a debate may be continued when only one member is left in the house, provided no one choose to move an adjournment. Wharton.

The words "count and count-out" refer to the count of the house of commons by the speaker. Forty members, including the speaker, are required to constitute a quorum. Each day after parliament is opened, the speaker counts the house. If forty members are not present he waits till four o'clock, and then counts the house again. If forty members are not then present, he at once adjourns it to the following meeting day. May, Parl. Prac. 219.
COUNTER. In old English law. The most eminent dignity of a subject before the Conquest. He was praefectus or propositus comitis; and had the charge and custody of the county; but this authority is now vested in the sheriff. Coke, 46.

COUNTERENCE. In old English law. Credit; estimation. Wharton. Also, encouragement; aiding and abetting. Cooper v. Johnson, 81 Mo. 487.

COUNTER, n. (Spelled, also, “Compter.”) The name of two prisons formerly standing in London, but now demolished. They were the Poultry Counter and Wood Street Counter. Cowell; Whish. L. D.; Coke, 4th Inst. 248.


—Counter-affidavit. An affidavit made and presented in contradiction or opposition to an affidavit which is made the basis or support of a motion or application.


—Counter-claim. See that title.

—Counter-deed. A secret writing, either before a notary or under a private seal, which destroys, invalidates, or alters a public one.

—Counter-letter. A species of instrument of defeasance common in the civil law. It is executed by a party who has taken a deed of property, absolute on its face, but intended as security for a loan of money, and by it he agrees to recover the property on payment of a specified sum. The two instruments, taken together, constitute what is known in Louisiana as an “anticlisis;” (q. v.) Karcher v. Karcher, 138 La. 288, 70 So. 228, 229; Livingston v. Story, 11 Pet. 351, 9 L. Ed. 746.

—Counter-mark. A sign put upon goods already marked; also the several marks put upon goods belonging to several persons, to show that they must not be opened, but in the presence of all the owners or their agents.

—Counter-plea. See Plea.

—Counter-security. A security given to one who has entered into a bond or become surety for another; a countervailing bond of indemnity.

COUNTERCLAIM. A claim presented by a defendant in opposition to or deduction from the claim of the plaintiff. A species of set-off or recoupment introduced by the codes of civil procedure in many of the states, of a broad and liberal character. Quoted in Wollan v. McKay, 24 Idaho, 691, 135 P. 832, 837.

A counterclaim must be one “existing in favor of a defendant and against a plaintiff between whom a several judgment might be had in the action, and arising out of one of the following causes of action: (1) A cause of action arising out of the contract or transaction upon which the complaint is founded. (2) Ownership, or contract, or connection with the subject of the action; (2) In an action arising on contract, any other cause of action arising also on contract, and existing at the commencement of the action.” Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. § 501 (Civ. Prac. Act, § 266); C. S. N. C. § 521; Or. L. § 74 (Code 1930, § 1-611).

The term “counterclaim,” of itself, imports a claim opposed to, or which qualifies, or at least in some degree affects, the plaintiff’s cause of action. Dietrich v. Koch, 35 Wis. 626.

A counterclaim is an opposition claim, or demand of something due; a demand of something which of right belongs to the defendant, in opposition to the right of the plaintiff. Stillman v. Eddy, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 122; Drovers’ State Bank v. Elliott, 97 Kan. 64, 154 P. 255.

A counterclaim is that which might have arisen out of, or could have had some connection with, the original transaction, in view of the parties, and which, at the time the contract was made, the other could have intended might, in some event, give one party a claim against the other for compliance or non-compliance with its provisions. Conner v. Winton, 7 Ind. 623, 324; Burns’ Ann. St. Ind. 1914, § 555 (Burns’ Ann. St. 3229, § 373).

A “counterclaim” is a cause of action in favor of defendant and against plaintiff arising out of the transaction or contract pleaded by plaintiff, and on which plaintiff’s claim is bottomed. French Republic v. Inland Nav. Co. (D. C.) 263 F. 410, 412; Civ Code Prac. Ky. § 96. It is a cause of action which, if established, will tend to reduce or offset plaintiff’s demand. Evans v. Evans, 292 Iowa, 483, 210 N. W. 561, 565; Lappin v. Martin, 71 Mont. 233, 223 P. 765, 766; Smith v. Glover, 135 Ark. 531, 205 S. W. 891.


The counterclaim is a substitute for the cross-bill in equity. McAnarney v. Lembeck, 97 N. J. Eq. 361, 127 A. 197, 108; Vidal v. South American Securities Co. (C. C. A.) 276 F. 855. It is but another name for a cross-petition, and may be so styled, especially in actions prosecuted by equitable proceedings. Taylor v. Wilson, 132 Ky. 593, 206 S. W. 865, 866; Clark v. Duncannon, 78 Ohio St. 189, 192 P. 805, 806, 16 A. L. R. 450.

Under rule 39 of Federal Rules in equity (28 USCA § 729), “counterclaim” means any claim, not such as to constitute a set-off, which, in equity, a defendant might assert against the plaintiff in the same suit. Terry Steam Turbine Co. v. B. F. Sturtevant Co. (D. C.) 204 F. 103, 105.

A “counterclaim” must be a cause of action, and seeks affirmative relief, while a defense merely defeats the plaintiff’s cause of action by a denial or confession and avowal, and does not admit of affirmative relief to the defendant. Lovett v. Lovett, 29 Fla. 611, 112 So. 768, 780; Secor v. Silver,
COUNTEREXTENSION

In surgery, in connection with "Buck's extension" process, which is some uniform, continuous force or pull applied to the leg or foot below a break, to overcome the natural contraction of the muscles of the thigh, which have a strong tendency to pull the broken ends together and cause them to slip by each other and overlap, especially when the break is oblique across bone, "counterextension" denotes the pull upwards holding the body against the extension downwards, effected by a splint appliance, on the upper end of which is a ring fitting around the thigh and against the patient's groin. Sweet v. Douge, 146 Wash. 142, 259 P. 25.

COUNTERFEIT. In criminal law. To forge; to copy or imitate, without authority or right, and with a view to deceive or defraud, by passing the copy or thing forged for that which is original or genuine. Most commonly applied to the fraudulent and criminal imitation of money. State v. McKenzie, 42 Me. 392; U. S. v. Barrett (D. C.) 111 F. 393; State v. Calvin, R. M. Charit. (Ga.) 159; Mattison v. State, 3 Mo. 421; Kirby v. State, 1 Ohio St. 185; DeRose v. People, 64 Colo. 332, 171 P. 359, L. R. A. 1918C, 1193.

COUNTERFEIT COIN. Coin not genuine, but resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for genuine coin, including genuine coin prepared or altered so as to resemble or pass for coin of a higher denomination. U. S. v. Hopkins (D. C.) 28 F. 448; U. S. v. Bogart, 24 Fed. Cas. 1185.

COUNTERFEITER. In criminal law. One who unlawfully makes base coin in imitation of the true metal, or forges false currency, or any instrument of writing, bearing a likeness and similitude to that which is lawful and genuine, with an intention of deceiving and imposing upon mankind. Thirman v. Matthews, 1 Stew. (Ala.) 324.

COUNTER-FESANCE. The act of forging.

COUNTERMAND. A change or revocation of orders, authority, or instructions previously issued. It may be either express or implied; the former where the order or instruction already given is explicitly annulled or recalled; the latter where the party's conduct is incompatible with the further continuance of the order or instruction, as where a new order is given inconsistent with the former order.

COUNTERPART. In conveyancing. The corresponding part of an instrument; a duplicate or copy. Where an instrument of conveyance, as a lease, is executed in parts, that is, by having several copies or duplicates made and interchangeably executed, that which is executed by the grantor is usually called the "original," and the rest are "counterparts"; although, where all the parties execute every part, this renders them all originals. 2 Bl. Comm. 296; Shep. Touch. 50. Roosevelt v. Smith, 17 Misc. Rep. 323, 40 N. Y. S. 381. See Duplicate.

In granting lots subject to a ground-rent reserved to the grantor, both parties execute the deeds, of which there are two copies; although both are original, one of them is sometimes called the counterpart. See 12 Vin. Abr. 294; Dane, Abr. Index; 7 Com. Dig. 443; Merlin, Rép. Double Ecrit.

COUNTERPART WRIT. A copy of the original writ, authorized to be issued to another county when the court has jurisdiction of the cause by reason of the fact that some of the defendants are residents of the county or found therein. White v. Lea, 9 Lea (Tenn.) 450.

COUNTER-ROLLS. In English law. The rolls which sheriffs have with the coroners, containing particulars of their proceedings, as well of appeals as of inquests, etc. 3 Edw. I. c. 10.

COUNTERSIGN. As a noun, the signature of a secretary or other subordinate officer to any writing signed by the principal or superior to vouch for the authenticity of it. Fifth Ave. Bank v. Railroad Co., 137 N. Y. 231, 33 N. E. 378, 19 L. R. A. 531, 33 Am. St. Rep. 712; Gurnee v. Chicago, 40 Ill. 167; People v. Brie, 43 Hun. (N. Y.) 526.


COUNTERVAIL. To counterbalance; to avail against with equal force or virtue; to compensate for, or serve as an equivalent of or substitute for.

COUNTERVAIL LIVERY. At common law, a release was a form of transfer of real estate where some right to it existed in one person but the actual possession was in another; and the possession in such case was said to "countervail livery," that is, it supplanted the place of and rendered unnecessary the open and notorious delivery of possession required in other cases. Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 387.

COUNTERVAILING EQUITY. See Equity.

COUNTEUR. In the time of Edward I, a pleader; also called a Narrator, and Serjeant-Counteur. See Countors.

COUNTEZ. L. Fr. Count, or reckon. In old practice. A direction formerly given by the clerk of a court to the crier, after a jury was sworn, to number them; and which Blackstone says was given in his time, in good English, "count these." 4 Bl. Comm. 340, note (n).
COUNTING UPON A STATUTE. See Count upon a statute.

COUNTORS. Advocates, or serjeants at law, whom a man retains to defend his cause and speak for him in court, for their fees. 1 Inst. 17.

COUNTRY. The portion of the earth's surface occupied by an independent nation or people, or the inhabitants of such territory.

In its primary meaning "country" signifies "place"; and, in a larger sense, the territory or dominions occupied by a community; or even waste and unpeopled sections or regions of the earth. But its metaphorical meaning is no less definite and well understood; and in common parlance, in historical and geographical writings, in diplomacy, legislation, treaties, and international codes, the word is employed to denote the population, the nation, the state, or the government, having possession and dominion over a territory. Stairs v. Peales, 18 How. 532, 15 L. Ed. 474; U. S. v. Recorder, 1 Blatchf. 218, 225, 5 N. Y. Leg. Obs. 386, Fed. Cas. No. 16,125.

The word "country" as used in treaties made by the United States government, in so far as it applies to the United States, means the states of such country. Pagano v. Cerri, 83 Ohio St. 346, 112 N. E. 1097, 1099, L. R. A. 1917A, 488.

In Pleading and Practice

The inhabitants of a district from which a jury is to be summoned; pais; a jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 349; 4 Bl. Comm. 349; Steph. Pl. 73, 78, 230.

COUNTRY. One of the civil divisions of a country for judicial and political purposes.

1 Bl. Comm. 113. Etymologically, it denotes that portion of the country under the immediate government of a count or earl. 1 Bla. Comm. 116.

One of the principal subdivisions of the kingdom of England and of most of the states of the American Union, denoting a distinct portion of territory organized by itself for political and judicial purposes. In modern use, the word may denote either the territory marked off to form a county, or the citizens resident within such territory, taken collectively and considered as invested with political rights, or the county regarded as a municipal corporation possessing subordinate governmental powers, or an organized juridical society invested with specific rights and duties. Patterson v. Temple, 27 Ark. 207; Eagle v. Beard, 33 Ark. 501; Wooster v. Plympton, 62 N. H. 208; St. Louis County Court v. Griswold, 35 Mo. 175; Mallineckrodt Chemical Works v. State of Missouri ex rel. Jones, 238 U. S. 41, 35 S. Ct. 671, 674, 59 L. Ed. 1192; Mono Power Co. v. City of Los Angeles (C. C. A.) 284 F. 784, 793; In re Becker, 179 App. Div. 759, 167 N. Y. S. 118, 119.

In the English law, this word signifies the same as shire, county being derived from the French, and shire from the Saxon. Both these words signify a circuit or portion of the realm into which the whole land is divided, for the better government thereof and the more easy administration of justice. There is no part of England that is not within some county; and the sheriff (sheriff) was the governor of the province, under the comes, earl, or count. A "county" is a body politic and corporate, whose powers are exercised by the board of commissioners. Board of Com'r of McDowell County v. Hanchett Bond Co., 194 N. C. 137, 138 S. E. 614, 615.


Counties are sometimes said to be involuntary municipal corporations. Perkins v. Board of Com'rs of Cook County, 271 Ill. 449, 111 N. W. 589, 594, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 27. Other cases, seeking to distinguish between the two, say that counties are agencies or political subdivisions of the state for governmental purposes, and not, like municipal corporations, incorporations of the inhabitants of specified regions for purposes of local government. Dillwood v. Hiecks, 42 Cal. App. 605, 134 P. 35, 37; Baxter County v. Linden, 110 Tex. 339, 220 S. W. 761. Counties are also said to be merely quasi corporate. Breathitt County v. Hagine, 153 Ky. 294, 297 S. W. 713, 714; Mackenzie v. Douglas County, 91 Or. 375, 178 P. 359, 353; Brown v. Davis County, 193 Iowa, 1343, 193 N. W. 363, 368; Board of Com'rs of Seminole County v. Barker, 110 Okl. 206, 250 P. 296; Carr v. Fuls, 266 Pa. 137, 133 A. 159, 158; Gray v. Board of County Com'rs of Sedgwick County, 101 Kan. 195, 185 P. 867, 868, L. R. A. 1918B, 152. "Vicinage," in its primary and literary meaning, denotes a neighborhood or vicinity; a "county," on the other hand, is a definitely designated territory. Commonwealth v. Collins, 268 Pa. 256, 119 A. 738, 739.

—Body of the county. The county at large, as distinguished from any particular place within it; a county considered as a territorial whole. Pluke v. State, 27 Okl. Cr. 234, 226 P. 118, 120.


—Count board of equalization. A body created for the purpose of equalizing values of property subject to taxation. Overland Co. v. Utter, 44 Idaho, 385, 237 P. 480, 482.
COUNTY

County bonds. Broadly, any bonds issued by county officials to be paid for by a levy on a special taxing district, whether or not coextensive with the county. Forre v Board of Com'rs of Madison County, 189 Ind. 257, 126 N. E. 673.

County bridge. A bridge of the larger class, erected by the county, and which the county is liable to keep in repair. Taylor v Davis County, 40 Iowa, 295; Boone County v. Mutcher, 137 Ind. 140, 36 N. E. 534.

County business. All business pertaining to the county as a corporate entity. Russell v Crook County Court, 75 Or. 168, 146 P. 806, 808; City of Astoria v. Cornelius, 119 Or. 261, 240 P. 223, 235. All business of the county, and any other business of such county connected with or interrelated with the business of any other county properly within the jurisdiction of the county commissioners' court. Glenn v. Dallas County Bois d'Arc Island Levee Dist. (Tex. Civ. App.) 275 S. W. 137, 115.

It has been held that the construction of a sea wall within a city is "county business"; Galveston County v. Gresham (Tex. Civ. App.) 220 S. W. 560, 562; but not the organization of an irrigation district; Harney Valley Irr. Dist. v. Weitenkühler, 191 Or. 1, 209 P. 1068, 1069; nor the relocation of county seats; Crist v. Molony, 137 Ind. 614, 119 N. E. 1001. For other illustrative cases, see State ex rel. Bucker v. McElroy, 300 Mo. 506, 274 S. W. 740, 743; West v. Coos County, 115 Or. 469, 257 P. 931, 932, 40 A. L. R. 1362; In re Scappoose Drainage Dist., 115 Or. 541, 227 P. 664, 667.

County commissioners. Officers of a county charged with a variety of administrative and executive duties, but principally with the management of the financial affairs of the county, its police regulations, and its corporate business. Sometimes the local laws give them limited judicial powers. In some states they are called "supervisors." Com. v. Klrebeck, 199 Pa. 351, 49 Atl. 68. In Georgia, the term is used interchangeably with "commissioners of roads and revenue." Morris v. Smith, 153 Ga. 498 (2), 113 S. E. 466; Rhodes v. Jernigan, 155 Ga. 522, 117 S. E. 492, 494.

County corporate. A city or town, with more or less territory annexed, having the privilege to be a county of itself, and not to be comprised in any other county; such as London, York, Bristol, Norwich, and other cities in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 120. See State v. Finn, 4 Mo. App. 347. They differ in no material points from other counties.

County court. A court of high antiquity in England, incident to the jurisdiction of the sheriff. It is not a court of record, but may hold pleas of debt or damages, under the value of forty shillings. The freeholders of the county (anciently termed the "suitors" of the court) are the real judges in this court, and the sheriff is the ministerial officer. See 3 Bl. Comm. 35, 36; 3 Steph. Comm. 395. But in modern English law the name is appropriated to a system of tribunals established by the statute 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95, having a limited jurisdiction, principally for the recovery of small debts. It is also the name of certain tribunals of limited jurisdiction in the county of Middlesex, established under the statute 22 Geo. II. c. 33. In American law. The name is used in many of the states to designate the ordinary courts of record having jurisdiction for trials at nisi prius. Their powers generally comprise ordinary civil jurisdiction, also the charge and care of persons and estates coming within legal guardianship, a limited criminal jurisdiction, appellate jurisdiction over justices of the peace, etc.

County farm bureaus. Governmental agencies intrusted with the duty of disseminating among farmers scientific knowledge of an educational nature for the improvement of agriculture. State v. Miller, 104 Neb. 538, 175 N. W. 846, 848.

County funds. This term may include township funds, the legal title of which is in the county, which holds them for disbursement in accordance for the purpose for which they are created. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland v. Wilkinson County, 109 Miss. 879, 69 So. 865, 868. See, also, State v. McGraw, 74 Mont. 152, 240 P. 812, 817. Compare Board of Education v. Wake County, 187 N. C. 114, 83 S. E. 257, 258.

County general fund. A fund raised to meet the expenses incident to county government. County Board of Education v. Austin, 169 Ark. 498, 275 S. W. 2, 5.

County jail. A place of incarceration for the punishment of minor offenses and the custody of transient prisoners, where the ignominy of confinement is devoid of the infamous character which an imprisonment in the state jail or penitentiary carries with it. U. S. v. Greenwald (D. C.) 64 Fed. 8.

County line. This term, when used in a statute providing that the trial for an offense committed on a county line may be in either county divided by such line, is not to be given the geometrical definition of a "line" as having neither breadth nor thickness, but includes all of a fenced public highway dividing two counties, so that a prosecution for robbery committed upon the highway may be maintained in either county, regardless of the side of the center line of the highway upon which the offense was committed. Stone v. People, 71 Colo. 162, 204 P. 897, 898.

County officers. Those whose general authority and jurisdiction are confined within the limits of the county in which they are appointed, who are appointed in and for a particular county, and whose duties apply only to that county, and through whom the
county performs its usual political functions. State v. Burns, 83 Fla. 367, 21 So. 290; State v. Glenn, 7 Hals. (Tenn.) 473; In re Carpenter, 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 54; Philadelphia v. Martin, 125 Pa. 588, 17 A. 507; Ramsay v. Van Meter, 300 Ill. 193, 133 N. E. 193, 195; Hamilton v. Monroe (Tex. Civ. App.) 257 S. W. 304, 306. Public officers who fill a position usually provided for in the organization of counties and county governments, and are selected by the county to represent it continuously and as part of the regular and permanent administration of public power in carrying out certain acts with the performance of which it is charged in behalf of the public. Coultier v. Pool, 187 Cal. 161, 201 P. 120, 123.

—County palatine. A term bestowed upon certain counties in England, the lords of which in former times enjoyed especial privileges. They might pardon treasons, murders, and felonies. All writs and indictments ran in their names, as in other counties in the king’s; and all offenses were said to be done against their peace, and not, as in other places, contra pacem domini regis. But these privileges have in modern times nearly disappeared. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 49; 4 Inst. 206.

—County powers. Such only as are expressly provided by law or which are necessarily implied from those expressed. Hersey v. Nelson, 47 Mont. 132, 131 P. 30, 32, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 803.

—County property. That which a county is authorized to acquire, hold, and sell. State v. Brown, 73 Mont. 236, 226 P. 548, 549; State v. Poland, 61 Mont. 600, 203 P. 352, 353; State v. Ritch, 49 Mont. 155, 140 P. 731, 732.

—County purposes. Those exercised by the county acting as a municipal corporation. Conrad v. Shearer, 197 Iowa, 1078, 185 N. W. 633, 634. As regards the rate of taxation, all purposes for which county taxation may be levied. Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. v. Wright, 34 Ga. App. 88, 128 S. E. 294, 295. With reference to budgets, all legitimate components of a county budget. Garrison v. Jersey City, 82 N. J. Law, 624, 105 A. 460, 462. The term has been held to apply only to the constantly recurring expenditures, such as salaries of county officers. Oberchall v. Doughett, 88 Or. 374, 137 P. 212, 214. But it has also been held not to be equivalent to “current expenses.” Seaboard Air-Line Ry. Co. v. Wright, 107 Ga. 722, 222 S. E. 55, 56.

—County rate. In English law. An Imposition levied on the occupiers of lands, and applied to many miscellaneous purposes, among which the most important are those of defraying the expenses connected with prisons, reimbursing to private parties the costs they have incurred in prosecuting public offenders, and defraying the expenses of the county police. See 15 & 16 Vict. c. 51.

—County road. One which lies wholly within one county, and which is thereby distinguished from a state road, which is a road lying in two or more counties. State v. Wood County, 17 Ohio, 166.

—County seat. A county-seat or county-town is the chief town of a county, where the county buildings and courts are located and the county business transacted. Williams v. Reutzel, 60 Ark. 165, 29 S. W. 374; In re Allison, 13 Colo. 525, 22 P. 820, 10 L. R. A. 790, 16 Am. St. Rep. 224; Whallon v. Gridley, 51 Mich. 393, 16 N. W. 876. “County-seat” means the county town as the seat of government. Dunne v. Rock Island County, 283 Ill. 628, 119 N. E. 591, 595. It is the place where the courthouse is situated, and the district and county courts are held. Turner v. Tucker, 113 Tex. 434, 256 S. W. 149, 150.

—County sessions. In England, the court of general quarter sessions of the peace held in every county once in every quarter of a year. Mozley & Whitley.

—County site. The seat of government of the county. Board of Revenue of Covington County v. Merrill, 183 Ala. 521, 68 So. 971, 977. The courthouse site. Board of Revenue of Jefferson County v. Hucy, 195 Ala. 83, 70 So. 744, 746.

—County-town. The county-seat; the town in which the seat of government of the county is located. State v. Cates, 165 Tenn. 441, 58 S. W. 649.

—County treasury. Not the physical place of deposit, but the funds deposited to the credit of the county. State v. Kurtz, 110 Ohio St. 332, 44 N. E. 120, 123.

—County warrant. An order or warrant drawn by some duly authorized officer of the county, directed to the county treasurer and directing him to pay out of the funds of the county a designated sum of money to a named individual, or to his order or to bearer. Savage v. Mathews, 98 Ala. 535, 13 So. 228; Crawford v. Noble County, 9 Ind. 450, 55 P. 616; People v. Rio Grande County, 11 Colo. App. 124, 52 P. 748; Littlejohn v. Littlejohn, 195 Ala. 514, 71 So. 448, 449; Cleveland State Bank v. Cotton Exch. Bank, 119 Miss. 585, 58 So. 170, 174; Quinn v. Reed, 130 Ark. 116, 197 S. W. 15, 16.

—Foreign county. Any county having a judicial and municipal organization separate from that of the county where matters arising in the former county are called in question, though both may lie within the same state or country.

COUPLED WITH AN INTEREST. This phrase, in the law of agency, has reference to a writing creating, conveying to, or vesting in the agent an interest in the estate or property which is the subject of the agency, as
distinguished from the proceeds or profits resulting from the exercise of the agency. George H. Rucker & Co. v. Glennan, 130 Va. 511, 107 S. E. 725, 728.

COUPONS. Interest and dividend certificates; also those parts of a commercial instrument which are to be cut, and which are evidence of something connected with the contract mentioned in the instrument. They are generally attached to certificates of loan, where the interest is payable at particular periods, and, when the interest is paid, they are cut off and delivered to the payer. Wharton. Toon v. Wapinitia Irr. Co., 117 Or. 374, 243 P. 554, 556.

In England, they are known as warrants or dividend warrants, and the securities to which they belong, debentures; 13 C. B. 372.

Coupons are written contracts for the payment of a definite sum of money on a given day, and being drawn and executed in a form and mode for the purpose, that they may be separated from the bonds and other instruments to which they are usually attached, it is held that they are negotiable and that a suit may be maintained on them without the necessity of producing the bonds. Each matured coupon upon a negotiable bond is a separable promise, distinct from the promises to pay the bonds or the other coupons, and gives rise to a separate cause of action. Aurora v. West, 7 Wall. 88, 19 L. Ed. 42; See, also, Town of Cimero v. Clifford, 33 Ind. 191; Beaver County v. Armstrong, 44 Pa. 83; Haven v. Depot Co., 100 Mass. 88; Antoni v. Wright, 22 Gatt. (Va.) 833; Lexington v. Butler, 14 Wall. 283, 20 L. Ed. 808; Thompson v. Perrine, 106 U. S. 589, 1 S. Ct. 524, 27 L. Ed. 258.

—Coupon bonds. Bonds to which are attached coupons for the several successive installments of interest to maturity. Benwell v. Newark, 55 N. J. Eq. 260, 36 A. 668; Tennessee Bond Cases, 114 U. S. 665, 5 S. Ct. 974, 29 L. Ed. 281.

—Coupon notes. Promissory notes with coupons attached, the coupons being notes for interest written at the bottom of the principal note, and designed to be cut off severally and presented for payment as they mature. Williams v. Moody, 95 Ga. 8, 22 S. E. 30.

COUR DE CASSATION. The supreme judicial tribunal of France, having appellate jurisdiction only. For an account of its composition and powers, see Jones, French Bar, 22; Guyot, Repert. Univ.

COURSE. In surveying, the direction of a line with reference to a meridian. In navigation, the "course" of a vessel is her apparent course, and not her heading at any given moment. The Hallgrim (C. C. A.) 20 F. (2d) 729, 721. It is her actual course. Liverpool, Brazil & River Plate Steam Nav. Co. v. U. S. (D. C.) 12 F. (2d) 128, 129.


In Workmen's Compensation Acts, the usual course of business of the employer covers the normal operations which form part of the ordinary business carried on, and not including incidental or occasional operations having for their purpose the preservation of the premises or the appliances used in the business. Walker v. Industrial Accident Commission, 177 Cal. 747, 171 P. 664, 665, L. R. A. 1908P. 212.

Commercial paper is said to be transferred, or sales alleged to have been fraudulent may be shown to have been made, "in the course of business," or "in the usual and ordinary course of business," when the circumstances of the transaction are such as usually and ordinarily attend dealings of the same kind and do not exhibit any signs of haste, secrecy, or fraudulent intention. Walburn v. Babbitt, 16 Wall. 683, 21 L. Ed. 488; Clough v. Patrick, 37 Vt. 429; Brooklyn, etc., R. Co. v. National Bank, 192 U. S. 14, 48 L. Ed. 61.


In order that an injury may arise out of and in the course of employment, it must be received while the workman is doing the duty he is employed to perform and also as a natural incident of the work flowing therefrom as a natural consequence and directly connected therewith. Di Salvio v. Menihan Co., 225 N. Y. 128, 121 N. E. 785, 787. "In course of employment," as used in Workmen's Compensation Act, means in service of mas-
ter, and is not synonymous with "during the period covered by his actual employment." An injury, to be within course of employment, must occur during hours of employment, which includes hours of leisure set apart in working hours for rest, recreation, or refreshment, but not time when employee is off premises, not engaged in employer's business, or at home preparing for work, or coming to or leaving work. Shoffler v. Lehigh Valley Coal Co., 290 Pa. 480, 139 A. 192, 193. An employee, even after closing time, is in the "course of employment" until a suitable opportunity has been given for him to leave the place of work. Field v. Charmette Knitted Fabric Co., 245 N. Y. 139, 156 N. E. 642, 643; Munn v. Industrial Board, 274 Ill. 70, 113 N. E. 110, 112. See, also, Arising.

The expression "in the course of his employment," in the rule that a master is liable for the torts of his servant done in the course of his employment, means while engaged in the service of the master, while engaged generally in the master's work, as distinguished from acts done when the servant steps outside of his employment to do an act for himself, not connected with his master's business. Sina v. Carlson, 120 Minn. 283, 139 N. W. 601, 602. And see Birmingham Ledger Co. v. Buchanan, 10 Ala. App. 527, 65 So. 667, 670.

** COURSE OF RIVER.** The course of a river is a line parallel with its banks; the term is not synonymous with the "current" of the river. Attorney General v. Railroad Co., 9 N. J. Eq. 559.

** COURSE OF THE VOYAGE.** By this term is understood the regular and customary track, if such there be, which a ship takes in going from one port to another, and the shortest way. Marsh. Ins. 155; Philil. Ins. 981.

** COURSE OF TRADE.** What is customarily or ordinarily done in the management of trade or business.

** COURSE OF VEIN.** In mining, the "course of the vein" appearing on the surface is the course of its apex, which is generally inclined and undulated and departs more or less materially from the strike. Stewart Mining Co. v. Bourne (C. C. A.) 213 F. 327, 329.

** COURT.** A space which is uncovered, but which may be party or wholly inclosed by buildings or walls, Smith v. Martin, 95 Okl. 271, 219 P. 312, 313. In this sense, the term may include a street which is without an opening at one end. Melvin v. Central Const. Co., 185 Ky. 659, 215 S. W. 811.

** In Legislation.**

A legislative assembly. Parliament is called in the old books a court of the king, nobility, and commons assembled. Finch, Law, b. 4, c. 1, p. 233; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 2.

The application of the term—which originally denoted the place of assembling—to denote the assembling, resembles the similar application of the Latin term curia, and is readily explained by the fact that the earlier courts were merely assemblages, in the court-yard of the baron or of the king himself, of those who were qualified and whose duty it was so to appear at stated times or upon summons. Traces of this usage and constitution of courts still remain in the courts baron, the various courts for the trial of impeachments in England and the United States, and in the control exercised by the parliament of England and the legislatures of the various states of the United States over the utilization of the ancient form of court of justice, as constituted in modern times. This meaning of the word has also been retained in the titles of some deliberative bodies, such as the "general court" of Massachusetts, &c., the legislature.

** In International Law.**

The person and suite of the sovereign; the place where the sovereign sojourns with his regal retinue, wherever that may be. The English government is spoken of in diplomacy as the court of St. James, because the palace of St. James is the official palace.

** In Practice.**

An organ of the government, belonging to the judicial department, whose function is the application of the laws to controversies brought before it and the public administration of justice. White County v. Gwin, 136 Ind. 562, 38 N. E. 237, 22 L. R. A. 402; Bradley v. Town of Bloomfield, 85 N. J. Law, 506, 59 A. 1009.

The presence of a sufficient number of the members of such a body regularly convened in an authorized place at an appointed time, engaged in the full and regular performance of its functions. Brumley v. State, 20 Ark. 77; Wightman v. Karsner, 20 Ala. 446.


A tribunal officially assembled under authority of law at the appropriate time and place, for the administration of justice. In re Carter's Estate, 254 Pa. 519, 99 A. 58.

A "court" is an incorporeal, political being, composed of one or more judges, who sit at fixed times and places, attended by proper officers, pursuant to lawful authority, for the administration of justice. State v. Le Blond, 106 Ohio St. 136, 109 N. E. 619, 621.

A court may be described as an organized body with defined powers, meeting at certain times and
places for the hearing and decision of causes and other matters brought before it, and aided in this, its proper business, by its proper officers, viz., attorneys and counsel to present and manage the business, clerks to record and attest its acts and decisions, and ministerial officers to execute its commands, and secure due order in its proceedings. Ex parte Gardner, 22 Nev. 280, 38 P. 570; Hertzen v. Hertzen, 104 Or. 423, 208 P. 580, 582.


The judge, or the body of judges, presiding over a court.


The word "court" is often employed in statutes otherwise than in its strict technical sense, and is applied to various tribunals not judicial in their character; State v. Howat, 107 Kan. 423, 191 P. 585, 588; for example, in New Jersey, the "court of pardons"; In re Court of Pardons, 97 N. J. Eq. 655, 129 A. 624, 625.

Classification

Courts may be classified and divided according to several methods, the following being the more usual:

Courts of record and courts not of record: the former being those whose acts and judicial proceedings are enrolled, or recorded, for a perpetual memory and testimony, and which have power to fine or imprison for contempt. Error lies to their judgments, and they generally possess a seal. Courts not of record are those of inferior dignity, which have no power to fine or imprison, and in which the proceedings are not enrolled or recorded. 3 Bl. Comm. 24; 3 Steph. Comm. 383; The Thomas Fletcher (C. C.) 24 F. 481; Ex parte Thistleton, 52 Cal. 225; Thomas v. Robinson, 3 Wend. (N. Y.) 268; Erwin v. U. S. (D. C.) 37 F. 488, 2 L. R. A. 229; Woodman v. Somerset County, 37 Me. 29; Heinlager v. Davis, 96 Ohio St. 205, 117 N. E. 229, 231.

A "court of record" is a judicial tribunal having attributes and exercising functions independently of the person of the magistrate designated generally to hold it, and proceeding according to the course of common law, its acts and proceedings being enrolled for a perpetual memorial. Jones v. Jones, 188 Mo. 229, 175 S. W. 227, 229; Ex parte Gladhill, 8 Metc. (Mass.) 171, per Shaw, C. J. See also, Ledwith v. Rosalsky, 244 N. Y. 496, 155 N. E. 688, 695.


Courts may be at the same time of record for some purposes and not of record for others. Wheaton v. Fellows, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 575; Lester v. Redmond, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 636; Ex parte Gladhill, 8 Metc. (Mass.) 168.

Superior and inferior courts: the former being courts of general original jurisdiction in the first instance, and which exercise a control or supervision over a system of lower courts, either by appeal, error, or certiorari; the latter being courts of small or restricted jurisdiction, and subject to the review or correction of higher courts. Sometimes the former term is used to denote a particular group or system of courts of high powers, and all others are called "inferior courts."

To constitute a court a superior court as to any class of actions, within the common-law meaning of that term, its jurisdiction of such actions must be unconditional, so that the only thing requisite to enable the court to take cognizance of them is the acquisition of jurisdiction of the persons of the parties. Simons v. De Barre, 4 Bow. (N. Y.) 847.

An inferior court is a court whose judgments or decrees can be reviewed, on appeal or writ of error, by a higher tribunal, whether that tribunal be the circuit or supreme court. Nourse v. State, 18 Ala. 421.

Civil and criminal courts: the former being such as are established for the adjudication of controversies between subject and subject, or the ascertainment, enforcement, and redress of private rights: the latter, such as are charged with the administration of the criminal laws, and the punishment of wrongs to the public.

Equity courts and law courts: the former being such as possess the jurisdiction of a chancellor, apply the rules and principles of chancery law, and follow the procedure in equity; the latter, such as have no equitable powers, but administer justice according to the rules and practice of the common law.

As to the division of courts according to their jurisdiction, see Jurisdiction.

As to several names or kinds of courts not specifically described in the titles immediately following, see Arches Court, Appellate, Circuit Courts, Consistory Courts, County, Customary Court Baron, Ecclesiastical Courts, Federal Courts, Forest Courts, High Commission Court, Instance Court, Justice Court,
JUSTICE COURT, MARITIME COURT, MAYOR'S COURT, MOOT COURT, MUNICIPAL COURT, ORPHANS' COURT, POLICE COURT, PREROGATIVE COURT, PRIZE COURT, PROBATE COURT, SUPERIOR COURTS, SUPREME COURT, AND SURROGATE'S COURT.

As to court-hand, court-house, court-lands, court rolls, courtyard, see those titles in their alphabetical order infra.

IN GENERAL

-Court above, court below. In appellate practice, the "court above" is the one to which a cause is removed for review, whether by appeal, writ of error, or certiorari; while the "court below" is the one from which the case is removed. Golug v. Schnell, 6 Ohio Dec. 933; Rev. St. Tex. 1895, art. 1386 (Vernon's Ann. Rev. Civ. St. art. 2252).

-Court in bank. A meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from sessions of the same court presided over by a single judge or justice.


-Court of limited jurisdiction. When a court of general jurisdiction proceeds under a special statute, it is a "court of limited jurisdiction" for the purpose of that proceeding, and its jurisdiction must affirmatively appear. Osage Oil & Refining Co. v. Interstate Pipe Co., 124 Okt. 7, 293 P. 63, 71.

-De facto court. One established, organized, and exercising its judicial functions under authority of a statute apparently valid, though such statute may be in fact unconstitutional and may be afterwards so adjudged; or a court established and acting under the authority of a de facto government. 1 Bl. Judgm. § 173; Burt v. Railroad Co., 31 Minn. 472, 18 N. W. 285; In re Manning, 159 U. S. 504, 11 S. Ct. 624, 35 L. Ed. 291; Glueckemeier v. Lindsay, 212 Mich. 299, 150 N. W. 632, 633.

-Full court. A session of a court, which is attended by all the judges or justices composing it.


COURT-BARON. In English law. A court which, although not one of record, is incident to every manor, and cannot be severed therefrom. It was ordained for the maintenance of the services and duties stipulated for by lords of manors, and for the purpose of determining actions of a personal nature, where the debt or damage was under forty shillings. Wharton: 1 Poll. & Math. Hist. E. L. 580.

Customary court-baron is one appertaining entirely to copyholders. 3 Bl. Comm. 33.

Freeholders' court-baron is one held before the freeholders who owe suit and service to the manor. It is the court-baron proper.

Coke (1st Inst. 53 a) speaks of the Court Baron as being of the two natures just indicated. Blackstone (3 Comm. 33) says that, though in their nature distinct, they are frequently confounded together. Later writers doubt if there were two courts; 1 Poll. & Math. Hist. E. L. 580.

COURT CHRISTIAN. The ecclesiastical courts in England are often so called, as distinguished from the civil courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 83; 3 Bl. Comm. 64; 3 Steph. Comm. 430.

COURT FOR CONSIDERATION OF CROWN CASES RESERVED. A court established by St. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 78, composed of such of the judges of the superior courts of Westminster as were able to attend, for the consideration of questions of law reserved by any judge in a court of oyer and terminer, gaol delivery, or quarter sessions, before which a prisoner had been found guilty by verdict. Such question is stated in the form of a special case. Mozley & Whiteley: 4 Steph. Comm. 442. The trial judge was empowered to "state a case" for the opinion of that court. He could not be compelled to do so, and only a question of law could be raised. If the court considered that the point had been wrongly decided at the trial, the conviction would be quashed. By Act of 1907, the Court of Criminal Appeal was created and the Court for Crown Cases Reserved was abolished.

COURT FOR DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES. This court was established by St. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 85, which transferred to it all jurisdiction then exercisable by any ecclesiastical court in England, In matters matrimonial, and also gave it new powers. The court consisted of the lord chancellor, the three chief, and three senior puisne judges of the common-law courts, and the judge ordinary, who together constituted, and still constitute, the "full court." The judge ordinary heard almost all matters in the first instance. By the Judicature act, 1873, § 3, the jurisdiction of the court was transferred to the supreme court of judicature. Sweet.

COURT FOR THE CORRECTION OF ERRORS. The style of a court having jurisdiction for review, by appeal or writ of error. The name was formerly used in New York and South Carolina.
COURT FOR THE RELIEF OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS. In English law. A local court which had its sittings in London only, which received the petitions of insolvent debtors, and decided upon the question of granting a discharge. See 3 Steph. Com. 426; 4 id. 287. Abolished by the Bankruptcy Act of 1861.

COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF IMPEACHMENTS. A tribunal empowered to try any officer of government or other person brought to its bar by the process of impeachment. In England, the house of lords constitutes such a court; in the United States, the senate; and in the several states, usually the upper house of the legislative assembly.

COURT-HAND. In old English practice. The peculiar hand in which the records of courts were written from the earliest period down to the reign of George II. Its characteristics were great strength, compactness, and undeviating uniformity; and its use undoubtedly gave to the ancient record its acknowledged superiority over the modern, in the important quality of durability.

The writing of this hand, with its peculiar abbreviations and contractions, constituted, while it was in use, an art of no little importance, being an indispensable part of the profession of "clerkship," as it was called. Two sizes of it were employed, a large and a small hand; the former, called "great court-hand," being used for initial words or clauses, the placita of records, etc. Burdick.

COURT-HOUSE. The building occupied for the public sessions of a court, with its various offices. The building occupied and appropriated according to law for the holding of courts. Board of Sup'rs of Stone County v. O'Neal, 130 Miss. 57, 98 So. 488, 494. The term may be used of a place temporarily occupied for the sessions of a court, though not the regular court-house. Holcomb v. State, 72 Miss. 969, 15 So. 387, 33 L. R. A. 55; Vigo County v. Stout, 136 Ind. 53, 35 N. E. 683, 22 L. R. A. 398; Waller v. Arnold, 71 Ill. 353; Kane v. McCown, 55 Mo. 181, 198; and see Hambrigg v. Brockman, 59 Mo. 52.

The word may be synonymous with "county site" and signify the seat of government. Board of Revenue of Jefferson County v. Hays, 106 Ala. 92, 29 So. 744, 746.

COURT, HUNDRED. See Hundred Court.

COURT-LANDS. Domains or lands kept in the lord's hands to serve his family.

COURT-LEET. The name of an English court of record held once in the year, and not oftener, within a particular hundred, lordship, or manor, before the steward of the leet; being the king's court granted by charter to the lords of those hundreds or manors. Its office was to view the frankpledges—that is, the freemen within the liberty; to present by jury crimes happening within the jurisdiction; and to punish trivial misdemeanors. It has now, however, for the most part, fallen into total desuetude; though in some manors a court-leet is still periodically held for the transaction of the administrative business of the manor. Mozley & Whitley; Odgers, C. L. 965; Powell, Courts Leet; 1 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law; Inderwick, King's Peace 11; 1 Poll. & Malti, 586; 4 Steph. Com. 306.


Such courts exist and have their jurisdiction by virtue of the military law, the court being constituted and empowered to act in each instance by authority from a commanding officer.

COURT OF ADMIRALTY. A court having jurisdiction of causes arising under the rules of admiralty law. See Admiralty.

High Court of Admiralty

In English law. This was a court which exercised jurisdiction in prize cases, and had general jurisdiction in maritime causes, on the instance side. Its proceedings were usually in rem, and its practice and principles derived in large measure from the civil law. The judicature acts of 1873 transferred all the powers and jurisdiction of this tribunal to the probate, divorce, and admiralty division of the high court of justice.

COURT OF ANCIENT DEMESNE. In English law. A court of peculiar constitution, held by a bailiff appointed by the king, in which alone the tenants of the king's demesne could be impleaded. 2 Burrows, 1046; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 100; 2 Bl. Comm. 99; 1 Steph. Comm. 224; 1 Poll. & Malti. 367.

COURT OF APPEAL, HIS MAJESTY'S. The chief appellate tribunal of England. It was established by the judicature acts of 1873 and 1875, and is invested with the jurisdiction formerly exercised by the court of appeal in chancery, the exchequer chamber, the judicial committee of the privy council in admiralty and lunacy appeals, and with general appellate jurisdiction from the high court of justice.

COURT OF APPEALS. In American law. An appellate tribunal which, in Kentucky, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and New York, is the court of last resort. In Delaware and New Jersey, it is known as the "court of errors and appeals." In Virginia and West Virginia, the "supreme court of appeals"; in Connecticut, the Supreme Court of Errors; in Massachusetts and Maine, the Supreme Judicial Court; in the other states, and in the federal courts, the Supreme Court. In Texas
the Courts of Civil Appeals are inferior to the supreme court.

COURT OF APPEALS IN CASES OF CAPTURE. A court erected by act of congress under the articles of confederation which preceded the adoption of the constitution. It had appellate jurisdiction in prize causes.

COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. A court of arbitrators, created for the convenience of merchants in the city of New York, by act of the legislature of New York. It decides disputes between members of the chamber of commerce, and between members and outside merchants who voluntarily submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the court.

COURT OF ARCHDEACON. The most inferior of the English ecclesiastical courts, from which an appeal generally lies to that of the bishop (I.e., to the Consistory Court). 3 Bl. Comm. 64; 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 369.

COURT OF ASSISTANTS. A court in Massachusetts organized in 1630, consisting of the governor, deputy governor and assistants. It exercised the whole power both legislative and judicial of the colony and an extensive chancery jurisdiction as well. S. D. Wilson in 18 Am. L. Rev. 226.

COURTS OF ASSIZE AND NISI PRIUS. Courts in England composed of two or more commissioners, called “judges of assize,” (or of “assize and nisi prius,”) who are twice in every year sent by the king’s special commission, on circuits all round the kingdom, to try, by a jury of the respective counties, the truth of such matters of fact as are there under dispute in the courts of Westminster Hall, 3 Steph. Comm. 421, 422; 3 Bl. Comm. 57; 2 Odger, Com. Law, 983.

COURT OF ATTACHMENTS. The lowest of the three courts held in the forests. It has fallen into total disuse.

It was held before the verderers of the forest once in every forty days, to view the attachments by the foresters for offences against the vert and the venison. It had cognizance only of small trespasses. Larger ones were enrolled and heard by the Justices in Eyre. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 343.

COURT OF AUDIENCE. An ecclesiastical court, in which the primitives once exercised in person a considerable part of their jurisdiction. Such courts seem to be now obsolete, or at least to be only used on the rare occurrence of the trial of a bishop. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1201, 1204; 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 371.

COURT OF AUGMENTATION. An English court created in the time of Henry VIII (27 Hen. VIII, c. 27), with jurisdiction over the property and revenue of certain religious foundations, which had been made over to the king by act of parliament, and over suits relating to the same.

It was called “The Court of the Augmentations of the Revenues of the King's Crown” (from the augmentation of the revenues of the crown derived from the suppression of the monasteries), and was dissolved in the reign of Queen Mary, but the Office of Augmentation remained long after; the records of the court are now at the Public Record Office. Cowell.

COURT OF BANKRUPTCY. An English court of record, having original and appellate jurisdiction in matters of bankruptcy, and invested with both legal and equitable powers for that purpose. The Bankrupt Law Consolidation Act, 1849. By the Judicature acts, 1873 and 1875, the court of bankruptcy was consolidated into the supreme court of judicature.

In the United States, the Bankruptcy Act, § 1 (8), 11 USCA § 1 (8), as amended May 27, 1926, c. 406, § 1, 44 Stat. 662, provides that “courts of bankruptcy shall include the district courts of the United States and of the Territories and possessions to which this title is or may after July 1, 1898, be applicable, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and the United States Court of Alaska.”

COURT OF BROTHERHOOD. An assembly of the mayors or other chief officers of the principal towns of the Cinque Ports in England, originally administering the chief powers of those ports, now almost extinct. Cent. Dict.

COURT OF CHANCERY. A court having the jurisdiction of a chancellor; a court administering equity and proceeding according to the forms and principles of equity. In England, prior to the judicature acts, the style of the court possessing the largest equitable powers and jurisdiction was the “high court of chancery.” In some of the United States, the title “court of chancery” is applied to a court possessing general equity powers, distinct from the courts of common law. Par- meter v. Bourne, 8 Wash. 45, 33 P. 586; Bull v. International Power Co., 84 N. J. Eq. 299, 93 A. 86, 88.

The terms “equity” and “chancery,” “court of equity” and “court of chancery,” are constantly used as synonymous in the United States. It is presumed that this custom arises from the circumstance that the equity jurisdiction which is exercised by the courts of the various states is assimilated to that possessed by the English courts of chancery. Indeed, in some of the states it is made identical therewith by statute, so far as conformable to our institutions. See Wagner v. Armstrong, 93 Ohio St. 448, 113 N. E. 397, 401.

COURT OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN EYRE. The highest of the courts of the forest, held every three years, by the chief justice, to inquire of purpursestes or encroachments, assaults, or cultivation of forest land, claims to franchises, parks, warrens, and vineyards in the forest, as well as claims of the hundred, claims to the goods of felons found in the forest, and any other civil questions that might
arise within the forest limits. But it had no criminal jurisdiction, except of offenses against the forest laws. It was called also the court of justice seat. Inderwick, King's Peace. Since the Restoration the forest laws have fallen into disuse. The office was abolished in 1817.

**COURT OF CHIVALRY.** In English law. The name of a court anciently held as a court of honor merely, before the early marshal, and as a criminal court before the lord high constable, jointly with the earl marshal. (But it is also said that this court was held by the constable, and after that office reverted to the crown in the time of Henry VIII., by the earl marshal. Davis, Mill. Law 18.) It had jurisdiction as to contracts and other matters touching deeds of arms or war, as well as pleas of life or member. It also corrected encroachments in matters of coast, armor, arms, and other deficiences of families. It is now grown entirely out of use, on account of the feebleness of its jurisdiction and want of power to enforce its judgments, as it could neither fine nor imprison, not being a court of record. 3 Bl. Comm. 68; 4 Broom & H. Comm. 360, note; 3 Bl. Comm. 103; 3 Steph. Comm. 335, note 7; 7 Mod. 137.

**COURTS OF CINQUE PORTS.** In English law. Courts of limited local jurisdiction formerly held before the mayor and jurats (aldermen) of the Cinque Ports. Their jurisdiction was not affected by the Judicature Act of 1873. See 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 305; 3 Bla. Comm. 79; 2 Steph. Comm. 499.

**COURT OF CLAIMS.** One of the courts of the United States, established in 1855. U. S. v. Klein, 13 Wall. (U. S.) 128, 144, 20 L. Ed. 519. It consists of a chief justice and four associates, and holds one annual session. It is located at Washington. Its jurisdiction extends to all claims against the United States arising out of any contract with the government or based on an act of congress or regulation of the executive, and all claims referred to it by either house of congress, as well as to claims for exoneration by a disbursing officer. Its judgments are, in certain cases, reviewable by the United States supreme court. It has no equity powers. Its decisions are reported and published. This name is also given, in some of the states, either to a special court or to the ordinary county court sitting "as a court of claims," having the special duty of auditing and ascertaining the claims against the county and expenses incurred by it, and providing for their payment by appropriations out of the county levy or annual tax. Meriwether v. Muhlenburg County Court, 120 U. S. 284, 7 S. Ct. 563, 30 L. Ed. 653.

**COURT OF THE CLERK OF THE MARKET.** An English court of inferior jurisdiction held in every fair or market, for the punishment of misdemeanors committed therein. The jurisdiction over weights and measures formerly exercised was taken away by stat. 5 & 6 Will. IV. c. 63; 9 M. & W. 747. 4 Steph. Comm. 323.

**COURT OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS.** The name of certain English courts created by commission under the great seal pursuant to the statute of sewers (23 Hen. VIII. c. 5).

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.**

In **English Law**

One of the four superior courts at Westminster, which existed up to the passing of the Judicature acts. It was also styled the "Common Bench." It was one of the courts derived from the breaking up of the aula regia, and had exclusive jurisdiction of all real actions and of communia placita, or common pleas, i. e., between subject and subject. It was presided over by a chief justice with four puisne judges (later five, by virtue of 31 & 32 Vict. c. 125, § 11, subsec. 8). Appeals lay anciently to the king's bench, but afterwards to the exchequer chamber. See 3 Bl. Comm. 37, et seq. Its jurisdiction was altogether confined to civil matters, having no cognizance in criminal cases, and was concurrent with that of the queen's bench and exchequer in personal actions and ejectment. Wharton.

In **American Law**

The name sometimes given to a court of original and general jurisdiction for the trial of issues of fact and law according to the principles of the common law. See Moore v. Barry, 30 S. C. 530, 9 S. E. 558, 4 L. R. A. 294.

**COURT OF COMMON PLEASES FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.** The oldest court in the state of New York, no longer in existence.

**COURT OF CONSCIENCE.** The same as courts of request (q. e.). This name is also frequently applied to the courts of equity or of chancery, not as a name but as a description. See Harper v. Clayton, 84 Md. 248, 35 A. 1063, 35 L. R. A. 211, 57 Am. St. Rep. 407. And see Conscience.

**COURT OF CONVOCATION.** In English ecclesiastical law. A court, or assembly, comprising all the high officials of each province and representatives of the minor clergy. It is in the nature of an ecclesiastical parliament; and, so far as its judicial functions extend, it has jurisdiction of cases of heresy, schism, and other purely ecclesiastical matters. An appeal lies to the king in council. 2 & 3 Will. IV. c. 92; Cowell; Bac. Abr. Ecclesiastical Courts, A. 1; 1 Bla. Comm. 279; 2 Steph. Com. 525, 668; 2 Burn. Eccl. Law, 18. Convocation exercises no jurisdiction at the present day. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 378.
COURT OF THE CORONER. In English law. A court of record, to inquire, when any one dies in prison, or comes to a violent or sudden death, by what manner he came to his end. 4 Steph. Comm. 323; 4 Bl. Comm. 274. Now generally known as an inquest. See Coroner.


COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. In some states, a court of record in each county. Thus, in Alabama, it is composed of the judge of probate, as principal judge, and four commissioners, who are elected at the times prescribed by law, and hold office for four years. Code Ala. 1896, § 819 (Code 1923, § 6745).

COURT OF CUSTOMS AND PATENT APPEALS. The title given by Act Mar. 2, 1929, c. 458, § 1, 45 Stat. 1475 (28 USCA § 301a), to a court of the United States created by Act Aug. 3, 1909, c. 6, § 28, 36 Stat. 91, 105, and then known as the Court of Customs Appeals, consisting of a presiding judge and four associate judges. In patent and trademark cases it has the appellate jurisdiction which prior to April 1, 1929, was vested in the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. Act Mar. 2, 1929, c. 458, § 2 (a, d), 45 Stat. 1476 (28 USCA § 309a). As to its jurisdiction over appeals from the "Customs Court," see that title.

COURT OF DELEGATES. An English tribunal composed of delegates appointed by royal commission, and formerly the great court of appeal in all ecclesiastical causes. The powers of the court were, by 2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 92, transferred to the privy council. A commission of review was formerly granted, in extraordinary cases, to revise a sentence of the court of delegates, when that court had apparently been led into material error. Brown; 3 Bl. Comm. 96; 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 373.

COURT OF THE DUCHESS OF LANCASTER. A court of special jurisdiction, held before the chancellor of the duchy or his deputy, concerning all matters of equity relating to lands helden of the king in right of the duchy of Lancaster. 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

COURT OF THE EARL MARSHAL. In the reign of William the Conqueror the marshal was next in rank to the constable, in command of the army. When the constable's office ceased, his duties devolved upon the earl marshal. The military Court of the Constable came to be known as the Marshal's Court, or, in its modern form, Court-Martial. Aside from its criminal jurisdiction, it had much to do with questions relating to fiefs and military tenures, though not to property rights involved therein. Davis, Mil. Laws of U. S. 14. See Hale, Hist. C. L. 36; Grose, Mil. Antiq. See Court of Chivalry; Courts-Martial; Constable of England.

COURT OF EQUITY. A court which has jurisdiction in equity, which administers justice and decides controversies in accordance with the rules, principles, and precedents of equity, and which follows the forms and procedure of chancery; as distinguished from a court having the jurisdiction, rules, principles, and practice of the common law. Thomas v. Phillips, 4 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 423.

COURT OF ERROR. An expression applied especially to the court of exchequer chamber and the house of lords, as taking cognizance of error brought. Mozeley & Whitley; 3 Steph. Comm. 333. It is applied in some of the United States to the court of last resort in the state; and in its most general sense denotes any court having power to review the decisions of lower courts on appeal, error, certiorari, or other process. See Court of Appeals.

COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS. The court of last resort in the state of New Jersey is so named. Formerly, the same title was given to the highest court of appeal in New York.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER. In English Law

A very ancient court of record, set up by William the Conqueror as a part of the curia regis, and afterwards one of the four superior courts at Westminster. It was, however, inferior in rank to both the king's bench and the common pleas. It was presided over by a chief baron and four puisne barons. It was originally the king's treasury, and was charged with keeping the king's accounts and collecting the royal revenues. But pleas between subject and subject were not heard in this court, until this was forbidden by the Articula super Chartas, (1296,) after which its jurisdiction as a court only extended to revenue cases arising out of the non-payment or withholding of debts to the crown. But the privilege of suing and being sued in this court was extended to the king's accountants, and later, by the use of a convenient fiction to the effect that the plaintiff was the king's debtor or accountant, the court was thrown open to all suitors in personal actions. The exchequer had formerly both an equity side and a common-law side, but its equity jurisdiction was taken away by the statute 5 Vict. c. 5, (1842,) and transferred to the court of chancery. The judgment act (1873) transferred the business and jurisdiction of this court to the "Exchequer Division" of the "High Court of Justice."
In Scotch Law

A court which formerly had jurisdiction of matters of revenue, and a limited jurisdiction over cases between the crown and its vassals where no questions of title were involved.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER CHAMBER. The name of a former English court of appeal, intermediate between the superior courts of common law and the house of lords. When sitting as a court of appeal from any one of the three superior courts of common law, it was composed of judges of the other two courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 58, 57; 3 Steph. Comm. 333, 356. By the judicature act (1873) the jurisdiction of this court is transferred to the court of appeal.

COURT OF FACULTIES. A tribunal of the archbishop in England.

It does not hold pleas in any suits, but creates rights to pews, monuments, and other mortuary matters. It had also various other powers under 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21. Co. 4th Inst. 357; 2 Chit. Gen. Pr. 597.

COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE. A court of primary jurisdiction. Courts of this title may be found in the jurisprudence of the Philippine Islands. 15 C. J. 688.

COURTS OF THE FOREST. Courts held for the enforcement of the forest laws. Inverwick, King's Peace. See Forest Courts.

COURTS OF THE FRANCHISES. Jurisdictions in the early Norman period which rested upon royal grants—often assumed. Edward I., in 1274, sent out commissioners to enquire by what warrant different landowners were exercising their jura regalia. There were many varieties of lesser franchises. Some of these franchises were recognized as existing by the County Courts Acts, 1846-1888. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 61.

COURT OF GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.

In American Law

A court of criminal jurisdiction in New Jersey.

In English Law

A court of criminal jurisdiction, in England, held in each county once in every quarter of a year, but in the county of Middlesex twice a month. 4 Steph. Comm. 317-320. When held at other times than quarterly, the sessions are called "general sessions of the peace." See 2 Odgers, C. L. 996.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. The name given in some states to a court of general original jurisdiction in criminal cases.

COURT OF GREAT SESSIONS IN WALES. A court formerly held in Wales; abolished by 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 70, and the Welsh Judicature incorporated with that of England. 3 Steph. Comm. 317, note; 3 Bla. Comm. 77.

COURT OF GUESTLING. An assembly of the members of the Court of Brotherhood (sepra) together with other representatives of the corporate members of the Cinque Ports, invited to sit with the mayors of the seven principal towns. Cent. Dict.

COURT OF HIGH COMMISSION. In English law. An ecclesiastical court of formidable jurisdiction, for the vindication of the peace and dignity of the church, by reforming, ordering, and correcting the ecclesiastical state and persons, and all manner of errors, heresies, schisms, abuses, offenses, contempts, and enormities. 3 Bl. Comm. 67. It was erected by St. 1 Eliz. c. 1, and abolished by 16 Car. I. c. 11. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 375.

COURT OF HONOR. A court having jurisdiction to hear and redress injuries or affronts to a man's honor or personal dignity, of a nature not cognizable by the ordinary courts of law, or encroachments upon his rights in respect to heraldry, coat-armor, right of precedence, and the like. It was one of the functions of the Court of Chivalry (q. v.) in England to sit and act as a court of honor. 3 Bl. Comm. 104. The name is also given in some European countries to a tribunal of army officers (more or less distinctly recognized by law as a "court") convened for the purpose of inquiring into complaints affecting the honor of brother officers and punishing derelictions from the code of honor and deciding on the causes and occasions for fighting duels, in which officers are concerned, and the manner of conducting them.

COURT OF HUSTINGS.

In English Law

The county court of London, held before the mayor, recorder, and sheriff, but of which the recorder, is, in effect, the sole judge. No actions can be brought in this court that are merely personal. 3 Steph. Comm. 293, n.; 440, note l; 3 Bla. Comm. 80, n.; Madox, Hist. Exch. c. 20; Co. 2d Inst. 327. Since the abolition of all real and mixed actions except ejectment, the jurisdiction of this court has fallen into comparative desuetude. Pulling on Cust. Lond.

In American Law


COURT OF INQUIRY.

In English Law

A court sometimes appointed by the crown to ascertain whether it be proper to resort to extreme measures against a person charged before a court-martial. See 2 Steph. Comm. 590; 1 Coier. Bla. Comm. 418, n.; 2 Brod. &
B. 130. Also a court for hearing the complaints of private soldiers. Moz. & W. Dict.; Simmons, Cts. Mart. § 341.

In American Law

Formerly, a court constituted by authority of the articles of war, invested with the power to examine into the nature of any transaction of, or accusation or imputation against, any officer or soldier, when demanded by him. Rev. St. § 1342, arts. 115, 116. Repealed by Act June 4, 1920, c. 227, § 4, 41 Stat. 812.

They were not strict courts, having no power to try and determine guilt or innocence. They were rather agencies created by statute to investigate facts and report thereon. They could not compel the attendance of witnesses nor require them to testify. Davis, MiL LAW 220.

COURT OF JUSTICE SEAT. In English law. The principal of the forest courts. Called also Court of the Chief Justice in Eyre (q. v.).

COURT OF JUSTICIARY. A Scotch court of general criminal jurisdiction of all offenses committed in any part of Scotland, both to try causes and to review decisions of inferior criminal courts. It is composed of five lords of session with the lord president or Justice-clerk as president. It also has appellate jurisdiction in civil causes involving small amounts. An appeal lies to the house of lords.

COURT OF KING'S BENCH. In English law. The supreme court of common law in the kingdom, now merged in the high court of justice under the judicature act of 1873, § 16.

It was one of the successors of the curia regis and received its name, it is said, because the king formerly sat in it in person. During the reign of a queen it was called the Queen's Bench, and during Cromwell's Protectorate it was called the Upper Bench.

COURT OF LAW. In a wide sense, any duly constituted tribunal administering the laws of the state or nation; in a narrower sense, a court proceeding according to the course of the common law and governed by its rules and principles, as contrasted with a "court of equity."

COURT OF LODEMANAGE. An ancient court of the Cinque Ports, having jurisdiction in maritime matters, and particularly over pilots (lodemen).

COURT OF THE LORD HIGH ADMIRAL. In the earlier part of the 14th century, the Admiral possessed a disciplinary jurisdiction over his fleet. After 1340 it is reasonable to suppose that the Admiral could hold an independent court and administer justice in piracy and other maritime cases. There were at first several admirals and several courts. From the early 15th century there was one Lord High Admiral and one Court of Admiralty. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 313.

COURT OF THE LORD HIGH STEWARD. In English law. A court instituted for the trial, during the recess of parliament, of peers indicted for treason or felony, or for misprision of either. This court is not a permanent body, but is created in modern times, when occasion requires, and for the time being, only; and the lord high steward, so constituted, with such of the temporal lords as may take the proper oath, and act, constitute the court.

All peers who have a right to sit and vote in Parliament must be summoned. They are the sole judges of fact; and the majority, which must consist of twelve at least, decides. The Lord High Steward has a vote, and is judge of all matters of law.

COURT OF THE LORD HIGH STEWARD OF THE UNIVERSITIES. In English law. A court constituted for the trial of scholars or privileged persons connected with the university at Oxford or Cambridge who are indicted for treason, felony, or mayhem. 3 Bla. Comm. 85; 4 id. 277; 1 Steph. Comm. 67; 3 id. 341; 4 id. 261.

COURT OF MAGISTRATES AND FREEHOLDERS. In American law. The name of a court formerly established in South Carolina for the trial of slaves and free persons of color for criminal offenses.

COURT OF MARSHALSEA. A court which has jurisdiction of all trespasses committed within the verge of the king's court, where one of the parties was of the royal household; and of all debts and contracts, when both parties were of that establishment. It was abolished by 12 & 13 Vict. c. 101, § 13. Mozley & Whitley.

COURT OF NISI PRIUS. In American law. Though this term is frequently used as a general designation of any court exercising general, original jurisdiction in civil cases, (being used interchangeably with "trial-court.") it belonged as a legal title only to a court which formerly existed in the city and county of Philadelphia, and which was presided over by one of the judges of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. This court was abolished by the constitution of 1874. See Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius.

COURT OF THE OFFICIAL PRINCIPAL. This court, the Court of the "Official Principal" of the Archbishop of Canterbury, is more commonly called the Arches Court, or Court of the Arches. See Arches Court.

COURT OF ORDINARY. In some of the United States (e. g., Georgia) the name given to the probate or surrogate's court, or the court having the usual jurisdiction in respect to the proving of wills and the administration of decedents' estates. Veach v. Rice, 151 U. S. 293, 9 S. Ct. 730, 33 L. Ed. 163; Code Ga. 1882, § 318 (Civ. Code, 1910, § 4776). Such a court formerly existed in New Jersey, South Carolina, and Texas. See 2 Kent 409.
COURT OF ORPHANS.

In English Law

The court of the lord mayor and aldermen of London, which has the care of those orphans whose parent died in London and was free of the city. It is now said to be fallen into disuse. 2 Steph. Comm. 318; Pull. Cust. Lond. 198, Orphans' Court.

In American Law

In Pennsylvania (and perhaps some other states) the name "orphans' court" is applied to that species of tribunal which is elsewhere known as the "probate court" or "surrogate's court."

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

In English Law

A court for the trial of cases of treason and felony. The commissioners of assise and nisi prius are judges selected by the king and appointed and authorized under the great seal, including usually two of the Judges at Westminster, and sent out twice a year into most of the counties of England, for the trial (with a jury of the county) of causes then depending at Westminster, both civil and criminal. They sit by virtue of several commissions, each of which, in reality, constitutes them a separate and distinct court. The commission of oyer and terminer gives them authority for the trial of treasons and felonies; that of general gaol delivery empowers them to try every prisoner then in gaol for whatever offense; so that, altogether, they possess full criminal jurisdiction.

In American Law

This name is generally used (sometimes, with additions) as the title, or part of the title, of a state court of criminal jurisdiction, or of the criminal branch of a court of general jurisdiction, being commonly applied to such courts as may try felonies, or the higher grades of crimes. Such courts exist in Delaware and Pennsylvania. They were abolished in New York and New Jersey in 1895.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER AND GENERAL GAOL (or JAIL) DELIVERY.

In American Law

A court of criminal jurisdiction in the state of Pennsylvania. It is held at the same time with the court of quarter sessions, as a general rule, and by the same judges. See Const. Pa. art. 3, § 1; 17 PS §§ 371, 391, 471.

In English Law

A tribunal for the examination and trial of criminals. 3 Steph. Comm. 392.

COURT OF PALACE AT WESTMINSTER.

This court had jurisdiction of personal actions arising within twelve miles of the palace at Whitehall. Abolished by 12 & 13 Vict. c. 101. 3 Steph. Comm. 317, note. See Court of the Steward and Marshal.

COURT OF PASSAGE. An inferior court, possessing a very ancient jurisdiction over causes of action arising within the borough of Liverpool. It appears to have been also called the "Borough Court of Liverpool." It has the same jurisdiction in admiralty matters as the Lancashire county court. Rose. Adm. 75.

COURT OF PECULIARS. A spiritual court in England, being a branch of, and annexed to, the Court of Arches. It has a jurisdiction over all those parishes dispersed through the province of Canterbury, in the midst of other dioceses, which are exempt from the ordinary's jurisdiction, and subject to the metropolitan only. All ecclesiastical causes arising within these peculiar or exempt jurisdictions are originally cognizable by this court, from which an appeal lies to the Court of Arches. 3 Steph. Comm. 431; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 104. Most of such courts have been abolished by legislation. 1 Holdsw. Hist. Eng. Law 352. See also, Arches Court.

COURT OF PIEPOUDRE. (Also spelled Pipowder, Pie Powder, Py-Powder, Piepoundre, etc.) The lowest (and most expedients) of the courts of justice known to the older law of England. It is supposed (by Cowell and Blount) to have been so called from the dusty feet of the suitors. For another conjecture as to the origin of the name, see Co. 4th Inst. 472. It was a court of record incident to every fair and market, was held by the steward, and had jurisdiction to administer justice for all commercial injuries and minor offenses done in that same fair or market, (not a preceding one.) Inderwick, King's Peace 165. An appeal lay to the courts at Westminster. This court long ago fell into disuse. 3 Bl. Comm. 32; Barrington, Stat. 337; 3 Steph. Comm. 317, n.; Skene, de verb. sig. Pede palverosus; Bracton 341; 22 L. Q. R. 244; 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 309. See, however, Odgers, C. L. 1021.

COURT OF PLEAS. A court of the county palatine of Durham, having a local common-law jurisdiction. It was abolished by the judicature act, which transferred its jurisdiction to the high court. Jud. Act 1875, § 16; 3 Bl. Comm. 79.

COURT OF POLICIES OF ASSURANCE. A court established by statute 43 Eliz. c. 12, to determine in a summary way all causes between merchants, concerning policies of insurance. Crabb, Eng. Law, 503. The court was formally abolished by stat. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125. 3 Bl. Comm. 74; 3 Steph. Comm. 317, n.

COURTS OF PRINCIPALITY OF WALES. A species of private courts of a limited though extensive jurisdiction, which, upon the thorough reduction of that principality and the
settling of its polity in the reign of Henry VIII, were erected all over the country. These courts, however, have been abolished by 1 Wm. IV, c. 70; the principality being now divided into two circuits, which the judges visit in the same manner as they do the circuits in England, for the purpose of disposing of those causes which are ready for trial. Brown.

COURT OF PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS. A federal court created by act of Congress in 1891 (26 Stat. 534), to hear and determine claims by private parties to lands within the public domain, where such claims originated under Spanish or Mexican grants, and had not already been confirmed by Congress or otherwise adjudicated. The existence and authority of this court were to cease and determine at the end of the year 1895.

COURT OF PROBATE.

In English Law

The name of a court established in 1557, under the probate act of that year, (20 & 21 Vict. c. 77,) to be held in London, to which court was transferred the testamentary jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts. 2 Steph. Comm. 192. By the judicature acts, this court is merged in the high court of justice.

In American Law

A court having jurisdiction over the probate of wills, the grant of administration, and the supervision of the management and settlement of the estates of decedents, including the collection of assets, the allowance of claims, and the distribution of the estate. In some states the probate courts also have jurisdiction of the estates of minors, including the appointment of guardians and the settlement of their accounts, and of the estates of lunatics, habitual drunkards, and spendthrifts. Pons v. Pons, 132 La. 370, 61 So. 406, 407. And in some states these courts possess a limited jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases. They are also called in some jurisdictions "orphans' courts" and "surrogate's courts."

COURT OF PYPOWDER, PY-POWDER, or PYPOWERS. See Court of Pleipoudre.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE. In American law. A court of criminal jurisdiction in the state of Pennsylvania, having power to try misdemeanors, and exercising certain functions of an administrative nature. There is one such court in each county of the state. Its sessions are, in general, held at the same time and by the same judges as the court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery. See Const. Pa. art. 5, § 1: 17 PS §§ 331, 361.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH. See Court of King's Bench.
riot, perjury, misbehavior of sheriffs, and other misdemeanors contrary to the laws of the land; yet it was afterwards transferred to the assenting of all proclamations and orders of state, to the vindicating of illegal commissions and grants of monopolies; holding for honorable that which it pleased, and for just that which it profited, and becoming both a court of law to determine civil rights and a court of revenue to enrich the treasury. It was finally abolished by St. 16 Car. I. c. 10, to the general satisfaction of the whole nation. Brown.

COURT OF THE STEWARD AND MARSHAL. A high court, formerly held in England by the steward and marshal of the king's household, having jurisdiction of all actions against the king's peace within the bounds of the household for twelve miles, which circuit was called the "verge." Crabb, Eng. Law, 183. It had also jurisdiction of actions of debt and covenant, where both the parties were of the household. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 235, 247. This court was created by Charles I., and abolished in 1849. It was held in the borough of Southwark, and was called also the "palace court," having jurisdiction of all personal actions arising within twelve miles of the royal palace of Whitehall, exclusive of London.

COURT OF THE STEWARD OF THE KING'S HOUSEHOLD. In English law. A court which had jurisdiction of all cases of treason, misprision of treason, murder, manslaughter, bloodshed, and other malicious strikings whereby blood is shed, occurring in or within the limits of any of the palaces or houses of the king, or any other house where the royal person is abiding. It was created by statute 33 Hen. VIII. c. 12, but long ago fell into disuse. 4 Bl. Comm. 276, 277, and notes.

COURT OF SURVEY. A court for the hearing of appeals by owners or masters of ships, from orders for the detention of unsafe ships, made by the English board of trade, under the merchant shipping act, 1876, § 6.

COURT OF SWEINMOTE (spelled also, Swainmote, Swain-remeote; Saxon, svæng, an attendant, a freeholder, and mote or remote, a meeting). One of the old forest courts, held before the verderers, as judges, by the steward, thrice in every year,—the swines or freeholders within the forest composing the jury. This court had jurisdiction to inquire into grievances and oppressions committed by the officers of the forest, and also to receive and try presentments certified from the court of attachments, certifying the cause, in turn, under the seals of the jury, in case of conviction, to the court of justice seat for the rendition of judgment. Cowell; 3 Bla. Com. 71, 72; 3 Stepb. Com. 317, n. See Inderwick, King's Peace 150; Forest Laws.

COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES comprise the following: The senate of the United States, sitting as a court of impeachment; the supreme court; the circuit courts of appeals; the district courts; the supreme court and court of appeals of the District of Columbia; the court of claims; the court of customs and patent appeals; the United States court for China; and provisional courts. 25 G. J. 558 et seq. See the several titles.

COURTS OF THE UNIVERSITIES of Oxford and Cambridge have jurisdiction in all personal actions to which any member or servant of the respective university is a party, provided that the cause of action arose within the liberties of the university, and that the member or servant was resident in the university when it arose, and when the action was brought. 3 Stepb. Comm. 299; St. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 26, § 12, St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 17. Each university court also has a criminal jurisdiction in all offenses committed by its members. 4 Stepb. Comm. 325.

COURT OF WARDS AND LIVERIES. A court of record, established in England in the reign of Henry VIII. For the survey and management of the valuable fruits of tenure, a court of record was created by St. 32 Hen. VIII. c. 46, called the "Court of the King's Wards." To this was annexed, by St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 22, the "Court of Liversies," so that it then became the "Court of Wards and Liversies." 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 258. This court was not only for the management of "wards," properly so called, but also of idiots and natural fools in the king's custody, and for licenses to be granted to the king's widows to marry, and fines to be made for marrying without his license. Id. 259. It was abolished by St. 12 Car. II. c. 24. Crabb, Eng. Law, 408; 4 Reeve, Hist. E. L. 259; Crabb, Hist. E. L. 468; 1 Stepb. Com. 185; 4 id. 40; 2 Bla. Com. 68; 3 id. 258.

COURTS OF WESTMINSTER HALL. The superior courts, both of law and equity, were for centuries fixed at Westminster, an ancient palace of the monarchs of England. Formerly, all the superior courts were held before the king's capital judiciary of England, in the aula regis, or such of his palaces wherein his royal person resided, and removed with his household from one end of the kingdom to another. This was found to occasion great inconvenience to the suitors, to remedy which it was made an article of the great charter of liberties, both of King John and King Henry III., that "common pleas should no longer follow the king's court, but be held in some certain place," in consequence of which they have ever since been held (a few necessary removals in times of the plague excepted) in the palace of Westminster only. The courts of equity also sit at Westminster, nominally, during term time, although, actually, only during the first
day of term, for they generally sit in courts provided for the purpose in, or in the neighborhood of, Lincoln’s Inn. Brown.

COURT ROLLS. The rolls of a manor, containing all acts relating thereto. While belonging to the lord of the manor, they are not in the nature of public books for the benefit of the tenant.

COURTYARD. A corrupted form of “court-"age,” signifying a space of land about a dwelling house, which not only might be inclosed, but within which appurtenant buildings and structures might be erected. In re Lafayette Ave. in City of New York, 118 Misc. Rep. 161, 193 N. Y. S. 892, 894.

COURTESY. See Curtesy.

COUSIN. Kindred in the fourth degree, being the issue (male or female) of the brother or sister of one’s father or mother. Harris v. Harris, 97 N. J. Eq. 195, 127 A. 108, 109; Walker v. Chambers, 85 N. J. Eq. 376, 96 A. 350, 360; Bishop v. Russell, 241 Mass. 20, 134 N. E. 223, 19 A. L. R. 1408.

Those who descend from the brother or sister of the father of the person spoken of are called “paternal cousins;” “maternal cousins” are those who are descended from the brothers or sisters of the mother. Cousins-german are first cousins. Sanderson v. Bayley, 4 Myl. & C. 59.

In English writs, commissions, and other formal instruments issued by the crown, the word signifies any peer of the degree of an earl. The appellation is as ancient as the reign of Henry IV., who, being related or allied to every earl then in the kingdom, acknowledged that connection in all his letters and public acts; from which the use has descended to his successors, though the reason has long ago failed. Mozley & Whitley.

First Cousins

Cousins-german; the children of one’s uncle or aunt. Sanderson v. Bayley, 4 Mylne & C. 59.

Second Cousins

Persons who are related to each other by descending from the same great-grandfather or great-grandmother. The children of one’s first cousins are his second cousins. These are sometimes called “first cousins once removed.” Slade v. Fooks, 9 Sim. 387; Corporation of Bridgnorth v. Collins, 15 Sim. 541.

Quater Cousin

Properly, a cousin in the fourth degree; but the term has come to express any remote degree of relationship, and even to bear an ironical significance in which it denotes a very trifling degree of intimacy and regard. Often corrupted into “cater” cousin.

COUSINAGE. See Cosinage.

COUSTOM. (Fr. Coutum.) Custom; duty; toll; tribute. 1 Bl. Comm. 314.

COSTOUMIER. (Otherwise spelled “Coustumier” or “Coutumier.”) In old French law. A collection of customs, unwritten laws, and forms of procedure. Two such volumes are of especial importance in juridical history, viz., the Grand Coutumier de Normandie, and the Coutumier de France or Grand Coutumier.

COUTHUTLAUGH. A person who willingly and knowingly received an outlaw, and cherished or concealed him; for which offense he underwent the same punishment as the outlaw himself. Bract. 1285; Speiman.

COUVERTURE, in French law, is the deposit (“margin”) made by the client in the hands of the broker, either of a sum of money or of securities, in order to guaranty the broker for the payment of the securities which he purchases for the client. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 555.

COVENABLE. A French word signifying convenient or suitable; as covenably endowed. Anciently written “convenable.” Terms de la Ley.

COVENANT.

In Practice

The name of a common-law form of action ex contractu, which lies for the recovery of damages for breach of a covenant, or contract under seal. Stickney v. Stickney, 21 N. H. 88.

In the Law of Contracts

An agreement, convention, or promise of two or more parties, by deed in writing, signed, sealed, and delivered, by which either of the parties pledges himself to the other that something is either done or shall be done, or stipulates for the truth of certain facts. Com. v. Robinson, 1 Watts (Pa.) 180; Kent v. Edmondston, 9 N. C. 529; De Graasse v. Vernon Mining Co., 186 Mich. 514, 132 N. W. 242, 245; Sabin v. Hamilton, 2 Ark. 485, 490 (see, however, the later case of Dyer v. Gill, 32 Ark. 410, pointing out that by virtue of statute in Arkansas, the distinction between sealed and unsealed instruments, with reference to contracts between individuals, has been abolished).

An agreement between two or more parties, reduced to writing and executed by a sealing and delivery thereof, whereby some of the parties named therein engage, or one of them engages, with the other, or others, or some of them, therein also named, that some act hath or hath not already been done, or for the performance or non-performance of some specified duty. De Bois v. Insurance Co., 4 Whart. (Pa.) 71, 23 Am. Dec. 28.

In common parlance, any agreement, whether under seal or not. 15 C. J. 1209; 7 R. C. L. 1064. In effect, this has become the legal meaning in many states, in which private
seals have been abolished by statute. For a number of these state statutes, see 68 L. R. A. 656, 657. In those states it is commonly held that the affixing of a seal, when unnecessary to the validity of the instrument, has no effect, and may be disregarded. 24 R. C. L. 659. "Seals are a relic of that period when men, as a rule, could not write," and a covenant may "be created in this state [Georgia] by a writing not under seal." Atlanta, K. & N. Ry. Co. v. McKinney, 124 Ga. 399, 53 S. E. 701, 703, 110 Am. St. Rep. 215, 6 L. R. A. (N. S.) 406.

Classification

Covenants may be classified according to several distinct principles of division. According as one or other of these is adopted, they are:

—Express or implied; the former being those which are created by the express words of the parties to the deed declaratory of their intention, while implied covenants are those which are inferred by the law from certain words in a deed which imply (though they do not express) them. Express covenants are also called covenants "in deed," as distinguished from covenants "in law." McDonough v. Martin, 88 Ga. 675, 16 S. E. 59, 18 L. R. A. 343; Conrad v. Morehead, 89 N. C. 81; Garstang v. Davenport, 90 Iowa, 359, 57 N. W. 876.

—Dependent, concurrent, and independent. Covenants are either dependent, concurrent, or mutual and independent. The first depends on the prior performance of some act or condition, and, until the condition is performed, the other party is not liable to an action on his covenant. In the second, mutual acts are to be performed at the same time; and if one party is ready, and offers to perform his part, and the other neglects or refuses to perform his, he is ready and offers has fulfilled his engagement, and may maintain an action for the default of the other, though it is not certain that either is obliged to do the first act. The third sort is where either party may recover damages from the other for the injuries he may have received by a breach of the covenants in his favor; and it is no excuse for the defendant to allege a breach of the covenants on the part of the plaintiff. Bailey v. White, 3 Ala. 339; Tompkins v. Elliot, 5 Wend. (N. Y.) 497; Gray v. Smith (C. C.) 76 F. 324; Lowery v. May, 213 Ala. 66, 104 So. 5, 8; Roberts v. Steelman (C. C. A. N. J.) 1 F. (2d) 150, 152. Mutual and independent covenants are such as do not go to the whole consideration on both sides, but only to a part, and where separate actions lie for breaches on either side to recover damages for the injury sustained by breach. Lowery v. May, 213 Ala. 66, 104 So. 5, 8; Big Run Coal Co. v. Employers' Indemnity Co., 163 Ky. 596, 174 S. W. 25, 26.

Covenants are dependent where performance by one party is conditioned on and subject to perform-
while the latter are those which are binding on the party himself. 1 Sld. 27; 1 Keb. 337.

—Real and personal. A real covenant is one which binds the heirs of the covenantor and passes to assignees or purchasers; a covenant the obligation of which is so connected with the reality that he who has the latter is either entitled to the benefit of it or is liable to perform it; a covenant which has for its object something annexed to, or inherent in or connected with, land or other real property; and runs with the land, so that the grantee of the land is invested with it and may sue upon it for a breach happening in his time. 4 Kent, Comm. 470; 2 Bl. Comm. 304; Chapman v. Holmes, 10 N. J. Law, 20; Skinner v. Mitchell, 5 Kan. App. 366, 48 P. 450; Oil Co. v. Hinton, 159 Ind. 398, 64 N. E. 224; Davis v. Lyman, 6 Conn. 249. In the old books, a covenant real is also defined to be a covenant by which a man binds himself to pass a thing real, as lands or tenements. Termes de la Ley; 3 Bl. Comm. 156; Shep. Touch. 161. A personal covenant, on the other hand, is one which, instead of being a charge upon real estate of the covenantor, only binds himself and his personal representatives in respect to assets. 4 Kent, Comm. 470; Carter v. Deman, 25 N. J. Law, 270; Hadley v. Bernero, 97 Mo. App. 314, 71 S. W. 451. The phrase may also mean a covenant which is personal to the covenantor, that is, one which he must perform in person, and cannot procure another person to perform for him. De Sanno v. Earle, 273 Pa. 265, 117 A. 200, 202; Pearson v. Richards, 106 Or. 78, 211 P. 167, 171. “Real covenants” relate to realty and have for their main object some benefit thereto, inuring to benefit of and becoming binding on subsequent grantees, while “personal covenants” do not run with land.

Bank of Hoxie v. Meriwether, 166 Ark. 39, 265 S. W. 642, 645. Very considerable confusion exists among the authorities in the use of the term real covenants. The definition of Blackstone which determines the character of covenants from the insertion or noninsertion of the word “heir” by the covenantor, is pretty generally rejected.

—Transitive or intransitive; the former being those personal covenants the duty of performing which passes over to the representatives of the covenantor; while the latter are those the duty of performing which is limited to the covenantor himself, and does not pass over to his representative. Bac. Abr. Cov.

—Disjunctive covenants. Those which are for the performance of one or more of several things at the election of the covenantor or covenantee, as the case may be. Platt, Cov. 21.

—Absolute or conditional. An absolute covenant is one which is not qualified or limited by any condition.

—Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

—Continuing covenant. One which indicates or necessarily implies the doing of stipulated acts successively or as often as the occasion may require; as, a covenant to pay rent by installments, to keep the premises in repair or insured, to cultivate land, etc. McGlynn v. Moore, 25 Cal. 395.

—Full covenants. As this term is used in American law, it includes the following: The covenants for seisin, for right to convey, against incumbrances, for quiet enjoyment, sometimes for further assurance, and almost always of warranty, this last often taking the place of the covenant for quiet enjoyment, and indeed in many states being the only covenant in practical use. Rawle, Cov. for Title, § 21.

—Mutual covenants. A mutual covenant is one where either party may recover damages from the other for the injury he may have received from a breach of the covenants in his favor. Bailey v. White, 3 Ala. 330.

—Separate covenant. A several covenant; one which binds the several covenantors each for himself, but not jointly.

—Usual covenants. An agreement on the part of a seller of real property to give the usual covenants binds him to insert in the grant covenants of “seisin,” “quiet enjoyment,” “further assurance,” “general warranty,” and “against incumbrances.” Civ. Code Cal. former § 1733, repealed by St. 1931, p. 2224. See Wilson v. Wood, 17 N. J. Eq. 216, 88 Am. Dec. 231; Drake v. Barton, 18 Minn. 467 (Gill. 414). The result of the authorities appears to be that in a case where the agreement is silent as to the particular covenants to be inserted in the lease, and provides merely for the lease containing “usual covenants,” or which is the same thing, in an open agreement without any reference to the covenants, and there are no special circumstances justifying the introduction of other covenants, the following are the only ones which either party can insist upon, namely: Covenants by the lessee (1) to pay rent; (2) to pay taxes, except such as are expressly payable by the landlord; (3) to keep and deliver up the premises in repair; and (4) to allow the lessor to enter and view the state of repair; and the usual qualified covenant by the lessee for quiet enjoyment by the lessee. 7 Ch. Div. 581.

Specific Covenants

—Covenants against incumbrances. A covenant that there are no incumbrances on the land conveyed; a stipulation against all rights to or interests in the land which may subsist in third persons to the diminution of the value of the estate granted. Bank v. Parisette, 68 Ohio St. 450, 67 N. E. 896; Shearer v. Ranger, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 447; Sunford v. Wheelan, 12 Or. 301, 7 P. 324; Dooman v. Killilca, 222 N. Y. 399, 118 N. E. 531, 532; Anniston Lumber & Mfg. Co. v. Griffis, 198 Ala. 122, 73 So. 418,
—Covenant for further assurance. An undertaking, in the form of a covenant, on the part of the vendor of real estate to do such further acts for the purpose of perfecting the purchaser's title as the latter may reasonably require. This covenant is deemed of great importance, since it relates both to the vendor's title and to the instrument of conveyance to the vendee, and operates as well to secure the performance of all acts necessary for supplying any defect in the former as to remove all objections to the sufficiency and security of the latter. Platt, Cov.; Rawle, Cov. §§ 98, 99. See Sugd. Vend. 500; Armstrong v. Darby, 26 Mo. 520.


—Covenants for title. Covenants usually inserted in a conveyance of land, on the part of the grantor, and binding him for the completeness, security, and continuance of the title transferred to the grantee. They comprise "covenants for seisin, for right to convey, against incumbrances, or quiet enjoyment, sometimes for further assurance, and almost always of warranty." Rawle, Cov. § 21.

—Covenants in gross. Such as do not run with the land.

—Covenant not to sue. A covenant by one who had a right of action at the time of making it against another person, by which he agrees not to sue to enforce such right of action. Pacific States Lumber Co. v. Bargar (C. C. A.) 10 F.(2d) 335, 337; The Thomas P. Beal (D. C.) 298 F. 121, 122; McDonald v. Goddard Grocery Co., 184 Mo. App. 432, 171 S. W. 690, 691.

—Covenant of non-claim. A covenant sometimes employed, particularly in the New England states, and in deeds of extinguishment of ground rents in Pennsylvania, that neither the vendor, nor his heirs, nor any other person, etc., shall claim any title in the premises conveyed. Rawle, Cov. § 22.

—Covenant of right to convey. An assurance by the covenantor that the grantor has sufficient capacity and title to convey the estate which he by his deed undertakes to convey.

—Covenant of seisin. An assurance to the purchaser that the grantor has the very estate in quantity and quality which he purports to convey. 11 East, 641; Rawle, Cov. §§ 65. It is said that the covenant of seisin is not now in use in England, being embraced in that of a right to convey; but it is used in several of the United States. 2 Washb. Real Prop. *648; Pecare v. Chouteau, 13 Mo. 537; Kincaid v. Brittian, 5 Sneed (Tenn.) 121; Backus v. McCoy, 3 Ohio, 221, 17 Am. Dec. 835; De Long v. Sea Girt Co., 65 N. J. Law, 1, 47 A. 491; Brown v. Carpenter, 99 Wash. 227, 169 P. 331, 332; Potter v. Miller, 191 N. C. 814, 133 S. E. 193, 195; Frick v. Long, 177 N. C. 189, 98 S. E. 451, 454; Hilliker v. Rueger, 165 App. Div. 189, 151 N. Y. S. 234, 237; Langford v. Newsom (Tex. Com. App.) 220 S. W. 544, 545. Covenants of seisin and good right to convey are synonymous. Rennie v. Gibson, 75 Okl. 282, 183 P. 453, 455.


—Covenant running with land. A covenant which goes with the land, as being annexed to the estate, and which cannot be separated from the land, and transferred without it. 4 Kent, Comm. 472, note. A covenant is said to run with the land, when not only the original parties or their representatives, but each successive owner of the land, will be entitled to its benefit, or be liable (as the case may be) to its obligation. 1 Steph. Comm. 455. Or, in other words, it is so called when either the liability to perform it or the right to take advantage of it passes to the assignee of the land. Tillotson v. Pritchard, 69 Vt. 94, 14 A. 302, 6 Am. St. Rep. 95; Spencer's Case, 3 Coke, 31; Gilmer v. Railway Co., 79 Ala. 572, 58 Am. Rep. 623; Conduit v. Ross, 102 Ind. 166, 26 N. E. 198; Rosson v. Woff, 152 Ga. 578, 110 S. E. 877, 880; Purvis v. Shuman, 273 Ill. 286, 112 N. E. 679, 680, L.R.A. 1917A, 121, Ann. Cas. 1919D, 1175; Iowa Implement Co. v. Aitna Explosives Co., 131 Iowa, 1185, 165 N. W. 406, 409; Reldsvile & S. E. R. Co. v. Baxter, 15 Ga. App. 357, 79 S. E. 157, 159; New York Cent. & H. R. R. R. v. Clarke, 228 Mass. 274, 117 N. E. 322, 323; Louisiana & N. R. Co. v. Dunning, 178 Ky. 365, 198 S. W. 965, 969; Standard Oil Co. v. Slaye, 104 Cal. 453.
—Covenant to convey. A covenant by which the covenantor agrees to convey to the covenantee a certain estate, under certain circumstances.

—Covenant to renew. An executory contract, giving lessee the right to renew on compliance with the terms specified in the renewal clause, if any, or if none, on giving notice, prior to termination of the lease, of his desire to renew, whereupon the contract becomes executed as to him. Freiheit v. Broch, 98 Conn. 168, 118 A. 828, 830.

—Covenant to stand seised. A conveyance adapted to the case where a person seised of land in possession, reversion, or vested remainder, proposes to convey it to his wife, child, or kinsman. In its terms it consists of a covenant by him, in consideration of his natural love and affection, to stand seised of the land to the use of the intended transferee. Before the statute of uses this would merely have raised a use in favor of the covenantee; but by that act this use is converted into the legal estate, and the covenant therefore operates as a conveyance of the land to the covenantee. It is now almost obsolete. 1 Steph. Comm. 532; Williams Cases, 145; French v. French, 3 N. H. 261; Jackson v. Swart, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 85.

COVENANTEE. The party to whom a covenant is made. Shep. Touch. 160.

COVENANTOR. The party who makes a covenant. Shep. Touch. 160.

COVENANTS PERFORMED. In Pennsylvania practice. This is the name of a plea to the action of covenant whereby the defendant, upon informal notice to the plaintiff, may give anything in evidence which he might have pleaded. With the addition of the words "asque hoc" it amounts to a denial of the allegations of the declaration; and the further addition of "with leave," etc., imports an equitable defense, arising out of special circumstances, which the defendant means to offer in evidence. Zents v. Legnard, 70 Pa. 192; Stewart v. Bedell, 71 Pa. 136; Turnpike Co. v. McCullough, 25 Pa. 303.

COVENT. A contraction, in the old books, of the word "convent."

COVERT. The name given to the act of a tenant-in-chief to enter upon the land of another, or to the act of allodial owners to enter upon the land of tenants-in-feud, or to any act of entry, in which case a right of possession is created.

COVERT BARON, or COVERT DE BARON. Under the protection of a husband; married. 1 Bl. Comm. 442. La femme que est covert de baron, the woman which is covert of a husband. Litt. § 670.

COVERTURE. The condition or state of a married woman. Sometimes used elliptically to describe the legal disability arising from a state of coverture. Osborn v. Horine, 19 Ill. 124; Roberts v. Lund, 45 Vt. 83.

COVIN. A secret conspiracy or agreement between two or more persons to injure or defraud another. Mix v. Muzzy, 28 Conn. 191; Anderson v. Oscamp (Ind. App.) 35 N. E. 707; Hyslop v. Clarke, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 466; Co. Litt. 857; Comyns, Dig. Covin, A; 1 Viner, Abr. 473.

COVINOUS. Deceitful; fraudulent; having the nature of, or tainted by, covin.

COW. Female of bovine genus of animals. Strictly, one that has calved. Often loosely used to include heifer, or young female that has not calved. 2 East, Pl. Cr. 616; 1 Teach 105. See Taylor v. State, 6 Humph. (Tenn.) 285. Tombigbee Valley R. Co. v. Wilks, 6 Ala. App. 473, 69 So. 559; Mathis v. State, 70 Ala. 194, 69 So. 697, 608; People v. Phillips, 30 Cal. App. 31, 157 P. 1003, 1004; State v. Haller, 119 Ark. 503, 177 S. W. 1138; Parsons v. Kimmel, 206 Mich. 676, 173 N. W. 539, 540.

COWARDICE. Puissance; fear; misbehavior through fear in relation to some duty to be performed before an enemy. O'Brien Ct. M. 142; Coil v. State, 62 Neb. 35, 86 N. W. 925.

CRACKING. The conversion, by means of heat and usually pressure, of the complex
hydrocarbon molecules of heavier oils into the molecular structure of the desired lighter oils. Universal Oil Products Co. v. Skelly Oil Co., (D. C.) 29 F. 2d 985.

CRAFT. A general term, now commonly applied to all kinds of sailing vessels, though formerly restricted to the smaller vessels. The Wenonah, 21 Grat. (Va.) 697; Reed v. Ingham, 3 Ill. & B. 588. A trade or occupation of the sort requiring skill and training, particularly manual skill combined with a knowledge of the principles of the art; also the body of persons pursuing such a calling; a guild. Ganahl v. Shore, 24 Ga. 23.

Guile, artful cunning, trickiness. Not a legal term in this sense, though often used in connection with such terms as "fraud" and "artifice."

CRANAGE. A liberty to use a crane for drawing up goods and wares of burden from ships and vessels, at any creek of the sea, or wharf, unto the land, and to make a profit of doing so. It also signifies the money paid and taken for the service. Tomlins.

CRANK. A term vulgarly applied to a person of eccentric, ill-regulated, and unpractical mental habits; a person half-crazed; a monomaniac; not necessarily equivalent to "insane person," "lunatic," or any other term descriptive of complete mental derangement, and not carrying any implication of homicidal mania. Walker v. Tribune Co. (C. C.) 29 F. 827.

CRASSUS. Large; gross; excessive; extreme. Crassa ignorantia, gross ignorance. Pleta, lib. 5, c. 22, § 18.


CRASTINO. Lat. On the morrow, the day after. The return-day of writs; because the first day of the term was always some saint's day, and writs were returnable on the day after. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 56.

CRATES. An iron gate before a prison. 1 Vent. 304.

CRAVE. To ask or demand; as to crave oyer. See Oyer.

CRAVEN. In old English law. A word of disgrace and obloquy, pronounced on either champion, in the ancient trial by battle, proving recreant, i.e., yielding. Glanville calls it "infestum et inverecundum verbum." His condemnation was anitere liberam legem, i.e., to become infamous, and not to be accounted liber et legalis homo, being supposed by the event to have been proved forsworn, and not fit to be put upon a jury or admitted as a witness. Wharton.


CREAMER. A foreign merchant, but generally taken for one who has a stall in a fair or market. Blount.

CREAMUS. Lat. We create. One of the words by which a corporation in England was formerly created by the king. 1 Bl. Comm. 473.

CREANCE. In French law. A claim; a debt; also belief, credit, faith.

CREANCER. One who trusts or gives credit; a creditor. Brit. cc. 28, 78.

CREANSOR. A creditor. Cowell.

CREATE. To bring into being; to cause to exist; to produce; as, to create a trust in lands, to create a corporation. Edwards v. Bibb, 34 Ala. 481; McClellan v. McClellan, 65 Me. 500; Pickett v. Board of Comrs of Fremont County, 24 Idaho, 200, 133 P. 112, 114; People v. California Fish Co., 166 Cal. 576, 138 P. 79, 91.

To create a charter or a corporation is to make one which never existed before, while to renew one is to give vitality to one which has been forfeited or has expired; and to extend one is to give an existing charter more time than originally limited. Moers v. Reading, 21 Pa. 159; Railroad Co. v. Orton (C. C.) 32 F. 473; Indianapolis v. Navin, 151 Ind. 139, 51 N. E. 80, 41 L. R. A. 344; Moers v. City of Reading, 21 Pa. 188; People v. Marshall, 1 Gilm. (Ill.) 672; Syracuse City Bank v. Davis, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 188. See McClellan v. McClellan, 65 Me. 500; Palmer v. Preston, 45 Vt. 154, 12 Am. Rep. 101; State v. Powell, 109 Ohio St. 888, 142 N. E. 401, 403; Town of Westernport v. Greer, 144 Md. 86, 124 A. 403.

CREDENTIALS. In international law. The instruments which authorize and establish a public minister in his character with the state or prince to whom they are addressed. If the state or prince receive the minister, he can be received only in the quality attributed to him in his credentials. They are, as it were, his letter of attorney, his mandate patent, mandatum manifestum. Vattel, liv. 4, c. 6, § 76.

CREDIBLE. Worthy of belief; entitled to credit. See Competency.

—Credible person. One who is trustworthy and entitled to be believed; in law and legal proceedings, one who is entitled to have his oath or affidavit accepted as reliable, not only on account of his good reputation for veracity, but also on account of his intelligence, knowledge of the circumstances, and disinterested relation to the matter in question. Also one


—Credibility. Worthiness of belief; that quality in a witness which renders his evidence worthy of belief. After the competence of a witness is allowed, the consideration of his credibility arises, and not before. 3 Bl. Comm. 369; 1 Burrows, 414, 417; Smith v. Jones, 68 Vt. 332, 34 A. 424; State v. Green, 187 N. C. 496, 122 S. E. 178, 179; Taylor v. Taylor (R. I.) 90 A. 746, 750; Leob v. State, 133 Miss. 883, 98 So. 449, 451; Dewen v. State, 120 Ark. 302, 179 S. W. 346, 347. As to the distinction between competency and credibility, see Competency.

—Credibly informed. The statement in a pleading or affidavit, that one is “credibly informed and verily believes” such and such facts, means that, having no direct personal knowledge of the matter in question, he has derived his information in regard to it from authentic sources or from the statements of persons who are not only “credible,” in the sense of being trustworthy, but also informed as to the particular matter or conversant with it.

CREDIT. The ability of a business man to borrow money, or obtain goods on time, in consequence of the favorable opinion held by the community, or by the particular lender, as to his solvency and reliability. People v. Wasservogel, 77 Cal. 173, 19 P. 270; Dry Dock Bank v. Trust Co., 3 N. Y. 356; In re Savarrese, 209 F. 830, 831, 126 C. C. A. 554; In re Ford (D. C.) 14 F. (2d) 848, 849.

Time allowed to the buyer of goods by the seller, in which to make payment for them.

The correlative of a debt; that is, a debt considered from the creditor’s standpoint, or that which is incoming or due to one. Mountain State Motor Car Co. v. Solof, 97 W. Va. 196, 124 S. E. 824, 825.

That which is due to a person, as distinguished from debt, that which is due by him.


That influence connected with certain social positions. 20 Toullier, n. 10.


The credit of an individual is the trust reposed in him by those who deal with him that he is of ability to meet his engagements; and he is trusted because through the tribunals of the country he may be made to pay. The credit of a government is founded on a belief of its ability to comply with its engagements, and a confidence in its honor, that it will do that voluntarily which it cannot be compelled to do. Owen v. Branch Bank, 3 Ala. 258.

Bill of Credit

See Bill.

Letter of Credit

A letter of credit is an open or sealed letter, from a merchant in one place, directed to another, in another place or country, requiring him, if a person therein named, or the bearer of the letter, shall have occasion to buy commodities, or to want money to any particular or unlimited amount, either to procure the same or to pass his promise, bill, or bond for it, the writer of the letter undertaking to provide him the money for the goods, or to repay him by exchange, or to give him such satisfaction as he shall require, either for himself, or the bearer of the letter. 3 Chit. Com. Law, 336. A letter of credit is a written instrument, addressed by one person to another, requesting the latter to give credit to the person in whose favor it is drawn. Civ. Code Cal. § 2856. Mechanics’ Bank v. New York & N. H. R. Co., 13 N. Y. 630; Pollock v. Helm, 54 Miss. 5, 28 Am. Rep. 342; Lafargue v. Harrison, 70 Cal. 380, 9 P. 261, 50 Am. Rep. 416. A letter of credit is in the nature of a negotiable instrument, and is a letter whereby a person requests another to advance money or give credit to a third person, and promises to repay person making advancement. Second Nat. Bank v. M. Samuel & Sons (C. C. A.) 12 F.(2d) 963, 966; Second Nat. Bank v. Columbia Trust Co. (C. C. A.) 288 F. 17, 20; Border Nat. Bank of Eagle Pass, Tex., v. American Nat. Bank of San Francisco, Cal. (C. C. A.) 282 F. 73, 77; Moss v. Old Colony Trust Co., 246 Mass. 139, 140 N. E. 803, 806. General and special. A general letter of credit is one addressed to any and all persons, without naming any one in particular, while a special letter of credit is addressed to a particular individual, firm, or corporation by name. Birckhead v. Brown, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 642; Civ. Code Mont. 1896, § 3718 (Rev. Codes
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1921, § 8213); American Steel Co. v. Irving Nat. Bank (C. C. A.) 296 F. 41, 43. A “confirmed irrevocable letter of credit,” an “irrevocable letter,” or a “confirmed credit” is a contract to pay on compliance with its terms, and needs no formal acknowledgment or acceptance other than is therein stated. Lamborn v. National Park Bank of New York, 240 N. Y. 529, 148 N. E. 694, 695.

Line of Credit

See Line.

Personal Credit

Personal credit is that credit which a person possesses as an individual, and which is founded on the opinion entertained of his character and business standing.

CRÉDIT. Fr. Credit in the English sense of the term, or more particularly, the security for a loan or advancement.

CRÉDIT FONCIER. A company or corporation formed for the purpose of carrying out improvements, by means of loans and advances on real estate security.

CRÉDIT MOBILIER. A company or association formed for carrying on a banking business or for the construction of public works, building of railroads, operations of mines, or other such enterprises, by means of loans or advances on the security of personal property. Barrett v. Savings Inst., 64 N. J. Eq. 425, 54 A. 543.

CREDITOR. A person to whom a debt is owing by another person, called the “debtor.” Mohr v. Elevator Co., 40 Minn. 343, 41 N. W. 1074; Woolverton v. Taylor Co., 43 Ill. App. 424; Insurance Co. v. Meeker, 37 N. J. Law, 390; Walsh v. Miller, 51 Ohio St. 462, 38 N. E. 381. The foregoing is the strict legal sense of the term; but in a wider sense it means one who has a legal right to demand and recover from another a sum of money on any account whatever, and hence may include the owner of any right of action against another, whether arising on contract or for a tort, a penalty, or a forfeiture. Keith v. Hiner, 63 Ark. 244, 38 S. W. 13; Boudard v. Block, 81 Ill. 186, 25 Am. Rep. 276; Chalmers v. Sheehy, 132 Cal. 469, 64 P. 709, 64 Am. St. Rep. 62; Pierstoff v. Jorges, 96 Wisc. 128, 99 N. W. 765, 39 Am. St. Rep. 851.

The term “creditor,” within the common-law rule that conveyances with intent to defraud creditors shall be void, includes every one having right to require the performance of any legal obligation, contract, or guaranty, or a legal right to damages growing out of contract or tort, Hernton v. Short, 121 Ark. 333, 181 S. W. 142, 144; and includes not merely the holder of a fixed and certain present debt, but every one having a right to require the performance of any legal obligation, contract, or guaranty, or a legal right to damages growing out of contract or tort, and includes one entitled to damages for breach of contract to convey real estate, notwithstanding the abandonment of his action for specific performance, Allen v. Kane, 79 Wash. 248, 140 P. 534, 535; In re Littleton’s Estate, 222 N. Y. 340, 347, 129 Misc. Rep. 846; Mackenzie Oil Co. v. Omar Oil & Gas Co., 14 Del. Ch. 26, 120 A. 852, 854.

In its broad sense the word “creditor” means one who has any legal liability upon a contract, express or implied, or in tort; in its narrow sense, the term is limited to one who holds a demand which is certain and liquidated. Superior Plating Works v. Art Metal Crafts Co., 218 Ill. App. 148, 150.

Plaintiff, in action to recover damages for a tort committed against him, is a “creditor” of defendant, within meaning of that term as it is employed in Shannan’s Code, § 3145, denouncing conveyances and transfers of property collusively made with intent to delay, hinder, or defraud creditors. Oliphant v. Moore, 155 Tenn. 539, 283 S. W. 541, 542.


Classification

A creditor is called a “simple contract creditor,” a “specialty creditor,” a “bond creditor,” or otherwise, according to the nature of the obligation giving rise to the debt.

Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

—Attaching creditor. One who has caused an attachment to be issued and levied on property of his debtor.

—Catholic creditor. In Scotch law, one whose debt is secured on all or on several distinct parts of the debtor’s property. The contracted term (designating one who is not so secured) is “secondary creditor.”


—Confidential creditor. A term sometimes applied to creditors of a failing debtor who furnished him with the means of obtaining credit to which his real circumstances did not entitle him, thus involving loss to other creditors not in his confidence. Gay v. Strickland, 112 Ala. 667, 20 So. 921.

—Creditor at large. One who has not established his debt by the recovery of a judgment
or has not otherwise secured a lien on any of the debtor's property. U. S. v. Ingate (C. C.) 48 F. 254; Wolcott v. Ashenfelter, 5 N. M. 442, 23 P. 780, 8 L. R. A. 691.

Domestic creditor. One who resides in the same state or country in which the debtor has his domicile or his property.

Double creditor. See Double.

Execution creditor. One who, having recovered a judgment against the debtor for his debt or claim, has also caused an execution to be issued thereon. Chalmers & Williams v. Surprise, 70 Ind. App. 649, 125 N. E. 541, 544.

Foreign creditor. One who resides in a state or country foreign to that where the debtor has his domicile or his property.

General creditor. A creditor at large (supra), or one who has no lien or security for the payment of his debt or claim. King v. Fraser, 23 S. C. 543; Wolcott v. Ashenfelter, 5 N. M. 442, 23 P. 780, 8 L. R. A. 691.

Joint creditors. Persons jointly entitled to require satisfaction of the same debt or demand.


Junior creditor. One whose claim or demand accrued at a date later than that of a claim or demand held by another creditor, who is called correlativeiy the "senior" creditor.

Lien creditor. See Lien.

Petitioning creditors. As used in Bankruptcy Act, § 64b (11 USC § 104), authorizing one reasonable attorney’s fee. All creditors petitioning for adjudication, or seeking relief consistent with original petition by supplemental or intervening petition, in view of section 59f (11 USC § 95). In re Marcuse & Co. (C. C. A.) 11 F. (2d) 513, 516.

Preferred creditor. See Preferred.

Principal creditor. One whose claim or demand very greatly exceeds the claims of all other creditors in amount is sometimes so called. See In re Sullivan’s Estate, 25 Wash. 430, 65 P. 793.

Secured creditor. See Secured.

Single creditor. See Single.

Subsequent creditor. One whose claim or demand accrued or came into existence after a given fact or transaction, such as the recording of a deed or mortgage or the execution of a voluntary conveyance. McGhee v. Wells, 37 S. C. 256, 35 S. E. 529, 76 Am. St. Rep. 567; Evans v. Lewis, 30 Ohio St. 14.

Warrant creditor. A creditor of a municipal corporation to whom is given a municipal warrant for the amount of his claim, because there are no funds in hand to pay it. Johnson v. New Orleans, 46 La. Ann. 714, 15 So. 100.

CREDITOR'S BILL.

In English Practice

A bill in equity, filed by one or more creditors, for an account of the assets of a decedent, and a legal settlement and distribution of his estate among themselves and such other creditors as may come in under the decree.

In American Practice


A creditors' bill, strictly, is a bill by which a creditor seeks to satisfy his debt out of some equitable estate of the defendant, which is not liable to levy and sale under an execution at law. But there is another sort of a creditors' bill, very nearly allied to the former, by means of which a party seeks to remove a fraudulent conveyance out of the way of his execution. But a naked bill to set aside a fraudulent deed, which seeks no discovery of any property, chose in action, or other thing alleged to belong to the defendant, and which ought to be subjected to the payment of the judgment, is not a creditors' bill. Newman v. Willetts, 52 Ill. 93; Yates v. Council, 137 Miss. 381, 102 So. 178, 177; Barr v. Minto, 65 Or. 522, 133 P. 639, 640.

Creditorum appellatione non hi tantum aequi- plurator qui pecuniam creditorant, sed omnes quibus ex qualibet causa debetur. Under the head of "creditors" are included, not alone those who have lent money, but all to whom from any cause a debt is owing. Dig. 59, 16, 11.

CREDITRIX. A female creditor.

CREDITS. A term used in taxation statutes to designate certain forms of personal property. It includes every claim and demand for money and every sum of money receivable at stated periods, due or to become due,

Mutual Credits

In bankrupt law. Credits which must, from their nature, terminate in debts; as where a debt is due from one party, and credit given by him to the other for a sum of money payable at a future day, and which will then become a debt; or where there is a debt on one side, and a delivery of property with directions to turn it into money on the other. 8 Taunt. 499; 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. 179. By this phrase, in the rule under which courts of equity allow set-off in cases of mutual credit, we are to understand a knowledge on both sides of an existing debt due to one party, and a credit by the other party, founded on and trusting to such debt, as a means of discharging it. King v. King, 9 N. J. Eq. 44. Credits given by two persons mutually; i. e., each giving credit to the other. It is a more extensive phrase than "mutual debts." Thus, the sum credited by one may be due at once, that by the other payable to futuro; yet the credits are mutual, though the transaction would not come within the meaning of "mutual debts." 1 Atk. 230; Atkinson v. Elliott, 7 Term. R. 378.

CREEK. In maritime law. Such little inlets of the sea, whether within the precinct or extent of a port or without, as are narrow passages, and crave shore on each side of them. Call. Sew. 56.


The term imports a recess, cove, bay, or inlet in the shore of a river, and not a separate or independent stream; though it is sometimes used in the latter meaning. Shermerhorn v. Railroad Co., 38 N. Y. 103.

CREMATION. The act or practice of reducing a corpse to ashes by means of fire. Act Pa. 1891, June 8; P. L. 212 (35 PS § 1121-1123); L. R. 12 Q. B. D. 247; L. R. 20 Ch. D. 659. See 43 Alb. L. J. 140. See Dead Body.

CREMEMENTUM COMITATUS. The increase of a county. The sheriffs of counties anciently answered in their accounts for the improvement of the king's rents, above the escomptei rents, under this title.

CREPARE OCULUM. In Saxon law. To put out an eye; which had a peculiar punishment of fifty shillings annexed to it.

CREPUSCULUM. Twilight. In the law of burglary, this term means the presence of sufficient light to discern the face of a man; such light as exists immediately before the rising of the sun or directly after its setting. 4 Bla. Com. 224; Co. 3d Inst. 63; 1 Russell, Cr. 520; 3 Greenl. Ev. § 75.

Crescente malitia crescreo debet et pena. 2 Inst. 479. Vice increasing, punishment ought also to increase.

CREST. A term used in heraldry; it signifies the devices set over a coat of arms.

CRETINISM. In medical jurisprudence. A form of imperfect or arrested mental development, which may amount to idiocy, with physical degeneracy or deformity or lack of development; endemic in Switzerland and some other parts of Europe, but the term is applied to similar states occurring elsewhere.

CRETINUS. In old records. A sudden stream or torrent; a rising or inundation.

CRETIO. Lat. In the civil law. A certain number of days allowed an heir to deliberate whether he would take the inheritance or not. Calvin.

CREW. The aggregate of seamen who man a ship or vessel, including the master and officers; or it may mean the ship's company, exclusive of the master, or exclusive of the master and all other officers. See U. S. v. Winn, 3 Sumn. 209, 28 Fed. Cas. 738; Millaudon v. Martin, 6 Rob. (La.) 540; U. S. v. Huff (C. C.) 13 F. 630; The Buena Ventura (D. C.) 243 F. 797, 799; The Herdys (D. C.) 22 F.(2d) 304, 306.

CREW LIST. In maritime law. A list of the crew of a vessel; one of a ship's papers. This instrument is required by act of congress, and sometimes by treaties. Rev. St. U. S. §§ 4374, 4375 (46 USCA §§ 322, 323). It is necessary for the protection of the crews of every vessel, in the course of the voyage, during a war abroad. Jac. Sea Laws, 96, 98, note.

CRIER. An officer of a court, who makes proclamations. His principal duties are to announce the opening of the court and its adjournment and the fact that certain special matters are about to be transacted, to announce the admission of persons to the bar, to call the names of jurors, witnesses, and parties, to announce that a witness has been sworn, to proclaim silence when so directed, and generally to make such proclamations of a public nature as the judges order.

CRIEZ LA PEEZ. Rehearse the concord, or peace. A phrase used in the ancient proceedings for levying fines. It was the form of words by which the justice before whom the parties appeared directed the serjeant or counter in attendance to recite or read aloud the concord or agreement between the parties, as to the lands intended to be conveyed. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 224, 225.


The term in its general and comprehensive sense, is synonymous with "adultery"; but in its more limited and technical significance it may be defined


Crimes are those wrongs which the government notices as injurious to the public, and punishes in what is called a "criminal proceeding," in its own name. 1 Bish. Crim. Law, § 43.

A crime may be defined to be any act done in violation of those duties which an individual owes to the community, and for the breach of which the law has provided that the offender shall make satisfaction to the public. Bell.

A crime or public offense is an act committed or omitted in violation of a law forbidding or commanding it, and to which is annexed, upon conviction, either of the following punishments: (1) Death; (2) imprisonment; (3) fine; (4) removal from office; or (5) disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit in this state. Pen. Code Cal. § 15.

A crime or misdemeanor shall consist in a violation of a public law, in the commission of which there shall be a union or joint operation of act and intention, or criminal negligence. Code Ga. 1852, § 4252 (Pen. Code 1910, § 31).

Synonyms

According to Blackstone, the word "crime" denotes such offenses as are of a deeper and more atrocious dye, while smaller faults and omissions of less consequence are called "misdemeanors." But the better use appears to be to make crime a term of broad and general import, including both felonies and misdemeanors, and hence covering all infractions of the criminal law. In this sense it is not a technical phrase, strictly speaking, (as "felony" and "misdemeanor" are,) but a convenient general term. In this sense, also, "offense" or "public offense" should be used as synonymous with it.

The distinction between a crime and a tort or civil injury is that the former is a breach and violation of the public right and of duties due to the whole community considered as such, and in its social and aggregate capacity; whereas the latter is an infringement or privation of the civil rights of individuals merely. Brown.

A crime, as opposed to a civil injury, is the violation of a right, considered in reference to the evil tendency of such violation, as regards the community at large. 4 Steph. Comm. 4.

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—Capital crime. See Capital, adj.

—Common-law crimes. Such crimes as are punishable by the force of the common law, as distinguished from crimes created by statute. Wilkins v. U. S., 96 F. 587, 37 C. C. A. 588; In re Greene (C. C.) 52 F. 111. These decisions (and many others) hold that there are no common-law crimes against the United States.

—Constructive crime. See Constructive.

—Continuous crime. One consisting of a continuous series of acts, which endures after the period of consummation, as, the offense of carrying concealed weapons. In the case of instantaneous crimes, the statute of limitations begins to run with the consummation, while in the case of continuous crimes it only begins with the cessation of the criminal conduct or act. U. S. v. Owen (D. C.) 32 F. 557.


—Crime against the other (husband or wife). As used in Comp. St. Okl. 1921, § 2699, providing that neither husband nor wife shall be a witness against the other except in a prosecution for a "crime committed against the other," the phrase denotes a public offense by husband or wife that is a direct violation of the rights of the other. Hunter v. State, 10 Okl. Cr. 119, 134 P. 1134, 1136, L. R. A. 1915A, 564, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 612. It does not make the wife a competent witness in a

—High crimes. High crimes and misdemeanors are such immoral and unlawful acts as are nearly allied and equal in guilt to felony, yet, owing to some technical circumstance, do not fall within the definition of "felony." State v. Knapp, 6 Conn. 417, 16 Am. Dec. 68. They are the more serious or aggravated misdemeanors; those more nearly allied and equal in guilt to felony, but which do not fall within its definition. Firmara v. Gardner, 96 Conn. 404, 85 A. 670, 672.

—Infamous crime. A crime which entails infamy upon one who has committed it. Butler v. Wentworth, 84 Me. 25, 24 Atl. 456, 17 La. R. A. 764. The term "infamous"—i. e., without fame or good report—was applied at common law to certain crimes, upon the conviction of which a person became incompetent to testify as a witness, upon the theory that a person would not commit so heinous a crime unless he was so depraved as to be unworthy of credit. These crimes are treason, felony, and the crimen falsi. Abbott. A crime punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or penitentiary, with or without hard labor, is an infamous crime, within the provision of the fifth amendment of the constitution that "no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury." Mackin v. U. S., 117 U. S. 348, 6 Sup. Ct. 777; 29 L. Ed. 909; Brede v. Powers, 269 U. S. 1, 44 S. Ct. 8, 68 L. Ed. 132; Ex parte Wilson, 114 U. S. 417, 418, 5 Sup. Ct. 935, 29 L. Ed. 59; U. S. v. Petit, 114 U. S. 429 note, 5 Sup. Ct. 1190, 29 L. Ed. 98. It is not the character of the crime but the nature of the punishment which renders the crime "infamous." Weeks v. United States (C. C. A.) 216 F. 299, 298, L. R. A. 1915B, 651, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 524. But see Drazen v. New Haven Taxicab Co., 95 Conn. 500, 111 A. 861, 864; Dutton v. State, 123 Md. 373, 91 A. 417, 419, Ann. Cas. 1916C, 89. Whether an offense is infamous depends on the punishment which may be imposed therefor, not on the punishment which was imposed. United States v. Moreland, 258 U. S. 433, 42 S. Ct. 365, 370, 66 L. Ed. 700; De Jianne v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 282 F. 737, 740; Le Clair v. White, 117 Me. 355, 104 A. 516, 517. Under the constitution of Rhode Island, a crime, to be "infamous," must come within the "crimen falsi," such as forgery, perjury, subornation of perjury, offenses affecting the public administration of justice, or such as would affect civil or political rights, disqualifying or rendering a person incompetent to be a witness or juror. State v. Bussey, 88 R. I. 454, 96 A. 357, 359. By the Revised Statutes of New York the term "infamous crime," when used in any statute, is directed to be construed as including every offense punishable with death or by imprisonment in a state prison, and no other. 2 Rev. St. (p. 702, § 31), p. 587, § 32.

—Quasi crimes. This term embraces all offenses not crimes or misdemeanors, but that in the nature of crimes—a class of offenses against the public which have not been declared crimes, but wrongs against the general or local public which it is proper should be repressed or punished by forfeitures and penalties. This would embrace all qui tam actions and forfeitures imposed for the neglect or violation of a public duty. A quasi crime would not embrace an indictable offense, whatever might be its grade, but simply forfeitures for a wrong done to the public, whether voluntary or involuntary, where a penalty is given, whether recoverable by criminal or civil process. Wiggins v. Chicago, 68 Ill. 375. Also, offenses for which some person other than the actual perpetrator is responsible, the perpetrator being presumed to act by command of the responsible party. Sometimes, injuries which have been unintentionally caused. Torts. McCaleb v. Fox Film Corporation (C. C. A.) 299 F. 48, 50.

—Statutory crimes. Those created by statutes, as distinguished from such as are known to, or cognizable by, the common law.

CRIMEN. Lat. Crime. Also an accusation or charge of crime.

—Crimen furti. The crime or offense of theft.

—Crimen incendii. The crime of burning, which included not only the modern crime of arson, but also the burning of a man, a beast, or other chattel. Britt. c. 9; Crabb, Eng. Law, 308.

—Crimen innominatum. The nameless crime; the crime against nature; sodomy or buggery.

—Crimen raptus. The crime of rape.

—Crimen roberiae. The offense of robbery.

—Flagrans crimen; Locus criminis; Particeps criminis. See those titles.

CRIMEN FALSII.

In the Civil Law

The crime of falsifying; which might be committed either by writing, as by the forgery of a will or other instrument; by words, as by bearing false witness, or perjury; and by acts, as by counterfeiting or adulterating the public money, dealing with false weights and measures, counterfeiting seals, and other fraudulent and deceitful practices. Dig. 48, 10; Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 12, mm. 56-59.

In Scotch Law

It has been defined: "A fraudulent imitation or suppression of truth, to the prejudice of another." Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 66.
At Common Law


In Modern Law

This phrase is not used as a designation of any specific crime, but as a general designation of a class of offenses, including all such as involve deceit or falsification; e. g., forgery, counterfeiting, using false weights or measures, perjury, etc.


Crimen falsi dictum, cum quis illicitum, eui non fuerit ad heo data autoritas, de sigillo regis, rapto vel invento, brevia, cartasve consignaverit. Flcta, lib. 1, c. 23. The crime of forgery is when any one illicitly, to whom power has not been given for such purposes, has signed writs or charters with the king's seal, either stolen or found.

CRIMEN LAESÆ MAJESTATIS. In criminal law. The crime of lese-majesty, or injuring majesty or royalty; high treason. The term was used by the older English law writers to denote any crime affecting the king's person or dignity.

It is borrowed from the civil law, in which it signified the undertaking of any enterprise against the emperor or the republic. Inst. 4, 18, 3.

Crimen leææ majestatis omnia alia crimin excedit quodam ponam. 3 Inst. 210. The crime of treason exceeds all other crimes in its punishment.


Crimen trahit personam. The crime carries the person, (i. e., the commission of a crime gives the courts of the place where it is committed jurisdiction over the person of the offender.) People v. Adams, 9 Denio (N. Y.) 190, 210, 45 Am. Dec. 468.

Crimina morte extinguatur. Crimes are extinguished by death.

CRIMINAL, n. One who has committed a criminal offense; one who has been legally

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CRIMINAL, adj. That which pertains to or is connected with the law of crimes, or the administration of penal justice, or which relates to or has the character of crime. Charleston v. Belle, 45 W. Va. 44, 30 S. E. 152; State v. Burton, 113 N. C. 655, 18 S. E. 567.

—Criminal act. A term which is equivalent to crime; or is sometimes used with a slight softening or glossing of the meaning, or as importing a possible question of the legal guilt of the deed.

—Criminal action. The proceeding by which a party charged with a public offense is accused and brought to trial and punishment is known as a "criminal action." Pen. Code Cal. § 633. A criminal action is (1) an action prosecuted by the state as a party, against a person charged with a public offense, for the punishment thereof; (2) an action prosecuted by the state, at the instance of an individual, to prevent an apprehended crime, against his person or property. Code N. C. § 120 (C. S. § 365). State v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 37 F. 497, 3 L. R. A. 554; Ames v. Kansas, 111 U. S. 449, 4 S. Ct. 437, 28 L. Ed. 482; State v. Costello, 61 Conn. 497, 23 A. 868.


—Criminal conversation. Adultery, considered in its aspect of a civil injury to the husband entitling him to damages; the tort of debauching or seducing of a wife. Often abbreviated to crim. con.

—Criminal information. A criminal suit brought, without interposition of a grand jury, by the proper officer of the king or state. Cole, Cr. Inf.; 4 Bla. Com. 398.

—Criminal intent. The intent to commit a crime; malice, as evidenced by a criminal

—Criminal law. That branch or division of law which treats of crimes and their punishments. In the plural—“criminal laws”—the term may denote the laws which define and prohibit the various species of crimes and establish their punishments. U. S. v. Reisinger, 128 U. S. 398, 9 S. Ct. 99, 32 L. Ed. 480; Washington v. Dowling, 92 Fla. 601, 109 So. 588, 591.

—Criminal law amendment act. This act was passed in 1871, (34 & 35 Vict. c. 32), to prevent and punish any violence, threats, or molestation, on the part either of master or workmen, in the various relations arising between them. 4 Steph. Comm. 241.

—Criminal law consolidation acts. The statutes 24 & 25 Vict. cc. 94–100, passed in 1861, for the consolidation of the criminal law of England and Ireland. 4 Steph. Comm. 267. These important statutes amount to a codification of the modern criminal law of England.

—Criminal letters. In Scotch law. A process used as the commencement of a criminal proceeding, in the nature of a summons issued by the lord advocate or his deputy. It resembles a criminal information at common law.


—Criminal procedure. The method pointed out by law for the apprehension, trial, or prosecution, and fixing the punishment, of those persons who have broken or violated, or are supposed to have broken or violated, the laws prescribed for the regulation of the conduct of the people of the community, and who have thereby laid themselves liable to fine or imprisonment or other punishment. 4 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 780.

—Criminal process. Process which issues to compel a person to answer for a crime or misdemeanor. Ward v. Lewis, 1 Stew. (Ala.) 27; Mowlan v. State, 197 Ind. 517, 151 N. E. 416, 417. Also process issued to aid in the detection or suppression of crime, such as search warrants—the primary purpose of the search being to obtain evidence for use in a criminal prosecution. Sugar Valley Land Co. v. Johnson, 17 Ala. App. 409, 86 So. 571, 574.

—Criminal prosecution. An action or proceeding instituted in a proper court on behalf of the public, for the purpose of securing the conviction and punishment of one accused of crime. Harger v. Thomas, 44 Pa. 128, 84 Am. Dec. 422; Ely v. Thompson, 3 A. K. Mareh. (Ky.) 70; Beck v. Forsee (Mo. App.) 199 S. W. 734, 735; Schneider v. Schlang, 159 App. Div. 355, 144 N. Y. S. 543, 544; Ex parte Pepper, 185 Ala. 284, 64 So. 112, 113; State v. District Court of Fifth Judicial Dist. in and for Madison County, 53 Mont. 350, 165 P. 294, 296.

As to criminal “Conspiracy,” “Contempt,” “Information,” “Jurisdiction,” “Libel,” “Negligence,” “Operation,” see those titles.

CRIMINAL. Lat. Criminally. This term is used, in distinction or opposition to the word “civiliter,” civilly, to distinguish a criminal liability or prosecution from a civil one.

CRIMINATE. To charge one with crime; to furnish ground for a criminal prosecution; to expose a person to a criminal charge. A witness cannot be compelled to answer any question which has a tendency to criminate him. Stewart v. Johnson, 18 N. J. Law, 87; Kendrick v. Comm., 78 Va. 490.

CRIMINOLOGY. The science which treats of crimes and their prevention and punishment.

CRIMP. One who decoys and plunders sailors under cover of harboring them. Wharton.

CRO. CROO. In old Scotch law. A weregild. A composition, satisfaction, or asystment for the slaughter of a man.

CROCIA. The croiser, or pastoral staff.

CROCARIUS. A cross-bearer, who went before the prelate. Wharton.

CROCKARDS, CROCARDs. A foreign coin of base metal, prohibited by statute 27 Edw. I. St. 3; from being brought into the realm. 4 Bl. Comm. 88; Crabb, Eng. Law, 176.

CROFT. A little close adjoining a dwelling-house, and inclosed for pasture and tillage or any particular use. Jacob. A small place fenced off in which to keep farm-cattle. Spelman. The word is now entirely obsolete.

CROISES. Pilgrims; so called as wearing the sign of the cross on their upper garments. Brit. c. 122. The knights of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, created for the defense of the pilgrims. Cowell; Blount.

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CROITEIR. A crofter; one holding a croft.

CROOKED. Deviating from rectitude or uprightness; not straightforward; dishonest; wrong; perverse. A "crook" is a dishonest person; one who is crooked in conduct; a tricky or underhand schemer; a thief or swindler. Villemin v. Brown, 193 App. Div. 777, 184 N. Y. S. 570, 571; Pandolfi v. Bank of Benson (C. C. A.) 273 F. 48, 51.

CROP. The products of the harvest; emblements. Insurance Co. v. Dehaven (Pa.) 5 A. 65; Goodrich v. Stevens, 5 Lams. (N. Y.) 220; Verbeck v. Peters, 170 Iowa, 610, 153 N. W. 215, 216. Such products of the soil as are annually planted, severed, and saved by manual labor, as cereals, vegetables, grass maturing for harvest or harvested, etc., but not grass on lands used for pasturage. Moore v. Hope Natural Gas Co., 76 W. Va. 649, 86 S. E. 595, 597; Ex parte Gray, 204 Ala. 328, 86 So. 96, 97.

In a broader sense, any product of the soil. Ellis, McKinnon & Brown v. Hopps, 20 Ga. App. 453, 118 S. E. 553; Buchanan v. Jencks, 38 R. I. 445, 96 A. 307, 309, 2 A. L. R. 896. The term may therefore apply not only to fructus industriales, otherwise known as emblements, but also to fructus naturales, or crops that are produced by the powers of nature alone. 17 C. J. 380, §§ 2, 3.

CROPPER. One who, having no interest in the land, works it in consideration of receiving a portion of the crop for his labor. Fry v. Jones, 2 Rawle (Pa.) 11; Wood v. Garrison (Ky.) 62 S. W. 725; Maltbie v. Olds, 88 Conn. 633, 92 A. 405, 405; Sayles v. Wilson, 31 Wyo. 55, 222 P. 1020, 1026; Davis v. State, 84 Tex. Cr. R. 232, 206 S. W. 690.

The difference between a tenant and a cropper is: A tenant has an estate in the land for the term, and, consequently, he has a right of property in the crops. Until division, the right of property and of possession in the whole is the tenant's. A cropper has no estate in the land; and, although he has in some sense the possession of the crop, it is the possession of a servant only, and is, in law, that of the landlord, who must divide off to the cropper his share. Harrison v. Ricks, 71 N. C. 7; O'Brien v. Webb, (D. C.) 279 F. 117, 120; Cook-Reynolds Co. v. Wilson, 67 Mont. 147, 214 P. 1194, 1195; Comar Oil Co. v. Richter, 127 Okl. 163, 90 P. 60, 66; Pearson v. Lafferty, 137 Mo. App. 123, 33 S. W. 40, 42; Cry v. J. W. Bass Hardware (Tex. Civ. App.) 273 S. W. 347, 350; Halsell v. First Nat. Bank, 109 Okl. 223, 235 P. 532, 533. But a tenant may pay rent in products of soil. Souter v. Crary, 29 Ga. App. 557, 116 S. E. 231; Kester v. Amon, 81 Mont. 1, 261 P. 288, 292; Harrelson v. Miller & Lux, 182 Cal. 408, 188 P. 800, 801; Dudley v. Lowell, 201 Cal. 376, 257 P. 57, 58.

CROSS. A mark made by persons who are unable to write, to stand instead of a signature.

A mark usually in the form of an X, by which voters are commonly required to express their selection. There are four principal forms of the cross: The St. Andrew's cross, which is made in the form of an X; the Latin cross, †, as used in the crucifixion; St. Anthony's cross, which is made in the form of a T; and the Greek cross, ‡, which is made by the intersection at right angles of lines at their center point. Hunt v. Campbell, 10 Ariz. 254, 169 P. 586, 610.

As an adjective, the word is applied to various demands and proceedings which are connected in subject-matter, but opposite or contradictory in purpose or object.

—Cross-action. An action brought by one who is defendant in a suit against the party who is plaintiff in such suit, upon a cause of action growing out of the same transaction which is there in controversy, whether it be a contract or tort.

—Cross-demand. Where a person against whom a demand is made by another, in his turn makes a demand against that other, these mutual demands are called "cross-demands." A set-off is a familiar example. Musselman v. Gallagher, 32 Iowa, 383.

—Cross-errors. Errors being assigned by the respondent in a writ of error, the errors assigned on both sides are called "cross-errors."

—Cross-lay. The winding of the outer strands of a rope in a reverse direction to the inner strands, the "lay" of a strand of rope being the length of rope within which such strand makes one complete turn. Macomber & Whyte Rope Co. v. Hazard Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 211 P. 976, 977.

—Cross-sale. Where a floor broker, holding orders from different customers to buy and sell on the same terms, cries out the transaction and makes the sale and purchase to himself at the price shown by the last sale shown on the exchange, the transaction is called a "cross-sale or trade," and is illegal under rules of exchange, requiring two brokers to every purchase or sale. Cohen v. Rothschild, 169 N. Y. S. 659, 664, 182 App. Div. 408.


CROSSED CHECK. See Check.

CROSSING. A portion of a street over which pedestrians may lawfully cross from one side to the other. Under Laws N. J. 1915 (P. L. p. 285) § 1, defining crossings to be all duly indicated crossings, marked by pavement or otherwise, at intersection of streets, the most direct route across the street from curb to curb is a "crossing," where no paved crossing is there necessary. Ferris v. McArdle, 92 N. J. Law, 590, 106 A. 460, 461.

With reference to railroads, that portion
of the right of way covered by intersection with a highway. International-Great Northern R. Co. v. Mallard (Tex. Civ. App.) 262 S. W. 798, 791. In a broader sense, the term includes embankments constructed as necessary approaches to a railroad track, St. Louis, I. M. & S. Ry. Co. v. Smith, 118 Ark. 72, 175 S. W. 415, 416, and approaches or embankments reasonably necessary to enable crossings or bridges to be used, Payne v. Stockton, 147 Ark. 398, 229 S. W. 44, 47.

CROWD. "Crowd" is indefinite, since difference in time and place may shape its meaning, but there is always implied in the word numbers with reference to the hour and location. People, on Complaint of Liloff, v. Phillips, 245 N. Y. 401, 157 N. E. 508, 509.

CROWN. The sovereign power in a monarchy, especially in relation to the punishment of crimes. "Felony is an offense of the crown." Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 16.

An ornamental badge of regal power worn on the head by sovereign princes. The word is frequently used when speaking of the sovereign himself, or the rights, duties, and prerogatives belonging to him. Also a silver coin of the value of five shillings. Wharton.

The facings and backings made to be sold to dentists to be set by them with appropriate fastenings in the jaws of their patients, when so in place are commonly called "crows" or "artificial crows." S. S. White Dental Mfg. Co. v. Dental Co. of America (D. C.) 263 F. 719, 720.

CROWN CASES. In English law. Criminal prosecutions on behalf of the crown, as representing the public; causes in the criminal courts.

CROWN CASES RESERVED. In English law. Questions of law arising in criminal trials at the assizes, (otherwise than by way of demurrer,) and not decided there, but reserved for the consideration of the court of criminal appeal.

CROWN COURT. In English law. The court in which the crown cases, or criminal business, of the assizes is transacted.

CROWN DEBTS. In English law. Debts due to the crown, which are put, by various statutes, upon a different footing from those due to a subject.

CROWN LANDS. The demesne lands of the crown.

CROWN LAW. Criminal law in England is sometimes so termed, the crown being always the prosecutor in criminal proceedings. 4 Bl. Comm. 2.

CROWN OFFICE. The criminal side of the court of king's bench. The king's attorney in this court is called "master of the crown office." 4 Bl. Comm. 308.

CROWN OFFICE IN CHANCERY. One of the offices of the English high court of chancery, now transferred to the high court of justice. The principal official, the clerk of the crown, is an officer of parliament, and of the lord chancellor, in his nonjudicial capacity, rather than an officer of the courts of law.

CROWN PAPER. A paper containing the list of criminal cases, which await the hearing or decision of the court, and particularly of the court of king's bench; and it then includes all cases arising from informations quo warranto, criminal informations, criminal cases brought up from inferior courts by writ of certiorari, and cases from the sessions. Brown.

CROWN SIDE. The criminal department of the court of king's bench; the civil department or branch being called the "plea side." 4 Bl. Comm. 235.

CROWN SOLICITOR. In England, the solicitor to the treasury acts, in state prosecutions, as solicitor for the crown in preparing the prosecution. In Ireland there are officers called "crown solicitors" attached to each circuit, whose duty it is to get up every case for the crown in criminal prosecutions. They are paid by salaries. There is no such system in England, where prosecutions are conducted by solicitors appointed by the parish, or other persons bound over to prosecute by the magistrates on each committal; but in Scotland the still better plan exists of a crown prosecutor (called the "procurator-fiscal," and being a subordinate of the lord-advocate) in every county, who prepares every criminal prosecution. Wharton.


CRUCE SIGNATI. In old English law. Signed or marked with a cross. Pilgrims to the holy land, or crusaders; so called because they wore the sign of the cross upon their garments. Spelman.


CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. See Punishment.

CRUELTY. The intentional and malicious infliction of physical suffering upon living creatures, particularly human beings; or,
as applied to the latter, the wanton, malicious, and unnecessary infliction of pain upon the body, or the feelings and emotions; abusive treatment; inhumanity; outrage. Jacobs v. Jacobs, 95 Conn. 67, 110 A. 456, 458.


As between husband and wife. Those acts which affect the life, the health, or even the comfort, of the party aggrieved and give a reasonable apprehension of bodily hurt, are called "cruelty." What merely wounds the feelings is seldom admitted to be cruelty, unless the act be accompanied with bodily injury, either actual or menaced. Mere austerity of temper, petulance of manners, rudeness of language, a want of civil attention and accommodation, even occasional sallies of passion, will not amount to legal cruelty; a fortiori, the denial of little indulgences and particular accommodations, which the delicacy of the world is apt to number among its necessaries, is not cruelty. The negative descriptions of cruelty are perhaps the best, under the infinite variety of cases that may occur, by showing what is not cruelty. Evans v. Evans, 1 Hagg. Const. 58; Westminster v. Westminster, 4 Eng. Eng. 233, 311, 332.

Cruelty includes both willfulness and malicious temper of mind with which an act is done, as well as a high degree of pain inflicted. Acts merely accidental, though they inflict great pain, are not "cruel," in the sense of the word as used in statutes against cruelty. Comm. v. McLellan, 161 Mass. 36.

—Cruelty to animals. The infliction of physical pain, suffering, or death upon an animal, when not necessary for purposes of training or discipline or (in the case of death) to procure food or to release the animal from incurable suffering, but done wantonly, for mere sport, for the indulgence of a cruel and vindictive temper, or with reckless indifference to its pain. Com. v. Luffkin, 7 Allen (Mass.) 581; State v. Avery, 44 N. H. 392; Paley v. Bergh, 1 City Ct. R. (N. Y.) 160; State v. Porter, 112 N. C. 887, 18 S. E. 915; State v. Bosworth, 54 Conn. 1, 4 A. 248; McKinnon v. State, 81 Ga. 164, 9 S. E. 1091; Waters v. People, 23 Colo. 33, 46 P. 112, 33 L. R. A. 856, 58 Am. St. Rep. 215.

—Legal cruelty. Such as will warrant the granting of a divorce to the injured party; as distinguished from such kinds or degrees of cruelty as do not, under the statutes and decisions, amount to sufficient cause for a decree. Legal cruelty may be defined to be such conduct on the part of the husband as will endanger the life, limb, or health of the wife, or create a reasonable apprehension of bodily hurt; such acts as render cohabitation unsafe, or are likely to be attended with injury to the person or to the health of the wife; Odom v. Odom, 36 Ga. 286; the willful infliction of pain, bodily or mental, upon the complaining party, such as reasonably justified the apprehension of danger to life, limb, or health; Skelie v. Skelle, 152 Ga. 707, 111 S. E. 22, 24. If acts of violence are not of frequent repetition, they must endanger life, limb, or health to constitute "cruelty." McKane v. McKane, 152 Md. 515, 137 A. 288, 289. To constitute "cruelty" within the divorce law, where there is no personal violence, the misconduct must be such as will impair the health or create a reasonable apprehension of bodily harm. Humber v. Humber, 109 Miss. 216, 68 So. 161, 163. The term is broad enough to include outrages upon the feelings inflicting mental pain and anguish, where the conduct has been studied, willful, and deliberate. McNabb v. McNabb (Tex. Civ. App.) 207 S. W. 129, 130. See, also, as to "extreme cruelty" as a ground for divorce, Finnell v. Finnell, 113 Okl. 164, 240 P. 62, 63; Morrison v. Morrison, 38 Idaho, 45, 221 P. 166, 168; Kellogg v. Kellogg, 88 Fla. 261, 111 So. 687, 693; Pearson v. Pearson, 230 N. Y. 141, 129 N. E. 349, 350; McCue v. McCue, 191 Mich. 1, 157 N. W. 399, 371; Caviezel v. Caviezel, 94 N. J. Eq. 160, 119 A. 101, 103; Peckham v. Peckham, 111 Neb. 340, 196 N. W. 628, 639; Civ. Code Calif. § 94; Mallof v. Mallof, 175 Calif. 571, 169 P. 330, 331.

CRUISE. A voyage undertaken for a given purpose; a voyage for the purpose of making captures jure belli. The Brutus, 2 Gall. 526, Fed. Cas. No. 2,090.

A voyage or expedition in quest of vessels or fleets of the enemy which may be expected to sail in any particular track at a certain season of the year. The region in which these cruises are performed is usually termed the "rendezvous," or "cruising latitude." Bouvier.

Imports a definite place, as well as a time of commencement and termination, unless such construction is repelled by the context. When not otherwise specially agreed, a cruise begins and ends in the country to which a ship belongs, and from which she derives her commission. The Brutus, 2 Gall. 526, Fed. Cas. No. 2,090.

A report of a timber surveyor showing the character and amount of timber in a stand. Jones v. United States (C. C. A.) 265 F. 255, 289.
CRUSH. To break by means of pressure. Yagunchok v. Rutledge, 219 Mich. 82, 188 N. W. 412, 413.

CRY. To call out aloud; to proclaim; to publish; to sell at auction. "To cry a tract of land." Carr v. Gooch, 1 Wash. (Va.) 335, 260.

A clamor raised in the pursuit of an escaping felon. 4 Bl. Comm. 293. See Hue and Cry.

CRY DE PAIS, or CRI DE PAIS. The hue and cry raised by the people in ancient times, where a felony had been committed and the constable was absent.

CRYER. An auctioneer. Carr v. Gooch, 1 Wash. (Va.) 337, 262. One who calls out aloud; one who publishes or proclaims. See Crier.

CRYPTA. A chapel or oratory underground, or under a church or cathedral. Du Cange.

CUCKING-STOOL. An engine of correction for common scolds, which in the Saxon language is said to signify the scolding-stool, though now it is frequently corrupted into ducking-stool, because the judgment was that, when the woman was placed therein, she should be plunged in the water for her punishment. It was also variously called a "trebuckt," "tumbrel," or "castigatory." 3 Inst. 219; 4 Bl. Comm. 169; Brown. James v. Comm., 12 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 220.

CUCKOLD. A man whose wife is unfaithful; the husband of an adulteress. It is explained that the word alludes to the habit of the female cuckold, which lays her eggs in the nests of other birds to be hatched by them. To make a cuckold of a man is to seduce his wife. Hall v. Huffman, 159 Ky. 72, 166 S. W. 770.

CUEILLETTRE. A term of French maritime law. See A Cueillette.

CUI ANTE DIVORTIUM (L. Lat. The full phrase was, Cui ipsa ante divorciun contra dicere non potuit, whom she before the divorce could not gainsay). A writ which anciently lay in favor of a woman who had been divorced from her husband, to recover lands and tenements which she had in fee-simple, fee-tail, or for life, from him to whom her husband had aliened them during marriage, when she could not gainsay it; Fitzh. N. B. 240; 3 Bla. Com. 183, n.; Stearns, Real Act. 113; Booth, Real Act. 188. Abolished in 1833.

CUI BONO. For whose good; for whose use or benefit. "Cui bono is ever of great weight in all agreements." Parker, C. J., 10 Mod. 135. Sometimes translated, for what good, for what useful purpose.

Cuique alius quid concedat concedere vide tur et id, sine que res ipsa esse non potuit. Whoever grants anything to another is supposed to grant that also without which the thing itself would be of no effect. 11 Co. 52; Broom, Max. 479; Hob. 234; Vaughan, 109; 11 Exch. 775; Shep. Touch. 89; Co. Litt. 56 a.

CUI IN VITA (L. Lat. The full phrase was, Cui in vita sua ipsa contradicere non potuit, whom in his lifetime she could not gainsay). A writ of entry which lay for a widow against a person to whom her husband had in his lifetime aliened her lands. Fitzh. N. B. 138. It was a method of establishing the fact of death, being a trial with witnesses, but without a jury. The object of the writ was to avoid a judgment obtained against the husband by confession or default. It is obsolete in England by force of 32 Hen. VIII. c. 28, § 6. See 6 Co. 8, 9. As to its use in Pennsylvania, see 3 Bin. Appx.; Rep. Comm. on Penn. Civ. Code, 1835, 90. Abolished in England, 1833. Blackstone is said to have shown little knowledge of its history; Thayer, Evidence.

Cui jurisdictio data est, ea quoque concessa esse videntur, sine quibus jurisdictio expirare non potest. To whomsoever a jurisdiction is given, those things also are supposed to be granted, without which the jurisdiction cannot be exercised. Dig. 2, 1, 2. The grant of jurisdiction implies the grant of all powers necessary to its exercise. 1 Kent, Comm. 339.

Cui jus est donandi, idem et vendendi et concedendi jus est. He who has the right of giving has also the right of selling and granting. Dig. 50, 17, 103.

Cullibet in arte sua perito est erudendum. Any person skilled in his peculiar art or profession is to be believed, [i. e., when he speaks of matters connected with such art.] Co. Litt. 125a. Credence should be given to one skilled in his peculiar profession. Broom. Max. 992; 1 Bla. Com. 75; Phill. Ev. Cowen & H. notes, 738; 1 Hagg. Ecc. 727; 11 Cl. & F. 85.

Cullibet licet juri pro se introducto renunciare. Any one may waive or renounce the benefit of a principle or rule of law that exists only for his protection.

Cui licet quod majus, non debet quod minus est non licere. He who is allowed to do the greater ought not to be prohibited from doing the less. He who has authority to do the more important act ought not to be debarred from doing what is of less importance. 4 Coke, 23.

Cui pater est populus non habet ille patrem. He to whom the people is father has not a father. Co. Litt. 123.

Cuique in sua arte erudendum est. Every one is to be believed in his own art. Dickinson v. Barber, 9 Mass. 227, 6 Am. Dec. 58.

Cujus est commodum ejus debet esse incommodum. Whose is the advantage, his also should be the disadvantage.
Cujus est dare, ejus est disponere. Wing. Max. 55. Whose it is to give, his it is to dispose; or, as Broom says, "the bestower of a gift has a right to regulate its disposal." Broom, Max. 459, 461, 463, 464.

Cujus est divisio, alterius est electio. Whichever [of two parties] has the division, [of an estate,] the choice [of the shares] is the other's. Co. Litt. 166b. In partition between co-partners, where the division is made by the eldest, the rule in English law is that she shall choose her share last. Id.; 2 Bl. Comm. 159; 1 Steph. Comm. 323.

Cujus est dominium ejus est periculum. The risk lies upon the owner of the subject. Truy. Lat. Max. 114.

Cujus est instituere, ejus est abrogare. Whose right it is to institute, his right it is to abrogate. Broom, Max. 578, note.

Cujus est solum ejus est usque ad column. Whose is the soil, his is it up to the sky. Co. Litt. 4a. He who owns the soil, or surface of the ground, owns, or has an exclusive right to, everything which is upon or above it to an indefinite height. 9 Coke, 54; Shep. Touch. 90; 2 Bl. Comm. 18; 3 Bl. Comm. 217; Broom, Max. 395.

Cujus est solum, ejus est usque ad columna et ad inferos. To whomsoever the soil belongs, he owns also to the sky and to the depths. The owner of a piece of land owns everything above and below it to an indefinite extent. Co. Litt. 4.

Cujus juris (i.e., jurisdictionis) est principale, ejusdem juris erit accessorium. 2 Inst. 493. An accessory matter is subject to the same jurisdiction as its principal.

Cujus per errorem dati repetitio est, ejus consulto dati donatio est. He who gives a thing by mistake has a right to recover it back; but, if he gives designedly, it is a gift. Dig. 50, 17, 53.

Cujusque rei potissima pars est principium. The chiefest part of everything is the beginning. Dig. 1, 2, 1; 10 Coke, 49a.

CUL DE SAC. (Fr. the bottom of a sack.) A blind alley; a street which is open at one end only. Bartlett v. Bangor, 67 Me. 407; Perrin v. Railroad Co., 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 65; Talbott v. Railroad Co., 31 Grat. (Va.) 691; Hickok v. Plattsburg, 41 Barb. (N. Y.) 135.

CULAGIUM. In old records. The laying up a ship in a dock, in order to be repaired. Cowell; Blount.

CULPA. Lat. A term of the civil law, meaning fault, neglect, or negligence. There are three degrees of culpa,—lata culpa, gross fault or neglect; levis culpa, ordinary fault or neglect; levisissima culpa, slight fault or neglect,—and the definitions of these degrees are precisely the same as those in our law. Story, Bailm. § 18. This term is to be distinguished from dolus, which means fraud, guile, or deceit.

Culpa carot qui seit sed prohibere non potest. He is clear of blame who knows, but cannot prevent. Dig. 50, 17, 50.

Culpa est immiscere se ad se non pertinenti. 2 Inst. 208. It is a fault for any one to meddle in a matter not pertaining to him.

Culpa lata dolo equiparatur. Gross negligence is held equivalent to intentional wrong.

Culpa tenet [tenet] suos auxores. Misconduct binds [should bind] its own authors. It is a never-failing axiom that every one is accountable only for his own delicts. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 14.


CULPABLE. Blamable; censurable; involving the breach of a legal duty or the commission of a fault. The term is not necessarily equivalent to "criminal," for, in present use, and notwithstanding its derivation, it implies that the act or conduct spoken of is reprehensible or wrong but not that it involves malice or a guilty purpose. "Culpable" in fact connotes fault rather than guilt. Railway Co. v. Clayberg, 107 Ill. 631; Bank v. Wright, 8 Allen (Mass.) 121.

As to culpable "Homicide," "Neglect," and "Negligence," see those titles.

Culpae poena par esto. Poena ad mensuram delicti statuenda est. Let the punishment be proportioned to the crime. Punishment is to be measured by the extent of the offense.

CULPRIT. A person who is indicted for a criminal offense, but not yet convicted. It is not, however, a technical term of the law; and in its vernacular usage it seems to imply only a light degree of censure or moral reprobation.

Blackstone believes it an abbreviation of the old forms of arraignment, whereby, on the prisoner's pleading not guilty, the clerk would respond, "culpabilis, prit." i.e., he is guilty and the crown is ready. It was (he says) the e vis voc replication, by the clerk, on behalf of the crown, to the prisoner's plea of non culpabilis; prit being a technical word, anciently in use in the formula of joining issue. 4 Bl. Comm. 339.

But a more plausible explanation is that given by Donaldson, (cited Whart. Lex.) as follows: The clerk asks the prisoner, "Are you guilty, or not guilty?" Prisoner "Not guilty." Clerk, "Qu'il paroit, [may it prove so.] How will you be tried?" Prisoner, "By
God and my country." These words being hurried over, came to sound, "culprit, how will you be tried?" The ordinary derivation is from culpa.

CULRACH. In old Scotch law. A species of pledge or cautioner, (Scottice back borgh,) used in cases of the reprieve of persons from one man's court to another's. Skene.

CULTIVATED. A field on which a crop of wheat is growing is a cultivated field, although not a stroke of labor may have been done in it since the seed was put in the ground, and it is a cultivated field after the crop is removed. It is, strictly, a cultivated piece of ground. State v. Allen, 35 N. C. 36; Combs v. Rockingham County Com'rs, 170 N. C. 87, 86 S. E. 963, 964; Angus Cattle Co. v. McLeod, 98 Neb. 108, 152 N. W. 322, 323; Horsely v. State, 16 Ga. App. 136, 54 S. E. 600, 601.

CULTIVATOR. A cropper, which see. Pearson v. Lafferty, 197 Mo. App. 123, 193 S. W. 40, 41.

CULTURA. A parcel of arable land. Blount.

CULVERTAGE. In old English law. A base kind of slavery. The confiscation or forfeiture which takes place when a lord seizes his tenant's estate. Blount; Du Cange.

Cum actio fuerit mere criminalis, institui poterit ab initio criminaliter vel civiliter. When an action is merely criminal, it can be instituted from the beginning either criminally or civilly. Bract. 102.

Cum adsunt testimonia rerum, quid opus est verbis? When the proofs of facts are present, what need is there of words? 2 Bulst. 53.

Cum aliquis renunciaverit societati, solvit societas. When any partner renounces the partnership, the partnership is dissolved. Tray. Lat. Max. 118.

Cum confessente sponte millius est agendum. 4 Inst. 66. One confessing willingly should be dealt with more leniently.

CUM COPULA. Lat. With copulation, i. e., sexual intercourse. Used in speaking of the validity of a marriage contracted "per verba de futuro cum copula," that is, with words referring to the future (a future intention to have the marriage solemnized) and consummated by sexual connection.

Cum de lucro duorum queritur, melior est causa possidentis. When the question is as to the gain of two persons, the cause of him who is in possession is the better. Dig. 50, 17, 128.

Cum duo inter se pugnantia reperiantur in testamento, ultimum ratum est. Where two things repugnant to each other are found in a will, the last shall stand. Co. Litt. 112 b; Shep. Touch. 451; Broom, Max. 583.

Cum duo jura concurrunt in una persona sequum est ac si essent in duobus. When two rights meet in one person, it is the same as if they were in two persons.

CUM GRANO SALIS. (With a grain of salt.) With allowance for exaggeration.

Cum in corpore dissentitur, apparat nullam esse acceptionem. When there is a disagreement in the substance, it appears that there is no acceptance. Gardner v. Lane, 12 Allen (Mass.) 44.

Cum in testamento ambiguo aut etiam perperam scripsit est beneigne interpretari et secundum id quod credibile est cogitatum oredendum est. Dig. 34, 5, 24. Where an ambiguous, or even an erroneous, expression occurs in a will, it should be construed liberally, and in accordance with the testator's probable meaning. Broom, Max. 598.

Cum legitima nuptiae facta sunt, patrem liber sequuntur. Children born under a legitimate marriage follow the condition of the father.

CUM ONERE. With the burden; subject to an incumbrance or charge. What is taken cum onere subject to an existing burden or charge.

Cum par delictum est duorum, semper oneratur pellitor et melior habetur possessoris causa. Dig. 50, 17, 154. When both parties are in fault the plaintiff must always fail, and the cause of the person in possession be preferred.

CUM PERA ET LOCULO. With satchel and purse. A phrase in old Scotch law.

CUM PERTINENSITIS. With the appurtenances. Bract. fol. 73 b.

CUM PRIVILEGIO. The expression of the monopoly of Oxford, Cambridge, and the royal printers to publish the Bible.

Cum quo d ago non valet ut ago, valeat quantum valere potest. 4 Kent, Comm. 493. When that which I do is of no effect as I do it, it shall have as much effect as it can; i. e., in some other way.

CUM TESTAMENTO ANNEXO. L. Lat. With the will annexed. A term applied to administration granted where a testator makes an incomplete will, without naming any executor, or where he names incapable persons, or where the executors named refuse to act. If the executor has died, an administrator de bonis non cum testamento annexo (of the goods not [already] administered upon with the will annexed) is appointed. Often abbreviated d. b. n. c. t. a. 2 Bl. Comm. 503, 504.

CUMULATIVE. Additional; heaping up; increasing; forming an aggregate. The word signifies that two things are to be added to-
getter, instead of one being a repetition or in substitution of the other. People v. Superior Court, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 288; Regina v. Eastern Archipelago Co., 18 Eng. Law & Eq. 183.

Cumulative dividend. See Stock.

Cumulative offense. One which can be committed only by a repetition of acts of the same kind but committed on different days. The offense of being a "common seller" of intoxicating liquors is an example. Wells v. Com., 12 Gray (Mass.) 325.

Cumulative punishment. An increased punishment inflicted for a second or third conviction of the same offense, under the statutes relating to habitual criminals. State v. Hambly, 126 N. C. 1066, 35 S. E. 614. To be distinguished from a "cumulative sentence," as to which see Sentence.


Cumulative voting. A system of voting, by which the elector, having a number of votes equal to the number of officers to be chosen, is allowed to concentrate the whole number of his votes upon one person, or to distribute them as he may see fit. For example, if ten directors of a corporation are to be elected, then, under this system, the voter may cast ten votes for one person, or five votes for each of two persons, etc. It is intended to secure representation of a minority. State v. Stockley, 45 Ohio St. 304, 13 N. E. 279; Bridgers v. Staton, 150 N. C. 218, 63 S. E. 892; Chicago Macaroni Mfg. Co. v. Boggiano, 202 Ill. 312, 67 N. E. 17; Attorney General v. McVicke, 138 Mich. 387, 101 N. W. 552.

As to cumulative "Evidence," "Legacies," and "Sentences," see those titles.

Cunades. In Spanish law. Affinity; alliance; relation by marriage. Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 6, 1, 5.


Cuney-Cuney. In old English law. A kind of trial, as appears from Bract. lib. 4, tract 3, ca. 18, and tract 4, ca. 2, where it seems to mean, one by the ordinary jury.

Cur. A common abbreviation of curia.

Cura. Lat. Care; charge; oversight; guardianship.

In the Civil Law

A species of guardianship which commenced at the age of puberty (when the guardianship called "tutela" expired,) and continued to the completion of the twenty-fifth year. Inst. 1, 23, pr.; Id. 1, 25, pr.; Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 1, c. 9.

Curagulos. One who takes care of a thing.

Curate. In ecclesiastical law. Properly, an incumbent who has the cure of souls, but now generally restricted to signify the spiritual assistant of a rector or vicar in his cure. An officiating temporary minister in the English church, who represents the proper incumbent; being regularly employed either to serve in his absence or as his assistant, as the case may be. 1 Bl. Comm. 303; 2 Steph. Comm. 88; Brande.

Perpetual Curacy

The office of a curate in a parish where there is no spiritual rector or vicar, but where a clerk (curate) is appointed to officiate there by the impropiator. 2 Burn. Ecc. Law, 55. The church or benefice filled by a curate under these circumstances is also so called.

Curateur. In French law. A person charged with supervising the administration of the affairs of an emancipated minor, of giving him advice, and assisting him in the important acts of such administration. Duverger.

Curatio. In the civil law. The power or duty of managing the property of him who, either on account of infancy or some defect of mind or body, cannot manage his own affairs. The duty of a curator or guardian. Calvin.

Curative. Intended to cure (that is, to obviate the ordinary legal effects or consequences of) defects, errors, omissions, or irregularities. Applied particularly to statutes, a "curative act" being a retrospective law passed in order to validate legal proceedings, the acts of public officers, or private deeds or contracts, which would otherwise be void for defects or irregularities or for want of conformity to existing legal requirements. Meigs v. Roberts, 162 N. Y. 371, 66 N. E. 883, 76 Am. St. Rep. 322.

Curator. In The Civil Law

A person who is appointed to take care of anything for another. A guardian. One appointed to take care of the estate of a minor above a certain age, a lunatic, a spendthrift, or other person not regarded by the law as competent to administer it for himself. The title was also applied to a variety of public officers in Roman administrative law. Sproule v. Davies, 69 App. Div. 502, 75 N. Y. S. 229; Le Blanc v. Jackson (Tex. Clv. App.), 161 S. W. 60, 66.
In Scotch Law

The term means a guardian.

In Louisiana

A person appointed to take care of the estate of an absentee. Civil Code La. art. 50.

In Missouri

The term "curator" has been adopted from the civil law, and it is applied to the guardian of the estate of the ward as distinguished from the guardian of his person. Duncan v. Crook, 49 Mo. 117.

In General

—Curator ad hoc. In the civil law. A guardian for this purpose; a special guardian.

—Curator ad litem. Guardian for the suit. In English law, the corresponding phrase is "guardian ad litem."

—Curator bonis. In the civil law. A guardian or trustee appointed to take care of property in certain cases; as for the benefit of creditors. Dig. 42, 7. In Scotch law. The term is applied to guardians for minors, lunatics, etc.

—Curatores viarum. Surveyors of the highways.

CURATORSHIP. The office of a curator. Curatorship differs from tutorship, (q. v.) in this; that the latter is instituted for the protection of property in the first place, and, secondly, of the person; while the former is intended to protect, first, the person, and secondly, the property. 1 Lec. El. Dr. Civ. Rom. 241.

CURATRIX. A woman who has been appointed to the office of curator; a female guardian. Cross v. Curatrix v. Cross' Legatees, 4 Grat. (Va.) 237.

Curatus non habet titulum. A curate has no title, [to tithes.] 3 Bulst. 310.

CURE. The act of healing; restoration to health from disease, or to soundness after injury. State v. Gibson, 189 Iowa, 177, 201 N. W. 590; Fort Worth & D. C. Ry. Co. v. Wininger (Tex. Civ. App.) 159 S. W. 851, 855. Within the rule that a seaman is entitled to maintenance and "cure" at expense of vessel or owner if he falls sick or is wounded in the service of the ship, the term means proper care and ordinary medical assistance and treatment in case of injury or acute disease, for a reasonable time, and not a positive cure nor extraordinary treatment. The Bouker No. 2 (C. C. A.) 241 F. 831, 835; The Poche set (C. C. A.) 295 F. 6, 9.

CURE BY VERDICT. The rectification or rendering nugatory of a defect in the pleadings by the rendition of a verdict; the court will presume, after a verdict, that the particular thing omitted or defectively stated in the pleadings was duly proved at the trial. State v. Keena, 69 Conn. 329, 28 A. 522; Alford v. Baker, 53 Ind. 270; Treanor v. Houghton, 103 Cal. 53, 66 P. 1081.

CURE OF SOULS. In ecclesiastical law. The ecclesiastical or spiritual charge of a parish, including the usual and regular duties of a minister in charge. State v. Bray, 35 N. C. 290.

CURFEW. An institution supposed to have been introduced into England by order of William the Conqueror, which consisted in the ringing of a bell or bells at eight o'clock at night, at which signal the people were required to extinguish all lights in their dwellings, and to put out or ruke up their fires, and retire to rest, and all companies to disperse. The word is probably derived from the French couvre feu, to cover the fire. The curfew is spoken of in 1 Social England 373, as having been ordained by William I. in order to prevent nightly gatherings of the people of England. But the custom is evidently older than the Norman; for we find an order of King Alfred that the inhabitants of Oxford should at the ringing of that bell cover up their fires and go to bed. And there is evidence that the same practice prevailed at this period in France, Normandy, Spain, and probably in most of the other countries of Europe. Henry, Hist. of Britain, vol. 3, 507. It was doubtless intended as a precaution against fires, which were very frequent and destructive when most houses were built of wood. It appears to have met with so much opposition that in 1106 we find Henry I. repealing the enactment of his father on the subject; and Blackstone says that, though it is mentioned a century afterwards, it is rather spoken of as a time of night than as a still subsisting custom. Shakespeare frequently refers to it in the same sense.

CURIA. In Old European Law

A court. The palace, household, or retinue of a sovereign. A judicial tribunal or court held in the sovereign's palace. A court of justice. The civil power, as distinguished from the ecclesiastical. A manor; a nobleman's house; the hall of a manor. A piece of ground attached to a house; a yard or court-yard. Spelman. A lord's court held in his manor. The tenants who did suit and service at the lord's court. A manse. Cowell.

In Roman Law

A division of the Roman people, said to have been made by Romulus. They were divided into three tribes, and each tribe into ten curiae, making thirty curiae in all. Spelman.

The place or building in which each curia assembled to offer sacred rites.

The place of meeting of the Roman senate; the senate house.
The senate house of a province; the place where the decuriones assembled. Cod. 10, 31, 2. See Decurie.

In General
-Curia admirabilitatis. The court of admiralty.
-Curia Christianitatis. The ecclesiastical court.
-Curia comitatus. The county court (q. v.).
-Curia cursus aqua. A court held by the lord of the manor of Gravesend for the better management of barges and boats plying on the river Thames between Gravesend and Windsor, and also at Gravesend bridge, etc. 2 Geo. II. c. 26.
-Curia domini. In old English law. The lord's court, house, or hall, where all the tenants met at the time of keeping court. Cowell.
-Curia legitime affirmata. A phrase used in old Scotch records to show that the court was opened in due and lawful manner.
-Curia magna. In old English law. The great court; one of the ancient names of parliament.
-Curia millium. A court so called, anciently held at Carisbrooke Castle, in the Isle of Wight. Cowell.
-Curia palatii. The palace court. It was abolished by 12 & 13 Vict. c. 101.
-Curia pedis pulverizati. In old English law. The court of piedpoudre or piepounders. 3 Bl. Comm. 32. See Court of Pleipoudre.
-Curia penticiarum. A court held by the sheriff of Chester, in a place there called the "Pendice" or "Pentice;" probably it was so called from being originally held under a pent-house, or open shed covered with boards. Blount.
-Curia regia. The king's court. A form applied to the aula regis, the bancon, or communis bancon, and the hier or eyre, as being courts of the king, but especially to the aula regis, (which title see.)

CURIA ADVISARI VULT. L. Lat. The court will advise; the court will consider. A phrase frequently found in the reports, signifying the resolution of the court to suspend judgment in a cause, after the argument, until they have deliberated upon the question, as where there is a new or difficult point involved. It is commonly abbreviated to cur. adv. vult, or c. a. v.

Curia cancellaria officina justitiae. 2 Inst. 552. The court of chancery is the workshop of justice.

CURIA CLAUDENDA. The name of a writ to compel another to make a fence or wall, which he was bound to make, between his land and the plaintiff's. Reg. Orig. 153. Now obsolete.

Curia parliamenti suis propriis legibus subsistit. 4 Inst. 50. The court of parliament is governed by its own laws.

CURIALITY. In Scotch law. Curtesy. Also the privileges, prerogatives, or, perhaps, retinue, of a court.

Curiosa et captiosa interpretatio in lege reprobatur. A curious [vernace or subtice] and captious interpretation is reproved in law. 1 Balst. 6.

CURNOCK. In old English law. A measure containing four bushels or half a quarter of corn. Cowell; Blount.


CURRENT. Running; now in transit; whatever is at present in course of passage; as "the current month." When applied to money, it means "lawful;" current money is equivalent to lawful money. Wharton v. Morris, 1 Dall. 124, 1 L. Ed. 65; Miller v. White (Tex. Civ. App.) 254 S. W. 176, 178; Richardson v. Board of Education of City of *Asland, 268 Ky. 464, 271 S. W. 549, 550; Empire Petroleum Co. v. Southern Pipe Line Co., 174 Ark. 33, 294 S. W. 5, 6. See Current Money.

A continuous movement in the same direction, as a fluid or stream. Buckeye Incubator Co. v. Blum (D. C.) 17 F.(2d) 458, 458.

CURRENT ACCOUNT. An open, running, or unsettled account between two parties. Tucker v. Quimby, 37 Iowa, 19; Franklin v. Camp, 1 N. J. Law, 196; Wilson v. Calvert, 18 Ala. 274.

CURRENT CATALOGUES. Under contract to sell automobiles as shown in current catalogues, "current catalogues" means such catalogues as should from time to time be issued,
and not merely the catalogues in existence on execution of the contract. Imperial Motorcar Co. v. Skinner, 16 Ala. App. 443, 73 So. 641, 642.

CURRENT EXPENSES. Ordinary, regular, and continuing expenditures for the maintenance of property, the carrying on of an office, municipal government, etc. Sheldon v. Purdy, 17 Wash. 135, 49 P. 228; State v. Board of Education, 68 N. J. Law, 498, 53 A. 236; Babcock v. Goodrich, 47 Cal. 510; St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. v. Forbes, 111 Okl. 48, 237 P. 596, 597.


CURRENT MONEY. The currency of the country; whatever is intended to and does actually circulate as currency; every species of coin or currency. Miller v. McKinney, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 96. In this phrase the adjective "current" is not synonymous with "convertible." It is employed to describe money which passes from hand to hand, from person to person, and circulates through the community, and is generally received. Money is current which is received as money in the common business transactions, and is the common medium in barter and trade. Stalworth v. Blum, 41 Ala. 321; Ferrell v. State, 68 Tex. Cr. R. 487, 152 S. W. 901, 905; Wharton v. Morris, 1 Dal. (U. S.) 125, 1 L. Ed. 65; Pierson v. Wallace, 7 Ark. 282; Fry v. Dudley, 20 La. Ann. 398; Kupfer v. Marc, 28 Ill. 388; Conwell v. Pumphrey, 9 Ind. 135, 68 Am. Dec. 611; McChord v. Ford, 3 T. B. Monr. (Ky.) 166; Warren v. Brown, 64 N. C. 381.

CURRENT PRICE. This term means the same as "market value," "market price," "going price," the price that runs or flows with the market. Hoff v. Lodi Canning Co., 51 Cal. App. 299, 196 P. 779, 780; Ford v. Norton, 32 N. M. 518, 290 P. 411, 414, 55 A. L. R. 261; Cases of Champagne, 23 Fed. Cas. 1168.

CURRENT RATE OF WAGES. Minimum, maximum, and intermediate amounts, indeterminately varying from time to time and dependent on the class and kind of work done, the efficiency of the workman, etc. Connally v. General Const. Co., 269 U. S. 385, 46 S. Ct. 126, 128, 70 L. Ed. 322.

CURRENT VALUE. The current value of imported commodities is their common market price at the place of exportation, without reference to the price actually paid by the importer. Tappan v. U. S., 23 Fed. Cas. 660.

CURRENT WAGES. Such as are paid periodically, or from time to time as the services are rendered or the work is performed; more particularly, wages for the current period, hence not including such as are past-due. Sydnor v. Galveston (Tex. App.) 15 S. W. 292; Bank v. Graham (Tex. App.) 22 S. W. 1101; Bell v. Live Stock Co. (Tex.) 11 S. W. 346, 3 L. R. A. 642.

CURRENT YEAR. The year now running. Doe v. Dobell, 1 Atl. & El. 506; Clark v. Lancaster County, 69 Neb. 717, 96 N. W. 593. Ordinarily, a calendar year in which the event under discussion took place; Buffalo County v. Bowker, 197 N. W. 620, 622, 111 Neb. 762; Empire Petroleum Co. v. Southern Pipe Line Co., 174 Ark. 33, 294 S. W. 5, 6; unless the context shows a different intention; Miller v. White (Tex. Civ. App.) 294 S. W. 176, 178; People v. Central Illinois Public Service Co., 324 Ill. 85, 154 N. E. 438, 439.

CURRICULUM. The year; of the course of a year; the set of studies for a particular period, appointed by a university.

CURIIT QUATUOR PEDIIBUS. L. Lat. It runs upon four feet; or, as sometimes expressed, it runs upon all fours. A phrase used in arguments to signify the entire and exact application of a case quoted. "It does not follow that they run quattuor pedibus." 1 W. Bl. 145.

Curtit tempus contra desidet et sui juris contempitores. Time runs against the slouchful and those who neglect their rights. Bract. fol. 109b, 101.

CURSING. Malediction; imprecation; execration; profane words intended to convey hate and to invoke harm; swearing. Johnson v. State, 15 Ala. App. 194, 72 So. 766.

CURSITOR BARON. An officer of the court of exchequer, who is appointed by patent under the great seal to be one of the barons of the exchequer. The office was abolished by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 88.

CURSITORS. Clerks in the chancery office, whose duties consisted in drawing up those writs which were of course, de curia, whence their name. They were abolished by St. 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 82. Spence, Eq. Jur. 238; 4 Inst. 82.


CURSOR. An inferior officer of the papal court.


Cursus curia est lex curiae. 3 Bulst. 53. The practice of the court is the law of the court.

CURTESY. The estate to which by common law a man is entitled, on the death of his wife,
in the lands or tenements of which she was seised in possession in fee-simple or in tail during her coverture, provided they have had lawful issue born alive which might have been capable of inheriting the estate. It is a freehold estate for the term of its natural life. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 127; 2 Bl. Comm. 128; Co. 32d Ed. 30a; Dozier v. Toohill, 150 Mo. 546; 79 S. W. 429; 103 Am. St. Rep. 556; Templeton v. Twitty, 88 Tenn. 255, 14 S. W. 483; Jackson v. Johnson, 5 Cow. (N. Y.) 74, 15 Am. Dec. 493; Ryan v. Freeman, 36 Miss. 175; Whiteman v. Taher, 205 Ala. 496, 88 So. 595, 596; Decker v. Decker, 205 Ky. 69, 265 S. W. 483, 485; In re Charbonneau, 120 Misc. Rep. 356, 221 N. Y. S. 449, 450.

Initiate and Consume

Curtesy initiate is the interest which a husband has in his wife's estate after the birth of issue capable of inheriting, and before the death of the wife; after her death, it becomes an estate "by the curtesy consumey." Wait v. Walt, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 205; Churchill v. Hudson (C. C.) 34 F. 14; Turner v. Heinberg, 30 Ind. App. 615, 65 N. E. 294; Sadler v. Campbell, 150 Ark. 594, 236 S. W. 588, 592; Pattison v. Baker, 148 Tenn. 389, 235 S. W. 710, 29 A. L. R. 1534; Childers v. Kennedy, 189 Ky. 179, 224 S. W. 651; Bucci v. Popovich, 83 N. J. Eq. 121, 115 A. 95, 98; Day v. Burgess, 130 Tenn. 599, 202 S. W. 311, L.R.A. 1915E, 602.

CURTEYN. The name of King Edward the Confessor's sword. It is said that the point of it was broken, as an emblem of mercy. (Mat. Par. in Hen. III.) Wharton.

CURTILAGE. The inclosed space of ground and buildings immediately surrounding a dwelling-house.

In its most comprehensive and proper legal signification, it includes all that space of ground and buildings thereon which is usually inclosed within the general fence immediately surrounding a principal messuage and outbuildings, and yard closely adjoining to a dwelling-house, but it may be large enough for cattle to be levant and couchant therein. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 175.


The curtilage is the court-yard in the front or rear of a house, or at its side, or any piece of ground lying near, inclosed and used with, the house, and necessary for the convenient occupation of the house. People v. Gedney, 10 Hun (N. Y.) 154.

In Michigan the meaning of curtilage has been extended to include more than an inclosure near the house. People v. Taylor, 2 Mich. 250.


CURTIUM. A curtilage; the area or space within the inclosure of a dwelling-house. Spelman.

CURTIS. A garden; a space about a house; a house, or manor; a court, or palace; a court of justice; a nobleman's residence. Spelman.

CUSSORE. A term used in Hindostan for the discount or allowance made in the exchange of rupees, in contradistinction to batto, which is the sum deducted. Enc. Lond.

CUSTA, CUSTAGIUM, CUSTANTIA. Costa.

CUSTODE ADMITTENDO, CUSTODE AMOVENDO. Writes for the admitting and removing of guardians.

CUSTODES.

In Roman Law

Guardians; observers; inspectors. Persons who acted as inspectors of elections, and who counted the votes given. Tayl. Civill Law. 108.

In Old English Law

Keepers; guardians; conservators.

In General

—Custodes paesi, guardians of the peace. 1 Bl. Comm. 349.

CUSTODES LIBERTATIS ANGLIÆ AUCTORITATI PARLAMENTI. The style in which writs and all judicial processes were made out during the great revolution, from the execution of King Charles I, till Oliver Cromwell was declared protector.

CUSTODIA LEGIS. In the custody of the law. Stockwell v. Robinson, 9 Houst. (Del.) 313, 32 A. 528; Troll v. City of St. Louis, 257 Mo. 626, 168 S. W. 167, 178; Gibbons v. Ellis, 63 Colo. 70, 165 P. 783, 784.

CUSTODIUM LEASE. In English law. A grant from the crown under the exchequer seal, by which the custody of lands, etc., select in the king's hands, is demised or committed to some person as custodes or lessee therefor. Wharton.

CUSTODY. The care and keeping of anything; as when an article is said to be "in the custody of the court." People v. Burr, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 296; Emmerson v.
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State, 38 Tex. Cr. R. 86, 25 S. W. 290; Roe v. Irwin, 52 Ga. 39. Also the detainer of a man's person by virtue of lawful process or authority; actual imprisonment. In a sentence that the defendant "be in custody until," etc., this term imports actual imprisonment. The duty of the sheriff under such a sentence is not performed by allowing the defendant to go at large under his general watch and control, but so doing renders him liable for an escape. Smith v. Com., 59 Pa. 320; Wilkes v. Slaughter, 10 N. C. 216; Turner v. Wilson, 49 Ind. 581; Ex parte Powers (D. C.) 129 F. 985. Detention; charge; control; possession. The term is very elastic and may mean actual imprisonment or physical detention or mere power, legal or physical, of imprisoning or of taking manual possession. Jones v. State, 26 Ga. App. 635, 107 S. E. 106; J. O. Neesen Lumber Co. v. Ray H. Bennett Lumber Co., 223 Mich. 349, 193 N. W. 758, 790; State v. Evans (Mo. Sup.) 270 S. W. 684, 687; Willoughby v. State, 87 Tex. 39; 14 S. W. 495, 499; U. S. v. Tod (D. C.) 291 F. 653, 656; Carpenter v. Lord, 88 Or. 128, 171 P. 577, 579, L. R. A. 1918D, 674; Whorton v. State, 69 Tex. Cr. 1, 152 S. W. 1082, 1085; Little v. State, 100 Tex. Cr. R. 167, 272 S. W. 456, 457; Randazzo v. U. S. (C. A.) 300 F. 794, 797; Barney v. Barney, 192 Mich. 45, 158 N. W. 101; State v. Freauff, 117 Or. 214, 243 P. 87, 88; Ex parte Marchi (D. C.) 207 F. 800, 812.

CUSTODY OF THE LAW. Property is in the custody of the law when it has been lawfully taken by authority of legal process, and remains in the possession of a public officer (as, a sheriff) or an officer of a court (as, a receiver) empowered by law to hold it. Gilman v. Williams, 7 Wis. 334, 76 Am. Dec. 219; Weaver v. Duncan (Tenn. Ch. App.) 56 S. W. 41; Carrigie Co. v. Solanes (C. C.) 106 F. 552; Stockwell v. Robinson, 9 Houst. (Del.) 318, 32 A. 529; In re Receivership, 109 La. 875, 33 So. 903.


A law not written, established by long usage, and the consent of our ancestors. Teraens de la Ley; Cowell; Bract. fol. 2. If it be universal, it is common law. If particular to this or that place, it is then properly custom. 3 Stait. 112.

Customs result from a long series of actions constantly repeated, which have, by such repetition, and by uninterrupted acquiescence, acquired the force of a tacit and common consent. Civil Code La. art. 3.

It differs from prescription, which is personal and is annexed to the person of the owner of a particular estate; while the other is local, and relates to a particular district. An instance of the latter occurs where the question is upon the manner of conducting a particular branch of trade at a certain place; of the former, where a certain person and his ancestors, or those whose estates he has, have been entitled to a certain advantage or privilege, as to have common of pasture in a certain close, or the like. The distinction has been thus expressed: "While prescription is the making of a right, custom is the making of a law." Lawson, Usages & Cust. 16, note 2.

Classification

Customs are general, local or particular. General customs are such as prevail throughout a country and become the law of that country, and their existence is to be determined by the court. Bodfish v. Fox, 23 Me. 90; 30 Am. Dec. 611. Or as applied to usages of trade and business, a general custom is one that is followed in all cases by all persons in the same business in the same territory, and which has been so long established that persons sought to be charged thereby, and all others living in the vicinity, may be presumed to have known of it and to have acted upon it as they had occasion. Sturgess v. Buckley, 32 Conn. 267; Railroad Co. v. Harrison, 192 Ill. 9, 61 N. E. 622; Bonham v. Railroad Co., 13 S. C. 267. Local customs are such as prevail only in some particular district or locality, or in some city, county, or town. Bodfish v. Fox, 23 Me. 90, 30 Am. Dec. 611; Clough v. Wing, 2 Ariz. 371, 17 P. 457. Particular customs are nearly the same, being such as affect only the inhabitants of some particular district. 1 Bl. Comm. 74.

In General

-Customs of London. Certain particular customs, peculiar to that city, with regard to trade, apprentices, widows, orphans and a variety of other matters; contrary to the general
law of the land, but confirmed by act of parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 75.

—Custom of merchants. A system of customs or rules relative to bills of exchange, partnership, and other mercantile matters, and which, under the name of the "lex mercatoria," or "law merchant," has been ingrained into and made a part of, the common law. 1 Bl. Comm. 75; 1 Steph. Comm. 54; 2 Burrows, 1226, 1228.

—Custom of York. A custom of intestacy in the province of York similar to that of London. Abolished by 19 & 20 Vict. c. 94.

—Customs and services annexed to the tenure of lands are those which the tenants thereof owe unto their lords, and which, if withheld, the lord might anciently have resorted to a writ of customs and services to compel them. Cowell. But at the present day he would merely proceed to eject the tenant as upon a forfeiture, or claim damages for the subtraction. Brown.

—Special custom. A particular or local custom; one which, in respect to the sphere of its observance, does not extend throughout the entire state or country, but is confined to some particular district or locality. 1 Bl. Comm. 67; Bodish v. Fox, 23 Me. 95, 39 Am. Dec. 611.

CUSTOM DUTIES. Taxes on the importation and exportation of commodities; the tariff or tax assessed upon merchandise, imported from, or exported to a foreign country. United States v. Siscoho (D. C.) 262 F. 1001, 1005.

CUSTOM-HOUSE. In administrative law. The house or office where commodities are entered for importation or exportation; where the duties, bounties, or drawbacks are payable or receivable upon such importation or exportation are paid or received; and where ships are cleared out, etc.

CUSTOM-HOUSE BROKER. One whose occupation it is, as an agent, to arrange entries and other custom-house papers, or transact business, at any port of entry, relating to the importation or exportation of goods, wares, or merchandise. 14 St. at Large, 117 (see 20 USCA § 216 note). A person authorized by the commissioners of customs to act for parties, at their option, in the entry or clearance of ships and the transaction of general business. Wharton.

Custom is the best interpreter of the law. 4 Inst. 75; 2 Eden, 74; McKeen v. Delancy, 5 Cranch, 32, 3 L. Ed. 25; McFerran v. Powers, 1 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 103.


CUSTOMARY COURT—BARON. See Court-Baron.


CUSTOMARY ESTATES. Estates which owe their origin and existence to the custom of the manor in which they are held. 2 Bl. Comm. 149.

CUSTOMARY FREEHOLD. In English law. A variety of copyhold estate, the evidences of the title to which are to be found upon the court rolls; the entries declaring the holding to be according to the custom of the manor, but it is not said to be at the will of the lord. The incidents are similar to those of common or pure copyhold. 1 Steph. Comm. 212, 213, and note.

CUSTOMARY INTERPRETATION. See Interpretation.

CUSTOMARY SERVICES. Such as are due by ancient custom or prescription only.

CUSTOMARY TENANTS. Tenants holding by custom of the manor.

Custome serra prise striote. Custom shall be taken [is to be construed] strictly. Jenk. Cent. 83.

CUSTOMS. This term is usually applied to those taxes which are payable upon goods and merchandise imported or exported. Story, Const. § 949; Pollock v. Trust Co., 158 U. S. 691, 15 Sup. Ct. 912, 39 L. Ed. 1108; Marriott v. Brune, 9 How. 632, 13 L. Ed. 252. The duties, toll, tribute, or tariff payable upon merchandise exported or imported, these are called "customs" from having been paid from time immemorial. Expressed in law Latin by custuma, as distinguished from consuetudines, which are usages merely. 1 Bl. Comm. 314.

CUSTOMS CONSOLIDATION ACT. The statute 16 & 17 Vict. c. 107, which has been frequently amended. See 2 Steph. Comm. 563.

CUSTOMS COURT. By virtue of Act May 28, 1926, c. 411, § 1, 44 Stat. 669 (19 USCA § 465a), the "United States Customs Court" be-
came the title of what had theretofore been known as the “Board of General Appraisers.” Ex parte Bakelite Corporation (1929) 49 S. Ct. 411, 279 U. S. 438, 73 L. Ed. 789. Its decisions are appealable to the “Court of Customs and Patent Appeals” (q. v.) in all cases as to the construction of the law and facts respecting the classification of merchandise and the rate of duty imposed thereon, and the fees and charges connected therewith, and all appealable questions as to the court’s jurisdiction, and as to the laws and regulations governing the collection of the customs revenues. Judicial Code, § 195, as amended (28 USCA § 308).

CUSTOS. Lat. A custodian, guard, keeper, or warden; a magistrate.

CUSTOS BREVIIUM. The keeper of the writes. A principal clerk belonging to the courts of queen’s bench and common pleas, whose office it was to keep the writes returnable into those courts. The office was abolished by 1 Wm. IV. c. 5.

CUSTOS FERARUM. A gamekeeper. Townsh. Pl. 265.

CUSTOS HORREI REGII. Protector of the royal granary. 2 Bl. Comm. 394.

CUSTOS MARIS. In old English law. Warden of the sea. The title of a high naval officer among the Saxons and after the Conquest, corresponding with admiral.

CUSTOS MORUM. The guardian of morals. The court of the queen’s bench has been so styled. 4 Steph. Comm. 377.

CUSTOS PLACITORUM CORONÆ. In old English law. Keeper of the pleas of the crown. Bract. fol. 14b. Cowell supposes this office to have been the same with the custos rotulorum. But it seems rather to have been another name for “coroner.” Crabbe, Eng. Law. 150; Bract. fol. 136b.

CUSTOS ROTULORUM. Keeper of the rolls. An officer in England who has the custody of the rolls or records of the sessions of the peace, and also of the commission of the peace itself. He is always a justice of the quorum in the county where appointed and is the principal civil officer in the county. 1 Bl. Comm. 340; 4 Bl. Comm. 272.

CUSTOS SPIRITUALIUM. In English ecclesiastical law. Keeper of the spiritualities. He who exercises the spiritual jurisdiction of a diocese during the vacancy of the see. Cowell.

Custos statum hæreditis in custodia existentis mortuem, non deteriorem, facere potest. 7 Coke, 7. A guardian can make the estate of an existing heir under his guardianship better, not worse.

CUSTOS TEMPORALIUM. In English ecclesiastical law. The person to whom a vacant see or abbey was given by the king, as supreme lord. His office was, as steward of the goods and profits, to give an account to the eschewor, who did the like to the exchequer.

CUSTOS TERRÆ. In old English law. Guardian, warden, or keeper of the land.

CUSTUMA ANTIQUA SIVE MAGNA. (Lat. Ancient or great duties.) The duties on wool, sheep-skin, or wool-pelts and leather exported were so called, and were payable by every merchant, stranger as well as native, with the exception that merchant strangers paid one-half as much again as natives. 1 Bl. Comm. 314.

CUSTUMA PARVA ET NOVA. (Small and new customs.) Imposts of 3d. in the pound, due formerly in England from merchant strangers only, for all commodities, as well imported as exported. This was usually called the “allsens duty,” and was first granted in 31 Edw. I. 1 Bl. Comm. 314; 4 Inst. 29.


In Mining

A surface opening in the ground intersecting a vein. McLaughlin v. Bardson, 50 Mont. 177, 145 P. 954, 955.

CUT-OVER LAND. Land which has been logged; from which desired timber has been removed. Carlisle-Pennell Lumber Co. v. Joe Creek Shingle Co., 131 Wash. 501, 230 P. 425; Tennessee Mining & Mfg. Co. v. New River Lumber Co. (C. C. A.) 5 F.(2d) 559, 560.

CUT SHELL. One in which the part containing the shot is nearly severed from the part containing powder, so as to be projected in a unit, and inflict a more dangerous wound than if the shot were scattered. White v. State, 195 Ala. 651, 71 So. 452, 454.

CUTCHERRY. In Hindu law. Corrupted from Kachari. A court; a hall; an office; the place where any public business is transacted.


CUTHRED. A knowing or skillful counsellor.

CUTLER. Either a man who makes edged tools or one who grinds them. American Stainless Steel Co. v. Ludium Steel Co. (C. C. A.) 290 F. 103, 106.

CUTPURSE. One who steals by the method of cutting purses; a common practice when men wore their purses at their girdles, as was once the custom. Wharton.

CUTTER OF THE TALLIES. In old English law. An officer in the exchequer, to whom it
belonged to provide wood for the tallies, and to cut the sum paid upon them, etc.

CUTWAL, KATWAL. The chief officer of police or superintendent of markets in a large town or city in India.

CWT. A hundred-weight; one hundred and twelve pounds. Helm v. Bryant, 11 B. Mon. (Ky.) 64.

CY. In law French. Here. (Cy-apres, hereafter; cy-devant, heretofore.) Also as, so.

CYCLE. A measure of time; a space in which the same revolutions begin again; a periodical space of time. Enc. Lond.

CYCLONE. "A violent storm, often of vast extent, characterized by high winds rotating about a calm center of low atmospheric pressure. Popularly, any violent and destructive windstorm." Tupper v. Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co., 156 Minn. 63, 194 N. W. 69, 100; Cedergren v. Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co. (C. C. A.) 292 F. 5, 8.

CYNE-BOT, or CYNE-GILD. The portion belonging to the nation of the mulct for slaying the king, the other portion or were being due to his family. Blount.

CYNEBOTE. A mulct anciently paid by one who killed another, to the kindred of the deceased. Spelman.

CYPHONISM. That kind of punishment used by the ancients, and still used by the Chinese, called by Staunton the "wooden collar," by which the neck of the malefactor is bent or weighed down. Enc. Lond.

CY-PRES. As near as [possible]. The rule of cy-pres is a rule for the construction of instruments in equity, by which the intention of the party is carried out as near as may be, when it would be impossible or illegal to give it literal effect. Thus, where a testator attempts to create a perpetuity, the court will endeavor, instead of making the devise entirely void, to explain the will in such a way as to carry out the testator's general intention as far as the rule against perpetuities will allow. So in the case of bequests to charitable uses; and particularly where the language used is so vague or uncertain that the testator's design must be sought by construction. See 6 Cruise, Dig. 165; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 532; Taylor v. Keep, 2 Ill. App. 383; Beck v. Bonsor, 23 N. Y. 308, 80 Am. Dec. 269; Doyle v. Whalen, 87 Me. 414, 32 A. 1022, 31 L. R. A. 118; Philadelphia v. Girard, 43 Pa. 28, 84 Am. Dec. 470; Mott v. Morris, 249 Mo. 137, 155 S. W. 434, 438; Peter E. Leddy Post No. 19 of American Legion v. Roberts, 90 N. J. Eq. 217, 129 A. 148, 150; People v. Braucher, 258 Ill. 604, 101 N. E. 944, 946, 47 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1015; Trustees of Sailors' Snug Harbor v. Carmody, 158 App. Div. 738, 144 N. Y. S. 24, 30; Hodge v. Wellman, 161 Iowa, 577, 179 N. W. 534, 539; Timcher v. Arnold (C. C. A.) 147 F. 665.

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CYRCE. In Saxon law. A church.


—Cyrlosceat. (From cyrie, church, and sceat, a tribute.) In Saxon law. A tribute or payment due to the church. Cowell.

CYROGRAPHARIUS. In old English law. A cyrographer; an officer of the bancus, or court of common bench. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 36.

CYROGRAPHUM. A chirograph. (which see.)

CZAR. (Also written zar, tsar, tszar, etc.) The title of the former emperors of Russia, derived from the old Slavonic cesar, king or emperor, which, although long held to be derived from the Roman title Caesar, is almost certainly of Tartar origin. 8 Encyc. Americana, 378. The Slavonic word ultimately represents the Latin Caesar, but came, according to Mäkloch, through the medium of a Germanic language in which the word had the general sense "emperor." 2 New English Diet. (Oxford, 1808), page 1368.

In the beginning of the 10th century the Bulgarian prince Symeon assumed this title, which remained attached to the Bulgarian crown. In 1348 it was adopted by Stephen Dushan, king of Serbia. Among the Russians the Byzantine emperors were so called, as were also the khans of the Mongols that ruled in Russia. Ivan III, grand prince of Moscow, held the title, and Ivan IV, the Terrible, in 1547, caused himself to be crowned as czar. In 1721 the Senate and clergy conferred on Peter I, in the name of the nation, the title Emperor of Russia, for which in Russia the Latin word imperator is used. 8 Encyc. Americana, 378. Peter the Great introduced the title imperator, "emperor," and the official style then became "Emperor of all the Russians, Tsar of Poland, and Grand Duke of Finland"; but the Russian popular appellation continued to be tsar (the preferred modern spelling). 2 New English Diet. 1396. The last tsar was Nicholas II, who abdicated on March 15, 1917, and was later executed.

CZAREVITCH. (Also spelled czarewich, tsarevitch, and, after the Polish, czarouits, czarowits, etc.) 2 New English Diet. 1396. A son of the Russian czar and czarina. Originally a title. Webster, Diet. The word was used as a title during the time of Peter I and his son, Alexis, after whose death imperial princes were called grand dukes. 6 New Internatl. Encyc. 420.

CZAREVNA, TSAREVNA. A daughter of the Russian czar. Originally a title. Webster, Diet. As a title, however, the word has been superseded, since the time of Paul I (1754–1801), by that of grand duchess. 6 New Internatl. Encyc. 420; 2 New English Diet. 1396. See Czarevitch; Cesarevna.

CZARINA. The title of former empresses of Russia.

CZARITZA, TSARITSA. The Russian title for which czarina is in ordinary English use. 2 New English Diet. 1398.
D. The fourth letter of the English alphabet. It is used as an abbreviation for a number of words, the more important and usual of which are as follows:
1. Digestum, or Digesta, that is, the Digest or Pandects in the Justinian collections of the civil law. Citations to this work are sometimes indicated by this abbreviation, but more commonly by "Dig."
2. Dictum. A remark or observation, as in the phrase "obiter dictum." (q. v.)
3. Demissione. "On the demise." An action of ejectment is entitled "Doe d. Stiles v. Roe;" that is, "Doe, on the demise of Stiles, against Roe."
6. "Dialogue." Used only in citations to the work called "Doctor and Student."
D. In the Roman system of notation, this letter stands for five hundred; and, when a horizontal dash or stroke is placed above it, it denotes five thousand.
D. B. E. An abbreviation for de bene esse, (q. v.).
D. B. N. An abbreviation for de bonis non; descriptive of a species of administration.
D. C. An abbreviation standing either for "District Court;" or "District of Columbia."
D. E. R. C. An abbreviation used for De ea re ita consuerit, (concerning that matter have so decreed,) in recording the decrees of the Roman senate. Tull. Civil Law, 564, 566.
D. J. An abbreviation for "District Judge."
D. P. An abbreviation for Domus Procerum, the house of lords.
D. S. B. An abbreviation for debito sine breviti, or debit sans breve.
Da tua dum tua sunt, post mortem tune tua non sunt. 3 Bulst. 18. Give the things which are yours whilst they are yours; after death they are not yours.
DABIS? DABO. Lat. (Will you give? I will give.) In the Roman law. One of the forms of making a verbal stipulation. Inst. 8, 15, 1; Bract. fol. 15b.
DACION. In Spanish law. The real and effective delivery of an object in the execution of a contract.
DAGGE. A kind of gun. 1 How. State Tr. 1124, 1125.
DAGUS, or DAIS. The raised floor at the upper end of a hall.
DAILY. Every day; every day in the week; every day in the week except one. A newspaper which is published six days in each week is a "daily" newspaper. Richardson v. Tobin, 45 Cal. 30; Tribune Pub. Co. v. Duluth, 45 Minn. 27, 47 N. W. 309; Kingman v. Waugh, 139 Mo. 360, 40 S. W. 584; First Nat. Bank of Parsons v. Kennedy, 98 Kan. 51, 157 P. 417; State ex rel. Item Co. v. Commissioner of Public Finances of City of New Orleans, 161 La. 915, 109 So. 675, 676; Alley v. City of Muskogee, 53 Okl. 236, 156 P. 315, 318; City of Bellingham v. Bellingham Pub. Co., 216 Wash. 198 P. 309; State ex rel. Item Co. v. Commissioner of Public Finances of City of New Orleans, 161 La. 915, 109 So. 675, 676; City of Richmond v. Miller, 58 Ind. App. 20, 107 N. E. 550, 552.
DAILY BALANCES, AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE. In school depository law. "Daily balances" means the various balances for the different days in the period for which interest is to be paid, and the "average daily balance" for the interest period means the sum of these daily balances divided by the number of days in the interest period. Jones v. Marrs, 114 Tex. 282, 283 S. W. 670, 674.
DAKER, or DIKER. Ten hides. Blount.
DALE and SALE. Fictitious names of places, used in the English books, as examples. "The manor of Dale and the manor of Sale, lying both in Yale."
DALUS, DAILUS, DAILIA. A certain measure of land; such narrow slips of pasture as are left between the plowed furrows in arable land. Cowell.
DAM. A construction of wood, stone, reinforced concrete or other materials, made across a stream for the purpose of penning back the waters.
This word is used in two different senses. It properly means the work or structure, raised to obstruct the flow of the water in a river; but, by a well-settled usage, it is often applied to designate the pond of water created by this obstruction. Burnham v. Kempston, 44 N. H. 89; Colwell v. Water Power Co., 19 N. J. Eq. 248; Mining Co. v. Hancock, 101 Cal. 42, 31 P. 112.
DAMAGE. Loss, injury, or deterioration, caused by the negligence, design, or accident.
of one person to another, in respect of the latter’s person or property. The word is to be distinguished from its plural,—"damage,"—which means a compensation in money for a loss or damage.

An injury produces a right in them who have suffered any damage by it to demand reparation of such damage from the authors of the injury. By damage, we understand every loss or diminution of what is a man’s own, occasioned by the fault of another. 1 Ruth. Inst. 390.

**DAMAGE-CLEER.** A fee assessed of the tenth part in the common pleas, and the twentieth part in the queen’s bench and exchequer, out of all damages exceeding five marks recovered in those courts, in actions upon the case, covenant, trespass, etc., where in the damages were uncertain; which the plaintiff was obliged to pay to the prothonotary or the officer of the court wherein he recovered, before he could have execution for the damages. This was originally a gratuity given to the prothonotaries and their clerks for drawing special writs and pleadings; but it was taken away by statute, since which, if any officer in these courts took any money in the name of damage-cleer, or anything in lieu thereof, he forfeited treble the value. Wharton.

**DAMAGE FEASANT or FAISANT.** Doing damage. A term applied to a person’s cattle or beasts found upon another’s land, doing damage by treading down the grass, grain, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 7, 211; Tomlin. This phrase seems to have been introduced in the reign of Edward III., in place of the older expression "en son damage," (in damno suo) Crabb, Eng. Law, 292.

**DAMAGE TO PERSON.** Bodily or physical injury directly resulting from wrongful act, whether lying in trespass or trespass on the case, and does not include torts directly affecting the person but affecting only the feelings and reputation. Young v. Aylesworth, 35 R. I. 239, 86 A. 555, 556; Texas Employers’ Ins. Ass'n v. Jimenez (Tex. Civ. App.) 267 S. W. 752, 758; Howard v. Lunaburg, 192 Wis. 507, 213 N. W. 301, 303; Putnam v. Savage, 244 Mass. 85, 138 N. E. 809, 809.

Rev. Code 1915, § 2377 (Comp. Laws, 1926, § 2379), entitling the plaintiff to bring action for conversion of personal property or for the recovery of "damages to persons or property" in the county where the damages were inflicted or the cause of action arose, is not applicable to all injuries suffered by a person, whether ex contractu or ex delicto, but can be invoked by the plaintiff only where the person has suffered a physical injury, and hence action for alienation of wife’s affections was not included. Kayser v. Nelson, 44 S. D. 533, 184 N. W. 361.

**DAMAGE TO TWO PERSONS.** In bond for payment of damages that limited amount payable for any one accident. Where widow sued to recover damages to deceased and his estate and also her pecuniary loss, there was "damage to two persons" within the bond. Ehlers v. Gold, 169 Wis. 494, 173 N. W. 325, 327.

**DAMAGED GOODS.** Goods, subject to duties, which have received some injury either in the voyage home or while bonded in warehouse.


A sum of money assessed by a jury, on finding for the plaintiff or successful party in an action, as a compensation for the injury done him by the opposite party. 2 Bl. Comm. 453; Co. Litt. 257a; 2 Tidd, Pr. 869, 870.

Every person who suffers detriment from the unlawful act or omission of another may recover from the person in fault a compensation therefor in money, which is called "damages." Civ. Code Cal. § 2321; Civ. Code Dak. § 1940 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 7139; Comp. Laws S. D. 1929, § 1959).

In the ancient usage, the word "damages" was employed in two significations. According to Coke, its proper and general sense included the costs of suit, while its strict or relative sense was exclusive of costs. 10 Coke, 116, 117; Co. Litt. 257a; 2 East, 293. The latter meaning has alone survived.

**Classification**

Damages are either general or special. General damages are such as the law itself implies or presumes to have accrued from the wrong complained of, for the reason that they are its immediate, direct, and proximate result, or such as necessarily result from the injury, or such as did in fact result from the wrong, directly and proximately, and without reference to the special character, condition, or circumstances of the plaintiff. Mood v. Telegraph Co., 40 S. C. 324, 19 S. E. 67; Irrigation Co. v. Canal Co., 23 Utah, 199, 63 P.
Direct and Consequential


Liquidated and Unliquidated

The former term is applicable when the amount of the damages has been ascertained by the judgment in the action, or when a specific sum of money has been expressly stipulated by the parties to a bond or other contract as the amount of damages to be recovered by either party for a breach of the agreement by the other. Watts v. Sheppard, 2 Ala. 445; Smith v. Smith, 4 Wend. (N. Y.) 470; Keeble v. Keeble, 85 Ala. 522, 5 So. 149; Eakin v. Scott, 70 Tex. 442, 7 S. W. 777. Unliquidated damages are such as are not yet reduced to a certainty in respect of amount, nothing more being established than the plaintiff's right to recover; or such as cannot be fixed by a mere mathematical calculation from ascertained data in the case. Cox v. McLain, 76 Cal. 60, 18 P. 100, 9 Am. St. Rep. 164; Cook Pottery Co. v. Parker, 86 W. Va. 580, 104 S. E. 51, 53; United Cigarette Mach. Co. v. Brown, 119 Va. 813, 59 S. E. 505, 855, L. R. A. 1917A, 1190; Simons v. Douglas Ex'r, 189 Ky. 644, 225 S. W. 721, 723. The purpose of a penalty is to secure performance, while the purpose of stipulating damages is to fix the amount to be paid in lieu of performance. Christianson v. Hauqland, 163 Minn. 235, 209 N. W. 493, 494; Davidov v. Wadsworth Mfg. Co., 211 Mich. 90, 118 W. N. 776, 777, 12 A. L. R. 605; Kuter v. State Bank of Holton, 96 Kan. 485, 152 P. 602, 604. The essence of a penalty is a stipulation as to penal damages while the essence of liquidated damages is a genuine covenanted pre-estimate of such damages. Shields v. Early, 132 Miss. 282, 95 So. 393, 840. For other cases pertaining to the distinction between a penalty and liquidated damages, see Fiscal Court of Franklin County v. Kentucky Public Service Co., 181 Ky. 245, 204 S. W. 77, 79; City Nat. Bank v. Kelly, 51 Okl. 445, 151 P. 1172, 1175; Elsey v. City of Winterset, 172 Iowa, 454, 154 N. W. 901, 904; In re Liberty Doll Co. (D. C.) 242 F. 665,
Nominal and Substantial

Nominal damages are a trifling sum awarded to a plaintiff in an action, where there is no substantial loss or injury to be compensated, but still the law recognizes a technical invasion of his rights or a breach of the defendant's duty, or in cases where, although there has been a real injury, the plaintiff's evidence entirely fails to show its amount. Blake v. Atlas Supply Co., 51 Okl. 426, 152 P. 51, 82; Hutton & Bourbonnais v. Cook, 173 N. C. 496, 92 S. E. 355, 356; Seeling v. Missouri K. & T. Ry. Co., 287 Mo. 343, 230 S. W. 94, 102; Calumet & Arizona Mining Co. v. Gardner, 21 Ariz. 206, 157 P. 563, 565; City of Rainier v. Masters, 79 Or. 534, 155 P. 1197, 1198, L. R. A. 1916E, 1175; Maher v. Wilson, 139 Cal. 514, 73 P. 418; Stanton v. Railroad Co., 59 Conn. 272, 22 A. 300, 21 Am. St. Rep. 110; Springer v. Fuel Co., 196 Pa. 156, 46 A. 370; Telegraph Co. v. Lawson, 66 Kan. 660, 72 P. 283; Railroad Co. v. Watson, 37 Kan. 773, 15 P. 577. Substantial (actual or compensatory) damages are considerable in amount, and intended as a real compensation for a real injury.

Compensatory and Exemplary

Compensatory damages are such as will compensate the injured party for the injury sustained, and nothing more; such as will simply make good or replace the loss caused by the wrong or injury. McKnight v. Denny, 138 Pa. 233, 47 A. 970; Reid v. Terwilliger, 110 N. Y. 530, 22 N. E. 1091; Monongahela Nav. Co. v. U. S., 145 U. S. 312, 15 S. Ct. 622, 37 L. Ed. 463; Wade v. Power Co., 51 S. C. 296, 29 S. E. 233, 64 Am. St. Rep. 676; Gatzow v. Ewing, 106 Wis. 1, 81 N. W. 1003, 49 L. R. A. 475, 80 Am. St. Rep. 1; Hodges v. Hall, 172 N. C. 29, 59 S. E. 892; Waters v. Western Union Telegraph Co., 194 N. C. 158, 138 S. E. 608, 612; Silver King of Arizona Mining Co. v. Kendall, 23 Ariz. 39, 201 P. 102, 103; Yates v. Crozer Coal & Coke Co., 76 W. Va. 50, 84 S. E. 626, 628. Exemplary damages are damages on an increased scale, awarded to the plaintiff over and above what will merely compensate him for his property loss, where the wrong done to him was aggravated by circumstances of violence, oppression, malice, fraud, or wanton and wicked conduct on the part of the defendant, and are intended to solace the plaintiff for mental anguish, laceration of his feelings, shame, degradation, or other aggravations of the original wrong, or else to punish the defendant for his evil behavior or to make an example of him, for which reason they are also called "punitive" or "punitory" damages or "vindicative" damages, and (vulgarily) "smart-money." Reid v. Terwilliger, 110 N. Y. 530, 22 N. E. 1091; Springer v. Fuel Co., 196 Pa. St. 156, 46 A. 370; Scott v. Donald, 165 U. S. 68, 17 S. Ct. 265, 41 L. Ed. 622; Gillingham v. Railroad Co., 35 W. Va. 588, 14 S. E. 243, 14 L. R. A. 798, 29 Am. St. Rep. 827; Boyd v. Habertumpf, 129 Mich. 337, 88 N. W. 386; Oliver v. Railroad Co., 65 S. C. 1, 43 S. E. 307; Murphy v. Hobbs, 7 Colo. 541, 5 P. 119, 49 Am. Rep. 389; Cotton v. Fisheries Products Co., 181 N. C. 151, 108 S. E. 487, 490; Yates v. Crozer Coal & Coke Co., 76 W. Va. 50, 84 S. E. 626, 628; Prizell Grain & Supply Co. v. Atchison, T. & S. F. Ry. Co. (Mo. Sup.) 201 S. W. 78, 79; Gila Water Co. v. Gila Land & Cattle Co., 30 Ariz. 569, 249 P. 731, 733. In an Iowa case, it is said that the idea of punishment does not enter into the definition of "exemplary damages"; the term being employed to mean an increased award in view of supposed aggravation of the injury to the feelings of plaintiff by the wanton or reckless act of defendant. Brause v. Brause, 190 Iowa, 329, 177 N. W. 65, 70.

Proximate and Remote

Proximate damages are the immediate and direct damages and natural results of the act complained of, and such as are usual and might have been expected. Remote damages are those attributable immediately to an intervening cause, though it forms a link in an unbroken chain of causation, so that the remote damage would not have occurred if its elements had not been set in motion by the original act or event. Henry v. Railroad Co., 50 Cal. 183; Kuhn v. Jewett, 52 N. J. Eq. 649; Pietsch v. Railroad Co., 5 Dak. 444, 41 N. W. 669; Chambers v. Everdings & Farrell, 71 Or. 521, 143 P. 616, 619; General Motors Truck Co. v. Shepard Co., 47 R. I. 153, 130 A. 593, 594; Albion Lumber Co. v. Lowell, 20 Cal. App. 782, 130 P. 858, 863; Minneapolis Threshing Mach. Co. v. Huncovsky, 52 N. D. 112, 202 N. W. 280, 283. The terms "remote damages" and "consequential damages" are not synonymous nor to be used interchangeably; all remote damage is consequential, but it is by no means true that all consequential damage is remote. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 51 N. H. 511, 12 Am. Rep. 147; Chambers v. Everdings & Farrell, 71 Or. 521, 143 P. 616, 620.

Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

Actual damages are real, substantial and just damages, or the amount awarded to a plaintiff in compensation for his actual and real loss or injury, as opposed on the one hand to "nominal" damages, and on the other to "exemplary" or "punitive" damages. Ross v. Leggett, 61 Mich. 446, 28 N. W. 903, 1 Am. St. Rep. 608; Lord v. Wood, 120 Iowa, 308, 94
-Affirmative damages. In admiralty law, affirmative damages are damages which a respondent in a libel for injuries to a vessel may recover, which may be in excess of any amount which the libellant would be entitled to claim. Ebert v. The Reuben Doud (D. C.) 3 F. 520.

-Civil damages. Those awarded against a liquor-seller to the relative, guardian, or employer of the person to whom the sales were made, on a showing that the plaintiff has been thereby injured in person, property, or means of support. Headington v. Smith, 113 Iowa, 107, 84 N. W. 382.

-Contingent damages. Where a demurrer has been filed to one or more counts in a declaration, and its consideration is postponed, and meanwhile other counts in the same declaration, not demurred to, are taken as issues, and tried, and damages awarded upon them, such damages are called "contingent damages."

-Continuing damages are such as accrue from the same injury, or from the repetition of similar acts, between two specified periods of time.

-Damages ultra. Additional damages claimed by a plaintiff not satisfied with those paid into court by the defendant.

-Double damages. Twice the amount of actual damages as found by the verdict of a jury allowed by statute in some cases of injuries by negligence, fraud, or trespass. Cross v. United States, 6 Fed. Cas. 582; Daniel v. Vaccaro, 41 Ark. 329.

-Excessive damages. Damages awarded by a jury which are grossly in excess of the amount warranted by law, on the facts and circumstances of the case; unreasonable or outrageous damages. A verdict giving excessive damages is ground for a new trial. Taylor v. Giger, Hardin (Ky.) 587; Harvesting Mach. Co. v. Gray, 114 Ind. 340, 16 N. E. 787.

-Fee damages. Damages sustained by and awarded to an abutting owner of real property occasioned by the construction and operation of an elevated railroad in a city street, are so called, because compensation is made to the owner for the injury to, or deprivation of, his easements of light, air, and access, and these are parts of the fee. Dode v. Rail-


-Inadequate damages. Damages are called "inadequate," within the rule that an injunction will not be granted where adequate damages at law could be recovered for the injury sought to be prevented, when such a recovery at law would not compensate the parties and place them in the position in which they formerly stood. Insurance Co. v. Bonner, 7 Colo. App. 87, 42 P. 681.

-Imaginary damages. This term is sometimes used as equivalent to "exemplary," "vindicative," or "punitive" damages. Murphy v. Hobbs, 7 Colo. 541, 5 P. 119, 49 Am. Rep. 366.

-Intervening damages. Such damages to an appellee as result from the delay caused by the appeal. McGregor v. Balch, 47 Wis. 568; Peseny v. Buckminster, 1 Tyler (Vt.) 267; Roberts v. Warner, 17 Vt. 46, 42 Am. Dec. 473.


-Necessary damages. A term said to be of much wider scope in the law of damages than "pecuniary." It embraces all those consequences of an injury usually denominated "general" damages, as distinguished from special damages; whereas the phrase "pecuniary damages" covers a smaller class of damages within the larger class of "general" damages. Browning v. Wabash Western R. Co. (Mo.) 24 S. W. 749.

-Pecuniary damages. Such as can be estimated in and compensated by money; not merely the loss of money or salable property or rights, but all such loss, deprivation, or injury as can be made the subject of calculation and of recompense in money. Walker v. McNeill, 17 Wash. 582, 50 P. 518; Searle v. Railroad Co., 32 W. Va. 370, 9 S. E. 248; McIntyre v. Railroad Co., 37 N. Y. 207; Davidson Benedict Co. v. Severson, 100 Tenn. 672, 72 S. W. 967.
Permanent damages. Damages awarded under theory that cause of injury is fixed and that the property will always remain subject to it. Chambers v. Spruce Lighting Co., 81 W. Va. 714, 95 S. E. 192, 194.

Presumptive damages. A term occasionally used as the equivalent of "exemplary" or "punitive" damages. Murphy v. Hobbs, 7 Colo. 541, 5 P. 119, 49 Am. Rep. 396.

Prospective damages. Damages which are expected to follow from the act or state of facts made the basis of a plaintiff's suit; damages which have not yet accrued, at the time of the trial, but which, in the nature of things, must necessarily, or most probably, result from the acts or facts complained of.

Speculative damages. Prospective or anticipated damages from the same acts or facts constituting the present cause of action, but which depend upon future developments which are contingent, conjectural, or improbable.

Temporary damages. Damages allowed for intermittent and occasional wrongs, such as injuries to real estate, where cause thereof is removable or abatable. Chambers v. Spruce Lighting Co., 81 W. Va. 714, 95 S. E. 192, 194.

DAMAIOUSE. In old English law. Causing damage or loss, as distinguished from torcenouse, wrongful. Britt. c. 61.

DAME. In English law. The legal designation of the wife of a knight or baronet.

DAMN. n. To invoke condemnation, curse, swear, condemn to eternal punishment, or consign to perdition. Orf v. State, 147 Miss. 160, 113 So. 202.

DAMNA. Damages, both inclusive and exclusive of costs.

DAMNATUS. In old English law. Condemned; prohibited by law; unlawful. Damnatus coitus, an unlawful sexual connection.

DAMI INJURIE ACTIO. An action given by the civil law for the damage done by one who intentionally injured the slave or beast of another. Calvin.

DAMNIFICATION. That which causes damage or loss.

DAMNFY. To cause damage or injurious loss to a person or put him in a position where he must sustain it. A surety is "damnfied" when a judgment has been obtained against him. McLean v. Bank, 16 Fed. Cas. 278.

DAMNOSA HÆREDITAS. In the civil law. A losing inheritance; an inheritance that was a charge, instead of a benefit. Dig. 50, 16, 119.

The term has also been metaphorically applied to that species of property of a bankrupt which, so far from being valuable, would be a charge to the creditors; for example, a term of years where the rent would exceed the revenue. 7 East, 342; 3 Camp. 340; 1 Esp. N. P. 234; Provident L. & Trust Co. v. Fidelity, etc., Co., 203 Pa. 52, 52 A. 34.

DAMNUM. Lat.

In the Civil Law

Damage; the loss or diminution of what is a man's own, either by fraud, carelessness, or accident.

In Pleading and Old English Law

Damage; loss.

In General

-Damnum fatale. Fatal damage; damage from fate; loss happening from a cause beyond human control, (quod ex fato contingit,) or an act of God, for which bailies are not liable; such as shipwreck, lightning, and the like. Dig. 4, 9, 3; 1 Story, Bailm. § 465. The civilians included in the phrase "damnum fatale" all those accidents which are summed up in the common-law expression, "act of God or public enemies;" though, perhaps, it embraced some which would not now be admitted as occurring from an irresistible force. Thickeston v. Howard, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 535.

-Damnum infectum. In Roman law. Damage not yet committed, but threatened or impending. A preventive interdict might be obtained to prevent such damage from happening; and it was treated as a quasi-delict, because of the imminence of the danger.


Damnum sine injuriÆ esse potest. Lofft, 112. There may be damage or injury inflicted without any act of injustice.
DAN. Anciently the better sort of men in England had this title; so the Spanish Don. The old term of honor for men, as we now say Master or Mister. Wharton.

DANCEHALL. A place maintained for promiscuous and public dancing, the rules for admission to which are not based upon personal selection or invitation. State v. Loomis, 75 Mont. 88, 243 P. 341, 347; People v. Dever, 237 Ill. App. 65, 69.

DANEGELT, DANEGELD. A tribute originally of 1s. and afterwards of 2s., which came to be imposed upon every hide of land through the realm, levied by the Anglo-Saxons, for maintaining (it is supposed) such a number of forces as were thought sufficient to clear the British seas of Danish pirates, who greatly annoyed their coasts, or to buy off the ravages of Danish invaders. It continued a tax until the time of Stephen, and was one of the rights of the crown. Wharton; Webster, Dict. The Danegeld was levied as a land-tax by the Norman kings; it disappears under that name after 1163, but in fact continued under the name of tailage. 3 New Eng. Dict. 26.

DANELAGE. A system of laws, introduced by the Danes on their invasion and conquest of England, which was principally maintained in some of the midland counties, and also on the eastern coast. 1 Bl. Comm. 65; 4 Bl. Comm. 411; 1 Steph. Comm. 42.

DANGER. Jeopardy; exposure to loss or injury; peril. U. S. v. Mays, 1 Idaho, 770.

—Dangers of navigation. The same as "dangers of the sea" or "perils of the sea." See Dangers of the sea, infra.

—Dangers of the river. This phrase, as used in bills of lading, means only the natural accidents incident to river navigation, and does not embrace such as may be avoided by the exercise of that skill, judgment, or foresight which are demanded from persons in a particular occupation. Hill v. Sturgeon, 35 Mo. 213, 86 Am. Dec. 149. It includes dangers arising from unknown reefs which have since formed in the channels, and are not discoverable by care and skill. Hill v. Sturgeon, 35 Mo. 213, 86 Am. Dec. 149; Garrison v. Insurance Co., 19 How. 312, 15 L. Ed. 636; Hibernia Ins. Co. v. Transp. Co., 120 U. S. 105, 7 S. Ct. 550, 30 L. Ed. 621; Johnson v. Fyiar, 4 Yerg. 48, 26 Am. Dec. 215.

—Dangers of the road. This phrase, in a bill of lading, when it refers to inland transportation, means such dangers as are immediately caused by roads, as the overturning of carriages in rough and precipitous places. 7 Exch. 743.


DANGERIA. In old English law. A money payment made by forest-tenants, that they might have liberty to plow and sow in time of pannage, or mast feeding.


DANGEROUS PER SE. A thing that may inflict injury without the immediate application of human aid or instrumentality. Southern Cotton Oil Co. v. Anderson, 60 Fla. 441, 86 So. 629, 632, 16 A. L. R. 255.

DANGEROUS WEAPON. One dangerous to life; one by the use of which a fatal wound may probably or possibly be given. As the manner of use enters into the consideration as well as other circumstances, the question is often one of fact for the jury, but not infrequently one of law for the court. U. S. v. Reeves (C. C.) 38 F. 404; State v. Hammond, 14 S. D. 548, 56 N. W. 627; State v. Lynch, 88 Me. 195, 33 A. 978; State v. Scott, 39 La. Ann. 943, 3 So. 33; Parman v. Lemon, 119 Kan. 323, 244 P. 227, 229, 44 A. L. R. 1500; State v. Bloom, 91 Kan. 156, 136 P. 951, 952; State v. Abrams, 115 Kan. 520, 223 P. 301, 303; Wilcox v. State, 13 Okl. Cr. 598, 196 P. 74, 75; People v. Shaffer, 81 Cal. App. 752, 254 P. 686, 687; People v. Freeman, 86 Cal. App. 374, 260 P. 826, 827; State v. Fletcher (Mo. Sup.) 190 S. W. 317, 321; Fabry v. State, 23 Okl. Cr. 215, 213 P. 910, 912; Coghlan v. Miller, 106 Or. 46, 211 P. 165, 164; State v. Benton, 167 La. 68, 102 So. 14, 15.

DANISM. The act of lending money on usury.
DATE CERTAINE. In French law. A deed is said to have a date certain (fixed date) when it has been subjected to the formalities. After this formalities have been complied with, the parties to the deed cannot by mutual consent change the date thereof. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 556.
DATIO. In the civil law. A giving, or act of giving. *Datium in solutum*; a giving in payment; a species of accord and satisfaction. Called, in modern law, "dation."

DATION. In the civil law. A gift; a giving of something. It is not exactly synonymous with "donation," for the latter implies generosity or liberality in making a gift, while dation may mean the giving of something to which the recipient is already entitled.

DATION EN PAIEMENT. In French law. A giving by the debtor and receipt by the creditor of something in payment of a debt, instead of a sum of money. It is somewhat like the accord and satisfaction of the common law.

16 Toullier, no. 45; Poth. Vente, no. 601.

DATIVE. A word derived from the Roman law, signifying "appointed by public authority." Thus, in Scotland, an executor is an executor appointed by a court of justice, corresponding to an English administrator. Mozley & Whitley. In old English law, in one's gift: that may be given and disposed of at will and pleasure.

DATUM. A first principle; a thing given; a date.

DATUR DIGNIORI. It is given to the more worthy. 2 Vent. 268.


DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. The wife of one's son.

DAUPHIN. In French law. The title of the eldest sons of the kings of France. Disused since 1830.

DAY. 1. A period of time consisting of twenty-four hours and including the solar day and the night. Co. Litt. 138a; Fox v. Abel, 2 Comm. 541.


3. That portion of time during which the sun is above the horizon, and, in addition, that part of the morning and evening during which there is sufficient light for the features of a man to be reasonably discerned. 3 Inst. 69; Nicholls v. State, 68 Wis. 416, 32 N. W. 543, 60 Am. Rep. 870; Trull v. Wilson, 9 Mass. 154; State v. McKnight, 111 N. C. 690, 16 S. E. 319.

4. An artificial period of time, computed from one fixed point to another twenty-four hours later, without any reference to the prevalence of light or darkness. Fuller v. Schroeder, 29 Neb. 631, 31 N. W. 109.

5. The period of time, within the limits of a natural day, set apart either by law or by common usage for the transaction of particular business or the performance of labor; as in banking, in laws regulating the hours of labor, in contracts for so many "days work," and the like, the word "day" may signify six, eight, ten, or any number of hours. Hinton v. Locke, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 430; Fay v. Brown, 96 Wis. 434, 71 N. W. 895; McCulsky v. Klos- terman, 20 Or. 105, 25 P. 386, 10 L. R. A. 785; P. Franz & Co. v. Larney (Sup.) 176 N. Y. S. 26, 27.

6. In practice and pleading. A particular time assigned or given for the appearance of parties in court, the return of writs, etc.


In General

-Astronomical day. The period of twenty-four hours beginning and ending at noon.

-Artificial day. The time between the rising and setting of the sun; that is, day or daytime as distinguished from night.

-Civil day. The solar day, measured by the diurnal revolution of the earth, and denoting the interval of time which elapses between the successive transits of the sun over the same circle, so that the "civil day" commences and ends at midnight. Pedersen v. Bugster, 14 F. 422.

-Calendar days. See Calendar.

-Clear days. See Clear.
—Common day. In old English practice. An ordinary day in court. Cowell; Termes de la Ley.

—Day certain. A fixed or appointed day; a specified particular day; a day in term. Regina v. Couyers, 8 Q. B. 391.

—Days in bank. (L. Lat. dies in banco.) In practice. Certain stated days in term appointed for the appearance of parties, the return of process, etc., originally peculiar to the court of common pleas, or bench, (bank.) as it was ancienly called. 3 Bl. Comm. 277.

By the common law, the defendant is allowed three full days in which to make his appearance in court, exclusive of the day of appearance or return-day named in the writ; 3 Bl. Comm. 278. Upon his appearance, time is usually granted him for pleading; and this is called giving him day, or, as it is more familiarly expressed, a continuance. 3 Bl. Comm. 316. When the suit is ended by discontinuance or by judgment for the defendant, he is discharged from further attendance, and is said to go thereof sine die, without day. See Continuance.

—Day in court. The time appointed for one whose rights are called judicially in question, or liable to be affected by judicial action, to appear in court and be heard in his own behalf. This phrase, as generally used, means not so much the time appointed for a hearing as the opportunity to present one’s claims or rights in a proper forensic hearing before a competent tribunal. See Ferry v. Car Wheel Co., 71 Vt. 457, 45 A. 1035, 76 Am. St. Rep. 782.

—Days of grace. A number of days allowed, as a matter of favor or grace, to a person who has to perform some act, or make some payment, after the time originally limited for the purpose has elapsed. In old practice. Three days allowed to persons summoned in the English courts, beyond the day named in the writ, to make their appearance; the last day being called the “quarto die post.” 3 Bl. Comm. 278. In mercantile law. A certain number of days (generally three) allowed to the maker or acceptor of a bill, draft, or note, in which to make payment, after the expiration of the time expressed in the paper itself. Originally these days were granted only as a matter of grace or favor, but the allowance of them became an established custom of merchants, and was sanctioned by the courts, (and in some cases prescribed by statute,) so that they are now demandable as of right. Perkins v. Bank, 21 Pick. (Mass) 483; Bell v. Bank, 115 U. S. 375, 6 S. Ct. 105, 29 L. Ed. 409; Thomas v. Shoemaker, 6 Watts & S. (Pa.) 182; Renner v. Bank, 9 Wheat. 581, 6 L. Ed. 106.

—Daytime. The time during which there is the light of day, as distinguished from night or nighttime. That portion of the twenty-four hours during which a man’s person and countenance are distinguishable. Trull v. Wilson, 9 Mass. 154; Rex v. Tandy, 1 Car. & P. 297; Linnen v. Banfield, 114 Mich. 95, 72 N. W. 1; U. S. v. Syrek (D. C.) 290 F. 820, 821. In law, this term is chiefly used in the definition of certain crimes, as to which it is material whether the act was committed by day or by night.


—Juridical day. A day proper for the transaction of business in court; one on which the court may lawfully sit, excluding Sundays and some holidays.

—Law day. The day prescribed in a bond, mortgage, or defeasible deed for payment of the debt secured thereby, or, in default of payment, the forfeiture of the property mortgaged. But this does not now occur until foreclosure. Ward v. Lord, 100 Ga. 407, 28 S. E. 446; Moore v. Norman, 48 Minn. 428, 45 N. W. 357, 9 L. R. A. 55, 19 Am. St. Rep. 247; Kortright v. Cady, 21 N. Y. 345, 75 Am. Rep. 145.


—Natural day. Properly the period of twenty-four hours from midnight to midnight. Co. Litt. 135; Fox v. Abel, 2 Conn. 541; People v. Hatch, 33 Ill. 137. Though sometimes taken to mean the daytime or time between sunrise and sunset. In re Ten Hour Law, 24 R. I. 603, 54 A. 602, 61 L. R. A. 612.

—Non-judicial day. One on which process cannot ordinarily issue or be served or returned and on which the courts do not ordinarily sit. Whitney v. Blackburn, 17 Or. 564, 21 P. 874, 11 Am. St. Rep. 557; More properly “non-juridical day.”

—Solar day. A term sometimes used as meaning that portion of the day when the sun is above the horizon, but properly it is the time between two complete (apparent) revolutions of the sun, or between two consecutive positions of the sun over any given terrestrial meridian, and hence, according to the usual method of reckoning, from noon to noon at any given place.

DAY-BOOK. A tradesman’s account book; a book in which all the occurrences of the day are set down. It is usually a book of original entries.

DAY-RULE, or DAY-WRIT. In English law. A permission granted to a prisoner to go out of prison, for the purpose of transacting his business, as to bear a case in which he is concerned at the assizes, etc. Abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22, § 12.
DAYERIA. A dairy. Cowell.

DAYLIGHT. That portion of time before sunrise, and after sunset, which is accounted part of the day, (as distinguished from night,) in defining the offense of burglary. 4 Bl. Comm. 224; Cro. Jac. 106.

DAYSMAN. An arbitrator, umpire, or elected judge. Cowell.

DAYWERE. In old English law. A term applied to land, and signifying as much arable ground as could be plowed up in one day's work. Cowell.

DE. A Latin preposition, signifying of; by; from; out of; affecting; concerning; respecting.

DE ACQUIRENDI RERUM DOMINIO. Of (about) acquiring the ownership of things. Dig. 41, 1; Bract. lib. 2, fol. 8b.

DE ADMENSURATIONE. Of admeasurement. Thus, de admensuratione dotis was a writ for the admeasurement of dower, and de admensuratione pasturae was a writ for the admeasurement of pasture.

DE ADVISAMENTO CONSILII NOSTRI. L. Lat. With or by the advice of our council. A phrase used in the old writs of summons to parliament. Crabb, Eng. Law. 240.

DE AEQUITATE. In equity. De jure stricto, nihil possit vendicare, de aequitate tamen, nulla modo hoc obtinet; in strict law, I can claim nothing, but in equity this by no means obtains. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 2, § 10.

DE ESTIMATO. In Roman law. One of the innominate contracts, and, in effect, a sale of land or goods at a price fixed, (estimato,) and guaranteed by some third party, who undertook to find a purchaser.

DE AEATE PROBANDA. For proving age. A writ which formerly lay to summon a jury in order to determine the age of the heir of a tenant in capite who claimed his estate as being of full age. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 257; Reg. Orig. 294.

DE ALEATORIBUS. About gamblers. The name of a title in the Pandects. Dig. 11, 5.

DE ALLOCATIONE FACIENDA, Breve. Writ for making an allowance. An old writ directed to the lord treasurer and barons of the exchequer, for allowing certain officers (as collectors of customs) in their accounts certain payments made by them. Reg. Orig. 192.

DE ALTO ET BASSO. Of high and low. A phrase anciently used to denote the absolute submission of all differences to arbitration. Cowell.

DE AMBITU. Lat. Concerning bribery. A phrase descriptive of the subject-matter of several of the Roman laws; as the Lex Au- fidia, the Lex Pompeia, the Lex Tullia, and others. See Ambitus.

DE AMPLIORI GRATIA. Of more abundant or especial grace. Townsh. Pl. 18.

DE ANNO BISSEXTILI. Of the bisextile or leap year. The title of a statute passed in the twenty-first year of Henry III., which in fact, however, is nothing more than a sort of writ or direction to the justices of the bench, instructing them how the extraordinary day in the leap year was to be reckoned in cases where persons had a day to appear at the distance of a year, as on the occasion de manto lecti, and the like. It was thereby directed that the additional day should, together with that which went before, be reckoned only as one, and so, of course, within the preceding year. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 296.

DE ANNUA PENSIONE, Breve. Writ of annual pension. An ancient writ by which the king, having a yearly pension due him out of an abbey or priory for any of his chaplains, demanded the same of the abbot or prior, for the person named in the writ. Reg. Orig. 205b, 307; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 231 G.

DE ANNUO REDITU. For a yearly rent. A writ to recover an annuity, no matter how payable, in goods or money. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 258.

DE APOSTATA CAPIENDO, Breve. Writ for taking an apostate. A writ which anciently lay against one who, having entered and professed some order of religion, left it and wandered up and down the country, contrary to the rules of his order, commanding the sheriff to apprehend him and deliver him again to his abbot or prior. Reg. Orig. 71b, 267; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 233, 234.

DE ARBITRATIONE FACTA. (Lat. Of arbitration had.) A writ formerly used when an action was brought for a cause which had been settled by arbitration. Wats. Arb. 256.

DE ARREstandis Bonis NE DIssipenTur. An old writ which lay to seize goods in the hands of a party during the pendency of a suit, to prevent their being made away with. Reg. Orig. 126b.

DE ARREstando IPSum QUI PECuniAM RECEpt. A writ which lay for the arrest of one who had taken the king's money to serve in the war, and hid himself to escape going. Reg. Orig. 24b.

DE ARTE ET PARTE. Of art and part. A phrase in old Scotch law. See Art and Part.

DE ASPORTATIS RELIGIOSORUM. Concerning the property of religious persons carried away. The title of the statute 35 Edward I. passed to check the abuses of clerical possessions, one of which was the waste they
DE ASSISA PROROGANDA. (Lat. For proroguing assise.) A writ to put off an assise, issuing to the justices, where one of the parties is engaged in the service of the king.

DE ATTORNATO RECIPIENDO. A writ which lays to the judges of a court, requiring them to receive and admit an attorney for a party. Reg. Orig. 172; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 155.

DE AUDIENDO ET TERMINANDO. For hearing and determining; to hear and determine. The name of a writ, or rather commission granted to certain justices to hear and determine cases of heinous misdemeanors, trespass, riotous breach of the peace, etc. Reg. Orig. 123, et seq.; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 110 B. See Oyer and Terminer.

DE AVERIIS CAPTIS IN WITHERNAMIUM. Writ for taking cattle in withernam. A writ which lay where the sheriff returned to a plurica writ of replevin that the cattle or goods, etc., were cloined, etc.; by which he was commanded to take the cattle of the defendant in withernam, (or reprisal,) and detain them until he could reaply the other cattle. Reg. Orig. 82; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 73, E. F. See Withernam.

DE AVERIIS REPELSEIANDIS. A writ to reaply beasts. 3 Bl. Comm. 140.

DE AVERIIS RETORNANDIS. For returning the cattle. A term applied to pledges given in the old action of replevin. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 177.

DE BANCO. Of the bench. A term formerly applied in England to the justices of the court of common pleas, or "bench," as it was originally styled.

DE BENE ESSE. Conditionally; provisionally; in anticipation of future need. A phrase, an application to proceedings which are taken ex parte or provisionally, and are allowed to stand as well done for the present, but which may be subject to future exception or challenge, and must then stand or fall according to their intrinsic merit and regularity.

Thus, "in certain cases, the courts will allow evidence to be taken out of the regular course, in order to prevent the evidence being lost by the death or the absence of the witness. This is called 'taking evidence de bene esse,' and is looked upon as a temporary and conditional examination, to be used only in case the witness cannot afterwards be examined in the suit in the regular way." Hunt, Eq. 75; Haynes, Eq. 153; Mttf. Eq. Pl. 52, 140; Willis v. Bank of Hardinsburg & Trust Co., 158 Ky. 808, 170 S. W. 188, 180.

DE BON ET DE MAL. L. Fr. For good and evil. A phrase by which a party accused of a crime anciently put himself upon a jury, indicating his entire submission to their verdict.

DE BIENS LE MORT. L. Fr. Of the goods of the deceased. Dyer, 32.

DE BIGAMIS. Concerning men twice married. The title of the statute 4 Edw. I. St. 3; so called from the initial words of the fifth chapter. 2 Inst. 272; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 142.

DE BONE MEMORIE. L. Fr. Of good memory; of sound mind. 2 Inst. 510.

DE BONIS ASPORTATIS. For goods taken away; for taking away goods. The action of trespass for taking personal property is technically called "trespass de bonis asportatis." 1 Tidg. Pr. 5.

DE BONIS NON. An abbreviation of De bonis non administratis. (q. v.) 1 Strange, 34.

DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATIS. Of the goods not administered. When an administrator is appointed to succeed another, who has left the estate partially unsettled, he is said to be granted "administration de bonis non:" that is, of the goods not already administered. McNafr v. Howie, 123 S. C. 252, 116 S. E. 279, 285.

DE BONIS NON AMOVENDIS. Writ for not removing goods. A writ anecdotically directed to the sheriffs of London, commanding them, in cases where a writ of error was brought by a defendant against whom a Judgment was recovered, to see that his goods and chattels were safely kept without being removed, while the error remained undetermined, so that execution might be had of them, etc. Reg. Orig. 131b; Terms de la Ley.

DE BONIS PROPRIIS. Of his own goods. The technical name of a judgment against an administrator or executor to be satisfied from his own property, and not from the estate of the deceased, as in cases where he has been guilty of a devastament or of a false plea of plene administravit.

DE BONIS TESTATORIS, or INTESTATI. Of the goods of the testator, or intestate. A term applied to a judgment awarding execution against the property of a testator or intestate, as distinguished from the individual property of his executor or administrator. 2 Archib. Pr. K. B. 148, 149.

DE BONIS TESTATORIS AC SI. (Lat. From the goods of the testator, if he has any, and, if not, from those of the executor.) A judgment rendered where an executor falsely pleads any matter as a release, or, generally, in any case where he is to be charged in case his testator's estate is insufficient. 1 Williams' Saund. 33b; Bac. Abr. "Executor," B. 3; 2 Archib. Pr. K. B. 148.

DE BONO ET MALO. "For good and ill." The Latin form of the law French phrase
"De bien et de mal." In ancient criminal pleading, this was the expression with which the prisoner put himself upon a jury, indicating his absolute submission to their verdict. This was also the name of the special writ of jail delivery formerly in use in England, which issued for each particular prisoner, of course. It was superseded by the general commission of jail delivery.

DE BONO GESTU. For good behavior; for good abeance.

DE CAETERO. Henceforth.

DE CALCETO REPARANDO. Writ for repairing a causeway. An old writ by which the sheriff was commanded to distrain the inhabitants of a place to repair and maintain a causeway, etc. Reg. Orig. 154.

DE CAPITALIBUS DOMINIS FEODI. Of the chief lords of the fee.

DE CAPITE MINUTIS. Of those who have lost their status, or civil condition. Dig. 4. 5. The name of a title in the Pandects. See Capitis Deminutio.

DE CARTIS REDDENDIS. (For restoring charters.) A writ to secure the delivery of charters or deeds; a writ of detinue. Reg. Orig. 1509.

DE CATALLIS REDDENDIS. (For restoring chattels.) A writ to secure the return specifically of chattels detained from the owner. Cowell.

DE CAUTIONE ADMITTENDA. Writ to take caution or security. A writ which anciently lay against a bishop who held an uncommunicated person in prison for his contempt, notwithstanding he had offered sufficient security (idemae causamen) to obey the commands of the church; commanding him to take such security and release the prisoner. Reg. Orig. 66; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 63, c.

DE CERTIFICANDO. A writ requiring a thing to be certified. A kind of certiorari. Reg. Orig. 151, 152.

DE CERTIORANDO. A writ for certifying. A writ directed to the sheriff, requiring him to certify to a particular fact. Reg. Orig. 24.


DE CHAR ET DE SANK. L. Fr. Of flesh and blood. Affaire rechat de char et de sank. Words used in claiming a person to be a villain, in the time of Edward II. Y. B. P. 1 Edw. II. p. 4.

DE CHIMINO. A writ for the enforcement of a right of way. Reg. Orig. 158.

DE CIBARIIS UTENDIS. Of victuals to be used. The title of a sumptuary statute passed 10 Edw. III. St. 3, to restrain the expense of entertainments. Barring. Ob. St. 340.

DE CLAMAE ADMITTENDA IN ITINERE PER ATTORNATUM. See Clamea Admittenda, etc.

DE CLARO DIE. By daylight. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 76, § 8.

DE CLAUDIO FRACTO. Of close broken; of breach of close. See Clausum Frigat.

DE CLERICO ADMITTENDO. See Admittendo Clerico.

DE CLERICO CAPTO PER STATUTUM MERCATORIUM DELIBERANDO. Writ for delivering a clerk arrested on a statute merchant. A writ for the delivery of a clerk out of prison, who had been taken and imprisoned upon the breach of a statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 147b.

DE CLERICO CONVICTO DELIBERANDO. See Clerico Convicto, etc.

DE CLERO INFRA SACROS ORDINES CONSTITUTO NON ELIGENDO IN OFFICIUM. See Clerico Infra Sacros, etc.

DE CLERO. Concerning the clergy. The title of the statute 25 Edw. III. St. 3; containing a variety of provisions on the subject of presentations, indictments of spiritual persons, and the like. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 378.


DE COMMUNI DIVIDUNDO. For dividing a thing held in common. The name of an action given by the civil law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 499.

DE COMON DROIT. L. Fr. Of common right; that is, by the common law. Co. Litt. 142a.


DE CONCILIO CURIÆ. By the advice (or direction) of the court.

DE CONFLICTU LEGUM. Concerning the conflict of laws. The title of several works written on that subject. 2 Kent, Comm. 455.

DE CONJUNCTIM FEOFFATIS. Concerning persons jointly enfeoffed, or seised. The title of the statute 34 Edw. I, which was passed to prevent the delay occasioned by tenants in novel disseisin, and other writs, pleading
that some one else was seized jointly with them. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 243.

DE CONSANGUINEO, and DE CONSAN-
GUINITATE. Writs of cosinage, (q. v.)

DE CONSILIO. In old criminal law. Of
counsel; concerning counsel or advice to com-
mit a crime. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 8.

DE CONSILIO CURÆ. By the advice or di-
rection of the court. Bract. fol. 345b.

DE CONTINUANDO ASSISAM. Writ to con-
tinue an assise. Reg. Orig. 217b.

DE CONTUMACE CAPIENDO. Writ for tak-
ing a contumacious person. A writ which is-
issues out of the English court of chancery, in
cases where a person has been pronounced
by an ecclesiastical court to be contumacious,
and in contempt. Shelf. Mar. & Div. 494-496,
and notes. It is a commitment for contempt.
Id.

DE COPIA LIBELLI DELIBERANDA. Writ for
derivering the copy of a libel. An ancient
writ directed to the judge of a spiritual court,
commanding him to deliver to a defendant a
copy of the libel filed against him in such
court. Reg. Orig. 58. The writ in the regis-
ter is directed to the Dean of the Arches, and
his commissary. Id.

DE CORONATORE ELIGENDO. Writ for
electing a coroner. A writ issued to the sher-
iff in England, commanding him to proceed to
the election of a coroner, which is done in full
county court, the freeholders being the elec-
tors. Sewell, Sheriffs, 372.

DE CORONATORE EXONERANDO. Writ for
discharging or removing a coroner. A
writ by which a coroner in England may be
removed from office for some cause therein
Comm. 348.

DE CORPORE COMITATUS. From the body
of the county at large, as distinguished from
a particular neighborhood, (de vicino.) 3 Bl.
Comm. 360. Used with reference to the com-
position of a jury. State v. Kemp, 34 Minn.
61, 24 N. W. 849.

DE CORRODIO HABENDO. Writ for hav-
ing a corody. A writ to exact a corody from
Brev. 250. See Corody.

DE CUIUS. Lat. From whom. A term
used to designate the person by, through,
from, or under whom another claims. Brent
793.

DE CURIA CLAUDENDA. An obsolete writ,
to require a defendant to fence in his court
or land about his house, where it was left
open to the injury of his neighbor's freehold.
1 Crabb, Real Prop. 314; Rust v. Low, 6
Mass. 89.

DE CURSU. Of course. The usual, neces-
sary, and formal proceedings in an action
are said to be de curso; as distinguished
from summary proceedings, or such as are
incidental and may be taken on summons or
motion. Writs de curso are such as are is-
issued of course, as distinguished from pre-
rogative writs.

DE CUSTODE ADMITTENDO. Writ for ad-
mitting a guardian. Reg. Orig. 935, 198.

DE CUSTODE AMOVENDO. Writ for re-
moving a guardian. Reg. Orig. 198.

DE CUSTODIA TERRÆ ET HÆREDÆ,
Breve. L. Lat. Writ of ward, or writ of
right of ward. A writ which lay for a guardi-
an in knight's service or in socage, to re-
cover the possession and custody of the in-
ant, or the wardship of the land and heir.
Reg. Orig. 161b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 139, B;
3 Bl. Comm. 141.

DE DEBITO. A writ of debt. Reg. Orig.
139.

DE DEBITORE IN PARTES SECANDO. In
Roman law. "Of cutting a debtor in pieces." This was the name of a law contained in the
Twelve Tables, the meaning of which has occasioned much controversy. Some com-
mentators have concluded that it was liter-
ally the privilege of the creditors of an in-
solvent debtor (all other means failing) to
cut his body into pieces and distribute it
among them. Others contend that the lan-
guage of this law must be taken figuratively,
denoting a cutting up and apportionment of
the debtor's estate.

The latter view has been adopted by Montesquieu,
Bynkershoek, Heineccius, and Taylor. (Esprit des
Lois, liv. 29, c. 2; Bynk. Obs. Jur. Rom. l. 1, c.
1; Heinec. Ant. Rom. lib. 3, tit. 50, § 4; Tayl.
Comm. in Leg. Deemv.) The literal meaning, on
the other hand, is advocated by Aulus Gellius and
other writers of antiquity, and receives support
from an expression (semoto omni cruciata) in
20, c. 1; Code, 7, 7, 8.) This is also the opinion
of Gibbon, Gravina, Pothier, Hugo, and Niebuhr.
Nat. Gent. et XII. Tab. § 72; Poth. Intro. Pand.;
Hugo, Hist. du Droit Rom. tcm. i., p. 233, § 149;

DE DECEPTIONE. A writ of deceit which
lay against one who acted in the name of an-
other whereby the latter was damned and
deceived. Reg. Orig. 112.

DE DEONERANDA PRO RATA PORTIONIS.
A writ that lay where one was distrained for
rent that ought to be paid by others propor-
Termes de la Ley.

DE DIE IN DIEM. From day to day. Bract.
fol. 205b.
DE DIVERSIS REGULIS JURIS ANTIQUI. Of divers rules of the ancient law. A celebrated title of the Digests, and the last in that collection. It consists of two hundred and eleven rules or maxims. Dig. 50, 17.

DE DOLO MALO. Of or founded upon fraud. Dig. 4, 3. See Actio de Dolo Malo.

DE DOMO REPARANDA. A writ which lay for one tenant in common to compel his co-tenant to contribute towards the repair of the common property.

DE DONIS. Concerning gifts, (or more fully, de donis conditionabilibus, concerning conditional gifts.) The name of a celebrated English statute, passed in the thirteenth year of Edw. L, and constituting the first chapter of the statute of Westm. 2, by virtue of which estates in fee-simple conditional (formerly known as "dona conditionalia") were converted into estates in fee-tail and rendered inalienable, thereby strengthening the power of the nobles. See 2 Bl. Comm. 112.

DE DOTE ASSIGNANDA. Writ for assigning dower. A writ which lay for the widow of a tenant in capite, commanding the king's escheator to cause her dower to be assigned to her. Reg. Orig. 297; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 263, C.

DE DOTE UNDE NIHIL HABET. A writ of dower which lay for a widow where no part of her dower had been assigned to her. It is not much used; but a form closely resembling it is sometimes used in the United States. 4 Kent, Comm. 63; Stearns, Real Act. 302; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 299.

DE EJECTIONE CUSTODIÆ. A writ which lay for a guardian who had been forcibly ejected from his wardship. Reg. Orig. 162.

DE EJECTIONE FIRMAE. A writ which lay at the suit of the tenant for years against the lessor, reversioner, remainderman, or stranger who had himself deprived the tenant of the occupation of the land during his term. 3 Bl. Comm. 199. By a gradual extension of the scope of this form of action its object was made to include not only damages for the unlawful detainer, but also the possession for the remainder of the term, and eventually the possession of land generally. And, as it turned on the right of possession, this involved a determination of the right of property, or the title, and thus arose the modern action of ejectment.

DE ESCÆTA. Writ of escheat. A writ which a lord had, where his tenant died without heir, to recover the land. Reg. Orig. 164b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 143, 144, E.

DE ESCAMBO MONETÆ. A writ of exchange of money. An ancient writ to authorize a merchant to make a bill of exchange, (literas combitatorias facere,) Reg. Orig. 194.

DE ESSE IN PEREGRINATIONE. Of being on a journey. A species of essoin. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 119.

DE ESSENDO QUIETUM DE TOLONIO. A writ which lay for those who were by privilege free from the payment of toll, on their being molested therein. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 228; Reg. Orig. 2589.

DE ESSONIO DE MALO LECTI. A writ which issued upon an essoin of malum lecti being cast, to examine whether the party was in fact sick or not. Reg. Orig. 58.

DE ESTOVERII HABENDIS. Writ for having estovers. A writ which lay for a wife divorced a mensa et thoro, to recover her alimony or estovers. 1 Bl. Comm. 441; 1 Lev. 6.

DE ESTREPAMENTO. A writ which lay to prevent or stay waste by a tenant, during the pendency of a suit against him to recover the lands. Reg. Orig. 769. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 60.

DE EU ET TRENE. L. Fr. Of water and whip of three cords. A term applied to a neffe, that is, a bond woman or female villain, as employed in servile work, and subject to corporal punishment. Co. Litt. 256.

DE EVE ET DE TREVE. A law French phrase, equivalent to the Latin de avo et de tritavo, descriptive of the ancestral rights of lords in their villains. Literally, "from grandfather and from great-grandfather's great-grandfather." It occurs in the Year Books.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO CAPIENDO. A writ commanding the sheriff to arrest one who was excommunicated, and imprison him till he should become reconciled to the church. 3 Bl. Comm. 102. Smith v. Nelson, 18 Vt. 511.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO DELIBERANDO. A writ to deliver an excommunicated person, who has made satisfaction to the church, from prison. 3 Bl. Comm. 102.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO RECAPIENDO. Writ for retaking an excommunicated person, where he had been liberated from prison without making satisfaction to the church, or giving security for that purpose. Reg. Orig. 67.·

DE EXCUSATIONIBUS. "Concerning excuses." This is the title of book 27 of the Pandects, (in the Corpus Juris Civilis.) It treats of the circumstances which excuse one from filling the office of tutor or curator. The bulk of the extracts are from Modestinus.

DE EXECUTIONE JUDICI. A writ directed to a sheriff or bailiff, commanding him to do execution upon a judgment. Reg. Orig. 18; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20.


DE EXONERATIONE SECTÆ. Writ for exonerarion of suit. A writ that lay for the king's ward to be discharged of all suit to the county court, hundred, leet, or court-baron, during the time of his wardship. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 158; New Nat. Brev. 352.

DE EXPENSIS CIVIUM ET BURGESSIUM. An obsolete writ addressed to the sheriff to levy the expenses of every citizen and burgess of parliament. 4 Inst. 46.

DE EXPENSIS MILITUM LEVANDIS. Writ for levying the expenses of knights. A writ directed to the sheriff for levying the allowance for knights of the shire in parliament. Reg. Orig. 191b, 192.

DE FACTO. In fact, in deed, actually. This phrase is used to characterize an officer, a government, a past action, or a state of affairs which must be accepted for all practical purposes, but is illegal or illegitimate. In this sense it is the contrary of de jure, which means rightful, legitimate, just, or constitutional. Thus, an officer, king, or government de facto is one who is in actual possession of the office or supreme power, but by usurpation, or without lawful title; while an officer, king, or governor de jure is one who has just claim and rightful title to the office or power, but has never had plenary possession of it, or is not in actual possession. 4 Bl. Comm. 77, 78. MacLeod v. United States, 229 U. S. 416, 33 S. Ct. 955, 959, 57 L. Ed. 1260; Wheatley v. Consolidated Lumber Co., 187 Cal. 441, 190 P. 1067, 1069. So a wife de facto is one whose marriage is voidable by decree, as distinguished from a wife de jure, or lawful wife. 4 Kent, Comm. 36.

But the term is also frequently used independently of any distinction from de jure; thus a blockade de facto is a blockade which is actually maintained, as distinguished from a mere paper blockade. 1 Kent, 44.

As to de facto "Corporation," "Court," "Domelie," "Government," and "Officer," see those titles.

In Old English Law

De facto means respecting or concerning the principal act of a murder, which was technically denominatred factum. See Fleta, lib. 1, c. 27, § 18.

DE FACTO CONTRACT. One which has purported to pass the property from the owner to another. Bank v. Logan, 74 N. Y. 575; Edmunds v. Transp. Co., 135 Mass. 293.

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DE FAIRE ÉCHELLE. In French law. A clause commonly inserted in policies of marine insurance, equivalent to a license to touch and trade at intermediate ports. American Ins. Co. v. Griswold, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 491.


DE FALSO MONETA. Of false money. The title of the statute 27 Edw. I. ordaining that persons importing certain coins, called "poldars," and "crockards," should forfeit their lives and goods, and everything they could forfeit. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 228, 229.

De fide et officio judicis non recipitur quaestio, sed de scientia, sive sit error juris, sive facti. Concerning the fidelity and official conduct of a judge, no question is [will be] entertained; but [only] concerning his knowledge, whether the error [committed] be of law or of fact. Bac. Max. 68, reg. 17. The bona fides and honesty of purpose of a judge cannot be questioned, but his decision may be impugned for error either of law or fact. Broom. Max. 85. The law doth so much respect the certainty of judgments, and the credit and authority of judges, that it will not permit any error to be assigned which impeacheth them in their trust and office, and in willful abuse of the same; but only in ignorance and mistaking either of the law, or of the case and matter of fact. Bac. Max. ubi supra. Thus, it cannot be assigned for error that a judge did that which he ought not to do; as that he entered a verdict for the plaintiff, where the jury gave it for the defendant. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20, 21; Bac. Max. ubi supra; Hard. 127, arg.

DE FIDEI LÆSIONE. Of breach of faith or fidelity. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 99.

DE FINE FORCE. I. Fr. Of necessity; of pure necessity. See Fine Force.

DE FINE NON CAPIENDO PRO PULCHRÆ PLACITANDO. A writ prohibiting the taking of fines for beau pleasur. Reg. Orig. 179.

DE FINE PRO REDISSEISINA CAPIENDO. A writ which lay for the release of one imprisoned for a redissaisin, on payment of a reasonable fine. Reg. Orig. 222b.

DE FINIBUS LEVATIS. Concerning fines levied. The title of the statute 27 Edw. I. requiring fines thereafter to be levied, to be read openly and solemnly in court. 2 Inst. 521.


DE FRANGENTIBUS PRISONAM. Concerning those that break prison. The title of the statute 1 Edw. II. ordaining that none from thenceforth who broke prison should have judgment of life or limb for breaking prison only, unless the cause for which he was taken
and imprisoned required such a judgment if he was lawfully convicted thereof. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 290; 2 Inst. 589.


DE GESTU ET FAMA. Of behavior and reputation. An old writ which lay in cases where a person's conduct and reputation were impeached.

DE GRATIA. Of grace or favor, by favor. De speciali gratia, of special grace or favor.

De gratia speciali certa scientia et mere motu, talis clausula non valet in his in quibus prassumitur principem esse ignorantem. 1 Coke, 53.

The clause "of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion," is of no avail in those things in which it is presumed that the prince was ignorant.

De grossis arboribus decime non dabuntur sed de sylvia cadua decime dabuntur. 2 Rolle, 123. Of whole trees, tithes are not given; but of wood cut to be used, tithes are given.

DE HÆREDE DELIBERANDO ILLI QUI HABET CUSTODIAM TERRE. Writ for delivering an heir to him who has wardship of the land. A writ directed to the sheriff, to require one that had the body of him that was ward to another to deliver him to the person whose ward he was by reason of his land. Reg. Orig. 161.

DE HÆREDE RAPTO ET ABDUCTO. Writ concerning an heir ravished and carried away. A writ which anciently lay for a lord who, having by right the wardship of his tenant under age could not obtain his body, the same being carried away by another person. Reg. Orig. 163; Old Nat. Brev. 93.

DE HÆRETICO COMBURENDO. (Lat. For burning a heretic.) A writ which formerly issued from the secular courts for the execution, by burning, of a heretic, who had been convicted in the ecclesiastical courts of heresy, had abjured, and had relapsed into heresy. It is said to be very ancient. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 269; 4 Bl. Comm. 40. See Hæretico Comburendo.

DE HOMAGIO RESPECTUANUM. A writ for respite or postponing homage. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 269, A.

DE HOMINE CAPTO IN WITHERNAM. (Lat. For taking a man in withernam.) A writ to take a man who had carried away a bondman or bondwoman into another country beyond the reach of a writ of replevin.

DE HOMINE REPLEGIANDO. (Lat. For replying a man.) A writ which lies to reply a man out of prison, or out of the custody of a private person, upon giving security to the sheriff that the man shall be forthcom-

DE IDENTITATE NOMINIS. A writ which lay for one arrested in a personal action and committed to prison under a mistake as to his identity, the proper defendant bearing the same name. Reg. Orig. 184.

DE IDIOTA INQUIRENDI. An old common-law writ, long obsolete, to inquire whether a man be an idiot or not. 2 Steph. Comm. 509.

DE IIS QUI PONENDI SUNT IN ASSISIS. Of those who are to be put on assises. The title of a statute passed 21 Edw. I. defining the qualifications of jurors. Crabb, Eng. Law, 167, 189; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 184.

DE INCREMENTO. Of increase; in addition. Costs de incremento, or costs of increase, are the costs adjudged by the court in civil actions, in addition to the damages and nominal costs found by the Jury. Glib. Com. Pl. 209.

DE INFIRMITATE. Of infirmity. The principal essoin in the time of Gianville; afterwards called "de malo." 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 115. See De Malo; Essoin.

DE INGRESSU. A writ of entry. Reg. Orig. 227b, et seq.

DE INJURIA. Of his own wrong. In the technical language of pleading, a replication de injuria is one that may be made in an action of tort where the defendant has admitted the acts complained of, but alleges, in his plea, certain new matter by way of justification or excuse; by this replication the plaintiff avers that the defendant committed the grievances in question "of his own wrong, and without any such cause," or motive or excuse, as that alleged in the plea, (de injuria sua propria abaque tali causa;) or, admitting part of the matter pleaded, "without the rest of the cause" alleged, (abaque residuo causa.) In form it is a species of traverse, and it is frequently used when the pleading of the defendant, in answer to which it is directed, consists merely of matter of excuse of the alleged trespass, grievance, breach of contract, or other cause of action. Its comprehensive character in putting in issue all the material facts of the defendant's plea has also obtained for it the title of the general replication. Holtthouse.

DE INOFFICIOSO TESTAMENTO. Concerning an infidious or undutiful will. A title of the civil law. Inst. 2, 18.

DE INTEGRUM. Anew; a second time. As it was before.
DE INTRUSIONE. A writ of intrusion; where a stranger entered after the death of the tenant, to the injury of the reversioner. Reg. Orig. 2538.

DE JACTURA EVITANDA. For avoiding a loss. A phrase applied to a defendant, as de lucre captando is to a plaintiff. Jones v. Seyler, 1 Litt. (Ky.) 51, 13 Am. Dec. 218.

DE JUDAIISMUS, STATUTUM. The name of a statute passed in the reign of Edward I, which enacted severe and arbitrary penalties against the Jews.

DE JUDICATO SOLVENDO. For payment of the amount adjudged. A term applied in the Scotch law to bail to the action, or special bail.

DE JUDICIS. Of judicial proceedings. The title of the second part of the Digests or Pandects, including the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh books. See Dig. proem. § 3.

DE JUDICIO SISTI. For appearing in court. A term applied in the Scotch and admirality law, to bail for a defendant’s appearance.

DE JURE. Of right; legitimate; lawful; by right and just title. In this sense it is the contrary of de facto, (which see.) It may also be contrasted with de gratia, in which case it means “as a matter of right,” as de gratia means “by grace or favor.” Again it may be contrasted with de aequitate; here meaning “by law,” as the latter means “by equity.” See Government.

De jure decimarem, originem duces de jure patronatus, tunc cognitio spectat at legem civilem, i. e., communem. Godb. 63. With regard to the right of tithes, deducing its origin from the right of the patron, then the cognizance of them belongs to the civil law; that is, the common law.

De jure judicis, de facto juratores, respondent. The judges find the law, the jury the facts. See Co. Litt. 285; Broom, Max. 99.

DE LA PLUS BEALE, or BELLE. L. Fr. Of the most fair. A term applied to a species of dower, which was assigned out of the fairest of the husband’s tenements. Litt. § 48. See Dower de la Plus Belle.

DE LATERE. From the side; on the side; collaterally; of collaterals. Cod. 5, 5, 6.

DE LEGATIS ET FIDEI COMMISION. Of legacies and trusts. The name of a title of the Pandects. Dig. 30.


DE LIBERTATE PROBANDA. Writ for proving liberty. A writ which lay for such as, being demanded for villeins or niefs, offered to prove themselves free. Reg. Orig. 877; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 77, F.

DE LIBERTATIBUS ALLOCANDIS. A writ of various forms, to enable a citizen to recover the liberties to which she was entitled. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 229; Reg. Orig. 202.

DE LICENTIA TRANSFRETANDI. Writ of permission to cross the sea. An old writ directed to the wardens of the port of Dover, or other seaport in England, commanding them to permit the persons named in the writ to cross the sea from such port, on certain conditions. Reg. Orig. 183b.

DE LUNATICO INQUIENDO. The name of a writ directed to the sheriff, directing him to inquire by good and lawful men whether the party charged is a lunatic, not. See Hutchinson v. Sandi, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 284, 28 Am. Dec. 127; Den v. Clark, 10 N. J. L. 217, 18 Am. Dec. 417; Hart v. Deamer, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 497; In re McAdams, 19 Hun (N. Y.) 292; In re Kings County Insane Asylum, 7 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 425; In re Hill, 31 N. J. Eq. 203; In re Lindsay, 44 N. J. Eq. 564, 55 N. J. Eq. 564, 15 A. 1, 6 Am. St. Rep. 913.

DE MAGNA ASSISA ELIGENDA. A writ by which the grand assise was chosen and summoned. Reg. Orig. 8; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 4.

DE MAJORI ET MINORI NON VARIANT JURIA. Concerning greater and less laws do not vary. 2 Vern. 552.

DE MALO. Of illness. This phrase was frequently used to designate several species of essoin. (q. v.) such as de malo lecti, of illness in bed; de malo veendni, of illness (or misfortune) in coming to the place where the court sat; de malo villa, of illness in the town where the court sat.

DE MANUCTIONE. Writ of manuption, or mainprise. A writ which lay for one who, being taken and imprisoned on a charge of felony, had offered bail, which had been refused; requiring the sheriff to discharge him on his finding sufficient mainprors or bail. Reg. Orig. 298; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 249, G.

DE MANUTENENDO. Writ of maintenance. A writ which lay against a person for the offense of maintenance. Reg. Orig. 189, 1829.
DE MEDIATE LINGUÆ. Of the half tongue; half of one tongue and half of another. This phrase describes that species of jury which, at common law, was allowed in both civil and criminal cases where one of the parties was an alien, not speaking or understanding English. It was composed of six English denizens or natives and six of the alien's own countrymen.

DE MEDIC. A writ in the nature of a writ of right, which lay where upon a subinfeudation the mesne (or middle) lord suffered his under-tenant or tenant paravail to be disquieted upon by the lord paramount for the rent due him from the mesne lord. Booth, Real Act, 136.

DE MELIORIBUS DAMNIS. Of or for the better damages. A term used in practice to denote the election by a plaintiff against which several defendants (where the damages have been assessed separately) he will take judgment. 1 Arch. Pr. K. B. 219; Knollierbacker v. Colver, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 111.


De minimis non curat lex. The law does not care for, or take notice of, very small or trifling matters. The law does not concern itself about trifles. Cro. Eliz. 353. Thus, error in calculation of a fractional part of a penny will not be regarded. Hob. 85. So, the law will not, in general, notice the fraction of a day. Broom, Max. 142.

DE MINIS. Writ of threats. A writ which lay where a person was threatened with personal violence, or the destruction of his property, to compel the offender to keep the peace. Reg. Orig. 889, 89; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 79, G. 80.

DE MITTENDO TENOREM RECORDI. A writ to send the tenant of a record, or to exemplify it under the great seal. Reg. Orig. 2208.

DE MODERATA MISERICORDIA CAPIENDA. Writ for taking a moderate amercement. A writ, founded on Magna Charta, (c. 14.) which lay for one who was excessively amerced in a court not of record, directed to the lord of the court, or his bailiff, commanding him to take a moderate amercement of the party. Reg. Orig. 869; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 75, 76.

DE MODO DECIMANDI. Of a modus of tithing. A term applied in English ecclesiastical law to a prescription to have a special manner of tithing. 2 Bl. Comm. 20; 3 Steph. Comm. 180.


De morte hominis nulla est cunctatio longa. Where the death of a human being is concerned, [in a matter of life and death,] no delay is [considered] long. Co. Litt. 134.

DE NATIVO HABENDO. A writ which lay for a lord directed to the sheriff, commanding him to apprehend a fugitive villain, and restore him, with all his chattels, to the lord. Reg. Orig. 87; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 77.


De nomine proprio non est curandum cum in substantia non erroret; quia nonima mutabilia sunt, res autem immobiles. 6 Coke. 60. As to the proper name, it is not to be regarded where it errs not in substance, because names are changeable, but things immutable.

De non apparentibus, et non existentibus, cadam est ratio. 5 Coke, 6. As to things not apparent, and those not existing, the rule is the same. Brougham v. Webb, 28 N. C. 61; U. S. v. Wilkinson, 12 How. (U. S.) 253, 13 L. Ed. 374, Fed. Cas. No. 16,696; 5 Co. 6; 6 Bingh. N. C. 453; 7 Ch. & F. 572; 5 C. B. 53; 8 Id. 286; 1 Term 404; Quarles v. Quarles, 4 Mass. 683; 8 Id. 401; Broom, Max. 163, 166.

DE NON DECIMANDO. Of not paying tithes. A term applied in English ecclesiastical law to a prescription or claim to be entirely discharged of tithes, and to pay no compensation in lieu of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 31.

DE NON PROCEDENDO AD ASSISAM. A writ forbidding the justices from holding an assise in a particular case. Reg. Orig. 221.

DE NON RESIDENTIA CLERICI REGIS. An ancient writ where a parson was employed in the royal service, etc., to excuse and discharge him of non-residence. 2 Inst. 264.

DE NON SANE MEMORIE. L Fr. Of unsound memory or mind; a phrase synonymous with non compos mentis.

DE NOVI OPERIS NUNCIATIONE. In the civil law. A form of interdict or injunction which lies in some cases where the defendant is about to erect a "new work" (q. v.) in derogation or injury of the plaintiff's rights.

DE NOVO. Anew; afresh; a second time. A venire de novo is a writ for summoning a jury for the second trial of a case which has been sent back from above for a new trial. Gaiser v. Steele, 25 Idaho, 412, 137 P. 560, 560; Slaughter v. Martin, 9 Ala. App. 285, 88 So. 693, 690; Parker v. Lewis, 45 Okl. 807, 147 P. 310, 311.
De nullo, quod est sua natura indivisibile, et divisionem non patitur, nullam partem habebit vidua, sed satisfaciat ei ad valentiam. Co. Litt. 32. A widow shall have no part of that which in its own nature is indivisible, and is not susceptible of division, but let the heir satisfy her with an equivalent.

De nullo tenemento, quod tenetur ad terminum, fit homagii, fit tamen inde fictilatis sacramentum. In no tenement which is held for a term of years is there an avall of homage; but there is the oath of fealty. Co. Litt. 67b.

De O Dio et Atia. A writ ancienly called "breve de bono et malo," addressed to the sheriff to inquire whether a man committed to prison upon suspicion of murder were committed on just cause of suspicion, or only upon malice and ill will (propter odium et atiam); and if, upon the inquisition, due cause of suspicion did not appear, then there issued another writ for the sheriff to admit him to bail. 3 Bl. Comm. 128; Reg. Orig. 153.

DE OFFICE. L. Fr. Of office; in virtue of office; officially; in the discharge of ordinary duty.

DE ONERANDO PRO RATA PORTIONE. Writ for charging according to a rateable proportion. A writ which lay for a joint tenant, or tenant in common, who was dispossessed for more rent than his proportion of the land came to. Reg. Orig. 182; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 234, H.

DE PACE ET LEGALITATE TENENDA. For keeping the peace, and for good behavior.


DE PACE ET ROBERIA. Of peace (breach of peace) and robbery. One of the kinds of criminal appeal formerly in use in England, and which lay in cases of robbery and breach of the peace. Bract. fol. 146; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 37.


DE PARCO FRACTO. A writ or action for damages caused by a pound-breach (q. v.). It has long been obsolete. Co. Litt. 47b; 3 Bl. Comm. 146.

DE PARTITIONE FACIENDA. A writ which lay to make partition of lands or tenements held by several as coparceners, tenants in common, etc. Reg. Orig. 76; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 61, R; Old Nat. Brev. 142.

DE PERAMBULATIONE FACIENDA. A writ which lay where there was a dispute as to the boundaries of two adjacent lordships or towns, directed to the sheriff, commanding him to take with him twelve discreet and lawful knights of his county and make the perambulation and set the bounds and limits in certainty. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 300, D.

DE PIGNORE SURREPTO FURTI, ACTIO. In the civil law. An action to recover a pledge stolen. Inst. 4, 1, 14.


DE PLACITO. Of a plea; of or in an action. Formal words used in declarations and other proceedings, as descriptive of the particular action brought.


DE PLANO. Lat. On the ground; on a level. A term of the Roman law descriptive of the method of hearing causes, when the preator stood on the ground with the suitors, instead of the more formal method when he occupied a bench or tribunal; hence informal, or summary.

DE PLEGIIS ACQUIETANDIS. Writ for acquitting or releasing pledges. A writ that lay for a surety, against him for whom he had become surety for the payment of a certain sum of money at a certain day, when the latter had not paid the money at the appointed day, and the surety was compelled to pay it. Reg. Orig. 153; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 137, C; 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 65.

DE PONENDO SIGILLUM AD EXCEPTIONEM. Writ for putting a seal to an exception. A writ by which justices were formerly commanded to put their seals to exceptions taken by a party in a suit. Reg. Orig. 182.

DE POST DISSEISINA. Writ of post disseisin. A writ which lay for him who, having recovered lands or tenements by praecipe quod reddat, on default, or reddition, was again dispossessed by the former disseisor. Reg. Orig. 208; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 190.

DE PRÆROGATIVA REGIS. The statute 17 Edw. I., St. 1, c. 9, defining the prerogatives of the crown on certain subjects, but especially directing that the king shall have ward of the lands of idiots, taking the profits without waste, and finding them necessaries. 2 Steph. Comm. 529.
DE PRÆSENTI. Of the present; in the present tense. See Per Verba de Præsenti.

DE PROCEDENDO AD JUDICIUM. A writ proceeding out of chancery and ordering the judges of any court to proceed to judgment. 3 Bla. Com. 109.

DE PROPRIETATE PROBANDA. Writ for proving property. A writ directed to the sheriff, to inquire of the property or goods distrained, where the defendant in an action of replevin claims the property. 3 Bl. Comm. 148; Reg. Orig. 855.

DE QUARANTINA HABENDA. At common law, a writ which a widow entitled to quarantine might sue out in case the heir or other persons ejected her. It seems to have been a summary process, and required the sheriff, if no just cause were shown against it, speedily to put her into possession. Alken v. Alken, 12 Or. 203, 6 P. 682.

DE QUIBUS SUR DISSESIN. An ancient writ of entry.

DE QUO, and DE QUIBUS. Of which. Formal words in the simple writ of entry, from which it was called a writ of entry "in the quo," or "in the quibus." 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 33.

DE QUOTA LITIS. In the civil law. A contract by which one who has a claim difficult to recover agrees with another to give a part, for the purpose of obtaining his services to recover the rest. 1 Duval, note 201.

DE RAPTU VIRGINUM. Of the ravishment of maids. The name of an appeal formerly in use in England in cases of rape. Bract. fol. 147; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 89.

DE RATIONABILI PARTE BONORUM. A writ which lay for the widow (and children) of a deceased person against his executors, to recover a third part of the deceased's personality, after payment of his debts, or to recover their reasonable part or share of his goods. 2 Bl. Comm. 492; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122, 1; Hopkins v. Wright, 17 Tex. 36.


DE REBUS. Of things. The title of the third part of the Digests or Pandects, comprising books 12-19, inclusive.

DE REBUS DUBIIS. Of doubtful things or matters. Dig. 34, 5.

DE RECORDO ET PROCESSU MITTENDIS. Writ to send the record and process of a cause to a superior court; a species of writ of error. Reg. Orig. 209.

DE RECTO. Writ of right. Reg. Orig. 1, 2; Bract. fol. 327b. See Writ of Right.

DE RECTO DE ADVOCATIONE. Writ of right of advowson. Reg. Orig. 296. A writ which lay for one who had an estate in an advowson to him and his heirs in fee-simple, if he were disturbed to present. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 30, B. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

DE RECTO DE RATIONABILI PARTE. Writ of right, of reasonable part. A writ which lay between privies in blood, as between brothers in gavelkind, or between sisters or other coparceners for lands in fee-simple, where one was deprived of his or her share by another. Reg. Orig. 3b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 9, B. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.


DE REDISSEISINA. Writ of redisseisin. A writ which lay where a man recovered by assise of novel disseisin land, rent, or common, and the like, and was put in possession thereof by verdict, and afterward was dispossessed of the same land, rent, or common, by him by whom he was dispossessed before. Reg. Orig. 206b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 188, B.

DE REPARATIONE FACIENDA. A writ by which one tenant in common seeks to compel another to aid in repairing the property held in common. 8 Barn. & C. 269.

DE RESCUSSU. Writ of rescue or rescous. A writ which lay where cattle distrained, or persons arrested, were rescued from those taking them. Reg. Orig. 117, 118; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 101, C, G.

DE RETORNO HABENDO. For having a return; to have a return. A term applied to the judgment for the defendant in an action of replevin, awarding him a return of the goods relieved; and to the writ or execution issued thereon. 2 Tidd, Pr. 993, 1038; 3 Bl. Comm. 149. Applied also to the sureties given by the plaintiff on commencing the action. Id. 147.

DE RIEN CULPABLE. L. Fr. Guilty of nothing; not guilty.

DE SA VIE. L. Fr. Of his or her life; of his own life; as distinguished from pur autre vie, for another's life. Litt. §§ 35, 36.

DE SALVA GARDIA. A writ of safeguard allowed to strangers seeking their rights in English courts, and apprehending violence or injury to their persons or property. Reg. Orig. 29.


DE SCACCARIO. Of or concerning the exchequer. The title of a statute passed in the

DE SCUTAGIO HABENDO. Writ for having (or to have) escue or scutage. A writ which anciently lay against tenants by knight-service, to compel them to serve in the king's wars or send substitutes or to pay escue; that is a sum of money. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 83, C. The same writ lay for one who had already served in the king's army, or paid a fine instead, against those who held of him by knight-service, to recover his escue or scutage. Reg. Orig. 88; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 83, D, F.

DE SE BENE GERENDO. For behaving himself well; for his good behavior. Yelv. 90, 154.

DE SECTA AD MOLENDINUM. Of suit to a mill. A writ which lay to compel one to continue his custom (of grinding) at a mill. 8 Bl. Comm. 235; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122, M.

De similibus ad similia eadem ratione procedendum est. From like things to like things we are to proceed by the same rule or reason, [i. e., we are allowed to argue from the analogy of cases.] Branch, Prine.

De similibus idem est judicandum. Of respecting like things, [in like cases,] the judgment is to be the same. 7 Coke, 18.

DE SON TORT. L. Fr. Of his own wrong. A stranger who takes upon him to act as an executor without any just authority is called an "executor of his own wrong." (de son tort.) 2 Bl. Comm. 507; 2 Steph. Comm. 244.

DE SON TORT DEMESNE. Of his own wrong. The law French equivalent of the Latin phrase de injuria (q. v.).

DE STATUTO MERCATORIO. The writ of statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 1469.

DE STATUTO STAPULÆ. The writ of statute staple. Reg. Orig. 151.

DE SUPERONERATIONE PASTURÆ. Writ of surcharge of pasture. A judicial writ which lay for him who was impleaded in the county court, for surcharging a common with his cattle, in a case where he was formerly impleaded for it in the same court, and the cause was removed into one of the courts at Westminster. Reg. Jud. 366.

DE TABULIS EXHIRENDIS. Of showing the tablets of a will. Dig. 43, 5.

DE TALLAGIO NON CONCEDENDO. Of not allowing tallage. The name given to the statutes 25 and 34 Edw. I, restricting the power of the king to grant tallage. 2 Inst. 532; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 104.

DE TEMPORE CUIUS CONTRARIUM MEMORIA HOMINUM NON EXISTIT. From time whereof the memory of man does not exist to the contrary. Litt. § 170.

DE TEMPORE IN TEMPUS ET AD OMNIA TEMPORA. From time to time, and at all times. Townsh. Pl. 17.

DE TEMPS DONT MEMORIE NE COURT. L. Fr. From time whereof memory runneth not; time out of memory of man. Litt. §§ 143, 145, 170.

DE TESTAMENTIS. Of testaments. The title of the fifth part of the Digests or Pandects; comprising the twenty-eighth to the thirty-sixth books, both inclusive.

DE THEOLONIO. A writ which lay for a person who was prevented from taking toll. Reg. Orig. 163.


DE TRANSERSIONE, AD AUDIENDUM ET TERMINANDUM. A writ or commission for the hearing and determining any outrage or misdemeanor.

DE UNA PARTE. A deed de una parte is one where only one party grants, gives, or binds himself to do a thing to another. It differs from a deed inter partes, (q. v.) 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2001.

DE UXORE RAPTA ET ABDUCTA. A writ which lay where a man's wife had been ravished and carried away. A species of writ of trespass. Reg. Orig. 97; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 89, O; 3 Bl. Comm. 139.

DE VASTO. Writ of waste. A writ which might be brought by him who had the immediate estate of inheritance in reversion or remainder, against the tenant for life, in dower, by curtesy, or for years, where the latter had committed waste in lands; calling upon the tenant to appear and show cause why he committed waste and destruction in the place named, to the disinherited (ad exhorationem) of the plaintiff. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 55, C; 3 Bl. Comm. 227, 228. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. 3 Steph. Comm. 506.

DE VENTRE INSPIICIENDO. A writ to inspect the body, where a woman feigns to be pregnant, to see whether she is with child. It lies for the heir presumptive to examine a widow suspected to be feigning pregnancy in order to enable a suppositious heir to obtain the estate. 1 Bl. Comm. 456; 2 Steph. Comm. 257. It lay also where a woman sentenced to death pleaded pregnancy. 4 Bl. Comm. 495. This writ has been recognized in America. 2 Chand. Crim. Tr. 351.

DE VERBO IN VERBUM. Word for word. Bract. fol. 1389. Literally, from word to word.
DE VERBORUM SIGNIFICATIONE. Of the signification of words. An important title of the Digests or Pandects, (Dig. 50, 18,) consisting entirely of definitions of words and phrases used in the Roman law.

DE VI LAICA AMOVENDA. Writ of (or for) removing lay force. A writ which lay where two persons contended for a church, and one of them desired it with a great number of laymen, and held out the other vi et armis; then he that held out had this writ directed to the sheriff, that he remove the force. Reg. Orig. 50; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 54, D.

DE VICINETO. From the neighborhood, or vicinage. 3 Bl. Comm. 360. A term applied to a jury.

DE WARRANTIA CHARTA. Writ of warranty of charter. A writ which lay for him who was enfeoffed, with clause of warranty, [in the charter of feoffment,] and was afterwards implied in an assise or other action, in which he could not vouch or call to warranty; in which case he might have this writ against the feoffor, or his heir, to compel him to warrant the land unto him. Reg. Orig. 137; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 134, D. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

DE WARRANTIA DIEI. A writ that lay where a man had a day in any action to appear in proper person, and the king at that day, or before, employed him in some service, so that he could not appear at the day in court. It was directed to the justices, that they should not record him to be in default for his not appearing. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 17, A; Termes de la Ley.

DEACON. In ecclesiastical law. A minister or servant in the church, whose office is to assist the priest in divine service and the distribution of the sacrament. It is the lowest degree of holy orders in the Church of England. 2 Steph. Comm. 669.


DEAD-BORN. A dead-born child is to be considered as if it had never been conceived or born; in other words, it is presumed it never had life, it being a maxim of the common law that mortuus exitus non est exitus (a dead birth is no birth). Co. Litt. 29 b. See Marseilles v. Thalheimer, 2 Paige, Ch. (N. Y.) 55; 21 Am. Dec. 69; 4 Ves. 334. This is also the doctrine of the civil law, Dig. 50, 16, 229; La. Civ. Code, art. 28; Domat, liv. prél. t. 2, a. 1, nn. 4, 6.

DEAD FREIGHT. The amount paid by a charterer for that part of the vessel's capacity which he does not occupy although he has contracted for it. Gray v. Carr, L. R. 6 Q. B. 528; Phillips v. Rodle, 35 East 547.

When the charterer of a vessel has shipped part of the goods on board, and is not ready to ship the remainder, the master, unless restrained by his special contract, may take other goods on board, and the amount which is not supplied, required to complete the cargo, is considered dead freight. The dead freight is to be calculated according to the actual capacity of the vessel. 3 Chit. Com. Law 389; 2 Stark. 456; McCull. Com. Dig.

"Dead freight" is the compensation payable to the shipowner when the charterer has failed to ship a full cargo, and "freight" is recompense the shipowner is to receive for carrying the cargo into its port of discharge. Kish v. Taylor (1929) A. C. 694, 613, citing Carrier's Carriage By Sea, par. 666.

DEAD LETTER. A term sometimes applied to an act that has become obsolete by long disuse.

DEAD LETTERS. Letters which the postal department has not been able to deliver to the persons for whom they were intended. They are sent to the "dead-letter office," where they are opened, and returned to the writer if his address can be ascertained.

DEAD MAN'S PART. In English law. That portion of the effects of a deceased person which, by the custom of London and York, is allowed to the administrator; being, where the deceased leaves a widow and children, one-third; where he leaves only a widow or only children, one-half; and, where he leaves neither, the whole. This portion the administrator was wont to apply to his own use, till the statute 1 Jac. II. c. 17, declared that the same should be subject to the statute of distributions. 2 Bl. Comm. 518; 2 Steph. Comm. 254; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 83. A similar portion in Scotch law is called "dead's part," (q. v.)

DEAD-PLEDGE. A mortgage, mortuam vadium.

DEAD RENT. In English law. A rent payable on a mining lease in addition to a royalty, so called because it is payable although the mine may not be worked.

DEAD STORAGE. The storage, especially of automobiles in public garages, where automobiles not in use are to remain uninterrupted for a time, sometimes for the season. Hogan v. O'Brien, 203 N. Y. S. 831, 123 Misc. 865.

DEAD USE. A future use.

DEAD WIRE. One which never carries electricity, or which, at some particular time, is not charged with an electric current. City of Shawnee v. Sears, 39 Okl. 789, 137 P. 107, 110, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 585.

DEAD'S PART. In Scotch law. The part remaining over beyond the shares secured to the widow and children by law. Of this the testator had the unqualified disposal. Bell; Stair, Inst. lib. III. tit. 4, § 24; Paterson, Comp. §§ 674, 943, 902.
DEADHEAD. A term applied to persons other than the officers, agents, or employees of a railroad company who are permitted by the company to travel on the road without paying any fare therefor. Gardner v. Hall, 61 N. C. 21.

DEADLY FEUD. In old European law. A profession of irreconcilable hatred till a person is revenged even by the death of his enemy.

DEADLY WEAPON. Such weapons or instruments as are made and designed for offensive or defensive purposes, or for the destruction of life or the infliction of injury. Com. v. Branham, 8 Bush (Ky.) 387.

One likely to produce death or great bodily harm. People v. Fuqua, 58 Cal. 245; State v. Hedrick, 99 W. Va. 529, 130 S. E. 295, 288.

One which from the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or serious bodily injury. Harris v. State, 72 Tex. Cr. R. 491, 162 S. W. 1159, 1151; McReynolds v. State, 4 Tex. App. 327; Burgess v. Commonwealth, 176 Ky. 326, 195 S. W. 445.

Any weapon dangerous to life, or with which death may be easily and readily produced. Parman v. Lemmon, 110 Kan. 323, 244 F. 227, 229, 44 A. L. R. 1500; People v. Dwyer, 224 Ill. 393, 155 N. E. 316, 317.

The term may denote any instrument so used as to be likely to produce death or great bodily harm, and hence may include an automobile, especially within the meaning of statutes pertaining to assault. Williamson v. State, 52 Fia. 290, 111 So. 124, 125, 53 A. L. R. 250. But an automobile, when used innocently or negligently so as to be likely to produce death or bodily injury, or to actually produce them without criminal liability, has been held not to be a deadly weapon within the meaning of the criminal law. People v. Cahh, 388 Ill. 194, 157 N. E. 78, 79; State v. Clark, 196 Iowa, 1134, 196 N. W. 82, 84.

DÉADMAN. As applied to a lifting appliance, a piece of timber placed across an opening in the ground to which a snatch hook is attached. The Teddy (D. C.) 228 F. 408, 500.

DEAF AND DUMB. A man that is born deaf, dumb, and blind is looked upon by the law as in the same state with an idiot, he being supposed incapable of any understanding. 1 Bl. Comm. 304. See, however, Alexier v. Matzke, 151 Mich. 36, 115 N. W. 251, 123 Am. St. Rep. 255, 14 Ann. Cas. 52. Nevertheless, a deaf and dumb person may be tried for felony if the prisoner can be made to understand by means of signs. 1 Leach, C. L. 102; 1 Chit. Cr. L. § 396; Com. v. Hill, 14 Mass. 207; State v. Harris, 55 N. C. 136, 75 Am. Dec. 272; 1 Houst. Cr. Rep. 291; Folts v. Murphy, 201 U. S. 123, 26 S. Ct. 396, 50 L. Ed. 889.

DEAFFOREST. See Disafforest.

DEAL, n. An arrangement to attain a desired result by a combination of interested parties; Gaut v. Dunlap (Tex. Civ. App.) 188 S. W. 1020, 1021; Ball v. Davenport, 170 Iowa, 33, 152 N. W. 69, 71: the prime object being usually the purchase, sale, or exchange of property for a profit; Chambers v. Johnston, 180 Ky. 73, 201 S. W. 488, 489. Also, an act of buying and selling; a bargain. Oregon Home Builders v. Montgomery Inv. Co., 94 Or. 349, 184 P. 487, 493.

A "deal" between two parties includes any transaction of any kind between them, and when applied to a transaction concerning a house or block, the term does not necessarily imply an agreement to sell or convey, for the agreement might be to rent or lease the property. Osborne v. Moore, 112 Tex. 361, 247 S. W. 498, 499.

DEAL, v. To traffic; to transact business; to trade. See Borg v. International Silver Co. (C. C. A.) 11 F.(2d) 147, 150. Also, to act between two persons, to intervene, or to have to do with. State v. Morro, 313 Mo. 114, 290 S. W. 697, 699.

To "deal" in a commodity, however, such as automobiles, within the meaning of a privilege tax statute, means something more than the making of an occasional sale in a municipality where the seller has no place of business, and no stock of automobiles on hand. City of Pascagoula v. Carter, 136 Miss. 750, 101 So. 687, 688.

As to dealing in futures, see Futures.


The term includes one who carries on the business of selling goods, wares, and merchandises, manufactured by him at a factory, or manufactured by him from his own shop, or manufactured. Atlantic Refining Co. v. Van Valkenburg, 255 Pa. 465, 109 A. 308, 299.

A "dealer," as in narcotics, is one who sells promiscuously,—one who is ready and willing to sell to anyone applying to purchase, if unaware that they are officers or undercover men. Taylor v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 19 F.(2d) 518, 519.


Makers of an accommodation note are deemed dealers with whoever discounts it. Vernon v. Manhattan Co., 17 Weed. (N. Y.) 324.
DEALERS’ TALK. That picturesque and laudatory style affected by nearly every trader in setting forth the attractive qualities of the goods he offers for sale. Prince v. Brackett, Shaw & Lunt Co., 125 Me. 31, 130 A. 509, 511. The puffing of goods to induce the sale thereof; not regarded in law as fraudulent unless accompanied by some artifice to deceive the purchaser and throw him off his guard or some concealment of intrinsic defects not easily discoverable. Kimball v. Bangs, 144 Mass. 321, 11 N. E. 113; Reynolds v. Palmer (C. C.) 21 F. 433; Williams v. Fouche, 164 Ga. 311, 138 S. E. 559, 561.

REAL ESTATE DEALER. One who, on his own account and as a business independent of that of another real estate agent, engages for a consideration to aid others, whether the owners of the property or their agents, in selling real estate which is offered for sale. Horsley v. Woodley, 12 Ga. App. 456, 78 S. E. 260, 261.

DEALINGS. Transactions in the course of trade or business;—held to include payments to a bankrupt. Moody & M. 137; 3 Car. & P. 85.

DEAN. In English ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical dignitary who presides over the chapter of a cathedral, and is next in rank to the bishop. So called from having been originally appointed to superintend ten canons or prebendaries. 1 Bl. Comm. 382; Co. Litt. 95; Spelman.

There are several kinds of deans, namely: Deans of chapters; deans of peculiar; rural deans; deans in the colleges; honorary deans; deans of provinces.

DEAN AND CHAPTER. In ecclesiastical law. The council of a bishop, to assist him with their advice in the religious and also in the temporal affairs of the see. 3 Co. 75; 1 Bla. Comm. 382; Co. Litt. 103, 300; Termes de la Ley; 2 Burn, Eccl. Law 120.

DEAN OF THE ARCHES. The presiding judge of the Court of Arches. He is also an assistant judge in the court of admiralty. 1 Kent, Comm. 371; 3 Steph. Comm. 727.

DEATH. The cessation of life; the ceasing to exist; defined by physicians as a total stoppage of the circulation of the blood, and a cessation of the animal and vital functions consequent thereon, such as respiration, pulsation, etc.

This is "natural death," in contradistinction to "civil death," and, also, to "violent death." See those titles, infra.

CIVIL DEATH. The state of a person who, though possessing natural life, has lost all his civil rights, and as to them, is considered as dead. Quick v. Western Ry. of Alabama, 207 Ala. 376, 92 So. 605, 606. At common law, the extinction of civil rights and relations, so that the property of a person declared civilly dead passes to his heirs as if dead in fact. Holmes v. King, 216 Ala. 412, 113 So. 274, 276.

The "civil death" spoken of in the books is of two kinds: (1) Where there is a total extinction of the civil rights and relations of the party, so that he can neither take nor hold property, and his heirs succeed to his estate in the same manner as if he were really dead, or the estate is forfeited to the crown. (2) Where there is an incapacity to hold property, or to sue in the king's courts, attended with forfeiture of the estate to the crown. Of the first kind, are the cases of monks professed, and abjuration of the realm; all the other cases are of the second kind. Strictly speaking, there are but two cases of civil death; those of a monk professed, and an abjuration of the realm. In re Erskine (C. C. A.) 1 F. (2d) 149, 152. See, generally, Chit. Crim. Law 722; Co. Litt. §§ 133, 195, note; Littleton § 209; 1 Bl. Comm. 332; Baltimore v. Chester, 53 Vt. 319, 38 Am. Rep. 677; Avery v. Everett, 119 N. Y. 217, 18 N. E. 148, 1 L. R. A. 294, 6 Am. St. Rep. 368; In re Denny's Estate, 125 Cal. 417, 58 P. 61, 73 Am. St. Rep. 62; Troup v. Wood, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 218; Coffee v. Haynes, 124 Cal. 561, 57 P. 482, 73 Am. St. Rep. 99.


DEATH-BED DEED. In Scotch law. A deed made by a person while laboring under a distemper of which he afterwards died. Ersk. Inst. 3, 8, 96. A deeds is understood to be in death-bed, if, before signing and delivery thereof, the grantor was sick, and never convalesced therefrom. 1 Forbes, Inst. pt. 3, b. 2, c. 4, tit. 1, § 1. But it is not necessary that he should be actually confined to his bed at the time of making the deed. Bell.

DEATH DUTY. A charge or toll which the state makes upon the right to transmit or to receive property on the death of the owner. In re Heck's Estate, 120 Or. 89, 250 P. 725, 736. The usual name in England for an inheritance tax.

DEATH WARRANT. A warrant from the proper executive authority appointing the time and place for the execution of the sentence of death upon a convict judicially condemned to suffer that penalty.

DEATH WATCH. A special guard set to watch a prisoner condemned to death, for some days before the time for the execution, the special purpose being to prevent any escape or any attempt to anticipate the sentence.

NATURAL DEATH. A death which occurs by the unassisted operation of natural causes, as distinguished not only from "civil death," but also from "violent death" (q. e.)

PREMUTIVE DEATH. That which is presumed from proof of a long continued absence un-
heard from and unexplained. The general rule, as now understood, is that the presumption of the duration of life ceases at the expiration of seven years from the time when the person was last known to be living; and after the lapse of that period there is a presumption of death. Smith v. Knowlton, 11 N. H. 197; Chamb. Best Ev. 304, note, collecting the cases; Francis v. Francis, 180 Pa. 644, 37 A. 120, 57 Am. St. Rep. 668; 4 U. C. C. R. 510; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 41; 5 B. & Ad. 86; Maley v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 258 Pa. 73, 101 A. 911, L. R. A. 1915A, 563. In most of the states the subject is regulated by statute.

The better opinion is that there is no presumption as to the time of death. Davie v. Briggs, 97 U. S. 628, 24 L. Ed. 1088; Chamb. Best Ev. 305; 2 Brett, Com. 941; 2 M. & W. 894. But it has been held that death is presumed to take place at the end of the seven years' absence: Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers v. Nash, 114 Md. 623, 125 A. 441; Apitz v. Supreme Lodge Knights and Ladies of Honor, 274 Ill. 186, 113 N. E. 83, L. R. A. 1917A, 183, affirming 186 Ill. App. 278; or at a time of peril; Conner v. New York Life Ins. Co., 166 N. Y. S. 945, 179 App. Div. 586.

—Violent death. One caused or accelerated by the interference of human agency;—distinguished from "natural death."

DEATH'S PART. See Dead's Part; Dead Man's Part.

DEATHSMAN. The executioner; hangman; he that executes the extreme penalty of the law.

DEBASING. This word, in a statute making it slander to charge another with being guilty of some 'debasing act which may exclude him from society,' has reference to those repulsive actions which would cause him to be shunned or avoided, in the same way as would a contagious disease. Morris v. Evans, 22 Ga. App. 11, 95 S. E. 385, 386.

DEBAUCH. To corrupt one's manners; to make lewd; to mar or spoil; to entice; and, when used of a woman, to seduce, or corrupt with lewdness. Litton v. Woliver, 126 Va. 32, 100 S. E. 827, 828; State v. Howard, 264 Mo. 580, 175 S. W. 58, 59. Originally, the term had a limited significance, meaning to entice or draw one away from his work, employment, or duty; and from this sense its application has enlarged to include the corruption of manners and violation of the person. In its modern legal sense, the word carries with it the idea of "carnal knowledge," aggravated by assault, violent seduction, ravishment. Koenig v. Nott, 2 Hilt. (N. J.) 323. And see Wood v. Mathews, 47 Iowa, 410; State v. Curran, 51 Iowa, 112, 49 N. W. 1006. See also, Debauchery.

DEBAUCHERY. In general, excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures; in a narrower sense, sexual immorality or excesses, or the unlawful indulgence of lust. Sushak v. United States (C. C. A.) 213 F. 913, 917; Gillette v. United States (C. C. A.) 236 F. 215, 217.

In the White Slave Act (Act June 25, 1910, c. 335, 36 Stat. 532 [18 USCA §§ 307-307b]), making it an offense to procure the interstate transportation of a girl for the purpose of prostitution and debauchery, "debauchery" is not limited to the meaning of seduction, but includes a purpose to expose her to such influence as will naturally and inevitably so corrupt her character as to lead her to acts of sexual immorality, or, if she is already a sexually corrupt woman, a purpose that she shall engage or continue more or less habitually in sexually immoral practices. Van Pelt v. United States (C. C. A.) 240 F. 346, 348, L. R. A. 1917E, 1135.

DEBENTURE. A certificate given by the collector of a port, under the United States customs laws, to the effect that an importer of merchandise therein named is entitled to a drawback, (q. e.), specifying the amount and time when payable. See Act Cong. March 2, 1799, § 80; U. S. Rev. Stat. §§ 3037-30.

An instrument in use in some government departments, particularly in England, by which the government is charged to pay to a creditor or his assign the sum found due on auditing his accounts. Brande; Blount.

A security for a loan of money issued by a public company, usually creating a charge on the whole or a part of the company's stock and property, though not necessarily in the form of a mortgage. They are subject to certain regulations as to the mode of transfer, and ordinary shares have coupons attached to facilitate the payment of interest. They are generally issued in a series, with provision that they shall rank pari passu in proportion to their amounts. See Bank v. Atkins, 72 Vt. St. 33, 47 A. 176; Cavanagh, Mon. Sec. 267; 56 L. J. R. Ch. D. 515; Price, Ultra Vires (2d Ed.) 279.

A charge in writing on certain property, with the repayment at a time fixed, of money lent by a person therein named at a given interest.

Any instrument (other than a covering or trust deed) which either creates or agrees to create a debt in favor of one person or corporation, or several persons or corporations, or acknowledges such debt. Simonsen, Debentures, 5.

An English writer says: "No one ought to know exactly what debenture means. Buckley, Companies Act 185; and Chitty, J., said: "So far as I am aware, the term debenture has never received any precise legal definition. It is, comparatively speaking, a new term." 56 L. J. Ch. 817.

A debenture is distinguished (1) from a mortgage which is an actual transfer of property, (2) from a bond which does not directly affect property, and (3) from a mere charge on property which is individualized and does not form part of a series of similar charges; Cav. Mon. Sec. 267, citing L. 10 Ch. D. 330, 681; 15 Ch. D. 465; 21 Ch. D. 762; L. R. 7 App. Cas. 978; Jones, Corp. B. & M. § 32; 10 H. L. C. 191; L. R. 2 Ch. D. 257.

DEBENTURE STOCK. A stock or fund representing money borrowed by a company or public body, in England, and charged on the
whole or part of its property. An issue of stock usually irredeemable and transferable in any amount, not including a fraction of a pound.

The terminability and fixity in amount of debentures being inconvenient to lenders has led to their being in many cases superseded by debenture stock. Whart. Lex.

The issue of debenture stock is not borrowing at all; it is the sale, in consideration of a sum of money, of the right to receive a perpetual annuity; 9 Ch. D. 327; Buckley, Companies Acts 172; and none the less so if redeemable at the option of the company; id.

Debet esse nullis litium. There ought to be an end of suits; there should be some period put to litigation. Jenk. Cent. 61.

DEBET ET DETINET. (Lat. He owes and detains.) Words anciently used in the original writ, (and now, in English, in the plaintiff's declaration,) in an action of debt, where it was brought by one of the original contracting parties who personally gave the credit, against the other who personally incurred the debt, or against his heirs, if they were bound to the payment; as by the obligee against the obligor, by the landlord against the tenant, etc. The declaration, in such cases, states that the defendant “owes to,” as well as detains from,” the plaintiff the debt or thing in question; and hence the action is said to be “in the debet et detinet.” Where the declaration merely states that the defendant detains the debt, (as in actions by and against an executor for a debt due to or from the testator,) the action is said to be “in the detinet” alone. Fitzh. Nat. Br. 119, G.; 3 Bl. Comm. 155.

DEBET ET SOLET. (Lat. He owes and is used to.) Where a man sui in a writ of right or to recover any right of which he is for the first time in possession, and of which he is in actual possession, he brings his writ in the debet et solut. Reg. Orig. 144a; Fitzh. Nat. Br. 122, M.

Debet quis juri subjacere ubi delinguit. One [every one] ought to be subject to the law [of the place] where he offends. 3 Inst. 54. This maxim is taken from Bracton. Bract. fol. 154b. Finch, Law, 14, 36; Wing. Max. 113; 3 Co. 231; 8 Scott N. R. 567.

DEBET SINE BREVE. (Lat. He owes without declaration filed.) Used in relation to a confession of judgment.

Debet sua culque domus esse perfugium tutissimum. Every man's house should be a perfectly safe refuge. Chasen v. Shotwell, 12 Johns. (N. Y.) 31, 54.

Debile fundamentum fallit opus. A weak foundation frustrates [or renders vain] the work [built upon it.] Shep. Touch. 60; Noy. Max. 5, max. 12; Finch, Law. b. 1, ch. 3. When the foundation fails, all goes to the ground; as, where the cause of action fails, the acci-

DEBIT. A sum charged as due or owing. The term is used in book-keeping to denote the left page of the ledger, or the charging of a person or an account with all that is supplied to or paid out for him or for the subject of the account. Also, the balance of an account where it is shown that something remains due to the party keeping the account.

In industrial insurance nomenclature, a certain identified territory in which a solicitor operates by soliciting new business and taking care, as through collection of the debt accounts, of the company's patrons for insurance theretofore written; such insurance being usually written in small amounts on the weekly payment plan. Jones v. Prudential Ins. Co. of America, 173 Mo. App. 1, 156 S. W. 1106, 1107.


Debita sequuntur personam debitoris. Debts follow the person of the debtor; that is, they have no locality, and may be collected wherever the debtor can be found. 2 Kent, Comm. 422; Story, Confl. Laws, § 382; Halkers, Max. 13.

DEBITOR. In the civil and old English law. A debtor.

Debitor non praejudicium donare. A debtor is not presumed to make a gift. Whatever disposition he makes of his property is supposed to be in satisfaction of his debts. 1 Kames, Eq. 212. Where a debtor gives money or goods, or grants land to his creditor, the natural presumption is that he means to get free from his obligation, and not to make a present, unless donation be expressed. Ersk. Inst. 3, 3, 93; Dig. 50, 16, 105; 1 P. Wms. 239; Wh. & Tud. L. Cas. Eq. 378.

Debitorum pactiolibus creditoris potest nunc nullius liberi nec potest po nec pollini nec minuti potest. 1 Poth. Obl. 108; Broom, Max. 697, Bart. Max. 115. The rights of creditors can neither be taken away nor diminished by agreements among (or of) the debtors.

DEBITRIX. A female debtor.

DEBITUM. Something due, or owing; a debt.

Debitum et contractus sunt nullus loci. Debt and contract are of [belong to] no place; have no particular locality. 7 Co. 61. The obligation in these cases is purely personal, and actions to enforce it may be brought anywhere. 2 Inst. 231; Story, Confl. Laws, § 382; 1 Smith, Lead. Cas. 340, 363; 7 M. & G. 1019, n.
DEBITUM IN PRÆSENTI SOLVENDUM IN FUTURO. A debt or obligation complete when contracted, but of which the performance cannot be required till some future period.

DEBITUM SINE BREVI. L. Lat. Debt without writ; debt without a declaration. In old practice, this term denoted an action begun by original bill, instead of by writ. In modern usage, it is sometimes applied to a debt evidenced by confession of judgment without suit. The equivalent Norman-French phrase was "debt sans breve." Both are abbreviated to d. a. b.

DEBT. A sum of money due by certain and express agreement; as by bond for a determinate sum, a bill or note, a special bargain, or a rent reserved on a lease, where the amount is fixed and specific, and does not depend upon any subsequent valuation to settle it. 3 Bl. Comm. 154; Cameron v. Allen, 26 N. J. Law, 395; Appeal of City of Erie, 91 Pa. 395; Dickey v. Leonard, 77 Ga. 151; Hagar v. Reclamation Dist., 111 U. S. 701, 4 S. Ct. 906, 25 L. Ed. 569; Appeal Tax Court v. Rice, 50 Md. 302; Fisher v. Consequa, 2 Wash. C. 328, Fed. Cas. No. 4516; State v. Board of Loan Commissioners of State of New Mexico, 19 N. M. 263, 142 P. 152, 155; Nelson v. Title Guaranty & Surety Co., 101 Or. 282, 199 P. 948, 951; Shultz v. Ritterbusch, 38 Ohio, 478, 134 P. 961, 968; W. S. Tyler Co. v. Deutsche Dampfschiffahrts Gesellschaft Hansa, Bremen, Germany (D. C.) 276 F. 134, 136.

An unconditional promise to pay a fixed sum at a specified time. Lowery v. Fuller, 221 Mo. App. 485, 231 S. W. 968, 972.


The word "debt" carries with it the requirement of certainty, the foundation of promise by express contract, and necessarily implies legality. Clinton Mining & Mineral Co. v. Beacon (C. C. A.) 256 F. 621, 622, 14 A. L. R. 263.

The word "debt," in the definition of a mortgage as a hypothecation or pledge of property as security for a debt means a duty or obligation to pay, for the enforcement of which an action lies. Stollenwerk v. Marks & Gayle, 188 Ala. 587, 65 So. 1024, 1027, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 881; Gibson v. Hopkins, 80 W. Va. 706, 95 S. E. 823, 827.

Standing alone, the word "debt" is as applicable to a sum of money which has been promised at a future day, as to a sum of money now due and payable. To distinguish between the two, it may be said of the former that it is a debt owing, and of the latter that it is a debt due. A sum of money which is certain and in all events payable is a debt, without regard to the fact whether it be payable now or at a future time. A sum payable upon a contingency, however, is not a debt, or does not become a debt until the contingency has happened. People v. Arguello, 37 Cal. 524.


A "debt" is a specified sum of money owing to one person from another, including not only the obligation of the debtor to pay, but the right of the creditor to receive payment. Martin v. Wise, 185 Ind. 539, 109 N. E. 745, 747; State v. Sayre, 91 Ohio St. 55, 109 N. E. 658; Angola Brick & Tile Co. v. Millgrove School Tp., Steuben County, 73 Ind. App. 557, 127 N. E. 655, 656; Dewey v. Denson, 31 Ga. App. 353, 129 S. E. 896, 897.

A fixed and certain obligation to pay money or some other valuable thing or things, either in the present or in the future. Plymouth Tp. v. Borough of Larksville, 268 Pa. 45, 110 A. 801, 802; Burke v. Boulder Milling & Elevator Co., 77 Colo. 230, 235 P. 574, 575.

In a still more general sense, that which is due from one person to another, whether money, goods, or services. Phillips v. Phillips' Ex'r, 188 Ky. 245, 221 S. W. 557, 558; Holman v. Hollis, 94 Fla. 614, 114 So. 254, 265; State v. State Board of Examiners, 74 Mont. 1, 238 P. 516, 523.

A "debt" is an obligation arising otherwise than by sentence by a court for a breach of the public peace or for crime. Ruggles v. State, 129 Md. 555, 87 A. 1089, 1084.

In a broad sense, any duty to respond to another in money, labor, or service; it may even mean a moral or honorary obligation, unenforceable by legal action. Pierce v. United States (C. C. A.) 257 F. 514, 518; U. S. Sugar Equilization Board v. P. De Ronde & Co. (C. C. A.) 7 F.(2d) 981, 984.

Also, sometimes, an aggregate of separate debts, or the total sum of the existing claims against a person or company. Thus we speak of the "national debt," the "bonded debt" of a corporation, etc.

The word "debt" has no fixed legal meaning; Electric Reduction Co. v. Lewellyn (C. C. A.) 11 F. (2d) 496, 494; but takes shades of meaning from the occasion of its use and color from accompanying words; Morrow v. Hayes, 526 Mich. 301, 307 N. W. 554, 555.

The word is of large import, including not only debts by specialty, and debts of record, or judgments (Liberty Mut. Ins. Co. v. Johnson Shipyards Corporation (C. C. A.) 6 F.(2d) 755, 755, affirming (D. C.) 300 F. 952; Schooley v. Schooley, 184 Iowa,.
The term "debt" is of much broader import than "obligation," and embraces rights of action belonging to the debtor beyond those which could appropriately be called "debts." In this respect the term "demand" is one of very extensive import. In re Denny, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 223.


The word dues is equivalent to "debts," or that which is owing and has a contractual significance. State v. Mortgage Security Co., 124 Minn. 555, 192 N. W. 345, 366.

"Debt" is not exactly synonymous with "duty." A debt is a legal liability to pay a specific sum of money; a duty is a legal obligation to perform some act. Allen v. Dickson, Minor (Ala.) 120.


The words "debt" and "liability" are not necessarily synonymous. As applied to the pecuniary relations of parties, liability is a term of broader significance than debt. Couler Dry Goods Co. v. Wentworth, 171 Cal. 500, 133 P. 399, 400; Clinton Mining & Mineral Co. v. Beacon (C. C. A.) 256 F. 621, 14 A. L. R. 263. Liability is responsibility; the state of one who is bound in law and justice to do something which may be enforced by action. This liability may arise from contracts either express or implied, or in consequence of torts committed. McElfresh v. Kirkendale, 39 Iowa, 226.


In Practice

The name of a common-law action, which lies to recover a certain specific sum of money, or a suit that can readily be reduced to a certain sum. 3 Bl. Comm. 154; 3 Steph. Comm. 461; 1 Tidd, Pr. 3; Drennen Motor Car Co. v. Evans, 192 Ala. 150, 68 So. 303; Crockett v. Moore, 3 Sneed (Tenn.) 145; Lee v. Gardner, 26 Miss. 521; Home v. Semple, 3 McLean, 150, Fed. Cas. No. 6,058; Bullard v. Bell, 1 Mass. 243, Fed. Cas. No. 2,121; U. S. v. Claffin, 97 U. S. 516, 24 L. Ed. 1062; Baum v. Tonkin, 110 Pa. 569, 1 A. 533.

It is thus distinguished from assumptio, which lies as well where the sum due is uncertain as where it is certain, and from covenant, which lies only upon contracts evidenced in a certain manner.

It is said to lie in the debt and detinet, (when it is stated that the defendant owes and detains,) or in the detinet, (when it is stated merely that he detains.) Debt in the detinet for goods differs from detinutum, because it is not essential in this action, as in detinutum, that the specific property in the goods should have been vested in the plaintiff at the time the action is brought. Dyer, 24b.

In General

- Active debt. One due to a person. Used in the civil law.


- Debt by simple contract. A debt or demand founded upon a verbal or implied contract, or upon any written agreement that is not under seal.

- Debt by specialty or special contract. A debt due, or acknowledged to be due, by some deed or instrument under seal; as a deed of covenant or sale, a lease reserving rent, or a bond or obligation. 2 Bl. Comm. 465; In re Harris (N. J.) 137 A. 215, 216; Kerr v. Lydecker, 51 Ohio St. 240, 37 N. E. 267, 23 L. R. A. 842; Marriott v. Thompson, Willes, 159.

- Debt ex mutuo. A species of debt or obligation mentioned by Gianoville and Bracton, and which arose ex mutuo, out of a certain kind of loan. Glan. 1, b. 10, c. 3; Bract. fol. 99. See Mutuum; Ex Mutuo.

- Debt of record. A debt which appears to be due by the evidence of a court of record, as by a judgment or recognizance. 2 Bl. Comm. 465.

- Doubtful debt. One of which the payment is uncertain. Clef des Lois Romaines.

- Fraudulent debt. A debt created by fraud. Such a debt implies confidence and deception. It implies that it arose out of a contract, express or implied, and that fraudulent practices were employed by the debtor, by which the creditor was defrauded. Howland v. Carson, 28 Ohio St. 628.

- Hypothecary debt. One which is a lien upon an estate.

- Judgment debt. One which is evidenced by matter of record.

- Legal debts. Those that are recoverable in a court of common law, as debt on a bill of exchange, a bond, or a simple contract.
Liquid debt. One which is immediately and unconditionally due.

Mutual debts. Money due on both sides between two persons. Such debts must be due to and from same persons in same capacity. Dolo v. Chattabriga, 82 N. H. 396, 134 A. 347, 348. Cross debts in the same capacity and right, and of the same kind and quality. Lippitt v. Thames Loan & Trust Co., 88 Conn. 185, 90 A. 369, 374.

Passive debt. A debt upon which, by agreement between the debtor and creditor, no interest is payable, as distinguished from active debt; i.e., a debt upon which interest is payable. In this sense, the terms "active" and "passive" are applied to certain debts due from the Spanish government to Great Britain. Wharton. In another sense of the words, a debt is "active" or "passive" according as the person of the creditor or debtor is regarded; a passive debt being that which a man owes; an active debt that which is owing to him. In this meaning every debt is both active and passive,—active as regards the creditor, passive as regards the debtor.

Privileged debt. One which is to be paid before others in case a debtor is insolvent.

Public debt. That which is due or owing by the government of a state or nation. The terms "public debt" and "public securities," used in legislation, are terms generally applied to national or state obligations and dues, and would rarely, if ever, be construed to include town debts or obligations; nor would the term "public revenue" ordinarily be applied to funds arising from the town taxes. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 775, 14 Am. Rep. 940.

Pure debt. In Scotch law. A debt due now and unconditionally is so called. It is thus distinguished from a future debt,—payable at a fixed day in the future,—and a contingent debt, which will only become due upon the happening of a certain contingency.

Simple contract debt. One where the contract upon which the obligation arises is neither ascertained by matter of record nor yet by deed or special instrument, but by mere oral evidence the most simple of any, or by notes unsealed, which are capable of a more easy proof, and therefore only better than a verbal promise. 2 Bl. Comm. 466.

Solvent debts. In Pennsylvania, the "solvent debts" which a city may deduct from its gross indebtedness pursuant to Act April 20, 1874 (P. L. 65; 53 P. S. § 1874 et seq.), in ascertaining its borrowing capacity, are debts due it directly, payment of which it can enforce as one of its quick assets for the liquidation of any of its obligations. McGuire v. City of Philadelphia, 245 Pa. 287, 91 A. 622, 623.

Specialty debt. See Debt by specialty or special contract, supra.

Debtor. A person to whom a debt is due; a creditor. 3 Bl. Comm. 18; Plowd. 543. Not used.

Debtor. One who owes a debt; he who may be compelled to pay a claim or demand. Anyone liable on a claim, whether due or to become due. Cozart v. Barnes (C. C. A.) 240 F. 935, 938.

The term may be used synonymously with "obligor," "mortgagor," and the like. Dallo v. Borden, 153 La. 85, 92 So. 744, 745; McDuffie v. Faulk, 214 Ala. 221, 117 So. 61, 62.

Common Debtor

In Scotch law. A debtor whose effects have been arrested by several creditors. In regard to these creditors, he is their common debtor, and by this term is distinguished in the proceedings that take place in the competition. Bell.

Debtor's Act 1869


Debtor's Summons

In English law. A summons issuing from a court having jurisdiction in bankruptcy, upon the creditor proving a liquidated debt of not less than £50, which he has failed to collect after reasonable effort, stating that if the debtor fail, within one week if a trader, and within three weeks if a non-trader, to pay or compound for the sum specified, a petition may be presented against him praying that he may be adjudged a bankrupt. Bankruptcy Act 1869, § 7; Robs. Bankr.; Mozley & Whitely.

Decalogue. The ten commandments which, according to Exodus XX, 1-18, were given by God to Moses. The Jews called them the "Ten Words," hence the name.


Also (and in this sense sometimes spelled Decania, or Decana), a town or tithing, consisting originally of ten families of freetholders. Ten tithings compose a hundred. 1 Bla. Comm. 114; Medley, Orig. Illus. Eng. Coast. Hist.

Decania. The office, jurisdiction, territory, or command of a decanus, or dean. Spelman.
DECANUS.

In Ecclesiastical and Old European Law

An officer having supervision over ten; a dean. A term applied not only to ecclesiastical, but to civil and military, officers. Decanus monasticus; a monastic dean, or dean of a monastery; an officer over ten monks. Decanus in majori ecclesia; dean of a cathedral church, presiding over ten prebendaries. Decanus episcopi; a bishop's or rural dean, presiding over ten clerks or parishes. Decanus friborgi; dean of a frieborg. An officer among the Saxons who presided over a frieborg, tithing, decennary, or association of ten inhabitants; otherwise called a "tithe man," or "boreholder," his duties being those of an inferior judicial officer. Du Cange; Spelman, Gloss.; Calvinius, Lex. Decanus militaris; a military officer having command of ten soldiers. Spelman.

In Roman Law

An officer having the command of a company or "mess" of ten soldiers. Also an officer at Constantinople having charge of the burial of the dead. Nov. Jus. 43, 50; Du Cange.

DECAPITATION. The act of beheading. A mode of capital punishment by cutting off the head.

DECESS, n. Death; not including civil death, (see Death.) In re Zeph's Estate, 50 Hun. 323, 3 N. Y. S. 460.

DECEASE, v. To die; to depart life, or from life. This has always been a common term in Scotch law. "Gif ane man decasis," Skene.


DECEDENT. A deceased person, especially one who has lately died. Etymologically the word denotes a person who is dying, but it has come to be used in law as signifying any deceased person, testate or intestate. In re Zeph's Estate, 50 Hun. 523, 3 N. Y. S. 460.


A fraudulent misrepresentation or contrivance, by which one man deceives another, who has no means of detecting the fraud, to the injury and damage of the latter.

A subtle trick or device, whereunto may be referred all manner of craft and collusion used to deceive and defraud another by any means whatsoever, which hath no other or more proper name than deceit to distinguish the offense. (West Symb. § 68); Jacob.

A "deceit" is either: (1) The suggestion, as a fact, of that which is not true, by one who does not believe it to be true; (2) the assertion, as a fact, of that which is not true, by one who has no reasonable ground for believing it to be true; (3) the suppression of a fact, by one who is bound to disclose it, or who gives information of other facts which are likely to mislead for want of communication of that fact; or (4) a promise, made without any intention of performing it. Civ. Code Cal. § 1720; Civ. Code S. D. § 1253 (Comp. Laws 3629, § 737).

To constitute "deceit," the statement must be untrue, made with knowledge of its falsity or with reckless and conscious ignorance thereof, especially if parties are not on equal terms, made with intent that plaintiff act thereon or in a manner apparently fitted to induce him to act thereon, and plaintiff must act in reliance on the statement in the manner contemplated, or manifestly probable, to his injury. Corley Co. v. Griggs, 192 N. C. 171, 134 S. E. 406, 407; Pain v. Kiel (C. C. A.) 288 F. 527, 528. See, also, Crossman v. Bacon & Robinson Co., 138 Me. 168, 203 A. 457, 458; Alpine v. Friend Bros., 244 Mass. 154, 158 N. E. 553, 554; Gittings v. Von Dorn, 136 Md. 10, 109 A. 553, 554; Hood v. Wood, 61 Okl. 294, 161 P. 210, 213.


In Old English Law

The name of an original writ, and the action founded on it, which lay to recover damages for any injury committed deceitfully, either in the name of another, (as by bringing an action in another's name, and then suffering a nonsuit, whereby the plaintiff became liable to costs,) or by a fraudulent warranty of goods, or other personal injury committed contrary to good faith and honesty, Reg. Orig. 112–116; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 96, E, 98.

Also the name of a judicial writ which formerly lay to recover lands which had been lost by default by the tenant in a real action, in consequence of his not having been summoned by the sheriff, or by the collusion of his attorney. Rose. Real Act. 136; 3 Bl. Comm. 106.

In General

—Deceitful plea. A sham plea; one alleging as facts things which are obviously false on the face of the plea. Gray v. Gildere, 4 Strob. (S. C.) 445.

DECEM TALES. (Ten such; or ten tales, jurors.) In practice. The name of a writ which issues in England, where, on a trial at bar, ten jurors are necessary to make up a full panel, commanding the sheriff to summon the requisite number. 3 Bl. Comm. 364; Reg. Jud. 309; 3 Steph. Comm. 602.

DECEMVIRI LITIBUS JUDICANDIS. Lat. In the Roman law. Ten persons (five senators and five equites) who acted as the council or
assistants of the prætor, when he decided on matters of law. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8. According to others, they were themselves judges, appointed by Augustus to act in certain cases. Calvinus, Lex.; Anthon, Rom. Ant.

DEGENCY. Propriety of action, speech, dress, etc. Universal Film Mfg. Co. v. Bell, 100 Misc. 281, 167 N. Y. S. 124, 128.

DECENNA. In old English law. A tithing or decennary; the precinct of a frank-pledge; consisting of ten freeholders with their families. Spelman.

DECENNARIUS. Lat. One who held one-half a virgate of land. Du Cange. One of the ten freeholders in a decennary. Id.; Calvin. Decennier. One of the decennarii, or ten freeholders making up a tithing. Spelman; Du Cange, Decenna; 1 Bla. Comm. 114.


King Alfred, for the better preservation of the peace, divided England into counties, the counties into hundreds, and the hundreds into tithings or decennaries: the inhabitants whereof, living together, were sureties or pledges for each other's good behavior.

DECEPTION. The act of deceiving; intentional misleading by falsehood spoken or acted. Smith v. State, 13 Ala. App. 399, 69 So. 402, 403.

DECEPTIONE. A writ that lieth properly against him that deceitfully doth anything in the name of another, for one that receiveth damage or hurt thereby. It is either original or judicial. Fitzh. N. B.

Deceptis non decipientibus, iura subveniant. The laws help persons who are deceived, not those deceiving. Tray. Lat. Max. 149.


DECESSUS. In the civil and old English law. Death; departure.

Decet tamen principem servare leges quibus ipsa servatus est. It behoves, indeed, the prince to keep the laws by which he himself is preserved.

DECIDE. To "decide" includes the power and right to deliberate, to weigh the reasons for and against, to see which preponderate, and to be governed by that preponderance. Darden v. Lines, 2 Fla. 571; Com. v. Anthes, S Gray (Mass.) 253; In re Milford & M. R. Co., 68 N. H. 370, 36 A. 545.

DECIES TANTUM. (Ten times as much.) The name of an ancient writ that was used against a juror who had taken a bribe in money for his verdict. The injured party could thus recover ten times the amount of the bribe.

DECIMÆ. In ecclesiastical law. Tithens, or tithes. The tenth part of the annual profit of each living, payable formerly to the pope. There were several valuations made of these livings at different times. The decima (tithes) were appropriated to the crown, and a new valuation established, by 26 Hen. VIII., c. 3. 1 Bl. Comm. 284. See Tithe.

Decima debentur parocho. Tithes are due to the parish priest.

Decima de decimâ solvi non debent. Tithes are not to be paid from that which is given for tithes.

Decima de jure divino et canonice institutio pertinent ad personam. Dal. 50. Tithes belong to the parson by divine right and canonical institution.

Decima non debent solvi, ubi non est annua renovatio; et ex annuatâ renovantibus simul semel. Cro. Jac. 42. Tithes ought not to be paid where there is not an annual renovation, and from annual renovations once only.

DECIMATION. The punishing of every tenth soldier by lot, for mutiny or other failure of duty. This was termed "decimatio legionis" by the Romans. Sometimes only the twentieth man was punished, (vicecimatio,) or the hundredth, (centesimatio.)

DECIME. A French coin of the value of the tenth part of a franc, or nearly two cents.

DECINERS. Those that had the oversight and check of ten friburs for the maintenance of the king's peace. Cunningham.

Decipì quam fallìre est tutius. It is safer to be deceived than to deceive. Loft, 395.


A judgment given by a competent tribunal. Eastman Kodak Co. v. Richards, 123 Misc. 83, 204 N. Y. S. 246, 248.

The findings of fact and conclusions of law which must be in writing and filed with the clerk. Stewart Mining Co. v. Ontario Mining Co., 23 Idaho, 724, 132 P. 787, 791.

A determination of a judicial or quasi judicial nature. Coddington County v. Board of Com'rs of Coddington County, 51 S. D. 131, 212 N. W. 626, 628.

The term is broad enough to cover both final judgments and interlocutory orders. Stout v. Stout, 68 Ind. App. 278, 131 N. E. 248, 246. And though sometimes limited to the sense of Judgment: Industrial Commission of Ohio v. Mussehl, 102 Ohio St. 10, 130 N. E. 33, 35; Studebaker Bros. Co. v. Utah v. Wytcher, 45 Nev. 376, 294 P. 592, 593; the term is at other times understood as meaning simply the first step leading to a judgment; Dorney v. Ives, 36 R. I. 276, 90 A. 164, 165; or as an order for judgment; Schofield v. Baker (D. C.) 242 F. 657, 658; Collins v. Belland, 57 Cal. App. 129, 173 P. 604, 605. The word may also include various rulings, as well as orders. U. S. v. Thompson, 49 S. Ct. 289, 291, 251 U. S. 407, 64 L. Ed. 333; Marr v. Marr, 194 Cal. 332, 228 P. 534, 535; State Public Utilities Commission v. Thedens, 219 Ill. 184, 125 N. E. 766, 766; Young v. Washington Water Power Co., 23 Idaho, 450, 229 P. 322, 325.

"Decision" is not necessarily synonymous with "opinion." A decision of the court is its judgment; the opinion is the reasons given for that judgment, or the expression of the views of the judge. Houston v. Williams, 13 Cal. 215, 23 Am. Dec. 555; Craft v. Bennett, 178 Ind. 9, 92 N. E. 273; In re Estate of Winslow, 34 N. Y. S. 637, 15 Misc. 254; McAllister v. Harvey (Tex. Civ. App.) 286 S. W. 548, 549. But the two words are sometimes used interchangeably. Pierce v. State, 103 Ind. 365, 19 N. E. 302; Estes v. Sheckler, 36 W. Va. 434; Board of Education of City of Emporia v. State, 7 Kan. App. 662, 53 P. 486; Keller v. Summers, 281 Mo. 324, 171 S. W. 335, 337.

The French lawyers call the opinions which they give on questions propounded to them, decisions. See Inst. 1, 2, 8; Dig. 1, 2, 2.

DECISIVE, or DECISORY, OATH. See Oath.

DECLARANT. A person who makes a declaration.

DECLARATION.

In Pleading

The first of the pleadings on the part of the plaintiff in an action at law, being a formal and methodical specification of the facts and circumstances constituting his cause of action. It commonly comprises several sections or divisions, called "counts," and its formal parts follow each other in this order: Title, venue, commencement, cause of action, counts, conclusion. The declaration, at common law, answers to the "libel" in ecclesiastical and admiralty law, the "bill" in equity, the "petition" in civil law, the "complaint" in code pleading, and the "count" in real actions. U. S. v. Ambrose, 105 U. S. 336, 2 S. Ct. 882, 27 L. Ed. 746; Buckingham v. Murray, 7 Houst. (Del.) 176, 30 A. 779; Smith v. Fowlie, 12 Wend. (N. Y.) 10; Railway Co. v. Augsburger, 30 Mo. 340, 38 A. 779, 39 L. R. A. 161; Dixon v. Surgeon. 6 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 28; 1 Chit. Pl. 248; Co. Litt. 17 s, 929 a; Bacon, Abr. Pleas (B); Comyns, Dig. Plead, C. 7; Lawes, Pl. 35; Steph. Pl. 36.

It may be general or special: for example, in debt on a bond, a declaration counting on the penal part only is general; one which sets out both the bond and the condition and assigns the breach is special; Gould, Pl. c. 4, § 59.

In Evidence

An unworn statement or narration of facts made by a party to the transaction, or by one who has an interest in the existence of the facts recounted. Also, similar statements made by a person since deceased, which are admissible in evidence in some cases, contrary to the general rule, e. g., "dying declarations" (see that subtitle, infra).

In Practice

The declaration or declaratory part of a judgment, decree, or order is that part which gives the decision or opinion of the court on the question of law in the case. Thus, in an action raising a question as to the construction of a will, the judgment or order declares that, according to the true construction of the will, the plaintiff has become entitled to the residue of the testator's estate, or the like. Sweet.

In Scots Practice

The statement of a criminal or prisoner, taken before a magistrate. 2 Alis. Crim. Pr. 555; 2 Hume 128; Arkl. Just. 70; Paterson, Comp. §§ 862, 970.

In General

—Declaration against interest. Such declarations are evidence of the fact declared, and are therefore distinct from admissions, which amount to a waiver of proof. Jelser v. White, 183 N. C. 126, 110 S. E. 849, 550.

—Declaration in chief. See Chief.

—Declaration of Independence. A formal declaration or announcement, promulgated July 4, 1776, by the congress of the United States of America, in the name and behalf of the people of the colonies, asserting and proclaiming their independence of the British crown, vindicating their pretensions to political autonomy, and announcing themselves to the world as a free and independent nation.

—Declaration of intention. A declaration made by an alien, as a preliminary to naturalization, before a court of record, to the effect that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentiare, state, or sovereignty whereof at the time he may be a citizen or subject. Rev. St. § 2165.

—Declaration of London. A declaration concerning the laws of naval war, agreed upon February 26, 1909, by the powers assembled at the London Naval Conference.

The preamble states that the Declaration was made in view of the desirability of an agreement

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upon the rules to be applied by the International Prize Court established by the Second Hague Conference. A preliminary provision states that it is agreed that the rules adopted "correspond in substance with the generally recognized principles of international law." The subjects dealt with by the Declaration include: Blockade, Contraband, Unneutral Service, Destruction of Neutral Prizes, Transfer to Neutral Flag, Enemy Character, Convoy, Search, and Compensation. Higgins, 538-613.

Declaratory Statute

Declaration of Paris. The name given to an agreement announcing four important rules of international law effective between the principal European powers at the Congress of Paris in 1856. These rules are: (1) Privateering is and remains abolished; (2) the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, except contraband of war; (3) neutral goods, except contraband of war, are not liable to confiscation under a hostile flag; (4) blockades, to be binding, must be effective.

Declaration of Right. See Bill of Rights.

Declaration of St. Petersburg. A declaration made at St. Petersburg in 1868 on behalf of certain of the powers in relation to the prohibition of the use of explosive bullets in time of war.

Declaration of Trust. The act by which the person who holds the legal title to property or an estate acknowledges and declares that he holds the same in trust to the use of another person for certain specified purposes. The name is also used to designate the deed or other writing embodying such a declaration. Griffith v. Maxfield, 66 Ark. 513, 51 S. W. 832. See Drovers Deposit Nat. Bank of Chicago v. Newgrass, 161 App. Div. 769, 147 N. Y. 8, 8; Baker v. Baker, 123 Md. 32, 90 A. 776, 779.

Declaration of War. A public and formal proclamation by a nation, through its executive or legislative department, that a state of war exists between itself and another nation, and forbidding all persons to aid or assist the enemy.

Dying declarations. Statements made by a person who is lying at the point of death, and is conscious of his approaching dissolution, in reference to the manner in which he received the injuries of which he is dying, or other immediate cause of his death, and in reference to the person who inflicted such injuries or the connection with such injuries of a person who is charged or suspected of having committed them; which statements are admissible in evidence in a trial for homicide (and occasionally, at least in some jurisdictions, in other cases) where the killing of the declarant is the crime charged to the defendant. Simons v. People, 150 Ill. 69, 30 N. E. 1010; State v. Trusty, 1 Pennewill (Del.) 319, 40 A. 769; State v. Jones, 47 La. Ann. 1524, 18 So. 315; Bell v. State, 72 Miss. 507, 17 So. 232; People v. Fuhrig, 127 Cal. 412, 99 P. 693; State v. Parham, 48 La. Ann. 1308, 20 So. 727; Ratliff v. State, 19 Ala. App. 505, 98 So. 493, 494; Frier v. State, 92 Fla. 241, 109 So. 334, 335; McKee v. State, 198 Ind. 590, 154 N. E. 372, 376; Lucas v. Commonwealth, 153 Ky. 424, 155 S. W. 721, 722; Rex v. Woodcock, 1 Leach (Eng.) 500. Edwards v. State, 113 Neb. 698, 204 N. W. 780, 783; People v. Selknes, 309 Ill. 113, 140 N. E. 852, 854.

Self-servings declaration. One made by a party in his own interest at some time and place out of court—not including testimony which he gives as witness at the trial. Brosnan v. Boggs, 101 Or. 472, 198 P. 890, 892.

Declarator. In Scotch law. An action whereby it is sought to have some right of property, or of status, or other right judicially ascertained and declared. Bell.

Declarator of Trust. An action resorted to against a trustee who holds property upon titles ex facie for his own benefit. Bell.

Declaratory. Explanatory; designed to fix or elucidate what before was uncertain or doubtful.

Declaratory Action. In Scotch law. An action in which the right of the pursuer (or plaintiff) is craved to be declared, but nothing claimed to be done by the defender (defendant). Ersk. Inst. 5, 1, 46. Otherwise called an "action of declarator."

Declaratory Decree. In practice. A binding declaration of right in equity without consequential relief.

Declaratory Judgment. One which simply declares the rights of the parties or expresses the opinion of the court on a question of law, without ordering anything to be done. Its distinctive characteristics are that no executory process follows as of course, nor is it necessary that an actual wrong, giving rise to action for damages, should have been done, or be immediately threatened. Petition of Kariher, 284 Pa. 455, 131 A. 265, 268.

Declaratory Part of a Law. That which clearly defines rights to be observed and wrongs to be eschewed.

Declaratory Statute. One enacted for the purpose of removing doubts or putting an end to conflicting decisions in regard to what the law is in relation to a particular matter. It may either be expressive of the common law (1 Bl. Comm. 86; Gray v. Bennett, 5 Metc. [Mass.] 527; In re Ungaro's Will, 102 A. 244, 246, 88 N. J. Eq. 25) or may declare what shall be taken to be the true meaning and intention of a previous statute, though in the latter case such enactments are more commonly called "expository statutes." McMahon v. Maddox (Tex. Civ. App.) 297 S. W. 310, 312.
DECLARE. To make known, manifest, or clear. Lessier v. Wright, 304 Ill. 130, 136 N. E. 545, 552, 28 A. L. R. 674. To signify, to show in any manner either by words or acts. Edwardson v. Gerwlen, 41 N. D. 506, 171 N. W. 101, 102. To publish; to utter; to announce clearly some opinion or resolution. Knecht v. Ins. Co., 90 Pa. 121, 55 Am. Rep. 641. To allege or affirm. State v. Hostetler (Mo. Sup.) 222 S. W. 750, 754. To solemnly assert a fact before witnesses, e. g., where a testator declaims a paper signed by him to be his last will and testament. Lane v. Lane, 95 N. Y. 498.

This also is one of the words customarily used in the promise given by a person who is affirmed as a witness,—"sincerely and truly declare and affirm." Hence, to make a positive and solemn assurance. Bassett v. Donn, 17 N. J. Law, 432.

With reference to pleadings, it means to draw up, serve, and file a declaration; e. g., a "rule to declare." Also to allege in a declaration as a ground or cause of action; as "he declares upon a promissory note."

DECLINATION. In Scotch law. A plea to the jurisdiction, on the ground that the judge is interested in the suit.

DÉCLINAIRE. In French law. Pleas to the jurisdiction of the court; also of lia pendens, and of connecté, (q. v.)

DECLINATORY PLEA. In English practice. The plea of sanctuary, or of benefit of clergy, before trial or conviction. 2 Hale, P. C. 236; 4 Bl. Comm. 333. Now abolished. 6 & 7 Geo. IV, c. 28, § 6; Mozl. & W. Dict.; 4 Steph. Comm. 400, note; Id. 436, note.

DECLINATORE. In Scotch practice. An objection to the jurisdiction of a Judge. Bell.

DECOCTION. The act of boiling a substance in water, for extracting its virtues. The operation of boiling certain ingredients in a fluid for the purpose of extracting the parts soluble at that temperature. Also the liquor in which a substance has been boiled; water impregnated with the principles of any animal or vegetable substance boiled in it. Webster; Sykes v. Magone (C. C.) 38 F. 497.

In an indictment "decoction" and "infusion" are ejusdem generis; and if one is alleged to have been administered, instead of the other, the variance is immaterial. 3 Camp. 17.

DECOCTOR. In the Roman law. A bankrupt; a spendthrift; a squanderer of public funds. Calvin.

DECOLLATIO. In old English and Scotch law. Decollation; the punishment of beheading. Fleta lib. I, c. 21, § 6.

DECOMPOSED. This word, as used in the Food and Drugs Act June 30, 1906 (21 USCA § 8), means more than the beginning of decomposition; it refers to a state of decomposi-

DÉCONFES. In French law. A name formerly given to those persons who died without confession, whether they refused to confess or whether they were criminals to whom the sacrament was refused. Droit de Canon, par M. l'Abbé André; Dupin, Gloss. to Lescal's Institutes.

DECORATE. To beautify. To do something, as to a house as such, to improve the condition of the house, or of a room. Grasell v. Brodhead, 175 App. Div. 874, 162 N. Y. S. 421, 423.


DECOY. To inveigle, entice, tempt, or lure; as, to decoy a person within the jurisdiction of a court so that he may be served with process, or to decoy a fugitive criminal to a place where he may be arrested without extradition papers, or to decoy one away from his place of residence for the purpose of kidnapping him and as a part of that act. In all these uses, the word implies enticement or luring by means of some fraud, trick, or temptation, but excludes the idea of force. Eberling v. State, 136 Ind. 117, 35 N. E. 1023; John v. State, 6 Wyo. 203, 44 P. 51; Campbell v. Hudson, 106 Mich. 523, 64 N. W. 483.

Also, a "decoy pond." See that title, infra.

DECOY LETTER. A letter prepared and mailed for the purpose of detecting a criminal, particularly one who is perpetrating frauds upon the postal or revenue laws. U. S. v. Whittier, 5 Dill. 58, Fed. Cas. No. 16,688.

DECOY POND. A pond used for the breeding and maintenance of water-fowl. Keeble v. Hickeringshall, 3 Salk. 10; 11 Mod. 74, 130; Holt 14; 11 East 571.

DECREE. In Practice

The judgment of a court of equity or admiralty, answering for most purposes to the judgment of a court of common law. A decree in equity is a sentence or order of the court, pronounced on hearing and understanding all the points in issue, and determining the rights of all the parties to the suit, according to equity and good conscience. 2 Daniell, Oh. Pr. 896; Wooster v. Handy (C. C.) 23 F. 95; Rowley v. Van Benthuysen, 16 Wend. (N. Y.) 383; Vance v. Rockwell, 3 Colo. 243; Halbert v. Alford (Tex. Sup.) 16 S. W. 814; Haney v. Neace-Stark Co., 109 Or. 219 P. 190, 191; Motion Picture Patents Co. v. Universal Film Mfg. Co. (D. C.) 232 F. 263, 265; Bull v. International Power Co., 84 N. J. Eq. 209, 93 A. 85, 88; Alford v. Leonard, 88 Fla. 532, 102 So. 885, 890. It is a declaration of the court.

As used in a statute establishing a minimum wage commission, the term “decrees” may be simply the equivalent of a counsel of the commission, succinctly stated. Holcombe v. Creamer, 281 Mass. 29, 129 N. E. 354, 355.

A decree, as distinguished from an order, is final, and is made at the hearing of the cause, whereas an order is interlocutory, and is made on motion or petition. Wherever an order may, in a certain event resulting from the direction contained in the order, lead to the termination of the suit in like manner as a decree made at the hearing, it is called a “decretal order.” Brown.

A judgment at law, as distinguished from a decree in equity, was either simply for the plaintiff or for the defendant. There could be no qualifications or modifications. But such a judgment does not always touch the true justice of the cause or put the parties in the position they ought to occupy. This result was attained by the decree of a court of equity which could be so moulded, or the execution of which could be so controlled and suspended, that the relative duties and rights of the parties could be secured and enforced. Biiph. Eq. § 7.

The words “judgment” and “decree,” however, are often used synonymously; Flinnell v. Flinnell, 113 Okl. 265, 230 P. 112, 113; especially now that the Codes have abolished the distinction between law and equity. Henderson v. Arkansas, 71 Okl. 285, 176 P. 781, 783. But of the two terms, “judgment” is the more comprehensive, and includes “decree.” Coleman v. Los Angeles County, 189 Cal. 714, 182 P. 440, 441.

Classification

Decrees in equity are either final or interlocutory. A final decree is one which fully and finally disposes of the whole litigation, determining all questions raised by the case, and leaving nothing that requires further judicial action. Sawyer v. White, 125 Me. 206, 132 A. 421, 422; Draper Corporation v. Stafford Co. (C. C. A.) 255 F. 554, 555; Johnson v. Merritt, 125 Va. 162, 109 S. E. 755, 759; Kline v. Murray, 79 Mont. 330, 257 P. 465, 467; Burgin v. Sugg, 210 Ala. 412, 97 So. 216, 217; Travis v. Waters, 12 Johns. (N. Y.) 508; Mills v. Hoag, 7 Paige (N. Y.) 19, 31 Am. Dec. 271; Core v. Strickler, 24 W. Va. 689; Ex parte Crittenden, 10 Ark. 339; 1 Kent, 316. An interlocutory decree is a provisional or preliminary decree, which is not final and does not determine the suit, but directs some further proceedings preparatory to the final decree. It is a decree pronounced for the purpose of ascertaining matter of law or fact preparatory to a final decree. 1 Barc. Civ. Pr. 326, 327; Teaff v. Hewitt, 1 Ohio St. 529, 530 Am. Dec. 634; Wooster v. Handy (C. C.) 23 F. 56; Beebe v. Russell, 19 How. 283, 15 L. Ed. 608; Jenkins v. Wild, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 543; Roeker v. Fidelity Trust Co., 196 Ind. 207, 151 N. E. 610, 613; Cornehy v. Markward, 131 U. S. 150, 9 S. Ct. 1714, 33 L. Ed. 117; Richmond v. Atwood, 32 F. 10, 2 C. C. A. 607, 17 L. R. A. 615; 2 Madd. 462; 1 Ch. Ca. 27; 2 Vern. 89; 4 Brown, P. C. 287. Where some-

thing more than the ministerial execution of the decree as rendered is left to be done, the decree is interlocutory, and not final, even though it settles the equities of the bill. Lodge v. Twell, 135 U. S. 232, 10 S. Ct. 745, 84 L. Ed. 133. The difficulty of exact definition is mentioned in McGourkey v. Ry. Co., 146 U. S. 538, 13 S. Ct. 170, 36 L. Ed. 1079. See, also, Keystone Manganese & Iron Co. v. Martin, 132 U. S. 91, 10 S. Ct. 32, 33 L. Ed. 276; Leyhe v. McNamara (Tex. Com. App.) 243 S. W. 1074, 1076.

In French Law

Certain acts of the Legislature or of the sovereign which have the force of law are called “decrees” as the Berlin and Milan decrees.

In Scotch Law

A final judgment or sentence of court by which the question at issue between the parties is decided.

In General

—Consent decree. One entered by consent of the parties; it is not properly a judicial sentence, but is in the nature of a solemn contract or agreement of the parties, made under the sanction of the court, and in effect an admission by them that the decree is a just determination of their rights upon the real facts of the case, if such facts had been proved. Allen v. Richardson, 9 Rich. Eq. (S. C.) 53; Kelly v. Milan (C. C.) 21 F. 482; Schmidt v. Mining Co., 28 Or. 9, 40 P. 1014, 52 Am. St. Rep. 759; Hodgson v. Vroom (C. C. A.) 266 F. 267, 268; Barnes v. American Fertilizer Co., 144 Va. 692, 130 S. E. 902, 911. It binds only the consenting parties; Myllius v. Smith, 53 W. Va. 173, 44 S. E. 542; and is not binding upon the court; Ex parte Lounge Jone (D. C.) 190 F. 261, 269.


—Decree nisi. A provisional decree, which will be made absolute on motion unless cause be shown against it. In English practice, it is the order made by the court for divorce, on satisfactory proof being given in support of a petition for dissolution of marriage; it remains imperfect for at least six months, (which period may be shortened by the court down to three,) and then, unless sufficient cause be shown, it is made absolute on motion, and the dissolution takes effect, subject to appeal. Wharton. It effects a conditional divorce, becoming absolute only upon the happening of a prescribed contingency. Grant v. Grant, 84 N. J. Eq. 81, 92 A. 791, 793.

—Decree of constitution. In Scotch practice. A decree by which a debt is ascertained. Bell. In technical language, a decree which is requisite to found a title in the person of the creditor, whether that necessity arises from the death of the debtor or of the creditor. Id.
---Decree of distribution. An instrument by which heirs receive property of a deceased; it is a final determination of the parties to a proceeding. Fischer v. Dolwig, 29 N. D. 561, 151 N. W. 431, 432.

---Decree of forthoming. In Scotch law. A decree made after an arrestment (q. v.) ordering the debt to be paid or the effects of the debtor to be delivered to the arresting creditor. Bell.

---Decree of insolvency. One entered in a probate court, declaring the estate in question to be insolvent, that is, that the assets are not sufficient to pay the debts in full. Bush v. Coleman, 121 Ala. 548, 25 So. 569; Walker v. Newton, 83 Me. 458, 27 A. 347.

---Decree of locality. In Scotch law. The decree of a teind court allocating stipend upon different heritors. It is equivalent to the apportionment of a tithe rent-charge.

---Decree of modification. In Scotch law. A decree of the teind court modifying or fixing a stipend.

---Decree of nullity. One entered in a suit for the annulment of a marriage, and adjudging the marriage to have been null and void ab initio. See Nullity.

---Decree of registration. In Scotch law. A proceeding giving immediate execution to the creditor; similar to a warrant of attorney to confess judgment.

---Decree pro confesso. One entered in a court of equity in favor of the complainant where the defendant has made no answer to the bill and its allegations are consequently taken "as confessed." Ohio Cent. R. Co. v. Central Trust Co., 133 U. S. 85, 10 S. Ct. 235, 33 L. Ed. 561; Equity Rules 16, 17, of the United States courts (28 USCA § 723); Freem. Judg. § 11; 1 Dan. Ch. Pr. 5th Am. ed. 517, n. It is merely an admission of the allegations of the bill well pleaded. Remington v. Barney, 35 R. I. 267, 86 A. 891, 892.

---Deficiency decree. In a mortgage foreclosure suit, a decree for the balance of the indebtedness after applying the proceeds of a sale of the mortgaged property to such indebtedness. Commercial Bank of Ocala v. First Nat. Bank, 80 Fla. 685, 87 So. 315, 316.

---DECRETAL ORDER. See Decree; Order.

---DECRETALES BONIFACII OCTAVI. A supplemental collection of the canon law, published by Boniface VIII. in 1238, called, also, "Libro Septimus Decretalium," (Sixth Book of the Decretals.)

---DECRETALES GREGORII NONI. The decrets of Gregory the Ninth. A collection of the laws of the church, published by order of Gregory IX. in 1227. It is composed of five books, subdivided into titles, and each title is divided into chapters. They are cited by using an X, (or extra;) thus "Cap. 8 X de Regulis Juris," etc.

---DECRETALS. In ecclesiastical law. Letters of the pope, written at the suit or instance of one or more persons, determining some point or question in ecclesiastical law, and possessing the force of law, within the Roman Catholic Church. The decreals form the second part of the body of canon law. This is also the title of the second of the two great divisions of the canon law, the first being called the "De cree," (decretum.)

---DECRETO. In Spanish colonial law. An order emanating from some superior tribunal, promulgated in the name and by the authority of the sovereign, in relation to ecclesiastical matters. Schm. Civil Law, 98, note.
DECRETUM.

In the Civil Law

A species of imperial constitution, being a judgment or sentence given by the emperor upon hearing of a cause (quo imperator cognoscens decrevit). Inst. 1, 2, 6.

In Canon Law

An ecclesiastical law, in contradistinction to a secular law, (lex.) 1 Mackeld. Civil Law, p. 81, § 93, (Kaufmann's note.)

DECRETUM GRATIANI. Gratian's decree, or decretum. A collection of ecclesiastical law in three books or parts, made in the year 1161, by Gratian, a Benedictine monk of Bologna, being the oldest as well as the first in order of the collections which together form the body of the Roman canon law. 1 Bl. Comm. 82; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 67.

DECROWNING. The act of depriving of a crown.

DECRY. To cry down; to deprive of credit.

"The king may at any time decry or cry down any coin of the kingdom, and make it no longer current." 1 Bl. Comm. 278.

DECURIO. Lat. A decurion. In the provincial administration of the Roman empire, the decurions were the chief men or official personages of the large towns. Taken as a body, the decurions of a city were charged with the entire control and administration of its internal affairs; having powers both magisterial and legislative. See 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 54.

DEDANNA. In Saxon law. An actual homicide or manslaughter.

DEDI. (Lat. I have given.) A word used in deeds and other instruments of conveyance when such instruments were made in Latin, and anciently held to imply a warranty of title. Deakins v. Hollis, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 315.

DEDI ET CONCEII. I have given and granted. The operative words of conveyance in ancient charters of feoffment, and deeds of gift and grant; the English "given and granted" being still the most proper, though not the essential, words by which such conveyances are made. 2 Bl. Comm. 53, 316, 317; 1 Steph. Comm. 164, 177, 473, 474.

DEDICATE. To appropriate and set apart one's private property to some public use; as to make a private way public by acts evincing an intention to do so.


Express or Implied

A dedication may be express, as where the intention to dedicate is expressly manifested by a deed or an explicit oral or written declaration of the owner, or some other explicit manifestation of his purpose to devote the land to the public use. An implied dedication may be shown by some act or course of conduct on the part of the owner from which a reasonable inference of intent may be drawn, or which is inconsistent with any other theory than that he intended a dedication. Culver v. Salt Lake City, 27 Utah, 252, 75 P. 629; San Antonio v. Sullivan, 27 Tex. Civ. App. 619, 57 S. W. 42; Kent v. Pratt, 73 Conn. 573, 48 A. 418; Hurley v. West St. Paul, 83 Minn. 401, 86 N. W. 427; People v. Marin County, 103 Cal. 223, 37 P. 208, 26 L. R. A. 659; Schmidt v. Town of Battle Creek, 188 Iowa, 360, 175 N. W. 517, 519; Porter v. City of Stuttgart, 135 Ark. 48, 204 S. W. 607, 608; H. A. Hiller Co. v. Behr, 264 Ill. 508, 106 N. E. 451, 459; Christianson v. Caldwell, 152 Wis. 135, 139 N. W. 751, 752; Bennington County v. Town of Manchester, 87 Vt. 555, 90 A. 502, 503; Hedge v. Cavender, 217 Ky. 524, 290 S. W. 342, 343; Village of Bend v. Dorsey, 311 Ill. 192, 142 N. E. 563, 565; Burk v. Diers, 102 Neb. 721, 109 N. W. 263, 264; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Bennett (C. C. A.) 296 F. 436, 437.

Common-Law or Statutory

A common-law dedication is one made as above described, and may be either express

In Copyright Law

The first publication of a work, without having secured a copyright, is a dedication of it to the public; that having been done, any one may republish it. Bartlett v. Crittenden, 5 McLean, 32, Fed. Cas. No. 1,076.

DEDICATION-DAY. The feast of dedication of churches, or rather the feast day of the saint and patron of a church, which was celebrated not only by the inhabitants of the place, but by those of all the neighboring villages, who usually came thither; and such assemblies were allowed as lawful. It was usual for the people to feast and to drink on these days. Cowell.

DEDIMUS ET CONCESSIONIS (Lat. We have given and granted.) Words used by the king, or where there were more grantors than one, instead of dedi et concedi.

DEDIMUS POTESTATEM. (We have given power.) In English practice. A writ or commission issuing out of chancery, empowering the persons named therein to perform certain acts, as to administer oaths to defendants in chancery and take their answers, to administer oaths of office to justices of the peace, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 447. It was anciently allowed for many purposes not now in use, as to make an attorney, to take the acknowledgment of a fine, etc.

In the United States, a commission to take testimony is sometimes termed a "dedimus potestatem." Buddleman v. Kirk, 3 Cranch, 265, 2 L. Ed. 444; Sergeant's Lessee v. Biddle, 4 Wheat. 508, 4 L. Ed. 627.

DEDIMUS POTESTATEM DE ATTORNO FACIENDO. In old English practice. A writ, issued by royal authority, empowering an attorney to appear for a defendant. Prior to the statute of Westminster 2, a party could not appear in court by attorney without this writ.

DEDITION. The act of yielding up anything; surrender.

DEDITITII. In Roman law. Criminals who had been marked in the face or on the body with fire or an iron, so that the mark could not be erased, and subsequently manumitted. Calvin.

DEDUCTION. By "deduction" is understood a portion or thing which an heir has a right to take from the mass of the succession before any partition takes place. Civil Code La. art. 1398.

DEDUCTION FOR NEW. In marine insurance. An allowance or drawback credited to the insurers on the cost of repairing a vessel for damage arising from the perils of the sea insured against. This allowance is usually one-third, and is made on the theory that the parts restored with new materials are better, in that proportion than they were before the damage.

DEED. At common law, a sealed instrument, containing a contract or covenant, delivered by the party to be bound thereby, and accepted by the party to whom the contract or covenant runs. Co. Litt. 171; 2 Bl. Comm. 295; Shepp. Touchst. 50.


In a more restricted sense, a written instrument, signed, sealed, and delivered, by which one person conveys land, tenements, or herdements to another. This is its ordinary modern meaning, at least in those jurisdictions which adhere to the common-law rule making a seal essential to the validity and operative effect of a deed of conveyance. 18 C. J. 191; Sanders v. Riedinger, 30 App. Div. 277, 51 N. Y. S. 937; Reed v. Hazleton, 37 Kan. 321, 15 P. 177; Dudley v. Sumner, 5 Mass. 470; Fisher v. Pender, 32 N. C. 455; McMee v. Henry, 163 Ky. 729, 174 S. W. 746, 747; Dunham v. Marsh, 52 N. J. Eq. 296, 30 A. 473, 474; Hood v. Fletcher, 31 Ariz. 450, 254 P. 222, 224; Wilson v. Beck (Tex. Civ. App.) 296 S. W. 315, 320.

A writing under seal by which lands, tenements, or herdements are conveyed for an estate not less than a freehold. 2 Bl. Comm. 294.

The term may include a mortgage of real estate. Lockridge v. McCommon, 59 Tex. 324, 38 S. W. 33, 34 (citing Hellman v. Howard, 44 Cal. 110); Parsons v. Denis (C. C.) 7 F. 337; Daily v. Minnesota Loan & Investment Co., 43 Minn. 517, 45 N. W. 1190, 1191; People v. Caton, 25 Mich. 388, 391; Pfaff v. Jones, 50 Md. 283, 271; Morgan v. Wickiff, 115 Ky. 296, 72 S. W. 1182. But, contra, see Eaton v. White, 28 Wis. 517, 519; National Bank of Colum-
bus v. Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., 62 Ohio St. 564, 57 N. E. 450; Bucklin v. Bucklin, 40 N. Y. (1 Keyes) 141, 145. Similarly a lease for years under seal may be a deed. Hutchinson v. Brabham, 42 N. J. Eq. 372, 7 A. 973, 976. And a lease exceeding twenty-one years is held to be within the same statutes as a fee simple estate. Congregational Church of Southbridge v. Congregation of Plymouth v. Kingston Coal Co., 221 Pa. 349, 70 A. 829, 839. But a stipulation for a deed prohibiting drilling for oil or gas was held not to include a lease. Test Oil Co. v. La Tourrette, 15 Okl. 214, 91 P. 1025, 1029.


The essential difference between a "deed" and a "will" is that the former passes a present interest and the latter passes no interest until after the death of the maker. Willis v. Fivesh (Tex. Civ. App.) 297 S. W. 368, 510; Taylor v. Purdy, 151 Ky. 82, 151 S. W. 45, 46; Harber v. Harber, 152 Ga. 98, 105 S. E. 529; Henderson v. Henderson, 210 Ala. 47, 77 So. 593, 596, 372; Pifer v. Stoddill, 157 N. C. 465, 63 S. E. 583, 584; Bowdoin College v. Merrill (C. C.) 75 F. 480, 483; Ellis v. Pearson, 104 Tenn. 591, 58 S. W. 318; Mc Daniels v. Jones, 45 Miss. 822, 841; Harleston v. Reed, 45 Kan. 73, 28 P. 450, 451, 25 Am. St. Rep. 86. A will is "an instrument by which a person makes the disposition of his property to take effect after his decease, which is in its own nature ambulatory and revocable during his life. It is this ambulatory quality which forms the characteristic of wille; for, though a disposition by deed may postpone the possession or enjoyment, or even the vesting, until the death of the disposing party, yet the postponement is in such case produced by the express terms, and does not result from the nature of the instrument." In re Hall's Estate, 149 Cal. 145, 84 P. 839, 840; Robb v. Washington & Jefferson College, 155 N. Y. 465, 57 N. E. 338, 341 (quoting and adopting definition in Jarmann, p. 35). The main thing, however, whether a writing is a will or deed, is the animus testandi. Belgrade v. Carter (Tex. Civ. App.) 146 S. W. 964, 965; McLain v. Garrison, 29 Tex. Civ. App. 421, 88 S. W. 484, 88 S. W. 244 (citing Gilham v. Moxon, 42 Ala. 366; Trawick v. Davis, 85 Ala. 345, 5 So. 83); Cribs v. Walker, 74 Ark. 104, 88 S. W. 244, 246; Eklar's Adm'r v. Robinson (Ky.) 96 S. W. 845, 846; Harber v. Harber, 152 Ga. 98, 108 S. E. 200. "Deeds" are irrevocable and take effect by delivery, while "wills" are always revocable during testamentary capacity and take effect only after parties' death. Self v. Self, 213 Ala. 812, 108 So. 524, 524. If a document cannot be revoked or impaired by the grantor, it is a "deed," but if the grantor revokes an unqualified power of revocation, it is a "will." Craft v. Moon, 201 Ala. 11, 75 So. 302, 303. An instrument purporting to convey title to lands on its delivery is a deed and not a will, though possession be deferred until the grantor's death. Loveless v. Case (Tex. Civ. App.) 196 S. W. 632, 633.

The term is also used as synonymous with "fact," "actuality," or "act of parties." Thus a thing "in deed" is one that has been really or expressly done; as opposed to "in law," which means that it is merely implied or presumed to have been done.


—Deed indented, or indenture. In conveyancing. A deed executed or purporting to be executed in parts, between two or more parties, and distinguished by having the edge of the paper or parchment on which it is written indented or cut at the top in a particular manner. This was formerly done at the top or side, in a line resembling the teeth of a saw; a formality derived from the ancient practice of dividing chirographs; but the cutting is now made either in a waving line, or more commonly by notching or nicking the paper at the edge. 2 Bl. Comm. 295, 296; Litt. § 370; Smith, Cont. 12.

—Deed of covenant. Covenants are sometimes entered into by a separate deed, for title, or for the indemnity of a purchaser or mortgagee, or for the production of title-deeds. A covenant with a penalty is sometimes taken for the payment of a debt, instead of a bond with a condition, but the legal remedy is the same in either case.

—Deed of release. One releasing property from the incumbence of a mortgage or similar pledge upon payment or performance of the conditions; more specifically, where a deed of trust to one or more trustees has been executed, pledging real property for the payment of a debt or the performance of other conditions, substantially as in the case of a mortgage, a deed of release is the conveyance executed by the trustees, after payment or performance, for the purpose of divesting themselves of the legal title and revesting it in the original owner. See Swain v. McMillan, 30 Mont. 483, 76 Pac. 943.

—Deed of separation. An instrument by which, through the medium of some third
person acting as trustee, provision is made by a husband for separation from his wife and for her separate maintenance. Whitney v. Whitney, 15 Misc. 72, 36 N. Y. S. 891, 892.

—Deed of settlement. A deed formerly used in England for the formation of joint stock companies constituting certain persons trustees of the partnership property and containing regulations for the management of its private affairs. They are now regulated by articles of association.

—Deed of trust. An instrument in use in many states, taking the place and serving the uses of a common-law mortgage, by which the legal title to real property is placed in one or more trustees, to secure the repayment of a sum of money or the performance of other conditions. Bank v. Pierce, 144 Cal. 434, 77 Pac. 1012. See Trust Deed.

—Deed poll. A deed which is made by one party only. See Hawkins v. Corbit, 83 Okl. 275, 201 P. 640, 653. A deed in which only the party making it executes it or binds himself by it as a deed. 3 Washb. R. P. 311. It was originally so called because the edge of the paper or parchment was polled or cut in a straight line, wherein it was distinguished from a deed indented or indenture. As to a special use of this term in Pennsylvania in colonial times, see Herron v. Dater, 120 U. S. 464, 7 S. Ct. 620, 624, 30 L. Ed. 748 (citing Evans v. Patterson, 71 U. S. [4 Wall.] 224, 18 L. Ed. 893).

—Deed to lead uses. A deed made before a fine or common recovery, to show the object thereof.

—Gratuitous deed. One made without consideration. 2 Steph. Comm. 47.

As to “Quitclaim” deed, “Tax” deed, “Trust” deed, and “Warranty” deed, see those titles.


DEEMSTERS. Judges in the Isle of Man, who decide all controversies without process, writings, or any charges. These judges are chosen by the people, and are said by Spelman to be two in number. Spelman.

DEER—FALD. A park or fold for deer.

DEER—HAYES. Engines or great nets made of cord to catch deer. 19 Hen. VIII. c. 11.

DEFACE. To mar or destroy the face (that is, the physical appearance of written or inscribed characters as expressive of a definite meaning) of a written instrument, signature, inscription, etc., by obliteration, erasure, cancellation, or superinscription, so as to render it illegible or unrecognizable. Linney v. State, 6 Tex. 1, 55 Am. Dec. 756. See Cancel. In re Parsons’ Will, 135 N. Y. S. 742, 745, 119 Misc. 26. Also used in respect of injury to monument, buildings and other structures. Saffell v. State, 113 Ark. 27, 167 S. W. 453.

DEFACTION. The act of a defaulter; misappropriation of trust funds or money held in any fiduciary capacity; failure to properly account for such funds. Usually spoken of officers of corporations or public officials. In re Butts (D. C.) 120 F. 970; Crawford v. Burke, 201 Ill. 581, 66 N. E. 833.

Also set-off. The diminution of a debt or claim by deducting from it a smaller claim held by the debtor or payor. Iron Works v. Cuppy, 41 Iowa, 104; Hook v. Foley, 2 Pen. & W. (Pa.) 250; McDonald v. Lee, 12 La. 455.

DEFALK. To set off one claim against another; to deduct a debt due from one to a debt which one owes. Johnson v. Signal Co., 57 N. J. Eq. 79, 40 A. 193; Pepper v. Warren, 2 Marv. (Del.) 225, 43 A. 91; Burris v. Boone, 4 Boyce (Del.) 148, 86 A. 730. This verb corresponds only to the second meaning of “defalcation” as given above; a public officer or trustee who misappropriates or embezzles funds in his hands is not said to “defalk.”


DEFAMATORY PER QUOD. In respect of words: Those which require an allegation of facts, aside from the words contained in the
article, by way of innuendo, to show wherein the words used libel the plaintiff, in order to state a cause of action in a complaint. Row-
an v. Gazette Printing Co., 74 Mont. 326, 229 P. 1035, 1037.

DEFACTO. In respect of words: Those which by themselves, and as such, without reference to extrinsic proof, injure the reputation of the person to whom they are applied. Manley v. Harer, 73 Mont. 235, 235 P. 737, 738.

DEFAMATION PER SE. In respect of words: Those which by themselves, and as such, without reference to extrinsic proof, injure the reputation of the person to whom they are applied. Manley v. Harer, 73 Mont. 235, 235 P. 737, 738.

DEFAMES. L. Fr. Infamous. Brit. c. 15.


In Practice
Omission; neglect or failure of any party to take step required of him in progress of cause. When a defendant in an action at law omits to plead within the time allowed him for that purpose, or fails to appear on the trial, he is said to make default, and the judgment entered in the former case is technically called a "judgment by default." 3 Bl. Comm. 306; 1 Tidd, Pr. 562; Page v. Sutton, 29 Ark. 306; Gregson v. Superior Court, 46 R. I. 362, 128 A. 221, 222.

In General
—Default of issue. Failure to have living children or descendants at a given time or fixed point. George v. Morgan, 16 Pa. 106; In re Van Cleef, 167 N. Y. S. 549, 551, 92 Misc. 689.
—Defaultor. One who makes default. One who misappropriates money held by him in an official or fiduciary character, or fails to account for such money.
—Judgment by default. One entered upon the failure of a party to appear or plead at the time appointed. See Judgment.

DEFEASANCE. An instrument which defeats the force or operation of some other deed or estate. That which is in the same deed is called a "condition"; and that which is in another deed is a "defeasance." Com. Dig. "Defeasance." Belendorf v. Thorpe, 90 Okl. 191, 203 P. 475, 477; In re Sachs (D. C.) 21 P. (2d) 984, 986; Mason v. Finley, 129 S. C. 367, 124 S. E. 780, 782; McCremon v. National Bank of Savannah, 25 Ga. App. 825, 105 S. E. 44, 45; Kinney v. Heatherington, 38 Okl. 74, 533 P. 1078, 1082.

In Conveyancing
A collateral deed made at the same time with a foemment or other conveyance, containing certain conditions, upon the performance of which the estate then created may be defeated or totally undone. 2 Bl. Comm. 327; Co. Litt. 236, 237.


DEFEASIBLE. Subject to be defeated, annulled, revoked, or undone upon the happening of a future event or the performance of a condition subsequent, or by a conditional limitation. Usually spoken of estates and interests in land. For instance, a mortgagee's estate is defeasible (liable to be defeated) by the mortgagor's equity of redemption. Penick v. Atkinson, 139 Ga. 649, 77 S. E. 1055, 1057, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 284, Ann. Cas. 1914B, 841; Elkins v. Thompson, 155 Ky. 91, 159 S. W. 617, 618; Robb's Guardian v. Orms's Ex'r, 164 Ky. 752, 176 S. W. 221, 223; Cooper's Adm'r v. Clarke, 192 Ky. 404, 233 S. W. 881, 882; Murphy v. Murphy, 182 Ky. 731, 207 S. W. 491, 493.

DEFEASIBLE FEE. An estate in fee that is liable to be defeated by some future contingency; e.g., a vested remainder which might be defeated by the death of the remainderman before the time fixed for the taking effect of the devise. Forsythe v. Lansing, 109 Ky. 518, 50 S. W. 504; Wills v. Willis, 85 Ky. 486, 3 S. W. 900.

DEFEASIBLE TITLE. One that is liable to be annulled or made void, but not one that is already void or an absolute nullity. Elder v. Schumacher, 18 Colo. 433, 33 P. 175.

DEFEAT. To prevent, frustrate, or circumvent; as in the phrase "hinder, delay, or defeat creditors." Coleman v. Walker, 3 Metc. (Ky.) 65, 77 Am. Dec. 163; Walker v. Sayers, 5 Bush (Ky.) 581; Reiff-Griffin Decorating Co. v. Wilkes, 191 S. W. 443, 446, 173 Ky. 566. To overcome or prevail against in any contest; as in speaking of the "defeated party" in an action at law. Wood v. Bailey, 21 Wall. 612, 22 L. Ed. 689; Goff v. Wilburn (Ky.) 79 S. W. 233.

To annul, undo, or terminate; as, a title or estate. See Defeasible.

DEFECT. The want or absence of some legal requisite; deficiency; imperfection; insufficiency. Haney-Campbell Co. v. Creamery
DEFFECT IN HIGHWAY OR STREET


DEFFECT IN MACHINERY. Under Code 1907, § 3910, subd. 1, making the master liable for injury from defects in the condition of works or machinery, it is essential that there be inherent condition of a permanent nature which unites machines for its use, some weakness of construction with reference to the proposed uses, some misplacement of parts, or the absence of some part, some innate abnormal quality rendering its use dangerous, or some obstacle to the use or the way of use which is part of the condition of the machinery itself. Caldwell-Watson Foundry & Machine Co. v. Watson, 183 Ala. 326, 62 So. 839, 862.

DEFFECT OF FORM. An imperfection in the style, manner, arrangement, or non-essential parts of a legal instrument, plea, Indictment, etc., as distinguished from a "defect of substance." See infra.

DEFFECT OF PARTIES. In pleading and practice. Insufficiency of the parties before a court in any given proceeding to give it jurisdiction and authority to decide the controversy, arising from the omission or failure to join plaintiffs or defendants who should have been brought in; never applied to a superfluity of parties or the improper addition of plaintiffs or defendants. Mader v. Plano Mfg. Co., 17 S. D. 533, 97 N. W. 843; Railroad Co. v. Schuyler, 17 N. Y. 603; Palmer v. Davis, 28 N. Y. 245; Beach v. Water Co., 23 Mont. 579, 55 P. 111; Weatherby v. Melkildejohn, 61 Wis. 97, 20 N. W. 574; Stinchcomb v. Patterson, 96 Okl. 80, 197 P. 619, 629; Bald v. Meyer, 55 N. D. 539, 215 N. W. 542, 544, 56 A. L. R. 178; Fisher v. Colliver, 121 Or. 172, 254 P. 815, 816; Harris v. Cheatham (Sup.) 180 N. Y. S. 106, 108; Rich v. Fry, 196 Ind. 305, 146 N. E. 393, 396; Gagle v. Besser, 162 Iowa, 227, 144 N. W. 3, 4; Wolf v. Eppenstein, 71 Or. 1, 140 P. 751, 754; Aaron v. Security Inv. Co., 51 S. D. 53, 211 N. W. 965, 967; Ramsey v. Hughes, 212 Ky. 715, 280 S. W. 99, 100; Kirton v. Howard, 137 S. C. 11, 134 S. E. 859, 869.

DEFFECT OF SUBSTANCE. An imperfection in the body or substantive part of a legal instrument, plea, indictment, etc., consisting in the omission of something which is essential to be set forth. State v. Startup, 39 N. J. L. 432; Flexner v. Dickerson, 65 Ala. 132.

DEFFECTIVE. Lacking in some particular which is essential to the completeness, legal sufficiency, or security of the object spoken of; as a "defective" highway or bridge (Munson v. Derby, 37 Conn. 310, 9 Am. Rep. 332; Whitney v. Ticonderoga, 53 Hun, 214, 6 N. Y. S. 844); machinery (Machinery Co. v. Brady, 60 Ill. App. 379; Riede v. Town of Plainville, 106 Conn. 61, 136 A. 872, 873; Horton v. Macdonald, 105 Conn. 356, 135 A. 412, 444; Cheney v. Village of Riverton, 104 Neb. 159, 177 N. W. 845, 846, 10 A. L. R. 214; Pasold v. Town of Dewitt, 198 Iowa, 966, 200 N. W. 395; Bryan v. City of West Palm Beach, 75 Fla. 19, 77 So. 527; Detroit Automatic Scale Co. v. G. B. R. Smith Milling Co. [Tex. Civ. App.] 327 S. W. 967; writ or recognizance (State v. Lavalle, 9 Mo. 536; McArthur v. Boynton, 19 Colo. App. 234, 74 P. 542); or title (Copertini v. Oppermann, 76 Cal. 181, 15 P. 256).

DEFFECTIVE OR INSUFFICIENT SPECIFICATIONS BY PATENTEE. Any failure either to describe or to claim the complete invention upon which the application for patent is founded. Robert v. Kremencz (C. C. A.) 243 F. 877, 881.


DEFFECTUS. Lat. Defect; default; want; imperfection; disqualification.
Challenge Propter Defectum

A challenge to a juror on account of some legal disqualification, such as infancy, etc. See Challenge.

Defectus Sanguinis

Failure of the blood, i.e., failure or want of issue.

DEFEND. To prohibit or forbid. To deny. To contest and endeavor to defeat a claim or demand made against one in a court of justice. Boehmer v. Irrigation Dist. 117 Cal. 19, 48 P. 508. To oppose, repel, or resist.

In covenants of warranty in deeds, it means to protect, to maintain or keep secure, to guaranty, to agree to indemnify.


In common usage, this term is applied to the party put upon his defense, or summoned to answer a charge or complaint, in any species of action, civil or criminal, at law or in equity. Strictly, however, it does not apply to the person against whom a real action is brought, for in that proceeding the technical usage is to call the parties respectively the "defendant" and the "plaintiff."

Defendant in error. The distinctive term appropriate to the party against whom a writ of error is sued out.

Principal defendant. One who has an interest in the controversy presented by the bill, and whose presence is requisite to the complete and partial adjudication of the controversy. Bird v. Sleppy, 265 Pa. 295, 105 A. 618, 619.

DEFENDARE. To answer for; to be responsible for. Medley.

DEFENSEMUS. Lat. A word used in grants and donations, which binds the donor and his heirs to defend the donee, if any one go about to lay any incumbrance on the thing given other than what is contained in the deed of donation. Bract. 1. 2, c. 16.

DEFENDER. (Fr.) To deny; to defend; to conduct a suit for a defendant; to forbid; to prevent; to protect.

DEFENDER. In Scotch and canon law. A defendant.

DEFENDER OF THE FAITH. A peculiar title belonging to the sovereign of England, as that of "Catholic" to the king of Spain, and that of "Most Christian" to the king of France. These titles were originally given by the popes of Rome; and that of Defensor Fidei was first conferred by Pope Leo X. on King Henry VIII., as a reward for writing against Martin Luther; and the bull for it bears date quinto Idus Octobr., 1521. Enc. Lond.

DEFENDERE SE PER CORPUS SUUM. To offer duel or combat as a legal trial and appeal. Abolished by 59 Geo. III. § 46. See Battel.

DEFENDERE UNICAM MANU. To wage law; a denial of an accusation upon oath. See Wager of Law.

DEFENDIT VIM ET INJURIAM. He defends the force and injury. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 39, § 1.

DEFENDOUR. L. Fr. A defender or defendant; the party accused in an appeal. Brit. c. 22.

DEFENGERATION. The act of lending money on usury.

DEFESA. In old English law. A park or place fenced in for deer, and defended as a property and peculiar for that use and service. Cowell.

DEFENSE. That which is offered and alleged by the party proceeded against in an action or suit, as a reason in law or fact why the plaintiff should not recover or establish what he seeks; what is put forward to defeat an action. More properly what is sufficient when offered for this purpose. In either of these senses it may be either a denial, justification, or confession and avoidance of the facts averred as a ground of action, or an exception to their sufficiency in point of law. Whitfield v. Insurance Co. (C.C.) 125 F. 270; Miller v. Martin, 8 N. J. Law, 204; Baier v. Humphall, 16 Neb. 127, 20 N. W. 108; Railroad Co. v. Hinchcliffe, 34 Misc. 49, 68 N. Y. S. 556; Brower v. Nellis, 6 Ind. App. 323, 33 N. E. 672; Waterford Lumber Co. v. Jacobs, 132 Miss. 638, 97 So. 187, 189; State v. Norman, 103 Ohio St. 541, 134 N. E. 474; First State Bank of Hazen v. Radke, 51 N. D. 246, 199 N. W. 690, 697, 55 A. L. R. 1355.

In a stricter sense, defense is used to denote the answer made by the defendant to the plaintiff's action, by demurrer or plea at law or answer in equity. This is the meaning of the term in Scotch law. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 66.

Half defense was that which was made by the term "defends the force and injury, and says," (defendit vim et injuriam, et dicit.)

Full defense was that which was made by the
form "defends the force and the injuries when and where it shall behave him, and the damages, and whatever else he ought to defend," (defendit eum et injuriis quando et ubi curia consideravit, et damnum et quicquid quod ipsae defendere debet, et dicere,) commonly shortened into "defends the force and injury when," etc. Glib. Com. Pl. 188; 2 Term. 632; 3 Bos. & P. 9, note; Co. Litt. 127a.

In matrimonial suits, in England, defenses are divided into absolute, 4 e., such as, being established to the satisfaction of the court, are a complete answer to the petition, so that the court can exercise no discretion, but is bound to dismiss the petition; and discretionary, or such as, being established, leave to the court a discretion whether it will pronounce a decree or dismiss the petition. Thus, in a suit for dissolution, condonation is an absolute, adultery by the petitioner a discretionary, defense. Brown, Div. 30.

Defense also means the forcible repelling of an attack made unlawfully with force and violence.

In old statutes and records, the term means prohibition; denial or refusal. Encontre le defense et le commandement de roy; against the prohibition and commandment of the king. St. Westm. 1, c. 1. Also a state of severity, or of several or exclusive occupancy; a state of inclosure.

Affidavit of Defense
See Affidavit.

Affirmative Defense
See that title.

Equitable Defense
In English practice, a defense to an action on grounds which, prior to the passage of the common-law procedure act (17 & 18 Vict. c. 125), would have been cognizable only in a court of equity. In American practice, a defense which is cognizable in a court of equity, but which is available there only, and not in an action at law, except under the reformed codes of practice. Kelly v. Hurt, 74 Mo. 570; New York v. Holmes, 44 Misc. 509, 90 N. Y. S. 69.

Frivolous Defense
One which at first glance can be seen to be merely pretensive, setting up some ground which cannot be sustained by argument. Dominion Nat. Bank v. Olympia Cotton Mills (C. C.) 128 F. 152.

Legal Defense
(1) A defense which is complete and adequate in point of law. (2) A defense which may be set up in a court of law; as distinguished from an "equitable defense," which is cognizable only in a court of equity or court possessing equitable powers.

Meritorious Defense
One going to the merits, substance, or essentials of the case, as distinguished from dilatory or technical objections. Cooper v. Lumber Co., 61 Ark. 36, 31 S. W. 981.

Partial Defense
One which goes only to a part of the cause of action, or which only tends to mitigate the damages to be awarded. Carter v. Bank, 33 Misc. 128, 67 N. Y. S. 300.

Peremptory Defense
A defense which insists that the plaintiff never had the right to institute the suit, or that, if he had, the original right is extinguished or determined. 4 Bouv. Inst. No. 4296.

Pretermitted Defense
One which was available to a party and of which he might have had the benefit if he had pleaded it in due season, but which cannot afterwards be heard as a basis for affirmative relief. Swennes v. Sprain, 120 Wis. 68, 97 N. W. 511.

Sham Defense
A false or fictitious defense, interposed in bad faith, and manifestly untrue, insufficient, or irrelevant on its face.

Self-defense
See that title.

DÉFENSE AU FOND EN DROIT (called, also, défense en droit). A demurrer. 2 Low. C. 278. See, also, 1 Low. C. 216.

DÉFENSE AU FOND EN FAIT. The general issue. 3 Low. C. 421.

DEFENSIVA. In old English law. A lord or earl of the marches, who was the warden and defender of his country. Cowell.

DEFENSIVE ALLEGATION. In English ecclesiastical law. A species of pleading, where the defendant, instead of denying the plaintiff's charge upon oath, has any circumstances to offer in his defense. This entitles him, in his turn, to the plaintiff's answer upon oath, upon which he may proceed to proofs as well as his antagonist. 3 Bl. Comm. 100; 3 Steph. Comm. 720.

DEFENSIVE WAR. A war in defense of, or for the protection of, national rights. It may be defensive in its principles, though offensive in its operations. 1 Kent, Comm. 69, note.

DEFENSO. That part of any open field or place that was allotted for corn or hay, and upon which there was no common or feeding, was ancetly said to be in defense; so of any meadow ground that was laid in for hay only. The same term was applied to a wood where part was inclosed or fenced, to secure the growth of the underwood from the injury of cattle. Cowell.
DEFENSOR.

In the Civil Law
A defender; one who assumed the defense of another's case in court. Also an advocate. A tutor or curator.

In Canon Law
The advocate or patron of a church. An officer who had charge of the temporalities of the church.

In Old English Law
A guardian, defender, or protector. The defendant in an action. A person vouched in to warranty.

In General
—Defensor civitatis. Defender or protector of a city or munipendency. An officer under the Roman empire, whose duty it was to protect the people against the injustice of the magistrates, the insolence of the subaltern officers, and the rapacity of the money-lenders. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 16; Cod. 1, 55, 4. He had the powers of a judge, with jurisdiction of pecuniary causes to a limited amount, and the lighter species of offenses. Cod. 1, 55, 1; Nov. 15, c. 2, § 2; Id. c. 6, § 1; He had also the care of the public records, and powers similar to those of a notary in regard to the execution of wills and conveyances.

—Defensor fidei. Defender of the faith. See Defender.


DEFERRED. Delayed; put off; remanded; postponed to a future time.

DEFERRED LIFE ANNUITIES. In English law. Annuities for the life of the purchaser, but not commencing until a date subsequent to the date of buying them, so that, if the purchaser die before that date, the purchase money is lost. Granted by the commissioners for reduction of the national debt. See 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45, § 2. Wharton.

DEFERRED STOCK. See Stock.

DEFICIENCY. A lack, shortage, or insufficiency. The difference between the total amount of the debt or payment meant to be secured by a mortgage and that realized on foreclosure and sale when less than the total. A judgment or decree for the amount of such deficiency is called a "deficiency judgment" or "decree." Goldsmith v. Brown, 33 Barb. (N. Y.) 492.

Technically speaking, there is no such thing under our law as a "deficiency judgment" in the sense that a formal judgment of that description is rendered by the court, or entered by the clerk for the amount not made by the sale of the mortgaged property. There is only the original judgment for the full amount of the indebtedness, upon which a deficiency may exist after the issuance and return of the special execution, or even perhaps of one or more general executions in addition. It has nevertheless been customary in ordinary parlance to refer to the amount still due after the return of the special execution as a "deficiency judgment." Bank of Douglas v. Neel, 30 Ariz. 276, 247 P. 132, 134.

DEFICIENCY BILL. In parliamentary practice, an appropriation bill covering items of expense omitted from the general appropriation bill or bills, or for which insufficient appropriations were made. If intended to cover a variety of such items, it is commonly called a "general deficiency bill." If intended to make provision for expenses which must be met immediately, or which cannot wait the ordinary course of the general appropriation bills, it is called an "urgent deficiency bill."

Deficiente uno sanguine non potest esse heres. 3 Coke, 41. One blood being wanting, he cannot be heir. But see 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, § 9, and 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23, § 1.

DEFICIT. Something wanting, generally in the accounts of one intrusted with money, or in the money received by him. Mutual L. & B. Ass'n v. Price, 19 Fla. 135.

DEFILE. To debauch, deflower, or corrupt the chastity of a woman. The term does not necessarily imply force or ravishment, nor does it connote previous immanuteness. State v. Montgomery, 79 Iowa, 737, 45 N. W. 292; State v. Fernald, 88 Iowa, 633, 55 N. W. 594.

DEFILEMENT. Uncleanliness; impurity; corruption of morals or conduct. Young v. State, 194 Ind. 221, 141 N. E. 309, 311.

DEFINE. To explain or state the exact meaning of words and phrases; to settle, to establish or prescribe authoritatively, to make clear, to establish boundaries. U. S. v. Smith, 5 Wheat. 186; 5 L. Ed. 57; Walters v. Richards, 98 Ky. 374, 20 S. W. 270; Miller v. Improvement Co., 99 Va. 747, 40 S. E. 27, 86 Am. St. Rep. 924; Gould v. Hutchins, 10 Me. 145. To declare that a certain act shall constitute an offense is defining that offense; U. S. v. Arjona, 120 U. S. 488, 7 S. Ct. 628, 30 L. Ed. 725; Guy L. Wallace & Co. v. Ferguson, 70 Or. 306, 141 P. 542; State v. Gardner, 151 La. 874, 92 So. 368, 370; Morrison v. Farmers' & Traders' State Bank, 70 Mont. 146, 225 P. 123, 125.

"An examination of our Session Laws will show that acts have frequently been passed, the constitutionality of which has never been questioned, where the powers and duties conferred could not be considered as merely explaining or making more clear those previously conferred or attempted to be, although the word 'define' was used in the title. In legislation it is frequently used in the creation, enlarging, and extending the powers and duties of boards and officers, in defining certain offenses and providing punishment for the same, and thus enlarging and extending the scope of the criminal law. And it is properly used in the title where the
object of the act is to determine or fix boundaries, more especially where a dispute has arisen concerning them. It is used between different governments, as to define the extent of a kingdom or country. People v. Bradley, 36 Mich. 462.


A definite failure of issue occurs when a precise time is fixed by a will for a failure of issue. An indefinite failure of issue is the period when the issue of the first taker shall become extinct and when there shall no longer be any issue of the grantee, but without reference to a particular time or event; Buxford v. Milligan, 50 Ind. 546; Mc-Williams v. Havel, 234 Ky. 329, 283 S. W. 103, 105.

**DEFINITIO.** Lat. Definition, or, more strictly, limiting or bounding; as in the maxim of the civil law: Omnia definitio periculosa est, parum est enim ut non subverti possit, (Dig. 50, 17, 202;) i. e., the attempt to bring the law within the boundaries of precise definitions is hazardous, as there are but few cases in which such a limitation cannot be subverted.

**DEFINITION.** A description of a thing by its properties; an explanation of the meaning of a word or term. Webster. The process of stating the exact meaning of a word by means of other words. Worcester. See War-ner v. Beers, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 155; Marvin v. State, 19 Ind. 151; Mickle v. Miles, 1 Grant, Cas. (Pa.) 328. Such a description of the thing defined, including all essential elements and excluding all nonessential, as to distinguish it from all other things and classes. Porter v. Mapleton Electric Light, 191 Iowa, 1031, 183 N. W. 803, 805; Wilson v. Else, 204 Iowa, 857, 216 N. W. 33, 37.

**DEFINITIVE.** That which finally and completely ends and settles a controversy. A definitive sentence or judgment is put in opposition to an interlocutory judgment. Thompson v. Graham, 246 Pa. 202, 92 A. 118, 119.

A distinction may be taken between a final and a definitive judgment. The former term is applicable when the judgment exhausts the powers of the particular court in which it is rendered; while the latter word designates a judgment that is above any review or contingency of reversal. U. S. v. The Peggy, 1 Cranch, 103, 2 L. Ed. 49.

**DEFINITIVE SENTENCE.** The final judgment, decree, or sentence of an ecclesiastical court. 3 Bl. Comm. 101.

**DEFLATION.** Seduction or debauching. The act by which a woman is deprived of her virginity.

**DEFORCE.** In English Law

To withhold wrongfully; to withhold the possession of lands from one who is lawfully entitled to them. 3 Bl. Comm. 172; Phelps v. Baldwin, 17 Conn. 212.

In Scotch Law

To resist the execution of the law; to oppose by force a public officer in the execution of his duty. Bell.

**DEFORCEMENT.** Deformance is where a man wrongfully holds lands to which another person is entitled. It therefore includes dis- seizure, abatement, discontinuance, and intru- sion. Co. Litt. 277b, 331b; Foxworth v. White, 5 Strob. (S. C.) 115; Woodruff v. Brown, 17 N. J. Law, 269; Hopper v. Hopper, 21 N. J. Law, 543. But it is applied especial- ly to cases, not falling under those heads, where the person entitled to the frehold has never had possession; thus, where a lord has a seignory, and lands escheat to him proper defectum sanguinis, but the seisin is withheld from him, this is a deformance, and the person who withholds the seisin is called a “defor- ceor.” 3 Bl. Comm. 172.

In Scotch Law

The opposition or resistance made to messengers or other public officers while they are actually engaged in the exercise of their offices. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 32.

**DEFORCIANT.** One who wrongfully keeps the owner of lands and tenements out of the possession of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 359.

**DEFCIARE.** L. Lat. To withhold lands or tenements from the rightful owner. This is a word of art which cannot be supplied by any other word. Co. Litt. 331b.

**DEFOCIATIO.** L. Lat. In old English law. A distress, distraint, or seizure of goods for satisfaction of a lawful debt. Cowell.

**DEFORMITY.** In life insurance. Representations in application for insurance that applicant never had any “infirmitv” or “deformity” must be construed as meaning deformity or infirmity of substantial character apparently materially impairing applicant’s health and increasing chance of death, which, if known, probably would have deterred company from issuing policy. Travelers’ Ins. Co. v. Pomerantz, 207 N. Y. S. St., 83, 124 Misc. 250; Id., 246 N. Y. 63, 158 N. E. 21, 22; Eastern Dist. Piece Dye Works v. Travelers’ Ins. Co., 234 N. Y. 441, 138 N. E. 401, 404, 405, 26 A. L. R. 1505.

**DEFOSSION.** The punishment of being buried alive.

**DEFRAUD.** To practice fraud; to cheat or trick; to deprive a person of property or any interest, estate, or right by fraud, deceit, or artifice. People v. Wilman, 148 N. Y. 29, 42 N. E. 408; Alderman v. People, 4 Mich. 424, 69 Am. Dec. 321; U. S. v. Curley (C. C.) 122 F. 740; Weber v. Mick, 133 Ill. 520, 23 N. E. 646; Edgell v. Smith, 59 W. Va. 349, 40 S.

DETRACTION. In Spanish law. The crime committed by a person who fraudulently avoids the payment of some public tax.

DEFRAUDATION. Privation by fraud.

DEFUNCTION. Deceased; a deceased person. A common term in Scotch law.


DEGASTER. L. Fr. To waste.

DEGRADATION. A deprivation of dignity; a censure, whereby a clergyman is divested of his holy orders. There are two sorts by the canon law—one summary, by word only; the other solemn, by stripping the party degraded of those ornaments and rights which are the ensigns of his degree. Graduation is otherwise called "deposition," but the canonists have distinguished between these two terms, deeming the former as the greater punishment of the two. There is likewise a degradation of a lord or knight at common law, and also by act of parliament. Wharton.

DEGRADATIONS. A term for waste in the French law.

DEGRADING. Reviling; holding one up to public obloquy; lowering a person in the estimation of the public.

DEGREE.

In the Law of Descent and Family Relations

A step or grade, i.e., the distance, or number of removes, which separates two persons who are related by consanguinity. Thus we speak of cousins in the "second degree."

In Criminal Law

The term "degree" denotes a division or classification of one specific crime into several grades or stadia of guilt, according to the circumstances attending its commission. Thus, in some states, there may be "murder in the second degree."

In General

The state or civil condition of a person.

State v. Bishop, 15 Me. 122.

An honorable state or condition to which a student is advanced in testimony of proficiency in arts and sciences. Commonwealth v. New England College of Chiropractic, 221 Mass. 190, 106 N. E. 895, 896.

They are of pontifical origin. See 1 Schmidt, Thesaurus, 141: Voci, Doctoris; Minshaw, Dict. Bachelet: Merlino, Répertoire Unan.; Van Espen, pt. 1, tit. 10; Giannone, Istoria di Napoli, lib. xi. c. 2, for a full account of this matter.

DEHORS. L. Fr. Out of; without; beyond; foreign to; unconnected with. Dehors the record; foreign to the record. 3 Bl. Comm. 387.

DEI GRATIA. Lat. By the grace of God. A phrase used in the formal title of a king or queen, importing a claim of sovereignty by the favor or commission of God. In ancient times it was incorporated in the titles of inferior officers, (especially ecclesiastical), but in later use was reserved as an assertion of "the divine right of kings."

DEI JUDICUM. The judgment of God. The old Saxon trial by ordeal, so called because it was thought to be an appeal to God for the justice of a cause, and it was believed that the decision was according to the will and pleasure of Divine Providence. Wharton.

DEJACION. In Spanish law. Surrender; release; abandonment; c. q., the act of an insolvent in surrendering his property for the benefit of his creditors, of an heir in renouncing the succession, the abandonment of insured property to the underwriters.

DEJERATION. A taking of a solemn oath.


DEL CREDERE. In mercantile law. A phrase borrowed from the Italians, equivalent to our word "guaranty" or "warranty," or the Scotch term "warrandice," an agreement by which a factor, when he sells goods on credit, for an additional commission, (called a "del credere commission"), guarantees the solvency of the purchaser and his performance of the contract. Such a factor is called a "del credere agent." He is a mere surety, liable to his principal only in case the purchaser makes default. Story, Ag. 28; Loeb v. Hillman, 88 N. Y. 603; Lewis v. Brehme, 33 Md. 424, 3 Am. Rep. 190; Leverick v. Meigs, 1 Cow. (N. Y.) 663; Ruffner v. Hewitt, 7 W. Va. 604; Commercial Credit Co. v. Girard Nat. Bank, 246 Pa. 88, 92 A. 44, 46; Lemnos Broad Silk Works v. Spiegelberg, 217 N. Y. S. 596, 597, 127 Misc. 855; Commercial Investment Trust v. Stewart, 235 Mich. 502, 209 N. W. 660, 661; Commercial Credit Co. v. Girard Nat. Bank, 246 Pa. 88, 92 A. 44, 46; Commonwealth v. Thorne, Neale & Co., 264 Pa. 408, 107 A. 814, 815; State v. Tuffs, 54 Mont. 20, 146 P. 1107, 1108.
DÉLAISSEMENT

DELAISSEMENT. In French marine law. Abandonment. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. ch. 17.

DELATE. In Scotch law. To accuse. Delated, accused. Delaturê off arte and parte, accused of being accessory to. 3 How. St. Tr. 425, 440.

DELATIO. In the civil law. An accusation or information.

DELATOR. An accuser; an informer; a sycomphant.

DELATURA. In old English law. The reward of an informer. Whishaw.

DELAY. To retard; obstruct; put off; postpone; defer; hinder; interpose obstacles; as, when it is said that a conveyance was made to “hinder and delay creditors.” Mercantile Co. v. Arnold, 108 Ga. 449, 34 S. E. 176; Ellis v. Valentine, 65 Tex. 352; Blair v. Blair, 122 Me. 500, 120 A. 902, 905.

DELECTUS PERSONÆ. Lat. Choice of the person. By this term is understood the right of a partner to exercise his choice and preference as to the admission of any new members to the firm, and as to the persons to be so admitted, if any.

In Scotch Law

The personal preference which is supposed to have been exercised by a landlord in selecting his tenant, by the members of a firm in making choice of partners, in the appointment of persons to office, and other cases. Nearly equivalent to personal trust, as a doctrine in law. Bell.

Delegata potestas non potest delegari. 2 Inst. 597. A delegated power cannot be delegated.

DELEGATE. A person who is delegated or commissioned to act in the stead of another; a person to whom affairs are committed by another; an attorney.

A person elected or appointed to be a member of a representative assembly. Usually spoken of one sent to a special or occasional assembly or convention. Manston v. McIntosh, 58 Minn. 525, 60 N. W. 672, 28 L. R. A. 605.

The representative in congress of one of the organized territories of the United States.

DELEGATES, THE HIGH COURT OF. In English law. Formerly the court of appeal from the ecclesiastical and admiralty courts. Abolished upon the Judicial committee of the privy council being constituted the court of appeal in such cases.

DELEGATION. A sending away; a putting into commission; the assignment of a debt to another; the intrusting another with a general power to act for the good of those who depute him.

At Common Law

The transfer of authority by one person to another; the act of making or commissioning a delegate.

The whole body of delegates or representatives sent to a convention or assembly from one district, place, or political unit are collectively spoken of as a “delegation.”

In the Civil Law

A species of novation which consists in the change of one debtor for another, when he who is indebted substitutes a third person who obligates himself in his stead to the creditor, or to the person appointed by him so that the first debtor is acquitted and his obligation extinguished, and the creditor contents himself with the obligation of the second debtor. Delegation is essentially distinguished from any other species of novation, in this: that the former demands the consent of all three parties, but the latter that only of the two parties to the new debt. 1 Domat, § 2518; Adams v. Power, 48 Miss. 454.

Delegation is novation effected by the intervention of another person whom the debtor, in order to be liberated from his creditor, gives to such creditor, or to him whom the creditor appoints; and such person so given becomes obliged to the creditor in the place of the original debtor. Burge, Sur. 173.

Perfect delegation exists when the debtor who makes the obligation is discharged by the creditor. Imperfect delegation exists when the creditor retains his rights against the original debtor. 2 Duvergny, n. 189.

Delegatus non potest delegare. A delegate cannot delegate; an agent cannot delegate his functions to a subagent without the knowledge or consent of the principal; the person to whom an office or duty is delegated cannot lawfully devolve the duty on another, unless he be expressly authorized so to do. 9 Coke, 77; Broom, Max. 840; 2 Kent, Comm. 633; 2 Steph. Comm. 119.

DÉLESTAGE. In French marine law. A discharging of ballest (test) from a vessel.

DELETE. In Scotch law. To erase; to strike out.

DELF. A quarry or mine. 31 Eliz. c. 7.

Deliberandum est diu quod statuumendum est semel. 12 Coke, 74. That which is to be resolved once for all should be long deliberated upon.


DELIBERATE, adj. By the use of this word, in describing a crime, the idea is conveyed that the perpetrator weighs the motives for
the act and its consequences, the nature of the crime, or other things connected with his intentions, with a view to a decision thereon; that he carefully considers all these; and that the act is not suddenly committed. It implies that the perpetrator must be capable of the exercise of such mental powers as are called into use by deliberation and the consideration and weighing of motives and consequences. State v. Boyle, 28 Iowa, 324. Commonwealth v. Webb, 232 Pa. 187, 97 A. 130, 101; In re Nunns, 185 App. Div. 424, 176 N. Y. S. 585, 862; Jenkins v. Carman Mfg. Co., 79 Or. 445, 153 P. 706, 705.

"Deliberation" and "premeditation" are of the same character of mental operations, differing only in degree. Deliberation is but prolonged premeditation. In other words, in law, deliberation is premeditation in a cool state of the blood, or, where there has been heat of passion, it is premeditation continued beyond the period within which there has been time for the blood to cool, in the given case. Deliberation is not only to think of beforehand, which may be but for an instant, but the inclination to do the act is considered, weighed, pondered upon, for such a length of time after a provocation is given as the jury may find was sufficient for the blood to cool. One in a heat of passion may premeditate without deliberating. Deliberation is only exercised in a cool state of the blood, while premeditation may be either in that state of the blood or in the heat of passion. State v. Kotovsky, 74 Mo. 249; State v. Lindgrind, 23 Wash. 440, 74 P. 565; State v. Dodds, 54 W. Va. 289, 46 S. E. 228; State v. Fairlamb, 121 Mo. 157, 25 S. W. 880; Milton v. State, 6 Neb. 138; State v. Greenleaf, 71 N. H. 606, 44 A. 28; State v. Fiske, 62 Conn. 333, 25 A. 872; Craft v. State, 3 KAn. 481; Cannon v. State, 60 Ark. 564, 31 S. W. 150; State v. Smith, 26 N. M. 432, 194 P. 883, 872; State v. Benson, 133 N. C. 796, 111 S. E. 859, 871.


DELIBERATION. The act or process of deliberating. The act of weighing and examining the reasons for and against a contemplated act or course of conduct or a choice of acts or means. See Deliberate.

Delicatus debitor est odiosus in lege. A luxurious debtor is odious in law. 2 Bulst. 148. Imprisonment for debt has now, however, been generally abolished.

DELICTION. In the Roman and civil law. A wrong or injury; an offense; a violation of public or private duty.

It will be observed that this word, taken in its most general sense, is wider in both directions than our English term "tort." On the one hand, it includes those wrongful acts which, while directly affecting some individual or his property, yet extend in their injurious consequences to the peace or security of the community at large, and hence rise to the grade of crimes or misdemeanors. These acts were termed in the Roman law "public delicts:" while those for which the only penalty exacted was compensation to the person primarily injured were denounced "private delicts." On the other hand, the term appears to have included injurious actions which expired without any malicious intention on the part of the doer. Thus Pothier gives the name "quasi delicts" to the acts of a person who, without malice, but by an inexcusable imprudence, causes an injury to another. Poth. Obl. 116. But the term is used in modern jurisprudence as a convenient synonym of "tort:" that is, a wrongful and injurious violation of a jus in rem or right available against all the world. This appears in the two contrasted phrases, "actions ex contractui" and "actions ex delicto."

Quasi Delict

An act whereby a person, without malice, but by fault, negligence, or imprudence not legally excusable, causes injury to another. They were four in number, viz.: (1) Qui judex litem suam fecit, being the offense of partiality or excess in the judex, (juryman;) e. g., in assessing the damages at a figure in excess of the extreme limit permitted by the formula. (2) Dejectum effusum a liquidi, being the tort committed by one's servant in emptying or throwing something out of an attic or upper story upon a person passing beneath; (3) Damnum infectum, being the offense of hanging dangerous articles over the heads of persons passing along the king's highway. (4) Torts committed by one's agents (e. g., stable-boys, shop-managers, etc.) in the course of their employment. Brown.

DELIQUENT. Lat. A delict, tort, wrong, injury, or offense. Actions ex delicto are such as are founded on a tort, as distinguished from action ex contractui.

Culpabiliy, blameworthiness, or legal delinquency. The word occurs in this sense in the maxim, "In pari delicto melior est conditionem defendendi" (which see). A challenge of a juror propter delictum is for some crime or misdemeanor that affects his credit and renders him infamous. 3 Bl. Comm. 363; 2 Kent, Comm. 241.

DELIMIT. To mark or lay out the limits or boundary line of a territory or country.

DELIMITATION. The act of fixing, marking off, or describing the limits or boundary line of a territory or country.


Delinquens per iram provocatus puniri debetmit. 3 Inst. 55. A delinquent provoked by anger ought to be punished more mildly.
DELIQUENT, n. In the civil law. He who has been guilty of some crime, offense, or failure of duty.

DELIQUENT, adj. As applied to a debt or claim, it means simply due and unpaid at the time appointed by law or fixed by contract; as, a delinquent tax. Chauncey v. Wass, 35 Minn. 1, 30 N. W. 826; Gallup v. Schmidt, 154 Ind. 196, 56 N. E. 450. As applied to a person, it commonly means that he is grossly negligent or in willful default in regard to his pecuniary obligations, or even that he is dishonest and unworthy of credit. Boyce v. Ewart, Rice (S. C.) 140; Ferguson v. Pittsburgh, 159 Pa. 435, 28 Atl. 118; Grocers’ Ass’n v. Exton, 18 Ohio C. L. 321.


DELIQUENT TAXES. Past due and unpaid taxes. Ryan v. Roach Drug Co., 113 Okt. 130, 239 P. 912, 918; Cornwell v. Maverick Loan & Trust Co., 95 Neb. 9, 144 N. W. 1072, 1074.

DELIRIUM. In medical jurisprudence. Delirium is that state of the mind in which it acts without being directed by the power of volition, which is wholly or partially suspended. This happens most perfectly in dreams. But what is commonly called “delirium” is always preceded or attended by a feverish and highly diseased state of the body. The patient in delirium is wholly unconscious of surrounding objects; or conceives them to be different from what they really are. His thoughts seem to drift about, wildering and tossing amidst distracted dreams. And his observations, when he makes any, as often happens, are wild and incoherent; or, from excess of pain, he sinks into a low muttering, or silent and death-like stupor. The law contemplates this species of mental derangement as an intellectual eclipse; as a darkness occasioned by a cloud of disease passing over the mind; and which must soon terminate in health or in death. Owing’s Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 396, 17 Am. Dec. 311; Supreme Lodge v. Lapp, 74 S. W. 656, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 74; Clark v. Ellis, 9 Or. 152; Brogden v. Brown, 2 Add. 441; Soumerville v. Greenwood, 65 Mont. 101, 210 P. 1048, 1054; Grand Lodge, O. O. U. W. of Arkansas, v. Mode, 157 Ark. 62, 247 S. W. 386, 388.

DELIRIUM FEBRILE. In medical jurisprudence. A form of mental aberration incident to fevers, and sometimes to the last stages of chronic diseases.

DELIRIUM TREMENS. A disorder of the nervous system, involving the brain and setting up an attack of temporary delusional insanity, sometimes attended with violent excitement or mania, caused by excessive and long continued indulgence in alcoholic liquors, or by the abrupt cessation of such use after a protracted debauch. See Insanity.


DELIVERANCE. In practice. The verdict rendered by a jury.

Second Deliverance

In practice. A writ allowed a plaintiff in reprieve, where the defendant has obtained judgment for return of the goods, by default or nonsuit, in order to have the same distress again delivered to him, on giving the same security as before. 3 Bl. Comm. 150; 3 Steph. Comm. 668.

DELIVERY.

In Conveyancing


In the Law of Sales


In Medical Jurisprudence

The act of a woman giving birth to her offspring. Blake v. Junkins, 35 Me. 433.
In General

—Absolute and conditional delivery. An absolute delivery of a deed, as distinguished from conditional delivery or delivery in escrow, is one which is complete upon the actual transfer of the instrument from the possession of the grantor. Dyer v. Skadan, 128 Mich. 348, 87 N. W. 277, 278, 92 Am. St. Rep. 461. A conditional delivery of a deed is one which passes the deed from the possession of the grantor, but is not be completed by possession of the grantee, or a third person as his agent, until the happening of a specified event. Dyer v. Skadan, 128 Mich. 348, 87 N. W. 277, 278, 92 Am. St. Rep. 461; Schmidt v. Deegan, 68 Wis. 300, 34 N. W. 88; Stillman v. Dobner, 165 Minn. 87, 203 N. W. 606, 607.

—Actual and constructive. In the law of sales, actual delivery consists in the giving real possession of the thing sold to the vendee or his servants or special agents who are identified with him in law and represent him. Reeb v. Bronson, 196 Ill. App. 518; Carr v. St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. (Mo. App.) 254 S. W. 184, 185. It is a formal and immediate transfer of the property to the vendee. Bridgman v. Hinds, 120 Me. 444, 115 A. 197, 199, 21 A. L. R. 1624.

Constructive delivery is a general term, comprehending all those acts which, although not truly conferring a real possession of the thing sold on the vendee, have been, held by construction of law, equivalent to acts of real delivery. In this sense constructive delivery includes symbolic or substituted delivery and all those traditions that have been admitted into the law as sufficient to vest the absolute property in the vendee and bar the rights of lien and stoppage in transitus, such as marking and setting apart the goods as belonging to the vendee, charging them with warehouse rent, etc. Bolin v. Huffnagle, 1 Rawle (Pa.) 19. Also see In re Nesto (C. C. A.) 270 F. 366. A constructive delivery of personalty takes place when the goods are set apart and notice given to the person to whom they are to be delivered (The Titania, 131 F. 229, 65 C. C. A. 215), or when, without actual transfer of the goods or their symbol, the conduct of the parties is such as to be inconsistent with any other supposition than that there has been a change in the nature of the holding. Swafford v. Spratt, 82 Mo. App. 621, 67 S. W. 701; Holliday v. White, 33 Tex. 459; Hastings v. Lincoln Trust Co., 115 Wash. 492, 197 P. 827, 829, 18 A. L. R. 583; Culpepper v. Culpepper, 18 Ga. App. 332, 89 S. E. 161; In re Fenton's Estate, 182 Iowa, 346, 165 N. W. 462, 463; Richards v. Wilson, 185 Ind. 525, 112 N. E. 780, 785; Kelley-Koets Mfg. Co. v. Goldenberg, 207 Ky. 695, 270 S. W. 15, 18; Bond v. Bond, 22 Ga. App. 366, 95 S. E. 1005; Baxter v. Chapman, 147 Ga. 438, 94 S. E. 544, 546.

—Delivery bond. A bond given upon the seizure of goods (as under the revenue laws) conditioned for their restoration to the defendant, or the payment of their value, if so adjudged.

—Delivery order. An order addressed, in England, by the owner of goods to a person holding them on his behalf, requesting him to deliver them to a person named in the order. Delivery orders are chiefly used in the case of goods held by dock companies, wharfgers, etc. National Wholesale Grocery Co. v. Mann, 251 Mass. 293, 146 N. E. 791, 793.


—Symbolical delivery. The constructive delivery of the subject-matter of a sale, where it is cumbersome or inaccessible, by the actual delivery of some article which is conventionally accepted as the symbol or representative of it, or which renders access to it possible, or which is the evidence of the purchaser's title to it; as the key of a warehouse, or a bill of lading of goods on shipboard. Winlow v. Fletcher, 53 Conn. 390, 4 A. 250; Miller v. Lacey, 7 How. (Del.) 8, 30 A. 640; In re P. J. Sullivan Co. (D. C.) 247 F. 139, 154; Hall v. Kansas City Terra Cotta Co., 97 Kan. 108, 154 P. 210, 212, L. R. A. 1916D, 361, Ann. Cas. 1918D, 605.

DELUSION. In medical jurisprudence. An insane delusion is an unreasonable and incorrigible belief in the existence of facts which are either impossible absolutely, or, at least, impossible under the circumstances of the individual. It is never the result of reasoning and reflection; it is not generated by them, and it cannot be dispelled by them; and hence it is not to be confounded with an opinion, however fantastic the latter may be. Guiteau's Case (D. C.) 10 Fed. 170. See Insanity; Dyar v. Dyar, 161 Ga. 615, 131 S. E. 535, 541; Phillips v. Flagler, 82 Misc. 500, 143 N. Y. S. 798, 900; Bensberg v. Washington University, 251 Mo. 641, 158 S. W. 330, 333; In re Russell's Estate, 159 Cal. 759, 210 P. 249, 254; In re Diggins' Estate, 76 Or. 314, 149 P. 73, 75; In re Sturtevant's Estate, 92 Or. 269, 180 P. 595, 596; Pretties v. Illinois Life Ins. Co. (Mo. Sup.) 225 S. W. 695, 701; In re Doster's Estate, 271 Pa. 65, 113 A. 831; Ryan v. People, 60 Colo. 425, 153 P. 756, 757, L. R. A. 1917F, 646, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 605.

Systematized Delusion

One based on a false premise, pursued by a logical process of reasoning to an insane conclusion; there being one central delusion around which other aberrations of the mind converge; Taylor v. McClintock, 87 Ark. 243, 112 S. W. 405. See Insanity.

DEM. An abbreviation for "demise;" e. g., Doe dem. Smith. Doe, on the demise of Smith.

DEMAIN. See Desmesne.

DEMAND, v. In practice. To claim as one's due; to require; to ask relief. To summon; to call in court. "Although solemnly demanded, comes not, but makes default." Fossett v. State, 34 Okl. Cr. 106, 245 P. 685, 686.

Demand embraces all sorts of actions, rights, and titles, conditions before or after breach, executions, appeals, rents of all kinds, covenants, annuities, contracts, recognizances, statutes, commons, etc. A release of all demands to date bars an action for damages accruing after the date from a nuisance previously erected. Vedder v. Vedder, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 257.

Demand is more comprehensive in import than "debt" or "duty." Sanda v. Codwise, 4 Johns. (N. Y.) 536, 4 Am. Dec. 305.

Demand, or claim, is properly used in reference to a cause of action. Saddiesene v. Arms, 32 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 289.


—Compulsory demand. "Compulsory demand" by the true owner of an article, justifying surrender and recovery by the one who surrenders it as against his vendor, means when the true owner presents his claim and establishes his paramount title. Jordan v. Van Duzee, 139 Minn. 103, 165 N. W. 877, 879, L. R. A. 1918B, 1136.

—Cross-demand. A demand that is preferred by one party to an action in opposition to a demand already preferred against him by his adversary. Drovers' State Bank v. Elliott, 97 Kan. 94, 154 P. 255, 256.


—Demand note. A note that is due at once; one on which suit may be brought without any formal demand. Wilson v. Stark, 146 Miss. 498, 112 So. 390, 392.

—Legal demand. A demand properly made, as to form, time, and place, by a person lawfully authorized. Foss v. Norris, 70 Me. 118.

—On demand. A promissory note payable "on demand" is a present debt, and is payable without any actual demand, or, if a demand is necessary, the bringing of a suit is enough. Appeal of Andress, 99 Pa. 424.

—Personal demand. A demand for payment of a bill or note, made upon the drawer, acceptor, or maker, in person. See 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 556.

—Reasonable public demand for a bank. Such a desire upon the part of the community for the bank as will make its coming welcome and insure an amount of business sufficient to promote its success. It may come from the natural desire of the community and upon its own initiative, or it may be the result of propaganda. State v. State Securities Commission, 145 Minn. 221, 176 N. W. 759, 760.

DEMANDA. In Spanish law. The petition of a plaintiff, setting forth his demand. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 10, l. 3.

DEMANDANT. The plaintiff or party suing in a real action. Co. Litt. 127.

DEMANDRESS. A female demandant.

DEMEASE. In old English law. Death.

DEMEMBRATION. In Scotch law. Malignantly cutting off or otherwise separating one limb from another. 1 Hume, 323; Bell.

DEMENS. One whose mental faculties are enfeebled; one who has lost his mind; distinguished from amens, one totally insane, 4 Coke, 128.

DEMENTED. Of unsound mind.

DEMENTIENANT EN AVANT. L Fr. From this time forward. Kelham.

DEMENTIA. See Insanity.

DEMESNE. Domain; dominical; held in one's own right, and not of a superior; not allotted to tenants.

In the language of pleading, own; proper; original. Thus, son autoil demesne, his own
assault, his assault originally or in the first place.

**Ancient Demesne**

See Ancient.

**Demesne as of Fee**

A man is said to be seised in his demesne as of fee of a corporeal inheritance, because he has a property, *dominium or demesne*, in the thing itself. But when he has no dominion in the thing itself, as in the case of an incorporeal Herbertament, he is said to be seised as of fee, and not in his demesne as of fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 106; Littleton, § 10; Barnett v. Ibrle, 17 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 196.

**Demesne Lands**

In English law. Those lands of a manor not granted out in tenancy, but reserved by the lord for his own use and occupation. Lands set apart and appropriated by the lord for his own private use, as for the supply of his table, and the maintenance of his family; the opposite of tenemental lands. Tenancy and demesne, however, were not in every sense the opposites of each other; lands held for years or at will being included among demesne lands, as well as those in the lord's actual possession. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

**Demesne Lands of the Crown**

That share of lands reserved to the crown at the original distribution of landed property, or which came to it afterwards by forfeiture or otherwise. 1 Bl. Comm. 288; 2 Steph. Comm. 550.

**Demesnal**

Pertaining to a demesne.

DEMI. French. Half; the half. Used chiefly in composition.

As to demi “Mark,” “Official,” “Vili,” see those titles.

DEMI-SANGUE, or DEMY-SANGUE. Half-blood.

DEMIDIEAS. In old records. A half or moiety.

DEMIES. In some universities and colleges this term is synonymous with “scholars”

**DEMINUTIO.** In the civil law. A taking away; loss or deprivation. See Capitis Deminutio.

**DEMISE, n.** In conveyancing. To convey or create an estate for years or life; to lease. The usual and operative word in leases: “Have granted, demised, and to farm let, and by these presents do grant, demised, and to farm let.” 2 Bl. Comm. 317; 1 Steph. Comm. 476; Co. Litt. 45a; Carr v. King, 142 P. 131, 133, 24 Cal. App. 713.


Originally a posthumous grant; commonly a lease or conveyance for a term of years; sometimes applied to any conveyance, in fee, for life, or for years. Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1289.

“Demise” is synonymous with “lease” or “let,” except that demise or at term implies a covenant for title, and also a covenant for quiet enjoyment, whereas lease or let implies neither of these covenants. Brown.

The word is also used as a synonym for “decease” or “death.” In England it is especially employed to denote the death of the sovereign.

**Demise and redemise.** In conveyancing. Mutual leases made from one party to another on each side, of the same land, or something out of it; as when A. grants a lease to B. at a nominal rent (as of a pepper corn), and B. redemises the same property to A. for a shorter time at a real, substantial rent. Jacob; Whishaw.

**Demise of the crown.** The natural dissolution of the king is generally so called; an expression which signifies merely a transfer of property. By demise of the crown we mean only that, in consequence of the disunion of the king's natural body from his body politic, the kingdom is transferred or demised to his successor, and so the royal dignity remains perpetual. 1 Bl. Comm. 249; Plowd. 234.

**Several demises.** In English practice. In the action of ejectment, it was formerly customary, in case there were any doubt as to the legal estate being in the plaintiff, to insert in the declaration several demises from as many different persons; but this was rendered unnecessary by the provisions of the common-law procedure acts.

**Single demise.** A declaration in ejectment might contain either one demise or several. When it contained only one, it was called a “declaration with a single demise.”

**DEMISI.** Lat. I have demised or leased. *Demisi, concedi, et ad firmam tradidi;* have demised, granted, and to farm let. The usual operative words in ancient leases, as the corresponding English words are in the modern forms. 2 Bl. Comm. 317, 318; Koch v. Hustis, 113 Wis. 596, 57 N. W. 894; Kinney v. Watts, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 40.

**DEMISSIO.** L. Lat. A demise or letting. Chiefly used in the phrase *ex demissione* (on the demise), which formed part of the title of the cause in the old actions of ejectment,
where it signified that the nominal plaintiff (a fictitious person) held the estate "on the demise" of, that is, by a lease from, the real plaintiff.

DEMOBILIZATION. In military law. The dismissal of an army or body of troops from active service.

DEMOCRACY. That form of government in which the sovereign power resides in and is exercised by the whole body of free citizens, as distinguished from a monarchy, aristocracy, or oligarchy. According to the theory of a pure democracy, every citizen should participate directly in the business of governing, and the legislative assembly should comprise the whole people. But the ultimate lodgment of the sovereignty being the distinguishing feature, the introduction of the representative system does not remove a government from this type. However, a government of the latter kind is sometimes specifically described as a "representative democracy."

Democracy is loosely used of governments in which the sovereign powers are exercised by all the people or a large number of them, or specifically, in modern use, of a representative government where there is equality of rights without hereditary or arbitrary differences in rank or privilege; and is distinguished from aristocracy. * * * In modern representative democracies, as the United States and France, though the governing body, that is, the electorate, is a minority of the total population, the principle on which the government is based is popular sovereignty, which distinguishes them from aristocracies. Webster's New Int. Dict.

DEMOCRATIC. Of or pertaining to democracy, or to a political party called "democratic," particularly, in the United States, the Democratic party, which succeeded the Anti-federalist, or Republican, party.

DEMOLISH. To destroy totally or to commence the work of total destruction with the purpose of completing the same. 50 L. J. M. C. 111. It is not synonymous with "remove." Durrett v. Woods, 155 La. 533, 99 So. 430, 451.

DEMONETIZATION. The disuse of a particular metal for purposes of coinage. The withdrawal of the value of a metal as money.

DEMONSTRATE. To teach by exhibition of samples; to derive from admitted premises by steps of reasoning which admits of no doubt; to prove indubitably. Espenbain v. Barker, 121 Or. 621, 256 P. 768, 768.

DEMONSTRATION. Lat. Description; addition; denomination. Occurring often in the phrase, "Falsa demonstratio non nocet," (a false description does not harm.) 2 Bla. Comm. 382, n.; 2 P. Wms. 140; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 291; Wigg. Wills 208, 223.

DEMONSTRATION. Description; pointing out. That which is said or written to designate a thing or person.

In Evidence


Demonstrative evidence of negligence has been applied to that kind of negligence which is usually expressed by res ipsa loquitur.

DEMONSTRATIVE LEGACY. See Legacy.

DEMPTER. In Scotch law. A doomsman. One who pronounced the sentence of court. 1 How. State Tr. 937.

DEMUR. To present a demurrer; to take an exception to the sufficiency in point of law of a pleading or state of facts alleged. See Demurrer.

DEMURRABLE. Subject to a demurrer. A pleading, petition, or the like, is said to be demurrable when it does not state such facts as support the claim, prayer, or defense put forward. 5 Ch. Div. 979.


The sum agreed to be paid to the ship for delay caused without her fault, and which ordinarily does not begin to run until the lay days have been used up. Earn Line S. S. Co. v. Manati Sugar Co. (C. C. A.) 289 F. 774, 776. The amount agreed upon or allowed by law for unreasonable detention. Clyde v. Wood, 173 N. Y. S. 232, 255, 189 App. Div. 777; W. R. Grace & Co. v. Hansen (C. C. A.) 273 F. 498, 499.

"Demurrage" is only an extended freight or reward to the vessel, in compensation for the earnings she is improperly caused to lose. Every improper detention of a vessel may be considered a demurrage, and compensation under that name be obtained for it. Donaldson v. McDowell, Holmes, 250, Fed. Cas. No. 2,356.
"Demurrage" is a claim for damages for failure of the consignee to accept delivery of the goods. Little v. One Cargo of Lumber (D. C.) 2 F. (2d) 608, 609.

DEMRURANT. One who demurs; the party who, in pleading, interposes a demurrer.

DEMRURER. In Pleading

The formal mode of disputing the sufficiency in law of the pleading of the other side. In effect it is an allegation that, even if the facts as stated in the pleading to which objection is taken be true, yet their legal consequences are not such as to put the demurring party to the necessity of answering them or proceeding further with the cause. Reid v. Field, 83 Va. 26, 1 S. E. 395; Goodman v. Ford, 23 Miss. 595; Hostetter Co. v. Lyons Co. (C. C.) 99 F. 735; Conrad v. Board of Education of Granville County, 190 N. C. 389, 150 S. E. 53, 55.

An objection made by one party to his opponent's pleading, alleging that he ought not to answer it, for some defect in law in the pleading. It admits the facts, and refers the law arising thereon to the court. Tyler v. Hard, 7 How. 831, 12 L. Ed. 324; Pagg v. Rose Mfg. Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 259 S. W. 362, 364; R. L. Davies & Co. v. Blumberg, 185 N. C. 496, 117 S. E. 497.

It imports that the objecting party will not proceed, but will wait the judgment of the court whether he is bound so to do. Co. Litt. 718; Steph. Pl. 61; Kramer v. Barth, 189 N. Y. S. 341, 344, 78 Misc. 89.

In Equity

An allegation of a defendant, which, admitting the matters of fact alleged by the bill to be true, shows that as they are there set forth they are insufficient for the plaintiff to proceed upon or to obligate the defendant to answer; or that, for some reason apparent on the face of the bill, or on account of the omission of some matter which ought to be contained therein, or for want of some circumstances which ought to be attendant thereon, the defendant ought not to be compelled to answer to the whole bill, or to some certain part thereof. Mitf. Eq. Pl. 107.

By Federal Equity Rule 29 (28 USCA § 729), in effect February 1, 1913, demurrers (and pleas) are abolished; every defense in law shall be made by motion to dismiss or in the answer; every such point of law going to the whole or a material part of the cause of action may be disposed of before final hearing at the discretion of the court.

Classification and Varieties

A general demurrer is a demurrer framed in general terms, without showing specifically the nature of the objection, and which is usually resorted to where the objection is to matter of substance. Steph. Pl. 140-142; 1 Chit. Pl. 603. See Reid v. Field, 83 Va. 26, 1 S. E. 395; U. S. v. National Bank (C. C.) 73 F. 581; McGuire v. Van Pelt, 55 Ala. 344; Taylor v. Taylor, 67 Mich. 64, 49 N. W. 519.

A special demurrer is one which excepts to the sufficiency of the pleadings on the opposite side, and shows specifically the nature of the objection, and the particular ground of the exception. 3 Bov. Inst. 3022. Dairy Region Land Corporation v. Harding (Tex. Civ. App.) 266 S. W. 181, 182; Darcey v. Lake, 46 Miss. 117; Christmas v. Russell, 5 Wall. 363, 18 L. Ed. 475; Shaw v. Chase, 77 Mich. 436, 43 N. W. 883. In equity, general demurrers are used to point out defects of substance; special, to point out defects in form. "The terms have a different meaning [in equity] from what they have at common law." Langd. Eq. Pl. 58. A speaking demurrer is one which, in order to sustain itself, requires the aid of a fact not appearing on the face of the pleading objected to, or, in other words, which alleges or assumes the existence of a fact not already pleaded, and which constitutes the ground of objection. Wright v. Weber, 17 Pa. Super. Ct. 457; Walker v. Conant, 65 Mich. 194, 31 N. W. 765; Brooks v. Gibbons, 4 Paige (N. Y.) 375; Clarke v. Land Co., 113 Ga. 21, 38 S. E. 323. A speaking demurrer is one which alleges some new matter, not disclosed by the pleading against which the demurrer is aimed and not judicially known or legally presumed to be true. Miller v. Southern Ry. Co., 21 Ga. App. 367, 94 S. E. 619. See, also, Mortensen v. Frederickson Bros., 190 Iowa, 832, 180 N. W. 977, 980; Cheronoing v. Knight, 77 So. 969, 970, 16 Ala. App. 357; U. S. v. Forbes (D. C.) 259 F. 585, 598; Cudahy Packing Co. v. Missouri, K. & T. Ry. Co. of Texas (Tex. Civ. App.) 203 S. W. 854, 856; Steel v. Levy, 282 Pa. 338, 127 A. 763, 767; Ideal Brick Co. v. Gentry, 191 N. C. 496, 132 S. E. 806, 804. A parol demurrer (not properly a demurrer at all) was a stating of the pleading; a suspension of the proceedings in an action during the nonsuit of an infant, especially in a real action. Now abolished. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

In General


—Demurrer or tenus. This name is sometimes given to a ruling on an objection to evidence, but is not properly a demurrer at all. Mandelert v. Land Co., 104 Wis. 428, 80 N. W. 728; Cleveland v. Bateman, 21 N. M. 675, 158 P. 648, 832, Ann. Cas. 1913B, 1011. It should be considered as a general demurrer only. Dawkins v. People’s Bank & Trust Co., 117 Okl. 181, 245 P. 594, 596.

—Demurrer to evidence. This proceeding (now practically obsolete) was analogous to a demurrer to a pleading. It was an objection or exception by one of the parties in an action at law, to the effect that the evidence which
his adversary had produced was insufficient in point of law (whether true or not) to make out his case or sustain the issue. Upon joinder in demurrer, the jury was discharged, and the case was argued to the court in banc, who gave judgment upon the facts as shown in evidence. See 3 Bl. Comm. 372; Bass v. Rublee, 76 Vt. 385, 57 A. 969; Patterson v. Ford, 2 Grat. (Va.) 18; Suydam v. Williamson, 20 How. 433, 15 L. Ed. 978; Railroad Co. v. McArthur, 43 Miss. 180; Shaw v. White, 29 Ala. 637. A motion to nonsuit is a "demurrer to the evidence." Herrick v. Barnes, 96 Or. 337, 180 P. 141, 145. A defendant's motion for a directed verdict, made at close of the evidence, is equivalent to a "demurrer to the evidence" for insufficiency to sustain a verdict for plaintiff. Mills v. Richardson, 126 Me. 244; 137 A. 689, 690. A motion to exclude evidence has the effect of a demurrer to the evidence, the chief points of difference being the stage of the proceeding at which each is available and the consequences resulting from deferring the motion to exclude. Potts v. Union Traction Co., 75 W. Va. 212, 83 S. E. 918. For a discussion of the subject see Hopkins v. Nashville, C. & St. L. R. R., 96 Tenn. 409, 34 S. W. 1029, 32 L. R. A. 354.

--Demurrer to interrogatories. Where a witness objects to a question propounded (particularly on the taking of a deposition) and states his reason for objecting or refusing to answer, it is called a "demurrer to the interrogatory," though the term cannot here be understood as used in its technical sense. 2 Swanst. 194; Gresl. Eq. Ev. 61; 2 Atk. 524; 1 Y. & J. 132.

DEMY SANKE, DEMY SANGUE. Half-blood. A corruption of demi-sang.


DEN AND STROND. In old English law. Liberty for ships or vessels to run aground, or come ashore (strand themselves). Cowell.

DENARIATE. In old English law. As much land as is worth one penny per annum.

DENARI. An ancient general term for any sort of pecunia numerata, or ready money. The French use the word "denier" in the same sense,—payer de ses propres deniers.

DENARII DE CARITATE. In English law. Customary oblations made to a cathedral church at Pentecost.

DENARII S. PETRI. (Commonly called "Peter's Pence.") An annual payment on St. Peter's feast of a penny from every family to the pope, during the time that the Roman Catholic religion was established in England.

DENARIUS. The chief silver coin among the Romans, worth 8d.; it was the seventh part of a Roman ounce. Also an English penny. The denarius was first coined five years before the first Punic war, B. C. 269. In later times a copper coin was called "denarius." Smith, Dict. Antiq.

DENARIUS DEI. (Lat. "God's penny.") Earnest money; money given as a token of the completion of a bargain. It differs from arvha in this: that arvha is a part of the consideration, while the denarius Dei is no part of it. The latter was given away in charity; whence the name. 1 Duvergny, n. 132; 3 Duvergny, n. 49; Répert. de Jur., Denier à Dieu.

DENARIUS TERTIUS COMITATUS. In old English law. A third part or penny of the county paid to its earl, the other two parts being reserved to the crown.

DENIAL. A traverse in the pleading of one party of an allegation of fact set up by the other; a defense. See Black v. O'Brien, 43 N. Y. S. 854, 19 Misc. 369; Mott v. Baxter, 29 Colo. 418, 68 P. 220.

General and Specific

In code pleading, a general denial is one which puts in issue all the material averments of the complaint or petition, and permits the defendant to prove any and all facts tending to negative those averments or any of them. Mauldin v. Ball, 5 Mont. 96, 1 P. 469; Goode v. Elwood Lodge, 100 Ind. 251, 66 N. E. 742. A specific denial is a separate denial applicable to one particular allegation of the complaint. Gas Co. v. San Francisco, 9 Cal. 470; Sands v. Maclay, 2 Mont. 38; Seward v. Miller, 6 Haw. Prac. (N. Y.) 322. An answer by way of a general denial is the equivalent of, and substitute for, the general issue under the common-law system of pleading. It gives to the defendant the same right to require the plaintiff to establish by proof all the material facts necessary to show his right to a recovery as was given by that plea. Kilne v. Harris, 30 N. D. 421, 152 N. W. 687, 688, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 1176; Smith v. Continental Supply Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 283 S. W. 1082, 1084.

DENIER. L. Fr. In old English law. Denial; refusal. Denier is when the rent (being demanded upon the land) is not paid. Finch, Law, b. 3, c. 5.

DENIER À DIEU. In French law. Earnest money; a sum of money given in token of the completion of a bargain. The phrase is a translation of the Latin Denarius Dei, (q. v.)

DENIZATION. The act of making one a denizen; the conferring of the privileges of citizenship upon an alien born. Creo. Jac. 540. See Denizen.
DENIZE. To make a man a denizen or citizen.

DENIZEN. In English law. A person who, being an alien born, has obtained, ex donatione regis, letters patent to make him an English subject,—a high and incommunica branch of the royal prerogative. A denizen is in a kind of middle state between an alien and a natural-born subject, and partakes of the status of both of these. 1 Bl. Comm. 374; 7 Coke 6; Cockburn, Nationality 27; Morse, Citizenship 106. See Priest v. Cummings, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 382; Ex parte Gilroy (D. C.) 257 F. 110, 128.

The term is used to signify a person who, being an alien by birth, has obtained letters patent making him an English subject. The king may denize, but not naturalize, a man; the latter requiring the consent of parliament, as under the naturalization act, 1870, (33 & 34 Vict. c. 14.) A denizen holds a position midway between an alien and a natural-born or naturalized subject, being able to take lands by purchase or devise, (which an alien could not until 1670 do,) but not able to take lands by descent, (which a natural-born or naturalized subject may do.) Brown.

The denizen becomes a British subject from the date of the letters while a naturalized person is placed in a position equivalent to that of a natural-born subject; Dicey, Conf. Laws 164.

The word is also used in this sense in South Carolina. See McClennahan v. McClennahan, 1 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 319, 47 Am. Dec. 532.

A denizen, in the primary, but obsolete, sense of the word, is a natural-born subject of a country. Co. Litt. 129a; Levy v. McCurtey, 6 Pct. 102, 113; 8 L. Ed. 394.

DENMAN’S (LORD) ACT. An English statute, for the amendment of the law of evidence, (6 & 7 Vict. c. 85,) which provides that no person offered as a witness shall thereafter be excluded by reason of incapacity, from crime or interest, from giving evidence.

DENMAN’S (MR.) ACT. An English statute, for the amendment of procedure in criminal trials, (25 & 26 Vict. c. 18,) allowing counsel to sum up the evidence in criminal as in civil trials, provided the prisoner be defended by counsel.

DENOMBREMENT. In French feudal law. A minute or act drawn up, on the creation of a fief, containing a description of the fief, and all the rights and incidents belonging to it. Guyot, Inst. Feud. c. 3.

Denominatio flori debet a dignioribus. Denomination should be made from the more worthy.

DENOUNCE. To declare (an act or thing) to be a crime and prescribe a punishment for it. State v. De Hart, 109 La. 570, 35 So. 606. The word is also used (not technically but popularly) as the equivalent of "accuse" or "inform against."

The term is frequently used in regard to treaties, indicating the act of one nation in giving notice to another nation of its intention to terminate an existing treaty between the two nations. The French dénoncer means to declare, to lodge an information against. Bellows, Fr. Dict.

DENOUNCEMENT.

In Spanish and Mexican Law

A judicial proceeding for the forfeiture of land held by an alien.

Though real property might be acquired by an alien in fraud of the law,—that is, without observing its requirements,—he nevertheless retained his right and title to it, but was liable to be deprived of it by the proper proceeding of denunciation, which in its substantive characteristics was equivalent to the inquest of office found, at common law. De Merle v. Mathews, 26 Cal. 477.

The "denunciation of a new work" is a proceeding to obtain an order of court, in the nature of an injunction, against the construction of a new building or other work, which, if completed, would injuriously affect the plaintiff's property. Von Schmidt v. Huntington, 1 Cal. 55.

In Mexican Mining Law

Denunciation is an application to the authorities for a grant of the right to work a mine, either on the ground of new discovery, or on the ground of forfeiture of the rights of a former owner, through abandonment or contravention of the mining law. Cent. Dict. See Castillero v. U. S., 2 Black, 109, 17 L. Ed. 360; Stewart v. King, 53 Or. 14, 166 P. 55, 56.

DENSIRING OF LAND. (Otherwise called "burn-beating.") A method of improving land by casting earthings of earth, turf, and stubble into heaps, which when dried are burned into ashes for a compost. Cowell.


DENUMERATION. The act of present payment.

DENUNCIA DE OBRA NUEVA. In Spanish law. The denunciation of a new work; being a proceeding to restrain the erection of some new work, as, for instance, a building which may, if completed, injuriously affect the property of the complainant; it is of a character similar to the interdicts of possess-
DENUNCIATION.

In the Civil Law

The act by which an individual informs a public officer, whose duty it is to prosecute offenders, that a crime has been committed. See 1 Bro. Civ. Law 447; Ayliffe, Paring 210; Pothier, Proc. Cr. sect. 2, § 2.

The giving of an information in the ecclesiastical courts by one who was not the accuser.

In Scotch Practice

The act by which a person is declared to be a rebel, who has disobeyed the charge given on letters of Morning. Bell.

DENUNCIATIO. In old English law. A public notice or summons. Bract. 2025.

DENY. To traverse. Perry v. Tumlin, 161 Ga. 392, 131 S. E. 70, 73.

DEODAND. (l. Lat. Deo dandum, a thing to be given to God.) In English law. Any personal chattel which was the immediate occasion of the death of any reasonable creature, and which was forfeited to the crown to be applied to pious uses, and distributed in alms by the high almoner. 1 Hale, P. C. 419; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 25; 1 Bl. Comm. 300; 2 Steph. Comm. 365. See Parker-Harris Co. v. Tate, 135 Tenn. 509, 188 S. W. 54, L. R. A. 1916F, 393.

DEOR HEDGE. In old English law. The hedge inclosing a deer park.

DEPART. To divide or separate actively. The departers of gold and silver were no more than the dividers and refiners of those metals. Cowell.

To go away, especially with reference to permanent visits. Pezzoni v. Pezzoni, 38 Cal. App. 209, 175 P. 801, 802. To depart, as from the state, is not necessarily synonymous with the phrase “leave the state.” Williams v. Williams, 57 Cal. App. 98, 206 P. 650, 652.

In Pleading

To forsake or abandon the ground assumed in a former pleading, and assume a new one. See Departure.

In Maritime Law

To leave a port; to be out of a port. To depart imports more than to sail, or set sail. A warranty in a policy that a vessel shall depart on or before a particular day is a warranty not only that she shall sail, but that she shall be out of the port on or before that day. 3 Maule & S. 461; 3 Kent Comm. 307, note. "To depart" does not mean merely to break ground, but fairly to set forward upon the voyage. Molr v. Assur. Co. 6 Taunt. 241; Young v. The Orphans, 110 Mass. 155; The Helen Brown (D. C.) 28 F. 111.

DEPARTMENT. One of the territorial divisions of a country. The term is chiefly used in this sense in France, where the division of the country into departments is somewhat analogous, both territorially and for governmental purposes, to the division of an American state into counties. The United States have been divided into military departments, including certain portions of the country. Parker v. U. S., 1 Pet. 283, 7 L. Ed. 150.


One of the divisions of the executive branch of government. Used in this sense in the United States, where each department is charged with a specific class of duties, and comprises an organized staff of officials; e. g., the department of state, department of war, etc.

With reference to state or municipal administration, a "bureau" is merely a division of a department. In re McLaughlin, 210 N. Y. S. 48, 72, 124 Misc. 766.

Also, a division of a business, or of something comparable thereto. See State v. Arkansas Lumber Co., 126 Ark. 107, 189 S. W. 671.


In Maritime Law

A deviation from the course prescribed in the policy of insurance.

In Pleading

The statement of matter in a replication, rejoinder, or subsequent pleading, as a cause of action or defense, which is not pursuant to the previous pleading of the same party, and which does not support and fortify it. 2 Williams, Saund. 84a, note 1; 2 Will. 98; Co. Litt. 304a; Railway Co. v. Wyler, 138 U. S. 285, 15 S. Ct. 877, 39 L. Ed. 983; Hanna v. Royce, 119 Or. 450, 249 P. 173, 175.

A departure, in pleading, is when a party quits or departs from the case or defense which he has first made, and has recourse to another. White v. Joy, 13 N. Y. 83; Allen v. Watson, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 265; Kimberlin v. Carter, 49 Ind. 111; Crim v. Drake, 88 Fla. 476, 98 So. 349, 353; Clonts v. State, 19 Ala. App. 120, 95 So. 562; Northwestern Nat. Life Ins. Co. v. Ward, 56 Okl. 183, 245 P. 324, 325.

A departure takes place when, in any pleading, the party deserts the ground that he took in his last antecedent pleading, and resorts to another. Steph. Pl. 410; Burrell v. Masters, 65 Colo. 310, 176 P. 316, 317. Or, in other words, when the second pleading contains matter not pursuant to the former; and which does not support and fortify it.
Co. Litt. 294a. Hence a departure obviously can never take place till the replication. Steph. PI. 410. Each subsequent pleading must pursue or support the former one; i. e., the replication must support the declaration, and the rejoinder the plea, without departing out of it. 3 Bl. Comm. 310. An amendment to a petition changing the cause of action is not, technically, a "departure." Union Bank & Trust Co. v. Ponder, 220 Ky. 305, 258 S. W. 140, 141; King v. Milner, 63 Colo. 407, 167 P. 967, 969; MacGerry v. Rodgers, 144 Wash. 376, 238 P. 334, 315. That which is a "departure" in pleading is a "variance" in evidence. Wilson v. Oil Well Supply Co., 111 Okl. 63, 238 P. 415, 416.

DEPARTURE IN DESPITE OF COURT. In old English practice. The tenant in a real action having once appeared, was considered as constructively present in court until again called upon. Hence if, upon being demanded, he failed to appear, he was said to have "departed in despite [i. e., contempt] of the court." Co. Litt. 139a; 8 Co. 62a; 1 Rolle, Abr. 583; Metc. Yelv. 211.

DEPASTURE. In old English law. To pasture. "If a man depastures unprofitable cattle in his ground." Bunn. 1, case 1.

DEPECULATION. A robbing of the prince or commonwealth; an embezzling of the public treasure.

DEPENDENCY. A territory distinct from the country in which the supreme sovereign power resides, but belonging rightfully to it, and subject to the laws and regulations which the sovereign may think proper to prescribe. U. S. v. The Nancy, 3 Wash. C. C. 258, Fed. Cas. No. 15,854.

It differs from a colony, because it is not settled by the citizens of the sovereign or mother state; and from possession, because it is held by other title than that of mere conquest.

DEPENDENT, n. One who derives support from another; Ballou v. Glee, 50 Wis. 618, 7 N. W. 561; Supreme Council American Legion of Honor v. Perry, 140 Mass. 390, 5 N. E. 634; not merely persons who derive a benefit from the earnings of the deceased; [1589] 1 Q. B. 1005; Hovey v. Erie R. Co., 58 N. J. Law, 684, 96 A. 966, 996. One who depends on or is sustained by another, or who relies on another for support or favor. Wells-Dickey Trust Co. v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co., 166 Minn. 79, 207 N. W. 186, 187; United States v. McHugh (D. C.) 253 F. 224, 228.

DEPENDENT, adj. Deriving existence, support, or direction from another; conditioned, in respect to force or obligation, upon an extraneous act or fact.

Under a statute relating to dependent children, "dependent" is synonymous with "neglected," but not with "delinquent." People v. Ellis, 186 Ill. App. 417, 420.

Under a California juvenile act, a "dependent person" is one under the age of 21 years who is in danger of growing up to lead an idle, dissolute, or immoral life. People v. Cruze, 24 Cal. App. 497, 141 P. 335.

—Dependent conditions. Mutual covenants which go to the whole consideration on both sides. Long v. Addix, 184 Ala. 230, 63 So. 982, 984.

—Dependent contract. One which depends or is conditional upon another. One which it is not the duty of the contractor to perform until some obligation contained in the same agreement has been performed by the other party. Ham. Parties, 17, 29, 30, 109.

—Dependent covenant. See Covenant.

—Dependent promise. One which it is not the duty of the promisor to perform until some obligation contained in the same agreement has been performed by the other party. Hamm. Partn. 17, 29, 30, 109; Harr. Cont. 152.

DEPENDING. In practice. Pending or undetermined; in progress. See 5 Coke, 47.

Under a statute (28 USCA §§ 639-641), permitting the taking of testimony by deposition de bene esse, a cause is "depending" from the time of the issuance of the original writ. Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. v. Bates Expanded Steel Truss Co. (D. C.) 296 F. 321, 283.

DEPESAS. In Spanish-American law. Spaces of ground in towns reserved for commons or public pasturage. 12 Pet. 443, note, 9 L. Ed. 1150.

DEPOLYMERIZATION. In connection with the devulcanizing of vulcanized rubber, the act of breaking into smaller aggregations the rubber molecules, which consist of hydrogen and carbon, thus rendering the waste rubber plastic. Philadelphia Rubber Works Co. v. United States Rubber Reclaiming Works (D. C.) 225 F. 789, 791.

DEPONE. In Scotch practice. To depose; to make oath in writing.

DEPONENT. In practice. One who deposes (that is, testifies or makes oath, now in writing) to the truth of certain facts; one who gives under oath testimony which is reduced to writing; one who makes oath to a written statement. The party making an affidavit is generally so called, though in the United States the term "affiant" is also commonly applied to such party.

The word "deponent," from which is derived "deponent," has relation to the mode in which the oath is administered, (by the witness placing his hand upon the book of the holy evangelists,) and not as to whether the testimony is delivered orally or reduced to writing. "Deponent" is included in the term "witness," but "witness" is more general. Blisse v. Shuman, 47 Me. 446.

DEPONER. In old Scotch practice. A deponent. 3 How. State Tr. 695.
DEPOPULATION AGRORUM. In old English law. The crime of destroying, ravaging, or laying waste a country. 2 Hale, P. C. 333; 4 Bl. Comm. 373.

DEPOPULATION. In old English law. A species of waste by which the population of the kingdom was diminished. Depopulation of houses was a public offense. 12 Coke, 30, 31.

DEPORTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A kind of banishment, where a condemned person was sent or carried away to some foreign country, usually to an island, (in insulam deportatur) and thus taken out of the number of Roman citizens.

DEPORTATION. Banishment to a foreign country, attended with confiscation of property and deprivation of civil rights. A punishment derived from the deportatio (q. e.) of the Roman law, and still in use in France.

In Roman Law
A perpetual banishment, depriving the banished of his rights as a citizen; it differed from relegation (q. e.) and exile, (q. e.) 1 Brown, Civil & Adm. Law, 125, note; Inst. 1, 12, 1, and 2; Dig. 48, 22, 14, 1.

In American Law
The removal or sending back of an alien to the country from which he came, as a measure of national police and without any implication of punishment or penalty.

"The removal of an alien out of the country, simply because his presence is deemed inconsistent with the public welfare, and without any punishment being imposed or contemplated, either under the laws of the country out of which he is sent, or under those of the country to which he is taken." It differs from transportation, which is by way of punishment of one convicted of an offence against the laws of the country; and from extradition (q. e.), which is the surrender to another country of one accused of an offence against its laws, there to be tried, and, if found guilty, punished. Feng Yue Ting v. U. S., 149 U. S. 698, 15 S. Ct. 1016, 37 L. Ed. 906. "Deportation," as distinguished from "exclusion," is depriving a person already in the United States of a privilege which he, at least at the time, is enjoying; whereas "exclusion" is the denial of entry, and does not deprive one of any liberties he had theretofore enjoyed. Ex parte Domingo Corpus (D. C.) 6 F. (2d) 336.

DEPOSE. To deprive an individual of a public employment or office against his will. Wolfius, Inst. § 1063. The term is usually applied to the deprivation of all authority of a sovereign.

In Practice
In ancient usage, to testify as a witness; to give evidence under oath.

In Modern Usage
To make a deposition; to give evidence in the shape of a deposition; to make statements which are written down and sworn to; to give testimony which is reduced to writing by a duly-qualified officer and sworn to by the deponent. To say (in a deposition) under oath. Webb v. Iowa-Nebraska Coal Co., 168 Iowa, 778, 200 N. W. 225, 229.


A bailment of goods to be kept by the bailee without reward, and delivered according to the object or purpose of the original trust. Story, Bailm. § 41; Richardson v. Putre, 42 Miss. 544.


The delivery of chattels by one person to another to keep for the use of the bailor. Code La. 1882, § 3108 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3444).

The giving of the possession of personal property by one person to another, with his consent, to keep for the use and benefit of the first or of a third person. Mounal v. Parkhurst, 89 Or. 248, 173 P. 669, 671.


Also, money lodged with a person as an earnest or security for the performance of some contract, to be forfeited if the depositor fails in his undertaking. It may be deemed to be part payment, and to that extent may constitute the purchaser the actual owner of the estate. Larson v. Mettalf, 201 Iowa, 1268, 207 N. W. 382, 384, 45 A. L. R. 344.

Classification
According to the classification of the civil law, deposits are of the following several sorts: (1) Necessary, made upon some sudden emergency, and from some pressing necessity; as, for instance, in case of a fire, a shipwreck, or other overwhelming calamity, when property is confided to any person whom the depositor may meet without proper opportunity for reflection or choice, and thence it is called "miserable depositum." (2) Voluntary, which arises from the mere consent and agreement of the parties. Civ. Code La. art. 2964; Dig. 16, 3, 2; Story, Bailm. § 44. The common law has made no such division.

There is another class of deposits called "involuntary," which may be without the assistance or even knowledge of the depositor; as
lumber, etc., left upon another's land by the subsidence of a flood. An "involuntary" deposit is defined by Civ. Code Cal. § 1515, as one made by the accidental leaving or placing of personal property in the possession of any person without negligence on the part of the owner. Copelin v. Berlin Dryworks & Laundry Co., 188 Cal. 715, 144 P. 961, 963, L. R. A. 1915C, 712.

The civilians again divide deposits into "simple deposits," made by one or more persons having a common interest, and "sequestrations," made by one or more persons, each of whom has a different and adverse interest in controversy touching it; and these last are of two sorts,—"conventional," or such as are made by the mere agreement of the parties without any judicial act; and "judicial," or such as are made by order of a court in the course of some proceeding. Rev. Civ. Code La. art. 2976. Thus, it is said that in view of Rev. Civ. Code La. art. 2976, the difference between "sequestration" and "deposit" is that the former may have for its object both movable and immovable property, while the latter is confined to movables. Raines v. Dunson, 145 La. 1011, 83 So. 224, 226.

There is another class of deposits called "irregular," as when a person, having a sum of money which he does not think safe in his own hands, confides it to another, who is to return to him, not the same money, but a like sum when he shall demand it. Poth. du Depot, 82, 83; Story, Bailm. § 84. A regular deposit is a strict or special deposit; a deposit which must be returned in specie; i. e., the thing deposited must be returned. A quasi deposit is a kind of implied or involuntary deposit, which takes place where a party comes lawfully to the possession of another person's property, by finding it. Story, Bailm. § 85. Particularly with reference to money, deposits are also classed as general or special. A general deposit is where the money deposited is not itself to be returned, but an equivalent in money (that is, a like sum) is to be returned. It is equivalent to a loan, and the money deposited becomes the property of the depositary. Insurance Co. v. Landers, 43 Ala. 138. A special deposit is a deposit in which the identical thing deposited is to be returned to the depositor. The particular object of this kind of deposit is safekeeping. Koetting v. State, 88 Wis. 502, 60 N. W. 822. In banking law, this kind of deposit is contrasted with a "general" deposit, as above; but in the civil law it is the antithesis of an "irregular" deposit. A gratuitous or naked deposit is a bailment of goods to be kept for the depositor without hire or reward on either side, or one for which the depositary receives no consideration beyond the mere possession of the thing deposited. Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 2921 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3194); Civ. Code Cal. § 1544. Properly and originally, all deposits are of this description; for according to the Roman law, a bailment of goods for which hire or a price is to be paid, is not called "depositum" but "locatio." If the owner of the property pays for its custody or care, it is a "locatio custodii," if, on the other hand, the bailee pays for the use of it, it is "locatio rel." (See Locatio.) But in the modern law of those states which have been influenced by the Roman jurisprudence, a gratuitous or naked deposit is distinguished from a "deposit for hire," in which the bailee is to be paid for his services in keeping the article. Civ. Code Cal. § 1851; Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 2921 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3194).

In Mining

A quantity of ore or mineral substances occurring naturally in the earth; as, a deposit of gold, oil, etc. See Colorado Gold Dredging Co. v. Stearns-Roger Mfg. Co., 60 Colo. 412, 153 P. 765.

In Banking Law

The act of placing or lodging money in the custody of a bank or banker, for safety or convenience, to be withdrawn at the will of the depositor or under rules and regulations agreed on. Also, the money so deposited, or the credit which the depositor receives for it. Clement Nat. Bank v. Vermont, 231 U. S. 120, 34 S. Ct. 31, 35, 58 L. Ed. 147. See also, State v. Marron, 18 N. M. 426, 137 P. 845, 848, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 274; State v. Farmers' State Bank of Allen, 113 Neb. 82, 201 N. W. 896, 894; State Banking Board v. James (Tex. Civ. App.) 264 S. W. 145, 149.

In General

Deposit account. An account of sums lodged with a bank not to be drawn upon by checks, and usually not to be withdrawn except after a fixed notice.

Deposit company. A company whose business is the safe-keeping of securities or other valuables deposited in boxes or safes in its building which are leased to the depositors.

Deposit of title-deeds. A method of plessing real property as security for a loan, by placing the title-deeds of the land in the keeping of the lender as pledgee.

Deposit slip. An acknowledgment that the amount named therein has been received by the bank; it is a receipt intended to furnish evidence as between the depositor and depositary that on a given date there was deposited the sum named therein, the time of deposit, and amount deposited, being also shown. In re Ruskey (U. C. A.) 5 F.(2d) 143, 147; American Home Life Ins. Co. v. Citizens' State Bank of Headrick, 69 Okl. 193, 198 P. 437, 428, L. R. A. 1915B, 296.

General and special deposits. Deposits of money in a bank are either general or special. A general deposit (the ordinary form) is one which is to be repaid on demand, in whole or in part as called for, in any current money,
not the same pieces of money deposited. In re Cronk, 110 Neb. 676, 194 N. W. 865. In this case, the title to the money deposited passes to the bank, which becomes debtor to the depositor for the amount. A special deposit is one in which the depositor is entitled to the return of the identical thing deposited (gold, bullion, securities, etc.) and the title to the property remains in him, the deposit being usually made only for purposes of safe-keeping. Shipman v. State Bank, 59 Hun, 621, 13 N. Y. Supp. 475; State v. Clark, 4 Ind. 315; Brahms v. Adkins, 77 Ill. 263; Marine Bank v. Fulton Bank, 2 Wall. 232, 17 L. Ed. 782. There is also a specific deposit, which exists where money or property is given to a bank for some specific and particular purpose, as a note for collection, money to pay a particular note, or property for some other specific purpose. Corporation Commission of North Carolina v. Merchants’ Bank & Trust Co., 193 N. C. 996, 138 S. E. 22, 24; Cooper v. National Bank of Savannah, 21 Ga. App. 356, 94 S. E. 611, 615; Officer v. Officer, 120 Iowa, 359, 94 N. W. 947, 98 Am. St. Rep. 385.

DEPOSITARY. The party receiving a deposit; one with whom anything is lodged in trust, as “depositary” is the place where it is put. A trustee; fiduciary; one to whom goods are bailed to be held without recompense. Stand. Dict. The obligation on the part of the depositary is that he keep the thing with reasonable care, and, upon request, restore it to the depositor, or otherwise deliver it, according to the original trust.

DEPOSITION. In Scotch law. Deposit or depositum, the species of bailment so called. Bell.

DEPOSITION. The testimony of a witness taken upon interrogatories, not in open court, but in pursuance of a commission to take testimony issued by a court, or under a general law on the subject, and reduced to writing and duly authenticated, and intended to be used upon the trial of an action in court. Lutcher v. U. S., 72 F. 972, 19 C. C. A. 259; Indianapolis Water Co. v. American Strawboard Co. (C. C.) 65 P. 535.

A written declaration under oath, made upon notice to the adverse party for the purpose of enabling him to attend and cross-examine; or upon written interrogatories. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 2004; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 7885; Comp. Laws S. D. 1929, § 2752; N. S. Sherman Machine & Iron Works v. R. D. Cole Mfg. Co., 51 Okl. 533, 151 P. 1181, 1182. It is the giving of notice to the adverse party which especially distinguishes a deposition from an affidavit. State v. Quartier, 114 Or. 661, 236 P. 746, 748.

A deposition is evidence given by a witness under interrogatories, oral or written, and usually written down by an official person. In its generic sense, it embraces all written evidence verified by oath, and includes affidavit; but, in legal language, a distinction is maintained between depositions and affidavits. Stimpson v. Brooks, 3 Blatchf. 456, Fed. Cas. No. 14,641. But this distinction is not always observed in statutes. Arnold v. State (Okt. Cr. App.) 132 P. 112, 1125. See, also, State v. English, 71 Mont. 349, 239 P. 727, 728.

The term sometimes is used in a special sense to denote a statement made orally by a person on oath before an examiner, commissioner, or officer of the court, (but not in open court,) and taken down in writing by the examiner or under his direction. Sweet.

In Ecclesiastical Law

The act of depriving a clergymen, by a competent tribunal, of his clerical orders, to punish him for some offense and to prevent his acting in future in his clerical character. Ayl. Par. 296.

DEPOSITO. In Spanish law. Deposit; the species of bailment so called. Schm. Civil Law, 193.

A real contract by which one person confides to the custody of another an object on the condition that it shall be returned to him whenever he shall require it.

DEPOSITOR. One who makes a deposit.

In banking law, one who delivers and leaves money with a bank on his order or subject to check. Union Life & Accident Ins. Co. of Lincoln, Neb., v. American Surety Co. of New York, 113 Neb. 300, 203 N. W. 172, 175; Lummus Cotton Gin Co. v. Walker, 195 Ala. 552, 70 So. 754, 756; Austin v. Avant (Tex. Civ. App.) 277 S. W. 409, 410.

DEPOSITORY. The place where a deposit (q. v.) is placed and kept.

Sometimes, also, a depository: one with whom something is deposited. Jones v. Marrs, 114 Tex. 62, 263 S. W. 570, 573.

United States Depositories

Banks selected and designated to receive deposits of the public funds of the United States.


One of the four real contracts specified by Justinian, and having the following characteristics: (1) The depositary or depositee is not liable for negligence, however extreme, but only for fraud, dolus; (2) the property remains in the depository, the depositary having only the possession. Pro-
carium and sequestre were two varieties of the deposition.


A place for the deposit of goods; a warehouse, or a storehouse. Weyman v. City of Newport, 153 Ky. 457, 156 S. W. 109, 111.

A place where military supplies or stores are kept or troops assembled. U. S. v. Caldwell, 19 Wall. 264, 22 L. Ed. 114.

—Depot grounds. Station grounds. Pecos & N. T. Ry. Co. v. Railroad Commission of Texas (Tex. Civ. App.) 193 S. W. 770, 773; Atchison, T. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. McCall, 48 Okl. 602, 150 P. 173, 174. The place where passengers get on and off, and on trains, where goods are loaded and unloaded, and all grounds necessary, convenient, and actually used for such purposes by the public and by the railway company, including the place where cars are switched and trains made up, also where tracks are used for storing cars, and where the public require open and free access to the railroad for the purpose of such business.


DÉPÔT. In French law. The *depositum* of the Roman and the deposit of the English law. It is of two kinds, being either (1) dépôt simply so called, and which may be either voluntary or necessary, and (2) sequestre, which is a deposit made either under an agreement of the parties, and to abide the event of pending litigation regarding it, or by virtue of the direction of the court or a judge, pending litigation regarding it. Brown; Civ. Code La. 2926.

DEPREVING. To deface; vilify; exhibit contempt for. In England it is a criminal offense to "deprave" the Lord's supper or the Book of Common Prayer. Steph. Crim. Dig. 99.

A mind which may become inflamed by liquor and passion to such a degree that it ceases to care for human life and safety is a "depraved mind." State v. Weltz, 155 Minn. 143, 161 N. W. 42, 44.


DEPREVATION RESERVE. An account kept on the books, as of a public utility, to offset the depreciation of the property due to time and use. People ex rel. Adironack Power & Light Corporation v. Public Service Commission, 200 App. Div. 268, 193 N. Y. S. 186, 191. It does not represent the actual depreciation of its properties which is to be deducted from the reproduction cost new to ascertain the present value for rate purposes; but only what observation and experience suggest as likely to happen, with a margin over. Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. v. Railroad Commission of South Carolina (D. C.) 5 F.(2d) 77, 80.


In French Law

Pillage, waste, or spoliation of goods, particularly of the estate of a decedent.

DEPRIVATION. In English ecclesiastical law. The taking away from a clergyman of his benefice or other spiritual promotion or dignity, either by sentence declaratory in the proper court for fit and sufficient causes or in pursuance of divers penal statutes which declare the benefice void for some nonfeasance or neglect, or some malfeasance or crime. 3 Steph. Comm. 87, 88; Burn, Ecc. Law, tit. "Deprivation." See Arliffe, Parerg. 206; 1 Bla. Comm. 393. See Degradation.


DEPUTIZE. To appoint a deputy; to appoint or commission one to act as deputy or officer. In a general sense, the term is descriptive of empowering one person to act
for another in any capacity or relation, but in law it is almost always restricted to the substitution of a person appointed to act for an officer of the law.

**DEPUTY.** A substitute; a person duly authorized by an officer to exercise some or all of the functions pertaining to the office, in the place and stead of the latter. Carter v. Hornback, 139 Mo. 235, 49 S. W. 583; Rerring v. Lee, 22 W. Va. 667; Erwin v. U. S. (D. C.) 37 F. 470; 2 L. R. A. 229; Willingham v. State, 21 Fla. 775; Ellison v. Stevenson, 6 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 271; People v. Barkley, 14 Misc. 369, 35 N. Y. S. 727; United States v. Rockefelder (D. C.) 221 F. 462, 465; State v. Stearns, 200 Ala. 405, 76 So. 321, 323. One appointed to substitute for another with power to act for him in his name or behalf. Saxby v. Sonnemann, 318 Ill. 600, 149 N. E. 526, 528.

A deputy differs from an assignee, in that an assignee has an interest in the office itself, and does all things in his own name, for whom his grantor shall not answer, except in special cases; but a deputy has not any interest in the office, and is only the shadow of the officer in whose name he acts. And there is a distinction in doing an act by an agent and by a deputy. An agent can only bind his principal when he does the act in the name of the principal. But a deputy may do the act and sign his own name, and it binds his principal; for a deputy has, in law, the whole power of his principal. Wharton.

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**Deputy consul.** See Consul.

**Deputy lieutenant.** The deputy of a lord lieutenant of a county in England.

**Deputy sheriff.** One appointed to act in the place and stead of the sheriff in the official business of the latter's office. A general deputy (sometimes called "undersheriff"; see Shirran v. Dallas, 21 Cal. App. 405, 132 P. 454, 455) is one who, by virtue of his appointment, has authority to execute all the ordinary duties of the office of sheriff, and who executes process without any special authority from his principal. A special deputy, who is an officer pro hac vice, is one appointed for a special occasion or a special service, as, to serve a particular writ or to assist in keeping the peace when a riot or tumult is expected or in progress. He acts under a specific and not a general appointment and authority. Allen v. Smith, 12 N. J. Law, 162; Wilson v. Russell, 4 Duk. 376, 31 N. W. 645.

**Deputy steward.** A steward of a manor may depute or authorize another to hold a court; and the acts done in a court so holden will be as legal as if the court had been held by the chief steward in person. So an under steward or deputy may authorize another as subdeputy, pro hac vice, to hold a court for him; such limited authority not being inconsistent with the rule delegatus non potest delegare. Wharton.

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**SPECIAL DEPUTY.** One appointed to exercise some special function or power of the official or person for whom he is appointed. Saxby v. Sonnemann, 318 Ill. 600, 149 N. E. 526, 528.

**DERAIN.** Apparently, literally, to confound, and disorder, or to turn out of course, or displace; as derainment or departure out of religion, in St. 31 Hen. VIII. c. 6. In the common law, the word is used generally in the sense of to prove; viz., to derain a right, derain the warranty, etc. Glanv. lib. 2, c. 6; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 146. Perhaps this word "derain," and the word "derainment," derived from it, may be used in the sense of to prove and a proving, by disproving of what is asserted in opposition to truth and fact. Jacob. It is used as referring to a decree "which derains his title from a false source." Paxson v. Brown, 61 F. 874, 884, 10 C. C. A. 135.

**DERAILMENT.** The act of going off or the state of being off the rails of a railroad. Graham v. Insurance Co. of North America, 220 Mass. 230, 107 N. E. 915.

**DERANGEMENT.** See Insanity.

**DERECO.** In Spanish law. Law or right. Derecho común, common law. The civil law is so called. A right. Derechos, rights. Also, specifically, an impost laid upon goods or provisions, or upon persons or lands, by way of tax or contribution. Noe v. Card, 14 Cal. 576, 608.

**DERELICT.** Forsaken; abandoned; deserted; cast away.

Personal property abandoned or thrown away by the owner in such manner as to indicate that he intends to make no further claim thereto. 2 Bl. Comm. 9; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 9; Thompson v. One Anchor and Two Anchor Chains (D. C.) 221 F. 770, 772; 1 C. B. 112; Broom, Max. 261; Goodenow v. Tappan, 1 Ohio, 51; Jones's Admirers v. Nunn, 12 Ga. 472; Livermore v. White, 74 Me. 455, 45 Am. Rep. 600.

Land left uncovered by the receding of water from its former bed. 2 Rolle, Abr. 170; 2 Bl. Comm. 262; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 109.

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**In Maritime Law.**

A boat or vessel found entirely deserted or abandoned on the sea without hope or intention of recovery or return by the master or crew, whether resulting from wreck, accident, necessity, or voluntary abandonment. U. S. v. Stone (C. C.) S F. 243; Cromwell v. The Island City, 1 Black, 121, 17 L. Ed. 70; The Hyderabad (D. C.) 11 F. 755; The Fairfield (D. C.) 30 F. 700; The Aquila, 1 C. Rob. 41; 20 E. L. & Eq. 607; Mason v. The Blaireau, 2 Cranch, 246, 2 L. Ed. 266; The John Gillpin, Oic. 77, Fed. Cas. No. 7,435; Evans v. The Charles, 1 Newb. 829, Fed. Cas. No. 4, 556; Montgomery v. The T. P. Leathers, 1 Newb. 421, Fed. Cas. No. 8,780; The Atacca.
DEROPTION. The partial repeal or abolishing of a law, as by a subsequent act which limits its scope or impairs its utility and force. Distinguished from abrogation, which means the entire repeal and annulment of a law. Dig. 50, 17, 102.

DEROGATORY CLAUSE. In a will, this is a sentence or secret character inserted by the testator, of which he reserves the knowledge to himself, with a condition that no will be may take forthwith should be valid, unless this clause be inserted word for word. This is done as a precaution to guard against later wills being extorted by violence, or otherwise improperly obtained. By the law of England such a clause would be void, as tending to make the will irrevocable. Wharton.

Derogatur legi, cum pars detrahirur; abrogatur legi, cum prorsus tollitur. To derogate from a law is to take away part of it; to abrogate a law is to abolish it entirely. Dig. 50, 17, 102.

DESAFUERO. In Spanish law. An irregular action committed with violence against law, custom, or reason.

DESAMORTIZACION. In Mexican law. The desamortizacion of property is to take it out of mortmain, (dead hands;) that is, to unloose it from the grasp, as it were, of ecclesiastical or civil corporations. The term has no equivalent in English. Hall, Mex. Law, § 749.

DESCEND. To pass by succession; as when the estate vests by operation of law in the heirs immediately upon the death of the ancestor. Dove v. Torr, 125 Mass. 40; In re Leet’s Estate, 104 Or. 32, 206 P. 545, 550; Con- dran v. Martin, 113 Okl. 250, 241 P. 826, 828.

To pass down from generation to generation. Weedon v. Chin Bow (C. C. A.) 7 F. (2d) 369.

To go;—often used as a word of transfer. Gordon v. Cadwalader, 164 Cal. 509, 130 P. 18, 20.

As used in wills, the word “descend” is often regarded as a general expression equivalent to the words “go to” or “belong to,” and as indicating a passing of title by the force of the will rather than of the statute. Klingman v. Gilbert, 90 Kan. 446, 135 P. 682, 684; Carter v. Reserve Gas Co., 84 W. Va. 741, 100 S. E. 738, 742.

DESCENDANT. One who is descended from another; a person who proceeds from the body of another, such as a child, grandchild, etc., to the remotest degree. The term is the opposite of “ascendant,” (q. v.) Rasmussen v. Unknown Wife of Hodge, 293 Ill. 101, 127 N. E. 356, 359; In re Cupples’ Estate, 272 Mo. 465, 100 S. W. 556, 558; In re Tinker’s Estate, 61 Okl. 21, 215 P. 770, 781; State v. Ytur- ria, 109 Tex. 220, 204 S. W. 315, 326, L. R. A. 1918F, 1079; Aml. 327; 2 Bro. C. C. 30, 230; 1 Roper, Leg. 115. In the plural, the term means offspring or posterity in general. Car-
ter Oil Co. v. Scott (D. C.) 12 F. (2d) 780, 788.

Descent is a good term of description in a will, and includes all who proceed from the body of the person named; as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Amb. 287: 2 Hil. Real. Prop. 242.

One on whom the law has cast the property by descent. James v. Hooker, 172 N. C. 780, 90 S. E. 925, 926; Smith v. Thom, 158 Ky. 655, 166 S. W. 182. An heir. Lee v. Roberson, 257 Ill. 321, 130 N. E. 774, 778. In this sense, the term is frequently held to include an adopted child. In re Cadwell's Estate, 26 Wyo. 412, 186 P. 499, 501; In re Cupples' Estate, 272 Mo. 465, 199 S. W. 555, 557; In re Hobb's Estate, 134 Wash. 424, 235 P. 974, 975.

Lineal Descendant

DESCENDER. Descent; in the descent. See Formedon.

DESCENDIBLE. Capable of passing by descent, or of being inherited or transmitted by devise, (spoken of estates, titles, offices, and other property.) Collins v. Smith, 105 Ga. 525, 31 S. E. 449.

DESCENT. Hereditary succession. Succession to the ownership of an estate by inheritance, or by any act of law, as distinguished from "purchase." Title by descent is the title by which one person, upon the death of another, acquires the real estate of the latter as his heir at law. 2 Bl. Comm. 201; Com. Dig. "Descent," A; Adams v. Akerlund, 108 Ill. 632, 48 N. E. 454; Starr v. Hamilton, 22 Fed. Cas. 1,107; In re Donahue's Estate, 36 Cal. 362; Shippman v. Izard, 1 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 924; Brower v. Hurd, 13 Ohio St. 358; Allen v. Bland, 134 Ind. 78, 33 N. E. 774; Reese v. Stires, 87 N. J. Eq. 32, 103 A. 679, 680; Moffett v. Conley, 63 Okl. 3, 163 P. 119, 120. The title by inheritance is in all cases called descent, although by statute law the title is sometimes made to ascend.

"Descent" in its broadest sense signifies an inheritance cast upon any one capable of receiving it, whether heir at common law or not. Barry v. Rosenblatt, 90 N. J. Eq. 1, 106 A. 698, 619.

The division among those legally entitled thereto of the real property of intestates.

Classification
Descents are of two sorts, lineal and collateral. Lineal descent is descent in a direct or right line, as from father or grandfather to son or grandson.

Collateral descent is descent in a collateral or oblique line, that is, up to the common ancestor and then down from him, as from brother to brother, or between cousins. Levy v. McCarter, 6 Pet. 112; 8 L Ed. 234. They are also distinguished into mediate and immediate descents. But these terms are used in different senses. A descent may be said to be a mediate or immediate descent of the estate or right; or it may be said to be mediate or immediate, in regard to the mediatees or immediatees of the pedigree or consanguinity. Thus, a descent from the father to the grandson who dies in possession, to the grandchild, the father being then dead, or from the uncle to the nephew, the brother being dead, is, in the former sense, in law, immediate descent, although the one is collateral and the other lineal; for the heir is in the per, and not in the per and cur. Or the other hand, with reference to the line of pedigree or consanguinity, a descent is often said to be immediate, when the ancestor from whom the party derives his blood is immediate, and without any intervening link or degrees; and mediate, when the kindred is derived from him medium altero, another ancestor intervening between them. Thus a descent in lineal from father to son is in this sense immediate; but a descent from grandfather to grandson, the father being dead, or from uncle to nephew, the brother being dead, is deemed mediate; the father and the brother being, in these latter cases, the medium deferens, as it is called, of the descent or consanguinity. Levy v. McCarter, 6 Pet. 112, 8 L Ed. 234; Furencos v. Mickelson, 86 Iowa, 568, 33 N. W. 416; Garner v. Wood, 71 Md. 37, 17 A. 1001.

Descent was denoted, in the Roman law, by the term "successio," which is also used by Bracton, from which has been derived the succession of the Scotch and French jurisprudence.

DESCENT CAST. The devolving of reility upon the heir on the death of his ancestor intestate.

Another name for what the older writers called a "descent which tolls entry." When a person had acquired land by devisee, abatement, or nomination and did not take title to the land, the descent of it to his heir took away or tolled the real owner's right of entry, so that he could only recover the land by an action. Co. Litt. 237 b; Rap. & L Dict.


DESCRIPTIO PERSONÆ. Lat. Description of the person. By this is meant a word or
phrase used merely for the purpose of identifying or pointing out the person intended, and not as an intimation that the language in connection with which it occurs is to apply to him only in the official or technical character which might appear to be indicated by the word.

In wills, it frequently happens that the word heir is used as a descriptio persona. A legacy "to the eldest son" of A would be a designation of the person. See 1 Roper, Leg. c. 2.

DESCRIPTION. A delineation or account of a particular subject by the recital of its characteristic accidents and qualities. Ayliffe, Pud. 60.

A written enumeration of items composing an estate, or of its condition, or of titles or documents; like an inventory, but with more particularity, and without involving the idea of an appraisement.

An exact written account of an article, mechanical device, or process which is the subject of an application for a patent.

A method of pointing out a particular person by referring to his relationship to some other person or his character as an officer, trustee, executor, etc.

That part of a conveyance, advertisement of sale, etc., which identifies the land or premises intended to be affected.

The description in a search warrant must be such that any person familiar with the locality can by inquiry identify the premises described. U. S. v. Chin On (D. C.) 297 F. 531, 533.


DESERT. To leave or quit with an intention to cause a permanent separation; to forsake utterly; to abandon. It is essentially willful in nature. Stevens v. Stevens, 304 Ill. 297, 136 N. E. 785, 787; Stover v. Stover, 94 N. J. Eq. 705, 120 A. 788, 789.

DESERTER. As applied to seamen, one continually and intentionally absent from the ship, constituting a quitting of the service of the vessel. The Strathearn (D. C.) 239 F. 583, 585. Compare Mystic S. S. Co. v. Stromland (C. C. A.) 20 F.(2d) 342, 344; The Ella Pierce Thurlow (D. C.) 15 F.(2d) 675, 676.

Under the regulations of the Navy Department, a "deserter" is one who is absent without leave and with a manifest intention not to return, while a "straggler" is one absent without leave, with the probability that he does not intend to desert, but, if his absence continues for 10 days, he becomes a deserter. Reed v. United States (C. C. A.) 252 F. 21, 22.

DESERTION. The act by which a person abandons and forsakes, without justification, or unauthorized, a station or condition of public or social life, renouncing its responsibilities and evading its duties.

In Matrimonial and Divorce Law


Constructive Desertion


Obstinate Desertion

See that title.

In Military Law

An offense which consists in the abandonment of his post and duties by a person commissioned or enlisted in the army or navy, without leave and with the intention not to return. Hollingsworth v. Shaw, 19 Ohio St. 452, 2 Am. Rep. 411; In re Sutherland (D. C.) 53 F. 551. There is a difference between desertion and simple "absence without leave;" in order to constitute the former, there must be an intention not to return to the service. Hanson v. South Scituate, 115 Mass. 335. See Deserter.

In Maritime Law

The act by which a seaman deserts and abandons a ship or vessel, in which he had engaged to perform a voyage, before the expiration of his time, and without leave. By desertion, in the maritime law, is meant, not
a mere unauthorized absence from the ship without leave, but an unauthorized absence from the ship, with an intention not to return to her service, or, as it is often expressed, *animus non revertendi*; that is, with an intention to desert. Coffin v. Jenkins, 3 Story, 103, Fed. Cas. No. 2,948; The Union (D. C.) 20 F. 533; The Mary C. Conery (D. C.) 9 F. 223; The George, 10 Fed. Cas. 204; The Italiar (C. C. A.) 277 F. 712, 714; The M. S. Elliott (C. C. A.) 277 F. 580; The Levi W. Ostrander (D. C.) 231 F. 968, 910.

DESERVING. Worthy or meritorious, without regard to condition or circumstances. In no sense of the word is it limited to persons in need of assistance, or objects which come within the class of charitable uses. Nichols v. Allen, 130 Mass. 211, 39 Am. Rep. 445.

DESHONORA. In Spanish law. Dishonor; injury; slander. Las Partidas, pt. 7, tit. 9, l. 1, 6.


As a term of art, the giving of a visible form to the conception of the mind, or invention. Binns v. Woodruff, 4 Wash. C. C. 48, Fed. Cas. No. 1,424.

In Evidence

Purpose or Intention, combined with plan, or implying a plan in the mind. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 331; State v. Grant, 86 Iowa, 216, 35 N. W. 120; Ernest v. State, 20 Fla. 388; Hogan v. State, 36 Wis. 226.

In Patent Law

The drawing or depiction of an original plan or conception for a novel pattern, model, shape, or configuration, to be used in the manufacturing or textile arts or the fine arts, and chiefly of a decorative or ornamental character. "Design patents" are contrasted with "utility patents," but equally involve the exercise of the inventive or originative faculty.


"Design, in the view of the patent law, is that characteristic of a physical substance which, by means of lines, images, configuration, and the like, taken as a whole, makes an impression, through the eye, upon the mind of the observer. The essence of a design resides not in the elements individually, nor in their method of arrangement, but in the total ensemble—in that indescribable whole that awakens some sensation in the observer's mind. Impressions thus imparted may be complex or simple; in one a mingled impression of gracefulness and strength, in another the impression of strength alone. But whatever the impression, there is attached in the mind of the observer, to the object observed, a sense of uniqueness and character." Pelo-ca Scale Co. v. American Cutlery Co., 102 F.


Designatio justiciariorum est a rege; jurisdictio vero ordinaria a lege. 4 Inst. 74. The appointment of justices is by the king, but their ordinary jurisdiction by the law.

DESIGNATIO PERSONAE. The description of a person or a party to a deed or contract. See, also, Descriptio Persone.

Designatio unius est exclusio alterius, et expressum factum cessare tacitum. Co. Litt. 210. The specifying of one is the exclusion of another, and that which is expressed makes that which is understood to cease. (The appointment or designation of one is the exclusion of the other; and that which is expressed prevails over that which is implied.)

DESIGNATION. An addition to a name, as of title, profession, trade, or occupation, to distinguish the person from others. Inglis v. Pentius, 102 Ohio St. 149, 131 N. E. 506, 511, 512.

A description or descriptive expression by which a person or thing is denoted in a will without using the name.

Thus, a bequest of the farm which the testator bought of a person named, or of a picture which he owns, painted by a certain artist, would be a designation of the thing.

Also, an appointment or assignment, as to a particular office. Santa Barbara County v. Janassens, 177 Cal. 114, 169 P. 1025, 1027, L. R. A. 1916C, 588; Cunio v. Franklin County, 315 Mo. 465, 288 S. W. 1007, 1008; Hendee v. City of Wildwood, 96 N. J. Law, 296, 114 A. 749, 750.


DESIGNED. Conceived or taken to be employed for a particular purpose. People v. Dorrington, 221 Mich. 571, 191 N. W. 851, 852. Fit, adapted, prepared, suitable, appropriate. Thomas v. State, 34 Okl. Cr. 48, 244 P. 816.


ters' Guardian v. Ranadell, 218 Ky. 287, 321 S. W. 399, 400.


The word "desire" may be as effective as if the word "devise" or "bequeath" had been used. Kepflinger v. Kepflinger, 186 Ind. 51, 113 N. E. 292, 293; In re Briggs' Estate, 156 Cal. 551, 199 P. 322, 324; In re Gellick's Will, 156 N. Y. S. 266, 267, 116 Misc. 109. The word "desire," in a will, raises a trust, where the objects of that desire are specified; Vanduyck v. Van Beuren, 1 Cal. (N. Y.) 84.

DESISTEMENT. The name of a doctrine under which the court, in construing a foreign will, applies the law of the forum on the theory that there is a hiatus. In re Tallmadge, 181 N. Y. S. 536, 541, 106 Misc. 696.

DESLINDE. A term used in the Spanish law, denoting the act by which the boundaries of an estate or portion of a country are determined.


DESPACHEURS. In maritime law. Persons appointed to settle cases of average.

DESPATCHES. Official communications of official persons on the affairs of government.

DESPERATE. Hopeless; worthless. This term is used in inventories and schedules of assets, particularly by executors, etc., to describe debts or claims which are considered impossible or hopeless of collection. See Schultz v. Pulver, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 305; Darrow v. Rohrer, 71 Colo. 417, 207 P. 861; Toll. Ex. 248; 2 Wms. Ex. 644; 1 Chitt. Pr. 580.

DESPERATE DEBT. A hopeless debt; an irrecoverable obligation.


DESPITUS. Contempt. See Despite. A contemptible person. Fleta, lb. 4, c. 5.

DESPOLI. This word involves, in its signification, violence or clandestine means by which one is deprived of that which he possesses. Its Spanish equivalent, despojar, is a term used in Mexican law. Sunol v. Hophurn, 1 Cal. 268.

DESPOLAR. A possessory action of the Mexican law. It is brought to recover possession of inmovable property, of which one has been despoleo (despojado) by another. See, also, Despol.

DESPONSATION. The act of betrothing persons to each other.

DESPORIO. In Spanish law. Espousals; mutual promises of future marriage. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 6, c. 1, § 1.

DESPOT. This word, in its original and most simple acceptance, signifies master and supreme lord; it is synonymous with monarch; but taken in bad part, as it is usually employed, it signifies a tyrant. In some states, deposit is the title given to the sovereign, as king is given in others. Enc. Lond.

DESPOTISM. That abuse of government where the sovereign power is not divided, but united in the hands of a single man, whatever may be his official title. It is not, properly, a form of government. Toulmin, Dr. Civ. Fr. tit. préf. n. 32; Rutherf. Inst. b. 1, c. 20, § 1. "Despotism" is not exactly synonymous with "autocracy," for the former involves the idea of tyranny or abuse of power, which is not necessarily implied by the latter. Every despotism is autocratic; but an autocracy is not necessarily despotic.

DESRENABLE. L. Fr. Unreasonable. Brit. c. 121.

DESSAISSEMENT. In French law. When a person is declared bankrupt, he is immediately deprived of the enjoyment and administration of all his property; this deprivation, which extends to all his rights, is called "dessaissement." Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 556.

DESTINATION. The purpose to which it is intended an article or a fund shall be applied. A testator gives a designation to a legacy when he prescribes the specific use to which it shall be put.

The port at which a ship is to end her voyage is called her "port of destination." Pardeusus, no. 600.

The phrases "port of destination" and "port of discharge" are not equivalent; U. S. v. Barker, 5 Mason 494, Fed. Cas. No. 14,536. See Sheridan v. Ireland, 66 Me. 55.

DESTITUTE OR NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES


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STANCES. Circumstances in which one needs the necessaries of life, which cover not only primitive physical needs, things absolutely indispensable to human existence and decency, but those things, also, which are in fact necessary to the particular person left without support. State v. Waller, 90 Kan. 829, 136 P. 215, 217, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 588.

A wife may be in “destitute or necessitous cir-
cumstances” though she is being given shelter and food by a child or by sympathizing relatives, friends, or strangers, if she does not have property or money available for such necessities or ordinary comforts of life as her husband can reasonably furnish. State v. Sharp, 111 A. 965, 969, 1 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 148; Brandel v. State, 161 Wis. 532, 154 N. W. 997.

Young children, without property, are in “desti-
tute or necessitous circumstances,” within the Deline-
ware Nensupport Act (Rev. Code 1915, §§ 3033-3066), when the father can, but does not, and the mother cannot out of her independent means, provide for them, though the mother and children are sup-
ported by the maternal grandmother or grand-

DESTROY. As used in policies of insurance, leases, and in maritime law, and under various statutes, this term is often applied to an act which renders the subject-useless for its Intended purpose, though it does not literally demolish or annihilate it. In re McCabe, 11 Pa. Super. Ct. 564; Solomon v. Kingston, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 564; Insurance Co. v. Feibelman, 118 Ala. 308, 23 So. 759; Spalding v. Munford, 37 Mo. App. 251; Friedman Bros. Holding Co. v. Nathan, 159 Minn. 101, 198 N. W. 460, 37 A. L. R. 1166; Davis v. Parker, 200 Ky. 847, 255 S. W. 836 (leased buildings); Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Commonwealth, 190 Ky. 78, 226 S. W. 115, 117 (railroad station); George v. McManus, 27 Cal. App. 414, 150 F. 73, 74 (auto-
mobile).

To “destroy” a vessel within the meaning of an act of congress means to unfit the vessel for service, beyond the hope of recovery by ordinary means. U. S. v. Johns, 1 Wash. C. C. 563, Fed. Cas. No. 15,831; U. S. v. Johns, 4 Dall. 412, 1 L. Ed. 888.

The contents of a glass and bottle, emptied, emptied into a pail of water immediately when accused saw two uniformed police officers enter his building, are “destroyed” within the meaning of a statute making it unlawful to secrete or destroy any fluids on premises being searched for the purpose of preventing seizure. Pitkunas v. State, 183 Wis. 90, 207 N. W. 191, 192.

In relation to wills, contracts, and other documents, the term “destroy” does not import the annihilation of the instrument or its resolution into other forms of matter, but a destruction of its legal efficacy, which may be by cancellation, obliterating, tearing into fragments, etc. Appeal of Evans, 58 Pa. 244; Allen v. State Bank, 21 N. C. 12; In re Gang-

DESTRUCTION. A term used in old English law, generally in connection with waste, and having, according to some, the same mean-
ing. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 385; 3 Bl. Comm. 223. Britton, however, makes a distinction between waste of woods and destruction of houses. Britton c. 66.

DESUBITO. To weary a person with con-
tinual barkings, and then to bite; spoken of dogs. Leg Alured. 26, cited in Cunningham’s Dict.

DESUETUDE. Disuse; cessation or discon-
tinuance of use;—especially in the phrase, “to fall into desuétude.” Applied to obso-

DETACHIARE. To seize or take into custody another’s goods or person by writ of attach-
ment or course of law. Cunningham.

DETAIL. An individual part, an item, a par-

cular. Board of Education of Prince George’s County v. County Com’rs of Prince George’s County, 151 Md. 658, 102 A. 1097, 1010.

One who belongs to the army, but is only detached, or set apart, for the time to some particular duty or service, and who is liable at any time to be recalled to his place in the ranks. In re Strawbridge, 39 Ala. 379.

DETAIN. To retain (as the possession of personality). First Nat. Bank v. Yocom, 96 Or. 458, 189 P. 220, 221.

DETAINER. The act (or the juridical fact) of withholding from a person lawfully enti-

tled the possession of land or goods, or the restraint of a man’s personal liberty against his will; detention.

The wrongful keeping of a person’s goods is called an “unlawful detainer” although the original taking may have been lawful. As, if one distrains another’s cattle, damage peaceant, and before they are impounded the owner tenders sufficient amends; now, though the original taking was lawful, the sub-
sequent detention of them after tender of amends is not lawful, and the owner has an action of re-
prieve to recover them, in which he will recover damages for the detention, and not for the caption, because the original taking was lawful. 3 Steph. Comm. 548.

In Practice

A writ or instrument, issued or made by a com-
petent officer, authorizing the keeper of a prison to keep in his custody a person therein named. A detainer may be lodged against one within the walls of a prison, on what account
soever he is there. Com. Dig. "Process," B, (3 B.) This writ was superseded by 1 & 2 Vict. c. 110, §§ 1, 2.

Foreseeable Detainer
See that title.

DETAINMENT. This term is used in policies of marine insurance, in the clause relating to "arrests, restraints, and detainments." The last two words are construed as equivalents, each meaning the effect of superior force operating directly on the vessel. Schmidt v. Insurance Co., 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 262, 3 Am. Dec. 319; Bradle v. Insurance Co., 12 Pet. 402, 9 L. Ed. 1123; Simpson v. Insurance Co., Dudd. Law (S. C.) 242.

DETECTIVE. One whose business it is to watch, and furnish information concerning, alleged wrongdoers by investigating their haunts and habits. One whose business it is to detect criminals or discover matters of secret and pernicious import for the protection of the public. Smith v. S. H. Kress & Co., 210 Ala. 436, 98 So. 378, 380.

Private Detective

DETECTOR. Any device, or piece of apparatus, which, when energized, actuated, or acted upon by or by means of the so-called Hertzian waves, enable men, through the senses of hearing or sight, to understand signals based upon the intentionally regulated emission or propagation of the waves aforesaid. Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of America v. De Forest Radio Telephone & Telegraph Co. (C. C. A.) 243 F. 560, 561. In wireless telegraphy, the "detector" or "coherer" and "wave responsive device" is a device by which the electromagnetic waves cause the indicator to respond. National Electric Signaling Co. v. Telefunken Wireless Telegraph Co. of United States (C. C. A.) 221 F. 629, 631.

DETENTIO. In the civil law. That condition of fact under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure, to the exclusion of all others. It forms the substance of possession in all its varieties. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 238.

DETENTION. The act of keeping back or withholding, either accidentally or by design, a person or thing. See Detainer.

DETENTION IN A REFORMATORY, as a punishment or measure of prevention, is where a juvenile offender is sentenced to be sent to a reformatory school, to be there detained for a certain period of time. 1 Russ. Crimes, 82.

DETERIORATION. Of a commodity, a constitutional hurt or impairment, involving some degeneration in the substance of the thing, such as that arising from decay, corrosion, or disintegration. The mere soiling of a commodity with sea water or other foreign substance, resulting in a purely superficial hurt or impairment removable by the simple process of cleansing, cannot be said to be "deterioration" within the ordinary meaning of that term. Rosen-Reichardt Brokerage Co. v. London Assur. Corporation, 214 Mo. App. 672, 294 S. W. 435, 436.


DETERMINABLE. LIABLE to come to an end upon the happening of a certain contingency. 2 Bl. Comm. 121.


As to determinable "Fee" and "Freehold," see those titles.

DETERMINE. That which is ascertained; what is particularly designated.

DETERMINE OBLIGATION. See Obligation.


DETERMINATION OF WILL. A phrase used of the putting an end to an estate at will. 2 Bl. Comm. 146.

DETERMINE. To come to an end. To bring to an end. 2 Bl. Comm. 121; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 380.


To estimate. Twin Falls Salmon River Land & Water Co. v. Caldwell (C. C. A.) 242 F. 177, 184.

DETESTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A summoning made, or notice given, in the presence of witnesses, (demaniatio facta cum testatione.) Dig. 50, 16, 40.

DETINET. Lat. He detains. In old English law. A species of action of debt, which lay for the specific recovery of goods, under a contract to deliver them. 1 Reeves, Eng. Law, 159.
DETRIMENT. Any loss or harm suffered in person or property; e. g., the consideration for a contract may consist not only in a payment or other thing of value given, but also in loss or "detriment" suffered by the promisee. Civ. Code Mont. 1895, § 4271 (Rev. Codes 1921, § 8600); Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 2287 (Comp. Laws 1929, § 1960); Rev. Stat. Okl. 1905, § 2724 (St. 1931, § 9807). In that connection, "detriment" means that the promisee has, in return for the promise, forborne some legal right which he otherwise would have been entitled to exercise: Harp v. Hamilton (Tex. Civ. App.) 177 S. W. 565, 568; Wallace v. Cook, 190 Ky. 262, 227 S. W. 279, 281; or that he has given up something which he had a right to keep, or done something which he had a right not to do. Wit v. Commercial Hotel Co., 253 Mass. 564, 149 N. E. 609, 612.

DETRIFICARE. To discover or lay open to the world. Matt. Wesm. 1240.

DEUNX, pl. DEUNCES. Lat. In the Roman law. A division of the as, containing eleven unciae or duodecimal parts; the proportion of eleven-twelveths. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note. See As.

Deus solus heredem facere potest, non homo. God alone, and not man, can make an heir. Co. Litt. 76; Broom, Max. 516; 5 B. & C. 440, 454.

DEUTEROGAMY. The act, or condition, of one who marries after the death of a former wife or husband.

DEVADIATUS, or DIVADIATUS. An offender without sureties or pledges. Cowell.

DEVASTATION. Wasteful use of the property of a deceased person, as for extravagant funeral or other unnecessary expenses. 2 Bl. Comm. 508.

DEVASTEVERUNT. They have wasted. A term applied in old English law to waste by executors and administrators, and to the process issued against them therefor. Cowell. See Devastavit.

DEVASTAVIT. Lat. He has wasted. The act of an executor or administrator in wasting the goods of the deceased; mismanagement of the estate by which a loss occurs; a breach of trust or misappropriation of assets held in a fiduciary character; any violation or neglect of duty by an executor or administrator, involving loss to the decedent's estate, which makes him personally responsible to heirs, creditors, or legatees. Chit v. White, 12 N. Y. 331; Beardsley v. Marsteller, 120 Ind. 319, 22 N. E. 315; Steel v. Holladay, 20 Or. 70, 25 P. 69, 10 L. R. A. 670; Dawes v. Boylston, 9 Mass. 323, 6 Am. Dec. 72; McGlaughlin v. McGlaughlin, 43 W. Va. 226, 27 S. E. 376.
Also, if plaintiff, in an action against an executor or administrator, has obtained judgment, the usual execution runs de bonis testatoris; but, if the sheriff returns to such a writ nulla bona testatoris nec propriis, the plaintiff may, forthwith, upon this return, sue out an execution against the property or person of the executor or administrator, in as full a manner as in an action against him, sued in his own right. Such a return is called a "devastavit." Brown.

DEVELOP. To progress to a more advanced state or condition, as an injury. Rabin v. Central Business Men's Ass'n, 116 Kan. 250, 226 P. 764, 766, 38 A. L. R. 28. To bring, or attempt to bring, to a state of fruition; to continue the work in hand, as in operating under an oil and gas lease, in a manner that would discover oil, if it existed, and promote its production. Lacer v. Sumpter, 198 Ky. 752, 249 S. W. 1026, 1027. See, also, Buckeye Mining Co. v. Powers, 43 Idaho, 532, 237 P. 833, 834; McClung v. Paradise Gold Mining Co., 164 Cal. 517, 129 P. 774, 776.

DEVENERUNT. A writ, now obsolete, directed to the king's escheators when any of the king's tenants in capite dies, and when his heir dies within age and in the king's custody, commanding the escheators, that by the oaths of twelve good and lawful men they shall inquire what lands or tenements by the death of the tenant have come to the king. Dyer, 360; Termes de la Ley; Kelk, 190 a; Blount; Cowell.

DEVEST. To deprive; to take away; to withdraw. Usually spoken of an authority, power, property, or title; as the estate is devested.

Devest is opposite to invest. As to invest signifies to deliver the possession of anything to another, so to devest signifies to take it away. Jacob.

It is sometimes written "divest" but "devest" has the support of the best authority. Burrill.

DEVIEATION. In Insurance
Any unnecessary or unexcused departure from the usual or general mode of carrying on the voyage insured. 15 Amer. Law Rev. 108.


In Contracts
A change made in the progress of a work from the original terms or design or method agreed upon.

In the Law of Master and Servant
A departure on the part of a servant from his master's service, for some purpose of his own. The liability of the master to third persons injured by the servant depends on the degree of deviation and all the attending circumstances. 39 C. J. 1297. To exonerate the master, the deviation must be so substantial as to amount to an entire departure, and must be for purposes entirely personal to the servant. Thomas v. Lockwood Oil Co. 174 Wis. 456, 182 N. W. 811, 813. As to a distinction between "deviation," "temporary abandonment," and "complete abandonment," see Dockweiler v. American Piano Co., 94 Misc. 712, 160 N. Y. S. 270, 273.

DEVICE. An invention or contrivance; any result of design; as in the phrase "gambling device," which means a machine or contrivance of any kind for the playing of an unlawful game of chance or hazard. State v. Blackstone, 115 Mo. 424, 22 S. W. 370. Also, a plan or project; a scheme to trick or deceive; a statagem or artifice; as in the laws relating to fraud and cheating. State v. Smith, 82 Minn. 342, 85 N. W. 12; State v. Whitehouse, 123 Wash. 461, 212 P. 1043, 1044; Kinnine v. State, 106 Ark. 337, 163 S. W. 264, 265. Also an emblem, pictorial representation, or distinguishing mark or sign of any kind; as in the laws prohibiting the marking of ballots used in public elections with "any device." Baxter v. Ellis, 111 N. C. 124, 15 S. E. 985, 17 L. R. A. 582; Owca v. State, 64 Tex. 509; Steele v. Calhoun, 61 Miss. 550.

In a statute against gaming devices, this term is to be understood as meaning something formed by design, a contrivance, an invention. It is to be distinguished from "substitute," which means
something put in the place of another thing, or used instead of something else. Henderson v. State, 59 Ala. 91.

In Patent Law

A plan or contrivance, or an application, adjustment, shaping, or combination of materials or members, for the purpose of accomplishing a particular result or serving a particular use, chiefly by mechanical means and usually simple in character or not highly complex, but involving the exercise of the inventive faculty.

DEVIL ON THE NECK. An instrument of torture, formerly used to extort confessions, etc. It was made of several irons, which were fastened to the neck and legs, and wrenched together so as to break the back. Cowell.

DEVILLING. A term used in London of a barrister recently admitted to the bar, who assists a junior barrister in his professional work, without compensation and without appearing in any way in the matter.

DEVISABLE. Capable of being devised. 1 Pow. Dev. 165; 2 Bl. Comm. 375.

DEVISAVIT VEL NON. In practice. The name of an issue sent out of a court of chancery, or one which exercises chancellor jurisdiction, to a court of law, to try the validity of a paper asserted and denied to be a will, to ascertain whether or not the testator did devise, or whether or not that paper was his will. 7 Brown, Parl. Cas. 437; 2 Atk. 424; Assay v. Hoover, 5 Pa. 21, 45 Am. Dec. 713.


Classification

Devises are contingent or vested; that is, after the death of the testator. Contingent, when the vesting of any estate in the devisee is made to depend upon some future event, in which case, if the event never occur, or until it does occur, no estate vests under the devise. But, when the future event is referred to merely to determine the time at which the devisee shall come into the use of the estate, this does not hinder the vesting of the estate at the death of the testator. 1 Jarm. Wills, c. 26. Devises are also classed as general or specific. A general devise is one which passes lands of the testator without a particular enumeration or description of them; as, a devise of "all my lands" or "all my other lands."

In a more restricted sense, a general devise is one which grants a parcel of land without the addition of any words to show how great an estate is meant to be given, or without words indicating either a grant in perpetuity or a grant for a limited term; in this case it is construed as granting a life estate. Hitch v. Patten, 8 Houst. (Del.) 334, 16 A. 558, 2 L. R. A. 724. Specific devises are devises of lands particularly specified in the terms of the devise, as opposed to general and residuary devises of land, in which the local or other particular descriptions are not expressed. For example, "I devise my Hennd Hall estate" is a specific devise; but "I devise all my lands," or "all other my lands," is a general devise or a residuary devise. But all devises are (in effect) specific, even residuary devises being so. L. R. 3 Ch. 429; Id. 138. At common law, all devises of land were deemed to be "specific" whether the land was identified in the devise or passed under the residuary clause. In re Sutton's Estate, 11 Del. Ch. 460, 97 A. 624, 626. A gift is specific when there is a bequest of a particular thing specified and distinguished from all others of the same kind which would immediately vest with the assent of the executor, and such gift can be satisfied by delivering only the particular thing specified. In re Wood's Estate, 267 Pa. 462, 110 A. 90, 91. A conditional devise is one which depends upon the occurrence of some uncertain event, by which it is either to take effect or be defeated. Civ. Code Cal. § 1345. An executory devise of lands is such a disposition of them by will that thereby no estate vests at the death of the devisor, but only on some future contingency. It differs from a remainder in three very material points: (1) That it needs not any particular estate to support it; (2) that by it a fee-simple or other less estate may be limited after a fee-simple; (3) that by this means a remainder may be limited of a chattel interest, after a particular estate for life created in the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 172. In a stricter sense, a limitation by will of a future contingent interest in lands, contrary to the rules of the common law. 4 Kent, Comm. 263; 1 Steph. Comm. 564; Dean v. Crews, 77 Fla. 319, 51 So. 479. A limitation by will of a future estate or interest in land, which cannot, consistently with the rules of law, take effect as a remainder. c. 2, Pow. Dev. (by Jarm.) 237; Bean v. Atkins, 87 Vt. 376, 50 A. 643, 646. See Poor v. Considine, 6 Wall. 474, 18 L. Ed. 869; Bristol v. Atwater, 50 Conn. 406; Mangum v. Piester, 16 S. C. 325; Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 3339; Thompson v. Hoop, 6 Ohio St. 487; Burleigh v. Clough, 52 N. H. 273, 13 Am. Rep. 23; In re Brown's Estate, 38 Pa. 294; Glover v. Condell, 168 Ill. 506, 45 N. E. 173, 35 L. R. A. 380. A future interest taking effect as a fee in derogation of a defeasible fee devised or conveyed to the first taker, when created by will, is an "executory devise," and, when created by deed, is a "conditional limitation," and in either event is
given effect as a shifting or springing use. McWilliams v. Havely, 214 Ky. 520, 285 S. W. 108, 104.

The estates known as a contingent remainder and an “executory devise” are fundamentally distinguishable. Both are interests or estates in land to take effect in the future and depend upon a future contingency; an “executory devise” being an interest such as the rules of law will not permit to be created in conveyances, but will allow in case of wills. It follows a fee estate created by a will. A contingent remainder may be created by will or other conveyance and must follow a particular or temporary estate created by the same instrument of conveyance. Wilkins v. Rowan, 107 Neb. 180, 185 N. W. 437, 439. Lapsed devise. A devise which fails, or takes no effect, in consequence of the death of the devisee before the testator; the subject-matter of it being considered as not disposed of by the will. 1 Steph. Comm. 559; 4 Kent, Comm. 541. Murphy v. McKean, 53 N. J. Eq. 405, 52 A. 374. Residuary devise. A devise of all the residue of the testator’s real property, that is, all that remains over and above the other devises.

Synonyms

The term “devise” is properly restricted to real property, and is not applicable to testamentary dispositions of personal property, which are properly called “bequests” or “legacies.” But this distinction will not be allowed in law to defeat the purpose of a testator; and all of these terms may be construed interchangeably or applied indifferently to either real or personal property, if the context shows that such was the intention of the testator. Ladd v. Harvey, 21 N. H. 528; Borgner v. Brown, 135 Ind. 689, 35 N. E. 52; Outhour v. Rogers, 50 Hun. 77, 37 N. Y. S. 120; McCorkle v. Sherrill, 41 N. C. 176; Wilson v. Wilson, 261 Ill. 174, 108 N. E. 743, 745; In re Breen’s Estate, 94 Kan. 474, 146 P. 1147, 4 A. L. R. 238; Miller v. Bower, 260 Pa. 349, 108 A. 727, 729; Utica Trust & Deposit Co. v. Thompson, 87 Misc. 81, 149 N. Y. S. 352, 403; Mockler v. Long, 5 N. J. Misc. 987, 139 A. 47, 49; In re McGovern’s Estate, 77 Mont. 182, 250 P. 812, 817; Johnson v. Talman, 99 N. J. Eq. 762, 134 A. 337, 358; Maibaum v. Union Trust Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 291 S. W. 924, 928; Neblett v. Smith, 142 Va. 840, 128 S. E. 247, 251.

To contrive; plan; scheme; invent; prepare. Stockton v. United States (C. C. A.) 205 F. 462, 464, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 936.

DEVISEER. The person to whom lands or other real property are devised or given by will. 1 Pow. Dev. c. 7. In re Lewis’ Estate, 39 Nev. 445, 159 P. 961, 962, 18 A. L. R. 241.

Residuary Devisee

The person named in a will, who is to take all the real property remaining over and above the other devises.

DEVISOR. A giver of lands or real estate by will; the maker of a will of lands; a testator.

DEVOIR. Fr. Duty. It is used in the statute of 2 Rich. II. c. 3, in the sense of duties or customs.

DEVOLUTION. The transfer or transition from one person to another of a right, liability, title, estate, or office. Francisco v. Aguirre, 94 Cal. 180, 29 P. 495; Owen v. Insurance Co., 10 N. Y. S. 76, 56 Hun, 465.

In Ecclesiastical Law

The forfeiture of a right or power (as the right of presentation to a living) in consequence of its non-user by the person holding it, or of some other act or omission on his part, and its resulting transfer to the person next entitled.

In Scotch Law

The transference of the right of purchase, from the highest bidder at an auction sale, to the next highest, when the former fails to pay his bid or furnish security for its payment within the time appointed. Also, the reference of a matter in controversy to a third person (called “oversman”) by two arbitrators to whom it has been submitted and who are unable to agree.

DEVOLUTIVE APPEAL. In the law of Louisiana, one which does not suspend the execution of the judgment appealed from. State v.Allen, 51 La. Ann. 1542, 26 So. 494.

DEVOLVE. To pass or be transferred from one person to another; to fall on, or accrue to, one person as the successor of another; as a title, right, office, liability. The term is said to be peculiarly appropriate to the passing of an estate from a person dying to a person living. Parr v. Parr, 1 Mylne & K. 648; Babcock v. Maxwell, 29 Mont. 31, 74 P. 64; Fitzpatrick v. McAllister, 121 Okt. 83, 248 P. 597, 573; People ex rel. Robin v. Hayes, 149 N. Y. S. 250, 252, 163 App. Div. 725. See Devolution.

DEVULCANIZE. Of rubber. A more or less perfect restoration of vulcanized rubber to a state in which it might be used as crude rubber. Philadelphia Rubber Works Co. v. Portage Rubber Co. (D. C.) 227 F. 623, 627.

DEVY. L. Fr. Dies; deceases. Bendloe, 5.

DEXTANS. Lat. In Roman law. A division of the as, consisting of ten unciae; ten-twelfths, or five-sixths. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m.

DEXTARIUS. One at the right hand of another.

DEXTRAS DARE. To shake hands in token of friendship; or to give up oneself to the power of another person.
DI COLONNA. In maritime law. The contract which takes place between the owner of a ship, the captain, and the mariners, who agree that the voyage shall be for the benefit of all. The term is used in the Italian law. Emerig. Mar. Loans. § 5.

DI, ET FI. L. Lat. In old writs. An abbreviation of dico et fidei, (to his beloved and faithful.)

DIACONATE. The office of a deacon.

DIACONUS. A deacon.

DIAGNOSIS. A medical term, meaning the discovery of the source of a patient's illness or the determination of the nature of his disease from a study of its symptoms. Said to be little more than a guess enlightened by experience. Swan v. Railroad Co., 29 N. Y. 337, 79 Hun, 612; People v. Jordan, 172 Cal. 391, 156 P. 451, 454.

DIAGONAL. n. A right line drawn from the one angle to another not adjacent of a figure of four or more sides and dividing it into two parts. Semerad v. Dunn County, 35 N. D. 437, 160 N. W. 855, 858.

DIAGONAL, adj. Joining two not adjacent angles of a quadrilateral or multilateral figure running across from corner to corner; crossing at an angle with one of the sides. Semerad v. Dunn County, 35 N. D. 437, 160 N. W. 855, 858.

DIALECTICS. That branch of logic which teaches the rules and modes of reasoning.

DIALLAGGE. A rhetorical figure in which arguments are placed in various points of view, and then turned to one point. Enc. Lond.

DIALOGUS DE SCACCARIO. Dialogue of or about the exchequer. An ancient treatise on the court of exchequer, attributed by some to Gervase of Tilbury, by others to Richard Fitz Nigel, bishop of London in the reign of Richard I. It is quoted by Lord Coke under the name of Ockham. Crabb, Eng. Law, 71.

DIANATIC. A logical reasoning in a progressive manner, proceeding from one subject to another. Enc. Lond.

DIARIUM. Daily food, or as much as will suffice for the day. Du Cange.

DIATIM. In old records. Daily; every day; from day to day. Spelman.

DICA. In old English law. A tally for accounts, by number of cuts, (taillées,) marks, or notches. Cowell. See Taillia; Tally.

DICAST. An officer in ancient Greece answering in some respects to our jurymen, but combining, on trials had before them, the functions of both judge and jury. The dicasts sat together in numbers varying, according to the importance of the case, from one to five hundred.

DICE. Small cubes of bone or ivory, marked with figures or devices on their several sides, used in playing certain games of chance. See Wetmore v. State, 55 Ala. 198.

DICTATE. To order or instruct what is to be said or written. To pronounce, word by word, what is meant to be written by another. Hamilton v. Hamilton, 6 Mart. (N. S.) (La.) 143. See Dictation.

DICTATION. In Louisiana, this term is used in a technical sense, and means to pronounce orally what is destined to be written at the same time by another. It is used in reference to nuncupative wills. Prendergast v. Prendergast, 16 La. Ann. 220, 79 Am. Dec. 575; Civ. Code La., art. 1578. The dictation of a will refers to the substance, and not the style, and it is sufficient if the will, as written, conveys the identity of thought expressed by the testator, though not the identity of words used by him. Succession of Beatle, 163 La. 831, 112 So. 802, 803.

DICTATOR. A magistrate invested with unlimited power, and created in times of national distress and peril. Among the Romans, he continued in office for six months only, and had unlimited power and authority over both the property and lives of the citizens.

DICTATORSHIP OF PROLETARIAT. The class power of the revolutionary proletariat (unskilled laborers without property) arising upon destruction of the state. People v. Gitlow, 224 N. Y. 323, 156 N. E. 317, 322.

DICTORES. Arbitrators.

DICTUM. In General
A statement, remark, or observation. Gratia dictum; a gratuitous or voluntary representation; one which a party is not bound to make. 2 Kent, Comm. 456. Simples dictum; a mere assertion; an assertion without proof. Bract, fol. 320.

The word is generally used as an abbreviated form of obiter dictum, "a remark by the way;" that is, an observation or remark made by a judge in pronouncing an opinion upon a cause, concerning some rule, principle, or application of law, or the solution of a question suggested by the case at bar, but not necessarily involved in the case or essential to its determination; any statement of the law enunciated by the court merely by way of illustration, argument, analogy, or suggestion. See Railroad Co. v. Schutte, 103 U. S. 118, 145, 26 L. Ed. 327; In re Woodruff (D. C.) 96 Fed. 317; Hart v. Stribling, 25 Fla. 433, 6 So. 465; Buchner v. Railroad Co., 60 Wis. 285, 29 N. W. 36; Rush v. French, 1 Ariz. 99, 25 P. 816; State v. Clarke, 3 Nev. 572; Lister v. Lister, 86 N. J. Eq. 30, 97 A. 170, 174; Grigsby v. Reib, 105 Tex. 597, 153
DIEI DICTIO. Lat. In Roman law. This name was given to a notice promulgated by a magistrate of his intention to present an impeachment against a citizen before the people, specifying the day appointed, the name of the accused, and the crime charged.

DIEM CLAUSIT EXTREMUM. (Lat. He has closed his last day,—died.) A writ which formerly lay on the death of a tenant in capite, to ascertain the lands of which he died seized, and reclaim them into the king’s hands. It was directed to the king’s escheators. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 251, K; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 327.

A writ awarded out of the exchequer after the death of a crown debtor, the sheriff being commanded by it to inquire by a jury when and where the crown debtor died, and what chattels, debts, and lands he had at the time of his decease, and to take and seize them into the crown’s hands. 4 Steph. Comm. 47, 48.

DIES. Lat. A day; days. Days for appearance in court. Provisions or maintenance for a day. The king’s rents were anciently reserved by so many days’ provisions. Spelman; Cowell; Blount.

DIES A QUO. (The day from which.) In the civil law. The day from which a transaction begins; the commencement of it; the conclusion being the dies ad quem. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 185.

DIES AMORIS. A day of favor. The name given to the appearance day of the term on the fourth day, or quarto die post. It was the day given by the favor and indulgence of the court to the defendant for his appearance, when all parties appeared in court, and had their appearance recorded by the proper officer. Wharton.

DIES CEDIT. The day begins; dies venit, the day has come. Two expressions in Roman law which signify the vesting or fixing of an interest, and the interest becoming a present one. Sandars’ Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 225, 232.

DIES COMMUNES IN BANCO. Regular days for appearance in court; called, also “common return-days.” 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 57.

DIES DATU S. A day given or allowed, (to a defendant in an action;) amounting to a continuance. But the name was appropriate only to a continuance before a declaration filed; if afterwards allowed, it was called an “impairance.”

DIES DATUS IN BANCO. A day given in the bench, (or court of common pleas.) Bract. fols. 257b, 361. A day given in bank, as distinguished from a day at nisi prius. Co. Litt. 135.

DIES DATU S PARTIBUS. A day given to the parties to an action; an adjournment or continuance. Crabb, Eng. Law, 217.

DIES DOMINICUS. The Lord's day; Sunday.

Dies dominicus non est juridicus. Sunday is not a court day, or day for judicial proceedings, or legal purposes. Co. Litt. 135a; Noy, Max. 2; Wing. Max. 7, max. 5; Broom, Max. 21.

DIES EXCRESCENS. In old English law. The added or increasing day in leap year. Bract. fol. 359, 359b.

DIES FASTI. In Roman law. Days on which the courts were open, and justice could be legally administered; days on which it was lawful for the praetor to pronounce (fari) the three words, "do," "diug," "addsca." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 39, and note; 3 Bl. Comm. 424, note; Calvin. Hence called "trivialdays," answering to the dies juridici of the English law.

DIES FERIAI. In the civil law. Holidays. Dig. 2, 12, 2, 9.

DIES GRATIAE. In old English practice. A day of grace, courtesy, or favor. Co. Litt. 134b. The quarto die post was sometimes so called. Id. 135a.

Dies inceptus pro completo habetur. A day begun is held as complete.

Dies incertus pro conditione habetur. An uncertain day is held as a condition.

DIES INTERCISI. In Roman law. Divided days; days on which the courts were open for a part of the day. Calvin.

DIES JURIDICUS. A lawful day for the transaction of judicial or court business; a day on which the courts are or may be open for the transaction of business. Didsbury v. Van Tassell, 56 Hun, 423, 10 N. Y. Supp. 32.

DIES LEGITIMUS. In the civil and old English law. A lawful or lawful day; a term day; a day of appearance.

DIES MARCHIÆ. In old English law. The day of meeting of English and Scotch, which was annually held on the marches or borders to adjust their differences and preserve peace.

DIES NEFASTI. In Roman law. Days on which the courts were closed, and it was unlawful to administer justice; answering to the dies non juridici of the English law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 39, note.

DIES NON. An abbreviation of Dies non juridicus, (q. v.)

DIES NON JURIDICUS. In practice. A day not juridical; not a court day. A day on which courts are not open for business, such as Sundays and some holidays. Havens v. Stiles, 8 Idaho, 250, 67 P. 921, 56 L. R. A. 736, 101 Am. St. Rep. 136; State v. Riccettas, 74 N. C. 193.

DIES PACIS. (Days of peace.) The year was formerly divided into the days of the peace of the church and the days of the peace of the king, including in the two divisions all the days of the year. Crabb, Eng. Law, 35.

DIES SOLARIS. In old English law. A solar day, as distinguished from what was called "dies lunaris," (a lunar day:) both composing an artificial day. Bract. fol. 264. See Day.

DIES SOLIS. In the civil and old English law. Sunday, (literally, the day of the sun.) See Cod. 3, 12, 7.

DIES UTILES. Juridical days; useful or available days. A term of the Roman law, used to designate those especial days occurring within the limits of a prescribed period of time upon which it was lawful, or possible, to do a specific act.

DIET. A general legislative assembly is sometimes so called on the continent of Europe.

In Scotch Practice

The sitting of a court. An appearance day. A day fixed for the trial of a criminal cause. A criminal cause as prepared for trial.

DIETA. A day's journey; a day's work; a day's expenses.

DIETS OF COMPEARANCE. In Scotch law. The days within which parties in civil and criminal prosecutions are cited to appear. Bell.

DIEU ET MON DROIT. Fr. God and my right. The motto of the royal arms of England, first assumed by Richard I.

DIEU SON ACTE. L. Fr. In old law. God his act; God's act. An event beyond human foresight or control. Termes de la Ley.

DIFFACERE. To destroy; to disembowel; to deface.


Difficile est ut unus homo vicem duorum sustineat. 4 Coke, 118. It is difficult that one man should sustain the place of two.

DIFFICULT. For the meaning of the phrase "difficult and extraordinary case," as used

DIFFORCIARE. In old English law. To deny, or keep from one. Difforciare rectum, to deny justice to any one, after having been required to do it.

DIFFUSE. To spread widely; scatter; disperse. Ex parte Hinkelman, 183 Cal. 392, 191 P. 682, 683, 11 A. L. R. 1222.

DIGAMA, or DIGAMY. Second marriage; marriage to a second wife after the death of the first; "bigamy." In law, is having two wives at once. Originally, a man who married a widow, or married again after the death of his wife, was said to be guilty of bigamy. Co. Litt. 408, note.

DIGEST. A collection or compilation, embodying the chief matter of numerous books in one, disposed under proper heads or titles, and usually by an alphabetical arrangement, for facility in reference.

As a legal term, "digest" is to be distinguished from "abridgment." The latter is a summary or epitome of the contents of a single work, in which, as a rule, the original order or sequence of parts is preserved, and in which the principal labor of the compiler is in the manner of consolidation. A digest is wider in its scope; is made up of quotations or paraphrased passages; and has its own system of classification and arrangement. An "index" merely points out the places where particular matters may be found, without purporting to give such matters in extenso. A "treatise" or "commentary" is not a compilation, but an original composition, though it may include quotations and excerpts.

A reference to the "Digest," or "Dig.," is always understood to designate the Digest (or Pandects) of Justinian collection; that being the digest par omminece, and the authoritative compilation of the Roman law.

The American Digest System embraces the Century, First, Second, Third Decennials, and Current Digest. It covers the decisions of all American courts of last resort, State and Federal, from 1638 to date, under one uniform classification. The First Decennial, Second Decennial, Third Decennial, and Current Digest, are Key-Numbered. There is also the Federal Digest, covering volumes 1-500 of the Federal Reporter and volumes 1-44 of the Supreme Court Reporter. Subsequent 15 volume digests bring it to date.


DIGESTS. The ordinary name of the Pandects of Justinian, which are now usually cited by the abbreviation "Dig." Instead of "Ft.,” as formerly. Sometimes called "Digest," in the singular.

DIGGING. Has been held as synonymous with "excavating," and not confined to the removal of earth. Sherman v. New York, 1 N. Y. 316.

DIGNITARY. In canon law. A person holding an ecclesiastical benefice or dignity, which gave him some pre-eminence above mere priests and canons. To this class exclusively belonged all bishops, deans, archdeacons, etc.; but it now includes all the prebendaries and canons of the church. Brande.

DIGNITY. In English law. An honor; a title, station, or distinction of honor. Dignities are a species of incorporeal hereditaments, in which a person may have a property or estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 37; 1 Bl. Comm. 896; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 468, et seq.

DIJUDICATION. Judicial decision or determination.

DIKING. Leveling land in arid regions, particularly sagebrush land. An essential operation in the conversion of such land into farms or orchards. Craig v. Crystal Realty Co., 89 Or. 26, 173 P. 322, 325.

DILACION. In Spanish law. A space of time granted to a party to a suit in which to answer a demand or produce evidence of a disputed fact.

DILAPIDATION. A species of ecclesiastical waste which occurs whenever the incumbent suffers any edifices of his ecclesiastical living to go to ruin or decay. It is either voluntary, by pulling down, or permissive, by suffering the church, parsonage-houses, and other buildings thereunto belonging, to decay. And the remedy for either lies either in the spiritual court, where the canon law prevails, or in the courts of common law. It is also held to be good cause of deprivation if the bishop, parson, or other ecclesiastical person dilapidates buildings or cuts down timber growing on the patrimony of the church, unless for necessary repairs; and that a writ of prohibition will also lie against him in the common-law courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 91.

The term is also used, in the law of landlord and tenant, to signify the neglect of necessary repairs to a building, or suffering it to fall into a state of decay, or the pulling down of the building or any part of it. Wall Estate Co. v. Standard Box Co., 20 Cal. App. 311, 125 P. 1020, 1021.

Dilaciones in lege sunt odiosae. Delays in law are odious. Branch, Princ.

DILATORY. Tending or intended to cause delay or to gain time or to put off a decision.
DILATORY DEFENSE. In chancery practice. One the object of which is to dismiss, suspend, or obstruct the suit, without touching the merits, until the impediment or obstacle insisted on shall be removed. 3 Bl. Comm. 301, 302.

DILATORY PLEAS. A class of defenses at common law, founded on some matter of fact not connected with the merits of the case, but such as might exist without impeaching the right of action itself. They were either pleas to the jurisdiction, showing that, by reason of some matter therein stated, the case was not within the jurisdiction of the court; or pleas in suspension, showing some matter of temporary incapacity to proceed with the suit; or pleas in abatement, showing some matter for abatement or quashing the declaration. 3 Steph. Comm. 576. Parks v. McCellan, 44 N. J. Law, 555; Mahoney v. Loan Ass'n (C. C.) 70 Fed. 515; Shaw v. Southern Ry. Co., 17 Ga. App. 78, 86 S. E. 95; Hill v. Cox, 151 Ga. 599, 107 S. E. 890, 891.

DILIGENCE. Prudence; vigilant activity; attentiveness; or care, of which there are infinite shades, from the slightest momentous thought to the most vigilant anxiety. Buchanan & Smock Lumber Co. v. Einstein, 87 N. J. Law, 307, 93 A. 716, 717; United States v. Midway Northern Oil Co. (D. C.) 232 F. 619, 626; People v. Fay, 82 Cal. App. 62, 255 P. 239, 242; Paterson Glass Co. v. Goldstein, 3 N. J. Misc. 53, 129 A. 422, 425; People v. Howitt, 78 Cal. App. 426, 248 P. 1021, 1024. The law recognizes only three degrees of diligence: (1) Common or ordinary, which men, in general, exert in respect of their own concerns; the standard is necessarily variable with respect to the facts, although it may be uniform with respect to the principle. (2) High or great, which is extraordinary diligence, or that which very prudent persons take of their own concerns. (3) Low or slight, which is that which persons of less than common prudence, or indeed of no prudence at all, take of their own concerns. Brown & Flowers v. Central of Georgia Ry. Co., 197 Ala. 71, 72 So. 366, 367.

The civil law is in perfect conformity with the common law. It lays down three degrees of diligence,—ordinary, (diligentia:) extraordinary, (exactissima diligentia:) slight, (levissima diligentia.) Story, Balm. 19.

There may be a high degree of diligence, a common degree of diligence, and a slight degree of diligence, with these corresponding degrees of negligence, and these can be clearly enough defined for all practical purposes, and, with a view to the business of life, seem to be all that are really necessary. Common or ordinary diligence is that degree of diligence which men in general exercise in respect to their own concerns; high or great diligence is of course extraordinary diligence, or that which very prudent persons take of their own concerns; and low or slight diligence is that which persons of less than common prudence, or indeed of any prudence at all, take of their own concerns.

Ordinary negligence is the want of ordinary diligence; slight, or less than ordinary, negligence is the want of great diligence; and gross or more than ordinary negligence is the want of slight diligence. Railroad Co. v. Rollsins, 5 Kan. 189.

In Scotch Law and Practice

Process of law, by which persons, lands, or effects are seized in execution or in security for debt. Ersk. Inst. 2, 13, 1. Brande. Process for enforcing the attendance of witnesses, or the production of writings. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 71.

Other Classifications and Compound Terms

-Due diligence. Such a measure of prudence, activity, or assiduity, as is properly to be expected from, and ordinarily exercised by, a reasonable and prudent man under the particular circumstances; not measured by any absolute standard, but depending on the relative facts of the special case. Perry v. Cedar Falls, 87 Iowa, 315, 54 N. W. 225; Dillman v. Nadelhoffer, 160 Ill. 121, 43 N. E. 378; Hendricks v. W. U. Tel. Co., 126 N. C. 304, 35 S. E. 543, 78 Am. St. Rep. 655; Highland Ditch Co. v. Mumford, 5 Colo. 236; Vineyard Land & Stock Co. v. Twin Falls Salmon River Land & Water Co. (C. C. A.) 245 F. 9, 21; Moon v. O'Leary, 121 Kan. 663, 249 P. 582.


-Great diligence. Such a measure of care, prudence, and assiduity as persons of unusual prudence and discretion exercise in regard to any and all of their own affairs, or such as persons of ordinary prudence exercise in regard to very important affairs of their own. Railway Co. v. Rollsins, 5 Kan. 189; Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 438, 57 Am. Dec. 534; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 7281.

-High diligence. The same as great diligence.

-Low diligence. The same as slight diligence.

-Necessary diligence. That degree of diligence which a person placed in a particular situation must exercise in order to entitle him to the protection of the law in respect to rights or claims growing out of that situation, or to avoid being left without redress on account of his own culpable carelessness or negligence. Garaly v. Bayley, 26 Tex. Supp. 302; Sanderson v. Brown, 57 Me. 312.

-Ordinary diligence is that degree of care which men of common prudence generally exercise in their affairs, in the country and the age in which they live. Erie Bank v. Smith, 3 Brewst. (Pa.) 9; Zell v. Dunkle, 156 Pa. 533, 27 A. 38; Railroad Co. v. Scott, 42 Ill. 143.

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—Special diligence. The measure of diligence and skill exercised by a good business man in his particular specialty, which must be commensurate with the duty to be performed and the individual circumstances of the case; not merely the diligence of an ordinary person or non-specialist. Brady v. Jefferson, 5 Houst. (Del.) 79.

DILIGENT. Attentive and persistent in doing a thing; steadily applied; active; sedulous; laborious; unremitting; untiring. Kingan & Co. v. Foster, 53 Ind. App. 511, 102 N. E. 105, 105.

DILIGIATUS. (Fr. De lege ejectus, Lat.) Outlawed.

DILLIGROUT. In old English law. Pottage formerly made for the king's table on the coronation day. There was a tenure in serjeantry, by which lands were held of the king by the service of finding this pottage at that solemnity.

DIME. A silver coin of the United States, of the value of ten cents, or one-tenth of the dollar.

DIMIDIA, DIMIDIU M, DIMIDIU S. Half; a half; the half.

DIMIDIETAS. The moiety or half of a thing.

DIMINUTION. In the civil law. Diminution; a taking away; loss or deprivation. Diminu to capitis, loss of status or condition. See Capitis Diminutio.

DIMINUPTION. Incompleteness. A word signifying that the record sent up from an inferior to a superior court for review is incomplete, or not fully certified. In such case the party may suggest a "diminution of the record," which may be rectified by a certiorari. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1109.

DIMISI. In old conveyancing. I have demised. Dimisit, concessit, et ad firmum tradidit, have demised, granted, and to farm let. The usual words of operation in a lease. 2 Bl. Comm. 317, 318.

DIMISIT. In old conveyancing. [He] has demised. See Dimisit.

DIMISSORIÆ LITTERÆ. In the civil law. Letters dimissory or dismissory, commonly called "apostles," (quae vulgo apostoli dicitur.) Dig. 50, 16, 106. See Apostoli, Apostles.

DIMISSORY LETTERS. Where a candidate for holy orders has a title of ordination in one diocese in England, and is to be ordained in another, the bishop of the former diocese gives letters dimissory to the bishop of the latter to enable him to ordain the candidate. Hothouse.

DINARCHY. A government of two persons.

DINERO. In Spanish Law


In Roman Law

A civil division of the Roman empire, embracing several provinces. Calvin.

DIOCESAN. Belonging to a diocese; a bishop, as he stands related to his own clergy or flock.

DIOCESAN COURTS. In English law. The consistorial courts of each diocese, exercising general jurisdiction of all matters arising locally within their respective limits, with the exception of places subject to peculiar jurisdiction; deciding all matters of spiritual discipline,—suspending or depriving clergyman,—and administering the other branches of the ecclesiastical law. 2 Steph. Comm. 672.


DIOICHLIA. The district over which a bishop exercised his spiritual functions.

DIP, v. To immerse for a short time in any liquid; to place in fluid and withdraw again; the act of dipping or immersing; a plunge; a brief bath, as the dip of the oars; a dip in the sea. Standard Dictionary, "dip." Covington County v. Pickering, 123 Miss. 20, 85 So. 114, 115.

DIP, n. In mining law. The line of declination of strata; the angle which measures the deviation of a mineralized vein or lode from the vertical plane; the slope or slant of a vein, away from the perpendicular, as it goes downward into the earth; distinguished from the "strike" of the vein, which is its extension in the horizontal plane, or its lengthwise trend or course with reference to the points of the compass. King v. Mining
Co. 9 Mont. 543, 24 P. 200; Duggan v. Davey, 4 Dak. 110, 26 N. W. 887.

In Animal Husbandry

A liquid preparation into which infected animals may be plunged for eradication of fever ticks, or other sanitary or medical purposes. Ungles-Hoggette Mfg. Co. v. Farmers' Hog & Cattle Powder Co. (C. C. A.) 232 F. 116, 117.

DIPLOMA. In the civil law. A royal charter; letters patent granted by a prince or sovereign. Calvin.


A license granted to a physician, etc., to practice his art or profession. See Brooks v. State, 88 Ala. 122, 6 So. 902.

DIPLOMACY. The science which treats of the relations and interests of nations with nations.

Negotiation or intercourse between nations through their representatives. The rules, customs, and privileges of representatives at foreign courts.

DIPLOMATIC AGENT. In international law. A general name for all classes of persons charged with the negotiation, transaction, or superintendence of the diplomatic business of one nation at the court of another. See Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (22 USCA §§ 40, 51).

DIPLOMATES. The science of diplomas, or of ancient writings and documents; the art of judging of ancient charters, public documents, diplomas, etc., and discriminating the true from the false. Webster.

DIPSOMANIA. In medical jurisprudence. A mental disease characterized by an uncontrollable desire for intoxicating drinks. An irresistible impulse to indulge in intoxication, either by alcohol or other drugs. Ballard v. State, 10 Neb. 614, 28 N. W. 271.

DIPSOMANIAC. A person subject to dipsomania. One who has an irresistible desire for alcoholic liquors. See Insanity.

DIPTYCHA. Diptychs; tablets of wood, metal, or other substance, used among the Romans for the purpose of writing, and folded like a book of two leaves. The diptychs of antiquity were especially employed for public registers. They were used in the Greek, and afterwards in the Roman, church, as registers of the names of those for whom supplication was to be made, and are ranked among the earliest monastic records. Burrell.

DIRECT. v. To point to; guide; order; command; instruct.

To advise; suggest; request. Bowden v. Cumberland County, 123 Me. 359, 123 Atl. 166, 168; Beakley v. Knutson, 90 Or. 574, 174 P. 1149, 1150; Perry Bros. v. McNeill (Tex. Civ. App.) 189 S. W. 120, 121; Conrad v. Conrad's Ex'r, 123 Va. 711, 97 S. E. 336, 338.

DIRECT, adj. Immediate; proximate; by the shortest course; without circuit; operating by an immediate connection or relation, instead of operating through a medium; the opposite of indirect. Trexler Lumber Co. v. Allemandia Fire Ins. Co., of Pittsburgh, 289 Pa. 13, 136 A. 856, 858; Western Assur. Co. v. Hann, 201 Ala. 376, 78 So. 232, 234; Howell v. Wood, 6 Boyce (Del.) 464, 100 A. 572; Pelton v. Williams (C. C. A.) 235 F. 131, 132.

In the usual or natural course or line; immediately upwards or downwards; as distinguished from that which is out of the line, or on the side of it; the opposite of collateral.

In the usual or regular course or order, as distinguished from that which diverts, interrupts, or opposes; the opposite of cross or contrary.

DIRECT ATTACK. A direct attack on a judgment or decree is an attempt, for sufficient cause, to have it annulled, reversed, vacated, corrected, declared void, or enjoined, in a proceeding instituted for that specific purpose, such as an appeal, writ of error, bill of review, or injunction to restrain its execution; distinguished from a collateral attack, which is an attempt to impeach the validity or binding force of the judgment or decree as a side issue or in a proceeding instituted for some other purpose. Schneider v. Sellers, 25 Tex. Civ. App. 226, 61 S. W. 541; Smith v. Morrill, 12 Colo. App. 235, 55 P. 824; Morrill v. Morrill, 20 Or. 96, 25 P. 362, 11 L. R. A. 155, 23 Am. St. Rep. 95; Crawford v. McDonald, 88 Tex. 626, 33 S. W. 322; Eichhoff v. Eichhoff, 107 Cal. 42, 40 P. 24, 48 Am. St. Rep. 110; Reger v. Reger, 316 Mo. 1310, 298 S. W. 414, 421; Gardner v. Howard, 197 Ky. 615, 247 S. W. 933, 941. A direct attack on a judicial proceeding is an attempt to void or correct it in some manner provided by law. Manuell v. Kidd, 126 Okl. 71, 255 P. 732, 734; Leslie v. Proctor & Gamble Mfg. Co., 102 Kan. 139, 160 P. 193, 195, L. R. A. 1918 C, 55.

DIRECT INTEREST. A direct interest, such as would render the interested party incompetent to testify in regard to the matter, is an interest which is certain, and not contingent or doubtful. Rine v. Rine, 100 Neb. 229, 155 N. W. 941, 943; Holladay v. Rich, 93 Neb. 491, 140 N. W. 794, 796; Selekreg v. Thomas, 27 Colo. App. 258, 149 P. 273, 274; Van Meter v. Goldfarb, 236 Ill. App. 126, 128. A matter which is dependent alone upon the successful prosecution of an execution cannot be considered as uncertain, or otherwise than direct, in this sense. In re Van Aistine's Estate, 26 Utah, 193, 72 P. 942.
DIRECT LINE. Property is said to descend or be inherited in the direct line when it passes in lineal succession; from ancestor to son, grandson, great-grandson, and so on. State v. Yturria (Tex. Civ. App.) 139 S. W. 291, 292; State v. Yturria, 109 Tex. 220, 204 S. W. 315, 316, L. R. A. 1918F, 1079.

DIRECT PAYMENT. One which is absolute and unconditional as to the time, amount, and the persons by whom and to whom it is to be made. People v. Boylan (C. C.) 25 F. 596. See Ancient Order of Hibernians v. Sparrow, 29 Mont. 192, 74 P. 197, 64 L. R. A. 128, 101 Am. St. Rep. 563; Hurd v. McClellan, 14 Colo. 213, 22 P. 792.


DIRECTION. The act of governing; management; superintendence. Also the body of persons (called "directors") who are charged with the management and administration of a corporation or institution.

The charge or instruction given by the court to a jury upon a point of law arising or involved in the case, to be by them applied to the facts in evidence.

The clause of a bill in equity containing the address of the bill to the court.

DIRECTLY. In a direct way without anything intervening; not by secondary, but by direct, means. Clark v. Warner, 58 Okl. 153, 204 P. 929, 934; Olsen v. Standard Oil Co., 188 Cal. 20, 204 P. 393, 396.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT. An officer having the control, management, and superintendence of the United States mint and its branches. He is appointed by the president, by and with the advice and consent of the senate.

DIRECTORS. Persons appointed or elected according to law, authorized to manage and direct the affairs of a corporation or company. The whole of the directors collectively form the board of directors. Brandt v. Godwin (City Ct.) 3 N. Y. S. 809; Maynard v. Insurance Co., 34 Cal. 137, 91 Am. Dec. 672; Pen. Code N. Y. § 614; Vernon’s Ann. Civ. St. art. 4716; Ky. St. § 575.

DIRECTORY, adj. A provision in a statute, rule of procedure, or the like, is said to be directory when it is to be considered as a mere direction or instruction of no obligatory force, and involving no invalidating consequence for its disregard, as opposed to an imperative or mandatory provision, which must be followed. In re Opinion of the Justices, 121 Me. 463, 126 A. 354, 363; McCreary v. Speer, 156 Ky. 783, 192 S. W. 99, 102; State v. Alderson, 49 Mont. 387, 142 P. 210, 215, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 39; State v. Hager, 102 W. Va. 689, 138 S. E. 263, 264; Alabama Pine Co. v. Merchants & Farmers’ Bank of Alcoville, 215 Ala. 66, 109 So. 358, 359; People v. Butler, 20 Cal. App. 379, 129 P. 600, 602. The general rule is that the prescriptions of a statute relating to the performance of a public duty are so far directory that, though neglect of them may be punishable, yet it does not affect the validity of the acts done under them, as in the case of a statute requiring an officer to prepare and deliver a document to another officer on or before a certain day. Maxw. Interp. St. 330, et seq. And see Pearce v. Morse, 2 Adol. & El. 94; Nelms v. Vaughan, 84 Va. 696, 5 S. E. 704; State v. Conner, 86 Tex. 133, 28 S. W. 1108; Payne v. Fresco, 4 Kulp (Pa.) 28; Bladen v. Philadelphia, 60 Pa. 466.

A "directory" provision in a statute is one, the observance of which is not necessary to the validity of the proceeding to which it relates; State v. Barnett, 109 Ohio St. 246, 142 N. E. 611, 613; City of Emdl v. Champion Refining Co., 112 Okl. 158, 249 P. 604, 606; one which leaves it optional with the department or officer to which it is addressed to obey or not as he may see fit; In re Thompson, 94 Neb. 638, 144 N. W. 243, 244.

Statutory requisitions are deemed "directory" only when they relate to some immaterial matter where a compliance is matter of convenience rather than of substance. This mode of getting rid of a statutory provision by calling it "direction" is not only unsatisfactory, on account of the vagueness of the rule itself, but it is the exercise of a dispensing power by the courts, which approaches so near legislative discretion that it ought to be resorted to with reluctance, only in extraordinary cases, where great public mischief would otherwise ensue, or important private interests demand the application of the rule. Ellis v. Tilton, 125 Misc. 675, 88 So. 281, 283.

Directory calls. Those which merely direct the neighborhood where the different calls may be found, whereas "locative calls" are those which serve to fix boundaries. Cates v. Reynolds, 143 Tenn. 307, 228 S. W. 695, 696.

Directory statute. Under a general classification, statutes are either "mandatory" or "directory," and, if mandatory, they prescribe, in addition to requiring the doing of the things specified, the result that will follow if they are not done, whereas, if directory, their terms are limited to what is required to be done. Hudgens v. Mooresville Consol. School Dist., 312 Mo. 1, 278 S. W. 769, 770. A statute is mandatory when the provision of the statute is the essence of the thing required to be done; otherwise, when it relates to form and manner, and where an act is incident, or after jurisdiction acquired, it is directory merely. State v. Kosner, 108 Or. 559, 217 P. 827, 832.

Directory trust. Where, by the terms of a trust, the fund is directed to be vested in a particular manner till the period arrives at which it is to be appropriated, this is called a "directory trust." It is distinguished from a discretionary trust, in which the trustee has a discretion as to the management of the fund.
DIRECTORY


DIRIBITORES. In Roman law. Officers who distributed ballots to the people, to be used in voting. Tayl. Civil Law, 192.

DIRIMENT IMPEDIMENTS. In canon law. Absolute bars to marriage, which would make it null ab initio.


At the present day, disability is generally used to indicate an incapacity for the full enjoyment of ordinary legal rights; thus married women, persons under age, insane persons, and felons convict are said to be under disability. Sometimes the term is used in a more limited sense, as when it signifies an impediment to marriage, or the restraints placed upon clergymen by reason of their spiritual avocations. Money & Whitney.

Classification

Disability is either general or special; the former when it incapacitates the person for the performance of all legal acts of a general class, or giving to them their ordinary legal effect; the latter when it debars him from one specific act. Disability is also either personal or absolute; the former where it attaches to the particular person, and arises out of his status, his previous act, or his natural or juridical incapacity; the latter where it originates with a particular person, but extends also to his descendants or successors. Lord de le Warre's Case, 6 Coke, 1a; Avenog v. Schmidt, 113 U. S. 285, 8 Sup. Ct. 487, 28 L. Ed. 976. Considered with special reference to the capacity to contract a marriage, disability is either canonical or civil; a disability of the former class makes the marriage voidable only, while the latter, in general, avoids it entirely. The term civil disability is also used as equivalent to legal disability, both these expressions meaning disabilities or disqualifications created by positive law, as distinguished from physical disabilities. Ingalls v. Campbell, 18 Or. 461, 24 Pac. 904; Harland v. Territory, 3 Wash. T. 131, 13 Pac. 453; Meeks v. Vassault, 16 Fed. Cas. 1317; Wiesner v. Zaum, 39 Wis. 206; Bauman v. Grubbs, 26 Ind. 421; Supreme Council v. Fullman, 62 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 390. A physical disability is a disability or incapacity caused by physical defect or infirmity, or bodily imperfection, or mental weakness or alienation; as distinguished from civil disability, which relates to the civil status or condition of the person, and is imposed by the law.


Temporary Disability

"Temporary" as distinguished from "permanent" disability, under the Workmen's Compensation Act, is a condition that exists until the injured employee is as far restored as the permanent character of the injuries will permit. Visioney v. Empire Steel & Iron Co., 87 N. J. Law, 481, 95 A. 143, 144; Consolidated Coal Co. of St. Louis v. Industrial Commission, 311 Ill. 61, 142 N. E. 496, 500.

Total Disability

Total disability to follow insured's usual occupation arises where he is incapacitated from performing any substantial part of his ordinary duties, though still able to perform a few minor duties and be present at his place of business. Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York v. Bynum, 221 Ky. 450, 298 S. W. 1950, 1082. See, also, United States Casualty

DISABLE. In its ordinary sense, to disable is to cause a disability, (q. v.)

In the old language of pleading, to disable is to take advantage of one's own or another's disability. Thus, it is "an express maxim of the common law that the party shall not disable himself;" but "this disability to disable himself is personal." 4 Coke, 123b.

DISABLING STATUTES. These are acts of parliament, restraining and regulating the exercise of a right or the power of alienation; the term is specially applied to 1 Eliz. c. 19, and similar acts restraining the power of ecclesiastical corporations to make leases.

DISADVOCARE. To deny a thing.

DISAFFIRM. To repudiate; to revoke a consent once given; to recall an affirmation. To refuse one's subsequent sanction to a former act; to disclaim the intention of being bound by an antecedent transaction.

DISAFFIRMANCE. The repudiation of a former transaction. The refusal by one who has the legal power to refuse, (as in the case of a voidable contract,) to abide by his former acts, or accept the legal consequences of them. It may either be "express" (in words) or "implied" from acts inconsistent with a recognition of validity of former transaction. Ryan v. Morrison, 49 Okl. 49, 135 P. 1049, 1050; Parrish v. Treadway, 267 Mo. 91, 188 S. W. 593, 582.

DISAFFOREST. To restore to their former condition lands which have been turned into forests. To remove from the operation of the forest laws. 2 Bl. Comm. 416.

DISAGREEMENT. Difference of opinion or want of uniformity or concurrence of views; as, a disagreement among the members of a jury, among the judges of a court, or between arbitrators. Darnell v. Lyon, 85 Tex. 466, 22 S. W. 364; Insurance Co. v. Doyling, 55 N. J. Law, 589, 27 A. 927; Fowble v. Insurance Co., 108 Mo. App. 527, 81 S. W. 466.

In Real Property Law

The refusal by a grantee, lessee, etc., to accept an estate, lease, etc., made to him; the annulling of a thing that had essence before. No estate can be vested in a person against his will. Consequently no one can become a grantee, etc., without his agreement. The law implies such an agreement until the contrary is shown, but his disagreement renders the grant, etc., inoperative. Wharton.

DISALT. To disable a person.

DISAPPROPRIATION. In ecclesiastical law. This is where the appropriation of a benefice is severed, either by the patron presenting a clerk or by the corporation which has the appropriation being dissolved. 1 Bl. Comm. 385.

DISAVOW. To repudiate the unauthorized acts of an agent; to deny the authority by which he assumed to act.

DISBAR. In England, to deprive a barrister permanently of the privileges of his position; it is analogous to striking an attorney off the rolls. In America, the word describes the act of a court in rescinding an attorney's license to practice at its bar.

DISBUCATIO. In old English law. A conversion of wood grounds into arable or pasture; an assarting. Cowell. See Assart.


The term is also used under the codes of civil procedure, to designate the expenditures necessarily made by a party in the progress of an action, aside from the fees of officers and court costs, which are allowed, ex nunc, together with costs. Fertilizer Co. v. Glenn, 48 S. C. 494, 26 S. E. 796; De Chambrun v. Cox, 60 Fed. 479, 9 C. C. A. 86; Bilyeu v. Smith, 18 Or. 335, 22 P. 1073.
DISCARCARE. In old English law. To discharge, to unload; as a vessel. Carcere et discarcare; to charge and discharge; to load and unload. Cowell.

DISCARGARE. In old European law. To discharge or unload, as a wagon. Spelman.

DISCEPTIO CAUSÆ. In Roman law. The argument of a cause by the counsel on both sides. Calvin.

DISCHARGE. To release; liberate; annul; unburden; disincumber.

In the Law of Contracts

To cancel or unloose the obligation of a contract; to make an agreement or contract null and inoperative. As a noun, the word means the act or instrument by which the binding force of a contract is terminated, irrespective of whether the contract is carried out to the full extent contemplated (in which case the discharge is the result of performance) or is broken off before complete execution. Cort v. Railway Co., 17 Q. B. 145; Com. v. Talbot, 2 Allen (Mass.) 192; Rivers v. Blom, 163 Mo. 442, 63 S. W. 812; Stitt v. Locomotive Engineers' Mut. Protective Ass'n, 177 Mich. 207, 142 N. W. 1110, 1113; The Great Canton (D. C.) 296 F. 953, 954; Burden v. Woodside Cotton Mills, 104 S. C. 435, 59 S. E. 474, 475; Petterson v. U. S. (D. C.) 274 F. 1000, 1002; Hurlburt v. Bradley, 94 Conn. 485, 109 A. 171, 172.

Discharge is a generic term; its principal species are rescission, release, accord and satisfaction, performance, judgment, composition, bankruptcy, merger (q. v.). Leake, Cont. 415.

As applied to demands, claims, rights of action, incumbrances, etc., to discharge the debt or claim is to extinguish it, to annul its obligatory force, to satisfy it. And here also the term is generic; thus a debt, a mortgage, a legacy, may be discharged by payment or performance, or by any act short of that, lawful in itself, which the creditor accepts as sufficient. Blackwood v. Brown, 29 Mich. 484; Rangely v. Spring, 28 Mo. 151. To discharge a person is to liberate him from the binding force of an obligation, debt, or claim.

There is a distinction between a "debt discharged" and a "debt paid." When discharged the debt still exists though divested of its character as a legal obligation during the operation of the discharge. Something of the original vitality of the debt continues to exist which may be transferred, even though the transferee takes it subject to its disability incident to the discharge. The fact that it carries something which may be a consideration for a new promise to pay, so as to make an otherwise worthless promise a legal obligation, makes it the subject of transfer by assignment. Stanek v. White, 172 Minn. 380, 215 N. W. 594.

Discharge by operation of law is where the discharge takes place, whether it was intended by the parties or not; thus, if a creditor appoints his debtor his executor, the debt is discharged by operation of law, because the executor cannot have an action against himself. Co. Litt. 254b, note 1; Williams, Ex'rs, 1218; Chit. Cont. 714.

In Civil Practice

To discharge a rule, an order, an injunction, a certificate, process of execution, or in general any proceeding in a court, is to cancel or annul it, or to revoke it, or to refuse to confirm its original provisional force. Nichols v. Chittenden, 14 Colo. App. 49, 59 P. 954.

To discharge a jury is to relieve them from any further consideration of a cause. This is done when the continuance of the trial is, by any cause, rendered impossible; also when the jury, after deliberation, cannot agree on a verdict.

In Equity Practice

In the process of accounting before a master in chancery, the discharge is a statement of expenses and counter-claims brought in and filed, by way of set-off, by the accounting defendant, which follows the charge in order.

In Criminal Practice

The act by which a person in confinement, held on an accusation of some crime or misdemeanor, is set at liberty. The writing containing the order for his being so set at liberty is also called a "discharge." Morgan v. Hughes, 2 Term. 231; State v. Garthwaite, 23 N. J. Law, 143; Ex parte Paris, 18 Fed. Cas. 1104; In re Eddinger, 236 Mich. 668, 211 N. W. 54.

In Bankruptcy Practice

The discharge of the bankrupt is the step which regularly follows the adjudication of bankruptcy and the administration of his estate. By it he is released from the obligation of all his debts which were or might be proved in the proceedings, so that they are no longer a charge upon him, and so that he may thereafter engage in business and acquire property without its being liable for the satisfaction of such former debts. Southern L & T. Co. v. Bendow (D. C.) 96 F. 528; In re Adler, 169 F. 441; Colton v. Depew, 50 N. J. L. 126, 44 A. 662; Murphy v. Nicholson, 87 N. J. Law, 278, 94 A. 62, 63; In re Bay State Milling Co. (C. C. A.) 223 F. 778, 779; Pitscairn v. Scully, 252 Pa. 82, 97 A. 120, 121.

In Maritime Law


In Military Law

The release or dismissal of a soldier, sailor, or marine, from further military service, either at the expiration of his term of enlistment, or previous thereto on special application therefor, or as a punishment. An "honorable" discharge is one granted at the end of an enlistment and accompanied by an official certificate of good conduct during the
service. A "dishonorable" discharge is a dismissal from the service for bad conduct or as a punishment imposed by sentence of a court-martial for offenses against the military law. There is also in occasional use a form of "discharge without honor," which implies censure, but is not in itself a punishment. See Rev. St. U. S. §§ 1284, 1342 and section 1426 (24 USCA § 192); Williams v. U. S., 137 U. S. 113, 11 S. Ct. 43, 34 L. Ed. 590; U. S. v. Sweet, 189 U. S. 471, 23 S. Ct. 638, 47 L. Ed. 907.

DISCIPLINE. Instruction, comprehending the communication of knowledge and training to observe and act in accordance with rules and orders.

Correction, chastisement, punishment, penalty.


DISCLAIMER. The repudiation or renunciation of a claim or power vested in a person or which he had formerly alleged to be his. The refusal, or rejection of an estate or right offered to a person. The disavowal, denial, or renunciation of an interest, right, or property imputed to a person or alleged to be his. Also the declaration, or the instrument, by which such disclaimer is published. Moores v. Clackamas County, 40 Or. 538, 67 P. 662.

Of Estate

The act by which a party refuses to accept an estate which has been conveyed to him. Thus, a trustee who releases to his fellow-trustees his estate, and relieves himself of the trust, is said to disclaim. Watson v. Watson, 13 Conn. 85; Kentucky Union Co. v. Connell, 112 Ky. 677, 69 S. W. 728.

A renunciation or a denial by a tenant of his landlord's title, either by refusing to pay rent, denying any obligation to pay, or by setting up a title in himself or a third person, and this is a distinct ground of forfeiture of the lease or other tenancy, whether of land or tithe. See 16 Ch. Div. 730.

In Pleading


In Patent Law

When the title and specifications of a patent do not agree, or when part of that which it covers is not strictly patentable, because neither new nor useful, the patentee is empowered, with leave of the court, to enter a disclaimer of any part of either the title or the specification, and the disclaimer is then deemed to be part of the letters patent or specification, so as to render them valid for the future. Johns. Pat. 151; Permutit Co. v. Wadham (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 20, 21.

DISCLAMATION. In Scotch law. Disavowal of tenure; denial that one holds lands of another. Bell.

DISCLOSE. To bring into view by uncovering, to lay bare, to reveal to knowledge, to free from secrecy or ignorance, or make known. State v. Kroekston, 187 Mo. App. 67, 172 S. W. 1156, 1157.

DISCLOSURE. Revelation; the impartation of that which is secret. Commonwealth v. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co., 137 Va. 526, 120 S. E. 506, 509.

That which is disclosed or revealed. Webster, Dict.

In patent law, the specification; the statement of the subject-matter of the invention, or the manner in which it operates. Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. v. Metropolitan Electric Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 290 F. 661, 664.

What any patentee has invented is theoretically what he discloses, and the "disclosure" is the specification while a "claim" is a definition of that which has been disclosed in the specification; the disclosure telling how to do that of which the claimant attempts definition. Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. v. Metropolitan Electric Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 290 F. 661, 664.

DISCOMMON. To deprive commonable lands of their commonable quality, by inclosing and appropriating or improving them.

DISCONTINUANCE.

In Practice


In practice, a discontinuance is a sham or gap left by neglecting to enter a continuance. By our practice, a neglect to enter a continuance, even in a defaulted action, by no means puts an end to it, and such actions may always be brought forward. Taft v. Northern Transp. Co., 56 N. H. 416; Porter v. Watkins, 186 Ala. 233, 71 So. 667, 688.

The cessation of the proceedings in an action where the plaintiff voluntarily puts an end to it, either by giving notice in writing to the defendant before any step has been taken in the action subsequent to the answer, or at any other time by order of the court or a judge; a non-suit; dismissal. Payne v. Buena Vista Extract Co., 124 Va. 296, 98 S. E. 34, 30; Ternest v. Georgia Coast & P. R. Co., 19 Ga. App. 94, 90 S. E. 1040; Mur-
In practice, discontinuance and dismissal import the same thing, viz., that the cause is sent out of court. Thurman v. James, 48 Mo. 255.

In Pleading

That technical interruption of the proceedings in an action which follows where a defendant does not answer the whole of the plaintiff's declaration, and the plaintiff omits to take judgment for the part unanswered. Steph. Pl. 218, 217.

DISCONTINUANCE OF AN ESTATE. The termination or suspension of an estate-tail, in consequence of the act of the tenant in tail, in conveying a larger estate in the land than he was by law entitled to do. 2 Bl. Comm. 275; 3 Bl. Comm. 171. An alienation made or suffered by tenant in tail, or by any that is seised in autre droit, whereby the issue in tail, or the heir or successor, or those in reversion or remainder, are driven to their action, and cannot enter. Co. Litt. 325a. The cessor of a seisin under an estate, and the acquisition of a seisin under a new and necessarily a wrongful title. Prest. Morg. c. 2.

Disconuainre nihil aliud significat quam intermittere, desuiscere, interrupvere. Co. Litt. 325. To discontinue signifies nothing else than to intermit, to disuse, to interrupt.

DISCONTINUOUS. Occasional; intermittent; characterized by separate repeated acts; as, discontinuous easements and servitudes. See Easement.

DISCONVENABLE. L Fr. Improper; unfit. Kelham.


By the language of the commercial world and the settled practice of banks, a discount by a bank means a drawback or deduction made upon its advances or loans of money, upon negotiable paper or other evidences of debt payable at a future day, which are transferred to the bank. Fleckner v. Bank, 8 Wheat. 338, 5 L. Ed. 631; Bank v. Baker, 35 Ohio St. 67.

Although the discounting of notes or bills, in its most comprehensive sense, may mean lending money and taking notes in payment, yet, in its more ordinary sense, the discounting of notes or bills means advancing a consideration for a bill or note, deducting or discounting the interest which will accrue for the time the note has to run. Loan Co. v. Towne, 13 Conn. 240; In re Worth Lighting & Fixture Co. (D. C.) 292 F. 768, 772.


The ordinary meaning of the term "to discount" is to take interest in advance, and in banking is a mode of loaning money. It is the advance of money not due until some future period, less the interest which would be due thereon when payable. Weckler v. Bank, 42 Md. 592, 20 Am. Rep. 55.

Discount, as we have seen, is the difference between the price and the amount of the debt, the evidence of which is transferred. That difference represents interest charged, being at the same rate, according to which the price paid, if invested until the maturity of the debt, will just produce its amount. Bank v. Johnson, 104 U. S. 276, 25 L. Ed. 742; Napier v. John V. Farwell Co., 69 Colo. 219, 163 P. 654, 655.

Commission Equivalent

Where agreement provides for underwriting shares at "discount" of certain per cent, word "discount" is equivalent to commission. Stewart v. G. L. Miller & Co., 161 Ga. 513, 132 S. E. 583, 585, 45 A. L. R. 559.

Discounting a note and buying it are not identical in meaning, the latter expression being used to denote the transaction when the seller does not indorse the note, and is not accountable for it. Bank v. Baldwin, 22 Minn. 365, 23 Am. Rep. 683.

In Practice

A set-off or defealcation in an action. Vin. Abr. "Discount." But see Trabue's Ex'r v. Harris, 1 Metc. (Ky.) 537.

DISCOUNT BROKER. A bill broker; one who discounts bills of exchange and promissory notes, and advances money on securities.

DISCOVERED PERIL, DOCTRINE OF. A name for the doctrine otherwise known as that of the "last clear chance." See that title.

DISCOVERT. Not married; not subject to the disabilities of a coverture. It applies equally to a maid and a widow.

DISCOVERY. In a general sense, the ascertaining of that which was previously unknown; the disclosure or coming to light of what was previously hidden; the acquisition of notice or knowledge of given acts or facts; as, in regard to the "discovery" of fraud affecting the running of the statute of limitations, or the granting of a new trial for newly "discovered" evidence. Francis v. Wallace, 77 Iowa, 373, 42 N. W. 823; Parker v. Kuhn, 21 Neb. 413, 32 N. W. 74, 59 Am. Rep. 866; Howton v. Roberts, 49 S. W. 340, 20 Ky. Law Rep. 1331; Marbourg v. McCormick, 23 Kan. 43; Moore v. Palmer, 43 N. D. 89, 174 N. W. 98, 94; Kerrigan v. O'Meara, 71 Mont. 1, 227
DISCREDIT. To destroy or impair the credibility of a person; to impeach; to lessen the degree of credit to be accorded to a witness or document, as by impugning the veracity of the one or the genuineness of the other; to disparage or weaken the reliance upon the testimony of a witness, or upon documentary evidence, by any means whatever.

DISCREETLY. Prudently; judiciously; with discernment. Parks v. City of Des Moines, 195 Iowa, 972, 191 N. W. 728, 731.

DISCREPANCY. A difference between two things which ought to be identical, as between one writing and another; a variance, (q. v.) Also discord, discordance, dissonance, dissonance, unconformity, disagreement, difference. Smith v. Board of Canvassers of Oneida County, 156 N. Y. 837, 841, 92 Misc. 607; In re Barrett, 204 N. Y. 705, 706, 209 App. Div. 217; State v. Superior Court of King County, 158 Wash. 488, 244 P. 702, 703.

DISCRETELY. Separately; disjunctively. Parks v. City of Des Moines, 195 Iowa, 972, 191 N. W. 728, 731.

Discretio est discernere per legem quid sit justum. 10 Coke, 140. Discretion is to know through law what is just.


When applied to public functionaries, discretion means a power or right conferred upon them by law of acting officially in certain circumstances.
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according to the dictates of their own judgment and conscience, uncontrolled by the judgment or conscience of others. This discretion undoubtedly is to some extent regulated by usage, or, if the term is preferred, by fixed principles. But by this is to be understood nothing more than that the same course cannot, consistently with its own dignity, and with its character and duty of administering impartial justice, decide in different ways two cases in every respect exactly alike. The question of fact whether the two cases are alike in every color, circumstance, and feature is of necessity to be submitted to the judgment of some tribunal.


lord Coke defines judicial discretion to be "discernere per legem quid sit justum," to see what would be just according to the laws in the premises. It does not mean a wild self-willfulness, which may prompt to any and every act; but this judicial discretion is guided by the law, (see what the law declares upon a certain statement of facts, and then decide in accordance with the law,) so as to do substantial equity and justice. Faber v. Bruner, 13 Mo. 543. It is a legal discretion to be exercised in discerning the course prescribed by law and is not to give effect to the will of the judge, but to that of the law. McGurty v. Delaware, L. & W. R. Co., 158 N. Y. S. 285, 288, 172 App. Div. 46.

True, it is a matter of discretion; but then the discretion is not willful or arbitrary, but legal. And, although its exercise be not purely a matter of law, yet it "involves a matter of law or legal inference," in the language of the Code, and an appeal will lie. Levitner v. Pearce, 70 N. C. 171.

In criminal law and the law of torts, it means the capacity to distinguish between what is right and wrong, lawful or unlawful, wise or foolish, sufficiently to render one amenable and responsible for his acts. Towle v. State, 3 Fla. 214.

Judicial Discretion, Legal Discretion

These terms are applied to the discretionary action of a judge or court, and mean discretion as above defined, that is, discretion bound by the rules and principles of law, and not arbitrary, capricious, or unrestrained. "Judicial discretion" is substantially synonymous with judicial power. Griffin v. State, 12 Ga. App. 625, 77 S. E. 1086, 1083.

It is not the indulgence of a judicial whim, but the exercise of judicial judgment, based on facts and guided by law, Smith v. Hill (C. C. A.) 5 F. (2d) 185, or the equitable decision of what is just and proper under the circumstances, People v. Pfanschmidt, 283 Ill. 411, 114 N. E. 804, 816, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 1171. It is simply the technical name of the decision of certain questions of fact by the court. Nance v. Houston & M. R. R., 77 N. H. 293, 91 A. 181, 182.

Wise conduct and management; cautious discernment, especially as to matters of pro-


DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS. Such as are not marked out on fixed lines, but allow a certain amount of discretion in their exercise. Those which cannot be duly administered without the application of a certain degree of prudence and judgment.

DISCRIMINATION. With reference to common carriers (especially railroads), a breach of the carrier's duty to treat all shippers alike, and afford them equal opportunities to market their product. Cox v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 87 A. 581, 583, 240 Pa. 27. A carrier's failure to treat all alike under substantially similar conditions, Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co. v. Murray, 176 Ky. 503, 195 S. W. 1119, 1120.

"Discrimination" is a term well understood in the nomenclature of transportation over railroads. It implies to charge shippers of freight, as compensation for carrying the same over railroads, unequal sums of money for the same quantity of freight for equal distances; more for a shorter than a longer distance, more in proportion of distance for a shorter than a longer distance; more for freights called local freights than those designated otherwise; more for the former in proportion to distance such freights may be carried than the latter. Atchison, T. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. State, 85 Okl. 225, 205 P. 228, 229.

In constitutional law, the effect of a statute which confers particular privileges on a class arbitrarily selected from a large number of persons, all of whom stand in the same relation to the privileges granted and between whom and those not favored no reasonable distinction can be found. Franchise Motor Freight Ass'n v. Searcy, 235 P. 1000, 1002, 106 Cal. 77.

DISCUSSION.

In the Civil Law

A proceeding, at the instance of a surety, by which the creditor is obliged to exhaust the property of the principal debtor, towards the satisfaction of the debt, before having recourse to the surety; and this right of the surety is termed the "benefit of discussion." Civ. Code La. art. 5045, et seq.

In Scots Law

The ranking of the proper order in which heirs are liable to satisfy the debts of the deceased. Bell.

DISEASE. Deviation from the healthy or normal condition of any of the functions or tissues of the body; an alteration in the state of the body or of some of its organs, interrupting or disturbing the performance of the vital functions, and causing or threatening pain and weakness; illness; sickness; disorder; malady; bodily infirmity. Order

In construing a policy of life insurance, it is generally true that, before any temporary ailment can be called a "disease," it must be such as to indicate a vice in the constitution, or be so serious as to have some bearing upon general health and the continuance of life, or such as, according to common understanding, would be called a "disease." Cushman v. Insurance Co., 70 N. Y. 77; Insurance Co. v. Young, 115 Ind. 159, 15 N. E. 220, 3 Am. St. Rep. 630; Insurance Co. v. Simpson, 88 Tex. 332, 31 S. W. 601, 25 L. R. A. 765, 53 Am. St. Rep. 757; Delaney v. Modern Acc. Club, 121 Iowa, 538, 97 N. W. 91, 63 L. R. A. 603; Northwestern Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Wiggins (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 644, 648; Sovereign Camp of the Woodmen of the World v. Treanor (Tex. Civ. App.) 217 S. W. 204, 206; Metropolitan Casualty Ins. Co. v. Cato, 113 Miss. 303, 74 So. 118, 119.

An ulcer is a "disease" or "infection," within Workmen's Compensation Law, § 3, subd. 7, declaring that "injury," or "personal injury," as used in the act, means only accidental injuries arising out of and in the course of employment and such disease or infection as may naturally and unavoidably result therefrom. Pinto v. Chelsea Fibre Mills, 186 N. Y. S. 748, 750, 190 App. Div. 221; Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York v. Dodge (C. C. A.) 11 F. (2d) 458, 459.

DISEASE COMMON TO BOTH SEXES. Malady, sickness, or illness that both males and females have. National Life & Accident Ins. Co. v. Weaver (Tex. Civ. App.) 226 S. W. 754, 757.

DISENTAILING DEED. In English law. An enrolled assurance barring an entail, pursuant to 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.

DISFIGUREMENT. That which impairs or injures the beauty, symmetry, or appearance of a person or thing; that which renders unsightly, misshapen, or imperfect, or deforms in some manner. Superior Mining Co. v. Industrial Commission, 141 N. E. 165, 399 N. C. 323; Jones v. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation, 1 La. App. 58, 59; Vukelich v. Industrial Commission of Utah, 62 Utah, 486, 220 P. 1073, 1075; Lee v. Commonwealth, 135 Va. 572, 115 S. E. 671, 673.

DISFRANCHISE. To deprive of the rights and privileges of a free citizen; to deprive of chartered rights and immunities; to deprive of any franchise, as of the right of voting in elections, etc. Webster.

DISFRANCHISEMENT. The act of disfranchising. The act of depriving a member of a corporation of his right as such, by expulsion.


It differs from amotion (q. v.) which is applicable to the removal of an officer from office, leaving him his rights as a member, Willecock, Mun. Corp. no. 708; Ang. & A. Corp. 237.

In a more popular sense, the taking away of the elective franchise (that is, the right of voting in public elections) from any citizen or class of citizens.

DISGAVEL. In English law. To deprive lands of that principal quality of gavelkind tenure by which they descend equally among all the sons of the tenant. 2 Wood. Lect. 76; 2 R. Comm. 85.

DISGRACE. Ignominy; shame; dishonor. No witness is required to disgrace himself. 13 Haw. State Tr. 17, 234.

DISGRADING. In old English law. The depriving of an order or dignity.

DISGUISE, v. To change the guise or appearance of, especially to conceal by unusual dress; to hide by a counterfeit appearance; to affect or change by liquor; to intoxicate. Darneal v. State, 14 Okl. Cr. 549, 174 P. 290, 292, 1 A. L. R. 638.


Anything worn upon the person with the intention of so altering the wearer’s appearance that he shall not be recognized by those familiar with him, or that he shall be taken for another person.

A person lying in ambush, or concealed behind bushes, is not in "disguise," within the meaning of a statute declaring the county liable in damages to the next of kin of any one murdered by persons in disguises. Dale County v. Gunter, 46 Ala. 118, 142.


DISHERITOR. One who disherherits, or puts another out of his freehold. Obsolete.


DISHONOR. In mercantile law and usage. To refuse or decline to accept a bill of exchange, or to refuse or neglect to pay a bill or note at maturity. Shelton v. Bralthwaite, 7 Mees. & W. 436; Brewster v. Arnold, 1 Wis. 276.
Notice of Dishonor

A notice given by the holder to the drawer of a bill, or to an indorser of a bill or note, that it has been dishonored by nonacceptance on presentment for acceptance, or by non-payment at its maturity. 2 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 970.

DISINCARCERATE. To set at liberty, to free from prison.


DISINHERISON. In the civil law. The act of depriving a forced heir of the inheritance which the law gives him.

DISINHERITANCE. The act by which the owner of an estate deprives a person, who would otherwise be his heir of the right to inherit it. Copeland v. Johnson, 101 Okl. 228, 224 P. 986, 988.

DISINTER. To exhume, unbury, take out of the grave. People v. Baumgartner, 135 Cal. 72, 66 P. 974.


DISJUNCTIM. Lat. In the civil law. Separately; severally. The opposite of conjunctim, (q. v.) Inst. 2, 20, 8.

DISJUNCTIVE ALLEGATION. A statement in a pleading or indictment which expresses or charges a thing alternatively, with the conjunction "or;" for instance, an averment that defendant "murdered or caused to be murdered," etc., would be of this character.

DISJUNCTIVE TERM. One which is placed between two contraries, by the affirminig of one of which the other is taken away; it is usually expressed by the word "or."


DISMES. Tenths; tithes, (q. v.) The original form of "dime," the name of the American coin.

DISMISS. To send away; to discharge; to cause to be removed temporarily or permanently; to relieve from duty. To dismiss an action or suit is to send it out of court without any further consideration or hearing. Bosley v. Bruner, 24 Miss. 462; Taft v. Northern Transp. Co., 50 N. H. 417; Goldsmith v. Smith (C. C.) 21 F. 614; The Fort Gaines (D. C.) 18 F.(2d) 413; School District No. 1 of Jefferson County v. Parker, 82 Colo. 355, 260 P. 521, 522; People ex rel. Tims v. Bingham (Sup.) 166 N. Y. S. 28, 29; Goldsmith v. Board of Education of Sacramento City High School Dist., 66 Cal. App. 157, 153 P. 785, 786; Nichols v. Sunderland, 77 Cal. App. 627, 247 P. 614, 618.


DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Dismissal, as of a bill in equity, without prejudice to the right of the complainant to sue again on the same cause of action. The effect of the words "without prejudice" is to prevent the decree of dismissal from operating


DISMISSED. A judgment of "Dismissed," without qualifying words indicating a right to take further proceedings, is presumed to be dismissed on the merits; Durant v. Essex Co., 7 Wall. 107, 19 L. Ed. 154. But a bill "dismissed" on motion of complainant does not bar a second suit; Ex parte Loung June (D. C.) 160 F. 251, 259.

DISMISSED FOR WANT OF EQUITY. A phrase used to indicate a decision on the merits, as distinguished from one based upon some formal defect. The dismissal may be because the averments of complainant's bill have been found untrue in fact, or because they are insufficient to entitle complainant to the relief sought. Reinman v. Little Rock, 237 U. S. 171, 35 S. Ct. 511, 513, 59 L. Ed. 900.

DISMORTGAGE. To redeem from mortgage.

DISORDER. Turbulent or riotous behavior; immoral or indecent conduct. The breach of the public decorum and morality.

DISORDERLY. Contrary to the rules of good order and behavior; violative of the public peace or good order; turbulent, riotous, or indecent.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT. A term of loose and indefinite meaning (except as occasionally defined in statutes), but signifying generally any behavior that is contrary to law, and more particularly such as tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality. People v. Keeper of State Reformatory, 176 N. Y. 465, 68 N. E. 884; People v. Davis, 90 App. Div. 448, 89 N. Y. Supp. 872; City of Mt. Sterling v. Holly, 108 Ky. 621, 57 S. W. 491; Pratt v. Brown, 80 Tex. 608, 16 S. W. 443; Kahn v. Macon, 95 Ga. 418, 22 S. E. 641; People v. Miller, 83 Hun. 82; Tyrrell v. Jersey City, 25 N. J. Law, 536.


DISORDERLY PERSONS. Such as are dangerous or hurtful to the public peace and welfare by reason of their misconduct or vicious habits, and are therefore amenable to police regulation. The phrase is chiefly used in statutes, and the scope of the term depends on local regulations. See 4 Bl. Comm. 169. Code Cr. Proc. N. Y. § 599; People v. Meara, 79 Misc. 37, 140 N. Y. S. 575; People v. Townsend, 214 Mich. 267, 183 N. W. 177, 179, 16 A. L. R. 902; People v. Thrime, 218 Mich. 687, 188 N. W. 406, 406.

DISPARAGARE. In old English law. To bring together those that are unequal, (disparas conferre;) to connect in an indecorous and unworthy manner; to connect in marriage those that are unequal in blood and parentage.

DISPARAGATION. In old English law. Disparagement. Hwedes marientur absque disparagacione, heirs shall be married without disparagement. Magna Charta (9 Hen. III.) e. 6.

DISPARAGATION. L. Fr. Disparagement; the matching an heir, etc., in marriage, under his or her degree or condition, or against the rules of decency. Kelham.

DISPARAGE. To connect unequally; to match unsuitably.

DISPARAGEMENT. In old English law. An injury by union or comparison with some person or thing of inferior rank or excellence.

Marriage without disparagement was marriage to one of suitable rank and character. 2 Bl. Comm. 70; Co. Litt. 82b. Shutt v. Carloss, 36 N. C. 232.
DISPARAGIUM. In old Scotch law. Inequality in blood, honor, dignity, or otherwise. Skene de Verb. Sign.

Disparata non debent jungi. Things unlike ought not to be joined. Jenk. Cent. 24, marg.

DISPARK. To dissolve a park. Cro. Car. 59. To convert it into ordinary ground.

DISPATCH, or DESPATCH. A message, letter, or order sent with speed on affairs of state; a telegraphic message.


In Maritime Law

Diligence, due activity, or proper speed in the discharge of a cargo; the opposite of delay. Terjesen v. Carter, 9 Daly (N. Y.) 133; Moody v. Laths (D. C.) 2 F. 607; Sleeper v. Puig, 22 Fed. Cas. 321.

Customary Dispatch

Such as accords with the rules, customs, and usages of the port where the discharge is made. Quick Dispatch

Speedy discharge of cargo without allowance for the customs or rules of the port or for delay from the crowded state of the harbor or wharf. Mott v. Frost (D. C.) 47 F. 58; Bjorkquist v. Certain Steel Rail Crop Ends (D. C.) 3 F. 717; Davis v. Wallace, 7 Fed. Cas. 182.

DISPAUPER. When a person, by reason of his poverty, is admitted to sue in forma pauperis, and afterwards, before the suit be ended, acquires any lands, or personal estate, or is guilty of anything whereby he is liable to have this privilege taken from him, then he loses the right to sue in forma pauperis, and is said to be dispaupered. Wharton.

DISPENSARY. A "dispensary" is a place where a drug is prepared or distributed. People v. Cohen, 94 Misc. 355, 157 N. Y. S. 591, 593.

Dispensatio eali prohibiti provida relaxatio, utile at sequit aestimatis pensata; et est de jure domino regi concessa, propter impossibilitatem pravidendi de omnibus particularibus. A dispensation is the proper relaxation of a malum prohibitum weighed from utility or necessity; and it is conceded by law to the king on account of the impossibility of foreknowledge concerning all particulars. 10 Coke, 88.

Dispensatio est vulnus, quod vulnerat jus commune. A dispensation is a wound, which wounds common law. Dav. Ir. K. B. 69.

DISPENSATION. An exemption from some laws; a permission to do something forbidden; an allowance to omit something commanded; the canonical name for a license. Wharton; Baldwin v. Taylor, 166 Pa. 507, 31 A. 250; Viele v. Insurance Co., 26 Iowa, 56, 96 Am. Dec. 88; Sweeney v. Independent Order of Foresters, 190 App. Div. 787, 181 N. Y. S. 4, 5.

A relaxation of law for the benefit or advantage of an individual. In the United States, no power exists, except in the legislature, to dispense with law; and then it is not so much a dispensation as a change of the law.

DISPENSE. Etymologically, "dispense" means to weigh out, pay out, distribute, regulate, manage, control, etc., but when used with "with," it has, among other meanings, that of "doing without," and "doing away with," being synonymous with "abolish." Alexander v. City of Lampasas (Tex. Civ. App.) 275 S. W. 614, 616; Foreman v. United States (C. C. A.) 255 F. 621, 623; United States v. Reynolds (D. C.) 244 F. 931.

DISPERSONARE. To scandalize or disparage. Blount.

DISPLACE. This term, as used in shipping articles, means "disrate," and does not import authority of the master to discharge a second mate, notwithstanding a usage in the whaling trade never to disrate an officer to a seaman. Potter v. Smith, 103 Mass. 68.

DISPOSE. In Scotch law. To grant or convey. A technical word essential to the conveyance of heritable property, and for which no equivalent is accepted, however clear may be the meaning of the party. Paters. Comp.

DISPONO. Lat. To dispose of, grant, or convey. Dispone, he grants or alienates. Jus disponendi, the right of disposition, i. e., of transferring the title to property.

DISPOSABLE PORTION. That portion of a man's property which he is free to dispose of by will to beneficiaries other than his wife and children. By the ancient common law, this amounted to one-third of his estate if he was survived by both wife and children. 2 Bl. Comm. 452; Hopkins v. Wright, 17 Tex. 36. In the civil law (by the Lex Fæcide) it amounted to three-fourths. Mackeied, Rom. Law, §§ 708, 771.


DISPOSING CAPACITY OR MIND. These are alternative or synonymous phrases in the law of wills for "sound mind," and "testamentary capacity" (q. v.). Lockhart v. Ferguson, 243 Mass. 226, 137 N. E. 355, 356.

DISPOSITION. In Scotch law. A deed of alienation by which a right to property is conveyed. Bell.

DISPOSITIONAL FACTS. Jural facts, or those acts or events that create, modify or extinguish jural relations. Kocourek, Jural Relations (2d Ed.) p. 17.


DISPOSSESS PROCEEDINGS. Summary process by a landlord to oust the tenant and regain possession of the premises for non-payment of rent or other breach of the conditions of the lease. Of local origin and colloquial use in New York.

DISPOSSESSION. Ouster; a wrong that carries with it the emotion of possession. An act whereby the wrong-doer gets the actual occupation of the land or hereditament. It includes abatement, intrusion, dissuasion, discontinuance, defacement. 3 Bl. Comm. 167.

DISPROVE. To refute; to prove to be false or erroneous; not necessarily by mere de-
Cunningham v. Fredericks, 106 Conn. 665, 138 A. 790, 793.

DISREPAIR. The state of being in need of repair or restoration after decay or injury. Wyoming Coal Mining Co. v. Stanko, 22 Wyo. 110, 115 P. 182, 183.

DISREPUTE. Loss or want of reputation; ill character; disesteem; discredit. U. S. v. Ault (D. C.) 263 F. 800, 810; U. S. v. Strong (D. C.) 263 F. 780, 796.

DISSASINA. In old Scotch law. Disseisin; dispossession. Skene.

DISSECTION. The act of cutting into pieces an animal or vegetable for the purpose of ascertaining the structure and use of its parts. The anatomical examination of a dead body by cutting into pieces or excising one or more parts or organs. Wehle v. Accident Ass'n, 31 N. Y. S. 865, 11 Misc. 36; Sudduth v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 106 F. 822; Rhodes v. Brandt, 21 Hun (N. Y.) 3. Anatomy; the act of separating into constituent parts for the purpose of critical examination.

DISSEISE. To dispossess; to deprive.

DISSEISEE. One who is wrongfully put out of possession of his lands; one who is dispossessed.


It is a wrongful putting out of him that is seised of the freehold, not, as in abatement or intrusion, a wrongful entry, where the possession was vacant, but an attack upon him who is in actual possession, and turning him out. It is an ouster from a freehold in deed, as abatement and intrusion are ousters in law. 3 Steph. Comm. 386.

When one man invades the possession of another, and by force or surprise turns him out of the occupation of his lands, this is termed a "disseisin," being a deprivation of that actual seisin or corporal possession of the freehold which the tenant before enjoyed. In other words, a disseisin is said to be when one enters intending to usurp the possession, and to oust another from the freehold. To constitute an entry a disseisin, there must be an ouster of the freehold, either by taking the profits or by claiming the inheritance. Brown.

According to the modern authorities, there seems to be no legal difference between the words "seisin" and "possession," although there is a difference between the words "disseisin" and "possession;" the former meaning an estate gained by wrong and injury, whereas the latter may be by right or by wrong; the former denoting an ouster of the disseisies, or some act equivalent to it, whereas by the latter no such act is implied. Slater v. Rawson, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 429.

Equitable disseisin is where a person is wrongfully deprived of the equitable seisin of land, e. g., of the rents and profits. 2 Meriv. 171; 2 Jac. & W. 166.

Disseisin by election is where a person alleges or admits himself to be disseised when he has not really been so.

Disseisinam satis facit, qui uti non permittit possessorem, vel minus commode, ilicet omnino non expellat. Co. Litt. 331. He makes disseisin enough who does not permit the possessor to enjoy, or makes his enjoyment less beneficial, although he does not expel him altogether.

DISSEISITRIX. A female disseisor; a disseisress. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 12, § 4.

DISSEISITUS. One who has been disseised.

DISSEISOR. One who puts another out of the possession of his lands wrongfully.

DISSEISORESS. A woman who unlawfully puts another out of his land.


DISSENSUS. Lat. In the civil law. The mutual agreement of the parties to a simple contract obligation that it shall be dissolved or annulled; technically, an undoing of the consensus which created the obligation. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 541.

Dissent. Contrariety of opinion; refusal to agree with something already stated or adjudged or to an act previously performed. The term is most commonly used in American law to denote the explicit disagreement of one or more judges of a court with the decision passed by the majority upon a case before them. In such event, the non-concurring judge is reported as "dissenting." Mere failure of a justice to vote is not a dissent. Zinke v. Hitchins, 184 N. Y. S. 802, 193 App. Div. 498. A dissent may or may not be accompanied by an opinion.

Dissenting Opinion
The opinion in which a judge announces his dissent from the conclusions held by the majority of the court, and expounds his own views.

In Ecclesiastical Law
A refusal to conform to the rites and ceremonies of the established church. 2 Burn, Decl. Law 165.

BL. LAW Dict. (3d Ed.)
DISTILLED LIQUOR OR DISTILLED SPIRITS

De Pacto Dissolution
That which takes place when corporation, by reason of insolvency or for other reason, suspends all operations and goes into liquidation. Hidden v. Edwards, 813 Mo. 642, 236 S. W. 462, 463.

In Practice
The act of rendering a legal proceeding null, abrogating or revoking it; unloosening its constraining force; as when an injunction is dissolved by the court. Jones v. Hill, 6 N. C. 131.

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT. The crown may dissolve parliament either in person or by proclamation; the dissolution is usually by proclamation, after a prorogation. No parliament may last for a longer period than seven years. Seventennial Act, 1 Geo. I. c. 38. Under 6 Anne, c. 37, upon a demise of the crown, parliament became ipso facto dissolved six months afterwards, but under the Reform Act, 1867, its continuance is now nowise affected by such demise. May, Parl. Pr. (6th Ed.) 48. Brown.

DISSOLVE. To terminate; abrogate; cancel; annul; disintegrate. To release or unloose the binding force of anything. As to "dissolve a corporation," to "dissolve an injunction." See Dissolution.

DISSOLVING BOND. A bond given to obtain the dissolution of a legal writ or process, particularly an attachment or an injunction, and conditioned to indemnify the opposite party or to abide the judgment to be given. See Sanger v. Hibbard, 2 Ind. T. 547, 33 S. W. 330.

DISSUADE. In criminal law. To advise and procure a person not to do an act. To dissuade a witness from giving evidence against a person indicted is an indicable offense at common law. Hawk. P. C. b. 1, c. 21, § 15.

DISTANCE. A straight line along a horizontal plane from point to point and is measured from the nearest point of one place to the nearest point of another. Evans v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 261 F. 902, 904.

It may however be a broken line and represented by country roads or a railroad track. State v. Mostad, 34 N. D. 330, 158 N. W. 349, 350; Nedved v. Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co., 36 S. D. 1, 153 N. W. 886, 887.

DISTILL. To subject to a process of distillation, i. e., vaporizing the more volatile parts of a substance and then condensing the vapor so formed. In law, the term is chiefly used in connection with the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. Williams v. State, 236 S. W. 374, 161 Ark. 383.

DISTILLED LIQUOR or DISTILLED SPIRITS. A term which includes all potable alcoholic liquors obtained by the process of distillation (such as whisky, brandy, rum,

DISTILLER. Every person who produces distilled spirits, or who brews or makes mash, wort, or wash, fit for distillation or for the production of spirits, or who, by any process of evaporation, separates alcoholic spirit from any fermented substance, or who, making or keeping mash, wort, or wash, has also in his possession or use a still, shall be regarded as a distiller. Rev. St. U. S. § 3247 (26 USCA § 241). See Johnson v. State, 44 Ala. 416; U. S. v. Fricheia, 25 Fed. Cas. 1218; U. S. v. Wittig, 28 Fed. Cas. 745; U. S. v. Rideneau (D. C.) 119 F. 411.

DISTILLERY. The strict meaning of "distillery" is a place or building where alcoholic liquors are distilled or manufactured; not every building where the process of distillation is used. Atlantic Dock Co. v. Libby, 45 N. Y. 489; U. S. v. Blaisdell, 24 Fed. Cas. 1162; U. S. v. Tenbrook, Pet. C. C. 180, Fed. Cas. No. 16,446; Act July 13, 1866, 14 Stat. L. 117; Atlantic Dock Co. v. Leavitt, 54 N. Y. 35, 13 Am. Rep. 556.

DISTILLING APPARATUS. Under National Prohibition Act, tit. 2, § 35 (27 USC § 88) "distilling apparatus" is not limited to a completed still fully equipped and ready for operation, but may cover a 15-gallon pot and coil of copper tubing or worm, which, when connected by gooseneck, would produce a completed still. Rossmans v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 289 F. 950, 952.


Evidently not identical; observably or decidedly different. Bayne v. Kansas City (Mo. App.) 263 S. W. 460, 461.

DISTINCTE ET APERTE. In old English practice. Distinctly and openly. Formal words in writs of error, referring to the return required to be made to them. Reg. Orig. 17.

DISTINCTIVELY. Characteristically, or peculiarly, but not necessarily exclusively. Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Green, 153 Tenn. 522, 284 S. W. 588, 899, 48 A. L. R. 313.

Distinguenda sunt tempora. The time is to be considered. 1 Coke, 166; Bluss v. Tobey, 2 Pick. (Mass.) 327; Owens v. Missionary Society, 14 N. Y. 390, 393, 67 Am. Dec. 190.

Distinguenda sunt tempora; aliud est facere, aliud perficere. Times must be distinguished; it is one thing to do, another to perfect. 3 Leon. 243; Branch. Princ.

Distinguenda sunt tempora; distinguuntur tempora et concordantia leges. Times are to be distinguished; distinguish times, and you will harmonize laws. 1 Coke, 24. A maxim applied to the construction of statutes.

DISTINGUISH. To point out an essential difference; to prove a case cited as applicable, inapplicable.


DISTRACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A separation or division into parts; also an alienation or sale. Sometimes applied to the act of a guardian in appropriating the property of his ward.

DISTRACTIO BONORUM. The sale at retail of the property of an insolvent estate, under the management of a curator appointed in the interest of the creditors, and for the purpose of realizing as much as possible for the satisfaction of their claim. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 524.

DISTRACTIO PIGNORIS. The sale of a thing pledged or hypothecated, by the creditor or pledgee, to obtain satisfaction of his claim on the debtor's failure to pay or redeem. Idem. § 348.

DISTRAHERE. To sell; to draw apart; to dissolve a contract; to divorce. Calvin.

DISTRAIN. To take as a pledge property of another, and keep it until he performs his obligation or until the property is reprieved by the sheriff. It was used to secure an appearance in court, payment of rent, performance of services, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 221; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 32, B. C. 223; Boyd v. Howden, 3 Daly (N. Y.) 457; Byers v. Ferguson, 41 Or. 77, 68 P. 5. Also, any detention of personal property, whether lawful or unlawful, for any purpose. Adie v. William Knabe & Co. Mfg. Co., 124 Misc. 655, 208 N. Y. S. 160, 163; Wolfe v. Montgomery, 41 S. D. 267, 170 N. W. 158.

Distress is now generally resorted to for the purpose of enforcing the payment of rent, taxes, or other duties.

DISTRAINER, or DISTRAINER. He who seizes a distress.

DISTRAINT. Seizure; the act of distraining or making a distress.
DISTRESS. The taking a personal chattel out of the possession of a wrong-doer into the custody of the party injured, to procure a satisfaction for a wrong committed; as for non-payment of rent, or injury done by cattle. 3 Bl. Comm. 6, 7; Co. Litt. 47; Emig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 400; Hard v. Near- ing, 44 Barb. (N. Y.) 489; Owen v. Boyle, 22 Me. 61; Evans v. Lincoln Co., 204 Pa. 448, 54 A. 321; In re United Motor Chicago Co. (C. C. A.) 220 F. 772, 774, 775. The taking of beasts or other personal property by way of pledge, to enforce the performance of something due from the party distrained upon. 3 Bl. Comm. 231. The taking of a defendant's goods, in order to compel an appearance in court. Id. 250; 3 Steph. Comm. 361, 363. The seizure of personal property to enforce payment of taxes, to be followed by its public sale if the taxes are not voluntarily paid. Marshall v. Wadsworth, 64 N. H. 336, 10 A. 935. Also the thing taken by distraining, that which is seized to procure satisfaction. And in old Scotch law, a pledge taken by the sheriff from those attending fairs or markets, to secure their good behavior, and returnable to them at the close of the fair or market if they had been guilty of no wrong.

-Distress infinite. One that has no bounds with regard to its quantity, and may be repeated from time to time, until the stubbornness of the party is conquered. Such are distresses for fealty or suit of court, and for compelling jurors to attend. 3 Bl. Comm. 231.

-Distress warrant. A writ authorizing an officer to make a distrain; particularly, a writ authorizing the levy of a distress on the chattels of a tenant for non-payment of rent. Baileyville v. Lowell, 20 Me. 181; Bagwell v. Jamison, Cheves (S. C.) 252; Commercial Credit Co. of Baltimore v. Vinels, 98 N. J. Law, 376, 120 A. 417, 418.

-Grand distress, writ of. A writ formerly issued in the real action of quare impedit, when no appearance had been entered after the attachment; it commanded the sheriff to distraint the defendant's lands and chattels in order to compel appearance. It is no longer used, 23 & 24 Vict. c. 126, § 26, having abolished the action of quare impedit, and substituted for it the procedure in an ordinary action. Wharton.

-Second distress. A supplementary distress for rent in arrear, allowed by law in some cases, where the goods seized under the first distress are not of sufficient value to satisfy the claim.

DISTRESS AND DANGER. The "distress" and "danger" to which a ship needs to be exposed to entitle its rescuer to salvage need not be actual or immediate, or the danger imminent and absolute. It is sufficient if at the time the assistance is rendered, the ship has encountered any damage or misfortune which might possibly expose her to destruction if the services were not rendered, or if a vessel is in a situation of actual apprehension though not of actual danger. The Urko Mend- di (D. C.) 216 F. 427, 429.

DISTRIBUTE. To deal or divide out in proportion or in shares. Buchan v. Buchan, 177 N. Y. S. 176, 177, 108 Misc. 31; Foreman v. United States (C. C. A.) 255 F. 621, 623.

DISTRIBUTEE. An heir; a person entitled to share in the distribution of an estate. This term is admissible to denote one of the persons who are entitled, under the statute of distributions, to the personal estate of one who is dead intestate. Henry v. Henry, 31 N. C. 278; Kitchen v. Southern Ry., 68 S. C. 554, 48 S. E. 4; Carson Petroleum Co. v. Moorcroft (C. C. A.) 12 F.2d 572; Allen v. Foth, 210 Ky. 313, 275 S. W. 894, 805.

DISTRIBUTION. In practice. The apportionment and division, under authority of a court, of the remainder of the estate of an intestate, after payment of the debts and charges, among those who are legally entitled to share in the same. Rogers v. Gil- lett, 56 Iowa, 266, 9 N. W. 204; William Hill Co. v. Lawler, 116 Cal. 359, 48 P. 323; In re Creighton, 12 Neb. 280, 11 N. W. 313; Thomson v. Tracy, 60 N. Y. 180.

Statute of Distributions

A law prescribing the manner of the distribution of the estate of an intestate among his heirs or relatives. Such statutes exist in all the states.

DISTRIBUTIVE. Exercising or accomplishing distribution; apportioning, dividing, and assigning in separate items or shares.

DISTRIBUTIVE FINDING OF THE ISSUE. The jury are bound to give their verdict for that party who, upon the evidence, appears to them to have succeeded in establishing his side of the issue. But there are cases in which an issue may be found distributively, i.e., in part for plaintiff, and in part for defendant. Thus, in an action for goods sold and work done, if the defendant pleaded that he never was indebted, on which issue was joined, a verdict might be found for the plaintiff as to the goods, and for the defendant as to the work. Steph. Pl. (7th Ed.) 77d.

DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE. See Justice.

DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE. The share or portion which a given heir receives on the legal distribution of an intestate estate. People v. Beckwith, 10 N. Y. St. Rep. 97; Page v. Rives, 18 Fed. Cas. 992; Redding v. Bank of Green- ville, 92 Fla. 327, 109 So. 435, 437. Sometimes, by an extension of meaning, the share or portion assigned to a given person on the distribution of any estate or fund, as, under an assignment for creditors or under insolvency proceedings.

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DISTRICT. One of the portions into which an entire state or country, county, municipal-
ity or other political subdivision or geographical
territory is divided, for judicial, political,
or administrative purposes. Briggs v. Ste-
vens, 119 Or. 138, 248 P. 169; Rose v. Superi-
or Court in and for Imperial County, 80 Cal. App. 739, 252 P. 765, 770; Harkins v. Smith,
294 Ala. 417, 85 So. 812, 813; Pedersen v. U. S.
(C. C. A.) 271 F. 157, 159; People v. Munising Tp., 213 Mich. 629, 182 N. W. 118,
119; Sundstrum v. Puget Sound Traction,
Light & Power Co., 50 Wash. 144, 84 P. 823,
830; Ex parte Givins (D. C.) 262 F. 702, 704;
Wood v. Calaveras County, 164 Cal. 396, 129
P. 283, 288; People v. Graham, 287 Ill. 426,
The United States are divided into judicial
districts, in each of which is established a dis-
trict court. They are also divided into elec-
tion districts, collection districts, etc.
The circuit or territory within which a per-
son may be compelled to appear. Cowell.
Circuit of authority; province. Enc. Lond.

—District attorney. The prosecuting officer
of the United States government in each of the
federal judicial districts. Also, under the
state governments, the prosecuting officer who
represents the state in each of its judicial dis-
tricts. In some states, where the territory is
divided, for judicial purposes, into sections
called by some other name than "districts," the
same officer is denominated "county at-
torney" or "state's attorney." Smith v.
Scranton, 2 C. P. Rep. (Pa.) 84; State v.
Salge, 2 Nev. 324.

—District clerk. The clerk of a district court
of either a state or the United States.

—District courts. Courts of the United States,
each having territorial jurisdiction over a dis-
trict, which may include a whole state or
only part of it. Each of these courts is pre-
sided over by one judge, who must reside
within the district. These courts have orig-
inal jurisdiction over all admiralty and mar-
time causes and all proceedings in bankrupt-
cy, and over all penal and criminal matters
cognizable under the laws of the United States,
exclusive jurisdiction over which is not
vested either in the supreme or circuit
courts. Also inferior courts in Arizona, Cal-
ifornia, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa,
Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska,
Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio,
Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, and Mont-
tana, are also called "district courts." Their
jurisdiction is for the most part similar to
that of county courts (q. v.).

—District judge. The judge of a United States
district court; also, in some states, the judge
of a district court of the state.

—District parishes. Ecclesiastical divisions of
parishes in England, for all purposes of wor-
ship, and for the celebration of marriages,
christenings, churchings, and burials, formed
at the instance of the queen's commissioners
for building new churches. See 3 Steph.
Comm. 744.

—District registry. By the English judicature
act, 1873, c. 60, it is provided that to facilitate
proceedings in country districts the crown
may, from time to time, by order in council,
create district registries, and appoint district
registrars for the purpose of issuing writes
of summons, and for other purposes.
Documents sealed in any such district registry
shall be received in evidence without further
proof, (section 61;) and the district registrars
may administer oaths or do other things as
provided by rules or a special order of the
court, (section 62.) Power, however, is given
to a judge to remove proceedings from a dis-
trict registry to the office of the high court.
Section 65. By order in council of 12th of
August, 1875, a number of district registries
have been established in the places mention-
ed in that order; and the prothonotaries in
Liverpool, Manchester, and Preston, the dis-
trict registrar of the court of admiralty at
Liverpool, and the county court registrars in
the other places named, have been appointed
district registrars. Wharton.

As to "Fire," "Judicial," "Land," "Levee,
"Mining," "Mining," "Road," "School," and
"Taxing," districts, see those titles.

DISTRICT MESSENGER SERVICE. The
service is not that of a common carrier, but
the furnishing of messengers to be used by
the employer in any way in which they could
be properly employed, in the course of which
the messenger becomes for the time the serv-
ant of the employer and the company is not
liable for his dishonesty in the ordinary
course of his employment unless there was
failure to use proper care in his selection;
Haskell v. Messenger Co., 190 Mass. 189, 76
N. E. 215, 2 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1091, 112 Am.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. A territory sit-
uated on the Potomac river, and being the
seat of government of the United States. It
was originally ten miles square, and was
composed of portions of Maryland and Vir-
ginia ceded by those states to the United
States; but in 1846 the tract coming from
Virginia was retroceded. Legally it is neither
a state nor a territory, but is made subject,
by the constitution, to the exclusive jurisdic-
tion of congress.

DISTRICTIO. Lat. A distress; a distraint.
Cowell.

DISTRINGAS. In English practice. A writ
directed to the sheriff of the county in
which a defendant resides, or has any goods or
chattels, commanding him to distrain upon
the goods and chattels of the defendant for forty
shillings, in order to compel his appearance.
3 Steph. Comm. 557. This writ issues in cases
where it is found impracticable to get at the defendant personally, so as to serve a summons upon him. Id.

A *distriungas* is also used in equity, as the first process to compel the appearance of a corporation aggregate. St. 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 36.

A form of execution in the actions of detinue and assise of nuisance. Brooke, Abr. pl. 26; Barnet v. Inrie, 1 Rawle (Pa.) 44.

**DISTRINGAS JURATORES.** A writ commanding the sheriff to have the bodies of the jurors, or to *distrain* them by their lands and goods, that they may appear upon the day appointed. 3 Bl. Comm. 354. It issues at the same time with the *venire*, though in theory afterwards, founded on the supposed neglect of the juror to attend. 3 Steph. Comm. 350.

**DISTRINGAS NUPER VICE COMITEM.** A writ to *distrain* the goods of one who lately filled the office of sheriff, to compel him to do some act which he ought to have done before leaving the office; as to bring in the body of a defendant, or to sell goods attached under a *fi. fa*.

**DISTRINGAS VICE COMITEM.** A writ of *distriungas*, directed to the coroner, may be issued against a sheriff if he neglects to execute a writ of *venditioni exponas*. Arch. P. 584.

**DISTRINGERE.** In feudal and old English law. To *distrain*; to coerce or compel. Spelman; Calvin.

**DISTURB.** To throw into disorder; to move from a state of rest or regular order; to interrupt a settled state of, to throw out of course or order. People v. Malone, 156 App. Div. 19, 141 N. Y. S. 149, 150; Stinchcomb v. Oklahoma City, 21 Okl. 250, 198 P. 565, 510.

**DISTURBANCE.** Any act causing annoyance, disquiet, agitation, or derangement to another, or interrupting his peace, or interfering with him in the pursuit of a lawful and appropriate occupation or contrary to the usages of a sort of meeting and class of persons assembled that interferes with its due progress or irritates the assembly in whole or in part. Richardson v. State, 5 Tex. App. 472; State v. Stuth, 11 Wash. 423, 39 P. 665; George v. George, 47 N. E. 33; Varney v. French, 19 N. H. 233; State v. Mancini, 91 Ve. 507, 101 A. 551, 553.

A wrong done to an incorporeal hereditament by hindering or disquieting the owner in the enjoyment of it. Finch, 187; 3 Bl. Comm. 235.

**DISTURBANCE OF COMMON.** The doing any act by which the right of another to his common is commoved or diminished; as where one who has no right of common puts his cattle into the land, or where one who has a right of common puts in cattle which are not commovable, or surcharges the common; or where the owner of the land, or other person, incloses or otherwise obstructs it. 3 Bl. Comm. 237–241; 3 Steph. Comm. 511, 512.

**DISTURBANCE OF FRANCHISE.** The disturbing or incommoding a man in the lawful exercise of his franchise, whereby the profits arising from it are diminished. 3 Bl. Comm. 226; 3 Steph. Comm. 510; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 1074, § 2472a.

**DISTURBANCE OF PATRONAGE.** The hindrance or obstruction of a patron from presenting his clerk to a benefice. 3 Bl. Comm. 242; 3 Steph. Comm. 514.


**DISTURBANCE OF TENURE.** In the law of tenure, disturbance is where a stranger, by menaces, force, persuasion, or otherwise, causes a tenant to leave his tenancy; this disturbance of tenure is an injury to the lord for which an action will lie. 3 Steph. Comm. 414.

**DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE.** Interruption of the peace, quiet, and good order of a neighborhood or community, particularly by unnecessary and distracting noises. City of St. Charles v. Meyer, 58 Mo. 89; Yokum v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 21 S. W. 191.

**DISTURBANCE OF WAYS.** This happens where a person who has a right of way over another's ground by grant or prescription is obstructed by inclosures or other obstacles, or by plowing across it, by which means he cannot enjoy his right of way, or at least in so commodious a manner as he might have done. 3 Bl. Comm. 241.

**DISTURBER.** If a bishop refuse or neglect to examine or admit a patron's clerk, without reason assigned or notice given, he is styled a "disturber" by the law, and shall not have any title to present by lapse; for no man shall take advantage of his own wrong. 2 Bl. Comm. 278.

**DITCH.** The words "ditch" and "drain" have no technical or exact meaning. They both may mean a hollow space in the ground, natural or artificial, where water is collected or passes off; also, entire irrigation project. Goldthwait v. East Bridgewater, 5 Gray (Mass.) 64; Wetmore v. Fiske, 15 R. I. 354, 5 A. 375; U. S. v. Big Horn Land & Cattle Co. (C. C. A.) 17 F. (2d) 357, 364; Cairns v. Hadock, 60 Cal. App. 83, 212 P. 222, 225; Wayne City Drainage Dist. v. Boggs, 262 Ill. 338, 104 N. E. 676, 679; Dickey v. Bullock, 25 Wyo. 265, 202 P. 1104, 1105.
DITCHING, DIKING, OR TILING. Every kind of work necessary to convert parts of arid lands, particularly sagebrush lands, into farms and orchards,—the word ‘diking’ as applied to arid regions implying a leveling of the land, and the term ‘clearing land’ as applied to arid regions covered with sagebrush meaning not only the removal of the destruction of the brush but the plowing or breaking up of the roots as well. Craig v. Crystal Realty Co., 89 Or. 25, 173 P. 322, 324.

DITES OUSTER. L. Fr. Say over. The form of awarding a respondeus ouster, in the Year Books, M. 6 Edw. III. 49.

DITYAY. In Scotch law. A technical term in civil law, signifying the matter of charge or ground of indictment against a person accused of crime. Taking up dittyay is obtaining informations and presentations of crime in order to trial. Skene, de Verb. Sign.; Bell.

DIVERGE. To extend from a common point in different directions. Daylight Inv. Co. v. St. Louis Merchants' Bridge Terminal Ry. Co. (Mo. Sup.) 176 S. W. 7, 8.

DIVERS. Various, several, sundry; a collective term grouping a number of unspecified persons, objects, or acts. Com. v. Butts, 124 Mass. 452; State v. Hodgson, 66 Vt. 134, 28 A. 1089; Munro v. Alaire, 2 Calnes (N. Y.) 326.

DIVERSION. A turning aside or altering the natural course of a thing. The term is chiefly applied to the unauthorized changing the course of a water course to the prejudice of a lower proprietor, or to unauthorized or illegal use of corporate funds. Merritt v. Parker, 1 N. J. Law, 490; Parker v. Griswold, 17 Conn. 299, 42 Am. Dec. 739; Shamburger v. Scheurrer (Tex. Civ. App.) 198 S. W. 1060, 1072; Young v. Bierschenk, 199 Iowa, 309, 201 N. W. 591, 594.

DIVERSITÉ DES COURTS. A treatise on courts and their jurisdiction, written in French in the reign of Edward III. as is supposed, and by some attributed to Fitzherbert. It was first printed in 1525, and again in 1534. Crabb, Eng. Law, 330, 483.

DIVERSITY. In criminal pleading. A plea by the prisoner in bar of execution, alleging that he is not the same who was attained, upon which a jury is immediately impaneled to try the collateral issue thus raised, viz., the identity of the person, and not whether he is guilty or innocent, for that has been already decided. 4 Bl. Comm. 396.

DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP. A phrase used with reference to the jurisdiction of the federal courts, which, under the Constitution (art. 3, § 2) and Judicial Code, § 24 (28 USCA § 41), extends to cases between citizens of different states, designating the condition existing when the party on one side of a lawsuit is a citizen of one state, and the party on the other side is a citizen of another state. When this is the basis of jurisdiction, all the persons on one side of the controversy must be citizens of different states from all the persons on the other side. Sewing Mach. Co.'s Case, 18 Wall. 553, 21 L. Ed. 914; Mexican Cent. R. Co. v. Pinkney, 149 U. S. 194, 13 S. Ct. 589, 37 L. Ed. 690; Albert Pick & Co. v. Cass-Butnam Hotel Co. (D. C.) 41 F.(2d) 74; Sopich v. St. Joseph Nat. Croatia Beneficary Ass'n (D. C.) 34 F.(2d) 566.

DIVERSO INTUITU. Lat. With a different view, purpose, or design; in a different view or point of view; by a different course or process. 1 W. Bl. 89; 4 Kent Comm. 211, note.

DIVERSORIUM. In old English law. A lodging or inn. Townsh. Pl. 38.

DIVERT. To turn aside; to turn out of the way; to alter the course of things. Usually applied to water-courses. Ang. Water-Courses, § 97 et seq. Sometimes to roads. 8 East, 394.

DIVES. In the practice of the English chancery division, “dives costs” are costs on the ordinary scale, as opposed to the costs formerly allowed to a successful pauper suing or defending in forma pauperis, which consisted only of his costs out of pocket. Danielew, Ch. Pr. 43.

DIVEST. Equivalent to derest, (q. v.)

DIVESTITIVE FACT. Any act or event that extinguishes or modifies a juridal relation. Kocourek, Jural Relations (2d ed.) 17.

Divide et impera, cum radix et vertex imperii in obdientium consensu rata sunt. 4 Inst. 35. Divide and govern, since the foundation and crown of empire are established in the consent of the obedient.

Division.

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In Old English Law

The term denotes one part of an indenture, (q. v.)

Cumulative Dividend


Dividend Addition

Something added to the policy in the form of paid-up insurance, and does not mean unapportioned assets or surplus. Jefferson v. New York Life Ins. Co., 151 Ky. 609, 152 S. W. 780, 783.

Ex Dividend

A phrase used by stock brokers, meaning that a sale of corporate stock does not carry with it the seller’s right to receive his proportionate share of a dividend already declared and shortly payable.

Preferred Dividend


Scrip Dividend

One paid in scrip, or in certificates of the ownership of a corresponding amount of capital stock of the company thereafter to be issued. Bailey v. Railroad Co., 22 Wall. 604, 22 L. Ed. 849.

Stock Dividend

One paid in stock, that is, not in money, but in a proportional number of shares of the capital stock of the company, which is ordinarily increased for this purpose to a corresponding extent. Kaufman v. Charlottesville Woolen Mills Co., 93 Va. 673, 25 S. E. 1003; Thomas v. Gregg, 78 Md. 545, 28 A. 565, 44 Am. St. Rep. 310. A stock dividend is not in the ordinary sense a dividend, which is a cash distribution to stockholders of profits on their investments, but rather it is an increase in the number of shares declared out of profits, the increased number representing exactly the same property as was represented by the smaller number of shares. Graves v. Graves, 94 N. J. Eq. 208, 129 A. 420, 424; Booth v. Gross, Kelley & Co., 30 N. M. 465, 238 P. 829, 831, 41 A. L. R. 868. It is really nothing more than a process in corporation bookkeeping. Hayes v. St. Louis Union Trust Co. (Mo. Sup.) 298 S. W. 91, 98.

DIVIDENDA. In old records, An inden- ture; one counterpart of an indenture.

DIVINARE. Lat. To divine; to conjecture or guess; to foretell. Divinatio, a conjecturing or guessing.

Divinatio, non interpretatio est, qua omnino reedita a litera. That is guessing, not interpretation, which altogether departs from the letter. Bac. Max. 18, (in reg. 3), citing Yearb. 3 Hen. VI. 20.


DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS. The right of a king to rule as posited by the patriarchal theory of government, especially under the doctrine that no misconduct and no dispossession can forfeit the right of a monarch or his heirs to the throne, and to the obedience of the people. Webster, Dict. This theory “was in its origin directed, not against popular liberty, but against papal and ecclesiastical claims to supremacy in temporal as well as spiritual affairs.” Figgis, “The Theory of the Divine Right of Kings.”

DIVINE SERVICE. Divine service was the name of a feudal tenure, by which the tenants were obliged to do some special divine services in certain; as to sing so many masses, to distribute such a sum in alms, and the like. (2 Bl. Comm. 102; 1 Steph. Comm. 227.) It differed from tenure in frankalmoign, in this: that, in case of the tenure by divine service, the lord of whom the lands were helden might disfrain for its nonperformance, whereas, in case of frankalmoign, the lord had no remedy by distraint for neglect of the service, but merely a right of complaint to the visitor to correct it. Mozley & Whitley.

DIVISA. In old English law. A device, award, or decree; also a devise; also bounds or limits of division of a parish or farm, etc. Cowell. Also a court held on the boundary, in order to settle disputes of the tenants.
DIVISIBLE. That which is susceptible of being divided.

DIVISIBLE CONTRACT. One which is in its nature and purposes susceptible of division and apportionment, having two or more parts in respect to matters and things contemplated and embraced by it, not necessarily dependent on each other nor intended by the parties so to be. Horsemann v. Horsemann, 43 Or. 83, 72 P. 698; Orenstien v. Kahn, 13 Del. Ch. 376, 119 A. 444, 446; Stavisky v. General Footwear Co. (City Ct. N. Y.) 185 N. Y. S. 760, 761.

DIVISIBLE OBLIGATION. See Obligation.

DIVISIBLE OFFENSE. One that includes one or more offenses of lower grade, e. g. murder includes assault, battery, assault with intent to kill, and other offenses. Williams v. State, 20 Ala. App. 604, 104 So. 280, 281.

DIVISIM. In old English law. Severally; separately. Bract. fol. 47.

DIVISION. In English law. One of the smaller subdivisions of a county. Used in Lincolnshire as synonymous with "riding" in Yorkshire.

DIVISION OF OPINION. In the practice of appellate courts, this term denotes such a disagreement among the judges that there is not a majority in favor of any one view, and hence no decision can be rendered on the case. But it sometimes also denotes a division into two classes, one of which may comprise a majority of the judges; as when we speak of a decision having proceeded from a "divided court."

DIVISIONAL COURTS. Courts in England, consisting of two or (in special cases) more judges of the high court of justice, sitting to transact certain kinds of business which cannot be disposed of by one judge.

DIVISUM IMPERIUM. Lat. A divided jurisdiction. Applied, e. g., to the jurisdiction of courts of common law and equity over the same subject. 1 Kent, Comm. 366; 4 Steph. Comm. 9.


The dissolution is termed "divorce from the bond of matrimony," or, in the Latin form of the expression, "a vinculo matrimonii;" the suspension, "divorce from bed and board," "a mensa et thoro." The former divorce puts an end to the marriage; the latter leaves it in full force. 2 Blash. Mar. & Div. § 225.

The term "divorce" is now applied, in England, both to decrees of nullity and decrees of dissolution of marriage, while in America it is ordinarily used only in cases of divorce a mensa or a vinculo, a decree of nullity of marriage being granted for the causes for which a divorce a vinculo was formerly obtainable in England.

-Divorce a mensa et thoro. A divorce from table and bed, or from bed and board. A partial or qualified divorce, by which the parties are separated and forbidden to live or cohabit together, without affecting the marriage itself. 1 Bl. Comm. 440; 3 Bl. Comm. 94; 2 Steph. Comm. 311; 2 Blash. Mar. & Div. § 225; Miller v. Clark, 23 Ind. 370; Rudolph v. Rudolph (Super. Buff.) 12 N. Y. Supp. 81; Zule v. Zule, 1 N. J. Eq. 99; Atkenson v. Sovereign Camp, W. O. W., 90 Okl. 154, 216 P. 467, 471, 32 A. L. R. 1105; McWilliams v. McWilliams, 216 Ala. 16, 112 So. 318, 319; Ex parte State ex rel. Tissler, 214 Ala. 219, 106 So. 868, 968.

-Divorce a vinculo matrimonii. A divorce from the bond of marriage. A total divorce of husband and wife, dissolving the marriage tie, and releasing the parties wholly from their matrimonial obligations. 1 Bl. Comm. 440; 2 Steph. Comm. 310, 311; 2 Blash. Mar. & Div. § 225; De Roche v. De Roche, 12 N. D. 17, 94 N. W. 770; Ex parte State ex rel. Tissler, 214 Ala. 219, 106 So. 868, 868.

-Foreign divorce. A divorce obtained out of the state or country where the marriage was solemnized. 2 Kent, Comm. 106, et seq.

-Limited divorce. A divorce from bed and board; or a judicial separation of husband and wife not dissolving the marriage tie.

-Divorce suit. A "divorce suit" is a civil proceeding founded on a matrimonial wrong, wherein the married parties are plaintiff and defendant, and the government, or public, occupies, without being mentioned in the pleadings, the position of a third party, resulting in a triangle and otherwise sui generis action of tort. Grant v. Grant (Tex. Civ. App.) 286 S. W. 474, 456; Gallemore v. Gallemore, 94 Fla. 516, 114 So. 371, 372.

Divortium dieitur a divertendo, qua vir divertitur ab uxore. Co. Litt. 235. Divorce is called from divertendo, because a man is diverted from his wife.

DIXIÈME. Fr. Tenth; the tenth part. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 1, art. 9.

In Old French Law

An income tax payable to the crown. Steph. Lect. 850.
DO. Lat. I give. The ancient and apostle
word of feoffment and of gift. 2 Bl. Comm.
310, 318; Co. Litt. 9.

DO, DICO, ADDICO. Lat. I give, I say, I
adjudge. Three words used in the Roman
law, to express the extent of the civil juris-
diction of the praetor. Do denoted that he
gave or granted actions, exceptions, and judi-
ces; dico, that he pronounced judgment; ad-
dico, that he adjudged the controverted prop-
erty, or the goods of the debtor, etc.; to the

DO, LEGO. Lat. I give, I bequeath; or I
give and bequeath. The formal words of mak-
ing a bequest or legacy, in the Roman law.
Titi et Seio hominem Stichum do, lego, I
give and bequeath to Titius and Selus my
man Stichus. Inst. 2, 20, 8, 30, 31. The ex-
pression is literally retained in modern wills.

DO UT DES. Lat. I give that you may give;
I give [you] that you may give [me]. A
formula in the civil law, constituting a gen-
eral division under which those contracts
(termed "inominates") were classed in which
something was given by one party as a con-
sideration for something given by the other.
Dig. 19, 4; Id. 19, 5, 5; 2 Bl. Comm. 444.

DO UT FACIAS. Lat. I give that you may
do; I give [you] that you may do or make
[for me]. A formula in the civil law, under
which those contracts were classed in which
one party gave or agreed to give money, in
consideration the other party did or perform-
ed certain work. Dig. 19, 5, 5; 2 Bl. Comm.
444.

In this and the foregoing phrase, the conjunction
"ut" is not to be taken as the technical means of
expressing a consideration. In the Roman usage,
this word imported a modus, that is, a qualification;
while a consideration (causa) was more aptly ex-
pressed by the word "qua.

DOCIMASIA PULMONUM. In medical juris-
prudence. The hydrostatic test used chiefly
in cases of alleged infanticide to determine
whether the child was born alive or dead.
See Hydrostatic Test.

DOCK, v. To curtail or diminish, as to dock
an entail.

DOCK, n. The cage or inclosed space in a
criminal court where prisoners stand when
brought in for trial.

The space, in a river or harbor, inclosed
between two wharves. City of Boston v. Le-
craw, 17 How. 434, 15 L. Ed. 118; Bingham
v. Doane, 9 Ohio, 167.

A slip or waterway extending between two
piers or projecting wharfs for the reception
of ships, sometimes including the piers them-
selves. Wescott v. American Creosoting Co.,
86 N. J. Eq. 104, 97 A. 493, 494.

"A dock is an artificial basin in connection with
a harbor, used for the reception of vessels in the
taking on or discharging of their cargoes, and
provided with gates for preventing the rise and
fall of the waters occasioned by the tides, and
keeping a uniform level within the docks." Perry
v. Haines, 191 U. S. 17, 24 S. Ct. 5, 48 L. Ed. 73.

DOCKAGE. A charge against vessels for the
privilege of mooring to the wharves or in the
slips. People v. Roberts, 92 Cal. 659, 28 Pac.
689. A pecuniary compensation for the use
of a dock while a vessel is undergoing repairs.
Ives v. The Buckeye State, 13 Fed. Cas. 184;
The Indomable (C. C. A.) 279 F. 827, 831;
Wilkins v. Tralfakktebolaget Grangesborg
Okelosund (C. C. A.) 10 F. 2d (2d) 129, 131.

DOCK-MASTER. An officer invested with
powers within the docks, and a certain dis-
tance therefrom, to direct the mooring and
removing of ships, so as to prevent obstruc-
tion to the dock entrances. Mosley & White-
ley.

DOCK WARRANT. In English law. A war-
rant given by dock-owners to the owner of
merchandise imported and warehoused on the
dock, upon the faith of the bills of lading, as
a recognition of his title to the goods. It is
a negotiable instrument. Pull. Port of Lon-
don, p. 375.

DOCKET, v. To abstract and enter in a book,
3 Bl. Comm. 397, 398. To make a brief entry
of any proceeding in a court of justice in the
docket.

DOCKET, n. A minute, abstract, or brief en-
try; or the book containing such entries.
A small piece of paper or parchment having
the effect of a larger. Blount.

In Practice
A formal record, entered in brief, of the
proceedings in a court of justice.
A book containing an entry in brief of all
the important acts done in court in the con-
duct of each case, from its inception to its
The name of "docket" or "trial docket" is
sometimes given to the list or calendar of
causes set to be tried at a specified term, pre-
pared by the clerks for the use of the court and
bar.

Kinds of Dockets
An appearance docket is one in which the
appearances in actions are entered, contain-
ing also a brief abstract of the successive
steps in each action. A bar docket is an un-
official paper consisting of a transcript of the
docket for a term of court, printed for dis-
tribution to members of the bar. Gifford v.
Cole, 57 Iowa, 272, 10 N. W. 672. An execu-
tion docket is a list of the executions sued
out or pending in the sheriff's office. A judg-
ment docket is a list or docket of the judg-
ments entered in a given court, methodically
kept by the clerk or other proper officer, open
to public inspection, and intended to afford
official notice to interested parties of the existence or lien of judgments.

In General

—Docket fee. An attorney’s fee, of a fixed sum, chargeable with or as a part of the costs of the action, for the attorney of the successful party; so called because chargeable on the docket, not as a fee for making docket entries. Bank v. Neill, 13 Mont. 377, 31 Pac. 150; Goodyear v. Sawyer (C. C.) 17 Fed. 2.

—Docket, striking a. A phrase formerly used in English bankruptcy practice. It referred to the entry of certain papers at the bankruptcy office, preliminary to the prosecution of the flat against a trader who had become bankrupt. These papers consisted of the affidavit, the bond, and the petition of the creditor, and their object was to obtain from the lord chancellor his flat, authorizing the petitioner to prosecute his complaint against the bankrupt in the bankruptcy courts. Brown.

DOCKMASTERS. Officers appointed to direct the mooring of ships, so as to prevent the obstruction of dock entrances.

DOCTOR, v. To prescribe or treat medically or to treat as a doctor or physician. Haines v. Indiana Trust Co., 95 Ind. App. 651, 131 N. E. 89, 91.

DOCTOR, n. A learned man; one qualified to give instruction of the higher order in a science or art; particularly, one who has received the highest academical degree in his art or faculty, as, a doctor of laws, medicine, or theology. In colloquial language, however, the term is practically restricted to practitioners of medicine. Harrison v. State, 102 Ala. 170, 15 South. 598; State v. McKnight, 131 N. C. 717, 42 S. E. 580, 59 L. R. A. 187; Commonwealth v. New England College of Chiropractic, 221 Mass. 190, 108 N. E. 895, 897; Corsi v. Maretzek, 4 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 1.

DOCTOR AND STUDENT. The title of a work written by St. Germain in the reign of Henry VIII. In which many principles of the common law are discussed in a popular manner. It is in the form of a dialogue between a doctor of divinity and a student in law, and has always been considered a book of merit and authority. 1 Kent, Comm. 504; Crabb, Eng. Law, 482.

DOCTORS’ COMMONS. An institution near St. Paul’s Churchyard, in London, where, for a long time previous to 1857, the ecclesiastical and admiralty courts used to be held.

DOCTRINE. A rule, principle, theory, or tenet of the law; as, the doctrine of merger, the doctrine of relation, etc.

DOCTRINAL INTERPRETATION. See Interpretation.

DOCUMENT. An instrument on which is recorded, by means of letters, figures, or marks, matter which may be evidentially used. In this sense the term “document” applies to writings; to words printed, lithographed, or photographed; to seals, plates, or stones on which inscriptions are cut or engraved; to photographs and pictures; to maps or plans. The inscription may be on stone or gems, or on wood, as well as on paper or parchment. 1 Whart. Ev. § 614; Johnson Steel Street-Rail Co. v. North Branch Steel Co. (C. C.) 45 F. 104; Arnold v. Water Co., 18 R. I. 180, 36 A. 85, 19 L. R. A. 602; Hayden v. Van Cortlandt, 32 N. Y. S. 507, 84 Hun. 150. It has various statutory meanings. Hays v. Hinkle (Tex. Civ. App.) 193 S. W. 133, 155; Cohn v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 258 F. 355, 361; Smith v. Lingebach, 177 Wis. 170, 187 N. W. 1007, 1008; Broadway Furniture Co. v. Superior Court (R. I.) 123 A. 506, 567; Cudahy Packing Co. v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 133, 135; Paola v. Porter Bros., 205 N. Y. S. 281-283, 209 App. Div. 716; Jordan v. Logia Suprema de la Alianza Hispano-Americana, 23 Ariz. 584, 206 P. 162, 169, 24 A. L. R. 974.

In the plural, the deeds, agreements, title-papers, letters, receipts, and other written instruments used to prove a fact.

In the Civil Law

Evidence delivered in the forms established by law, of whatever nature such evidence may be. The term is, however, applied principally to the testimony of witnesses. Sav. Dr. Rom. § 165.

In General

—Ancient documents. Deeds, wills, and other writings more than thirty years old are so called; they are presumed to be genuine without express proof, when coming from the proper custodv.

—Foreign document. One which was prepared or executed in, or which comes from, a foreign state or country.

—Judicial documents. Proceedings relating to litigation. They are divided into (1) judgments, decrees, and verdicts; (2) depositions, examinations, and inquisitions taken in the course of a legal process; (3) writs, warrants, pleadings, etc., which are incident to any judicial proceedings. See 1 Starkie, Ev. 252.

—Public document. A state paper, or other instrument of public importance or interest, issued or published by authority of congress or a state legislature. Also any document or record, evidencing or connected with the public business or the administration of public affairs, preserved in or issued by any department of the government. See Hammatt v. Emerson, 27 Me. 335, 46 Am. Dec. 598. One of the publications printed by order of congress or either house thereof. McCall v. U.
S. 1 Dak. 325, 46 N. W. 666. Broadly, any
document open to public inspection. Flint v.
Stone Tracy Co., 229 U. S. 197, 31 S. Ct. 342,

—Documentary evidence. Such evidence as is
furnished by written instruments, inscrip-
tions, documents of all kinds, and also any
inanimate objects admissible for the purpose,
as distinguished from "oral" evidence, or that
delivered by human beings viva voce.

DODDRANS. Lat. In Roman law. A sub-
division of the ex, containing nine uncies; the
proportion of nine-twelfths, or three-fourths.

DOE, JOHN. The name of the fictitious plaintiff
in the action of ejectment. 3 Steph. Comm. 618.

DOED-BANA. In Saxon law. The actual
perpetrator of a homicide.

DOER. In Scotch law. An agent or attorney.
1 Kames, Eq. 325.

DOG-DRAW. In old forest law. The mani-
fest depreression of an offender against veni-
son in a forest, when he was found drawing
after a deer by the scent of a hound led in
his hand; or where a person had wounded a
deer or wild beast, by shooting at him, or oth-
erwise, and was caught with a dog drawing
after him to receive the same. Manwood, For-
est Law, 2, c. 8.

DOG-LATIN. The Latin of illiterate per-
sions; Latin words put together on the En-
lish grammatical system.

DOGGER. In maritime law. A light ship
or vessel; dogger-fish, fish brought in ships.
Cowell.

DOGGER-MEN. Fishermen that belong to
dogger-ships.

DOGMA. In the civil law. A word occasion-
ally used as descriptive of an ordinance of
the senate. See Nov. 2, 1, 1; Dig. 27, 1, 6.

DOING. The formal word by which services
were reserved and expressed in old convey-
ances; as "rendering" (reddendo) was expres-
sive of rent. Perk. c. 10, §§ 625, 635, 638.

DOING BUSINESS. Within the meaning of
statutes pertaining to service of process on
foreign corporations, equivalent to conducting
or managing business. Wichita Film & Sup-
ply Co. v. Yale, 194 Mo. App. 60, 184 S. W.
119. A foreign corporation is "doing busi-
ness" within a state, making it amenable to
process therein, if it does business therein
in such a manner as to warrant the inference
that it is present there; Cannon Mfg. Co. v.
Cuddy Packing Co. (D. C.) 292 F. 169, 171;
or that it has subjected itself to the jurisdic-
tion and laws in which the service is made;
W. J. Armstrong Co. v. New York Cent. &
H. R. R. Co., 129 Minn. 104, 151 N. W. 917,
918, L. R. A. 1916B, 232, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 335;
Smithson v. Roneo (D. C.) 231 F. 349, 352;
Shambe v. Delaware & H. R. Co., 288 Pa. 240,
135 A. 755, 757. The doing of business is the
exercise in the state of some of the ordinary
functions for which the corporation was or-
ganized. Davis & Worrell v. General Mo-
tors Acceptance Corporation, 153 Ark. 628,
241 S. W. 44, 46; State v. Superior Court of
Yakima County, 136 Wash. 653, 241 P. 306,
304; Hoffstater v. Jewell, 33 Idaho, 439, 99
P. 194, 195. What constitutes "doing busi-
ness" depends on the facts in each particular
case. Walton N. Moore Dry Goods Co. v.
Commercial Industrial Co. (C. C. A.) 282 F.
21, 25. The activities of the corporation, how-
ever, must represent a more or less continu-
ous effort; Knapp v. Bullock Tractor Co. (D. C.)
242 F. 543, 550; Lloyd Thomas Co. v.
Grovenor, 144 Tenn. 347, 233 S. W. 669, 670;
Ruff v. Manhattan Oil Co. of Delaware, 172
Minn. 555, 216 N. W. 331, 332; Johnson v.
Cass & Emerson, 91 Vt. 103, 99 A. 633, 635;
or be of a systematic and regular nature;
Cunningham v. Mellin's Food Co. of North
America, 201 N. Y. S. 17, 18, 121 Misc. 353;
Home Lumber Co. v. Hopkins, 107 Kan. 153,
190 P. 601, 605, 10 A. L. R. 879. The trans-
action of single piece of business is not
enough. State v. Second Judicial District
Court in and for Washoe County, 48 Nev.
53, 226 P. 1106; Dover Lumber Co. v. Whit-
comb, 54 Mont. 141, 168 P. 347, 350; Cockb
v. Kinsley, 23 Colo. App. 69, 135 F. 1112, 1116;
Intermediate Const. Co. v. Lakeview Canal Co.,
31 Wyo. 107, 234 P. 870, 872; Wood & Sellex
v. American Grocery Co., 96 N. J. Law, 215,
114 A. 756, 757; North Dakota Realty & Inv.
Co. v. Abell, 85 Ind. App. 563, 155 N. E. 46, 48;
Brioschi-Minuti Co. v. Elson-Williams Constr.
Co., 41 N. D. 628, 172 N. W. 239, 240; Anderson
v. Morris & E. R. Co. (C. C. A.) 216 F. 83,
87. Contra, Tripp State Bank of Tripp v.
Jerke, 46 S. D. 418, 188 N. W. 314, 315; Boddy
294, 295; Buhler v. E. T. Burrowes Co. (Tex.
Civ. App.) 177 S. W. 791, 793 (but see Tyler v.
Consolidated Portrait Frame Co. [Tex. Civ.
App.] 191 S. W. 710).

DOITKIN, or DOIT. A base coin of small
value, prohibited by St. 3 Hen. V. c. 1. We
still retain the phrase, in the common say-
ing, when we would undervalue a man, that
he is not worth a doit. Jacob.

DOLE. A part, share, or portion, as of a
meadow. To "dole out" anything is to deal
or distribute in small portions. Holthouse.

In Scotch Law

Criminal intent; evil design. Bell, Dict.
voe. "Crime."

DOLÉANCE. A peculiar appeal in the Chan-
nel Islands. It is a personal charge against
a judicial officer, either of misconduct or of

DOLES, or DOOLS. Slips of pasture left between the furrows of plowed land.


DOLG-BOTE. A recompense for a scar or wound. Cowell.

DOLI. Lat. See Dolus.

DOLLAR. The unit employed in the United States in calculating money values. It is coined both in gold and silver, and is of the value of one hundred cents. Thompson v. State, 96 Tex. Cr. R. 123, 234 S. W. 406, 408.

DOLIO. In Spanish law. Bad or mischievous design. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 1, c. 1, § 3.

Dolo facit qui petit quod redditurus est. He acts with guile who demands that which he will have to return. Broom, Max. 346.

Dolo malo pactum se non servaturum. Dig. 2, 14, 7, § 9. An agreement induced by fraud cannot stand.

Dolosus versat in generalibus. A person intending to deceive deals in general terms. Wing. Max. 636; 2 Coke, 34a; 6 Clark & P. 699; Broom, Max. 289.

Dolum ex indicis perspicuis probari convenit. Fraud should be proved by clear tokens. Code, 2, 21, 6; 1 Story, Cont. § 625.

DOLUS. In the civil law. Guile; deceitfulness; malicious fraud. A fraudulent address or trick used to deceive some one; a fraud. Dig. 4, 3, 1. Any subtle contrivance by words or acts with a design to circumvent. 2 Kent, Comm. 590; Code, 2, 21.

Such acts or omissions as operate as a deception upon the other party, or violate the just confidence reposed by him, whether there be a deceitful intent (malius animus) or not. Poth. Traité de Dépôt, nn. 23, 27; Story, Bailm. § 20a; 2 Kent, Comm. 509, note.

Fraud, willfulness, or intentionality. In that use it is opposed to culpa, which is negligence merely, in greater or less degree. The policy of the law may sometimes treat extreme culpa as if it were dolus, upon the maxim culpa dolos comparatur. A person is always liable for dolus producing damage, but not always for culpa producing damage, even though extreme, e. g., a depositary is only liable for dolus, and not for negligence. Brown.

—Dolus bonus, dolus malus. In a wide sense, the Roman law distinguishes between “good,” or rather “permissible” dolus and “bad” or fraudulent dolus. The former is justifiable or allowable deceit; it is that which a man may employ in self-defense against an unlawful attack, or for another permissible purpose, as when one dissembles the truth to prevent a lunatic from injuring himself or others. The latter exists where one intentionally misleads another or takes advantage of another’s error wrongfully, by any form of deception, fraud, or cheating. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 179; Broom, Max. 349; 2 Kent, Comm. 560, note.

—Dolus dans locus contracti. Fraud (or deceit) giving rise to the contract; that is, a fraudulent misrepresentation made by one of the parties to the contract, and relied upon by the other, and which was actually instrumental in inducing the latter to enter into the contract.

—Dolli capax. Capable of malice or criminal intention; having sufficient discretion and intelligence to distinguish between right and wrong, and so to become amenable to the criminal laws.

—Dolli incapax. Incapable of criminal intention or malice; not of the age of discretion; not possessed of sufficient discretion and intelligence to distinguish between right and wrong to the extent of being criminally responsible for his actions.

Dolus auctoris non nocet successori. The fraud of a predecessor prejudices not his successor.

Dolus ciruitus non purgatur. Fraud is not purged by circuity. Bac. Max. 4; Broom, Max. 228.

Dolus est machination, cum aliud dissimulat aliud agit. Lane. 47. Deceit is an artifice, since it pretends one thing and does another.


Dolus latet in generalibus. Fraud lurks in generalities. Tray. Lat. Max. 162.

Dolus versat in generalibus. Fraud deals in generalities. 2 Coke, 34a; 3 Coke, 81a.

DOM, PROC. An abbreviation of Domus Procerum or Domo Procerum; the house of lords in England. Sometimes expressed by the letters D. P.

DOMAIN. The complete and absolute ownership of land; a paramount and individual right of property in land. People v. Shearer, 30 Cal. 658. Also the real estate so owned. The inherent sovereign power claimed by the legislature of a state, of controlling private property for public uses, is termed the “right of eminent domain.” 2 Kent, Comm. 339. See Eminent Domain.

A distinction has been made between “property” and “domain.” The former is said to be that quali-
ity which is conceived to be in the thing itself, considered as belonging to such or such person, exclusively of all others. By the latter is understood that right which the owner has of disposing of the thing. Hence "domain" and "property" are said to be correlative terms. The one is the active right to dispose of; the other a passive quality which follows the thing and places it at the disposition of the owner. 3 Toullier, no. 82.

National Domain

A term sometimes applied to the aggregate of the property owned directly by a nation. Clv. Code La. art. 486.

Public Domain

This term embraces all lands, the title to which is in the United States, including as well land occupied for the purposes of federal buildings, arsenals, dock-yards, etc., as land of an agricultural or mineral character not yet granted to private owners. Barker v. Harvey, 21 S. Ct. 690, 181 U. S. 481, 45 L. Ed. 963; Day Land & Cattle Co. v. State, 68 Tex. 526, 4 S. W. 865.

DOMBEC, DOMBOC. (Sax. From dom, judgment, and bec, bec, a book.) Dome-book or doom-book. A name given among the Saxons to a code of laws. Several of the Saxon kings published domboes, but the most important one was that attributed to Alfred. Crabb, Com. Law, 7. This is sometimes confounded with the celebrated Domesday-Book. See Dome-Book; Domesday.


DOME-BOOK. A book or code said to have been compiled under the direction of Alfred, for the general use of the whole kingdom of England; containing, as is supposed, the principal maxims of the common law, the penalties for misdemeanors, and the forms of judicial proceedings. It is said to have been extant so late as the reign of Edward IV., but is now lost. 1 Bl. Comm. 64, 65.

DOMESDAY, DOMESDAY-BOOK. (Sax.) An ancient record made in the time of William the Conqueror, and now remaining in the English exchequer, consisting of two volumes of unequal size, containing minute and accurate surveys of the lands in England. 2 Bl. Comm. 49, 50. The work was begun by five justices in each county in 1081, and finished in 1086.

DOMEMEN. (Sax.) An inferior kind of judges. Most appointed to doom (judge) in matters in controversy. Cowell. Suits in a court of a manor in ancient demesne, who are judges there. Blount; Whishaw; Termes de la Ley.

DOMESTIC, a. A domestic, or, in full, domestic servant, is a servant who resides in the same house with the master. The term does not extend to workmen or laborers employed out of doors. Ex parte Meason, 5 Bin. (Pa.) 167; Richardson v. State, 43 Tex. 456; Wakefield v. State, 41 Tex. 553.

The Louisiana Civil Code enumerates as domestics those who receive wages and stay in the house of the person paying and employing them, for his own service or that of his family: such as valets, footmen, cooks, butlers, and others who reside in the house. Persons employed in public houses are not included. Cook v. Dodge, 6 La. Ann. 276.

The term is sometimes extended, however, to include servants who do not reside in the same house as the master. Catto v. Plant, 106 Conn. 256, 177 A. 764; 766 (gardener); Douglas v. State, 58 Tex. Cr. R. 295, 225 S. W. 598, 598 (house porter).


—Domestic animals. Such as are habituated to live in or about the habitations of men, or such as contribute to the support of a family or the wealth of the community. This term includes horses, (State v. Gould, 29 V. W. A. 261; Osborn v. Lenox, 2 Allen [Mass.] 267,) but may or may not include dogs. See Wilcox v. State, 101 Ga. 653, 28 S. E. 951, 99 L. R. A. 709; State v. Harriman, 77 N. Y. 51, 16 Am. Rep. 423; Hurley v. State, 30 Tex. App. 333, 17 S. W. 455, 28 Am. St. Rep. 918; Thurston v. Carter, 112 Me. 381, 92 A. 295, 55 L. R. A. 1015c, 359, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 359.


DOMESTICUS. In old European law. A servus domesticus, steward, or major domo; a judge's assistant; an assessor, (q. v.) Spelman.

DOMICELLA. In old English law. A damsel. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 20, § 80.

DOMICELLUS. In old English law. A better sort of servant in monasteries; also an appellation of a king's bastard.

DOMICILE. That place where a man has his true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment, and to which whenever he is absent he has the intention of returning. White v. Crawford, 10 Mass. 188; Tanner v. King, 11 La. 175; Crawford v. Wilson, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 503; White v. Brown, Wall. Jr. 217, Fed. Cas. No. 17,588; Horne v. Horne, 31 N.

That place in which a man has voluntarily fixed the habitation of himself and family, not for a mere special or temporary purpose, but with the present intention of making a permanent home, for an unlimited or indefinite period. In re Garneau, 127 F. 677, 62 C. C. A. 403; 28 L. J. Ch. 361, 366; MacLeod v. Stelle, 43 Idaho, 64, 249 P. 254, 256; Steckel v. Steckel, 118 Va. 198, 66 S. E. 833.

In international law, a residence at a particular place, Accompanied with positive or presumptive proof of an intention to continue there for an unlimited time. State v. Collector of Bordentown, 32 N. J. Law. 192; Graham v. Graham, 9 N. D. 88, 81 N. W. 44; Philimore, Int. Law. 192.

The place where a person has fixed his habitation and has a permanent residence, without any present intention of removing therefrom. Crawford v. Wilson, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 536, 520; Holyoke v. Holyoke's Estate, 119 Me. 442, 57 A. 1192; Story, Con. L. § 43; Hindman's Appeal, 85 Pa. 496; Connolly v. Connolly, 33 S. D. 246, 146 N. W. 581, 582.

The established, fixed, permanent, or ordinary dwelling-place or place of residence of a person, as distinguished from his temporary and transient, actual, place of residence. It is his legal residence, as distinguished from his temporary place of abode; or his home, as distinguished from a place to which business or pleasure may temporarily call him. Slocum v. Lymne, 29 Conn. 74; Towson v. Towson, 136 Va. 640, 102 S. E. 45, 52.


As to abandonment of domicile, see Abandonment.

Classification

Domicile may be deemed to be of three sorts, —domicile by birth, domicile by choice, and domicile by operation of law. The first is the common case of the place of birth, domicili-

um originis; the second is that which is voluntarily acquired by a party, proprio motu; the last is consequential, as that of the wife arising from marriage. Story, Const. Laws, § 46, and see Railroad Co. v. Kimbrough, 115 Ky. 512, 74 S. W. 229; Price v. Price, 150 Pa. 617, 27 A. 291; White v. Brown, 29 Fed. Cas. 992; In re Jones' Estate, 192 Iowa, 78, 182 N. W. 227, 228, 16 A. L. R. 1286; Thayer v. Thayer, 187 N. C. 575, 122 S. E. 307, 308; In re Lyon's Estate, 117 Misc. 189, 191 N. Y. S. 260, 268.

As from different points of view, other classifications are indicated by the following terms:

Commercial Domicile

A domicile acquired by the maintenance of a commercial establishment; a domicile which a citizen of a foreign country may acquire by conducting business in another country. 1 Kent, 82; U. S. v. Chin Quong Lock (D. C.) 52 F. 204; Lau Ow Biew v. U. S., 144 U. S. 47, 12 S. Ct. 517, 36 L. Ed. 340. See Dicey, Dom. 341; The Dos Hermanos, 2 Wheat. 76, 4 L Ed. 189.

De Facto Domicile

In French law, permanent and fixed residence in France of an alien who has not acquired French citizenship nor taken steps to do so, but who intends to make his home permanently or indefinitely in that country; called domicile "de facto" because domicile in the full sense of that term, as used in France, can only be acquired by an act equivalent to naturalization. In re Gruger's Will, 36 Misc. 477, 73 N. Y. S. 812.

Domestic Domicile

A name sometimes used for "municipal domicile" (q. v.). Hayward v. Hayward, 65 Ind. App. 440, 115 N. E. 966, 970.

Domicile of Origin

The home of the parents. Philim. Dom. 25, 101. That which arises from a man's birth and connections. 5 Ves. 750. The domicile of the parents at the time of birth, or what is termed the "domicile of origin," constitutes the domicile of an infant, and continues until abandoned, or until the acquisition of a new domicile in a different place. Prentiss v. Barton, 1 Brock. 339, 333, Fed. Cas. No.
DOMICILED. Established in a given domicile; belonging to a given state or jurisdiction by right of domicile.

DOMICILIARY. Pertaining to domicile; relating to one's domicile. Existing or created at, or connected with, the domicile of a suitor or of a decedent.

DOMICILATE. To establish one's domicile; to take up one's fixed residence in a given place. To establish the domicile of another person whose legal residence follows one's own.

DOMICILIATION. In Spanish law. The acquisition of domiciliary rights and status, nearly equivalent to naturalization, which may be accomplished by being born in the kingdom, by conversion to the Catholic faith there, by taking up a permanent residence in some settlement and marrying a native woman, and by attaching oneself to the soil, purchasing or acquiring real property and possessions. Yates v. Iams, 10 Tex. 185.

DOMICILIIUM. Lat. Domicile (g. v.).

DOMIGERIUM. In old English law. Power over another; also danger. Bract. l. 4, t. 1, c. 10.

DOMINA (DAME). A title given to honorable women, who, anciently, in their own right of inheritance, held a barony. Cowell.

DOMINANT ESTATE OR TENEMENT. That to which a servitude or easement is due, or for the benefit of which it exists. A term used in the civil and Scotch law, and thence in ours, relating to servitudes, meaning the tenement or subject in favor of which the service is constituted; as the tenement over which the servitude extends is called the “servient tenement.” Wharton; Walker v. Clifford, 128 Ala. 67, 29 South. 588, 86 Am. St. Rep. 74; Dillman v. Hoffman, 38 Wls. 572; Stevens v. Dennett, 51 N. H. 339; Burdine v. Sewell, 92 Flm. 375, 109 So. 648, 652.

DOMINATIO. In old English law. Lordship.

DOMINICA PALMARUM. (Dominica in ramiis palmarum.) L. Lat. Palm Sunday. Townsh. Pl. 131; Cowell; Blount.

DOMINICAL. That which denotes the Lord's day, or Sunday.

DOMINICIDE. The act of killing one's lord or master.

DOMINICUM. Lat. Domain; demain; destine. A lordship. That of which one has the lordship or ownership. That which remains under the lord's immediate charge and control. Spelman; Blount.

In Domencay he meant the home farm as distinguished from the holdings of the tenants. Vinogradoff, Engl. Soc. in Eleventh Century 332.
Property; domain; anything pertaining to a lord. Cowell.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A church, or any other building consecrated to God. Du Cange.


DOMINIO. Sp. In Spanish law. A term corresponding to and derived from the Latin dominium (q. v.). Dominio alto, eminent domain; dominio directo, immediate ownership; dominio utile, beneficial ownership. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 556.

DOMINION. Ownership, or right to property. 2 Bl. Comm. 1. Title to an article of property which arises from the power of disposition and the right of claiming it. Baker v. Westcott, 73 Tex. 128, 11 S. W. 157. "The holder has the dominion of the bill." 8 East, 579. See, also, State v. Johnson, 34 S. D. 601, 149 N. W. 786, 784.

Sovereignty or lordship; as the dominion of the seas. Moll. de Jure Mar. 91, 92.

In the civil law, with reference to the title to property which is transferred by a sale of it, dominion is said to be either "proximate" or "remote," the former being the kind of title vesting in the purchaser when he has acquired both the ownership and the possession of the article, the latter describing the nature of his title when he has legitimately acquired the ownership of the property but there has been no delivery. Coles v. Perry, 7 Tex. 108.

DOMINIUM. In the civil and old English law. Ownership; property in the largest sense, including both the right of property and the right of possession or use.

The mere right of property, as distinguished from the possession or usufruct. Dig. 41, 2, 17, 1; Calvin. The right which a lord had in the fee of his tenant. In this sense the word is very clearly distinguished by Bracton from dominium.

The estate of a feoffee to use, "The feoffees to use shall have the dominium, and the cestui que use the disposition." 1 Lat. 137.

Sovereignty or dominion. Dominium maris, the sovereignty of the sea.

DOMINUM DIRECTUM.

In the Civil Law

Strict ownership; that which was founded on strict law, as distinguished from equity. In later law. Property without use; the right of a landlord. Tayl. Civil Law, 478.

In Feudal Law

Right or proper ownership;—the right of a superior or lord, as distinguished from that of his vassal or tenant. The title or property which the sovereign in England is considered as possessing in all the lands of the kingdom, they being helden either immediately or mediateiy of him as lord paramount.

DOMINIUM DIRECTUM ET UTILE. The complete and absolute dominion in property; the union of the title and the exclusive use. Fairfax v. Hunter, 7 Cranch, 603, 3 L. Ed. 453.

DOMINIUM EMINENS. Eminent domain.

Dominium non potest esse in pendenti. Lordship cannot be in suspense, i. e., property cannot remain in abeyance. Halk. Law Max. 39.

DOMINIUM PLENUM. Full ownership; the union of the dominium directum with the dominium utile. Tayl. Civil Law, 478.

DOMINIUM UTILE.

In the Civil Law

Equitable or proritum ownership; that which was founded on equity. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 327, note. In later law. Use without property; the right of a tenant. Tayl. Civil Law, 478.

In Feudal Law

Useful or beneficial ownership; the usufruct, or right to the use and profits of the soil, as distinguished from the dominium directum (q. e.) or ownership of the soil itself; the right of a vassal or tenant. 2 Bl. Comm. 105.

DOMINO VOLENTE. Lat. The owner being willing; with the consent of the owner.

DOMINUS.

In Feudal and Ecclesiastical Law

A lord, or feudal superior. Dominus rei, the lord the king; the king’s title as lord paramount. 1 Bl. Comm. 367. Dominus capitis, a chief lord. Dominus medius, a mesne or intermediate lord. Dominus ligius, liege lord or sovereign. Id.

Lord or sir; a title of distinction. It usually denoted a knight or clergyman; and, according to Cowell, was sometimes given to a gentleman of quality, though not a knight, especially if he were lord of a manor.

The owner or proprietor of a thing, as distinguished from him who uses it merely. Calvin. A master or principal, as distinguished from an agent or attorney. Story. Ag. § 3.

In the Civil Law


Dominus capitis loeze harelis habetur, quoties per defectum vel delictum extinguitur sanquis sui tenentis. Co. Litt. 18. The supreme lord takes the place of the heir, as often as the blood of the tenant is extinct through deficiency or crime.

DOMINUS LITIS. Lat. The master of the suit; i. e., the person who was really and
directly interested in the suit as a party, as distinguished from his attorney or advocate. But the term is also applied to one who, though not originally a party, has made himself such, by intervention or otherwise, and has assumed entire control and responsibility for one side, and is treated by the court as liable for costs. See In re Stover, 1 Curt. 201, Fed. Cas. No. 13,507.

It is also said that the attorney himself, when the cause has been tried, becomes the dominus litis, Vicat.

DOMINUS NAVIS. In the civil law. The owner of a vessel. Dig. 39, 4, 11, 2; Wharton.

Dominus non maritabit pupillum nisi semel. Co. Litt. 9. A lord cannot give a ward in marriage but once.

Dominus rex nullum habere potest parem, multo minus superiorem. The king cannot have an equal, much less a superior. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 115.

DOMITÆ. Lat. Tame; domesticated; not wild. Applied to domestic animals, in which a man may have an absolute property. 2 Bl. Comm. 301.

DOMMAGES INTÉRÊTS. In French law. Damages.

DOMO REPARANDA. A writ that lay for one against his neighbor, by the anticipated fall of whose house he feared a damage and injury to his own. Reg. Orig. 153.

DOMUS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A house or dwelling; a habitation. Inst. 4, 4, 8; Townsh. Pl. 183-185. Bennet v. Bittle, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 342.

DOMUS CAPITULARIS. In old records. A chapter-house; the chapter-house. Dyer, 269.

DOMUS CONVERSORUM. An ancient house built or appointed by King Henry III. for such Jews as were converted to the Christian faith; but King Edward III, who expelled the Jews from the kingdom, deputed the place for the custody of the rolls and records of the chancery. Jacob.

DOMUS DEI. The house of God; a name applied to many hospitals and religious houses.

DOMUS MANSIONALIS. A mansion house. 1 Hale, P. C. 558; State v. Brooks, 4 Conn. 448; State v. Sultelle, 4 Strob. (S. C.) 376.

DOMUS PROCERUM. The house of lords, abbreviated into Dom. Proc., or D. P.

Domus sua cuique est tutissimum refugium. To every man his own house is his safest refuge. 5 Coke, 91b; 11 Coke, 82; 3 Inst. 162. The house of every one is to him as his castle and fortress, as well for his defense against in-
al gift; donatio rerata, a gift made with reference to some service already done, (Fisk v. Flores, 43 Tex. 340;) donatio stricta et coactus, a restricted gift, as an estate tail.

DONATIO INOIFFICIOSA. An inofficious (undutiful) gift; a gift of so great a part of the donor’s property that the birthright portion of his heirs is diminished. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 460.

DONATIO INTER VIVOS. A gift between the living. The ordinary kind of gift by one person to another. 2 Kent, Comm. 438; 2 Steph. Comm. 102. A term derived from the civil law. Inst. 2, 7, 2. A donation inter vivos (between living persons) is an act by which the donor divests himself at present and irrevocably of the thing given in favor of the donee who accepts it. Civ. Code La. art. 1468; Succession of Brand, 111 So. 267; 203, 162 La. 880.

DONATIO MORTIS CAUSA. A gift made by a person in sickness, who, apprehending his dissolution near, delivers, or causes to be delivered, to another the possession of any personal goods, to keep as his own in case of the donor’s decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 514. The civil law defines it to be a gift under apprehension of death; as when anything is given upon condition that, if the donor dies, the donee shall possess it absolutely, or return it if the donor should survive or should repent of having made the gift, or if the donee should die before the donor. Adams v. Nicholas, 1 Miles (Pa.) 109-117. A gift in view of death is one which is made in contemplation, fear, or peril of death, and with intent that it shall take effect only in case of the death of the giver. Civ. Code Cal. § 1149; Prendergast v. Drew, 103 Conn. 68, 130 A. 75, 76. A dona- tion mortis causa (in prospect of death) is an act to take effect when the donor shall no longer exist, by which he disposes of the whole or a part of his property, and which is revocable. Civ. Code La. art. 1439.


Donatio perfectior possessione accipientis. A gift is perfected [made complete] by the possession of the receiver. Jenk. Cent. 109, case 9. A gift is incomplete until possession is delivered. 2 Kent, Comm. 438; Ewing v. Ewing, 2 Leigh (Va.) 337.

Donatio principis intelligitur sine prejudicio tertii. Dav. Ir. B. 75. A gift of the prince is understood without prejudice to a third party.

DONATIO PROPTER NUPTIAS. A gift on account of marriage. In Roman law, the bridegroom’s gift to the bride in anticipation of marriage and to secure her dos was called “donatio ante nuptias;” but by an ordinance of Justinian such gift might be made after as well as before marriage, and in that case it was called “donatio propter nuptias.” Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 572.

DONATION.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A mode of acquiring a benefice by deed of gift alone, without presentation, institution, or induction. 3 Steph. Comm. 51.

In General


As sometimes used, however, the term does not necessarily mean an absolute gift without any condition or consideration whatever. International & G. N. Ry. Co. v. Anderson County (Tex. Civ. App.) 174 S. W. 305, 305.

A donation of real estate is certainly not a mortgage or privilege, but is a transfer of property of a peculiar kind, subject to revocation, sometimes without cause, and always subject to reduction at the suit of the forced heirs of the donor. Bank of Delphi v. Lea, 129 La. 730, 72 So. 187, 188.

Donationum alia perfecta, alia incepta et non perfecta, ut si donatio lecta fuit et concessa, ae traditio nondum fuerit subsecuta. Some gifts are perfect, others incomplete and not perfect as if a gift were read and agreed to, but delivery had not then followed. Co. Litt. 56.

DONATIVE ADVOWSON. In ecclesiastical law. A species of advowson, where the benefice is conferred on the clerk by the patron’s deed of donation, without presentation, institution, or induction. 2 Bl. Comm. 23; Termes de la Ley.

DONATOR. A donor; one who makes a gift, (donatio.)

Donator nunquam desinit possidere, antequam donatorius incipiat possidere. The donor never ceases to possess, until the donee begins to possess. Bract. fol. 410; Dyer 251.

DONATORIUS. A donee; a person to whom a gift is made; a purchaser. Bract. fol. 13, et seq.

DONATORY. The person on whom the king bestows his right to any forfeiture that has fallen to the crown.

DONE. Distinguished from “made.” “A ‘deed made’ may no doubt mean an ‘instrument made;’ but a ‘deed done’ is not an ‘instrument done,—it is an ‘act done;’ and therefore these words, ‘made and done,’ apply to acts, as well as deeds.” Lord Brougham, 4 Bell. App. Cas. 38.

DONEE. In Old English Law

He to whom lands were given; the party to whom a donatio was made.
In Later Law
He to whom lands or tenements are given in tail. Litt. § 57.

In Modern and American Law
One who is invested with a power of appointment; the party executing a power; otherwise called the “appointor.” 4 Kent, Comm. 316. One to whom a gift is made or a bequest given.

DONIS, STATUTE DE. See De Donis, the Statute.

DONNEUR D’AVAL. In French law. Guarantor of negotiable paper other than by indorsement.

DONOR.
In Old English Law
He by whom lands were given to another; the party making a donatio.

In Later Law
He who gives lands or tenements to another in tail. Litt. § 57; Termes de la Ley.

In Modern and American Law
The party conferring a power. 4 Kent, Comm. 316. One who makes a gift.

DONUM. Lat. In the civil law. A gift; a free gift. Calvin. Distinguished from munus. Dig. 50, 15, 194.

The difference between donum and munus is said to be that donum is more general, while munus is specific. Visat, Voc. Jur.; Calvin.

DOOM. In Scotch law. Judicial sentence, or judgment. The decision or sentence of a court orally pronounced by an officer called a “dempster” or “deemster.” In modern usage, criminal sentences still end with the words “which is pronounced for doom.”

DOOMSDAY-BOOK. See Domesday-Book.

DOOR. The place of usual entrance in a house, or into a room in the house. State v. McBeth, 49 Kan. 584, 31 P. 145.

DORMANT. Literally, sleeping; hence inactive; in abeyance; unknown; concealed; silent.

DORMANT CLAIM. One which is in abeyance.

DORMANT EXECUTION. One which a creditor delivers to the sheriff with directions to levy only, and not to sell, until further orders, or until a junior execution is received. See Storm v. Woods, 11 Johns. (N. Y.) 110; Kimball v. Munger, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 364.

DORMANT JUDGMENT. One which has not been satisfied, nor extinguished by lapse of time, but which has remained so long unexecuted that execution cannot now be issued upon it without first reviving the judgment, or one which has lost its lien on land from the failure to issue execution on it or take other steps to enforce it within the time limited by statute. 1 Black, Judgm. (2d Ed.) § 462; Draper v. Nixon, 98 Ala. 436, 8 So. 480; General Electric Co. v. Hurd (C. C.) 171 F. 984; Burlington State Bank v. Marlin Nat. Bank (Tex. Civ. App.) 207 S. W. 954, 956.

DORMANT PARTNER. See Partners.

Dormiunt aliquando leges, nunquam moriuntur. 2 Inst. 161. The laws sometimes sleep, never die.

DORSUM. Lat. The back. In dorso recordi, on the back of the record. 5 Coke, 44b.

DORTURE. (Contracted from dormiture.) A dormitory of a convent; a place to sleep in.

In Roman Law
Dowry: a wife’s marriage portion; all that property which on marriage is transferred by the wife herself or by another to the husband with a view of diminishing the burden which the marriage will entail upon him. It is of three kinds. Profectitia dos is that which is derived from the property of the wife’s father or paternal grandfather. That dos is termed adventitia which is not profectitia in respect to its source, whether it is given by the wife from her own estate or by the wife’s mother or a third person. It is termed receptitia dos when accompanied by a stipulation for its reclamation by the constitutor on the termination of the marriage. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 561, 563; Visat; Calvinnus, Lex.; Du Cange; 1 Washb. R. P. 147.

In Old English Law
The portion given to the wife by the husband at the church door, in consideration of the marriage; dowry; the wife’s portion out of her deceased husband’s estate in case he had not endowed her. 1 Washb. R. P. 147; 1 Cruise, Dig. 152; Park, Dower.

Dos de dote peti non debet. Dower ought not to be demanded of dower. Co. Litt. 31; 4 Coke, 122b. A widow is not dowable of lands assigned to another woman in dower. 1 Hill. Real Prop. 135; 4 Dane, Abr. 671; 1 Washb. R. P. 209; Brooks v. Everett, 13 Allen (Mass.) 459.

DOS RATIONABILIS. A reasonable marriage portion. A reasonable part of her husband’s estate, to which every widow is entitled, of lands of which her husband may have endowed her on the day of marriage. Co. Litt. 336. Dower, at common law. 2 Bl. Comm. 134.

Dos rationabilis vel legitima est cuiuslibet mulieris de quo cuene tenemento tertia pars omnium terrarum et tenementorum, que vir suus tenuit in dominio suo ut de feodo, etc. Co. Litt. 336. Reasonable or legitimate dower
belongs to every woman of a third part of all the lands and tenements of which her husband was seised in his demesne, as of fee, etc.

DOSSIER. Fr. A brief; a bundle of papers.

DOT. (A French word, adopted in Louisiana.) The fortune, portion, or dowry which a woman brings to her husband by the marriage. Buisson v. Thompson, 7 Mart. La. (N. S.) 469.

DOTAGE. That feebleness of the mental faculties which proceeds from old age. It is a diminution or decay of that intellectual power which was once possessed. It is the slow approach of death; of that irrevocable cessation, without hurt or disease, of all the functions which once belonged to the living animal. The external functions gradually cease; but the senses waste away by degrees; and the mind is imperceptibly visited by decay. Owing’s Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 389, 17 Am. Dec. 311.

DOTAL. Relating to the dos or portion of a woman; constituting her portion; comprised in her portion.

DOTAL PROPERTY. In the civil law, in Louisiana, by this term is understood that property which the wife brings to the husband to assist him in bearing the expenses of the marriage establishment. Extradotal property, otherwise called "paraphernal property," is that which forms no part of the dowry. Civ. Code La. art. 2335; Flettas v. Richardson, 147 U. S. 550, 13 Sup. Ct. 495, 37 L. Ed. 276.


DOTION. The act of giving a dowry or portion; endowment in general, including the endowment of a hospital or other charitable institution.

DOTE, n. In Spanish law. The marriage portion of a wife. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 6, c. 1. The property which the wife gives to the husband on account of marriage, or for the purpose of supporting the matrimonial expenses. Id. b. 1, tit. 7, c. 1, § 1; Schm. Civil Law, 75; Cutter v. Waddingham, 22 Mo. 254; Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 668; Las Partidas, 4. 11. 1; Escruche, Dic. Ruz. Dote.

DOTE, v. To be besotted, delirious, silly, or insane. Gates v. Meredith, 7 Ind. 441.

DOTE ASSIGNANDA. A writ which lay for a widow, when it was judicially ascertained that a tenant to the king was seised of tenements in fee or fee-fine, at the day of his death, and that he held of the king in chief. In such case the widow might come into chancery, and then make oath that she would not marry without the king’s leave, and then she might have this writ. These widows were called the "king’s widows." Jacob; Holt-house.

DOTE UNDE NIHIL HABET. A writ which lies for a widow to whom no dower has been assigned. 3 Bl. Comm. 352. By 23 & 24 Vict. c. 128, an ordinary action commenced by writ of summons has taken its place; but it remains in force in the United States, and under the designation of "dower unde nihil habit" (see that title), is the form in common use for the recovery of dower at law. 1 Washb. R. P. 290; 4 Kent 63.

Doti lex favet; præmium pudoris est; ideo parcatur. Co. Litt. 31; Branch, Princ. The law favors dower; it is the reward of chastity; therefore let it be preserved.

DOTIS ADMINISTRATIO. Admeasurement of dower, where the widow holds more than her share, etc.

DOTISSA. A dowager.

DOUBLE. Twofold; acting in two capacities or having two aspects; multiplied by two. This term has ordinarily the same meaning in law as in popular speech. The principal compound terms into which it enters are noted below.

DOUBLE ADULTERY. Adultery committed by two persons each of whom is married to another as distinguished from "single" adultery, where one of the participants is unmarried. Hunter v. U. S., 1 Pin. (Wis.) 91, 30 Am. Dec. 277.

DOUBLE AVAIL OF MARRIAGE. In Scotch law. Double the ordinary or single value of a marriage. Bell. See Duplex Valor Maritagi.

DOUBLE BOND. In Scotch law. A bond with a penalty, as distinguished from a single bond. 2 Kames, Eq. 339.

DOUBLE COMPLAINT, DOUBLE QUARREL, or DUPLEX QUERELA. A grievance made known by a clerk or other person, to the archbishop of the province, against the ordinary, for delaying or refusing to do justice in some cause ecclesiastical, as to give sentence, institute a clerk, etc. It is termed a "double complaint," because it is most commonly made against both the judge and him at whose suit justice is denied or delayed; the effect whereof is that the archbishop, taking notice of the delay, directs his letters, under his authentic seal, to all clerks of his province, commanding them to admonish the ordinary, within a certain number of days, to do the justice required, or otherwise to appear before him or his official, and there allege the cause of his delay; and to signify to the ordinary that if he neither perform the thing enjoined, nor appear nor show cause
against it, he himself, in his court of audience, will forthwith proceed to do the justice that is due. Cowell.

**DOUBLE COSTS.** See Costs.


**DOUBLE DAMAGES.** See Damages.

**DOUBLE EAGLE.** A gold coin of the United States of the value of twenty dollars.

**DOUBLE ENTRY.** A system of mercantile book-keeping, in which the entries in the daybook, etc., are posted twice into the ledger. First, to a personal account, that is, to the account of the person with whom the dealing to which any given entry refers has taken place; secondly, to an impersonal account, as “goods.” Mozley & Whitley.

**DOUBLE FINE.** In old English law. A fine *sur done grant et render* was called a “double fine,” because it comprehended the fine *sur cognizance de droit come eco*, etc., and the fine *sur concedit.* 2 Bl. Comm. 333.

**DOUBLE GLAZING.** That by which two panes of glass are set in each section of the window sash instead of one. Johnson v. Olsen, 134 Minn. 53, 168 N. W. 803, 806.

**DOUBLE INSURANCE.** Double insurance is where divers insurances are made upon the same interest in the same subject against the same risks in favor of the same assured, in proportions exceeding the value. 1 Phill. Ins. §§ 359, 360. A double insurance exists where the same person is insured by several insurers separately and interest to the same subject and interest. Civ. Code Cal. § 2641; Wells v. Insurance Co., 9 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 107; Insurance Co. v. Gwathmey, 82 Va. 923, 1 S. E. 269; Perkins v. Insurance Co., 12 Mass. 218; Lowell Mfg. Co. v. Safeguard F. Ins. Co., 88 N. Y. 597; Iuchs v. Connecticut Fire Ins. Co. of Hartford (Mo. App.) 290 S. W. 456, 458.

**DOUBLE PATENTING.** The test respecting “double patenting” is whether the claims of both patents, when properly construed in the light of the descriptions given, define essentially the same things. Waterbury Buckle Co. v. G. E. Prentice Mfg. Co. (D. C.) 294 F. 930, 937.

**DOUBLE PLEA, DOUBLE PLEADING.** See Duplicity; Plea; Pleading.

**DOUBLE POSSIBILITY.** A possibility upon a possibility. 2 Bl. Comm. 179.

**DOUBLE RECOVERY.** Recovery which represents more than the total maximum loss which all parties have sustained. Hindmarsh v. Sulpho Saline Bath Co., 108 Neb. 168, 187 N. W. 806, 808.

**DOUBLE RENT.** In English law. Rent payable by a tenant who continues in possession after the time for which he has given notice to quit, until the time of his quitting possession. St. 11 Geo. II. c. 10.

**DOUBLE TAXATION.** The taxing of the same item or piece of property twice to the same person, or taxing it as the property of one person and again as the property of another; but this does not include the imposition of different taxes concurrently on the same property (e. g., a city tax and a school tax), nor the taxation of the same piece of property to different persons when they hold different interests in it or when it represents different values in their hands, as when both the mortgagor and mortgagee of property are taxed in respect to their interests in it, or when a tax is laid upon the capital or property of a corporation and also upon the value of its shares of stock in the hands of the separate stockholders. Cook v. Burlington, 59 Iowa, 251, 13 N. W. 113, 44 Am. Rep. 679; Cheshire County Tel. Co. v. State, 63 N. H. 167; Detroit Common Council v. Detroit Assessors, 91 Mich. 78, 51 N. W. 787, 16 L. R. A. 59; Commonwealth v. Harrisburg Light & Power Co., 254 Pa. 175, 130 A. 412, 413; Hope Natural Gas Co. v. Hall, 102 W. Va. 272, 135 S. E. 582, 584; State v. Ingalls, 18 N. M. 211, 153 P. 1177, 1180. “Double taxation” means taxing twice for the same purpose in the same year some of the property in the territory in which the tax is laid without taxing all of it; for, if all the property in the territory is taxed twice for the same purpose and in the same year without discrimination or exemption, double taxation does not result in the sense in which such taxation is prohibited, as it is uniform in the amount being within the discretion of the taxing authorities. Campbell County v. City of Newport, 174 Ky. 712, 198 S. W. 1, 5, L. R. A. 1917D, 791.

**DOUBLE USE.** In patent law. An application of a principle or process, previously known and applied, to some new use, but which does not lead to a new result or the production of a new article. De Lamar v. De Lamar Mfg. Co. (C. C.) 110 F. 542; In re Blandy, 3 Fed. Cas. 671; Weir Frog Co. v. Porter (C. C. A.) 206 F. 670, 671.

**DOUBLE VALUE.** In English law. This is a penalty on a tenant holding over after his landlord's notice to quit. By 4 Geo. II. c. 29, § 1, it is enacted that if any tenant for life or years hold over any lands, etc., after the determination of his estate, after demand made, and notice in writing given, for delivering the possession thereof, by the landlord, or the person having the reversion or remainder therein, or his agent thereunto lawfully authorized, such tenant so holding over shall pay to the person so kept out of possession at the rate of double the yearly value of the lands, etc., so detained, for so long a time as the
DOUBLE VOUCHER. This was when a common recovery was had, and an estate of freehold was first conveyed to any indifferent person against whom the præcipue was brought, and then he vouched the tenant in tall, who vouched over the common vouchee. For, if a recovery were had immediately against a tenant in tall, it barred only the estate in the premises of which he was then actually seised, whereas, if the recovery were had against another person, and the tenant in tall were vouchee, it barred every latent right and interest which he might have in the lands recovered. 2 Bl. Comm. 359.

DOUBLE WASTE. When a tenant bound to repair suffers a house to be wasted, and then unlawfully sells timber to repair it, he is said to commit double waste. Co. Litt. 53.

DOUBLE WILL. A will in which two persons join, each leaving his property and estate to the other, so that the survivor takes the whole. Evans v. Smith, 28 Ga. 98, 73 Am. Dec. 731.


DOUBT, n. Uncertainty of mind; the absence of a settled opinion or conviction; the attitude of mind towards the acceptance of or belief in a proposition, theory, or statement, in which the judgment is not at rest but inclines alternately to either side. Rowe v. Baber, 83 Ala. 422, 8 So. 865; Smith v. Railway Co., 143 Mo. 33, 44 S. W. 718; West Jersey Traction Co. v. Camden Horse R. Co., 52 N. J. Eq. 452, 29 A. 333. An equipoise of the mind arising from an equality of contrary reasons. Ayliffe, Pand. 121.

Reasonable Doubt

This is a term often used, probably pretty well understood, but not easily defined. It does not mean a mere possible doubt, because everything relating to human affairs, and depending on moral evidence, is open to some possible or imaginary doubt. It is that state of the case which, after the entire comparison and consideration of all the evidence, leaves the minds of jurors in that condition that they cannot say they feel an abiding conviction to a moral certainty of the truth of the charge. The burden of proof is upon the prosecutor. All the presumptions of law independent of evidence are in favor of innocence; and every person is presumed to be innocent until he is proved guilty. If upon such proof there is reasonable doubt remaining, the accused is entitled to the benefit of it by an acquittal; for it is not sufficient to establish a probability, though a strong one, arising from the doctrine of chances, that the fact charged is more likely to be true than the contrary, but the evidence must establish the truth of the fact to a reasonable and moral certainty,—a certainty that convinces and directs the understanding and satisfies the reason and judgment of those who are bound to act conscientiously upon it. This is proof beyond reasonable doubt; because if the law, which mostly depends upon considerations of a moral nature, should go further than this, and require absolute certainty, it would exclude circumstantial evidence altogether. Per Shaw, C. J., in Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 320, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Dell'Aira v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 10 F.(2d) 102, 106; Berkowitz v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 5 F.(2d) 967; Egan v. U. S., 52 App. D. C. 384, 287 F. 958, 967; Moore v. State, 175 Ark. 391, 299 S. W. 386, 387; People v. Tielke, 259 Ill. 88, 102 N. E. 229, 232; State v. Fisher, 95 N. J. Law, 419, 113 A. 607, 609. And see further, Tompkins v. Butterfield (C. C.) 25 F. 558; State v. Zdanowicz, 69 N. J. Law, 619, 55 A. 743; U. S. v. Youseey (C. C.) 91 F. 685; State v. May, 172 Mo. 330, 72 S. W. 918; Com. v. Childs, 2 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 400; State v. Hennessy, 55 Iowa, 399, 7 N. W. 611; Harris v. State, 155 Ind. 265, 58 N. E. 76; Knight v. State, 74 Miss. 140, 20 So. 890; Carleton v. State, 43 Neb. 373, 61 N. W. 698; State v. Reed, 62 Me. 129; State v. Ching Ling, 16 Or. 419, 18 P. 844; Stout v. State, 90 Ind. 1; Bradley v. State, 31 Ind. 505; Allen v. State, 111 Ala. 80, 20 So. 494; State v. Rover, 11 Nev. 314; Jones v. State, 120 Ala. 303, 25 So. 204; Siberry v. State, 133 Ind. 677, 33 N. E. 651; Purkey v. State, 3 Helsk. (Tenn.) 28; U. S. v. Post (D. C.) 128 F. 957; U. S. v. Breese (D. C.) 131 F. 917.

Proof "beyond a reasonable doubt" is not beyond all possible or imaginary doubt, but such proof as precludes every reasonable hypothesis except that which it tends to support. It is proof "to a moral certainty,"—such proof as satisfies the judgment and consciences of the jury, as reasonable men, and applying their reason to the evidence before them, that the crime charged has been committed by the defendant, and so satisfies them as to leave no other reasonable conclusion possible. Com. v. Costley, 115 Mass. 24; State v. Cassil, 71 Mont. 274, 229 P. 718, 729; Varner v. State, 27 Ga. App. 291, 108 S. E. 80; State v. Norman, 103 Ohio St. 541, 134 N. E. 474, 475; State v. Koski, 100 W. Va. 98, 130 S. E. 100, 101.

The difficulty of a satisfactory definition is discussed in 57 Am. L. Reg. 418, where C. J. Shaw's definition is criticized and that in Com. v. Costley, 115 Mass. 1, supra, is suggested as better. And in Hopt v. Utah, 120 U. S. 430, 7 S. Ct. 614, 30 L. Ed. 708, it was approved as contrasted with C. J. Shaw's definition.

A "reasonable doubt" is such a doubt as would cause a reasonable and prudent man in the graver and more important affairs of
life to pause and hesitate to act upon the truth of the matter charged. But a reasonable doubt is not a mere possibility of innocence, nor a caprice, shadow, or speculation as to innocence not arising out of the evidence or the want of it. State v. Perkins, 21 N. M. 135, 153 P. 258, 259; U. S. v. McHigh (D. C.) 253 F. 224, 231.


DOUBTFUL TITLE. One as to the validity of which there exists some doubt, either as to matter of fact or of law; one which invites or exposes the party holding it to litigation. Beeler v. Sims, 93 Kan. 213, 144 P. 237, 239; Black v. American International Corporation, 264 Pa. 260, 107 A. 737, 739. Distinguished from a "marketable" title, which is of such a character that the courts will compel its acceptance by a purchaser who has agreed to buy the property or has bid it in at public sale. Herman v. Somers, 158 Pa. 424, 27 A. 1050, 38 Am. St. Rep. 851.

DOUN. L. Fr. A gift. Otherwise written "don" and "done." The thirty-fourth chapter of Britton is entitled "De Dona."

DOVE. Doves are animals ferre natura, and not the subject of larceny unless they are in the owner's custody; as, for example, in a dove-house, or when in the nest before they can fly. Com. v. Chace, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 15, 19 Am. Dec. 348; Buckman v. Outwater, 28 N. J. Law, 581.

DOWABLE. Subject to be charged with dower; as dowerable lands. Entitled or entitled to dower. Thus, a dowerable interest in lands is such as entitles the owner to have such lands charged with dower.

DOWAGER. A widow who is endowed, or who has a jointure in lieu of dower. In England, this is a title or addition given to the widows of prices, dukes, earls, and other no-

blemen, to distinguish them from the wives of the heirs, who have right to bear the tit-
can law, consisting of a life interest in one-third of the lands of which the husband was seised in fee at any time during the coverture. Litt. § 36; 2 Bl. Comm. 152; 2 Steph. Comm. 302; 4 Kent. Comm. 35.

**DOWER BY CUSTOM.** A kind of dower in England, regulated by custom, where the quantity allowed the wife differed from the proportion of the common law; as that the wife should have half the husband's lands; or, in some places, the whole; and, in some, only a quarter. 2 Bl. Comm. 132; Litt. § 37.

**DOWER DE LA PLUS BELLE (DE LA PLUS BEALE).** L. Fr. Dower of the fairest [part.] A species of ancient English dower, incident to the old tenures, where there was a guardian in chivalry, and the wife occupied lands of the heir as a guardian in socage. If the wife brought a writ of dower against such guardian in chivalry, he might show this matter, and pray that the wife might be endowed de la plus belle of the tenement in socage. Litt. § 48. This kind of dower was abolished with the military tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 132.

**DOWER EX ASSSENSU PATRIS.** Dower by the father's assent. A species of dower ad ostium ecclesia, made when the husband's father was alive, and the son, by his consent expressly given, endowed his wife with parcel of his father's lands. Litt. § 40; 2 Bl. Comm. 133; Grogan v. Garrison, 27 Ohio St. 61.

**DOWER UNDE NIHIL HABET.** A writ of right which lay for a widow to whom no dower had been assigned.

**DOWLE STONES.** Stones dividing lands, etc. Cowell.

**DOWMENT.** In old English law. Endowment; dower. Grogan v. Garrison, 27 Ohio St. 61.

**DOWRESS.** A woman entitled to dower; a tenant in dower. 2 P. Wms. 707.

**DOWRY.** The property which a woman brings to her husband in marriage; now more commonly called a "portion."

This word expresses the proper meaning of the "dote" of the Roman, the "dot" of the French, and the "dote" of the Spanish, law, but is a very different thing from "dower," with which it has sometimes been confounded. See Co. Litt. 31; Dig. 23, 3, 76; Code 5, 12, 20; Buard v. De Russy, 6 Rob. (La.) 111; Gates v. Legendre, 10 Rob. (La.) 74; Cutter v. Waddington, 22 Mo. 524.

By dowry, in the Louisiana Civil Code (see article 2337), is meant the effects which the wife brings to the husband to support the expenses of marriage. It is given to the husband, to be enjoyed by him so long as the marriage shall last, and the income of it belongs to him. He alone has the administration of it during marriage, and his wife cannot deprive him of it. The real estate settled as dowry is inalienable during marriage, unless the marriage contract contains a stipulation to the contrary. De Young v. De Young, 6 La. Ann. 786.

**DOYLE RULE.** A formula for computing the board measure from the dimensions of a log. Peter v. Owl Bayou Cypress Co., 137 La. 1067, 69 So. 549, 541. The rule is to deduct four inches from the diameter of the log, as an allowance for slabs, square one-quarter of the remainder, and multiply the result by the length of the log in feet. Morrison v. Pickrell Walnut Co., 199 Ill. App. 175, 176.


**DOZEIN.** L. Fr. Twelve; a person twelve years of age. St. 18 Edw. II.; Barring. Ob. St. 208.

**DOZEN PEERS.** Twelve peers assembled at the instance of the barons, in the reign of Henry III., to be privy counselors, or rather conservators of the kingdom.

**DR.** An abbreviation for "doctor;" also, in commercial usage, for "debtor," indicating the items or particulars in a bill or in an account-book chargeable against the person to whom the bill is rendered or in whose name the account stands, as opposed to "Cr." ("credit" or "creditor"), which indicates the items for which he is given credit. Jaqua v. Shewalter, 10 Ind. App. 234, 37 N. E. 1072.

**DRACHMA.** A term employed in old pleadings and records, to denote a great. Townsh. Pl. 180.

An Athenian silver coin, of the value of about fifteen cents.

**DRAKO REGIS.** The standard, ensign, or military colors borne in war by the ancient kings of England, having the figure of a dragon painted thereon.

**DRACONIAN LAWS.** A code of laws prepared by Draco, the celebrated lawgiver of Athens. These laws were exceedingly severe, and the term is now sometimes applied to any laws of unusual harshness.


An order for the payment of money drawn by one person on another. It is said to be a "nomen generalesinum," and to include all such orders. Wildes v. Savage, 1 Story, 30; 20 Fed. Cas. 1228; State v. Warner, 60 Kan. 94, 55 P. 342; Cunningham v. State, 115 Ark. 392, 171 S. W. 885.

The term includes a cashier's check (People v. Miller, 275 Ill. 490, 116 N. E. 121, 129; L. R. A. 1917E,
A tentative, provisional, or preparatory writing out of any document (as a will, contract, lease, etc.) for purposes of discussion and correction, which is afterwards to be copied out in its final shape.


DRAFTSMAN. Any one who draws or frames a legal document, e. g., a will, conveyance, pleading, etc.

In the marine engineering profession, any of various men who design the several parts of vessels and other machinery in the different departments. Ex parte Aird (D. C.) 273 F. 954, 956.

DRAG. In a technical sense, the lower part of the mold for casting iron pipe. Casey-Hedges Co. v. Gates, 139 Tenn. 282, 201 S. W. 760, 761.

DRAGO DOCTRINE. The principle asserted by Luis Drago, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic, in a letter to the Argentine Minister at Washington, December 29, 1902, that the forcible intervention of states to secure the payment of public debts due to their citizens from foreign states is unjustifiable and dangerous to the security and peace of the nations of South America. The subject was brought before the Conference by the United States and a Convention was adopted in which the conflicting powers agreed, with some restrictive conditions, not to have recourse to armed force for the recovery of contract debts claimed by their nationals against a foreign state. Higgins, 184-197. See Calvo Doctrine.

DRAGOMAN. An interpreter employed in the east, and particularly at the Turkish court.

DRAIN. n. To conduct water from one place to another, for the purpose of drying the former. To make dry; to draw off water; to rid land of its superfluous moisture by adapting or improving natural water courses and supplementing them, when necessary, by artificial ditches. People v. Parks, 58 Cal. 639.

To "drain," in its larger sense, includes not only the supplying of outlets and channels to relieve the land from water, but also the provision of ditches, drains, and embankments to prevent water from accumulating. Holt v. State (Tex. Civ. App.) 176 S. W. 743, 746; In re Mississippi and Fox River Drainage Dist., 270 Mo. 167, 182 S. W. 727, 731; Pioneer Real Estate Co. v. City of Portland, 119 Or. 1, 247 P. 319, 323.

DRAINAGE. A trench or ditch to convey water from wet land; a channel through which water may flow off.

The word has no technical legal meaning. Any hollow space in the ground, natural or artificial, where water is collected and passes off, is a ditch or drain. Goldthwait v. East Bridgewater, 5 Gray (Mass.) 61, 64; Murphy v. St. Louis-San Francisco R. Co., 206 Mo. App. 692, 226 S. W. 637, 649; Sheeran v. Battle, 154 N. C. 345, 70 S. E. 384, 386; People v. Parks, 58 Cal. 639.

The term may be synonymous with "water course." Green v. County Com'r of Harbine, 74 Ohio St. 318, 78 N. E. 323, 327; Elder v. Smith, 103 Ohio St. 590, 132 N. E. 724, 727.

"Sewers" differ from "drains" only in that the former are in cities, and generally covered over, while the latter are in rural communities, and open. Pioneer Real Estate Co. v. City of Portland, 119 Or. 1, 247 P. 319, 327; Barton v. Drainage Dist. No. 50, 174 Ark. 173, 224 S. W. 418, 419. But "drains" may sometimes include sewers. City of Charleston, 170 Ill. 336, 48 N. E. 985, 988. See, generally, Mound City Land & Stock Co. v. Miller, 170 Mo. 249, 70 S. W. 721, 722, 6 L. R. A. 190, 84 Am. St. Rep. 277; Wetmore v. Fluske, 23 R. L. 354, 5 A. 375, 378.

Also, sometimes, the easement or servitude (acquired by grant or prescription) which consists in the right to drain water through another's land. See 3 Kent Comm. 436; 7 M. & G. 354.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT. A political subdivision of the state, created for the purpose of draining and reclaiming wet and overflowed land, as well as to preserve the public health and convenience. Tallahatchie Drainage Dist. No. 1 v. Yocona-Tallahatchie Drainage Dist. No. 1, 148 Miss. 182, 114 So. 264, 266. See Drain, n.

DRAM. In common parlance, a drink of some substance containing alcohol; something which can produce intoxication. Lacy v. State, 32 Tex. 228. See Wright v. People, 101 Ill. 134.

DRAM-SHOP. A drinking saloon, where liquors are sold to be drunk on the premises. Wright v. People, 101 Ill. 129; Brockway v. State, 36 Ark. 636; Com. v. Marzynski, 21 N. E. 228, 149 Mass. 68. A place where spirituous liquors are sold by the dram or the drink; a barroom. Wolfe v. State, 107 Ark. 33, 153 S. W. 1102, 1103; McCormick v. Brennan, 224 Ill. App. 251, 254.

DRAMA. A term descriptive of any representation in which a story is told, a moral conveyed, or the passions portrayed, whether by words and actions combined, or by mere actions alone. ASA G. Candler, Inc. v. Georgia Theater Co., 148 Ga. 186, 96 S. E. 226, 227.
DRAMATIC COMPOSITION


DRAMATIC COMPOSITION. In copyright law. A literary work setting forth a story, incident, or scene from life, in which, however, the narrative is not related, but is represented by a dialogue and action; may include a descriptive poem set to music, or a pantomine, but not a composition for musical instruments alone, nor a mere spectacular exhibition or stage dance. Daly v. Palmer, 6 Fed. Cas. 1132; Carre v. Duff (C. C.) 25 Fed. 183; Tompkins v. Halleck, 133 Mass. 35, 43 Am. Rep. 480; Russell v. Smith, 12 Adol. & El. 236; Martinetti v. McGuire, 16 Fed. Cas. 520; Fuller v. Bemis (C. C.) 50 Fed. 526.

DRAW, n. A movable section of a bridge, which may be raised up or turned to one side, so as to admit the passage of vessels. Gilder-sleeve v. Railroad Co. (D. C.) 52 Fed. 766; Hughes v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 18 Fed. 114; Railroad Co. v. Daniels, 90 Ga. 608, 17 S. E. 647.

A depression in the surface of the earth, in the nature of a shallow ravine or gully, sometimes many miles in length, forming a channel for the escape of rain and melting snow draining into it from either side. Railroad Co. v. Sutherland, 44 Neb. 526, 62 N. W. 559.

The word "draw" does not mean a stream of running water with well-defined banks, as distinguished from the flow of surface water. Cartwright v. Warren (Tex. Civ. App.) 177 S. W. 157, 250.

DRAW, v.

In Old Criminal Practice

To drag (on a hurdle) to the place of execution. Anciently no hurdle was allowed, but the criminal was actually dragged along the road to the place of execution. A part of the ancient punishment of traitors was to be thus drawn. 4 Bl. Comm. 32, 377.

In Criminal Law

To draw a firearm or deadly weapon is to point it intentionally. State v. Boyles, 24 N. M. 464, 174 P. 423. To draw a head on; to bring into line with the bead or bore sight of a rifle and the back sight; to aim at. Hailfield v. Commonwealth, 200 Ky. 248, 254 S. W. 748, 749.

In Mercantile Law

To draw a bill of exchange is to write (or cause it to be written) and sign it; to make, as a note. Knox v. Rivers Bros., 17 Ala. App. 630, 88 So. 33, 34.

In Pleading, Conveyancing, Etc.

To prepare a draft; to compose and write out in due form, as, a deed, complaint, petition, memorial, etc. Winnebago County State Bank v. Hustel, 119 Iowa, 115, 93 N. W. 70; Hawkins v. State, 28 Fla. 363, 9 So. 652.

In Practice

To draw a jury is to select the persons who are to compose it, either by taking their names successively, but at hazard, from the jury box, or by summoning them individually to attend the court. Smith v. State, 136 Ala. 1, 34 So. 168; State v. Superior Court of Whatcom County, 82 Wash. 254, 144 P. 32, 33.

In Fiscal Law and Administration

To take out money from a bank, treasury, or other depository in the exercise of a lawful right and in a lawful manner. "No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law." Const. U. S. art. 1, § 9. But to "draw a warrant" is not to draw the money; it is to make or execute the instrument which authorizes the drawing of the money. Brown v. Fleischner, 4 Or. 149.

DRAWBACK. In the customs laws, an allowance made by the government upon the duties due on imported merchandise when the importer, instead of selling it here, re-exports it; or the refunding of such duties if already paid. This allowance amounts, in some cases, to the whole of the original duties; in others, to a part only. See 19 USCA §§ 152-152b.

A drawback is a device resorted to for enabling a commodity affected by taxes to be exported and sold in the foreign market on the same terms as if it had not been taxed at all. It differs from this bounty, that the latter enables a commodity to be sold for less than its natural cost, whereas a drawback enables it to be sold exactly at its natural cost. Downs v. U. S., 112 F. 144, 21 C. C. A. 109.

DRAWEE. A person to whom a bill of exchange is addressed, and who is requested to pay the amount of money therein mentioned.

DRAwer. The person drawing a bill of exchange and addressing it to the drawee. Stevenson v. Walton, 2 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 265; Winnebago County State Bank v. Hustel, 119 Iowa, 115, 93 N. W. 70.

DRAWING. In patent law. A representation of the appearance of material objects by means of lines and marks upon paper, cardboard, or other substance. Ampt v. Cincinnati, 8 Ohio Dec. 628; 35 USCA § 34.

DRAWLATCHES. Thieves; robbers. Cowell.

DRAYAGE. A charge for the transportation of property in wheeled vehicles, such as drays, wagons, and carts. Soule v. San Francisco Gaslight Co., 54 Cal. 242.

DREDGE. Formerly applied to a net or drag for taking oysters; now a machine for cleansing canals and rivers. To "dredge" is to gather or take with a dredge, to remove sand, mud, and filth from the beds of rivers, harbors, and canals, with a dredging machine. 15 Can. L. T. 268.
DREIT—DREIT. Droit-droit. (Also written without the hyphen.) Double right. A union of the right of possession and the right of property. 2 Bl. Comm. 189.

DRENCHES, or DRENGES. In Saxon law. Tenants in capite. They are said to be such as, at the coming of William the Conqueror, being put out of their estates, were afterwards restored to them, on making it appear that they were the true owners thereof, and neither in auxilio or consilio against him. Spelman.

DRENGAGE. The tenure by which the drenches, or drenges, held their lands. A variety of feudal tenure by servicem (q. v.), often occurring in the northern counties of England, involving a kind of general service. Vinogradoff, Engl. Soc. In Eleventh Cent. 62. Little is known of it; 3 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 122.

DRIER. In the paper-making trade, a hot drum. Tompkins-Hawley-Fuller Co. v. Holden (C. C. A.) 273 F. 424, 430.

DRIFT. In Mining Law
An underground passage driven horizontally along the course of a mineralized vein or approximately so. Distinguished from "shaft," which is an opening made at the surface and extending downward into the earth vertically, or nearly so, upon the vein or intended to reach it; and from "tunnel," which is a lateral or horizontal passage underground intended, to reach the vein or mineral deposit, where drifting may begin. Jurgenson v. Diller, 114 Cal. 491, 46 P. 610, 55 Am. St. Rep. 83.

In Old English Law
A driving, especially of cattle.

DRIFT NET. A net with both ends free to drift with the current;—distinguished from a "set net," which is one fastened at one or both ends, so the whole net cannot drift with the current. State v. Blanchard, 96 Or. 79, 189 P. 421, 427.

DRIFT-STUFF. This term signifies, not goods which are the subject of salvage, but matters floating at random, without any known or discoverable ownership, which, if cast ashore, will probably never be reclaim
ed, but will, as a matter of course, accure to the riparian proprietor. Watson v. Knowles, 13 R. I. 641.

DRIFTS OF THE FOREST. A view or examination of what cattle are in a forest, chace, etc., that it may be known whether it be surcharged or not; and whose the beasts are, and whether they are commonable. These drifts are made at certain times in the year by the officers of the forest, when all cattle are driven into some pound or place inclosed, for the before-mentioned purposes, and also to dis-

cover whether any cattle of strangers be there, which ought not to be common. Manwood, p. 2, c. 15.

DRIFTLAND, DROFLAND, or DRYFLAND. A Saxon word, signifying a tribute or yearly payment made by some tenants to the king, or their landlords, for driving their cattle through a manor to fairs or markets. Cowell.

DRIFTWAY. A road or way over which cattle are driven. 1 Taunt. 279; Selw. N. P. 1037; Woolr. Ways 1; 2 Hilliard, Abr. Prop. 33; Smith v. Ladd, 41 Me. 314.


DRILLING IN. Drilling, as an oil well, after the casing has been set. Smith & Hayslip v. Wilcox Oil Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 253 S. W. 641, 642.

DRINCLEAN. Sax. A contribution of tenants, in the time of the Saxons, towards a potation, or ale, provided to entertain the lord, or his steward. Cowell. See Cervisari.


DRINKING MAN. One who takes a drink of liquor when he chooses, even though it may be so infrequent as to produce no harmful effect on his health. Tynepker v. Sovereign Camp, W. O. W. (Mo. App.) 226 S. W. 1002, 1003.

DRINKING-SHOP. A place where intoxicating liquors are sold, bartered, or delivered to be drunk on the premises. Portland v. Schmidt, 13 Or. 17, 6 Pac. 221.

DRIP. A species of easement or servitude obligating one man to permit the water falling from another man's house to fall upon his own land. 3 Kent, Comm. 436; 1 Rolle, Abr. 107; Dig. 48, 43, 4, 6; 11 Ad. & E. 40.


DRIVE-IT-YOURSELF CARS. A term used to describe automobiles which their owners, as a regular business, rent out for hire without furnishing drivers. City of Rockford v. Nolan, 316 Ill. 60, 146 N. E. 564. See, also, Welch v. Hartnett, 127 Misc. 221, 215 N. Y. S. 540; White v. Holmes, 89 Fla. 251, 103 So. 623; Blashfield's Cyclopedia of Automobile Law, p. 2502.

DRIVER. One employed in conducting or operating a couch, carriage, wagon, or other vehicle, with horses, mules, or other animals, or a bicycle, tricycle, or motor car, though not a street railroad car. See Davis v. Petrovich, 112 Ala. 654, 21 So. 344, 36 L. R. A. 615; Isaacs v. Railroad Co., 7 Am. Rep. 418, 47 N. Y. 122.

DROFDEN, or DROFDENE. A grove or woody place where cattle are kept. Jacob.

DROFLAND. Sax. A quit rent, or yearly payment, formerly made by some tenants to the king, or their landlords, for driving their cattle through a manor to fairs or markets. Cowell; Blount.

DROIT. In French Law

Right, justice, equity, law, the whole body of law; also a right. Touliver, n. 96; Pothier, Droit.

This term exhibits the same ambiguity which is discoverable in the German equivalent, "recht," and the English word "right." On the one hand, these terms answer to the Roman "ius," and thus indicate law in the abstract, considered as the foundation of all rights, or the complex of underlying moral principles which impart the character of justice to all positive law, or give it an ethical content. In this abstract sense, the terms may be adjectives, in which case they are equivalent to "just," or "right," in nouns, in which case they may be paraphrased by the expressions "justice," "morality," or "equity." On the other hand, they serve to point out a right; that is, a power, privilege, faculty, or demand, inherent in one person, and incident upon another. In the latter sense, droit (or recht or right) is the corollary of "duy" or "obligation." In the former sense, it may be considered as opposed to wrong, injustice, or the absence of law. Droit has the further ambiguity that it is sometimes used to denote the existing body of law considered as one whole, or the sum total of a number of individual laws taken together. See Jus; Recht; Right.

Droits civils. This phrase in French law denotes private rights, the exercise of which is independent of the status (qualite) of citizen. Foreigners enjoy them; and the extent of that enjoyment is determined by the principle of reciprocity. Conversely, foreigners may be sued on contracts made by them in France. Brown.

Droit coutumier. Common law.

Droit d'accession. That property which is acquired by making a new species out of the material of another. It is equivalent to the Roman "specification." This subject is treated of in the Code Civil de Napoleon, art. 585, 577; Merlin, Rappart. Accession; Malleville's Discussion, art. 565.

Droit d'accroissement. The right which an heir or legatee has of combining with his own interest in a succession the interest of a co-heir or colegatee who either refuses to or cannot accept his interest. Houghton v. Brantingham, 86 Conn. 530, 56 A. 664, 667.

Droit d'abaisse. A rule by which all the property of a deceased foreigner, whether movable or immovable, was confiscated to the use of the state, to the exclusion of his heirs, whether claiming ab intestato or under a will of the deceased. Finally abolished in 1819. Opel v. Shoup, 100 Iowa, 407, 69 N. W. 560, 37 L. R. A. 583.

Droit d'exécution. The right of a stockbroker to sell the securities bought by him for account of a client, if the latter does not accept delivery thereof. The same expression is also applied to the sale by a stockbroker of securities deposited with him by his client. In order to guarantee the payment of operations for which the latter has given instructions. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 557.

Droit de bris. A right formerly claimed by the lords of the coasts of certain parts of France, to shipwrecks, by which not only the property, but the persons of those who were cast away, were confiscated for the prince who was lord of the coast. Otherwise called "droit de bris sur le naufrage." This right prevailed chiefly in Bretagne, and was solemnly abrogated by Henry III, as duke of Normandy, Aquitaine, and Guienne, in a charter granted A. D. 1226, preserved among the rolls at Bordeaux.

Droit de dérivation. A tax upon the removal from one state or country to another of property acquired by succession or testamentary disposition; it does not cover a tax upon the succession to or transfer of property. In re Peterson's Estate, 168 Iowa, 531, 151 N. W. 66, 68; Moody v. Hagen, 162 N. W. 794, 708, 36 N. D. 471, L. R. A. 1918F, 947, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 933. Cf. Duties of Detraction.

Droit de garde. In French feudal law. Right of ward. The guardianship of the estate and person of a noble vassal, to which the king, during his minority, was entitled. Steph. Lect. 250.

Droit de gite. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a rotisseur, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and to his suite while on a royal progress. Steph. Lect. 351.

Droit de greffe. In old French law. The right of selling various offices connected with the custody of judicial records or notarial acts. Steph. Lect. 554. A privilege of the French kings.
—Droit de maîtrise. In old French law. A charge payable to the crown by any one who, after having served his apprenticeship in any commercial guild or brotherhood, sought to become a master workman in it on his own account. Steph. Lect. 354.

—Droit de naufrage. The right of a seigneur, who owns the seashore, or the king, when a vessel is wrecked, to take possession of the wreckage and to kill the crew or sell them as slaves. 14 Yale L. Jour. 129.

—Droit de prise. In French feudal law. The duty (incumbent on a roturier) of supplying to the king on credit, during a certain period, such articles of domestic consumption as might be required for the royal household. Steph. Lect. 351.

—Droit de quint. In French feudal law. A relief payable by a noble vassal to the king as his seigneur, on every change in the ownership of his fief. Steph. Lect. 350.

—Droit de suite. The right of a creditor to pursue the debtor's property into the hands of third persons for the enforcement of his claim.


—Droit international. International law.

—Droit maritime. Maritime law.

—Droit naturel. Fr. The law of nature.

In Old English Law

Law; right; a writ of right. Co. Litt. 1588.

A person was said to have droit droit, pluraum juris, and pluraum possessionis, when he had the freehold, the fee, and the property in him. Crabbe, Hist. E. L. 406.

—Autre droit. The right of another.

—Droit-clos. An ancient writ, directed to the lord of ancient demesne on behalf of those of his tenants who held their lands and tenements by charter in fee-simple, in fee-tall, for life, or in dower. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 23.

—Droit commun. The common law. Litt. § 213; Co. Litt. 142a.

—Droit-droit. A double right; that is, the right of possession and the right of property. These two rights were, by the theory of our ancient law, distinct; and the above phrase was used to indicate the concurrence of both in one person, which concurrence was necessary to constitute a complete title to land. Mozley & Whitley.

—Droits de admiralty. Rights or perquisites of the admiralty. A term applied to goods found derelict at sea. Applied also to property captured in time of war by non-commissioned ves-

DROITURAL. What belongs of right; relating to right; as real actions are either droitural or possessory,—droitural when the plaintiff seeks to recover the property. Finch, Law, 257.

DROMONES, DROMOS, DROMUNDA. These were at first high ships of great burden, but afterwards those which we now call "men-of-war." Jacob.

DROP. In English practice. When the members of a court are equally divided on the argument showing cause against a rule nisi, no order is made, t. c., the rule is neither discharged nor made absolute, and the rule is said to drop. In practice, there being a right to appeal, it has been usual to make an order in one way, the junior judge withdrawing his judgment. Wharton.

DROP-LETTER. A letter addressed for delivery in the same city or district in which it is posted.

DROP SHIPMENT DELIVERY. In mercantile usage, this phrase refers to ordinary freight unloaded from railroad cars,—distinguished from carload shipments, known as "track delivery shipments." Doshell v. Receivers of St. Louis & S. F. R. Co., 206 Ala. 366, 76 So. 282, 284.

DROPPING GROUND. In the logging industry, a place on the bank of a stream to store sawlogs, railroad ties, staves, and the products of the forest, while waiting for a rise of the stream that will enable the owner to float his timbered products down the river to a market. Lexington & E. Ry. Co. v. Grigsby, 176 Ky. 727, 197 S. W. 408.

DROVE. A number of animals collected and driven together in a body; a flock or herd of cattle in process of being driven; indefinite as to number, but including at least several. Caldwell v. State, 2 Tex. App. 54; McConville v. Jersey City, 39 N. J. Law, 43.
DROVE-ROAD. In Scotch law. A road for driving cattle. 7 Bell, App. Cas. 43, 53, 57. A drift-road. Lord Brougham, Id.

DROVE-STANCE. In Scotch law. A place adjoining a drove-road, for resting and refreshing sheep and cattle on their journey. 7 Bell, App. Cas. 53, 57.

DROVER'S PASS. A free pass given by a railroad company, accepting a drove of cattle for transportation, to the drover who accompanies and cares for the cattle on the train. Railroad Co. v. Tanner, 100 Va. 379, 41 S. E. 721; Railway Co. v. Ivy, 71 Tex. 409, 9 S. W. 546, 1 L. R. A. 500, 16 Am. St. Rep. 758.

DROWN. To merge or sink. "In some cases a right of freehold shall drown in a chattel." Co. Litt. 206a, 321a.

DRU. A thicket of wood in a valley. Domesday.


DRUGGIST. A dealer in drugs; one whose business is to sell drugs and medicines. In strict usage, this term is to be distinguished from "apothecary." A druggist deals in the uncompounded medicinal substances; the business of an apothecary is to mix and compound them. But in America the two words are used interchangeably, as the same persons usually discharge both functions. State v. Holmes, 28 La. Ann. 707, 26 Am. Rep. 110; Halinlin v. Com., 13 Bush (Ky.) 352; State v. Donaldson, 41 Minn. 74, 42 N. W. 781.


DRUNGARIUS. In old European law. The commander of a drungarius, or band of soldiers. Applied also to a naval commander. Spelman.

DRUNGUS. In old European law. A band of soldiers, (globus milium.) Spelman.

DRUNK. A person is "drunk", when he is so far under the influence of liquor that his passions are visibly excited or his judgment impaired, or when his brain is so far affected by potations of liquor that his intelligence, sense-perceptions, judgment, continuity of thought or of ideas, speech, and co-ordination of volition with muscular action (or some of these faculties or processes) are impaired or not under normal control. State v. Pierce, 65 Iowa, 85, 21 N. W. 195; Elkin v. Buschner (Pa.) 16 A. 102, 104; Sapp v. State, 116 Ga. 182, 42 S. E. 411; State v. Savage, 89 Ala. 1, 7 So. 153, 17 L. R. A. 426; Lewis v. Jones, 50 Barb. (N. Y.) 667; People v. Selladay, 22 Cal. App. 552, 135 P. 508; Columbia Life Ins. Co. v. Tousey, 152 Ky. 447, 153 S. W. 767, 770; Parker v. C. A. Smith Lumber & Mfg. Co., 70 Or. 41, 138 P. 1061, 1065; Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Johnsson, 64 Okl. 222, 166 P. 1074, 1076; Bragg v. Commonwealth, 133 Va. 645, 112 S. E. 609; State v. Baughn, 162 Iowa, 308, 143 N. W. 1100, 1101, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 912; Cope- land v. Central of Georgia Ry. Co., 213 Ala. 620, 105 So. 509, 510; State v. McDaniel, 115 Or. 187, 237 P. 375, 375; Scooggins v. State, 98 Tex. Cr. R. 548, 266 S. W. 513.

DRUNKARD. He is a drunkard whose habit it is to get drunk; whose brute life has become habitual. The terms "drunkard" and "habitual drunkard" mean the same thing. Com. v. Whitney, 5 Gray (Mass.) 80; Gourlay v. Gourlay, 16 R. I. 705, 19 A. 142; Lewis v. State, 15 Ala. App. 31, 68 So. 752, 754.

A "common" drunkard is defined by statute in some states as a person who has been convicted of drunkenness (or proved to have been drunk) a certain number of times within a limited period. State v. Kelly, 12 R. I. 533; State v. Flynn, 16 R. I. 19, 11 A. 170. Elsewhere the word "common" in this connection is understood as being equivalent to "habitual," (State v. Savage, 89 Ala. 1, 7 So. 133, 7 L. R. A. 436; Com. v. McNamara, 112 Mass. 258; State v. Ryan, 79 Wts. 735, 57 N. W. 823;) or perhaps as synonymous with "public," (Com. v. Whitney, 5 Gray [Mass.] 80.)

DRUNKENNESS. In medical jurisprudence. The condition of a man whose mind is affected by the immediate use of intoxicating drinks; the state of one who is "drunk." Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Johnson, 64 Okl. 222, 166 P. 1074, 1076. See Drunk.

DRY. adj. In the vernacular, this term means desiccated or free from moisture; but, in legal use, it signifies formal or nominal, without imposing any duty or responsibility, or unfruitful, without bringing any profit or advantage.

—Dry exchange. See Exchange.

—Dry mortgage. One which creates a lien on land for the payment of money, but does not impose any personal liability upon the mort-
gagor, collateral to or over and above the value of the premises. Frowenfeld v. Hastings, 134 Cal. 128, 66 P. 178.

—Dry-maltures. In Scotch law. Corn paid to the owner of a mill, whether the payers grind or not.

—Dry natural gas. Natural gas that does not contain an appreciable amount of readily condensable gasoline. When natural gas contains readily condensable gasoline it is called "wet natural gas." Mussellem v. Magnolia Petroleum Co., 107 Okl. 185, 231 P. 526, 530.

—Dry rent. Rent seek; a rent reserved without a clause of distress.

—Dry trust. A passive trust; one which requires no action on the part of the trustee beyond turning over money or property to the cestui que trust. Bradford v. Robinson, 7 Houst. (Del.) 29, 30 A. 670; Cornell v. Wulff, 148 Mo. 542, 50 S. W. 439, 45 L. R. A. 53.

—Dry weight. In tariff laws, this term does not mean the weight of an article after desiccation in a kiln, but its air-dry weight as understood in commerce. U. S. v. Perkins, 66 F. 50, 13 C. C. A. 324.

DRIY, s. Term used to designate a person who is opposed to allowing the sale of intoxicating liquors; a prohibitionist; in contradistinction to a "wet" or antiprohibitionist. State v. Shumaker, 300 Ind. 629, 157 N. E. 769, 778, 58 A. L. R. 954.


DUARCHY. A form of government where two reign jointly.

Duas uxores eodem tempore habere non licet. It is not lawful to have two wives at the same time. Inst. 1, 10, 6; 1 Bl. Comm. 436.

DUBITANS. Doubting. Dobbin, J., dubitans. 1 Show. 364.

DUBITANTE. Doubting. Is affixed to the name of a judge, in the reports, to signify that he doubted the decision rendered.

DUBITATUR. It is doubted. A word frequently used in the reports to indicate that a point is considered doubtful.


DUCAT. A foreign coin, varying in value in different countries, but usually worth about $2.26 of our money.

DUCATUS. In feudal and old English law. A duchy, the dignity or territory of a duke.

DUCES TECUM. (Lat. Bring with you.) The name of certain species of wilds, of which the subprena ducis tecum is the most usual.

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requiring a party who is summoned to appear in court to bring with him some document, piece of evidence, or other thing to be used or inspected by the court.

DUCES TECUM LICET LANGUIDUS. (Bring with you, although sick.) In practice. An ancient writ, now obsolete, directed to the sheriff, upon a return that he could not bring his prisoner without danger of death, he being adeo languidus, (so sick;) whereupon on the court granted a habeas corpus in the nature of a ducet tecum licet languidus. Cowell; Blount.

DUCHY OF LANCASTER. Those lands which formerly belonged to the dukes of Lancaster, and now belong to the crown in right of the duchy. The duchy is distinct from the county palatine of Lancaster, and includes not only the county, but also much territory at a distance from it, especially the Savoy in London and some land near Westminster. 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

DUCHY COURT OF LANCASTER. A tribunal of special jurisdiction, held before the chancellor of the duchy, or his deputy, concerning all matters of equity relating to lands holden of the crown in right of the duchy of Lancaster; which is a thing very distinct from the county palatine, (which has also its separate chancery, for sealing of writs, and the like,) and comprises much territory which lies at a vast distance from it; as particularly a very large district surrounded by the city of Westminster. The proceedings in this court are the same as were those on the equity side of the court of chancery, so that it seems not to be a court of record; and, indeed, it has been holden that the court of chancery has a concurrent jurisdiction with the duchy court, and may take cognizance of the same causes. The appeal from this court lies to the court of appeal. Jud. Act 1873, § 18; 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

DUCKING-STOOL. See Castigatory.

DUCROIRE. In French law., Guaranty; equivalent to del credere, (which see.)

DUE. Just; proper; regular; lawful; sufficient; reasonable; as in the phrases "due care," "due process of law," "due notice."

Owing; payable; justly owed. That which one contracts to pay or perform to another; that which law or justice requires to be paid or done.

Owed, or owing, as distinguished from payable. A debt is often said to be due from a person where he is the party owing it, or primarily bound to pay, whether the time for payment has or has not arrived. The same thing is true of the phrase "due and owing." Lobson v. Young, 99 N. J. Law, 28, 122 A. 618, 619; Ahrens-Rich Auto Co. v. Beck & Corinth Iron Co., 212 Ala. 530, 103 So. 556, 557; In re Duncan Const. Co. (D. C.) 280 F. 205, 207;

Payable. A bill or note is commonly said to be due when the time for payment of it has arrived.

The word "due" always imports a fixed and settled obligation or liability, but with reference to the time for its payment there is considerable ambiguity in the use of the term, as will appear from the foregoing definitions, the precise significance being determined in each case from the context. It may mean that the debt or claim in question is now (presently or immediately) matured and enforceable, or that it matured at some time in the past and yet remains unsatisfied, or that it is fixed and certain but the day appointed for its payment has not yet arrived. But commonly, and in the absence of any qualifying expressions, the word "due" is restricted to the first of these meanings, the second being expressed by the term "overdue," and the third by the word "payable." See Feerer v. Feerer, 82 Md. 716, 50 A. 406; Ames v. Ames, 128 Mass. 277; Van Hook v. Walton, 25 Tex. 75; Leggett v. Bank, 26 W. Va. 398; Scudder v. Scudder, 10 N. J. L. 126; Barnum v. Ames, 45 App. Div. 814, 61 N. Y. S. 85; Yocum v. Allen, 58 Ohio St. 289, 59 N. E. 900; Gies v. Boetcher, 12 Minn. 281, (Gill. 185); Mars timer v. Ward, 52 W. Va. 74, 42 S. E. 173.

―Due care. Just, proper, and sufficient care, so far as the circumstances demand it; the absence of negligence. That care which an ordinarily prudent person would have exercised under the circumstances. Dulim v. Henderson-Gilmer Co., 192 N. C. 628, 135 S. E. 614, 615, 49 A. L. R. 633; Kingan & Co. v. Gleason, 55 Ind. App. 684, 101 N. E. 1027, 1029; Tibbels v. Chicago Great Western R. Co. (Mo. App.) 219 S. W. 109, 114; Dahl v. Valley Dredging Co., 125 Minn. 90, 145 N. W. 796, 796, 52 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1173; Shaw v. Bolton, 122 Me. 232, 119 A. 801, 802; County Com'r of Kent County v. Pardue, 151 Md. 68, 134 A. 33, 36; Eargle v. Sumter Lighting Co., 110 S. C. 560, 96 S. E. 909, 911. "Due care" is care proportioned to any given situation, its surroundings, peculiarities, and hazards. It may and often does require extraordinary care. Towel v. Camp, 103 Conn. 41, 130 A. 86, 89. "Due care," "reasonable care," and "ordinary care" are convertible terms. Wiley v. Rutland R. Co., 86 Vt. 504, 86 A. 806, 811; Union Traction Co. of Indiana v. Berry, 188 Ind. 514, 212 N. E. 655, 657, 32 A. L. R. 1171. This term, as usually understood in cases where the gist of the action is the defendant's negligence, implies not only that a party has not been negligent or careless, but that he has been guilty of no violation of law in relation to the subject-matter or transaction which constitutes the cause of action. Evidence that a party is guilty of a violation of law supports the issue of a want of proper care; nor can it be doubted that in these and similar actions the averment in the declaration of the use of due care and the denial of it in the answer, properly and distinctly put in issue the legality of the conduct of the party as contributing to the accident or injury which forms the groundwork of the action. No specific averment of the particular unlawful act which caused or contributed to produce the result complained of should, in such cases, be deemed necessary. See Ryan v. Bristol, 63 Conn. 26, 27 Atl. 306; Eaden v. Van Blarecom, 100 Mo. App. 153, 74 S. W. 124; Joyner v. Railway Co., 26 S. C. 49, 1 S. E. 52; Nicholas v. Peck, 21 R. I. 484, 43 Atl. 1038; Railroad Co. v. Yorty, 128 Ill. 321, 42 N. E. 64; Schmidt v. Shanott, 108 Ill. 105; Butterfield v. Western R. Corp., 19 Allen (Mass.) 532, 87 Am. Dec. 678; Jones v. Andover, 10 Allen (Mass.) 29.

―Due course of law. This phrase is synonymous with "due process of law," or "the law of the land," and the general definition thereof is "law in its regular course of administration through courts of justice;" and, while not always necessarily confined to judicial proceedings, yet these words have such a significance as to mean to operate of the kind of an eviction, or ouster, from real estate by which a party is dispossessed, as to preclude thereunder proof of a constructive eviction resulting from the purchase of a paramount title when hostilely asserted by the party holding it. See Adler v. Whitbeck, 44 Ohio St. 509, 9 N. E. 672; In re Dorsey, 7 Port. (Ala.) 404; Backus v. Shipherd, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 635; Dwight v. Williams, 8 Fed. Cas. 187.


―Due process of law. Law in its regular course of administration through courts of justice. 3 Story, Const. 264, 661. "Due process of law in each particular case means such an exercise of the powers of the government as the settled maxims of law permit and sanction, and under such safeguards for the protection of individual rights as those maxims prescribe for the class of cases to which the one in question belongs." Cooley, Const. Lim. 441. Whatever difficulty may be experienced in giving to those terms a definition which

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DUE-BILL. A brief written acknowledgment of a debt. It is not made payable to order, like a promissory note. See Feese v. Feese, 98 Md. 718, 90 Atl. 406; Marrigan v. Page, 4 Humph. (Tenn.) 247; Carrier v. Lockwood, 40 Conn. 350, 16 Am. Rep. 40; Lee v. Balcomb, 9 Colo. 216, 11 Pac. 74. See I. O. U.

DUEL. A duel is any combat with deadly weapons, fought between two or more persons, by previous agreement or upon a previous quarrel. Pen. Code Cal. § 225; State v. Fritz, 133 N. C. 725, 45 S. E. 857; State v. Herrriott, 1 McMul. (S. C.) 130; Bassett v. State, 44 Fla. 2, 33 South. 262; Davis v. Modern Woodmen, 98 Mo. App. 713, 73 S. W. 629; Griffin v. State, 100 Tex. Cr. 611, 274 S. W. 611, 612; People v. Morales, 77 Cal. App. 483, 247 P. 221, 222; Baker v. Supreme Lodge K. P., 103 Miss. 374, 60 So. 333, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 547.

DUELLING. The fighting of two persons, one against the other, at an appointed time and place, upon a precedent quarrel. It differs from an affray in this, that the latter occurs on a sudden quarrel, while the former is always the result of design.

DUELLUM. The trial by battle or judicial combat. See Battle.


DUKE, in English law, is a title of nobility, ranking immediately next the Prince of Wales. It is only a title of dignity. Conferring it does not give any domain, territory, or jurisdiction over the place whence the title is taken. Duchess, the consort of a duke. Wharton.

DUKE OF EXETER'S DAUGHTER. The name of a rack in the Tower, so called after a minister of Henry VI. who sought to introduce it into England.

DUKE OF YORK'S LAWS. A body of laws compiled in 1663 for the government of the colony of New York.

DULOCRACY. A government where servants and slaves have so much license and privilege that they domineer. Wharton.

DULY. In due or proper form or manner; according to legal requirements. Regularly; properly: upon a proper foundation, as distinguished from mere form; according to law in both form and substance. Robertson v. Perkins, 129 U. S. 233, 9 S. Ct. 279, 32 L. Ed. 686; Brownell v. Greenwich, 114 N. Y. 518, 22 N. E. 24, 28, 4 L. R. A. 850; Van Arsdale v. Van Arsdale, 26 N. J. Law, 423; Dunning v. Coleman, 27 La. Ann. 48;

DUM. Lat. While; as long as; until; upon condition that; provided that.

DUM BENE SE GESSERIT. While he shall conduct himself well; during good behavior. Expressive of a tenure of office not dependent upon the pleasure of the appointing power, nor for a limited period, but terminable only upon the death or misconduct of the incumbent.

DUM FERVET OPUS. While the work glows; in the heat of action. 1 Kent, Comm. 120.

DUM FUIT IN PRISONA. In English law. A writ which lay for a man who had aliened lands under duress by imprisonment, to restore to him his proper estates. 2 Inst. 482. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

DUM FUIT INFRA ETATEM. (While he was within age.) In old English practice. A writ of entry which formerly lay for an infant after he had attained his full age, to recover lands which he had aliened in fee, in tail, or for life, during his infancy; and, after his death, his heir had the same remedy. Reg. Orig. 229b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 192, G; Lit. § 400; Co. Litt. 247b.

DUM NON FUIT COMPOS MENTIS. The name of a writ which the heirs of a person who was non compos mentis, and who aliened his lands, might have sued out to restore him to his rights. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

DUM RECENS FUIT MALEFICUM. While the offense was fresh. A term employed in the old law of appeal of rape. Bract. fol. 147.

DUM SOLA. While sole, or single. Dum sola fuerit, while she shall remain sole. Dum sola et casta vixerit, while she lives single and chaste. Words of limitation in old conveyances. Co. Litt. 235a. Also applied generally to an unmarried woman in connection with something that was or might be done during that condition.

DUMB. One who cannot speak; a person who is mute.

DUMB-BIDDING. In sales at auction, when the minimum amount which the owner will take for the article is written on a piece of paper, and placed by the owner under a candlestick, or other thing, and it is agreed that no bidding shall avail unless equal to that, this is called "dumb-bidding." Bab. Auct. 44.

DUMMODO. Provided; provided that. A word of limitation in the Latin forms of conveyances, of frequent use in introducing a reservation; as in reserving a rent.


DUMMY DIRECTOR. One to whom (usually) a single share of stock in a corporation is transferred for the purpose of qualifying him as a director of the corporation, in which he has no real or active interest. Hoopes v. Basic Co., 61 A. 979, 980, 69 N. J. Eq. 679.

DUMPING. In commercial usage, the act of selling in quantity at a very low price or practically regardless of the price; also, selling (surplus goods) abroad at less than the market price at home. Webster, Dict. The act of forcing a product such as cotton on the market during the short gathering season. Arkansas Cotton Growers' Co-op. Ass'n v. Brown, 168 Ark. 504, 270 S. W. 946, 953.

DUMPING BOARD. An elevated structure of timber, which in part overhangs the water, to enable a scow to go under it for the purpose of taking on a load. Hesley v. Moran Towing & Transportation Co. (C. C. A.) 253 F. 334, 337.

DUN. One who duns or urges for payment; a troublesome creditor. A demand for payment whether oral or written. Stand. Dict.

A mountain or high open place. The names of places ending in dun or don were either built on hills or near them in open places.

DUNA. In old records. A bank of earth cast up; the side of a ditch. Cowell.

DUNGEON. Such an underground prison or cell as was formerly placed in the strongest part of a fortress; a dark or subterranean prison.

DUNIO. A double; a kind of base coin less than a farthing.

DUNNAGE. Pieces of wood placed against the sides and bottom of the hold of a vessel, to preserve the cargo from the effect of leakage, according to its nature and quality. Abb. Shipp. 227.

There is considerable resemblance between dunnage and ballast. The latter is used for trimming the ship, and bringing it down to a draft of water proper and safe for sailing. Dunnage is placed under the cargo to keep it from being wetted by water getting into
the hold, or between the different parcels to keep them from bruising and injuring each other. Great Western Ins. Co v. Thwing, 13 Wall. 674, 20 L. Ed. 607; Richards v. Hansen (C. C.) 1 F. 36.

"Dunnage" belongs to the category of crating and boxing employed to protect more valuable articles in shipment, the weight of which, unless some provision to the contrary appears in a tariff classification, naturally takes the rate applicable to the contents. "Dunnage" used in blocking and securing automobiles was held subject to the automobile rate and not to the lumber rate, under tariff classification providing charges shall be computed on gross weights. Butler Motor Co. v. Atchison, T. & S. F. Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 272 F. 683, 684.

DUNSETS. People that dwell on hilly places or mountains. Jacob.

Duo non possunt in solido unam rem possidere. Two cannot possess one thing in entirety. Co. Litt. 368.

Duo sunt instrumenta ad omnes res aut confirmandas aut impugnandas, ratio et authoritas. There are two instruments for confirming or impugning all things,—reason and authority. 8 Coke, 16.

DUODECIMVIRALE JUDICUM. The trial by twelve men, or by jury. Applied to juries de mediate lingua. Mol. de Jure Mar. 448.

DUODECIMA MANUS. Twelve hands. The oaths of twelve men, including himself, by whom the defendant was allowed to make his law. 3 Bl. Comm. 343.


DUODENA MANU. A dozen hands, i.e., twelve witnesses to purge a criminal of an offense.

Duorum in solidum dominium vel possessio esse non potest. Ownership or possession in entirety cannot be in two persons of the same thing. Dig. 13, t 6, 5, 15; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 245. Bract. fol. 289.

DUPLA. In the civil law. Double the price of a thing. Dig. 21, 2, 2.

DUPLEX QUERELA. A double complaint. An ecclesiastical proceeding, which is in the nature of an appeal. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 440. See Double Complaint.

DULPEX VALOR MARITAGII. In old English law. Double the value of the marriage. While an infant was in ward, the guardian had the power of tendering him or her a suitable match, without disparagement, which if the infants refused, they forfeited the value of the marriage to their guardian, that is, so much as a jury would assess or any one would give to the guardian for such an alli-
ance; and, if the infants married themselves without the guardian's consent, they forfeited double the value of the marriage. 2 Bl. Comm. 70; Litt. § 110; Co. Litt. 829.

DUPPLICATE, v. To double, repeat, make, or add a thing exactly like a preceding one; reproduce exactly. State v. Ogden, 20 N. M. 636, 151 P. 758, 760.

DUPPLICATE, n. When two written documents are substantially alike, so that each might be a copy or transcript from the other, while both stand on the same footing as original instruments, they are called "duplicates." Agreements, deeds, and other documents are frequently executed in duplicate, in order that each party may have an original in his possession. State v. Graffam, 74 Wis. 643, 43 N. W. 727; Grant v. Griffith, 56 N. Y. 8, 791, 39 App. Div. 107; Trust Co. v. Codington County, 9 S. D. 159, 66 N. 314; Nelson v. Blakey, 54 Ind. 39; Reynolds v. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., 200 N. Y. 105, 107, 120 Misc. 501; Lorch v. Page, 97 Conn. 66, 115 A. 681, 682, 24 A. L. R. 1204.

A duplicate is sometimes defined to be the "copy" of a thing; but, though generally a copy, a duplicate differs from a mere copy, in having all the validity of an original. Nor, it seems need it be an exact copy. Defined also to be the "counterpart" of an instrument; but in indentures there is a distinction between counterparts executed by the several parties respectively, each party affixing his or her seal to only one counterpart, and duplicate originals, each executed by all the parties. Toms v. Cuming, 7 Man. & G. 91, note; Maston v. Glen Lumber Co., 85 Okl. 86, 163 P. 128, 129. The old indentures, charters, or chiromaps seem to have had the character of duplicates. Burrii.

The term is also frequently used to signify a new original, made to take the place of an instrument that has been lost or destroyed, and to have the same force and effect. Bentin v. Martin, 40 N. Y. 347.

In English Law

The certificate of discharge given to an insolvent debtor who takes the benefit of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

The ticket given by a pawnbroker to the owner of a chattel.

In General

—Duplicate taxation. The same as "double taxation." See that title.

—Duplicate will. A term used in England, where a testator executes two copies of his will, one to keep himself, and the other to be deposited with another person. Upon application for probate of a duplicate will, both copies must be deposited in the registry of the court of probate.

DUPLICATIO. In the civil law. The defendant's answer to the plaintiff's replication; corresponding to the rejoinder of the common law.
DUPlicitatem possibilittatis lex non patitur. The law does not allow the doubling of a possibility. 1 Rolle, 321.

DUPICATUM JUS. Double right. Bract. fol. 283. See Droit-Droit.


DUPLY, n. (From Lat. duplicatio, q. v.) In Scotch pleading. The defendant’s answer to the plaintiff’s replication.

DUPLY, v. In Scotch pleading. To rejoin. “It is duplyed by the panel.” 3 State Trials, 471.


DURANTE ABSENTIA. During absence. In some jurisdictions, administration of a deceased’s estate is said to be granted during absentia in cases where the absence of the proper proponents of the will, or of an executor, delays or imperils the settlement of the estate.

DURANTE BENE PLACITO. During good pleasure. The ancient tenure of English judges was durante bene placito. 1 Bl. Comm. 267, 342.

DURANTE MINORE ÆSTATE. During minority. 2 Bl. Comm. 503; 5 Coke, 29, 30. Words taken from the old form of letters of administration. 5 Coke, ubi supra.


DURANTE VIRGINITATE. During virginity, (so long as she remains unmarried.)

DURANTE VITA. During life.

DURATION. Extent, limit or time. People v. Hill, 7 Cal. 102. The portion of time dur-
DURESSOR. One who subjects another to duress; one who compels another to do a thing, as by menace. Bac. Max. 90, reg. 22.

DURHAM. A county palatine in England, the jurisdiction of which was vested in the Bishop of Durham until the statute 6 & 7 Wm. IV. c. 19, vested it as a separate franchise and royalty in the crown. The jurisdiction of the Durham court of pleas was transferred to the supreme court of judicature by the judicature act of 1873.

DURING. Throughout the course of; throughout the continuance of; in the time of. Ellis v. Fraternal Aid Union, 108 Kan. 819, 197 P. 189, 190; Richardson v. City of Seattle, 97 Wash. 521, 166 P. 1131, 1133.

DURING GOOD BEHAVIOR. While defendant whose sentence had been suspended, was obedient to the state law. State v. Hardin, 183 N. C. 815, 112 S. E. 593, 595.


DURSLEY. In old English law. Blows without wounding or bloodshed; dry blows. Blount.

DUSTUCK. A term used in Hindostan for a passport, permit, or order from the English East Indian Company. It generally meant a permit under their seal exempting goods from the payment of duties. Enc. Lond.

DUTCH AUCTION. See Auction.

DUTIES. In its most usual signification this word is the synonym of impose or customs; but it is sometimes used in a broader sense, as including all manner of taxes, charges, or governmental impositions. Pollock v. Farmers’ L. & T. Co., 158 U. S. 601, 15 S. Ct. 912, 39 L. Ed. 1108; Alexander v. Railroad Co., 3 Strob. (S. C.) 593; Pacific Ins. Co. v. Soule, 7 Wall. 453, 19 L. Ed. 95; Cooley v. Board of Wardens, 12 How. 290, 19 L. Ed. 906; Blake v. Baker, 115 Mass. 198.


DUTIES ON IMPORTS. This term signifies not merely a duty on the act of importation, but a duty on the thing imported. It is not confined to a duty levied while the article is entering the country, but extends to a duty levied after it has entered the country. Brown v. Maryland, 12 Wheat. 457, 6 L. Ed. 673.

DUTY. A human action which is exactly conformeable to the laws which require us to obey them. Chicago, etc., R. Co. v. Filson, 35 Okl. 59, 91, 128 P. 298.

The words, “it shall be the duty,” in ordinary legislation, imply the assertion of the power to command and to coerce obedience. Kentucky v. Dennison, 24 How. 66, 107, 15 L. Ed. 717.

In its use in jurisprudence, this word is the correlative of right. Thus, wherever there exists a right in any person, there also rests a corresponding duty upon some other person or upon all persons generally. But it is also used, in a wider sense, to designate that class of moral obligations which lie outside the juridical sphere; such, namely, as rest upon an imperative ethical basis, but have not been recognized by the law as within its proper province for purposes of enforcement or redress. Thus, gratitude towards a benefactor is a duty, but its refusal will not ground an action. In this meaning “duty” is the equivalent of “moral obligation,” as distinguished from a “legal obligation.” Harrison v. Bush, 5 El. & Bll. 349.

Duty is considered by some modern ethicalists to be the fundamental conception of ethics and to be subject to intuitive knowledge; by others it is conceived as that which is ethically valid because sanctioned by law, society, or religion. Webster, Dict.

As a technical term of the law, “duty” signifies a thing due; that which is due from a person; that which a person owes to another. An obligation to do a thing. A word of more extensive signification than “debt,” although both are expressed by the same Latin word “debitum.” Beach v. Boynton, 26VT. 725, 733; Bankers’ Deposit Guaranty & Surety Co. v. Barnes, 81 Kan. 422, 105 P. 697, 698; Taylor v. White (Tex. Civ. App.) 113 S. W. 554, 556. Sometimes, however, the term is used synonymously with debt. Fox v. Hills, 1 Conn. 295, 305.

But in practice it is commonly reserved as the designation of those obligations of performance, care, or observance which rest upon a person in an official or fiduciary capacity; as the duty of an executor, trustee, manager, etc. Goodwin v. Vermilion County, 271 III. 126, 110 N. E. 890, 892.

It also denotes a tax or impost due to the government upon the importation or exportation of goods.

Judicial Duty

See Judicial.

Legal Duty

That which the law requires to be done or forborne to a determinate person or the public at large, correlative to a vested and coextensive right in such person or the public, and the breach of which constitutes negligence. Heaven v. Pender, 11 Q. B. Div. 506; Smith v. Clarke Hardware Co., 10 Ga. 163, 28 S. E. 73; 39 L. R. A. 607; Railroad Co. v. Ballentine, 54 S. 935, 28 C. C. A. 572.

DUUMVIRI. (From duo, two, and viri, men.) A general appellation among the ancient Romans, given to any magistrates elected in pairs to fill any office, or perform any function. Brande.

Duumviri municipales were two annual magistrates in the towns and colonies, having judicial powers. Calvin.

Duumviri navales were officers appointed to man, equip, and refit the navy. Id.

DUX.

In Roman Law
A leader or military commander. The commander of an army. Dig. 3, 2, 2, pr.

In Feudal and Old European Law
Duke; a title of honor, or order of nobility. 1 Bl. Comm. 397; Crabb, Eng. Law, 226.

In Later Law
A military governor of a province. See Cod. 1, 27, 2. A military officer having charge of the borders or frontiers of the empire, called "dux limitis." Cod. 1, 48, 1, pr. At this period, the word began to be used as a title of honor or dignity.

D. W. I. In genealogical tables, a common abbreviation for "died without issue."


To delay, to pause or linger, to abide as a permanent residence or for a time; to live in a place, to have one's residence or domicile, to reside. It is synonymous with inhabit, live, sojourn, stay, rest. MacLeod v. Stelle, 43 Idaho, 64, 249 P. 254, 256.

DWELLING HOUSE. The house in which a man lives with his family; a residence; the apartment or building, or group of buildings, occupied by a family as a place of residence.

In Conveyancing
Includes all buildings attached to or connected with the house. 2 Hill, Real Prop. 338, and note.

In the Law of Burglary
A house in which the occupier and his family usually reside, or, in other words, dwell and lie in. Whart. Crim. Law, 357.

In general

Private Dwelling
Within a restrictive covenant, a piece or house in which a person or family lives in an individual or private state, the covenant being violated by the conversion of a house theretofore used as a residence for a single family into a residence for two families, even though the outward appearance of the house was not materially affected. Palme v. Bergrose Development Corp., 198 N. Y. S. 311, 312, 119 Misc. 796. The distinction between a board-
ing house and a "private dwelling house" is whether the house is occupied as a home for
the occupant and his wife and child, or
whether he occupied it as a place for carry-
ing on the business of keeping boarders, al-
though while prosecuting the business and
as a means of prosecuting it, he and his wife
and children live in the house also. Trainor
v. Le Beek, 101 N. J. Eq. 823, 139 A. 16, 17.

DWELLING-PLACE, or home, is some per-
manent abode or residence, in which one has
the intention of remaining; it is not synonym-
ous with "domicile," as used in Internation-
al law, but has a more limited and restricted
293. Nor is it synonymous with a "place of
pauper settlement." Lisbon v. Lyman, 49 N.
H. 550.

DYED HANGING PAPER. See Hanging
Paper.

DYING DECLARATION. See Declaration.

DYING WITHOUT ISSUE. At common law
this phrase imports an indefinite failure of
issue, and not a dying without issue surviving
at the time of the death of the first taker.
But this rule has been changed in some of
the states, by statute or decisions, and in
England by St. 7 Wm. IV., and 1 Vict. c. 26, §
29.

The words "die without issue," and "die with-
out leaving issue," in a devise of real estate, im-
port an indefinite failure of issue, and not the
failure of issue at the death of the first taker.
And no distinction is to be made between the words
"without issue" and "without leaving issue." Wil-
son v. Wilson, 32 Barb. (N. Y.) 228; McGraw v.
Davenport, 6 Port. (Ala.) 319; Harwell v. Harwell,
151 Tenn. 587, 271 S. W. 353, 355.

In Connecticut and other states it has been re-
peatedly held that the expression "dying without
issue," and like expressions, have reference to the
time of the death of the party, and not to an in-
definite failure of issue. Phelps v. Phelps, 55 Conn.
359, 11 A. 596; Meriden Trust & Safe Deposit Co.
v. Squire, 92 Conn. 440, 108 A. 266, 272; Briggs v.
Hopkins, 103 Ohio St. 321, 132 N. E. 843; In re
Price's Estate, 289 Pa. 376, 108 A. 893, 894; Davis
v. Davis, 107 Neb. 70, 185 N. W. 442, 444.

Dying without children imports not a failure of
issue at any indefinite future period, but a leaving
no children at the death of the legatee. Condict
v. King, 12 N. J. Eq. 375. The law favors vesting
of estates, and limitation such as "dying without
issue," refers to a definite period, fixed in will,
rather than to an indefinite failure of issue. How-
ard v. Howard's Trustee, 312 Ky. 847, 280 S. W. 156,
157. Where context is such as to show clearly that
testator intended the phrase "die without issue" to
mean that, if first taker die without issue during
life of testator, the second taker shall stand in his
place and prevent a lapse, the words "die without
issue" are taken to mean death during life of
testator. Brittain v. Farrington, 318 Ill. 474, 149 N.
E. 486, 489.

DYKE-REED, or DYKE-REEVE. An officer
who has the care and oversight of the dykes
and drains in fenny counties.

DYNASTY. A succession of kings in the
same line or family.

DYNOSM. Bad legislation; the enactment
of bad laws.

DYSAREUNIA. In medical jurisprudence.
Incacity of a woman to sustain the act of
sexual intercourse except with great difficulty
and pain; anaphrodisia (which see).

DYSPEPSIA. A state of the stomach in
which its functions are disturbed, without
the presence of other diseases, or when, if
other diseases are present, they are of minor

DYVOUR. In Scotch law. A bankrupt.

DYVOUR'S HABIT. In Scotch law. A habit
which debtors who are set free on a cessio
bonorum are obliged to wear, unless in the
summons and process of cessio it be libeled,
sustained, and proved that the bankruptcy
proceeds from misfortune. And bankrupts
are condemned to submit to the habit, even
where no suspicion of fraud lies against them,
if they have been dealers in an illicit trade.

E. A Latin preposition, meaning from, out of, after, or according. It occurs in many Latin phrases; but (in this form) only before a consonant. When the initial of the following word is a vowel, ex is used.

—_E contra_. From the opposite; on the contrary.

—_E converso_. Conversely. On the other hand; on the contrary. Equivalent to _e contra_.

—_E mera gratia_. Out of mere grace or favor.

—_E pluribus unum_. One out of many. The motto of the United States of America.

E. G. An abbreviation of _exempit gratia_. For the sake of an example.


EA. Sax. The water or river; also the mouth of a river on the shore between high and low water-mark.

_Ea est accipienda interpretatio, quae vitio caret_. That interpretation is to be received [or adopted] which is free from fault [or wrong]. The law will not intend a wrong. Bac. Max. 17, (in reg. 3.)

EA INTENTIOINE. With that intent. Held not to make a condition, but a confidence and trust. Dyer, 1389.

_Ea quae, commendandi causa, in venditionibus dicatur, si palam appaerat, vendiorem non obligat_. Those things which are said on sales, in the way of commendation, if [the qualities of the thing sold] appear openly, do not bind the seller. Dig. 18, 1, 43, pr.

_Ea quae dari impossibilia sunt, vel quae in rorum natura non sunt, pro non adjectis habentur_. Those things which are impossible to be given, or which are not in the nature of things, are regarded as not added, [as no part of an agreement.] Dig. 50, 17, 185.

_Ea quae in curia nostra rite acta sunt debita executioni demandandae debent_. Co. Litt. 289. Those things which are properly transacted in our court ought to be committed to a due execution.

_Ea quae raro accidunt non temere in agentibus negotiis computatur_. Those things which rarely happen are not to be taken into ac-

count in the transaction of business without sufficient reason. Dig. 50, 17, 64.

EACH. A distributive adjective pronoun, which denotes or refers to every one of the persons or things mentioned; every one of two or more persons or things, composing the whole, separately considered. The effect of this word, used in the covenants of a bond, is to create a several obligation. Seller v. State, 190 Ind. 665, 67 N. E. 449; Klockc-


Eadem causa diversis rationibus aequi judicis ecclesiasticis et secularibus ventilatur. 2 Inst. 622. The same cause is argued upon different principles before ecclesiastical and secular judges.

_Eadem est ratio, eadem est lex_. The same reason, the same law. Charles River Bridge v. Warren Bridge, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 493.

_Eadem mens prae summur regis quae est juris et quae esse debet, praeertim in dubiis_. Hob. 154. The mind of the sovereign is presumed to be coincident with that of the law, and with that which it ought to be, especially in ambiguous matters.

EAGLE. A gold coin of the United States of the value of ten dollars.

EALDER, or EALDING. In old Saxon law. An elder or chief.

EALDERMAN, or EALDORMAN. The name of a Saxon magistrate; alderman; analogous to _earl_ among the Danes, and _senator_ among the Romans. See Alderman. The name of _Ealdorman_ is one of a large class; among a primitive people age implies command and command implies age; hence, in a somewhat later stage of language, the elders are simply the rulers. 1 Freeman, Norman Conquest, 51, quoted in Cent. Dict.

EALDOR-BISCIOP. An archbishop.

EALDORBURG. Sax. The metropolis; the chief city. Obsolete.

EALEHUS. (Fr. _eule_, Sax., ale, and _hus_, house.) An ale-house.

EALHORDA. Sax. The privilege of assissing and selling beer. Obsolete.

EAR GRASS. In English law. Such grass which is upon the land after the mowing, un-

til the feast of the Annunciation after. 3 Leon. 213.

EAR-MARK. A mark put upon a thing to distinguish it from another. Originally and
literally, a mark upon the ear; a mode of marking sheep and other animals.

Property is said to be ear-marked when it can be identified or distinguished from other property of the same nature.

Money has no ear-mark, but it is an ordinary term for a privy mark made by any one on a coin.

EAR-MARK RULE. Rule that through the process of commingling money or deposit with the funds of a bank it loses its identity, with the resultant effect of defeating the right of preference over general creditors. Hilt Fireworks Co. v. Scandinavian American Bank of Tacoma, 121 Wash. 261, 209 P. 680, 682.

EAR-WITNESS. In the law of evidence. One who attests or can attest anything as heard by himself.

EARL. A title of nobility, formerly the highest in England, now the third, ranking between a marquis and a viscount, and corresponding with the French "comte" and the German "grafen." The title originated with the Saxons, and is the most ancient of the English peerage. William the Conqueror first made this title hereditary, giving it in fee to his nobles; and allotting them for the support of their state the third penny out of the sheriff's court, issuing out of all pleas of the shire, whence they had their ancient title "shiremen." At present the title is accompanied by no territory, private or judicial rights, but merely confers nobility and an hereditary seat in the house of lords. Wharton.

—Earl marshal of England. A great officer of state who had anciently several courts under his jurisdiction, as the court of chivalry and the court of honor. Under him is the herald's office, or college of arms. He was also a judge of the Marshalsea court, now abolished. This office is of great antiquity, and has been for several ages hereditary in the family of the Howards. 3 Bl. Comm. 68, 103; 3 Steph. Comm. 335, note.

—Earldom. The dignity or jurisdiction of an earl. The dignity only remains now, as the jurisdiction has been given over to the sheriff. 1 Bl. Comm. 339.

EARLES—PENNY, or EARL'S PENNY. Money given in part payment. See Earnest; Arles.


A token or pledge passing between the parties, by way of evidence, or ratification of the sale. 2 Kent, Comm. 495, note.

EARNING CAPACITY. "Earning capacity" does not necessarily mean the actual earnings that one who suffers an injury was making at the time the injuries were sustained, but refers to that which, by virtue of the training, the experience, and the business acumen possessed, an individual is capable of earning. Texas Electric Ry. v. Worthy (Tex. Civ. App.) 250 S. W. 710, 711. Not saving ability, but capacity to acquire money, less the necessary expense of his own living. Pitman v. Merriman, 80 N. H. 295, 117 A. 18, 26 A. L. R. 569.

EARNINGS. This term is used to denote a larger class of credits than would be included in the term "wages." Somers v. Kelhier, 115 Mass. 165; Jenks v. Dyer, 102 Mass. 235.


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—Net earnings rule. The net earnings rule for assessing a special franchise for taxation starts with the gross earnings for the year ending with the commencement of the year for which the valuation is made from which is deducted operating expenses and a fair and reasonable return on that portion of the corporation's capital invested in tangible property, the balance being deemed to give the net earnings attributable to the special franchise, the value of which is then found by capitalizing such balance at a rate 1 per cent. higher than that found as a matter of fact to be a fair and reasonable return on the tangible property. People ex rel. Third Ave. R. Co. v. State Board of Tax Comrs., 142 N. Y. S. 988, 987, 157 App. Div. 731.

—Surplus earnings of a company or corporation means the amount owned by the company over and above its capital and actual liabilities. People v. Comrs.'s of Taxes, 76 N. Y. 74.

EARTH. Soil of all kinds, including gravel, clay, loam, and the like, in distinction from the firm rock. Dickinson v. Poundkeepsie, 75 N. Y. 76.


EASEMENT. A right in the owner of one parcel of land, by reason of such ownership, to use the land of another for a special purpose not inconsistent with a general property in the owner. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 25. Davis v. Briggs, 117 Me. 336, 106 A. 128, 129; Clark v. Glidden, 80 Vt. 702, 15 A. 328; Rogers v. Hussion (Tex. Civ. App.) 273 S. W. 969, 971, 972; City of Franklin v. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 188 Ky. 161, 221 S. W. 503, 506.

A privilege which the owner of one adjacent tenement hath of another, existing in respect of their several tenements, by which that owner against whose tenement the privilege exists is obliged to suffer or not to do something on or in regard to his own land for the advantage of him in whose land the privilege exists. Termes de la Ley, Easements; Downing v. Baldwin, 1 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 298; 3 B. & C. 339; Lawton v. Rivers, 2 McCord (S. C.) 451, 13 Am. Dec. 741; Com. v. Low, 3 Pick. (Mass.) 408; Forbes v. Balensiefer, 74 Ill. 188; Oliver v. Hook, 47 Md. 301; Strong v. Wares, 50 Vt. 361; Howell v. Estes, 71 Tex. 96, 12 S. W. 62; Koensig v. Jung, 73 Wis. 175, 40 N. W. 501; Burdine v. Sewell, 92 Fla. 375, 109 So. 648, 652; Ernst v. Allen, 55 Utah 272, 184 P. 827, 829.


A liberty, privilege, or advantage without profit, which the owner of one parcel of land may have in the lands of another. Thomas v. Morris, 190 N. C. 244, 129 S. E. 623, 625; Ritter v. Hill, 282 Pa. 315, 127 A. 455, 457; Setteggast v. Foley Bros. Dry Goods Co., 114 Tex. 452, 270 S. W. 1014, 1016.

The land against which the easement or privilege exists is called the "servient" tenement, and the estate to which it is annexed the "dominant" tenement; and their owners are called respectively the "servient" and "dominant" owner. These terms are taken from the civil law. Saratoga State Waters Corporation v. Pratt, 227 N. Y. 429, 125 N. E. 384, 388; West v. Gieon (Tex. Civ. App.) 242 S. W. 312, 319; Tudor, Lead. Cas. 108; Grant v. Chase, 17 Mass. 446, 2 Am. Dec. 111; Meek v. Breckinridge, 29 Ohio St. 642.

Synonyms
Although the terms are sometimes used as if convertible, properly speaking easement refers to the right enjoyed by one and servitude the burden imposed upon the other. Stephenson v. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. of Texas (Tex. Civ. App.) 181 S. W. 568, 572.

The distinguishing feature of a "profit à prendre" is the right to take from the land part of the soil or a product of it, and of an "easement" is the absence of all right to participate in the profits of the soil. Saratoga State Waters Corporation v. Pratt, 227 N. Y. 429, 125 N. E. 384, 388; Mathews Slate Co. of New York v. Advance Industrial Supply Co., 172 N. Y. 880, 892, 155 App. Div. 74.

An "easement" is a right, distinct from ownership, to use in some way the land of another, without any compensation, whereas a "restriction" is a limitation of the manner in which one may use his own land, and may or may not involve a grant. Kutschinski v. Thompson, 101 N. J. Eq. 449, 138 A. 569, 573.

At the present day, the distinction between an "easement" and a "license" is well settled and fully recognized, although it becomes difficult in some of the cases to discover a substantial difference between them. An easement is a permanent interest in another's land, with a right to enjoy it fully and without obstruction. A license, on the other hand, is a bare authority to do a certain act or series of acts upon another's land, without possessing any estate therein. Cook v. Railroad Co., 40 Iowa, 456; Nunnelly v. Iron Co., 94 Tenn. 397, 29 S. W. 361, 28 L. R. A. 421; Baldwin v. Taylor, 106 Pa. 507, 31 A. 250; Clark v. Glidden, 60 Vt. 702, 15 A. 358; Asher v. Johnson, 118 Ky. 702, 82 S. W. 300; Bur-

Classification

Easements are classified as affirmative or negative; the former being those where the servient estate must permit something to be done thereon, (as to pass over it, or to discharge water upon it;) the latter being those where the owner of the servient estate is prohibited from doing something otherwise lawful upon his estate, because it will affect the dominant estate, (as interrupting the light and air from the latter by building on the former.) 2 Washb. Real Prop. 301. Equitable L. Assur. Soc. v. Brennan (Sup.) 24 N. Y. S. 788; Pierce v. Keator, 70 N. Y. 447, 26 Am. Rep. 612; Miller v. Babb (Tex. Com. App.) 243 S. W. 253, 254; Davis v. Robinson, 159 N. C. 359, 127 S. E. 697, 703. As to "reciprocal negative easement," see that title, infra.

They are also either continuous or discontinuous. An easement of the former kind is one that is self-perpetuating, independent of human intervention, as, the flow of a stream, or one which may be enjoyed without any act on the part of the person entitled thereto, such as a spout which discharges the water whenever it rains, a drain by which surface water is carried off, windows which admit light and air, and the like. Starrett v. Baudler, 151 Iowa, 965, 105 N. W. 216, 219, L. R. A. 1915D, 528; Caulfield v. Lobenstein, 123 Misc. 285, 205 N. Y. S. 150, 152; Lampman v. Milks, 21 N. Y. 503; Bonelli v. Blakemore, 66 Miss. 135, 5 So. 228, 14 Am. St. Rep. 550; Providence Tool Co. v. Engine Co., 9 R. I. 571. A continuous easement is sometimes termed an "apparent" easement, and defined as one depending on some artificial structure upon, or natural conformation of, the servient tenement, obvious and permanent, which constitutes the easement or is the means of enjoying it. Petters v. Humphreys, 18 N. J. Eq. 260; Larsen v. Peterson, 53 N. J. Eq. 88, 30 A. 1094; Whalen v. Land Co., 65 N. J. Law, 206, 47 A. 443. See, also, Apparent Easement, infra. Discontinuous, non-continuous, or non-apparent easements are those the enjoyment of which can be had only by the interference of man, as, a right of way or a right to draw water. Outerbridge v. Phelps, 45 N. Y. Super. Ct. 570; Lampman v. Milks, 21 N. Y. 515. This distinction is derived from the French law.

Easements are also classed as private or public, the former being an easement the enjoyment of which is restricted to one or a few individuals, while a public easement is one the right to the enjoyment of which is vested in the public generally or in an entire community; such as an easement of passage on the public streets and highways or of navigation on a stream. Kennedy v. Jersey City, 57 N. J. Law, 298, 30 A. 531, 26 L. R. A. 281; Niovol v. Telephone Co., 62 N. J. Law, 783, 42 A. 588, 72 Am. St. Rep. 666.

They may also be either of necessity or of convenience. The former is the case where the easement is indispensable to the enjoyment of the dominant estate; the latter, where the easement increases the facility, comfort, or convenience of the enjoyment of the dominant estate, or of some right connected with it.

Easements are again either appurtenant or in gross. An appurtenant easement is one which is attached to and passes with the dominant tenement as an appurtenance thereof; while an easement in gross is not appurtenant to any estate in land (or not belonging to any person by virtue of his ownership of an estate in land) but a mere personal interest in, or right to use, the land of another. Cadwalader v. Bailey, 17 R. I. 495, 23 A. 20, 14 L. B. A. 300; Pinkham v. Eau Claire, 51 Wis. 301, 51 N. W. 550; Stovall v. Coggin Granite Co., 116 Ga. 376, 42 S. E. 723; Waller v. Hildebrecht, 295 Ill. 116, 128 N. E. 807, 809; Davis v. Robinson, 189 N. C. 559, 127 S. E. 697, 702; Safety Building & Loan Co. v. Lyles, 131 S. C. 540, 128 S. E. 724, 725; Ernst v. Allen, 55 Utah, 272, 184 P. 827, 829; Chase v. Cram, 39 R. I. 83, 97 A. 481, 483, L. R. A. 1915F, 444; Davis v. Briggs, 117 Me. 536, 105 A. 128, 129; Saratoga State Waters Corporation v. Pratt, 227 N. Y. 429, 125 N. E. 834, 835.

Apparent Easement

One the existence of which appears from the construction or condition of one of the tenements, so as to be capable of being seen or known on inspection. Miller v. Skaggs, 79 W. Va. 645, 91 S. E. 538, 537, Ann. Cas. 1918D, 929; Pioneer Mining Co. v. Bannack Gold Mining Co., 69 Mont. 254, 198 P. 748, 751. See, also, continuous easements under heading "Classification," supra.

Equitable Easements

The special easements created by derivation of ownership of adjacent proprietors from a common source, with specific intentions as to buildings for certain purposes, or with implied privileges in regard to certain uses, are sometimes so called. U. S. v. Peachy (D. C.) 36 F. 162. A name frequently applied to building restrictions in a deed. Werner v. Graham, 181 Cal. 174, 183 P. 945, 947; Sprague v. Kimball, 213 Mass. 350, 100 N. E. 622, 624, Ann. Cas. 1914A, 431.

Implied Easement

An easement resting upon the principle that, where the owner of two or more adjacent lots sells a part thereof, he grants by implication to the grantee all those apparent and visible easements which are necessary for the reasonable use of the property granted, which at the time of the grant are used by the own-
EASEMENT

Intermittent Easement
One which is usable or used only at times, and not continuously. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 51 N. H. 504, 12 Am. Rep. 147.

Quasi Easement
An “easement,” in the proper sense of the word, can only exist in respect of two adjoining pieces of land occupied by different persons, and can only impose a negative duty on the owner of the servient tenement. Hence an obligation on the owner of land to repair the fence between his and his neighbor’s land is not a true easement, but is sometimes called a “quasi easement.” Gale, Easem. 516; Sweet.

Reciprocal Negative Easement
If the owner of two or more lots, so situated as to bear the relation, sells one with restrictions of benefit to the land retained, the servitude becomes mutual, and, during the period of restraint, the owner of the lot or lots retained can do nothing forbidden to the owner of the lot sold; this being known as the doctrine of “reciprocal negative easement.” Sanborn v. McLean, 233 Mich. 227, 206 N. W. 496, 497.

Secondary Easement
One which is appurtenant to the primary or actual easement; every easement includes such “secondary easements,” that is, the right to do such things as are necessary for the full enjoyment of the easement itself. Tootle v. Bryce, 50 N. J. Eq. 589, 25 A. 182; North Fork Water Co. v. Edwards, 121 Cal. 662, 54 P. 69.

EAST. In the absence of other words qualifying its meaning, the word “east” in a petition for the formation of a permanent road division, describing boundaries by courses and distances, means due east. Anaheim Sugar Co. v. Orange County, 181 Cal. 212, 183 P. 809, 813. Sec. also, Easterly.

In the customs laws of the United States, the words “countries east of the Cape of Good Hope” mean countries with which, formerly, the United States ordinarily carried on commercial intercourse by passing around that cape. Powers v. Conley, 101 U. S. 790, 25 L. Ed. 805.

EAST GREENWICH. The name of a royal manor in the county of Kent, England; mentioned in royal grants or patents, as descriptive of the tenure of free socage.

EAST INDIA COMPANY. Originally established for prosecuting the trade between England and India, which they acquired a right to carry on exclusively. Since the middle of the last century, however, the company’s political affairs had become of more importance than their commerce. In 1858, by 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106, the government of the territories of the company was transferred to the crown. Wharton.

EASTER. A feast of the Christian church held in memory of our Saviour’s resurrection. The Greeks and Latins call it “pascha,” (passover,) to which Jewish feast our Easter answers. This feast has been annually celebrated since the time of the apostles, and is one of the most important festivals in the Christian calendar, being that which regulates and determines the times of all the other movable festivals. Enc. Lond.

EASTER-OFFERINGS, or EASTER-DUES. In English law. Small sums of money paid to the parochial clergy by the parishioners at Easter as a compensation for personal tithes, or the tithe for personal labor; recoverable under 7 & 8 Wm. III. c. 6, before justices of the peace.

EASTER TERM. In English law. Formerly one of the four movable terms of the courts, but afterwards a fixed term, beginning on the 15th of April and ending on the 8th of May in every year, though sometimes prolonged so late as the 13th of May, under St. 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 70. From November 2, 1875, the division of the legal year into terms is abolished so far as concerns the administration of Justice. 3 Steph. Comm. 482-486; Mozley & Whitley.

EASTERLING. A coin struck by Richard II. which is supposed by some to have given rise to the name of “sterling;” as applied to English money.

EASTERLY. This word, when used alone, will be construed to mean “due east.” But that is a rule of necessity growing out of the indefiniteness of the term, and has no application where other words are used for the purpose of qualifying its meaning. Where such is the case, it means precisely what the qualifying word makes it mean. Pratt v. Woodward, 32 Cal. 227, 91 Am. Dec. 573; Scraper v. Pipes, 59 Ind. 164; Wiltsie v. Mill & Min. Co., 7 Ariz. 96, 60 P. 506; Walker v. City of Los Angeles, 23 Cal. App. 634, 139 P. 90, 90. See East.

EASTINUS. An easterly coast or country.

EAT INDE SINE DIE. In criminal practice. Words used on the acquittal of a defendant, or when a prisoner is to be discharged, that he may go thence without a day, i. e., be dismissed without any further continuance or adjournment. Dane, Abr. Index.

EATING-HOUSE. Any place where food or refreshments of any kind, not including spir-
its, wines, ale, beer, or other malt liquors, are provided for casual visitors, and sold for consumption therein. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9 (11 St. at Large, 119). And see Carpenter v. Taylor, 1 Hint. (N. Y.) 195; State v. Hall, 73 N. C. 253. A place where the public may go and be served with meals. Chochoo v. Burden, 74 Ind. App. 242, 128 N. E. 696; Babv v. Elsinger (Sup.) 147 N. Y. S. 98, 99.

EAVES. The edge of a roof, built so as to project over the walls of a house, in order that the rain may drop therefrom to the ground instead of running down the wall. Center St. Church v. Machias Hotel Co., 51 Me. 413.

EAVES-DRIP. The drip or dropping of water from the eaves of a house on the land of an adjacent owner; the easement of having the water so drip, or the servitude of submitting to such drip; the same as the stillicidium of the Roman law. See Stillicidium.

EAVESDROPPING. In English criminal law. The offense of listening under walls or windows, or the eaves of a house, to hearken after discourse, and therupon to frame slanderous and mischievous tales. 4 H. Comm. 189. It is a misdemeanor at common law, inadmissible at sessions, and punishable by fine and finding sureties for good behavior. Id.; Steph. Crim. Law, 109. See State v. Pennington, 3 Head (Tenn.) 300, 75 Am. Dec. 771; Com. v. Lovett, 4 Clark (Pa.) 5; Selden v. State, 74 Wis. 271, 42 N. W. 218, 17 Am. St. Rep. 144; State v. Williams, 2 Ov. (Tenn.) 109.


EBBA. In old English law. Ebba. Ebba et Nactus; ebb and flow of tide; ebb and flood. Pract. fols. 225, 328. The time occupied by one ebb and flood was anceintly granted to persons ensomed as being beyond sea, in addition to the period of forty days. See Fleta, lib. 6, c. 8, § 2.

EBDOMADARIUS. In ecclesiastical law. An officer in cathedral churches who supervised the regular performance of divine service, and prescribed the particular duties of each person in the choir.

EBEREMORTH, EBEREMORS, EBEREMURDER. See Abereemuder.


ECCLESIA. Lat. An assembly. A Christian assembly; a church. A place of religious worship. In the law, generally, the word is used to denote a place of religious worship, and sometimes a personage. Spelman.

Ecclesia ecclesia decimas solvere non debet. Cro. Eliz. 479. A church ought not to pay tithes to a church.

Ecclesia est donus mansionalis Omnipo tentis. Del. 2 Inst. 164. The church is the mansionhouse of the Omnispotent God.

Ecclesia est infra statum et in custodia domini regis, qui tenetur iura et hereditates ejusdem manu tenere et defendere. 11 Coke, 49. The church is under age, and in the custody of the king, who is bound to uphold and defend its rights and inheritances.

Ecclesia fungitur vice minoris; mitigore conditionem suam facere potest, deteriori necquaquam. Co. Litt. 341. The church enjoys the privilege of a minor; it can make its own condition better, but not worse.

Ecclesia non moritur. 2 Inst. 3. The church does not die.

Ecclesiæ magis favendum est quam personæ. Godol. Ecc. Law, 172. The church is to be more favored than the person (or an individual).

ECCLISIAE SCULPTURA. The image or sculpture of a church in ancient times was often cut out or cast in plate or other metal, and preserved as a religious treasure or relic.
and to perpetuate the memory of some famous churches. Jacob.

**ECCLI$$ASIC**. The ruler of a church.

**ECCL$$SI$$STIC. A clergyman; a priest; a man consecrated to the service of the church; as, a bishop, a priest, a deacon.

**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL. Pertaining to anything belonging to or set apart for the church, as distinguished from "civil" or "secular," with regard to the world. Wharton.

**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL AUTHORITIES. In England, the clergy, under the sovereign, as temporal head of the church, set apart from the rest of the people or laity, in order to superintend the public worship of God and the other ceremonies of religion, and to administer spiritual counsel and instruction. The several orders of the clergy are: (1) Archbishops and bishops; (2) deans and chapters; (3) archdeacons; (4) rural deans; (5) parsons (under whom are included appropriators) and vicars; (6) curates. Churchwardens or sidesmen, and parish clerks and sextons, inasmuch as their duties are connected with the church, may be considered to be a species of ecclesiastical authorities. Wharton.

**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL COMMISSIONERS. In English law. A body corporate, erected by St. 6 & 7 Wm. IV, c. 77, empowered to suggest measures conducive to the efficiency of the established church, to be ratified by orders in council. Wharton. See 3 Steph. Comm. 156, 157.

**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL CORPORATION. See Corporation.


**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL COURTS (called, also, "Courts Christian"). A system of courts in England, held by authority of the sovereign, and having jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the religion and ritual of the established church, and the rights, duties, and discipline of ecclesiastical persons as such. They are as follows: The archdeacon's court, consistory court, court of arches, court of peculiar, prerogative court, court of delegates, court of convocation, court of audience, court of faculties, and court of commissioners of review. See those several titles; and see 3 Bl. Comm. 64-68. Equitable Life Assur. Soc. v. Paterson, 41 Ga. 364, 5 Am. Rep. 355.

**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL DIVISION OF ENGLAND. This is a division into provinces, dioceses, archdeaconries, rural deaneries, and parishes.

**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL JURISDICTION. Jurisdiction over ecclesiastical cases and controversies; such as appertains to the ecclesiastical courts. Short v. Stotts, 88 Ind. 35.

**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL LAW. The body of jurisprudence administered by the ecclesiastical courts of England; derived, in large measure, from the canon and civil law. As now restricted, it applies mainly to the affairs, and the doctrine, discipline, and worship, of the established church. De Witt v. De Witt, 67 Ohio St. 340, 66 N. E. 136.

**ECCL$$SI$$STICAL THINGS. This term, as used in the canon law, includes church buildings, church property, cemeteries, and property given to the church for the support of the poor or for any other pious use. Smith v. Bonhoof, 2 Mich. 115.

**ECDICUS. The attorney, proctor, or advocate of a corporation. Episcoporum evdicii; bishops' proctors; church lawyers. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 63.

**ÉCHANTILLON. In French law. One of the two parts or pieces of a wooden tally. That in possession of the debtor is properly called the "tally," the other "échantillon." Poth. Obl. pt. 4, c. 1, art. 2, § 8.

**ÉCHEVIN. In French law. A municipal officer corresponding with alderman or burgess, and having in some instances a civil jurisdiction in certain causes of trifling importance.

**ECHOLALIA. In medical jurisprudence. The constant and senseless repetition of particular words or phrases, recognized as a sign or symptom of insanity or of aphasia.

**ÉCHOUEMENT. In French marine law. Stranding. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 12, a. 13, no. 1.

**ECLAMPSIA PARTURIENTIUM. In medical jurisprudence. Puerperal convulsions; a convulsive seizure which sometimes suddenly attacks a woman in labor or directly after, generally attended by unconsciousness and occasionally by mental aberration, which may be permanent. The attack closely resembles the convulsions of epilepsy, and is often fatal.

**ECLECTIC PRACTICE. In medicine. That system followed by physicians who select their modes of practice and medicines from various schools. Webster.

"Without professing to understand much of medical phraseology, we suppose that the terms 'allopathic practice' and 'legitimate business' mean the ordinary method commonly adopted by the great body of learned and eminent physicians, which is taught in their institutions, established by their highest authorities, and accepted by the larger and more respectable portion of the community. By 'eclectic practice,' without imputing to it, as
the counsel for the plaintiff seem inclined to, an odor of illegality, we presume is intended another and different system, unusual and eccentric, not countenanced by the classes before referred to, but characterized by them as spurious and denounced as dangerous. It is sufficient to say that the two modes of treating human maladies are essentially distinct, and based upon different views of the nature and causes of diseases, their appropriate remedies, and the modes of applying them." Bradbury v. Bardin, 34 Conn. 453.

**ECONOMIZER.** As applied to boiler construction, a contrivance or device in which water is heated preliminary to entering the boiler proper. Ithaca Traction Corporation v. Travelers' Indemnity Co. (Sup.) 177 N. Y. 753, 754.


**ÉCRIVAIN.** In French marine law. The clerk of a ship. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, s. 3, no. 2.


**EDDERBRECHE.** In Saxon law. The offense of hedge-breaking. Obsolete.

**EDESTIA.** In old records. Buildings.


**EDICT.** A positive law promulgated by the sovereign of a country, and having reference either to the whole land or some of its divisions, but usually relating to affairs of state. It differs from a "public proclamation," in that it enacts a new statute, and carries with it the authority of law, whereas the latter is, at most, a declaration of a law before enacted.

**In Roman Law**

Sometimes, a citation to appear before a judge. A "special edict" was a judgment in a case; a "general edict" was in effect a statute. See Edictum.

**EDICTAL CITATION.** In Scotch law. A citation published at the market-cross of Edinburgh, and pier and shore of Leith. Used against foreigners not within the kingdom, but having a landed estate there, and against natives out of the kingdom. Bell.

**EDICTS OF JUSTINIAN.** Thirteen constitutions or laws of this prince, found in most editions of the *Corpus Juris Civilis*, after the Novels. Being confined to matters of police in the provinces of the empire, they are of little use.

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**EDICTUM.** In the Roman law. An edict; a mandate, or ordinance. An ordinance, or law, enacted by the emperor without the senate; belonging to the class of *constitutio princeps*. Inst. 1, 2, 6. An edict was a mere voluntary constitution of the emperor; differing from a rescript, in not being returned in the way of answer; and from a decree, in not being given in judgment; and from both, in not being founded upon solicitation. Tayl. Civil Law, 233.

A general order published by the praetor, on entering upon his office, containing the system of rules by which he would administer justice during the year of his office. Dig. 1, 2, 2, 10; Mackell. Rom. Law, § 33; Tayl. Civil Law, 214. See Calvin.

**EDICTUM ANNUUM.** The annual edict or system of rules promulgated by a Roman praetor immediately upon assuming his office, setting forth the principles by which he would be guided in determining causes during his term of office. Mackell. Rom. Law, § 36.

**EDICTUM PERPETUUM.** The perpetual edict. A compilation or system of law in fifty books, digested by Julian, a lawyer of great eminence under the reign of Adrian, from the praetor's edicts and other parts of the *Jus Honorarium*. All the remains of it which have come down to us are the extracts of it in the Digests. Butl. Hor. Jur. 52.

**EDICTUM PROVINCIALE.** An edict or system of rules for the administration of justice, similar to the edict of the praetor, put forth by the procurators and proconsuls in the provinces of the Roman Empire. Mackell. Rom. Law, § 36.

**EDICTUM THEODORICI.** This is the first collection of law that was made after the downfall of the Roman power in Italy. It was promulgated by Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths, at Rome in A. D. 500. It consists of 154 chapters, in which we recognize parts taken from the Code and Novellae of Theodosius, from the Codices Gregorianus and Hermogenianus, and the Sententiae of Paulus. The edict was doubtless drawn up by Roman writers, but the original sources are most disfigured and altered than in any other compilation. This collection of law was intended to apply both to the Goths and the Romans, so far as its provisions went; but, when it made no alteration in the Gothic law, that law was still to be in force. Savigny, Geschichte des R. R.

**EDICTUM TRALATITIUM.** Where a Roman praetor, upon assuming office, did not publish a wholly new edict, but retained the whole or a principal part of the edict of his predecessor (as was usually the case) only adding to it such rules as appeared to be necessary to adapt it to changing social conditions or juristic ideas, it was called "edictum tralatitium." Mackell. Rom. Law, § 36.
EDITION. Any quantity of books put forth to the bookselling trade at one time by the publisher. 4 K. & J. 656. A new edition is published whenever, having in his warehouse a certain number of copies, the publisher issues a fresh batch of them to the public.

EDITOR. One who directs or supervises the policies and contributions of a newspaper, magazine, work of reference, or the like. Brokaw v. Cottrell, 114 Neb. 538, 211 N. W. 164, 165. The term is held to include not only the personal and physical editor who selects the articles for publication, but he who publishes a paper and puts it in circulation. Pennoyer v. Neff, 95 U. S. 721, 24 L. Ed. 565; Bunce v. Reed, 16 Barb. (N. X.) 350.

EDITUS. In old English law. Put forth or promulgated, when speaking of the passage of a statute; and brought forth, or born, when speaking of the birth of a child.

EDMUNDS ACT. An act of congress of March 22, 1882, punishing polygamy. See 18 USCA §§ 514-516.


EDUCATION. Within the meaning of a statute relative to the powers and duties of guardians, this term comprehends not merely the instruction received at school or college, but the whole course of training, moral, intellectual, and physical. Educational may be particularly directed to either the mental, moral, or physical powers and faculties, but in its broadest and best sense it relates to them all. Mount Herman Boys’ School v. Gill, 145 Mass. 139, 13 N. E. 354; Cook v. State, 90 Tenn. 407, 16 S. W. 471, 13 L. R. A. 183; Ruohs v. Backer, 6 Heisk. (Tenn.) 400, 19 Am. Rep. 598; Conley v. Daughters of the Republic, 103 Tex. 80, 156 S. W. 107, 201.

"Education" is not confined to the improvement and cultivation of the mind, but may consist of the cultivation of one’s religious or moral sentiments, and likewise may consist in the development of one’s physical faculties. Commissioners of District of Columbia v. Shannon & Luchs Const. Co., 57 App. D. C. 67, 17 F. (2d) 219, 220; Gibson v. Frye Institute, 137 Tenn. 452, 253 S. W. 1063, 1062, L. R. A. 3917d, 1062; In re Syracuse University, 212 N. Y. S. 253, 256, 214 App. Div. 755.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. A school, seminary, college, or educational establishment, not necessarily a chartered institution. Ward Seminary for Young Ladies v. City of Nashville, 129 Tenn. 412, 167 S. W. 113. As used in a zoning ordinance, the term may include not only buildings, but also all grounds necessary for the accomplishment of the full scope of educational instruction, including those things essential to mental, moral, and physical development. Commissioners of District of Columbia v. Shannon & Luchs Const. Co., 57 App. D. C. 67, 17 F. (2d) 219, 220.

EFFECT, v. A belief that a mortgage would “effect” a preference under the bankruptcy act is equivalent to a belief that it would “operate as” a preference. Ogden v. Reddish (D. C.) 200 F. 977, 979.

EFFECT, n. Result. Western Indemnity Co. v. MacKechnie (Tex. Civ. App.) 214 S. W. 456, 460; Beeler v. People, 58 Colo. 451, 146 P. 762, 764. The result which an instrument between parties will produce in their relative rights, or which a statute will produce upon the existing law, as discovered from the language used, the forms employed, or other materials for construing it. The operation of a law, an agreement, or an act. Maisze v. State, 4 Ind. 342.

The phrases “take effect,” “be in effect,” “go into operation,” etc., are used interchangeably. Maisze v. State, 4 Ind. 342.

With Effect


In this sense, the term is more comprehensive than the word “goods,” as including fixtures and choses in action, which “goods” will not include. Bank v. Pyram, 121 Ill. 92, 22 N. E. 442; Alma Ins. Co. v. Robertson, 125 Miss. 387, 88 So. 583, 591; First Nat. Bank v. Ellison, 125 Miss. 42, 99 So. 573, 576; 2 Bl. Comm. 284.


In Wills

Personal property; worldly substance. If the term is used simpliciter, as in a gift of "all my effects," it will carry the whole personal estate, unless an intention appears to the contrary. Schouler, Will. § 509; Ennis v. Smith, 14 How. 400, 14 L. Ed. 472; Hope Bl. Law Dict. (3d Ed.)
Natural Gas Co. v. Shriver, 75 W. Va. 401, 82 S. E. 1011, 1016; In re Wolfe’s Will, 185 N. C. 568, 117 S. E. 894, 896; Dickson v. Dickson, 180 Ky. 423, 202 S. W. 891, 894, L. R. A. 1919F, 765. The meaning of the term is determined by the context and surrounding circumstances; Coffman’s Adm’r v. Coffman, 131 Va. 456, 109 S. E. 454, 459; and is broad enough to include reality. In re Sprigg’s Estate, 70 Mont. 272, 225 P. 617, 620.

The words “real and personal effects” will embrace the whole estate. Hogan v. Jackson, Cowp. 301; The Alpena (D. C.) 7 F. 361; 13 M. & W. 430; Foxall v. McKenney, 3 Cranch C. C. 206, Fed. Cas. No. 5,016.

Effectus sequitur causam. Wing. 226. The effect follows the cause.

EFFENDI. Turkish, Master; a title of respect.


EFFICIENT CAUSE. The working cause; that cause which produces effects or results; an intervening cause, which produces results which would not have come to pass except for its interposition, and for which, therefore, the person who set in motion the original chain of causes is not responsible. Central Coal & Iron Co. v. Pearce (Ky.) 50 S. W. 450; Pullman Palace Car Co. v. Lauck, 148 Ill. 242, 32 N. E. 283, 18 L. R. A. 215; Sarber v. City of Indianapolis, 72 Ind. App. 594, 126 N. E. 330, 331. The cause which originates and sets in motion the dominating agency that necessarily proceeds through other causes as mere instruments or vehicles in a natural line of causation to the result. Nelson Creek Coal Co. v. Bransford, 189 Ky. 741, 225 S. W. 1070, 1071. That cause of an injury to which legal liability attaches. Wolfe v. Pittsburgh Athletic Club (C. C. A.) 205 F. 468, 471, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 602. The "proximate cause." Munger v. Hancock (Tex. Civ. App.) 271 S. W. 228, 231. The phrase is practically synonymous with "procuring cause." Bagley v. Foley, 52 Wash. 222, 144 P. 25.

EFFICIENT INTERVENING CAUSE. One not produced by a wrongful act or omission but independent of it, and adequate to bring the injurious results. State v. Des Champs, 126 S. C. 413, 120 S. E. 481, 483.

EFFIGY. The figure or corporeal representation of a person.

To make the effigy of a person with an intent to make him the object of ridicule is a libel. 3 Chit. Crim. Law, 561; Hawk. Pl. Cr. b. 1, c. 73, a. 1, 2; 14 East 227.

EFFLUX. The running, as of a prescribed period of time to its end; expiration by lapse of time. Particularly applied to the termination of a lease by the expiration of the term for which it was made.

EFFLUXION OF TIME. When this phrase is used in leases, conveyances, and other like deeds, or in agreements expressed in simple writing, it indicates the conclusion or expiration of an agreed term of years specified in the deed or writing, such conclusion or expiration arising in the natural course of events, in contradistinction to the determination of the term by the acts of the parties or by some unexpected or unusual incident or other sudden event. Brown.

EFFORCIALITER. Forcibly; applied to military force.


EFFRACTION. A breach made by the use of force.

EFFRACTOR. One who breaks through; one who commits a burglary.

EFFUSUS SANGUINIS. In old English law. The shedding of blood; the malet, fine, sute, or penalty imposed for the shedding of blood, which the king granted to many lords of mans. Cowell; Tomlins. See Bloodwit.

EFTERS. In Saxon law. Ways, walks, or hedges. Blount.

EGALITY. Oweitly, (q. v.) Co. Litt. 169a.


EGO. I; myself. This term is used in forming genealogical tables, to represent the person who is the object of inquiry.

EGO, TALIS. I, such a one. Words used in describing the forms of old deeds. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 5.

EGREDIENS ET EXEUNXS. In old pleading. Going forth and issuing out of (land.) Townsh. Pl. 17.

EGRESS. Often used interchangeably with the word “access.” C. Hacker Co. v. City of Joliet, 196 Ill. App. 415, 423.

EGYP'TANS, commonly called “Gypsies” (in old English statutes,) are counterfeit rogues, Welsh or English, that disguise themselves in speech and apparel, and wander up and down the country, pretending to have skill in telling fortunes, and to deceive the common people, but live chiefly by欺诈 or stealing, and, therefore, the statutes of 1 & 2 Mar. c. 4, and 5 Eliz. c. 20, were made to punish such as felons if they departed not the realm or continued to a month. Terms de in Ley.
EI incumbit probatio, qui diit, non qui negat; cum rerum naturam factum negantis probatio nulla sit. The proof lies upon him who affirms, not upon him who denies; since, by the nature of things, he who denies a fact cannot produce any proof. Dig. 22, 3, 2; 1 Phill. Ev. 194; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 74; Dranguet v. Prudhomme, 3 La. 88; 2 Dan. Ch. Pr. 408.

Ei nihil turpe, cui nihil saties. To him to whom nothing is enough, nothing is base. 4 Inst. 53.

EIA, or EY. An island. Cowell.

EIGNE. L. Fr. Eldest; eldest-born. The term is of common occurrence in the old books. Thus, bastard eigne means an illegitimate son whose parents afterwards marry and have a second son for lawful issue, the latter being called mulier puisme, (after-born.) Eigne is probably a corrupt form of the French "ainé." 2 Bl. Comm. 248; Litt. § 389.

EIK. In Scotch law. An addition; as, eik to a reversion, eik to a confirmation. Bell.

EINECIA. Eldership. See Eseney.

EINETIUS. In English law. The oldest; the first-born. Spielman.

EIRE, or EYRE. In old English law. A journey, route, or circuit. Justices in eire were judges who were sent by commission, every seven years, into various counties to hold the assizes and hear pleas of the crown. 3 Bl. Comm. 58.

EIRENARCHA. A name formerly given to a justice of the peace. In the Digests, the word is written "irenarcha."

Eisdem modis dissolvitur obligatio qua nascitur ex contractu, vel quasi, quibus contrahitur. An obligation which arises from contract, or quasi contract, is dissolved in the same ways in which it is contracted. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 10.

EISE. The senior; the oldest son. Spelled, also, "eigen," "einsen," "aiten," "eign." Terms of the Ley; Kelham.

EISNETIA, EINETIA. The share of the oldest son. The portion acquired by primogeniture. Terms de la Ley; Co. Litt. 1609; Cowell.


EJECT. To cast, or throw out; to oust, or dispossess; to put or turn out of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 198, 199, 200. See Bohannon v. Southern Ry. Co., 112 Ky. 106, 65 S. W. 169. To expel or thrust forcibly, as passengers from a train. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Ogles, 142 Ga. 729, 83 S. E. 851, 853.

EJECTA. In old English law. A woman ravished or deflowered, or cast forth from the virtuous. Blount.

EJECTION. A turning out of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 199.

EJECTIONE CUSTODIÆ. In old English law. Ejection of ward. This phrase, which is the Latin equivalent for the French "ejectement de garde," was the title of a writ which lay for a guardian when turned out of any land of his ward during the minority of the latter. Brown. It lay to recover the land or person of his ward, or both, Fitzh. N. B. 158, L.; Co. Litt. 199. EJECTIOE FIRMÆ. Ejection, or ejcetion of farm. The name of a writ or action of trespass, which lay at common law where lands or tenements were let for a term of years, and afterwards the lessor, reverserion, remainder-man, or any stranger ejected or ousted the lessee of his term, ferme, or farm, (ipsam a ferme ejected.) In this case the latter might have his writ of ejection, by which he recovered at first damages for the trespass only, but it was afterwards made a remedy to recover back the term itself, or the remainder of it, with damages. Reg. Orig. 227b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 229, F, G; 3 Bl. Comm. 199; Litt. § 322; Crabb, Eng. Law, 290, 448. It is the foundation of the modern action of ejectment.

EJECTMENT. At common law, this was the name of a mixed action (springing from the earlier personal action of ejectione firmæ) which lay for the recovery of the possession of land, and for damages for the unlawful detention of its possession. The action was highly fictitious, being in theory only for the recovery of a term for years, and brought by a purely fictitious person, as lessee in a supposed lease from the real party in interest. The latter's title, however, must be established in order to warrant a recovery, and the establishment of such title, though nominally a mere incident, is in reality the object of the action. Hence this convenient form of suit came to be adopted as the usual method of trying titles to land. See 3 Bl. Comm. 199, French v. Robb, 67 N. J. Law, 290, 51 A. 569, 57 L. R. A. 806, 81 Am. St. Rep. 433; Crockett v. Haskbrook, 5 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 655, 17 Am. Dec. 98; Wilson v. Wrightman, 36 App. Div. 41, 55 N. Y. S. 800; Hoover v. King, 43

It was the only mixed action at common law, the whole method of proceeding in which was anomalous, and depended on fictions invented and upheld by the court to escape from the inconveniences which were found to attend the ancient forms of real and mixed actions.

It is also a form of action by which possessory titles to corporeal hereditaments may be tried and possession obtained.


—Equitable ejectment. A proceeding in use in Pennsylvania, brought to enforce specific performance of a contract for the sale of land, and for some other purposes, which is in form an action of ejectment, but is in reality a substitute for a bill in equity. Bie v. Gannon, 161 Pa. 289, 29 A. 55; McKendry v. McKendry, 131 Pa. 24, 18 A. 1078, 6 L. R. A. 663.

—Justice ejectment. A statutory proceeding in Vermont, for the eviction of a tenant holding over after termination of the lease or breach of its conditions. Foss v. Stanton, 76 Vt. 365, 57 A. 942.

EJECTOR. One who ejects, puts out, or dispossesses another.

Casual Ejector

The nominal defendant in an action of ejectment; so called because, by a fiction of law peculiar to that action, he is supposed to come casually or by accident upon the premises and to eject the lawful possessor. 3 Bl. Comm. 203.

EJECTUM. That which is thrown up by the sea. Also jetsam, wreck, etc. Warder v. La Belle Creole, 1 Pet. Adm. Dec. 48, Fed. Cas. No. 17,165.


EJERCITORIA. In Spanish law. The name of an action lying against a ship's owner, upon the contracts or obligations made by the master for repair or supplies. It corresponds to the actio exercitatoria of the Roman law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512.

EJIDOS. In Spanish law. Commons; lands used in common by the inhabitants of a city, pueblo, or town, for pasture, wood, threshing-ground, etc. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 554.

EJURATION. Renouncing or resigning one's place.

Ejus est interpretari cujus est onerandi. It is to interpret whose it is to enact. Tayl. Civil Law, 96.

Ejus est nolle, qui potest velle. He who can will, [exercise volition,] has a right to refuse to will, [to withhold consent.] Dig. 50, 7, 3. This maxim is sometimes written, Ejus est non nolle qui potest velle, and is translated, "He may consent tacitly who may consent expressly."

Ejus est periculum cujus est dominium aut commodum. He who has the dominion or advantage has the risk. Bart. Max. 33.

Ejus nulla culpa est, cui parere nessesit. No guilt attaches to him who is compelled to obey. Dig. 50, 17, 168. Obedience to existing laws is a sufficient extenuation of guilt before a civil tribunal. Broom, Max. 12, note.

EJUSDEM GENERIS. Of the same kind, class, or nature.

In the construction of laws, wills, and other instruments, the "ejusdem generis rule" is, that where general words follow an enumeration of persons or things, by words of a particular and specific meaning, such general words are not to be construed in their widest extent, but are to be held as applying only to persons or things of the same general kind or class as those specifically mentioned. Black, Interp. Laws, 141; Cutshall v. Denver, 19 Colo. App. 911, 56 P. 22; Ex parte Leland, 1 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 492; Spalding v. People, 372 Ill. 49, 43 N. E. 593; State v. Gardner, 174 Iowa, 748, 156 N. W. 747, 756, 156 N. A. 1916D, 767, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 238; Galveston, H. & H. R. Co. v. Anderson (Tex. Civ. App.) 259 S. W. 998, 1906; U. S. v. Sixtho (D. C.) 292 F. 496, 1906; United States v. Baumgartner (D. C.) 292 F. 722, 724; Hills v. Joseph (C. C. A.) 233 F. 865, 907; Curtis & Hill Gravel & Sand Co. v. State Highway Commission, 91 N. J. Eq. 421, 111 A. 16, 19; Sulzberger & Sons Co. of Oklahoma v. Strickland, 60 Okl. 158, 159 P. 833, 846; Dillard v. State, 164 Neb. 268, 156 N. W. 698. The rule, however, does not necessarily require that the general provision be limited in its scope to the identical things specifically named. Children's Bootsery v. Sutker, 91 Fla. 497, 345, 347, 44 A. L. R. 968. Nor does it apply when the context manifests a contrary intention. Gaulley Coal Land Co. v. Koonts, 77 W. Va. 963, 87 S. E. 399, 391; State v. Grovenor, 149 Tenn. 158, 258 S. W. 140; State v. Mfillie, 25 N. D. 27, 141 N. W. 82, 84; Brooklyn City R. Co. v. Kings County Trust Co., 212 N. Y. S. 243, 347, 214 App. Div. 506.

The maxim "ejusdem generis," is only an illustration of the broader maxim, "noscitur a sociis."
ELECTION. The act of choosing or selecting one or more from a greater number of persons, things, courses, or rights. The choice of an alternative. State v. Tucker, 54 Ala. 210.

The internal, free, and spontaneous separation of one thing from another, without compulsion, consisting in intention and will. Dyer, 281.


With respect to the choice of persons to fill public office or the decision of a particular public question or public policy the term means in ordinary usage the expression by vote of the will of the people or of a somewhat numerous body of electors. State v. State Board of Canvassers, 77 S. C. 461, 59 S. E. 145; McKinney v. Baker, 190 Ky. 536, 298 S. W. 803, L. R. A. 1928 E, 581; State ex rel. Smith v. Bowman, 194 Mo. App. 454, 170 S. W. 700, 701. But this is not necessarily so, for the term may apply to the selection by a city council of one of their number as mayor. Kopczynski v. Schriver, 194 Mich. 533, 161 N. W. 328, 329. Compare, however, Town of Nortonville v. Woodward, 191 Ky. 730, 231 S. W. 254.

"Election" ordinarily has reference to a choice or selection by electors, while "appointment" refers to a choice or selection by an individual, as the Governor, or an official body. Schaffner v. Shaw, 191 Iowa, 1047, 189 N. W. 853, 854. But the terms are sometimes used interchangeably. Hill v. City of Rector, 261 Ark. 574, 566 S. W. 348, 349.

The choice which is open to a debtor who is bound in an alternative obligation to select either one of the alternatives.

In Equity

The obligation imposed upon a party to choose between two inconsistent or alternative rights or claims, in cases where there is clear intention of the person from whom he derives one that he should not enjoy both. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1075; Bliss v. Geer, 7 Ill. App. 617; Norwood v. Lassiter, 122 N. C. 52, 45 S. E. 509; Salentine v. Insurance Co., 79 Wis. 580, 48 N. W. 855, 12 L. R. A. 690; Renlux v. Hardman, 72 W. Va. 580, 78 S. E. 749, 750; In re Itza's Estate, 104 Or. 59, 202 P. 409, 412; McGehee v. McGehee, 159 N. C. 558, 127 S. E. 654, 655; In re Blumenthal's Estate, 128 Misc. 608, 215 N. Y. S. 142.

A choice shown by an overt act between two inconsistent rights, either of which may be asserted at the will of the chooser alone. Bierce v. Hutchins, 205 U. S. 346, 27 S. Ct. 524, 51 L. Ed. 525; Macbeth-Evans Glass Co. v. General Electric Co. (C. C. A.) 246 F. 695, 701.

The doctrine of election presupposes a plurality of gifts or rights, with an intention, express or implied, of the party who has a right to control one or both, that one should be a substitute for the other. 1 Swanst. 94, note b; 3 Wood, Lect. 481; 3 Rop. Leg. 480-487.
In Practice

The liberty of choosing (or the act of choosing) one out of several means afforded by law for the redress of an injury, or one out of several available forms of action. Almy v. Harris, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 175; Socelow v. J. & A. Stone Realty Co., 128 Misc. 152, 215 N. Y. S. 408, 409.

An "election of remedies" arises when one having two coexistent but inconsistent remedies chooses to exercise one, in which event he loses the right to thereafter exercise the other. Mosher Mfg. Co. v. Eastland W. F. & H. G. R. Co., 502 Ala. 234, 255; Moran v. Weilberger, 129 Tenn. 537, 539 S. W. 896, 899; Geo. A. Hormel Co. v. First Nat. Bank, 111 Minn. 65, 213 N. W. 783, 740.


In Criminal Law

The choice, by the prosecution, upon which of several counts in an indictment (charging distinct offenses of the same degree, but not parts of a continuous series of acts) it will proceed. Jackson v. State, 95 Ala. 17, 10 So. 657.

In the Law of Wills

A widow's election is her choice whether she will take under the will or under the statute; that is, whether she will accept the provision made for her in the will, and acquire in her husband's disposition of his property, or disregard it and claim what the law allows her. In re Cunningham's Estate, 137 Pa. 621, 20 A. 714, 21 Am. St. Rep. 901; Sill v. Sill, 31 Kan. 245, 1 P. 596; Burroughs v. De Coutts, 70 Cal. 58, 17 P. 734; Johnson v. Bumpass (Tex. Civ. App.) 275 S. W. 1108, 1111; In re Vanatta's Estate, 99 N. J. Eq. 339, 131 A. 515, 518; Arnold v. Livingston, 157 Iowa, 677, 139 N. W. 927, 929.

An "election under the will" means that a legatee or devisee under a will is put to the choice of accepting the beneficial interest offered by the donor in lieu of some estate which he is entitled to, but which is taken from him by the terms of the will. Dunn v. Vinyard (Tex. Com. App.) 251 S. W. 1043, 1046; Burns v. First Nat. Bank, 304 Ill. 292, 136 N. E. 693, 696; McDermid v. Bourhill, 101 Or. 365, 199 P. 610, 612, 22 A. L. R. 428;


In General

-Election auditors. In English law, Officers annually appointed, to whom was committed the duty of taking and publishing the account of all expenses incurred at parliamentary elections. See 17 & 18 Vict. c. 102, §§ 18, 26-28. But these sections have been repealed by 26 Vict. c. 29, which throws the duty of preparing the accounts on the declared agent of the candidate, and the duty of publishing an abstract of it on the returning officer. Wharton.

-Election district. A subdivision of territory, whether of state, county, or city, the boundaries of which are fixed by law, for convenience in local or general elections. Chase v. Miller, 41 Pa. 420; Lane v. Otis, 68 N. J. Law, 656, 54 A. 442.

The term has been held not to refer to senatorial district. Appeal of Phillips, 262 Pa. 396, 105 A. 547, 548.

-Election dower. A name sometimes given to the provision which a law or statute makes for a widow in case she "elects" to reject the provision made for her in the will and take what the statute accords. Adams v. Adams, 183 Mo. 396, 82 S. W. 66.

-Election judges. In English law. Judges of the high court selected in pursuance of 51 & 52 Vict. c. 125, § 11, and Jud. Act 1873, § 38, for the trial of election petitions.

-Election petitions. Petitions for inquiry into the validity of elections of members of parliament when it is alleged that the return of a member is invalid for bribery or any other reason.

-Equitable election. The choice to be made by a person who may, under a will or other instrument, have either one of two alternative rights or benefits, but not both. Peters v. Bain, 123 U. S. 670, 10 S. Ct. 354, 33 L. Ed. 606; Drake v. Wild, 70 Va. 52, 39 A. 248.

-General election. One at which the officers to be elected are such as belong to the general government,—that is, the general and central political organization of the whole state; as distinguished from an election of officers for a particular locality only. Also, one held for the selection of an officer after the expiration of the full term of the former officer; thus distinguished from a special election, which is one held to supply a vacancy in office occurring before the expiration of the full term for which the incumbent was elected. State v. King, 17 Mo. 514; Downs v. State, 78 Md. 128, 26 A. 1005; Mackin v. State, 62 Md. 247; Kenfield v. Irwin, 52 Cal. 169. One that regularly recurs in each election precinct of the state on a day designated by law for the selection of officers, or is held in such entire territory
pursuant to an enactment specifying a single day for the ratification or rejection of one or more measures submitted to the people by the Legislative Assembly, and not for the election of any officer. Bethune v. Funk, 106 P. 981, 982, 85 Or. 246. One that is held throughout the entire state or territory. Territory v. Ricordati, 18 N. M. 10, 132 P. 1139, 1140.

An election for the choice of a national, state, judicial, district, municipal, county, or township official, required by law to be held regularly at a designated time, to fill a new office or a vacancy in an office at the expiration of the full term thereof. Eakle v. Board of Education of Independent School Dist. of Henry, 97 W. Va. 494, 125 S. E. 155, 158.

In statutes, the term may include a primary election. Taylor v. Multnomah County, 119 Or. 123, 248 P. 167, 168; State v. Marsh, 107 Neb. 697, 187 N. W. 88; Kelso v. Cook, 154 Ind. 173, 110 N. E. 987, 993, Ann. Cas. 1915E, 68. Contrary, under a municipal charter, City Council of San Jose v. Goodwin, 196 Cal. 274, 237 P. 548, 549. In Vermont, the term is used throughout the Public Statutes to designate what before had commonly been known as “freeman’s meeting.” Martin v. Fullam, 97 A. 442, 445, 90 Vt. 163.

—Primary election. An election by the voters of a ward, precinct, or other small district, belonging to a particular party, of representatives or delegates to a convention which is to meet and nominate the candidates of their party to stand at an approaching municipal or general election. State v. Hirsch, 125 Ind. 207, 24 N. E. 1062, 9 L. R. A. 170; People v. Cavanaugh, 112 Cal. 676, 44 P. 1057; State v. Woodruff, 68 N. J. Law, 52, 52 A. 294.

Also, an election to select candidates for office by a political organization, the voters being restricted to the members or supporters of such organization. Kelso v. Cook, 184 Ind. 173, 110 N. E. 297, Ann. Cas. 1915E, 68; Chandler v. Neff (D. C.) 298 F. 515, 518; Bell v. State, 11 Okl. Cr. 57, 141 P. 804, 806; State v. Paris, 179 Ind. 460, 101 N. E. 497, 499; Bethune v. Funk, 85 Or. 246, 166 P. 931. They are not in reality elections but are merely nominating devices. Van Dyke v. Thompson, 136 Tenn. 139, 189 S. W. 62, 66.

—Regular election. One recurring at stated times fixed by law. State v. Andresen, 110 Or. 1, 222 P. 585, 587. A general, usual, or stated election. When applied to elections, the terms “regular” and “general” are used interchangeably and synonymously. The word “regular” is used in reference to a general election occurring throughout the state. State v. Conrades, 45 Mo. 47; Ward v. Clark, 35 Kan. 315, 10 P. 287; People v. Babcock, 123 Cal. 307, 55 P. 1017.

—Result of election. Usually, the expression of the will of the voters as determined by a count of the ballots. Olsowski v. Calumet City, 322 Ill. 575, 153 N. E. 613, 614.

—Special election. An election for a particular emergency; out of the regular course; as one held to fill a vacancy arising by death of the incumbent of the office. State v. Andresen, 110 Or. 1, 222 P. 585, 587; Scovill v. City of Ypsilanti, 207 Mich. 288, 174 N. W. 139, 141.

In a statute, any election at which officers are not chosen. Hutchins v. City of Des Moines, 176 Iowa, 189, 157 N. W. 881, 883. In determining whether an election is special or general, regard must be had to the subject-matter as well as date of the election, and, if an election occurs throughout state uniformly by direct operation of law, it is a “general election,” but, if it depends on employment of special preliminary proceeding peculiar to process which may or may not occur, and the election is applicable only to a restricted area less than whole state, it is a “special election.” Norton v. Coos County, 113 Or. 618, 233 P. 864, 866; Hill v. Hartzell, 121 Or. 4, 252 P. 552, 555.

Electiosi fill rite et libere sine interruptus alia. Elections should be made in due form, and freely, without any interruption. 2 Inst. 169.

ELECTIVE. Dependent upon choice; bestowed or passing by election. Also pertaining or relating to elections; conferring the right or power to vote at elections.

ELECTIVE FRANCHISE. The right of voting at public elections; the privilege of qualified voters to cast their ballots for the candidates they favor at elections authorized by law. Parks v. State, 100 Ala. 634, 13 South. 756; People v. Barber, 48 Hun (N. Y.) 198; State v. State, 6 Cold. (Tenn.) 255; Xippas v. Commonwealth, 141 Va. 497, 126 S. E. 207, 209.


ELECTOR. A duly qualified voter; one who has a vote in the choice of any officer; a constituent. Appeal of Cusick, 136 Pa. 459, 20 Atl. 574, 10 L. R. A. 228; Bergevin v. Curts, 127 Cal. 86, 59 Pac. 312; State v. Tuttle, 53 Wis. 45, 9 N. W. 791; Taylor v. Taylor, 10 Minn. 107 (Gil. 81); Allen v. Wildman, 38 Okt. 652, 134 P. 1102, 1106. One who elects or has the right of choice, or who has the right to vote for any functionary, or for the adoption of any measure. Aczel v. United States (C. C. A.) 222 F. 652, 657. In a narrower sense, one who has the general right to vote, and the right to vote for public officers. Sears v. City of Maquoketa, 153 Iowa, 1104, 166 N. W. 700, 701. One authorized to exercise the elective franchise. NeEvoy v. Christensen, 176 Iowa, 1156, 159 N. W. 175, 181. But a woman citizen, though having such general right and
authority to vote, may nevertheless not be an "elector" entitled to have her name put on a jury list, in view of a state constitution and statute. People v. Barnett, 319 Ill. 403, 150 N. E. 290, 291.

While the terms "electors" and "voters" are sometimes used interchangeably, their meaning is not precisely the same; "electors" being properly applied to all those entitled to vote, whereas "voters" appropriately designates only those actually voting. Clayton v. Hill City, 111 Kan. 566, 207 P. 770; State ex rel. Chanev v. Grinsted, 314 Mo. 55, 282 S. W. 715, 719. A fortiori, "electors" is a broader term than "registered voters." City of Dayton, Ohio, v. City Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 401, 405.

One of the persons chosen to comprise the "electoral college" (q. v.).

Also, the title of certain German princes who had a voice in the election of the Holy Roman Emperors. The office of elector in some instances became hereditary and was connected with territorial possessions.

Sometimes, one who exercises the right of election in equity. Brett, L. Cas. Mod. Eq. 287.

Registered Qualified Elector

One possessing the constitutional qualifications, and registered under the registration statute. Minges v. Board of Trustees of City of Merced, 27 Cal. App. 15, 148 P. 816, 817.

ELECTORAL. Pertaining to electors or elections; composed or consisting of electors.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE. A name sometimes given, in the United States, to the college or body of electors of a state chosen to elect the president and vice-president; also, the whole body of such electors, composed of the electoral colleges of the several states. Webster; Cent. Dict.; 2 Sto. Const. § 1463; 1 Hare, Am. Const. L. 219; Stevens, Sources of the Constitution of the U. S. 153, note; Black, Const. L. 86; 1 Calhoun's Works, 173.

ELECTORAL COMMISSION. A commission created by an act of congress of January 29, 1877, to decide certain questions arising out of the presidential election of November, 1876, in which Hayes and Wheeler had been candidates of the Republican party and Tilden and Hendricks of the Democratic party. From the personnel of the Supreme Court, Justices Clifford, Miller, Field, and Strong were named in the act as members, and they chose as the fifth justice Justice Bradley. The other members were Senators Bayard, Edmunds, Frelinghuysen, Morton, and Thurman, and Representatives Abbott, Garfield, Hoar, Huton, and Payne.

ELECTRICITY. A highly subtle imponderable fluid, whose presence or influence is only known by its effect. Myers v. Portland Ry., Light & Power Co., 68 Or. 599, 138 P. 213. Though not susceptible of definition it may be gathered from the elements and stored, transmitted and utilized and when a person does this it becomes a subject of ownership, of barter and sale, so long as it is in possession. Torrance Water Co. v. San Antonio Light & Power Co., 1 Cal. App. 511, 82 P. 532.

ELECTROCU T. To put (a criminal) to death by passing through the body a current of electricity of high power; also, by extension, to kill by an electric current. Ferguson v. State, 90 Fla. 105, 105 So. 840.

The word is a hybrid, and has met with the disapproval of some for that reason. This barbarian jars the unhappy Latinist's nerves much more cruelly than the operation denoted jars those of its victim." Fowler, Dict. of Mod. English Usage (1896), p. 130. "To one having even an elementary knowledge of Latin grammar this word is no less than disgusting, and the thing meant by it is felt to be altogether too good for the word's inventor." Pierce, Write It Right (1969), p. 24. It is not included in the New English Dict. (Oxford, 1897), but is listed without comment in the New Cent. Dict. (1927) and also in Funk & Wagnalls' New Standard Dict. (1955), which spells it "electrocute." "It is considered by many to be inelegant, but is widely used and has no accepted equivalent." Webster, New Internat. Dict. (1927). The word is "now in established use, though formerly much criticized from the learned point of view because of the manner of its formation." Krepp, Comprehensive Guide to Good English (1927), p. 218.

ELECTROCUTION. A method of punishment of death inflicted by causing to pass through the body of the convicted person a current of electricity. See 1 With. & Beck. Med. Jur. 663; People v. Durston, 119 N. Y. 569, 24 N. E. 6, 7 L. R. A. 715, 16 Am. St. Rep. 859; In re Kemmell, 136 U. S. 436, 10 S. Ct. 990, 34 L. Ed. 519; Ex parte Mirzan, 119 U. S. 584, 7 S. Ct. 341, 30 L. Ed. 513. This method has been provided for in a number of states, beginning with New York as early as 1888, Ohio in 1896, and Pennsylvania in 1913. See Electrocute.

ELECTROLYSIS. The decomposition of a metal solution in water, liquid ammonia, etc., accompanied by decomposition of the water into oxygen and hydrogen or of a mass of molten metal by having an electric current passed through it. Peoria Waterworks Co. v. Peoria Ry. Co. (C. C.) 181 F. 590.

As applied to water pipes electrolysis is the stripping off of the outer particles of the iron when a suitable electrolytic solution is present leaving the carbon of which the pipe is partly composed intact. Peoria Waterworks Co. v. Peoria R. Co. (C. C.) 181 F. 590.

The term is also said to cover a wide variety of acts, ranging from the removal of superfluous hair by electricity to the electrocution of a human being. State v. Armstrong, 33 Idaho, 492, 255 P. 481, 493, 33 A. L. R. 835.

ELEEMOSYNA REGIS, and ELEEMOSYNA ARATRI, or CARUCARUM. A penny which King Ethelred ordered to be paid for every plow in England towards the support of the poor. Leg. Ethel. c. 1.
ELEEMOSYNÆ. Possessions belonging to the church. Blount.

ELEEMOSYNARIA. The place in a religious house where the common alms were deposited, and thence by the almoner distributed to the poor.

In Old English Law

The awnerie, awnby, or ambry; words still used in common speech in the north of England, to denote a pantry or cupboard. Cowell.

The office of almoner. Cowell.

ELEEMOSYNARIUS. In old English law. An almoner, or chief officer, who received the eleemosynary rents and gifts, and in due method distributed them to pious and charitable uses. Cowell; Wharton.

The name of an officer (lord almoner) of the English kings, in former times, who distributed the royal alms or bounty. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 23.


ELEGANTER. In the civil law. Accurately; with discrimination. Vezzie v. Williams, 3 Story, 611, 636, Fed. Cas. No. 16,907.

ELEGIT. (Lat. He has chosen.) This is the name, in English practice, of a writ of execution first given by the statute of Westminster 2 (13 Edw. l. c. 19) either upon a judgment for a debt or damages or upon the forfeiture of a recognizance taken in the king's court. It is so called because it is in the choice or election of the plaintiff whether he will sue out this writ or a fl. fa. By it the defendant's goods and chattels are appraised and all of them (except oxen and beasts of the plow) are delivered to the plaintiff, at such reasonable appraisement and price, in part satisfaction of his debt. If the goods are not sufficient, then the moiety of his freehold lands, which he had at the time of the judgment given, are also to be delivered to the plaintiff, to hold till out of the rents and profits thereof of the debt be levied, or till the defendant's interest be expired. During this period the plaintiff is called tenant by elegit, and his estate, an estate by elegit. This writ, or its analogue, is in use in some of the United States, as Virginia and Kentucky. See 3 Bl. Comm. 418; Hutcheson v. Grubbs, 80 Va. 254; North American F. Ins. Co. v. Graham, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 197.


Also, one of the simple substances or principles of which, according to early natural philosophers, the physical universe is composed, the four elements pointed out by Empedocles being air, water, earth, and fire. Webster. See Elements.

ELEMENTS. The forces of nature. Popularly, fire, air, earth, and water, anciently supposed to be the four simple bodies of which the world was composed. Encyc. Dict. Often applied in a particular sense to wind and water, as “the fury of the elements.” Cent. Dict.


ELEVATOR. A building containing one or more mechanical elevators, especially a warehouse for the storage of grain; a hoisting apparatus; a lift; a car or cage for lifting and lowering passengers or freight in a hoistway. Cent. Dict.

In Insurance Law

The term has been held not to be limited to the car, or platform, but to include the elevator shaft. London Guarantee & Accident Co. v. Ladd (C. C. A.) 299 F. 502, 506. It has also been held to include the machinery to which the car is attached, and by which it is operated; Fuller v. Lanett Bleaching & Dye Works, 190 Ala. 208, 67 So. 378, 380; and the fixed equipment necessary to operate the elevator. St. Mary's Mill Co. v. Illinois Oil Co. (Mo. App.) 254 S. W. 735, 738. The term has been interpreted as meaning only a passenger elevator. Jaens & Knuth Co. v. American Indemnity Co., 182 Wis. 556, 196 N. W. 509, 571.

Passenger Elevator

Any elevator ordinarily or customarily used for conveying passengers, though also used for conveying freight, and though not of any particular form laid in any particular way or with any particular kind of gates or safety contrivances. Wilmarth v. Pacific Mut. Life Ins. Co. of California, 185 Cal. 536, 143 P. 780, 782, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 1120.
ELIGIBILITY. A word which, when used in connection with an office, where there are no explanatory words indicating that it is used with reference to the time of election, may be deemed to refer to the qualification to hold the office rather than to be elected. Bradfield v. Avery, 16 Idaho, 769, 102 P. 657; 23 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1228; Hoy v. State, 168 Ind. 506, 81 N. E. 509, 11 Ann. Cas. 944; Powell v. Hart, 132 La. 237, 61 So. 233, 235; State v. Edwards, 99 Vt. 1, 130 A. 276, 277. See Eligible.


ELIMINATION. In old English law. The act of banishing or turning out of doors; rejection.

ELINGUATION. The punishment of cutting out the tongue.

ELISORS. In practice. Electors or choosers. Persons appointed by the court to execute writs of "vire", in cases where both the sheriff and coroner are disqualified from acting, and whose duty is to choose—that is, name and return—the jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 355; Co. Litt. 158; 3 Steph. Comm. 597, note; People v. Nakis, 13 Cal. 105, 105 P. 92, 94; Allen v. Com., 12 S. W. 382; 11 Ky. Law Rep. 566; 5 Bac. Abr. 318; 3 East 141; Fortesc. de Laudibus L. 53; Alloc. & Nap. 113; Tidd. Prac. 723, 769; People v. Fellows, 122 Cal. 233, 54 Pac. 890; State v. Hultz, 106 Mo. 41, 16 S. W. 940; Harriman v. State, 2 G. Greene (Iowa) 270. Persons appointed to execute any writ, in default of the sheriff and coroner, are also called "elisors." See Bruner v. Superior Court, 92 Cal. 239, 28 Pac. 341. An elisor may be appointed to take charge of a jury retiring to deliberate upon a verdict, when both sheriff and coroner are disqualified or unable to act. People v. Fellows, 122 Cal. 233, 54 Pac. 890; People v. Ebanks, 117 Cal. 692, 48 Pac. 1048, 40 L. R. A. 293.

ELL. A measure of length, answering to the modern yard. 1 Bl. Comm. 275.

ELLENBOROUGH'S ACT. An English statute (43 Geo. III. c. 58) punishing offenses against the person.

ELLIPSIS. Omission of words or clauses necessary to complete the construction, but not necessary to convey the meaning. In re Lippincott's Estate, 276 Pa. 283, 120 A. 136, 137.

ELOGIUM. In the civil law. A will or testament.

ELOIGNE. (Fr. éloigner, to remove to a distance; to remove afar off.) In practice. A return to a writ of replevin, when the chattels have been removed out of the way of the sheriff.

ELOIGNMENT. The getting a thing or person out of the way; or removing it to a distance, so as to be out of reach. Garneau v. Mill Co., 8 Wash. 467, 36 Pac. 463.

ELONGATA. In practice. Eloigned; carried away to a distance. The old form of the return made by a sheriff to a writ of replevin, stating that the goods or beasts had been eloigned; that is, carried to a distance, to places to him unknown. 3 Bl. Comm. 148; 3 Steph. Comm. 522; Flitzb. Nat. Brev. 73, 74; Archib. N. Pract. 552. The word eloigne is sometimes used as synonymous with elongata.

ELONGATUS. Eloigned. A return made by a sheriff to a writ de homine replegando, stating that the party to be rebreplied has been eloigned, or conveyed out of his jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 129.

ELONGAVIT. In England, where in a proceeding by foreign attachment the plaintiff has obtained judgment of appraisement, but by reason of some act of the garnishee the goods cannot be appraised, or where he has removed them from the city, or has sold them, etc., the sergeant-at-mace returns that the garnishee has eloigned them, i. e., removed them out of the jurisdiction, and on this return (called an "elongavit") judgment is given for the plaintiff that an inquiry be made of the goods eloigned. This inquiry is set down for trial, and the assessment is made by a jury after the manner of ordinary issues. Sweet.

ELOPEMENT. The act of a wife who voluntarily deserts her husband to go away with and cohabit with another man. 2 Bl. Comm. 130; State v. O'Higgins, 173 N. C. 768, 100 S. E. 438. The departure of a married woman from her husband and dwelling with an adulterer. Cowell; Tomlin. Also, the act of a man in going away with a woman who has voluntarily left her husband, to indulge in

To constitute an elopement, the wife must not only leave the husband, but go beyond his actual control; for if she abandons the husband, and goes and lives in adultery in a house belonging to him, it is said not to be an elopement. Cogswell v. Tibbetts, 3 N. H. 42.

In a popular sense, also, the act of an unmarried woman in secretly leaving her home with a man, especially with a view to marriage without her parents' consent.


In shipping articles, this term, following the designation of the port of destination, must be construed either as void for uncertainty or as subordinate to the principal voyage stated in the preceding words. Brown v. Jones, 2 G.all. 477, Fed. Cas. No. 2,017.

ELUVIONES. In old pleading. Spring tides. Townsh. Pl. 197.

EMANCIPATION. The act by which one who was unfree, or under the power and control of another, is rendered free, or set at liberty and made his own master. Fremont v. Sandown, 36 N. H. 303; Porter v. Powell, 79 Iowa, 151, 44 N. W. 295, 7 L. R. A. 176, 18 Am. St. Rep. 353; Varney v. Young, 11 Vt. 258.

The term is principally used with reference to the emancipation of a minor child by its parents, which involves an entire surrender of the right to the care, custody, and earnings of such child as well as a renunciation of parental duties. Delaware L. & W. R. Co. v. Petrowsky (C. C. A.) 230 F. 554, 559; Wabash R. Co. v. McDonels, 183 Ind. 104, 107 N. E. 291, 294; Merithew v. Ellis, 116 Me. 468, 102 A. 301, 302, 2 A. L. R. 1429. The emancipation may be express, as by voluntary agreement of parent and child, or implied from such acts and conduct as import consent, and it may be conditional or absolute, complete or partial. Wallace v. Cox, 136 Tenn. 69, 188 S. W. 611, 612, L. R. A. 1917B, 690.

In Roman Law

The enfranchisement of a son by his father, which was anciently done by the formality of an imaginary sale. This was abolished by Justinian, who substituted the simpler proceeding of a manumission before a magistrate. Inst. 1, 12, 6.

In England

The term "emancipation" has been borrowed from the Roman law, and is constantly used in the law of parochial settlements. 7 Adol. & E. (N. S.) 574, note.

In General

—Emancipation proclamation. An executive proclamation, declaring that all persons held in slavery in certain designated states and districts were and should remain free. It was issued January 1, 1863, by Abraham Lincoln, as president of the United States and commander in chief of its armed forces.

—Partial emancipation. That which frees a child for only a part of the period of minority, or from only a part of the parent's rights, or for some purposes, and not for others. Memphis Steel Const. Co. v. Lister, 138 Tenn. 307, 197 S. W. 902, 903, L. R. A. 1918B, 406.


Emargo is the hindering or detention by any government of ships of commerce in its ports. If the embargo is laid upon ships belonging to citizens of the state imposing it, it is called a "civil embargo." If, as more commonly happens, it is laid upon ships belonging to the enemy, it is called a "hostile embargo." The effect of this latter embargo is that the vessels detained are restored to the rightful owners if no war follows, but are forfeited to the embargoe government if war does follow, the declaration of war being held to relate back to the original seizure and detention. Brown.

The temporary or permanent sequestration of the property of individuals for the purposes of a government, e. g., to obtain vessels for the transport of troops, the owners being reimbursed for this forced service. Man. Int. Law, 148.

EMBASSADOR. See Ambassador.

EMBASSAGE, or EMBASSY. The message or commission given by a sovereign or state to a minister, called an "ambassador," empowered to treat or communicate with another sovereign or state; also the establishment of an ambassador.

EMBER DAYS. In ecclesiastical law. Those days which the ancient fathers called "quattor tempora jejunii" are of great antiquity in the church. They are observed on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday next after Quadragesima Sunday, or the first Sunday in Lent, after Whitsunfide, Holyrood Day, in September, and St. Lucy's Day, about the middle of December. Brit. c. 53. Our alma-
nace call the weeks in which they fall the "Ember Weeks," and they are now chiefly noticed on account of the ordination of priests and deacons; because the canon appoints the Sundays next after the Ember weeks for the solemn times of ordination, though the bishops, if they please, may ordain on any Sunday or holiday. Enc. Lond.,


Embezzlement is not an offense at common law, but was created by statute. "Embezzlement" includes in its meaning appropriation to one's own use, and therefore the use of the single word "embezzlement." in the indictment or information, contains within itself the charge that the defendant appropriated the money or property to his own use. State v. Wolf, 24 La. Ann. 1163; State v. Hudson, 23 W. Va. 455, 117 S. E. 122, 125.

Embezzlement is common-law larceny extended by statute to cover cases where the stolen property comes originally into the possession of the defendant without a trespass. Moody v. People, 65 Colo. 339, 176 P. 476.

Embezzlement is a species of larceny, and the term is applicable to cases of futile and fraudulent appropriation by clerks, servants, or carriers of property coming into their possession by virtue of their employment. It is distinguished from "larceny," properly so called, as being committed in respect of property which is not at the time in the actual or legal possession of the owner. People v. Burr, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 294; 4 Steph. Comm. 168; Brown v. Moore, 122 Md. 146, 89 A. 494, 496. That is to say, that in embezzlement, the original taking of the property was lawful or with the consent of the owner, while in larceny the felonious intent must have existed at the time of the taking. State v. Curtis, 95 A. 322, 284, 5 Boyce (Del.) 518; State v. Thomas, 126 Mo. 230, 107 A. 396, 397; People v. Padlock, 30 Ill. 304, 132 N. E. 240, 242; Splegel v. Levine, 147 N. Y. S. 75, 81, 161 App. Div. 794; Ludlum v. State, 13 Ala. App. 278, 69 So. 255, 266; Davis v. State, 96 Ind. 213, 147 N. E. 766, 770; State v. Henderson, 102 Conn. 558, 129 A. 724, 725. See, also, Grisa v. Shinn, 187 U. S. 131, 23 S. Ct. 96, 47 L. Ed. 130; People v. Toulinson, 102 Cal. 15, 36 P. 566; Wright v. State, 266 S. W. 285, 288; State v. Burke, 192 Wis. 641, 207 N. W. 466, 465; State v. Uglund, 48 N. D. 841, 137 N. W. 237, 238; Tredwell v. U. S. (C. A. C.) 266 F. 350, 352. Both words, however, may be used, as in a bond, as generic terms to indicate the dishonest and fraudulent breach of any duty or obligation upon the part of an employee to pay over to his employer, or account to him for any money, securities, or other personal property, title to which is in the employer, but which may come into the possession of the employee. National Surety Co. v. Williams, 74 Fla. 446, 77 So. 212, 212; Delaware State Bank v. Colton, 102 Kan. 365, 170 P. 932, 936.

Within Pen. Code Tex. 1911, art. 533 (Vernon's Ann. Pen. Code, art. 544), declaring guilty of a felony an officer or clerk of a state bank who "embezzles, abstracts, or willfully misapplies" its funds, "embezzle" refers to acts done for the benefit of the actor as against the bank, "misapply" covers acts having no relation to pecuniary profit or advantage to the doer, while "abstract" means only to take and withdraw from the possession and control of the bank: and while "embezzlement" may include the offenses of abstraction and willful misapplication, either of those offenses may be committed without embezzlement. Ferguson v. State, 90 Tex. Cr. 333, 189 S. W. 271, 273. See, however, Winkelman v. State, 114 Neb. 1, 205 N. W. 565, 566.

EMBLEMATA TRIBONIANI. In the Roman law. Alterations, modifications, and additions to the writings of the older jurists, selected to make up the body of the Pandects. Introduce by Tribonian and his associates who constituted the commission appointed for that purpose, with a view to harmonize contradictions, excising obsolete matter, and make the whole conform to the law as understood in Justinian's time, were called by this name. Mackeld. Rom. Law., § 71.

EMBLEMENTS. The vegetable chattels called "emblements" are the corn and other growth of the earth which are produced annually, not spontaneously, but by labor and industry, and thence are called "fructus industriales." Reiff v. Reiff, 64 Pa. 137. See Crop.

The growing crops of those vegetable productions of the soil which are annually produced by the labor of the cultivator. They are deemed personal property, and pass as such to the executor or administrator of the occupier, whether he were the owner in fee, or for life, or for years, if he die before he has legally paid, or consumed, the same; and this, although, being annexed to the soil, they might for some purposes be considered, while growing, as part of the realty. Wharton.

The term also denotes the right of a tenant to take and carry away, after his tenancy has ended, such annual products of the land as have resulted from his own care and labor.

Emblements are the away-going crop: in other words, the crop which is upon the ground and
unreaped when the tenant goes away, his lease having determined; and the right to emblements is the right in the tenant to take away the away-going crop, and for that purpose to come upon the land, and do all other necessary things thereon. Brown; Wood v. Noack, 84 Wis. 398, 54 N. W. 786; Davis v. Brocklebank, 9 N. H. 73; Cottle v. Spitzer, 55 Cal. 465, 4 P. 436, 52 Am. Rep. 356; Sparrow v. Pond, 49 Minn. 412, 52 N. W. 36, 16 L. R. A. 156, 52 Am. St. Rep. 571; Dinwiddie v. Jordan (Tex. Com. App.) 288 S. W. 130; Miller v. Lewis (Tex. Civ. App.) 277 S. W. 796; Nosbitt v. Thompson, 157 N. Y. S. 166, 269 Misc. 503.

Where a life tenant, having leased the premises, died, and the remainderman did not recognize the lease, the lessee of the life tenant was entitled to the emblements, which are the crops of grain growing yearly, but requiring an outlay of labor or industry, without payment of any compensation for use of the land in harvesting the emblements. Turner v. Turner, 132 Tenn. 592, 179 S. W. 132, 133; Bateman v. Brown (Tex. Civ. App.) 297 S. W. 773, 775.

EMBLLERS DE GENTZ. L. Fr. A stealing from the people. The phrase occurs in the old rolls of parliament: “Whereas divers murders, emblpers de gentz, and robberies are committed,” etc.

EMBOLISM. In medical jurisprudence. The mechanical obstruction of an artery or capillary by some body traveling in the blood current, as, a blood-clot (embolus), a globule of fat, or an air-bubble.

Emboli is to be distinguished from “thrombosis,” a thrombus being a clot of blood formed in the heart or a blood vessel in consequence of some impediment of the circulation from pathological causes, as distinguished from mechanical causes, for example, an alteration of the blood or walls of the blood vessels. When embolism occurs in the brain (called “cerebral embolism”) there is more or less consecutive from the blood in the surrounding parts, and there may be apoplectic shock or paralysis of the brain, and its functional activity may be so far disturbed as to cause entire or partial insanity. See Gundall v. Hasswell, 23 R. I. 506, 51 A. 426.

EMBACEOR. A person guilty of the offense of embracery (q. v.). See Co. Litt. 369.

EMBRACERY. In criminal law. This offense consists in the attempt to influence a jury corruptly to one side or the other, by promises, persuasions, entreaties, entertainments, doughers, and the like. The person guilty of it is called an “embracer.” Brown; State v. Williams, 136 Mo. 239, 38 S. W. 75; Grannis v. Branden, 5 Day (Conn.) 274, 5 Am. Dec. 143; State v. Brown, 95 N. C. 686; Brown v. Beauchamp, 5 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 415, 17 Am. Dec. 81.

Embracer being but an attempt corruptly to influence juror, there is no such crime as to commit embracery. Wiseman v. Commonwealth, 14 Va. 631, 130 S. E. 349, 251.

EMENDA. Amends; something given in preparation for a trespass; or, in old Saxon times, in compensation for an injury or crime. Spelman.

EMENDALS. An old word still made use of in the accounts of the society of the Inner Temple, where so much in emendals at the foot of an account on the balance thereof signifies so much money in the bank or stock of the houses, for repairation of losses, or other emergent occasions. Spelman.

EMENDARE. In Saxon law. To make amends or satisfaction for any crime or trespass committed; to pay a fine; to be fined. Spelman. Emendare so to redeem, or ransom one’s life, by payment of a weregild.

EMENDATIO.

In Old English Law

Amendment, or correction. The power of amending and correcting abuses, according to certain rules and measures. Cowell.

In Saxon Law

A pecuniary satisfaction for an injury; the same as emenda (q. v.). Spelman.

In General

—Emenatio panis et cerevisiae. In old English law. The power of supervising and correcting the weights and measures of bread and ale, (assisting bread and beer.) Cowell.

EMERGE. To arise; to come to light. “Unless a matter happen to emerge after issue joined.” Hale, Anal. § 1.


EMERGENT YEAR. The epoch or date whence any people begin to compute their time.
EMIGRANT. One who quits his country for any lawful reason, with a design to settle elsewhere, and takes his family and property, if he has any, with him. Vattel, b. 1, c. 18, § 224. See Williams v. Fears, 110 Ga. 594, 35 S. E. 699, 50 L. R. A. 580; The Danube (D. C.) 55 F. 985; Benson v. State, 26 Ga. App. 87, 135 S. E. 514.


EMIGRATION. The act of removing from one country or state to another.

It is to be distinguished from "expatriation." The latter means the abandonment of one's country and renunciation of one's citizenship in it, while emigration denotes merely the removal of person and property to another country. The former is usually the consequence of the latter. Emigration is also used of the removal from one section to another of the same country.

EMINENCE. An honorary title given to cardinals. They were called "Illustrissimi" and "reverendissimi" until the pontificate of Urban VIII.


The right of eminent domain is the right of the state, through its regular organization, to reassert, either temporarily or permanenty, its dominion over any portion of the soil of the state, on account of public exigency and for the public good. Thus, in time of war or insurrection, the proper authorities may possess and hold any part of the territory of the state for the common safety; and in time of peace the legislature may authorize the appropriation of the same to public purposes, such as the opening of roads, construction of defenses, or providing channels for trade or travel. Code Ga. 1882, § 2222 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3624).

The right of society, or of the sovereign, to dispose, in case of necessity, and for the public safety, of all the wealth contained in the state, is called "eminent domain." Jones v. Walker, 2 Paige, 680, Fed. Cas. No. 7,507.

Eminent domain is the highest and most exact idea of property remaining in the government, or in the aggregate body of the people in their sovereign capacity. It gives a right to resume the possession of the property in the manner directed by the constitution and the laws of the state, whenever the public interest requires it. Beckman v. Saratoga & S. R. Co., 3 Paige (N. Y.) 45, 73, 22 Am. Dec. 679.

"The exaction of money from individuals under the right of taxation, and the appropriation of private property for public use by virtue of the power of eminent domain, must not be confused. In paying taxes the citizen contributes his just and ascertained share to the expenses of the government under which he lives. But when his property is taken under the power of eminent domain, he is compelled to surrender to the public something above and beyond his due proportion for the public benefit. The matter is special. It is in the nature of a compulsory sale to the state." Black, Tax-Titles, § 3.

The term "eminent domain" is sometimes (but inaccurately) applied to the land, buildings, etc., owned directly by the government, and which have not yet passed into any private ownership. This species of property is much better designated as the "public domain," or "national domain."

EMISSARY. A person sent upon a mission as the agent of another; also a secret agent sent to ascertain the sentiments and designs of others, and to propagate opinions favorable to his employer.

EMISSION. In medical jurisprudence. The ejection or throwing out of any secretion or other matter from the body; the expulsion of urine, semen, etc.

EMIT. In American Law

To put forth or send out; to issue. "No state shall emit bills of credit." Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10.

To issue; to give forth with authority; to put into circulation. See Bill of Credit.

The word "emit" is never employed in describing those contracts by which a state binds itself to pay money at a future day for services actually received, or for money borrowed for present use. Nor are instruments executed for such purposes, in common language, denominated "bills of credit." "To emit bills of credit" conveys to the mind the idea of issuing paper intended to circulate through the community, for its ordinary purposes, as money, which paper is redeemable at a future day. Briscoe v. Bank of Kentucky, 11 Pet. 346, 9 L. Ed. 769; Craig v. Missouri, 4 Pet. 438, 7 L. Ed. 801; Ramsey v. Cox, 28 Ark. 383; Houston & T. C. R. Co. v. Texas, 177 U. S. 56, 20 S. Ct. 345, 44 L. Ed. 673.

To throw off; give out; discharge. Alabama Great Southern R. Co. v. Stewart, 15 Ala. App. 466, 73 So. 827, 828.
In Scotch Practice

To speak out; to state in words. A prisoner is said to emit a declaration. 2 Alis. Crim. Pr. 560.

EMMENAGOQUES. In medical jurisprudence. The name of a class of medicines supposed to have the property of promoting the menstrual discharge, and sometimes used for the purpose of procuring abortion.


EMOTIONAL INSANITY. The species of mental aberration produced by a violent excitement of the emotions or passions, though the reasoning faculties may remain unimpaired. See Insanity.

EMPALEMENT. In ancient law. A mode of inflicting punishment, by thrusting a sharp pole up the fundament. Enc. Loud.

EMPANNEL. See Impanel.

EMPARLANCE. See Imparlance.


EMPEROR. The title of the sovereign ruler of an empire. This designation was adopted by the rulers of the Roman world after the decay of the republic, and was assumed by those who claimed to be their successors in the "Holy Roman Empire," as also by Napoleon. "The sovereigns of Japan and Morocco are often, though with little propriety, called emperors." 10 Encye. Amer. (1929), p. 300. In western speech the former sovereigns of Turkey and China were called emperors. Cent. Dict.

The title "emperor" seems to denote a power and dignity superior to that of a "king." It appears to be the appropriate style of the executive head of a federal government, constructed on the monarchial principle, and comprising in its organization several distinct kingdoms or other quasi sovereign states; as was the case with the German empire from 1871 to 1918. "The proper meaning of emperor is the chief of a confederation of states of which kings are members." Cent. Dict., quoting Encyc. Brit. "In general, an emperor is the holder of a sovereignty extending over conquered or confederated peoples, a king is ruler of a single people. Thus * * * the 'King of England' is 'Emperor of India.'" Webster's New Int. Dict. Before the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian empire in November, 1918, its monarch was known as the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary.

EMPHYSEUM. In the Roman and civil law. A contract by which a landed estate was leased to a tenant, either in perpetuity or for a long term of years, upon the reservation of an annual rent or canon, and upon the condition that the lessee should improve the property, by building, cultivating, or otherwise, and with a right in the lessee to alien the estate at pleasure or pass it to his heirs by descent, and free from any revocation, reentry, or claim of forfeiture on the part of the grantor, except for non-payment of the rent. Inst. 3, 25, 3; 3 Bl. Comm. 232; Maine, Anc. Law, 290.

The right granted by such a contract, (ius emphyseuticum, or emphyseuticarium.) The real right by which a person is entitled to enjoy another's estate as if it were his own, and to dispose of its substance, as far as can be done without deteriorating it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 326.

EMPHYVEUTA. In the civil law. The person to whom an emphyteusis is granted; the lessee or tenant under a contract of emphyteusis.

EMPHYTHEUTICUS. In the civil law. Founded on, growing out of, or having the character of, an emphyteusis; held under an emphyteusis. 3 Bl. Comm. 232.

EMPIRE. The dominion or jurisdiction of an emperor; the region over which the dominion of an emperor extends; imperial power; supreme dominion; sovereign command.

EMPIRIC. A practitioner in medicine or surgery, who proceeds on experience only, without science or legal qualification; a quack. Nelson v. State Board of Health, 108 Ky. 766, 57 S. W. 591, 50 L. R. A. 383; Parks v. State, 339 Ind. 211, 64 N. E. 852, 58 L. R. A. 190.

EMPLAZAMIENTO. In Spanish law. A summons or citation, issued by authority of a judge, requiring the person to whom it is addressed to appear before the tribunal at a designated day and hour.

EMPLASE. To indict; to prefer a charge against; to accuse.
EMPLOY. To engage in one's service; to use as an agent or substitute in transacting business; to commission and intrust with the management of one's affairs; and, when used in respect to a servant or hired laborer, the term is equivalent to hiring, which implies a request and a contract for a compensation, and has but this one meaning when used in the ordinary affairs and business of life. McCluskey v. Cromwell, 11 N. Y. 605; Murray v. Walker, 83 Iowa, 202, 48 N. W. 1075; Malloy v. Board of Education, 102 Cal. 642, 36 P. 948; Gurney v. Railroad Co., 58 N. Y. 371.


EMPLOYEE. This word "is from the French, but has become somewhat naturalized in our language. Strictly and etymologically, it means 'a person employed,' but, in practice in the French language, it ordinarily is used to signify a person in some official employment, and as generally used with us, though perhaps not confined to any official employment, it is understood to mean some permanent employment or position." The word may be more extensive than "clerk" or "officer," and may signify any one in place, or having charge or using a function, as well as one in office. See Kitter v. State, 111 Ind. 324, 12 N. E. 501; Palmer v. Van Santvoord, 153 N. Y. 612, 47 N. E. 915, 38 L. R. A. 402; Frick Co. v. Norfolk & O. V. R. Co., 86 Fed. 738, 32 C. C. A. 31; People v. Board of Police, 75 N. Y. 38; Finance Co. v. Charleston, C. & O. R. Co. (C. C.) 32 Fed. 527; State v. Sartis, 136 Ind. 195, 34 N. E. 1129; Hopkins v. Cromwell, 80 App. Div. 481, 85 N. Y. S. 839.

One who works for an employer; a person working for salary or wages; applied to anyone so working, but usually only to clerks, workmen, laborers, etc., and but rarely to the higher officers of a corporation or government or to domestic servants. Century Dict., quoted in U. S. v. Schierholz, 137 F. 616, 624; Maryland Casualty Co. v. New Orleans Cotton Seed Oil, etc., Co., 3 Orl. App. (La.) 288; Palmer v. Van Santvoord, 153 N. Y. 612, 47 N. E. 915, 38 L. R. A. 402; Hellwell v. Sweitzer, 278 Ill. 248, 115 N. E. 810, 812.


EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACTS. Statutes defining or limiting the occasions and the extent to which employers shall be liable in damages for injuries to their employees occurring in the course of the employment, and particularly (in recent times) abolishing the common-law rule that the employer is not liable if the injury is caused by the fault or negligence of a fellow servant. For the federal Employers' Liability Act April 22, 1906, c. 149, 35 Stat. 65, see 45 USCA §§ 51-59. A Workman's Compensation Act was passed in England in 1877, and similar acts were passed in 1911 in New Jersey, California, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, and other states, and in 1912 in Illinois, Michigan, Arizona, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. For a short history of this kind of legislation, see State v. Carter, 30 Wyo. 222, 215 P. 477, 480, 28 A. L. R. 1099. See, also, L. R. A. 1916A, 25. A Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act was passed by Congress March 4, 1927 (29 USCA §§ 901-950) providing compensation for disability or death from injury occurring on the navigable waters of the United States, including dry docks, if recovery through workmen's compensation proceedings may not be validly provided by state law.

It does not necessarily import an engagement or rendering services for another. A person may as well be "employed" about his own business as in the transaction of the same for a principal. State v. Canton, 45 Mo. 51.


EMPORIUM. A place for wholesale trade in commodities carried by sea. The name is sometimes applied to a seaport town, but it properly signifies only a particular place in such a town. Smith, Dict. Antiq.

EMPRESARIOS. In Mexican law. Underwriters or promoters of extensive enterprises, aided by concessions or monopolistic grants from government; particularly, persons receiving extensive land grants in consideration of their bringing emigrants into the country and settling them on the lands, with a view of increasing the population and developing the resources of the country. U. S. v. Maxwell Land-Grant Co., 7 S. Ct. 1015, 121 U. S. 325, 30 L. Ed. 949.

EMPRESTITO. In Spanish law. A loan. Something lent to the borrower at his request. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 18, l. 70.

EMPTIO. In the Roman and civil law. The act of buying; a purchase.

EMPTIO BONORUM. A species of forced assignment for the benefit of creditors; being a public sale of an insolvent debtor's estate whereby the purchaser succeeded to all his property, rights, and claims, and became responsible for his debts and liabilities to the extent of a quota fixed before the transfer. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 521.

EMPTIO ET VENDITIO. Purchase and sale; sometimes translated "emption and vendition." The name of the contract of sale in the Roman law. Inst. 3, 25; Bract. fol. 61b. Sometimes made a compound word, empto-venditio.

EMPTIO REI SPERATÆ. A purchase in the hope of an uncertain future profit; the purchase of a thing not yet in existence or not yet in the possession of the seller, as, the cast of a net or a crop to be grown, and the price of which is to depend on the actual gain. On the other hand, if the price is fixed and not subject to fluctuation, but is to be paid whether the gain be greater or less, it is called empto spec. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 400.

EMPTOR. Lat. A buyer or purchaser. Used in the maxim "caecet emptor," let the buyer beware; i. e., the buyer of an article must be on his guard and take the risks of his purchase.

Empetor emit quam minimque potes, venditor vendit quam maximque potes. The buyer purchases for the lowest price he can; the seller sells for the highest price he can. 2 Kent, Comm. 486.

EMTIO. In the civil law. Purchase. This form of the word is used in the Digests and Code. Dig. 13, 1; Cod. 4, 49. See Emptio.

EMTOR. In the civil law. A buyer or purchaser; the buyer. Dig. 13, 1; Cod. 4, 49.

EMTRIX. In the civil law. A female purchaser; the purchaser. Cod. 4, 54, 1.

EN ARELE. L. Fr. In time past. 2 Inst. 506.

EN AUTRE DROIT. In the right of another. See Auter Droit.

EN BANKE. L. Fr. In the bench. 1 Anders. 51.

EN BREVET. In French law. An acte is said to be en brevet when a copy of it has not been recorded by the notary who drew it.

EN DÉCLARATION DE SIMULATION. A form of action used in Louisiana. Its object is to have a contract declared judicially a simulation and a nullity, to remove a cloud from the title, and to bring back, for any legal purpose, the thing sold to the estate of the true owner. Edwards v. Ballard, 20 La. Ann. 169.

EN DEMEURE. In default. Used in Louisiana of a debtor who fails to pay on demand according to the terms of his obligation. See Bryan v. Cox, 3 Mart. (La. N. S.) 674.

En eschange il covient que les esates soient egales. Co. Litt. 50. In an exchange it is desirable that the estates be equal.

EN FAIT. Fr. In fact; in deed; actually.

EN GROS. Fr. In gross. Total; by wholesale.

EN JUICIO. Span. Judicially; in a court of law; in a suit at law. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 8, c. 1.

EN MASSE. Fr. In a mass; in a lump; at wholesale.
EN MORT MEYNE. L. Fr. In a dead hand; in mortmain. Britt. c. 49.

EN OWE L MAIN. L. Fr. In equal hand. The word "oweil" occurs also in the phrase "owelly of partition."

EN RECOUVREMENT. Fr. In French law. An expression employed to denote that an indorsement made in favor of a person does not transfer to him the property in the bill of exchange, but merely constitutes an authority to such person to recover the amount of the bill. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 558.

EN ROUTE. Fr. On the way; in the course of a voyage or journey; in course of transportation. McLean v. U. S., 17 Ct. Cl. 90.

EN VENTRE SA MERE. L. Fr. In its mother's womb. A term descriptive of an unborn child. For some purposes the law regards an infant en ventre as in being. It may take a legacy; have a guardian; an estate may be limited to its use, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 130.

EN VIE. L. Fr. In life; alive. Britt. c. 50.

ENABLE. To give power to do something. In the case of a person under disability as to dealing with another, "enable" has the primary meaning of removing that disability; not of conferring a compulsory power as against that other; 66 L. J. Ch. 208; [1897] A. C. 647.

ENABLING POWER. When the donor of a power, who is the owner of the estate, confers upon persons not seised of the fee the right of creating interests to take effect out of it, which could not be done by the donee of the power unless by such authority, this is called an "enabling power." 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1928.

ENABLING STATUTE. The act of 32 Henry VIII. c. 28, by which tenants in tail, husbands seised in right of their wives, and others were empowered to make leases for their lives or for twenty-one years, which they could not do before. 2 Bl. Comm. 319; Co. Litt. 44a. The phrase is also applied to any statute enabling persons or corporations to do what before they could not.

ENACH. In Saxon law. The satisfaction for a crime; the recompense for a fault. Skene.

ENACT. To establish by law; to perform or effect; to decree. The usual introductory formula in making laws is, "Be it enacted." In re Senate File, 25 Neb. 864, 41 N. W. 981.

ENACTING CLAUSE. That part of a statute which declares its enactment and serves to identify it as an act of legislation proceeding from the proper legislative authority. Various formulas are used for this clause, such as "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois represented in general assembly," "Be it enacted by the senate and house of represen-tatives of the United States of America in congress assembled." "The general assembly do enact," etc. State v. Patterson, 98 N. C. 660, 4 S. E. 350; Pearce v. Vittum, 193 Ill. 192, 61 N. E. 1116; Territory v. Burns, 6 Mont. 72, 9 P. 432; State v. Reilly, 88 N. J. Law, 104, 95 A. 1005, 1006. A section of a statute denouncing an offense is sometimes spoken of as the "enacting clause." City of Astoria v. Malone, 87 Or. 88, 189 P. 749, 750.

ENAJENACION. In Spanish and Mexican law. Alienation; transfer of property. The act by which the property in a thing, by lucrative title, is transferred, as a donation; or by onerous title, as by sale or barter. In a more extended sense, the term comprises also the contracts of emphytesis, pledge, and mortgage, and even the creation of a servitude upon an estate. Escribne; Mulford v. Le Franc, 23 Cal. 88.

ENBREVER. L. Fr. To write down in short; to abbreviate, or, in old language, "ibreviare;" to put into a schedule. Britt. c. 1.

ENCAUSTUM. In the civil law. A kind of ink or writing fluid appropriate to the use of the emperor. Cod. 1. 23, 6.

ENCEINTE. Pregnant. See Pregnancy.

ENCHESON. The occasion, cause, or reason for which anything is done. Termes de la Ley.

ENCLOSE. In the Scotch law. To shut up a jury after the case has been submitted to them. 2 Alls. Crim. Fr. 634. See Inclose.

ENCLOSURE. See Inclusion.

ENCOMIENDA. In Spanish law. A grant from the crown to a private person of a certain portion of territory in the Spanish colonies, together with the conclusion of a certain number of the native inhabitants, on the feudal principle of commendation. 2 Wool. Pol. Science, 161, 162. Also a royal grant of privileges to the military orders of Spain.

ENCOURAGE. In criminal law. To instigate; to incite to action; to give courage to; to inspire; to embolden; to raise confidence; to make confident; to help; to forward; to advise. Comites v. Parkinson (C. C.) 59 F. 179; True v. Com., 90 Ky. 631; 14 S. W. 894; Johnson v. State, 4 Sneed (Tenn.) 621; State v. Pickel, 116 Wash. 600, 200 P. 316, 317; United States v. Strong (D. C.) 263 F. 789, 795; Voris v. People, 75 Colo. 574, 227 P. 551, 553; U. S. v. International Silver Co. (C. C. A.) 271 F. 925, 927; United States v. Ault (D. C.) 263 F. 800, 811.

ENCROACH. To gain unlawfully upon the lands, property, or authority of another; as if one man presses upon the grounds of another too far, or if a tenant owe two shillings rent-service, and the lord exact three.
ENCROACHMENT. An encroachment upon a street or highway is a fixture, such as a wall or fence, which illegally intrudes into or invades the highway or incloses a portion of it, diminishing its width or area, but without closing it to public travel. State v. Kean, 69 N. H. 122, 45 A. 256, 48 L. R. A. 102; State v. Pomeroys, 73 Wis. 664, 41 N. W. 726; Barton v. Campbell, 54 Ohio St. 147, 42 N. E. 698; Grand Rapids v. Hughes, 15 Mich. 57; State v. Leaver, 62 Wis. 357, 22 N. W. 576; Bloom v. City of Orange, 91 N. J. Law, 376, 103 A. 395; Bier v. Walbaum, 102 N. J. Law, 385, 131 A. 888, 889; State v. Scott, 82 N. H. 278, 132 A. 655, 686.

In the Law of Easements

Where the owner of an easement alters the dominant tenement, so as to impose an additional restriction or burden on the servient tenement, he is said to commit an encroachment. Sweet.

ENCUMBER. See Incumbent.

ENCUMBRANCE. See Incumbrance.

END. Object; Intent. Things are construed according to the end. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 10.

—End on or nearly so. Approaching vessels whose courses diverge not more than one or two points are meeting "end on or nearly so," within article 15 of the Inland Rules (33 US CA § 203), and are required to pass port to port. The Amoco (C. G. A.) 283 F. 299, 393.

—End to end. The expression "end to end," used in a patent claim in describing the relative position of rollers, does not necessarily require that there shall be no longitudinal space between the ends of the rollers, nor impose a limitation which will enable another to avoid infringement by leaving a space between them, where it does not change their function or mode of operation. Stebler v. Riverside Heights Orange Growers' Ass'n (C. C. A.) 205 F. 735, 740.

END LINES. In mining law, the end lines of a claim, as platted or laid down on the ground, are those which mark its boundaries on the shorter dimension, where it crosses the vein, while the "side lines" are those which mark its longer dimension, where it follows the course of the vein. But with reference to extra-lateral rights, if the claim as a whole crosses the vein, instead of following its course, the end lines will become side lines and vice versa. Consolidated Wyoming Gold Min. Co. v. Champion Min. Co. (C. C.) 63 F. 549; Del Monte Min. & Mill. Co. v. Last Chance Min. Co., 171 U. S. 55, 18 S. Ct. 895, 42 L. Ed. 72; Northport Smelting & Refining Co. v. Lone Pine-Surprise Consol. Mines Co. (D. C.) 271 F. 105, 108; Jim Butler


END OF WILL. Whether a will has been signed or attested at the "end" depends on the particular facts and circumstances of each case. In re Peiser's Will, 79 Misc. 668, 149 N. Y. S. 844, 848; In re Rudolph's Estate, 97 Misc. 548, 163 N. Y. S. 411, 412; In re Lowden's Estate, 106 Misc. 707, 175 N. Y. S. 591; In re Moro's Estate, 183 Cal. 29, 190 P. 168, 169, 10 A. L. R. 422.

END SILLS. The sill of a car is one of the main longitudinal timbers which are connected transversely by the end sills, bolsters, and cross-ties. Sills are divided into side sills, intermediate sills, and center sills. The end sill is the transverse member of the under frame of a car framed across the ends of all the longitudinal sills. In passenger cars the end sill comes directly under the end door; the platform with its various parts usually being a separate construction. The platform end sill is the transverse end piece of the platform frame, and is also called the "end timber" and buffer beam on passenger equipment cars. Hill v. Minneapolis, St. P. & S. S. M. Ry. Co., 180 Minn. 454, 200 N. W. 485, 486.

ENDENZIE, or ENDENIZEN. To make free; to enfranchise.

ENDOCARDITIS. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the muscular tissue of the heart.

ENDORSE. See Indorse.

ENDOW. To give a dower; to bestow upon; to make pecuniary provision for. Fish v. Fish, 184 Ky. 700, 212 S. W. 586, 587; In re McLure's Estate, 63 Mont. 536, 208 F. 900, 902.

ENDOWED SCHOOLS. In England, certain schools having endowments are distinctively known as "endowed schools;" and a series of acts of parliament regulating them are known as the "endowed schools acts." Mezley & Whitley.

ENDOWMENT. The assignment of dower; the setting off a woman's dower. 2 Bl. Comm. 123.

In appropriations of churches (in English law), the setting off a sufficient maintenance for the vicar in perpetuity. 1 Bl. Comm. 387.

The act of settling a fund, or permanent pecuniary provision, for the maintenance of a public institution, charity, college, etc. A fund settled upon a public institution, etc., for its maintenance or use.

The words "endowment" and "fund," in a statute exempting from taxation the real estate, the furniture and personal property, and the "endowment or fund" of religious and educational corporations, are ejusdem generis, and intended to com-
ENDOWMENT POLICY. In life insurance, a policy which is payable when the insured reaches a given age, or upon his decease, if that occurs earlier. Carr v. Hamilton, 129 U. S. 252, 9 S. Ct. 295, 32 L. Ed. 669; State v. Orear, 45 S. W. 1081, 144 Mo. 157.

ENEMY, in public law, signifies either the state which is at war with another, or a citizen or subject of such state, or a person, partnership, or corporation doing business within the territory of an enemy state or an ally thereof. Swiss Nat. Ins. Co. v. Miller, 267 U. S. 42, 45 S. Ct. 213, 214, 69 L. Ed. 594; Niederländische Petroleum en Asphalt Maatschappij v. Interocian Oil Co., 209 N. Y. S. 45, 46, 208 App. Div. 107; United States v. Fricke (D. C.) 239 F. 673, 675; Rossie v. Garvan (D. O.) 274 F. 447, 453; Tortorello v. Seghorn (N. J. Ch.) 108 A. 398.

Alien Enemy

An alien, that is, a citizen or subject of a foreign state or power, residing within a given country, is called an "alien ami" if the country where he lives is at peace with the country of which he is a citizen or subject; but if a state of war exists between the two countries, he is called an "enemy amid," and in that character is denied access to the courts or aid from any of the departments of government.

Enemy's Property

In international law, and particularly in the usage of prize courts, this term designates any property which is engaged or used in illegal intercourse with the public enemy, whether belonging to an ally or a citizen, as the illegal traffic stamps it with the hostile character and attaches to it all the penal consequences. The Benito Estenger, 176 U. S. 568, 20 S. Ct. 469, 44 L. Ed. 592; The Sally, 8 Cranch, 382, 3 L. Ed. 597; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 674, 17 L. Ed. 459.

Public Enemy

A nation at war with the United States; also every citizen or subject of such nation. Not including robbers, thieves, private depositories, and cattle upon the mariner, or by a release from the lord of all seigniorial rights, etc., which destroys the customary descent, and also all rights and privileges annexed to the copyholder's estate. 1 Watk. Coply. 362; 2 Steph. Oomm. 51.

ENFRANCHISEMENT OF COPYHOLDS. In English law. The conversion of copyhold into freehold tenure, by a conveyance of the fee-simple of the property from the lord of the manor to the copyholder, or by a release from the lord of all seigniorial rights, etc., which destroys the customary descent, and also all rights and privileges annexed to the copyholder's estate. 1 Watk. Coply. 362; 2 Steph. Oomm. 51.

ENGAGE. To employ or involve one's self; to take part in; to embark on. Smallwood v. Jeter, 42 Idaho, 168, 244 P. 149, 193; Barnett v. Merchants' Life Ins. Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, 87 Okl. 42, 208 P. 271, 274; Nowland v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of America, 89 W. Va. 503, 107 S. E. 177, 178; Marion v. Cleveland, 212 Mo. App. 457, 252 S. W. 95.
ENGAGED IN AVIATION. See Aviation.

ENGAGEMENT.

In French Law
A contract. The obligation arising from a quasi contract.
The terms "obligation" and "engagement" are said to be synonymous, (17 Toullier, no. 1;) but the Code seems specially to apply the term "engagement" to those obligations which the law imposes on a man without the intervention of any contract, either on the part of the obligor or the obligee, (article 1370.) An engagement to do or omit to do something amounts to a promise. Rue v. Rue, 21 N. J. Law, 360.

In English Practice
The term has been appropriated to denote a contract entered into by a married woman with the intention of binding or charging her separate estate, or, with stricter accuracy, a promise which in the case of a person sui juris would be a contract, but in the case of a married woman is not a contract, because she cannot bind herself personally, even in equity. Her engagements, therefore, merely operate as dispositions or appointments pro fante of her separate estate. Sweet.

ENGENDER. To cause, to bring about, to excite, to occasion, to call forth. Lacy v. State, 30 Okl. Cr. 273, 238 P. 53, 54.

ENGINE. This is said to be a word of very general significance; and, when used in an act, its meaning must be sought out from the act itself, and the language which surrounds it, and also from other acts in pari materia, in which it occurs. Abbott, J., 6 Maule & S. 102. In a large sense, it applies to all utensils and tools which afford the means of carrying on a trade. But in a more limited sense it means a thing of considerable dimensions, of a fixed or permanent nature, analogous to an erection or building. Id. 182. And see Lettier v. Forsberg, 1 App. D. C. 41; Brown v. Benson, 101 Ga. 753, 29 S. E. 215.

Within Employers’ Liability Law, § 1, par. 2, subd. (a), an “engine” is an ingenious or skilful contrivance used to effect a purpose, and is often synonymous with the word “machine”; machinery being any combination of mechanical means designed to work together so as to effect a given end. Haddad v. Commercial Motor Truck Co., 146 La. 897, 84 So. 197, 198, 9 A. L. R. 1380.

Compound Compressed Air Engine
An engine in which the compressed air is first used in a high pressure cylinder, that is, in a cylinder of relatively small diameter, and after driving the piston connected therewith, instead of being permitted to escape, is conveyed to a low pressure cylinder, that is, to a cylinder of larger diameter, where it still has sufficient expansive force to drive another piston. This operation may again be repeated in a third cylinder or the air be permitted to escape to the atmosphere. H. K. Porter Co. v. Baldwin Locomotive Works (D. C.) 219 F. 226, 229.

ENGLESHERE. A law was made by Canute, for the preservation of his Danes, that, when a man was killed, the hundred or town should be liable to be amerced, unless it could be proved that the person killed was an Englishman. This proof was called “Englesheire.” 1 Hale, P. C. 447; 4 Bl. Comm. 196; Spelman.

ENGLETERRE. L. Fr. England.

ENGLISH INFORMATION. In English law. A proceeding in the court of exchequer in matters of revenue.

ENGLISH MARRIAGE. This phrase may refer to the place where the marriage is solemnized, or it may refer to the nationality and domicile of the parties between whom it is solemnized, the place where the union so created is to be enjoyed. 6 Prob. Div. 51.

ENGRAVING. In copyright law. The art of producing on hard material incised or raised patterns, lines, and the like, from which an impression or print is taken. The term may apply to a text or script, but is generally restricted to pictorial illustrations or works connected with the fine arts, not including the reproduction of pictures by means of photography. Wood v. Abbott, 5 Blatchf. 325, Fed. Cas. No. 17,988; Higgins v. Keuffel, 140 U. S. 428, 11 Sup. Ct. 731, 35 L. Ed. 470; In re American Bank Note Co., 27 Misc. Rep. 572, 58 N. Y. Supp. 276.

ENGROSS. To copy the rude draft of an instrument in a fair, large hand. To write out, in a large, fair hand, on parchment.

In Old Criminal Law
To buy up so much of a commodity on the market as to obtain a monopoly and sell again at a forced price.

ENGROSSER. One who engrosses or writes on parchment in a large, fair hand. One who purchases large quantities of any commodity in order to acquire a monopoly, and to sell them again at high prices.

ENGROSSING. In English law. The getting into one’s possession, or buying up, large quantities of corn, or other dead victuals, with intent to sell them again. The total engrossing of any other commodity, with intent to sell it at an unreasonable price. 4 Bl. Comm. 158, 159. This was a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment. Steph. Crim. Law, 96. Now repealed by 7 & 8 Vict. c. 24. 4 Steph. Comm. 291, note.

ENHANCED. This word, taken in an unqualified sense, is synonymous with “increased,” and comprehends any increase of
value, however caused or arising. Thornburn v. Doscher (C. C.) 32 Fed. 812.

ENHERITIA PARS. The share of the eldest. A term of the English law descriptive of the lot or share chosen by the eldest of coparencers when they make a voluntary partition. The first choice (primer election) belongs to the eldest. Co. Litt. 166.

Enitia pars semper praferenda est propter privilegium statu. Co. Litt. 106. The part of the elder sister is always to be preferred on account of the privilege of age.

ENJOIN. To require; command; positively direct. To require a person, by writ of injunction from a court of equity, to perform, or to abstain or desist from, some act. Clifford v. Stewart, 95 Me. 38, 40 Atl. 52; Lawrence v. Cooke, 32 Hun. 126; Brimberg v. Hartenfeld Bag Co., 89 N. J. Eq. 425, 105 A. 68, 69.

ENJOYMENT. The exercise of a right; the possession and fruition of a right, privilege or incorporeal hereditament.


Adverse Enjoyment

The possession or exercise of an easement, under a claim of right against the owner of the land out of which such easement is derived. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 42; Cox v. Forrest, 60 Md. 79.

Quiet Enjoyment

Covenant for. See Covenant.

ENLARGE. To make larger; to increase; to extend a time limit; to grant further time. Also to set at liberty one who has been imprisoned or in custody.

ENLARGER L'ESTATE. A species of release which inures by way of enlarging an estate, and consists of a conveyance of the ulterior interest to the particular tenant; as if there be tenant for life or years, remainder to another in fee, and he in remainder releases all his right to the particular tenant and his heirs, this gives him the estate in fee. 1 Steph. Comm. 518.

ENLARGING. Extending, or making more comprehensive; as an enlarging statute, which is a remedial statute enlarging or extending the common law. 1 Bl. Comm. 86, 87.

ENLISTMENT. The act of one who voluntarily enters the military or naval service of the government, contracting to serve in a subordinate capacity. Morrissey v. Perry, 137 U. S. 157, 11 Sup. Ct. 57, 34 L. Ed. 644; Bab-
ENROLLMENT. The act of putting upon a roll.

In English law. The registering or entering on the rolls of chancery, king's bench, common pleas, or exchequer, or by the clerk of the peace in the records of the quarter sessions, of any lawful act; as a recognition, a deed of bargain and sale, and the like. Jacob.

ENROLLMENT OF VESSELS. In the laws of the United States on the subject of merchant shipping, the recording and certification of vessels employed in coastwise or inland navigation; as distinguished from the "registration" of vessels employed in foreign commerce. U. S. v. Leetzel, 3 Wall. 566, 18 L. Ed. 67.

ENROLLMENT RECORDS. All the testimony and exhibits tending to establish age that were in evidence before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and the conclusions of the Commission based thereon from the date of the application for enrollment of any particular individual up to the date of the ascertainment by the Commission as to whether the name of such person was intended to be included upon the final roll of the nation in which he claimed citizenship. Campbell v. McSpadden, 44 Okl. 138, 44 P. 1138, 1139; Scott v. Brakel, 43 Okl. 655, 143 P. 510, 511; Perryman v. Sharp, 71 Okl. 242, 176 P. 526, 528; Winsor v. Wilkinson, 98 Okl. 188, 244 P. 716, 718; Duncan v. Byars, 44 Okl. 538, 141 P. 1033, 1054.

ENS LEGIS. L. Lat. A creature of the law; an artificial person, as contrasted with a natural person. Applied to corporations, considered as deriving their existence entirely from the law.

ENSCHEDULE. To insert in a list, account, or writing.

ENSEAL. To seal. Ensealing is still used as a formal word in conveyancing.

ENSERVER. L. Fr. To make subject to a service or servitude. Britt. c. 54.

ENSUE. To follow after; to follow in order or train of events. Agricultural Publishers' Ass'n v. Homestead Co., 197 Iowa, 380, 197 N. W. 314.

ENTAIL, n. To settle or limit the succession to real property; to create an estate tail.

ENTAIL, v. A fee abridged or limited to the issue, or certain classes of issue, instead of descending to all the heirs. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 66; Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 112, note. Stearns v. Curry, 306 Ill. 94, 137 N. E. 471, 472.

Entail, in legal treatises, is used to signify an estate tail, especially with reference to the restraint which such an estate imposes upon its own-er, or, in other words, the points wherein such an estate differs from an estate in fee-simple. And this is often its popular sense; but sometimes it is, in popular language, used differently, so as to signify a succession of life-estates, as when it is said that "an entail ends with A.,” meaning that A. is the first person who is entitled to bar or cut off the entail, being in law the first tenant in tail. Motley & Whitley.

Break or Bar an Entail

To free an estate from the limitations imposed by an entail and permit its free disposition, ancienly by means of a fine or common recovery, but now by deed in which the tenant and next heir join.

Quasi Entail

An estate pur autre vie may be granted, not only to a man and his heirs, but to a man and the heirs of his body, which is termed a "quasi entail;” the interest so granted not being properly an estate-tail, (for the statute De Donis applies only where the subject of the entail is an estate of inheritance,) but yet so far in the nature of an estate-tail that it will go to the heir of the body as special occupant during the life of the ceutul qui vie, in the same manner as an estate of inheritance would descend, if limited to the grantee and the heirs of his body. Wharton.

ENTAILED. Settled or limited to specified heirs, or in tail.

ENTAILED MONEY. Money directed to be invested in realty to be entailed. 3 & 4 Wm. IV, c. 74, §§ 70, 71, 72.

ENTAILMENT. An interference with and curtailment of the ordinary rules pertaining to devolution by inheritance; a limitation and direction by which property is to descend different from the course which it would take if the creator of the entailment, grantor or testator, had been content that the estate should devolve in regular and general succession to heirs at law in the statutory order of precedence and sequence. Gardner v. Anderson, 114 Kan. 778, 227 P. 745, 748.

ENTENCION. In old English law. The plaintiff's count or declaration.

ENTENDMENT. The old form of intendment (q. v.) derived directly from the French, and used to denote the true meaning or significance of a word or sentence; that is, the understanding or construction of law. Cowell.

ENTER.

In the Law of Real Property

To go upon land for the purpose of taking possession of it. In strict usage, the entering is preliminary to the taking possession but in common parlance the entry is now merged in the taking possession. See Entry.
In Practice

To place anything before a court, or upon or among the records, in a formal and regular manner, and usually in writing; as to "enter an appearance," to "enter a judgment." In this sense the word is nearly equivalent to setting down formally in writing, in either a full or abridged form.

In General


—Entering short. When bills not due are paid into a bank by a customer, it is the custom of some bankers not to carry the amount of the bills directly to his credit, but to "enter them short," as it is called, i.e., to note down the receipt of the bills, their amounts, and the times when they become due in a previous column of the page, and the amounts when received are carried forward into the usual cash column. Sometimes, instead of entering such bills short, bankers credit the customer directly with the amount of the bills as cash, charging interest on any advances they may make on their account, and allow him at once to draw upon them to that amount. If the banker becomes bankrupt, the property in bills entered short does not pass to his assignees, but the customer is entitled to them if they remain in his hands, or to their proceeds, if received, subject to any lien the banker may have upon them. Wharton.

ENTERCOURT. L. Fr. A party challenging (claiming) goods; he who has placed them in the hands of a third person. Kelham.


ENTERTAINMENT. This word is synonymous with "board," and includes the ordinary necessities of life. See Scattergood v. Waterman, 2 Miles (Pa.) 323; Lasar v. Johnson, 125 Cal. 549, 58 P. 161; In re Breslin, 45 Hun, 213. Hospitable provision for the wants of a guest, especially a provision for the table. City of Ft. Smith v. Gunter, 106 Ark. 371, 154 S. W. 181, 183.

ENTHUSIASTS. Those who believe far more than they can prove and can prove far more than any other one can believe. Peskind v. State, 115 Ohio St. 279, 152 N. E. 670.


ENTIRE. Whole; without division, separation, or diminution; unmingled; complete in all its parts; not participated in by others. 15 Cyc. 1054; 11 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 48; Miller v. Walley, 122 Miss. 521, 84 So. 466, 468; City of Waco v. Texas Life Ins. Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 223 S. W. 245, 247.


ENTIRE CONTRACT. See Contract.

ENTIRE DAY. This phrase signifies an undivided day, not parts of two days. An entire day must have a legal, fixed, precise time to begin, and a fixed, precise time to end. A day, in contemplation of law, comprises all the twenty-four hours, beginning and ending at twelve o'clock at night. Robertson v. State, 43 Ala. 325. In a statute requiring the closing of all liquor saloons during "the entire day of any election," etc., this phrase means the natural day of twenty-four hours, commencing and terminating at midnight. Hallin v. State, 7 Tex. App. 30.

ENTIRE INTEREST. The whole interest or right, without diminution. Where a person in selling his tract of land sells also his entire interest in all improvements upon public land adjacent thereto, this vests in the purchaser only a quitclaim of his interest in the improvements. McLeroy v. Duckworth, 13 La. Ann. 410.

ENTIRE STRUCTURE. Under lien statute. Not a completed, as distinguished from an uncompleted, building, but a new structure, not before existing, as distinguished from betterments and repairs on previously constructed improvements. *Atkinson v. Colorado Title & Trust Co.*, 59 Colo. 528, 151 P. 457, 461.

ENTIRE TENANCY. A sole possession by one person, called "severalty," which is contrary to several tenancy, where a joint or common possession is in one or more.

ENTIRE USE, BENEFIT, ETC. These words in the *habendum* of a trust-deed for the benefit of a married woman are equivalent to the words "sole use," or "sole and separate use," and consequently her husband takes nothing under such deed. *Heathman v. Hall*, 38 N. C. 414.


ENTIRETY. The whole, in contradistinction to a moiety or part only. When land is conveyed to husband and wife, they do not take by moieties, but both are seised of the entirety. 2 Kent, Comm. 132; 4 Kent, Comm. 382. Parceners, on the other hand, have not an entirety of interest, but each or only entitled to the whole of a distinct moiety. 2 Bl. Comm. 188. See Estate by the Entirety.

The word is also used to designate that which the law considers as one whole, and not capable of being divided into parts. Thus, a judgment, it is held, is an entirety, and, if void as to one of the two defendants, cannot be valid as to the other. So, if a contract is an entirety, no part of the consideration is due until the whole has been performed.


In Ecclesiastical Law

To entitle is to give a title or ordination as a minister.


ENTREBAT. L. Fr. An intruder or interloper. *Britt. c. 114.


ENTREPÔT. A warehouse or magazine for the deposit of goods. In France, a building or place where goods from abroad may be deposited, and from whence they may be withdrawn for exportation to another country, without paying a duty. *Brandt; Webster*.

ENTRY.

In Real Property Law

Entry is the act of going peaceably upon a piece of land which is claimed as one's own, but is held by another person, with the intention and for the purpose of taking possession of it.

Entry is a remedy which the law affords to an injured party ousted of his lands by another person who has taken possession thereof without right. This remedy (which must in all cases be pursued peaceably) takes place in three only out of the five species of ouster, viz., abatement, Intrusion, and disseisin; for, as in these three cases the original entry of the wrong-doer is unlawful, so the wrong may be remedied by the mere entry of the former possessor. But it is otherwise upon a discontinuance or deforciement, for in these latter two cases the former possessor cannot remedy the wrong by entry, but must do so by action, inasmuch as the original entry being in these cases lawful, and therefore conferring an apparent right of possession, the
law will not suffer such apparent right to be overthrown by the mere act or entry of the claimant. Brown. See Innes v. Mims, 1 Ala. 674; Moore v. Hodgdon, 18 N. H. 143; Riley v. People, 29 Ill. App. 139; Johnson v. Cobb, 29 S. C. 375, 7 S. E. 601.

—Forible entry. See that title.

—Re-entry. The resumption of the possession of leased premises by the landlord on the tenant's failure to pay the stipulated rent or otherwise to keep the conditions of the lease.

—Open entry. An entry upon real estate, for the purpose of taking possession, which is not clandestine nor effected by secret artifice or stratagem, and (in some states by statute) one which is accomplished in the presence of two witnesses. Thompson v. Kenyon, 100 Mass. 108.

In Criminal Law

Entry is the unlawful making one's way into a dwelling or other house, for the purpose of committing a crime therein.

In cases of burglary, the least entry with the whole or any part of the body, hand, or foot, or with any instrument or weapon, introduced for the purpose of committing a felony, is sufficient to complete the offense. 3 Inst. 64. And see Walker v. State, 63 Ala. 49, 35 Am. Rep. 1; Conner v. Glover, 111 Mass. 402; Franco v. State, 42 Tex. 239; State v. McCull, 4 Ala. 644, 39 Am. Dec. 314; Pen. Code N. Y. § 501; Vernon's Ann. Pen. Code, art. 1393.

In Practice

Entry denotes the formal inscription upon the rolls or records of a court of a note or minute of any of the proceedings in an action; and it is frequently applied to the filing of a proceeding in writing, such as a notice of appearance by a defendant, and, very generally, to the filing of the judgment roll as a record in the office of the court. Thomason v. Ruggles, 60 Cal. 425, 11 P. 20; State v. Lamm, 9 S. D. 429; N. W. 552; McMillan v. Town of Plymouth, Electric Light & Power Co., 70 Ind. App. 239, 123 N. E. 448, 445; State v. Marty, 52 N. D. 478, 203 N. W. 679, 681; Beuhler v. Beuhler Realty Co., 155 La. 319, 99 So. 279, 277; Ex parte Rains, 115 Tex. 428, 257 S. W. 217, 220; Dawson v. Phillips, 78 W. Va. 14, 85 S. E. 456, 457; The Washington (C. C. A.), 16 F.(2d) 206, 208; Littlejohn v. Littlejohn, 226 Mass. 326, 128 N. E. 425, 426; City of Talladega v. Jackson-Trukey Lumber Co., 209 Ala. 106, 95 So. 455, 458; State v. Ellis, 211 Ala. 489, 100 So. 866, 867.

—Entry of cause for trial. In English practice. The proceeding by a plaintiff in an action who had given notice of trial, Depositing with the proper officer of the court the nisi prius record, with the panel of jurors annexed, and thus bringing the issue before the court for trial.

—Entry on the roll. In former times, the parties to an action, personally or by their counsel, used to appear in open court and make their mutual statements until such time, in

steal of as at the present day delivering their mutual pleadings, until they arrived at the issue or precise point in dispute between them. During the progress of this oral statement, a minute of the various proceedings was made on parchment by an officer of the court appointed for that purpose. The parchment then became the record; in other words, the official history of the suit. Long after the practice of oral pleading had fallen into disuse, it continued necessary to enter the proceedings in like manner upon the parchment roll, and this was called "entry on the roll," or making up the "issue roll." But by a rule of H. T. 4 Wm. IV, the practice of making up the issue roll was abolished; and it was only necessary to make up the issue in the form prescribed for the purpose by a rule of H. T. 1853, and to deliver the same to the court and to the opposite party. The issue which was delivered to the court was called the "nisi prius record," and that was regarded as the official history of the suit, in like manner as the issue roll formerly was. Under the present practice, the issue roll or nisi prius record consists of the papers delivered to the court, to facilitate the trial of the action, these papers constituting the pleadings simply, with the notice of trial. Brown.

In Commercial Law

Entry denotes the act of a merchant, trader, or other business man in recording in his account-books the facts and circumstances of a sale, loan, or other transaction. Also the note or record so made. Bissell v. Beckwith, 32 Conn. 517; U. S. v. Crescent (D. C.) 34 F. 39. The books in which such memoranda are first (or originally) inscribed are called "books of original entry," and are prima facie evidence for certain purposes.

—Entry in regular course of business. A record setting forth a fact or transaction made by one in the ordinary and usual course of one's business, employment, office or profession, which it was the duty of the enterer in such manner to make, or which was commonly and regularly made, or which it was convenient to make, in the conduct of the business to which such entry pertains. Leonard v. State, 100 Ohio St. 456, 127 N. E. 464, 468; Bolden v. State, 140 Tenn. 118, 203 S. W. 755.

In Revenue Law

The entry of imported goods at the custom house consists in submitting them to the inspection of the revenue officers, together with a statement or description of such goods, and the original invoices of the same, for the purpose of estimating the duties to be paid thereon. U. S. v. Legg, 105 F. 960, 45 C. C. A. 124; U. S. v. Baker, 24 Fed. Cas. 963; U. S. v. Selendberg (C. C.) 17 F. 293.

In Parliamentary Law

The "entry" of a proposed constitutional amendment or of any other document or

In Copyright Law

Depositing with the register of copyrights the printed title of a book, pamphlet, etc., for the purpose of securing copyright on the same. The old formula for giving copyright notice was, "Entered according to act of congress," etc.

In Public Land Laws

Under the provisions of the land laws of the United States, the term "entry" denotes the filing at the land-office, or inscription upon its records, of the documents required to found a claim for a homestead or pre-emption right, and as preliminary to the issuing of a patent for the land. Chotard v. Pope, 12 Wheat. 588, 6 L. Ed. 737; Sturr v. Beck, 133 U. S. 541; 10 S. Ct. 350, 33 L. Ed. 761; Goddard v. Storch, 57 Kan. 714, 48 P. 15; Goodnow v. Wells, 67 Iowa, 654, 25 N. W. 894; Stephens v. Terry, 178 Ky. 129, 198 S. W. 768, 771.

The word "entry," as used in the public land laws, covers all methods by which a right to acquire title to public lands may be initiated. United States v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co. (C. C.) 204 F. 485, 487.

—Entry by court. Acts 1923, c. 6, amending Acts 1921, c. 112, § 138, provides that county court may enter upon lands and build roads and within 60 days after such entry shall petition for assessment of compensation. An "entry" within statute means the establishing of the road on, and appropriation of, the land, by a proper order of the county court. To effect an entry under the statute it is not necessary that the county court go upon the lands and begin the work of construction. McGibbon v. Roane County Court, 95 W. Va. 338, 121 S. E. 99, 104.


—Homestead entry. An entry under the United States land laws for the purpose of acquiring title to a portion of the public domain under the homestead laws, consisting of an affidavit of the claimant's right to enter, a formal application for the land, and payment of the money required. Hastings & D. R. Co. v. Whitney, 132 U. S. 357, 10 S. Ct. 112, 33 L. Ed. 363; Dealy v. U. S., 152 U. S. 539, 14 S. Ct. 680, 38 L. Ed. 545; McConley v. Essig (C. C.) 118 F. 277; Whitmire v. Spears, 212 Ala. 573, 583, 103 So. 686, 689.


—Pre-emption entry. An entry of public lands for purchase under the pre-emption laws, giving the entryman a preferred right to acquire the land by virtue of his occupation and improvement of it. Hartman v. Warren, 76 F. 161, 22 C. C. A. 30; McFadden v. Mountain View Min. Co. (C. C.) 57 F. 154.


In Mining Law

A place in coal mines used by the miners and other workmen generally in going to and from their work, through which coal is hauled from the necks of the rooms to the foot of the shaft; a "room" being the place in which a miner works and from which he mines coal. Ricardo v. Central Coal & Coke Co., 100 Kan. 95, 103 P. 641, 643.

In Scotch Law

The term refers to the acknowledgment of the title of the heir, etc., to be admitted by the superior.

ENTRY, WRIT OF. In old English practice. This was a writ made use of in a form of real action brought to recover the possession of lands from one who wrongfully withheld the same from the demandant.

Its object was to regain the possession of lands of which the demandant, or his ancestors, had been unjustly deprived by the tenant of the freehold, or those under whom he claimed, and hence it belonged to the possessory division of real actions. It decided nothing with respect to the right of property, but only restored the demandant to that situation in which he was (or by law ought to have been) before the dispossessory committed. 3 Bl. Comm. 180. It was usual to specify in such writs the degree or degrees within which the writ was brought, and it was said to be "in the per" or "in the per and caul," according as there had been one or two descendents or alienations from the original wrongdoer. If more than two such transfers had intervened, the writ was said to be "in the post." See 3 Bl. Comm. 181. See, further, Writ of Entry.

—Entry ad communem legem. Entry at common law. The name of a writ of entry which
lay for a reversioner after the alienation and
death of the particular tenant for life, against
him who was in possession of the land.
Brown.

—Entry ad terminum qui praterit. The writ
of entry ad terminum qui praterit lies where
a man leases land to another for a term of
years, and the tenant holds over his term.
And if lands he leased to a man for the term
of another's life, and he for whose life the
lands are leased dies, and the lessee holds
over, then the lessor shall have this writ.
Termes de la Ley.

—Entry for marriage in speech. A writ of en-
try causa matrimonii praequiqui lies where
lands or tenements are given to a man upon
condition that he shall take the donor to be
his wife within a certain time, and he does
not espouse her within the said term, or es-
pouses another woman, or makes himself
priest. Termes de la Ley.

—Entry in casu consimili. A writ of entry in
casu consimili lies where a tenant for life or
by the curtesy aliens in fee. Termes de la
Ley.

—Entry in the case provided. A writ of entry
in casu proviso lies if a tenant in dower alien
in fee, or for life, or for another's life, living
the tenant in dower. Termes de la Ley.

—Entry without assent of the chapter. A writ
of entry sine asessu capituli lies where an
abbot, prior, or such as hath covert or com-
mon seal, aliens lands or tenements of the
right of his church, without the assent of the
covert or chapter, and dies. Termes de la
Ley.

ENUMERATED. This term is often used in
law as equivalent to “mentioned specifically,”
“designated,” or “expressly named or grant-
ed”; as in speaking of “enumerated” gov-
ernmental powers, items of property, or ar-
ticles in a tariff schedule. See Bloomer v.
Todd, 3 Wash. T. 599, 19 P. 135, 1 L. R. A.
111; Wolff v. U. S., 71 F. 291, 18 C. O. A. 41;
San Francisco v. Pennie, 93 Cal. 465, 29 P.
69; Cutting v. Cutting, 20 Hun, 365.

Enumeratio infrarn regulam in casibus non
enumeratis. Enumeration disaffirms the rule
in cases not enumerated. Bac. Aph. 17.

Enumeratio unius est exclusio alterius. The
specification of one thing is the exclusion of
a different thing. A maxim more generally
expressed in the form “expressio unius est
exclusio alterius.” (q. v.)

ENUMERATORS. Persons appointed to col-
lect census papers or schedules. 33 & 34 Vict.

ENURE. To operate or take effect. To serve
to the use, benefit, or advantage of a person.
A release to the tenant for life enures to him
in reversion; that is, it has the same effect
for him as for the tenant for life. Often
written “inure.”

ENVY. In international law. A public min-
ister of the second class, ranking next after
an ambassador.

Envoys are either ordinary or extraordi-
ary; by custom the latter is held in greater
consideration.

EO DIE. Lat. On that day; on the same
day.

EO INSTANTE. Lat. At that instant; at
the very or same instant; immediately. 1
Litt. 298a; 1 Coke 158.

EO INTUITU. Lat. With or in that view;
with that intent or object. Hale, Anal. § 2.

EO LOCI. Lat. In the civil law. In that
state or condition; in that place, (eo loco.)
Calvin.

EO NOMINE. Lat. Under that name; by
that appellation. Perinde ac si eo nomine
libri tradita sunt, just as if it had been deli-
ered to you by that name. Inst. 2, 1, 43.
A common phrase in the books.

Eodem ligamine quo ligatum est dissolvitur.
A bond is released by the same formalities
with which it is contracted. Co. Litt. 212b;
Broom, Max. 891.

Eodem modo quo quid constituitur, dissolvitur.
In the manner in which [by the same means
by which] a thing is constituted, is it dis-
solved. 6 Coke, 536.

EORLE. In Saxon law. An earl.

EOTH. In Saxon law. An oath.

EPIDEMIC. This term, in its ordinary and
popular meaning, applies to any disease which
is widely spread or generally prevailing at
a given place and time. Pohalski v. Mutual L.

EPILEPSY. In medical jurisprudence. A
disease of the brain, which occurs in parox-
ysms with uncertain intervals between
them. Vulgarly called “fits.” Westphall v.
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., 27 Cal. App. 754,
151 P. 159, 162; Busch v. Gruber, 96 N. J.
Eq. 1, 131 A. 101.

The disease is generally organic, though it
may be functional and symptomatic of irritation
in other parts of the body. The attack is charac-
terized by loss of consciousness, sudden falling
down, distortion of the eyes and face, grinding or
grasping of the teeth, stertorous respiration, and
more or less severe muscular spasms or convulsions. Epilepsy,
thought of a disease of the brain, is not to be regarded
as a form of insanity, in the sense that a person
thus afflicted can be said to be permanently insane,
for there may be little or no mental aberration in
the intervals between the attacks. But the parox-
ysm is frequently followed by a temporary insanity,
varying in particular instances from slight alienation to the most violent mania. In the latter form the affection is known as "epileptic fury." But this generally passes off within a few days. But the course of the principal disease is generally one of deterioration, the brain being gradually more and more deranged in its functions in the intervals of attack, and the memory and intellectual powers in general becoming enfeebled, leading to a greatly impaired state of mental efficiency, or to dementia, or a condition bordering on imbecility. See Arens v. Anderson, 2 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 318; Lawton v. Sun Mutual Ins. Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 357.

Proof of epilepsy does not necessarily directly establish insanity, as epilepsy is not as a matter of fact or law insanity, though evidence thereof may bear on the mental condition of the afflicted person to the extent of establishing insanity. Oborn v. State, 126 N. W. 797, 747, 142 Wis. 249, 31 L. R. A. (N. S.) 956.

Hystero-epilepsy

A condition initiated by an apparently mild attack of convulsive hystera, followed by an epileptiform convolution, and succeeded by a period of "clownism" (Osler) in which the patient assumes a remarkable series of droll contortions or cataleptic poses, sometimes simulating attitudes expressive of various passions, as, fear, joy, eroticism, etc. The final stage is one of delirium with unusual hallucinations. The attack differs from true epilepsy in that the convulsions may continue without serious result for several successive days, while true epilepsy, if persistent, is always serious, associated with fever, and frequently fatal.

EPIMENIA. Expenses or gifts. Blount.

EPHINANY. A Christian festival, otherwise called the "Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles," observed on the 6th of January, in honor of the appearance of the star to the three magi, or wise men, who came to adore the Messiah, and bring him presents. It is commonly called "Twelfth Day." Enc. Lond.

EPIQUEYA. In Spanish law. A term synonymous with "equity" in one of its senses, and defined as "the benignant and prudent interpretation of the law according to the circumstances of the time, place, and person."

EPISCOPACY. The office of overlooking or overseeing; the office of a bishop, who is to overlook and oversee the concerns of the church. A form of church government by diocesan bishops. Trustees of Diocese of Central New York v. Colgrove, 4 Hun (N. Y.) 306.

EPISCOPALIA. In ecclesiastical law. Synodals, pentecostals, and other customary payments from the clergy to their diocesan bishop, formerly collected by the rural deans. Cowell.

EPISCOPALIAN. Of or pertaining to episcopacy, or to the Episcopal Church.

EPISCOPATE. A bishopric. The dignity or office of a bishop.

EPISCOPUS.

In the Civil Law

An overseer; an inspector. A municipal officer who had the charge and oversight of the bread and other provisions which served the citizens for their daily food. Victat.

In Medieval History

A bishop; a bishop of the Christian church.

In General

-Episopus puero rum. It was an old custom that upon certain feasts some lay person should plait his hair, and put on the garments of a bishop, and in them pretend to exercise episcopal jurisdiction, and do several lusious actions, for which reason he was called "bishop of the boys," and this custom obtained in England long after several constitutions were made to abolish it. Blount.

Episcopus alterius mandato quam regis non tenetur obtentare. Co. Litt. 134. A bishop needs not obey any mandate save the king's.

Episcopus tenet placitum, in curia christianitas, de iles que mere sunt spiritualia. 12 Coke, 44. A bishop may hold plea in a Court Christian of things merely spiritual.

EPISTOLA. A letter; a charter; an instrument in writing for conveyance of lands or assurance of contracts. Calvin; Spelman.

EPISTOLAE. In the civil law. Rescripts; opinions given by the emperors in cases submitted to them for decision.

Answers of the emperors to petitions.

The answers of counselors, (juris-consulti,) as Ulpián and others, to questions of law proposed to them, were also called "epistolae."

Opinions written out. The term originally signified the same as litterae. Victat.

EPOCH. The time at which a new computation is begun; the time whence dates are numbered. Enc. Lond.


EQUAL AND UNIFORM TAXATION. Taxes are said to be "equal and uniform" when no person or class of persons in the taxing district, whether it be a state, county, or city, is taxed at a different rate than are other persons in the same district upon the same value or the same thing, and where the objects of taxation are the same, by whomsoever owned
or whatsoever they may be. Norris v. Waco, 57 Tex. 641; People v. Whyler, 41 Cal. 355; The Railroad Tax Cases (C. C.) 13 F. 753; Ottawa County v. Nelson, 19 Kan. 239.

EQUAL DEGREE. Persons are said to be related to a decedent "in equal degree" when they are all removed by an equal number of steps or degrees from the common ancestor. Fidler v. Higgins, 21 N. J. Eq. 102; Helmes v. Elliott, 89 Tenn. 446, 14 S. W. 930, 10 L. R. A. 553.

EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS. The equal protection of the laws of a state is extended to persons within its jurisdiction, within the meaning of the constitutional requirement, when its courts are open to them on the same conditions as to others, with like rules of evidence and modes of procedure, for the security of their persons and property, the prevention and redress of wrongs, and the enforcement of contracts; when they are subjected to no restrictions in the acquisition of property, the enjoyment of personal liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which do not generally affect others; when they are liable to no other or greater burdens and charges than such as are laid upon others; and when no different or greater punishment is enforced against them for a violation of the laws. State v. Montgomery, 94 Me. 192, 47 A. 165, 50 Am. St. Rep. 386. And see Duncan v. Missouri, 152 U. S. 377, 14 S. Ct. 570, 38 L. Ed. 485; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Carland, 5 Mont. 146, 3 Pac. 134; Missouri v. Lewis, 101 U. S. 25, 25 L. Ed. 889; Cotting v. Godard, 138 U. S. 79, 22 S. Ct. 30, 46 L. Ed. 92; State Board of Assessors v. Central R. Co., 48 N. J. Law, 146, 4 A. 578; Minneapolis & St. L. R. Co. v. Beckwith, 129 U. S. 26, 9 S. Ct. 207, 32 L. Ed. 553; State v. Sixth Taxing Dist., 104 Conn. 192, 132 A. 561, 563; Harrison v. Candle, 141 S. C. 407, 139 S. E. 842, 845; South Carolina v. McMaster, 257 U. S. 63, 35 S. Ct. 504, 505, 506, 59 L. Ed. 839; Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana v. Police Jury of Red River Parish, 140 La. 42, 72 So. 802, 804; Sealy v. Dussel, 137 La. 485, 102 So. 581; Davis v. Florida Power Co., 64 Fla. 246, 60 So. 759, 766, Ann. Cas. 1914B, 965; Power Mfg. Co. v. Saunders, 274 U. S. 490, 47 S. Ct. 678, 679, 71 L. Ed. 1165; City of New Orleans v. Le Blanc, 139 La. 113, 71 So. 248, 250.


Equality is equity. Fran. Max. 9, max. 3.

Thus, where an heir bears in an incumbrance for less than is due upon it, (except it be to protect an incumbrance to which he himself is entitled,) he shall be allowed no more than what he really paid for it, as against other incumbrancers upon the estate. 2 Vent. 353; 1 Vern. 48; 1 Salk. 155.

EQUALIZATION. The act or process of making equal or bringing about conformity to a common standard. The process of equalizing assessments or taxes, as performed by "boards of equalization" in various states, consists in comparing the assessments made by the local officers of the various counties or other taxing districts within the jurisdiction of the board and reducing them to a common and uniform basis, increasing or diminishing by such percentage as may be necessary, so as to bring about, within the entire territory affected, a uniform and equal ratio between the assessed value and the actual cash value of property. The term is also applied to a similar process of leveling or adjusting the assessments of individual taxpayers, so that the property of one shall not be assessed at a higher (or lower) percentage of its market value than the property of another. See Harney v. Mitchell County, 44 Iowa, 203; Wallace v. Bullen, 6 Old. 757, 54 P. 974; Poe v. Howell (N. M.) 67 P. 62; Chamberlain v. Walter, 60 Fed. 792; State v. Karr, 64 Neb. 514, 90 N. W. 298; People v. Orvis, 301 Ill. 550, 135 N. E. 787, 788, 24 A. L. R. 325; People v. Militard, 307 Ill. 556, 139 N. E. 113, 115.

EQUALLY DIVIDED. Provision in will that property shall be "equally divided," or divided "share and share alike" means that the property shall be divided per capita and not per stirpes. However, these phrases may be so modified by other parts of the will as to require distribution per stirpes. In re Mays' Estate, 197 Mo. App. 555, 196 S. W. 1099, 1040; In re Flint, 118 Misc. 134, 192 N. Y. S. 630; Prather v. Watson's Ex'r, 187 Ky. 709, 220 S. W. 532, 533; Garnier v. Garnier, 265 Pa. 175, 108 A. 586, 586; Burton v. Cahill, 193 N. C. 603, 135 S. E. 332, 335; In re Bailey's Estate, 124 Misc. 466, 209 N. Y. S. 137, 141; Rogers v. Burress, 150 Ky. 766, 251 S. W. 809, 811; In re Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 213 N. Y. 168, 107 N. E. 340, 342, 2 A. L. R. 910; In re Leverich's Will, 123 Misc. 130, 210 N. Y. S. 605, 606; Siedlaczek v. Drezury, 220 App. Div. 446, 221 N. Y. S. 625, 628.

EQUIERY. An officer of state under the master of the horse.

EQUES. Lat. In Roman and old English law. A knight.

EQUILOCUS. An equal. It is mentioned in Simeon Dunelm, A. D. 882. Jacob.

EQUINOXES. The two periods of the year (vernal equinox about March 21st, and autumnal equinox about September 22d) when the time from the rising of the sun to its setting
EQUIPMENT.


EQUITABLE. Just; conformable to the principles of justice and right. Just, fair, and right, in consideration of the facts and circumstances of the individual case. Existing in equity; available or sustanable only in equity, or only upon the rules and principles of equity. As to equitable “Assets,” “Construction,” “Conversion,” “Defense,” “Easement,” “Ejectment,” “Election,” “Estate,” “Estoppel,” “Execution,” “Garnishment,” “Lien,” “Title,” “Mortgage,” “Title,” and “Waste,” see those titles.

EQUITABLE ACTION. One founded on an equity or cognizable in a court of equity; or, more specifically, an action arising, not immediately from the contract in suit, but from an equity in favor of a third person, not a party to it, but for whose benefit certain stipulations or promises were made. Cragin v. Lovell, 3 S. Ct. 132, 135, 109 U. S. 194, 27 L. Ed. 908; Thomas v. Musical Mut. Protective Union, 121 N. Y. 45, 24 N. E. 24, 25, 8 L. R. A. 175; Wallis v. Shelly (C. C.) 80 F. 747, 748; People’s Bank of Mobile, Ala., v. Shreveport Ice & Brewing Co., 142 La. 502, 77 So. 636, 638; Trotter v. Dann, 83 Misc. 399, 145 N. Y. S. 56, 58.


EQUITABLE DEFENSE. A defense to an action on grounds which, prior to the passing of the Common Law Procedure Act (17 and 18 Vict. c. 125), would have been cognizable only in a court of equity. Moz. & W. The codes of procedure and the practice in some of the states likewise permit both a legal and equitable defense to the same action. Ford v. Huff (C. C. A.) 266 F. 652, 658; WM. Weissman Co. v. Cohen, 157 Minn. 161, 195 N. W. 388, 390; Kelly v. Hurt, 74 Mo. 561, 570; Susquehanna S. S. Co. v. A. O. Andersen & Co., 239 N. Y. 285, 146 N. E. 383, 388; Hynds v. Hynds, 274 Mo. 123, 202 S. W. 387, 390. It has also been construed to mean a defense which a court of equity would recognize, or one founded on some distinct ground of equi- table jurisdiction. City of New York v. Hol- derber, 44 Misc. 509, 90 N. Y. S. 63, 64.

EQUITABLE RATE OF INTEREST. In England, the interest, generally at a lower rate than legal, charged against a trustee or executor improperly or unnecessarily keeping balances or portion of trust moneys in his hands, is called an “equitable rate of interest.” In re Ricker’s Estate, 14 Mont. 153, 35 P. 960, 968, 29 L. R. A. 622.

EQUITABLE RESCSSION. Rescission de- creed by court of equity, as distinguished from "legal rescission" which is effected by restoration or offer to restore. Mueller v. Michels, 184 Wis. 324, 190 N. W. 380, 382.

EQUITAS sequitur legem. Equity follows the law. Tullman v. Varick, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 277, 282; Cas temp. Tabb. 52: 1 Sto. Eq. Jur. § 64. In respect of this maxim it has been said: "Operative only within a very narrow range." 1 Pom. Eq. Jur. § 427. The reverse is quite as sound a maxim; 9 Harv. L. Rev. 18. "The main business of equity is avowedly to correct and supplement the law." Phelps, Jurid. Eq. § 237. The English Judicature Act 1873.
provides that when law and equity conflict equity shall prevail.

EQUITATURA. In old English law. Traveling furniture, or riding equipments, including horses, horse harness, etc. Reg. Orig. 1008; St. Westm. 2, c. 39.

EQUITY.

In Broadest and Most General Signification

In its broadest and most general signification, this term denotes the spirit and the habit of fairness, justness, and right dealing which would regulate the intercourse of men,—the rule of doing to all others as we desire them to do to us; or, as it is expressed by Justinian, "to live honestly, to harm nobody, to render to every man his due." Inst. 1, 1, 3. It is therefore the synonym of natural right or justice. But in this sense its obligation is ethical rather than jural, and its discussion belongs to the sphere of morals. It is grounded in the precepts of the conscience, not in any sanction of positive law.

In More Restricted Sense

In a more restricted sense, the word denotes equal and impartial justice as between two persons whose rights or claims are in conflict; justice, that is, as ascertained by natural reason or ethical insight, but independent of the formulated body of law. This is not a technical meaning of the term, except in so far as courts which administer equity seek to discover it by the agencies above mentioned, or apply it beyond the strict lines of positive law. See Miller v. Kenniston, 86 Me. 550, 30 A. 114.

In One of its Technical Meanings


It is a body of rules existing by the side of the original civil law, founded on distinct principles, and claiming incidentally to supersede the civil law in virtue of a superior sanctity inherent in those principles. Maine, Anc. Law, 27.

"As old rules become too narrow, or are felt to be out of harmony with advancing civilization, a machinery is needed for their gradual enlargement and adaptation to new views of society. One mode of accomplishing this object on a large scale, without appearing to disregard existing law, is the introdution, by the prerogative of some high functionary, of a more perfect body of rules, discoverable in his judicial conscience, which is to stand side by side with the law of the land, overriding it in case of conflict, as on some title of inherent superiority, but not purporting to repeal it. Such a body of rules has been called 'Equity.'" Holl. Jur. 63.

"Equity," in its technical sense, contradistinguished from natural and universal equity or justice, may well be described as a "portion of justice" or natural equity, not embodied in legislative enactments, or in the rules of common law, yet modified by a due regard thereto and to the complex relations and conveniences of an artificial state of society, and administered in regard to cases where the particular rights, in respect of which relief is sought come within some general class of rights enforced at law, or may be enforced without detriment or inconvenience to the community; but where, as to such particular rights, the ordinary courts of law cannot, or originally did not, clearly afford relief. Rob. Eq.

In Still More Restricted Sense

In a still more restricted sense, it is a system of jurisprudence, or branch of remedial justice, administered by certain tribunals, distinct from the common-law courts and empowered to decree "equity" in the sense last above given. Here it becomes a complex of well-settled and well-understood rules, principles, and precedents. See Hamilton v. Avery, 20 Tex. 638; Dalton v. Vanderveer, 8 Misc. Rep. 484, 29 N.Y. S. 542; Parmeter v. Bourne, 8 Wash. 45, 35 P. 556; Ellis v. Davis, 190 U. S. 485, 3 S. Ct. 327, 27 L. Ed. 1006.

"The meaning of the word 'equity,' as used in its technical sense in English jurisprudence, comes back to this: that it is simply a term descriptive of a certain field of jurisdiction exercised, in the English system, by certain courts, and of which the extent and boundaries are not marked from lines founded upon principle so much as by the features of the original constitution of the English scheme of remedial law, and the accidents of its development." Bl. Eq. 11.

A system of jurisprudence collateral to, and in some respects independent of, "law," properly so called; the object of which is to render the administration of justice more complete, by affording relief where the courts of law are incompetent to give it, or to give it with effect, or by exercising certain branches of jurisdiction independently of them. This is equity in its proper modern sense; an elaborate system of rules and process, administered in many cases by distinct tribunals, (termed "courts of chancery," and with exclusive jurisdiction over certain subjects. It is "still distinguished by its original and animating principle that no right should be without an adequate remedy," and its doctrines are grounded upon the same basis of natural justice; but its action has become systematized, deprived of any loose and arbitrary character which might once have belonged to it, and as carefully regulated by fixed rules and precedents as the law itself. Burnett.

Equity, in its technical and scientific legal use, means neither natural justice nor even all that portion of natural justice which is susceptible of being judicially enforced. It has a precise, limited, and definite signification, and is used to denote a system of justice which was administered in a particular
court—the English high court of chancery—which system can only be understood and explained by studying the history of that court, and how it came to exercise what is known as its extraordinary jurisdiction. Disp. Eq. § 1.

That part of the law which, having power to enforce discovery, (1) administrates trusts, mortgages, and other fiduciary obligations; (2) administrates and adjusts common-law rights where the courts of common law have no machinery; (3) supplies a specific and preventive remedy for common-law wrongs where courts of common law only give subsequent damages. Chute, Eq. 4.


—Equity jurisdiction. Includes not only the ordinary meaning of the word "jurisdiction," the power residing in a court to hear and determine an action, but also a consideration of the cases and occasions when that power is to be exercised. In other words, the question whether the action will lie in equity. Anderson v. Carr, 63 Hun, 179, 19 N. Y. S. 992; People v. McKane, 78 Hun, 154, 28 N. Y. S. 981; Wadham's Oil Co. v. Tracy, 141 Wis. 150, 128 N. W. 785, 478, 18 Am. Cas. 779; Miller v. Rowan, 251 Ill. 344, 96 N. E. 288, 287; Theise v. Spokane Falls Gas Light Co., 34 Wash. 23, 74 P. 1004, 1006. For a specific and extended discussion of the meaning of the term equity jurisdiction, see Venner v. Great Northern R. Co. (C. C.) 153 F. 408, 413, 414 (quoting and adopting definitions in 1 Pomeroy, Eq. Jour. [3d Ed.] §§ 120–131).

—Equity jurisprudence. That portion of remedial justice which is exclusively administered by courts of equity, as distinguished from courts of common law. Malone v. Meres, 91 Fla. 709, 109 So. 677, 883, 884; Jackson v. Nimmo, 71 Tenn. (3 Lea.) 597, 609.

—Equity of a statute. By this phrase is intended the rule of statutory construction which admits within the operation of a statute a class of cases which are neither expressly named nor excluded, but which, from their analogy to the cases that are named, are clearly and justly within the spirit and general meaning of the law; such cases are said to be "within the equity of the statute."

—Equity term. An equity term of court is one devoted exclusively to equity business, that is, in which no criminal cases are tried nor any cases requiring the impaneling of a jury. Hesselgrave v. State, 63 Neb. 897, 89 N. W. 295.

—Natural equity. A term sometimes employed in works on jurisprudence, possessing no very precise meaning, but used as equivalent to justice, honesty, or morality in business relations, or man's innate sense of right dealing and fair play. Inasmuch as equity, as now administered, is a complex system of rules, doctrines, and precedents, and possesses, within the range of its own fixed principles, but little more elasticity than the law, the term "natural equity" may be understood to denote, in a general way, that which strikes the ordinary conscience and sense of justice as being fair, right, and equitable, in advance of the question whether the technical jurisprudence of the chancery courts would so regard it.

—Equitable Right

Equity also signifies an equitable right, i.e., a right enforceable in a court of equity; hence, a bill of complaint which did not show that the plaintiff had a right entitling him to relief was said to be demurrable for want of equity; and certain rights now recognized in all the courts are still known as "equities," from having been originally recognized only in the court of chancery. Sweet.

—Better equity. The right which, in a court of equity, a second incumbrancer has who has taken securities against subsequent dealings to his prejudice, which a prior incumbrancer neglected to take although he had an opportunity. 1 Ch. Prec. 470, note. See 3 Bouv. Inst. note 2462.

—Countervailing equity. A contrary and balancing equity; an equity or right opposed to that which is sought to be enforced or recognized, and which ought not to be sacrificed or subordinated to the latter, because it is of equal strength and justice, and equally deserving of consideration.

—Latent or secret equity. An equitable claim or right, the knowledge of which has been confined to the parties for and against whom it exists, or which has been concealed from one or several persons interested in the subject-matter.

—Perfect equity. An equitable title or right which lacks nothing to its completeness as a legal title or right except the formal conveyance or other investiture which would make it cognizable at law; particularly, the equity or interest of a purchaser of real estate who has paid the purchase price in full and fulfilled all conditions resting on him, but has not yet received a deed or patent. See Shaw v. Lindsey, 60 Ala. 344; Smith v. Cockrell, 66 Ala. 75.

—Equity of partners. A term used to designate the right of each of them to have the firm's property applied to the payment of the firm's debts. Colwell v. Bank, 18 R. I. 288, 17 A. 913.

—Equity of redemption. The right of the mortgagor of an estate to redeem the same after it has been forfeited, at law, by a breach of the condition of the mortgage, upon paying the amount of debt, interest and costs. Na-

—Equity to a settlement. The equitable right of a wife, when her husband sues in equity for the reduction of her equitable estate to his own possession, to have the whole or a portion of such estate settled upon herself and her children. Also a similar right now recognized by the equity courts as directly to be asserted against the husband. Also called the “wife’s equity.” Polinder v. Jeffries, 15 Grat. (Va.) 363; Clarke v. McCleary, 12 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 544.

Equity delights to do justice, and that not by halves. Talman v. Varick, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 277, 280; Story, Eq. Pl. § 72.

Equity follows the law. Talb. 52. Equity adopts and follows the rules of law in all cases to which those rules may, in terms, be applicable. Equity, in dealing with cases of an equitable nature, adopts and follows the analogies furnished by the rules of law. A leading maxim of equity jurisprudence, which, however, is not of universal application, but liable to many exceptions. Story, Eq. Jur. § 64. American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co. v. New York Rys. Co. (C. C. A.) 238 F. 633, 637; Marquette Cement Mining Co. v. Oglesby Coal Co. (D. C.) 238 F. 107; Frink v. Commercial Bank of Emmettsburg, 105 Iowa, 1011, 191 N. W. 513.

Equity looks upon that as done which ought to have been done. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 64g. Equity will treat the subject-matter, as to collateral consequences and incidents, in the same manner as if the final acts contemplated by the parties had been executed exactly as they ought to have been; not as the parties might have executed them. Id. Gardiner v. Gerlich, 23 Me. (10 Shep.) 46; Goodell v. Monroe, 87 N. J. Eq. 328, 100 A. 238, 240; Casey v. Cavaroc, 96 U. S. 467, 24 L. Ed. 779; Rankin v. Rankin, 36 Ill. 293, 87 Am. Dec. 205; Duly v. Lahontan Mines Co., 39 Nev. 14, 158 P. 285, affirming judgment on rehearing 39 Nev. 14, 151 P. 514.


EQUIVALENT, n. In patent law. Any act or substance which is known in the arts as a proper substitute for some other act or substance employed as an element in the invention, whose substitution for that other act or substance does not in any manner vary the idea of means. It possesses three characteristics: It must be capable of performing the same office in the invention as the act or substance whose place it supplies; it must relate to the form or embodiment alone and not affect in any degree the idea of means; and it must have been known to the arts at the date of the patent as endowed with this capability. Duff Mfg. Co. v. Forgie, 59 F. 772, 5 C. C. A. 261; Norton v. Jensen, 49 F. 683, 1 C. C. A. 452; Imhauser v. Buerk, 101 U. S. 655, 25 L. Ed. 945; Carter Mach. Co. v. Hanover (C. C.) 70 F. 559; Schillinger v. Cranford, 4 MacKey (D. C.) 428; Stockham v. Duncan (C. C. A.) 226 F. 740, 743.


“Equivalents” in an art or process are such acts as, in accordance with preceding rules, are interchangeable with those which the inventor has himself employed. Superior Skylight Co. v. August Kuhala (D. C.) 265 F. 282, 284.

An “equivalent,” in patent law, is not the same as a “substitute.” McCaskey Register Co. v. Mann (D. C.) 217 F. 415, 419.

EQUIVOCAL. Having a double or several meanings or senses. See Ambiguity.

EQUEULEUS. A kind of rock for extorting confessions.

EQUUS COOPERUTUS. A horse equipped with saddle and furniture.

ERABILIS. A maple tree. Not to be confused with arabilis, (arable land.)

ERASTIANS. The followers of Erastus. The sect obtained much influence in England, particularly among common lawyers in the time of Selden. They held that offenses against religion and morality should be punished by the civil power, and not by the censures of the church or by excommunication. Wharton.

ERASURE. The obliteration of words or marks from a written instrument by rubbing, scraping, or scratching them out. Also the
place in a document where a word or words have been so removed. The term is sometimes used for the removal of parts of a writing by any means whatever, as by cancellation; but this is not an accurate use. Cloud v. Hewitt, 5 Fed. Cas. 1,085; Valliere v. Brakke, 7 S. D. 343, 64 N. W. 180; In re Ferguson, 126 Misc. 256, 213 N. Y. S. 656, 658.

ERICUSCUNDUS. In the civil law. To be divided. *Judicium familier ericus unda*, a suit for the partition of an inheritance. Inst. 4, 17, 4. An ancient phrase derived from the Twelve Tables. Calvin.

ERECT. One of the formal words of incorporation in royal charters. "We do, incorporate, erect, ordain, name, constitute, and establish."


ERGO. Lat. Therefore; hence; because.

ERGOLABI. In the civil law. Undertakers of work; contractors. Cod. 4, 50.

ERIACH. A term of the Irish Breton law, denoting a pecuniary mulct or recompense which a murderer was judicially condemned to pay to the family or relatives of his victim. It corresponded to the Saxon weregild. See 4 Bl. Comm. 313.

ERIGIMUS. We erect. One of the words by which a corporation may be created in England by the king's charter. 1 Bl. Comm. 473.

ERMINE. By metonymy, this term is used to describe the office or functions of a judge, whose state robe, lined with ermine, is emblematical of purity and honor without stain. Webster.

ERNES. In old English law. The loose scattered ears of corn that are left on the ground after the binding.


EROTOMANIA. See Insanity.

ERRANT. Wanderer; itinerant; applied to justices on circuit, and bailiffs at large, etc.

ERRATICUM. In old law. A waif or stray; a wandering beast. Cowell.

ERRATUM. Lat. Error. Used in the Latin formula for assigning errors, and in the reply thereto, "in nullo est erratum," i. e., there was no error, no error was committed.

ERRONEOUS. Involving error; deviating from the law. This term is never used by courts or law-writers as designating a corrupt or evil act. Thompson v. Doty, 72 Ind. 338; U. S. v. Sakharom Ganesh Pandit (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 285, 286.

ERRONENCE. Lat. Erroneously; through error or mistake.

ERROR. A mistaken judgment or incorrect belief as to the existence or effect of matters of fact, or a false or mistaken conception or application of the law.

Such a mistaken or false conception or application of the law to the facts of a cause as will furnish ground for a review of the proceedings upon a writ of error; a mistake of law, or false or irregular application of it, such as vitiates the proceedings and warrants the reversal of the judgment.

Error is also used as an elliptical expression for "writ of error," as in saying that error lies; that a judgment may be reversed on error.

Assignment of Errors

In practice. The statement of the plaintiff's or defendant's case, or of the errors complained of; corresponding with the declaration in an ordinary action. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1168; 3 Steph. Comm. 644. Wells v. Martin, 1 Ohio St. 358; Lamy v. Lamy, 4 N. M. (Johns.) 48, 12 Pac. 650. A specification of the errors upon which the appellant will rely, with such fullness as to give aid to the court in the examination of the transcript. Squires v. Foorman, 10 Cal. 298; Underwood v. Hogg (Tex. Civ. App.) 201 S. W. 556, 558; Streeter v. State, 59 Fla. 400, 104 So. 858, 859; Benavides v. Garcia (Tex. Civ. App.) 293 S. W. 611, 614; Salene v. Isherwood, 74 Or. 35, 144 P. 1175, 1176; Helms v. Cook, 62 Ind. App. 629, 111 N. E. 632, 633; Wine v. Jones, 183 Iowa, 1166, 168 N. W. 318, 320; State v. Reifsteck, 317 Mo. 265, 295 S. W. 741, 742.

Clerical Error

See Clerical.
Common Error
(Lat. communis error, q. v.) An error for which there are many precedents. "Common error goeth for a law." Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 54. "Common errors" are that the declaration is insufficient in law to maintain the action, and that judgment was given for plaintiff instead of defendant, or vice versa. Margolies v. Goldberg, 101 N. J. Law, 75, 127 A. 271, 272.

Cross-Errors
Errors assigned by the respondent in a writ of error, or appellee.

Error Apparent of Record

Error Coram Nobis
Error committed in the proceedings "before us;" i. e., error assigned as a ground for reviewing, modifying, or vacating a judgment in the same court in which it was rendered.

Error Coram Vobis
Error in the proceedings "before you;" words used in a writ of error directed by a court of review to the court which tried the cause.

Error in Fact
In judicial proceedings, error in fact occurs when, by reason of some fact which is unknown to the court and not apparent on the record (e. g., the coverture, intentacy, or death of one of the parties), it renders a judgment which is void or voidable. Cruger v. McCraaken, 87 Tex. 584, 39 S. W. 537; Kihlholtz v. Wolff, 8 Ill. App. 371; Kasson v. Mills, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 379; Tanner v. Marsh, 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 440.

Error in Law
An error of the court in applying the law to the case on trial, e. g., in ruling on the admission of evidence, or in charging the jury. McKenzie v. Blumarck Water Co., 6 N. D. 364, 71 N. W. 608; Scherrer v. Hale, 9 Mont. 68, 22 Pac. 151; Campbell v. Patterson, 7 Vt. 89.

Error Nominal
Error of name. A mistake of detail in the name of a person; used in contradistinction to error de persona, a mistake as to identity.

Error of Law
He is under an error of law who is truly informed of the existence of facts, but who draws from them erroneous conclusions of law. Clv. Code La. art. 1822. Mowatt v. Wright, 1 Wend. (N. Y.) 360, 19 Am. Dec. 508.

Error of Fact

Error, Writ of
See Writ of Error.

Errors Excepted
A phrase appended to an account stated, in order to excuse slight mistakes or oversights.

Fundamental Error

Harmful Error
Error which more probably than improbably affected the verdict or judgment prejudicially to the party complaining. Ashby v. Virginala Ry. & Power Co., 138 Va. 310, 122 S. E. 104, 110.

Harmless Error
In appellate practice. An error committed in the progress of the trial below, but which was not prejudicial to the rights of the party assigning it, and for which, therefore, the court will not reverse the judgment, as, where the error was neutralized or corrected by subsequent proceedings in the case, or where, notwithstanding the error, the particular issue was found in that party's favor, or where, even if the error had not been committed, he could not have been legally entitled to prevail.

Invited Error
In appellate practice. The principle of "invited error" is that if, during the progress of a cause, a party requests or moves the court to make a ruling which is actually erroneous, and the court does so, that party cannot take advantage of the error on appeal or review.
Gresham v. Harecourt, 93 Tex. 149, 53 S. W. 1019.

Judicial Errors

Errors into which the court itself falls. State v. District Court of Second Judicial District in and for Silver Bow County, 55 Mont. 324, 176 P. 608, 609.

Reversible Error

In appellate practice. Such an error as warrants the appellate court in reversing the judgment before it; substantial error, that which reasonably might have prejudiced the party complaining. Condello v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 297 F. 200, 201; Shinn v. United Rys. Co. of St. Louis, 248 Mo. 173, 154 S. W. 103, 105; New Mexican R. Co. v. Hendricks, 6 N. M. 611, 30 Pac. 961.

Technical Error

In appellate practice. A merely abstract or theoretical error, which is practically not injurious to the party assigning it. Epps v. State, 102 Ind. 530, 1 N. E. 491.

Error fucatus nuda veritate in multis est probabilior; et sapenamero rationibus vincit veritatem error. Error artfully disguised [or colored] is, in many instances, more probable than naked truth; and frequently error overwhelsms truth by [its show of] reasons. 2 Coke, 73.

Error juris nocet. Error of law injures. A mistake of the law has an Injuurous effect; that is, the party committing it must suffer the consequences. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 178; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 139, note.

Error nominis nunquam nocet, si de identitate rei constat. A mistake in the name of a thing is never prejudicial, if it be clear as to the identity of the thing itself, [where the thing intended is certainly known.] 1 Duer. Ins. 171. This maxim is applicable only where the means of correcting the mistake are apparent on the face of the instrument to be construed. Id.

Error qui non resistitur approbatur. An error which is not resisted or opposed is approved. Doct. & Stud. c. 40.

Errores ad sua principia referre, est refellere. To refer errors to their sources is to refute them. 3 Inst. 15. To bring errors to their beginning is to see their last.

Errores scribendi nocere non debent. The mistakes of the writer ought not to harm. Jenk. Cent. 324.

ERTHMIOTUM. In old English law. A meeting of the neighborhood to compromise differences among themselves; a court held on the boundary of two lands.

Erubescit lax filios castigare parentes. 8 Coke, 118. The law blushes when children correct their parents.

ESBRANCATURA. In old law. A cutting off the branches or boughs of trees. Cowell; Spelman.

ESCALDARE. To scald. It is said that to scald hogs was one of the ancient tenures in serjeanty. Wharton.

ESCABIO. In old English law. A writ of exchange. A license in the shape of a writ, formerly granted to an English merchant to draw a bill of exchange on another in foreign parts. Reg. Orig. 194.

ESCAMBIO. An old English law term, signifying exchange.

ESCAPE. The departure or deliverance out of custody of a person who was lawfully imprisoned, before he is entitled to his liberty by the process of law. The voluntarily or negligently allowing any person lawfully in confinement to leave the place. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 917.

Escapes are either voluntary or negligent. The former is the case when the keeper voluntarily concedes to the prisoner any liberty not authorized by law. The latter is the case when the prisoner contrives to leave his prison by forcing his way out, or any other means, without the knowledge or against the will of the keeper, but through the latter's carelessness or the insecurity of the building. Cortis v. Dailey, 47 N. Y. 454, 21 App. Div. 1; Lansing v. Foster, 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 5; 1 Am. Dec. 142; Atkinson v. Jameson, 5 Term, 25; Butler v. Washburn, 25 N. H. 258; Martin v. State, 32 Ark. 124; Adams v. Turrentine, 30 N. C. 147; In re Rigg, 95 N. J. Eq. 341, 123 A. 243, 244; State v. Cahill, 196 Iowa, 486, 194 N. W. 191, 193; U. S. v. Hoffman (D. Ct.) 13 F. (2d) 209, 270; Whitaker v. Commonwealth, 185 Ky. 95, 221 S. W. 215, 216, 10 A. L. R. 145; State v. Pace, 192 N. C. 750, 136 S. E. 11, 12; People v. Quijeda, 53 Cal. App. 39, 199 P. 864; Brady v. Hughes, 181 N. C. 234, 106 S. E. 829, 830; Heffer v. Hunt, 120 Me. 10, 112 A. 675, 677; Ex parte Eley, 9 Ohi. Cr. 76, 130 P. 821, 823.

To flee from; to avoid; to get out of the way, as to flee to avoid arrest. Love v. Bass, 145 Tenn. 522, 238 S. W. 94, 96.

ESCAPE FROM PRISON. A prisoner serving a sentence of imprisonment in a state prison is, in contemplation of law, a prisoner therein, as well when at work outside under the surveillance of prison guards as when confined within its walls, so that if he escapes when outside he escapes from a prison within Pen. Code, §§ 106, 757. Bradford v. Glenn, 188 Cal. 330, 205 P. 449; People v. Vanderburg, 67 Cal. App. 217, 227 P. 621.

ESCAPE WARRANT. In English practice. This was a warrant granted to retake a prisoner committed to the custody of the king's prison who had escaped therefrom. It was obtained on affidavit from the judge of the
court in which the action had been brought, and was directed to all the sheriffs throughout England, commanding them to retake the prisoner and commit him to goal when and where taken, there to remain until the debt was satisfied. Jacob; Brown.


ESCAPIO QUIETUS. In old English law. Delivered from that punishment which by the laws of the forest lay upon those whose beasts were found upon forbidden land. Jacob.

ESCAPIUM. That which comes by chance or accident. Cowell.

ESCEPPA. A measure of corn. Cowell.

Eschatas derivatur a verbo Gallico escohir, quod est accidere, qua accident domino ex eventu et ex insperato. Co. Litt. 93. Escheat is derived from the French word "eschoir," which signifies to happen, because it falls to the lord from an event and from an unforeseen circumstance.

Eschatas vulgo dicuntur quae decidentibus ila quae de rege tenant, cum non existit ratione sanguinis hares, ad flaccum relabuntur. Co. Litt. 13. Those things are commonly called "escheats" which revert to the exchequer from a failure of issue in those who hold the king, when there does not exist any heir by consanguinity.

ESCHEAT. In Feudal Law

Escheat is an obstruction of the course of descent, and consequent determination of the tenure, by some unforeseen contingency, in which case the land naturally results back, by a kind of reversion, to the original grantor, or lord of the fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 15; Wallace v. Harmstad, 44 Pa. 501; Marshall v. Lovelass, 1 N. C. 445; In re Mahtic, 160 N. Y. S. 339, 342, 102 Misc. 575; Kavanaugh v. Cohoes Power & Light Corporation, 187 N. Y. S. 216, 231, 114 Misc. 590.

It is the usual descent, in the nature of forfeiture, of lands and tenements within his manor, to a lord, either on failure of issue of the tenant dying seised or on account of the felony of such tenant. Jacob.

Also the land or fee itself, which thus fell back to the lord. Such lands were called "escedentiae," or "terra escendentiales." Fleta, lib. 6, c. 1; Co. Litt. 13a.

In American Law

Escheat signifies a reversal of property to the state in consequence of a want of any individual competent to inherit. The state is deemed to occupy the place and hold the rights of the feudal lord. See 4 Kent, Comm. 423, 424. Hughes v. State, 41 Tex. 17; Crane v. Reeder, 21 Mich. 70, 4 Am. Rep. 450; Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 3575 (Civ. Code 1910, § 4155); Center v. Kramer, 112 Ohio St. 269, 147 N. E. 602, 604.

"Escheat at feudal law was the right of the lord of a fee to re-enter upon the same when it became vacant by the extinction of the blood of the tenant. This extinction might either be per defectum sanguinis or else per defectum tenentes, where the course of descent was broken by the corruption of the blood of the tenant. As a fee might be held either of the crown or from some inferior lord, the escheat was not always to the crown. The word 'escheat,' in this country, at the present time, merely indicates the preferable right of the state to an estate left vacant, and without there being any one in existence able to make claim thereto." 28 Am. Dec. 222, note.

In General


—Single escheat. When all a person's moveables fall to the crown, as a casualty, because of his being declared rebel. Wharton.

ESCHEATOR. In English law. The name of an officer who was appointed in every county to look after the escheats which fell due to the king in that particular county, and to certify the same into the exchequer. An escheator could continue in office for one year only, and was not re-eligible until three years. There does not appear to exist any such officer at the present day. Brown. See 10 Vin. Abr. 158; Co. Litt. 13b.

ESCHECCUM. In old English law. A Jury or Inquisition.

ESCHIPARE. To build or equip. Du Cange.

ESCOT. A tax formerly paid in boroughs and corporations towards the support of the community, which is called "scot and lot."

ESCRIBANO. In Spanish law. An officer, resembling a notary in French law, who has authority to set down in writing, and verify by his attestation, transactions and contracts between private persons, and also judicial acts and proceedings.

ESCRITURA. In Spanish law. A written instrument. Every deed that is made by the hand of a public escribano, or notary of a corporation or council (concejo,) or sealed with the seal of the king or other authorized persons. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 7, c. 5.

ESCRUQUERIE. Fr. Fraud, swindling, cheating.

ESCROW. A scroll, writing, or deed, delivered by the grantor into the hands of a third person, to be held by the latter until the happening of a contingency or performance of a

The state or condition of a deed which is conditionally held by a third person, or the possession and retention of a deed by a third person pending a condition; as when an instrument is said to be delivered "in escrow." This use of the term, however, is a perversion of its meaning.

A grant may be deposited by the grantor with a third person, to be delivered on the performance of a condition, and on delivery the depositary it will take effect. While in the possession of the third person, and subject to condition, it is called an "escrow." Civil Code Cal. § 367; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 6498; Comp. Laws S. D. 1913, § 527.

ESCROW. In old English law. An escrow; a scroll. "And deliver the deed to a strangr, as an escrowl." Perk. c. 1, § 9; Id. c. 2, §§ 137, 138.

ESCUCAGE. Service of the shield. One of the varieties of tenure in knight’s service, the duty imposed being that of accompanying the king to the wars for forty days, at the tenant’s own charge, or sending a substitute. In later times this service was commuted for a certain payment in money, which was then called “escuage certain.” See 2 Bl. Comm. 74, 75.

ESCURARE. To scour or cleanse. Cowell.

ESGLISE, or EGLISE. A church. Jacob.

ESKETORES. Robbers, or destroyers of other men’s lands and fortunes. Cowell.

ESKIPPMAMENTUM. Tackle or furniture; outfit. Certain towns in England were bound to furnish certain ships at their own expense and with double skippage or tackle. Cowell.

ESKIPPER, ESKIPPMARE. To ship.

ESKIPPSON. Shippage, or passage by sea. Spelled, also, "skippson." Cowell.

ESLISORS. See Elisors.

ESNE. In old law. A hireling of servile condition.

ESNECY. Seniority: the condition or right of the eldest; the privilege of the eldest-born. Particularly used of the privilege of the eldest among copartners to make a first choice of purparts upon a voluntary partition.

ESPEDIENT. In Spanish law. A junction of all the separate papers made in the course of any one proceeding and which remains in the office at the close of it. Castillero v. U. S., 2 Black 109, 17 L. Ed. 360.

ESPERA. A period of time fixed by law or by a court within which certain acts are to be performed, e. g., the production of papers, payment of debts, etc.

ESPERONS. L. Fr. Spurs.

ESPLEES. An old term for the products which the ground or land yields; as the hay of the meadows, the herbage of the pasture, corn of arable fields, rent and services, etc. The word has been anciently applied to the land itself. Jacob; Fosgate v. Hydraulic Co., 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 255.

ESPOUSALS. A mutual promise between a man and a woman to marry each other at some other time. It differs from a marriage, because then the contract is completed. Wood, Inst. 57.

ESPURIO. Span. In Spanish law. A spurious child; one begotten on a woman who has promiscuous intercourse with many men. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 2, § 1.

ESQUIRE. In English law. A title of dignity next above gentleman, and below knight. Also a title of office given to sheriffs, sergeants, and barristers at law, justices of the peace, and others. 1 Bl. Comm. 406; 3 Steph. Comm. 15, note; Tomlins. On the use of this term in American law, particularly as applied to justices of the peace and other inferior judicial officers, see Call v. Foresman, 5 Watts (Pa.) 331; Christian v. Ashley County, 24 Ark. 151; Com. v. Vance, 15 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 37.

ESSARTER. L. Fr. To cut down woods to clear land of trees and underwood; properly to thin woods, by cutting trees, etc., at intervals. Spelman. See Assart.

ESSARTUM. Woodlands turned into tillage by uprooting the trees and removing the underwood.

ESSENCE. That which is indispensable. Pittsburgh Iron & Steel Foundries Co. v. Seaman-Sleeth Co. (D. C.) 236 F. 756, 757.
ESSENCE OF THE CONTRACT. Any condition or stipulation in a contract which is mutually understood and agreed by the parties to be of such vital importance that a sufficient performance of the contract cannot be had without exact compliance with it is said to be "of the essence of the contract." Flattow, Riley & Co. v. Roy Campbell Co. (Tex. Com. App.) 280 S. W. 517, 520; Dayvault & New- some v. Townsend (Tex. Civ. App.) 244 S. W. 1108, 1110.

ESSENDI QUIETUM DE TOLONIO. A writ to be quitt of toll; it lies for citizens and burgesses of any city or town who, by charter or prescription, ought to be exempted from toll, where the same is exacted of them. Reg. Orig. 258.


ESSOIN, v. In old English practice. To present or offer an excuse for not appearing in court on an appointed day in obedience to a summons; to cast an essoin. Spelman. This was anciently done by a person whom the party sent for that purpose, called an "essoiner."

ESSOIN, n. In old English law. An excuse for not appearing in court at the return of the process. Presentation of such excuse. Spelman; 1 Sel. Pr. 4; Com. Dig. "Exoin," B 1. Essoin is not now allowed at all in personal actions. 2 Term, 16; 16 East, 7a; 3 Bl. Comm. 278, note.

--- Essoin Day. Formerly the first general return-day of the term, on which the courts sat to receive essoins, t. e., excuses for parties who did not appear in court, according to the summons of writs. 3 Bl. Comm. 278; Boote, Suit at Law, 180; Gilb. Com. Pl. 13; 1 Tidd, Pr. 107. But, by St. 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 70, § 6, these days were done away with, as a part of the term.

--- Essoin de male ville is when the defendant is in court the first day; but gone without pleading, and being afterwards surprised by sickness, etc., cannot attend, but sends two essoiners, who openly protest in court that he is detained by sickness in such a village, that he cannot come pro lucrari and pro per- dere; and this will be admitted, for it lieth on the plaintiff to prove whether the essoin is true or not. Jacob.

--- Essoin roll. A roll upon which essoins were formerly entered, together with the day to which they were adjourned. Boote, Suit at Law, 180; Rose. Real Act. 102, 103; Gilb. Com. Pl. 13.

ESSOINIATOR. A person who made an essoin.

Est aliquid quod non oporet eliam si licet; quicquid vero non licet certe non oporet. Hob. 159. There is that which is not proper, even though permitted; but whatever is not permitted is certainly not proper.

EST ASCAVOR. It is to be understood or known; "it is to-wit." Litt. §§ 9, 45, 46, 57, 59. A very common expression in Littleton, especially at the commencement of a section; and, according to Lord Coke, "it ever teacheth us some rule of law, or general or sure leading point." Co. Litt. 16.

Est autem jus publicum et privatum, quod ex naturalibus praecipitis aut gentium, aut civilibus est collectum; et quod in jure scripto jus appellatur, id in lege Angliae rectum esse dicitur. Public and private law is that which is collected from natural precepts, on the one hand of nations, on the other of citizens; and that which in the civil law is called "jus," that, in the law of England, is said to be right. Co. Litt. 593.

Est autem vis legem simulans. Violence may also put on the mask of law.

Est ipsorum legislatorum tanquam viva vox. The voice of the legislators themselves is like the living voice; that is, the language of a statute is to be understood and interpreted like ordinary spoken language. 10 Coke, 101b.

Est quiddam perfectius in rebus licitis. Hob. 159. There is something more perfect in things allowed.

ESTABLISH. This word occurs frequently in the constitution of the United States, and it is there used in different meanings: (1) To settle firmly, to fix unalterably; as to establish justice, which is the avowed object of the constitution. (2) To make or form; as to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies, which evidently does not mean that these laws shall be unalterably established as justice. (3) To found, to create, to regulate; as: "Congress shall have power to establish post-roads and post-offices." (4) To found, recognize, confirm, or admit; as: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." (5) To create, to ratify, or confirm; as: "We, the people," etc., "do ordain and establish this constitution." 1 Story, Const. § 454. And see Dickey v. Turnpike Co., 7 Dana (Ky.) 125; Ware v. U. S., 4 Wall. 632, 1 S. L. Ed. 389; U. S. v. Smith, 4 N. J. Law, 33.

To settle or fix firmly; place on a permanent footing; found; create; put beyond doubt or dispute; prove; convince. Smith v. Forrest, 49 N. H. 230; State v. Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, 129 Tenn. 279, 164 S. W. 1151, 1170; Rowley v. Braly (Tex. Civ.
ESTABLISHMENT, ETABLISSEMENT


ESTABLISHMENT, ETABLISSEMENT. An ordinance or statute. Especially used of those ordinances or statutes passed in the reign of Edw. I. 2 Inst. 156; Britt. c. 21.

Establishment is also used to denote the settlement of dower by the husband upon his wife. Brit. c. 102.


ESTABLISHMENT OF DOWER. The assurance of dower made by the husband, or his friends, before or at the time of the marriage. Brit. cc. 102, 103.

ESTACHE. A bridge or tank of stone or timber. Cowell.

ESTADAL. In Spanish law. In Spanish America, a measure of land of sixteen square varas, or yards. 2 White, Recop. 139.

ESTADIA (or sobrestadia). In Spanish law. Delay in a voyage, or in the delivery of cargo, caused by the charterer or consignee, for which demurrage is payable. The time for which the party who has chartered a vessel, or is bound to receive the cargo, has to pay demurrage on account of his delay in the execution of the contract.

ESTANDARD. L. Fr. A standard (of weights and measures.) So called because it stands constant and immovable, and hath all other measures coming towards it for their conformity. Termes de la Ley.

ESTANQUES. Wears (weirs) or kiddies in rivers.

ESTATE. The interest which any one has in lands, or in any other subject of property. 1 Prest. Est. 20. And see Van Rensselaer v. Poucher, 5 Denio (N. Y.) 40; Beall v. Holmes, 6 Har. & J. (Md.) 208; Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 103; Robertson v. VanCleave, 129 Ind. 217, 22 N. E. 899, 29 N. E. 751, 15 L. R. A. 68; Ball v. Chadwick, 46 Ill. 31; Cutts v. Com., 2 Mass. 289; Jackson v. Parker, 9 Cow. (N. Y.) 51. An estate in lands, tenements, and hereditaments signifies such interest as the tenant has therein. 2 Bl. Comm. 103. The condition or circumstance in which the owner stands with regard to his property. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 2, § 942. In this sense, "estate" is constantly used in conveyances in connection with the words "right," "title," and "interest," and is, in a great degree, synonymous with all of them. See Co. Litt. 345.

The degree, quality, nature, and extent of interest which a person has in real property is usually referred to as an estate, and it varies from absolute ownership down to naked possession. Nicholson Corporation v. Ferguson, 243 Pa. 260, 114 Okl. 19.

Classification. Estates, in this sense, may be either absolute or conditional. An absolute estate is a full and complete estate (Cooper v. Cooper, 56 N. J. Eq. 48, 38 A. 198) or an estate in lands not subject to be defeated upon any condition. In this phrase the word "absolute" is not used legally to distinguish a fee from a life-estate, but a qualified or conditional fee from a fee simple. Greenawalt v. Greenawalt, 71 Pa. 483. A conditional estate is one, the existence of which depends upon the happening or not happening of some uncertain event, whereby the estate may be either originally created, or enlarged, or finally defeated. 2 Bl. Comm. 151. Estates are also classed as executed or executory. The former is an estate whereby a present interest passes to and resides in the tenant, not dependent upon any subsequent circumstance or contingency. They are more commonly called "estates in possession." 2 Bl. Comm. 162. An estate where there is vested in the grantee a present and immediate right of present or future enjoyment. An executory estate is an estate or interest in lands, the vesting or enjoyment of which depends upon some future contingency. Such estate may be an executory devise, or an executory remainder, which is the same as a contingent remainder, because no present interest passes. Further, estates may be legal or equitable. The former is that kind of estate which is properly cognizable in the courts of common law, though noticed, also, in the courts of equity. 1 Steph. Comm. 217. And see Snyre v. Mooney, 30 Or. 238, 47 P. 197; In re Qualifications of Electors, 19 R. I. 387, 35 A. 213. An equitable estate is an estate an interest in which can only be enforced in a court of chancery. Aver v. Dufrees, 9 Ohio, 145. That is properly an equitable estate or interest for
which a court of equity affords the only remedy; and of this nature, especially, is the benefit of every trust, express or implied, which is not converted into a legal estate by the statute of uses. The rest are equities of redemption, constructive trusts, and all equitable charges. Y. Part Comp. c. 8. Brown v. Freed, 43 Ind. 253; In re Qualifications of Electors, 19 B. L. 387, 35 A. 213. “Equitable estates” are in equity what legal estates are in law; the ownership of the equitable estate is regarded by equity as the real ownership, and the legal estate is, as has been said, no more than the shadow always following the “equitable estate,” which is the substance. Town of Cascade v. Cascade County, 75 Mont. 304, 243 P. 806, 808.

—Other descriptive and compound terms. A *contingent* estate is one which depends for its effect upon an event which may or may not happen, as, where an estate is limited to a person not yet born. *Conventional* estates are those freeholds not of inheritance or estates for life, which are created by the express acts of the parties, in contradistinction to those which are legal and arise from the operation of law. A *dominant* estate, in the law of easements, is the estate for the benefit of which the easement exists, or the tenement whose owner, as such, enjoys an easement over an adjoining estate. An *expectant* estate is one which is not yet in possession, but the enjoyment of which is to begin at a future time; a present or vested contingent right of future enjoyment. Examples are remainders and reversions. A *future* estate is an estate which is not now vested in the grantee, but is to commence in possession at some future time. It includes remainders, reversions, and estates limited to commence in *future* without a particular estate to support them, which last are not good at common law, except in the case of chattel interests. See 2 Bl. Comm. 165. An estate limited to commence in possession at a future day, either without the intervention of a precedent estate, or on the determination by lapse of time, or otherwise, of a precedent estate created at the same time. Real Property Law N. Y. (Consol. Laws, c. 50) § 37; Personal Property Law (Consol. Laws, c. 41) § 11. See In re McQueen’s Will, 165 N. Y. 527, 529, 59 Misc. 155; Griffin v. Shepard, 124 N. Y. 70, 26 N. E. 339; Sablewsky v. Arbuckle, 50 Minn. 475, 52 N. W. 920; Ford v. Ford, 70 Wis. 19, 25 N. W. 188, 5 Am. St. Rep. 117. A *particular* estate is a limited estate which is taken out of the fee, and which precedes a remainder; as an estate for years to A., remainder to B., for life; or an estate for life to A., remainder to B. in tail. This precedent estate is called the “particular estate,” and the tenant of such estate is called the “particular tenant.” 2 Bl. Comm. 165; Hunting v. Speck, 41 Kmn. 424, 21 P. 288, 3 L. R. A. 690. A *servient* estate, in the law of easements, is the estate upon which the easement is imposed or against which it is enjoyed; an estate subjected to a burden or servitude for the benefit of another estate. Walker v. Clifford, 128 Ala. 67, 29 So. 558, 86 Am. St. Rep. 74; Stevens v. Dennett, 51 N. H. 330; Dillman v. Hoffman, 38 Wis. 572. A *settled* estate, in English law, is one created or limited under a settlement; that is, one in which the powers of alienation, devising, and transmission according to the ordinary rules of descent are restrained by the limitations of the settlement. Micklethwait v. Micklethwait, 4 C. B. (N. S.) 855. A *vested* estate is one in which there is an immediate right of present enjoyment or a present fixed right of future enjoyment; an estate as to which there is a person in being who would have an immediate right to the possession upon the ceasing of some Intermediate or precedent estate. Taylor v. Gould, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 388; Flanner v. Fellows, 206 Ill. 136, 68 N. E. 1057.

Original and *derivative* estates. An original is the first of several estates, bearing to each other the relation of a particular estate and a reversion. An original estate is contrasted with a derivative estate; and a derivative estate is a particular interest carved out of another estate of larger extent. Prest. Est. 125.

For the names and definitions of the various kinds of estates in land, see the different titles below.

In another sense, “estate” designates the property (real or personal) in which one has a right or interest; the subject-matter of ownership; the corpus of property. Thus, we speak of a “valuable estate,” “all my estate,” “separate estate,” “trust estate,” etc. This, also, is its meaning in the classification of property into “real estate” and “personal estate.” Connell v. Concannon, 122 Or. 387, 259 P. 290, 292; Moseley v. Bogey, 272 Mo. 319, 198 S. W. 547, 548; 8 Vae. 504; Jackson v. Robins, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 357; Bates v. Sparrell, 10 Mass. 223; Archer v. Deneale, 1 Pett. 588, 7 Id. 272; Donovan’s Lessee v. Donovan, 11 Harr. (Del.) 177; Andrews v. Brumfield, 32 Miss. 107; Blewer v. Brightman, 4 McCord (S. C.) 60; Den v. Snitcher, 14 N. J. Law, 63.

The word “estate” is a word of the greatest extension, and comprehends every species of property, real and personal. It describes both the corpus and the extent of interest. Deering v. Tucker, 55 Mo. 284; Pearce v. Pearce, 74 So. 582, 584, 119 Ala. 481. When used in some connections, it signifies everything of which riches or fortune may consist. Williams v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co., 156 S. W. 64, 66, 160 Mo. App. 468.

“Estate” comprehends everything a man owns, real and personal, and ought not to be limited in its construction, unless connected with some other word which must necessarily have that effect. Pulliam v. Pulliam (C. C.) 30 F. 40; Noblett v. Smith, 142 Va. 540, 128 S. E. 247, 258; Weber v. Bardon, 52 N. J. Eq. 190, 111 A. 649, 650; Black v. Sylvania Producing Co., 190 Ohio St. 346, 137 N. E. 964, 965.

It means, ordinarily, the whole of the property owned by any one, the reality as well as the personality. Hunter v. Husted, 45 N. C. 141; Lewis v. Gar-
ESTATE


—Landed estate or property. A colloquial or popular phrase to denote real property. Landed estate ordinarily means an interest in and pertaining to lands. Police Jury of Parish of St. Mary v. Harris, 10 La. Ann. 670. In a tax law it "clearly embraces not only the land, but all houses, fixtures, and improvements of every kind thereon, and all machinery, neat cattle, horses, and mules, when attached to and used on a plantation or farm." A person holding such an estate is termed a landed proprietor. 10 La. Ann. 676. A devise of "all my landed property" carries the fee; Fogg v. Clark, 1 N. H. 163; and so does "my landed estate"; Bradstreet v. Clarke, 12 Wend. (N. Y.) 602.

—Real estate. Landed property, including all estates and interests in lands which are held for life or for some greater estate, and whether such lands be of freehold or copyhold tenure. Wharton.

As to "Homestead," "Movable," "Residuary," "Separate," and "Trust" estate, see those titles.

In a wider sense, a man's whole financial status or condition,—the aggregate of his interests and concerns, so far as regards his situation with reference to wealth or its objects, including debts and obligations, as well as possessions and rights.

Here not only property, but indebtedness, is part of the idea. The estate does not consist of the assets only. If it did, such expressions as "insolvent estate" would be misnomers. Debts and assets, taken together, constitute the estate. It is only by regarding the demands against the original proprietor as constituting, together with his resources available to satisfy them, one entirety, that the phraseology of the law governing what is called "settlement of estates" can be justified. Abbott. See Davis's Heirs v. Elkins, 9 La. 125.

Also, the aggregate of a man's financial concerns (as above) personified. Thus, we speak of "debts due the estate," or say that "A's estate is a stockholder in the bank." In this sense it is a fictitious or juridical person, the idea being that a man's business status continues his existence, for its special purposes, until its final settlement and dissolution. See Morgannell's Estate v. City of Derby, 105 Conn. 545, 135 A. 911; In re Watson, 86 Misc. 588, 148 N. Y. S. 902, 908.

There is no such legal entity as an "estate." It is a convenient phrase, to identify the subject of litigation in the orphans' court, and in proceedings in rem it may be treated as harmless superficially, but as a designation of a party to be served with a writ it is unknown to the law. It cannot be made the plaintiff in an action, as it is not a person and cannot sue or be sued. In re Harrisburg Trust Co., 89 Pa. Super. Ct. 585.

In its broadest sense, the social, civic, or political condition or standing of a person; or a class of persons considered as grouped for social, civic, or political purposes; as in the phrases, "the third estate," "the estates of the realm." See 1 Bl. Comm. 163.

"Estate" and "degree," when used in the sense of an individual's personal status, are synonymous, and indicate the individual's rank in life. State v. Bishop, 15 Me. 122.

ESTATE AD REMANENTIAM. An estate in fee-simple. Glan. l. 7, c. 1.

ESTATE AT SUFFERANCE. The interest of a tenant who has come rightfully into possession of lands by permission of the owner, and continues to occupy the same after the period for which he is entitled to hold by such permission. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 392; 2 Bl. Comm. 150; Co. Litt. 57b.

ESTATE AT WILL. A species of estate less than freehold, where lands and tenements are let by one man to another, to have and to hold at the will of the lessor; and the tenant by force of this lease obtains possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 145; 4 Kent, Comm. 110; Litt. § 68; Co. Litt. 55a; Tuden. L. Cas. R. P. 10, 14. Or it is where lands are let without limiting any certain and determinate estate. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 403, § 1543.

ESTATE BY ELEIGIT. See Eleigit.


ESTATE BY STATUTE MERCHANT. An estate whereby the creditor, under the custom of London, retained the possession of all his debtor's lands until his debts were paid. 1 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 515. See Statute Merchant.

ESTATE BY STATUTE STAPLE. See Staple.

ESTATE BY THE CURTESY. Tenant by the curtesy of England is where a man survives a wife who was seised in fee-simple or fee-tail of lands or tenements, and has had issue male or female by her born alive and capable of inheriting the wife's estate as heir to her; in which case he will, on the decease of his wife, hold the estate during his life as tenant by the curtesy of England. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. § 1074; Co. Litt. 30a; 2 Bla. Comm. 126; 4 Kent 29; Leach v. Leach, 21 Hun (N. Y.) 381; Cromley v. Deake, 8 Baxt. (Tenn.) 361; Carter v. Dale, 3 Lea (Tenn.) 710, 31 Am. Rep. 600; McKee v. Cattle, 6 Mo. App. 416; Tremmel v. Kielpoldt, 6 Mo. App. 549; [1882] 2 Ch. 336.
Estate in Coparcenary. An estate which several persons held as one heir, whether male or female. This estate has the three unities of time, title, and possession; but the interests of the coparceners may be unequal.

ESTATE IN DOWER. A species of life-estate which a woman is, by law, entitled to claim on the death of her husband, in the lands and tenements of which he was seised in fee during the marriage, and which her issue, if any, might by possibility have inherited. 1 Steph. Comm. 249; 2 Bl. Comm. 129; Cruise, Dig. tit. 6; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 124, § 1117; 4 Kent, Comm. 35. See Dower.

ESTATE IN EXPECTANCY. One which is not yet in possession, but the enjoyment of which is to begin at a future time; an estate giving a present or vested contingent right of future enjoyment. One in which the right to pernancy of the profits is postponed to some future period. Such are estates in remainder and reversion. Lawrence v. Bayard, 7 Paige, Ch. (N. Y.) 70, 76; Underhill v. R. Co., 20 Barb. 455; Fenton v. Miller, 108 Mich. 246, 65 N. W. 966; In re Mericlo, 63 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 66; Greyston v. Clark, 41 Hun (N. Y.) 130; Ayers v. Trust Co., 187 Ill. 42, 58 N. E. 318.

ESTATE IN FEE-SIMPLE. The estate which a man has where lands are given to him and to his heirs absolutely without any end or limit put to his estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 106; Plowd. 557; 1 Prost. Est. 425; Litt. § 1. The word “fee,” used alone, is a sufficient designation of this species of estate, and hence “simple” is not a necessary part of the title, but it is added as a means of clearly distinguishing this estate from a fee-tail or from any variety of conditional estates.

ESTATE IN FEE-TAIL, generally termed an “estate tail.” An estate of inheritance which a man has, to hold to him and the heirs of his body, or to him and particular heirs of his body. 1 Steph. Comm. 228. An estate of inheritance by force of the statute De Domis, limited and restrained to some particular heirs of the donee, in exclusion of others. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. pp. 22, 23, § 971; Cruise, Dig. tit. 2, e, 1, § 12. See Tail; Fee-Tail.

ESTATE IN JOINT TENANCY. An estate in lands or tenements granted to two or more persons, to hold in fee-simple, fee-tail, for life, for years, or at will. 2 Bl. Comm. 150; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. 933. An estate acquired by two or more persons in the same land, by the same title, (not being a title by descent,) and at the same period; and without any limitation by words importing that they are to take in distinct shares. 1 Steph. Comm. 312. The most remarkable incident or consequence of this kind of estate is that it is subject to survivorship.

ESTATE IN POSSESSION. An estate whereby a present interest passes to and resides in the tenant, not depending on any subsequent circumstance or contingency. 2 Bl. Comm. 163. An estate where the tenant is in actual permancy, or receipt of the rents and other advantages arising therefrom. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 968, § 2932; Eberts v. Fisher, 44 Mich. 551, 7 N. W. 211; Sage v. Wheeler, 3 App. Div. 38, 37 N. Y. S. 1107; Campeu v. Campau, 19 Mich. 116; Valle v. Clemens, 18 Mo. 486.

ESTATE IN REMAINDER. An estate limited to take effect in possession, or in enjoyment, or in both, subject only to any term of years or contingent interest that may intervene, immediately after the regular expiration of a particular estate of freehold previously created together with it, by the same instrument, out of the same subject of property. 2 Fearne, Rem. § 159; 2 Bl. Comm. 163; 1 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 701.

ESTATE IN REVERSION. A species of estate in expectancy, created by operation of law, being the residue of an estate left in the grantor, to commence in possession after the determination of some particular estate granted out by him. 2 Bl. Comm. 175; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 975, § 2945. The residue of an estate left in the grantor or his heirs, or in the heirs of a testator, commencing in possession on the determination of a particular estate granted or devised. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 718, (723) § 12. An estate in reversion is where any estate is derived, by grant or otherwise, out of a larger one, leaving in the original owner an ulterior estate immediately expectant on that which is so derived; the latter interest being called the “particular estate,” (as being only a small part or particula of the original one,) and the ulterior interest, the “reversion.” 1 Steph. Comm. 290. See Reversion.

ESTATE IN SEVERALTY. An estate held by a person in his own right only, without any other person being joined or connected with him in point of interest, during his estate. This is the most common and usual way of holding an estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 179; Cruise, Dig. tit. 18, c, 1, § 1.

ESTATE IN VADO. An estate in gage or pledge. 2 Bl. Comm. 157; 1 Steph. Comm. 282. See Mortgage.

ESTATE LESS THAN FREEHOLD. An estate for years, estate at will, or estate at sufferance. Fowler v. Marion & Pittsburg Coal Co., 315 Ill. 312, 146 N. E. 318, 319. See Estate of Freehold.

ESTATE OF FREEHOLD (or Frank-tenement). An estate in land or other real property, of uncertain duration; that is, either of inheritance or which may possibly last for the life of the tenant at the least, (as distinguished from a leasehold;) and held by a free tenure, (as distinguished from copyhold or vilennage.) Any estate of inheritance, or for life, in either a corporeal or incorporeal hereditament, existing in or arising from real property of free tenure. 2 Bla. Comm. 104.
Freehold in deed is the real possession of land or tenements in fee, fee-tail, or for life. Freehold in law is the right to such tenements before entry. The term has also been applied to those offices which a man holds in fee or for life. Mozl. & W. Dict.; 1 Washb. R. P. 71, 637. See Gage v. Scales, 100 Ill. 221; State v. Bagland, 75 N. C. 12, 1 L. R. 11 Eq. 454; Liberrum Tenementum.

ESTATE OF INHERITANCE. An estate which may descend to heirs. 1 Washb. R. P. 51. A species of freehold estate in lands, otherwise called a "fee," where the tenant is not only entitled to enjoy the land for his own life, but where, after his death, it is cast by the law upon the persons who successively represent him in perpetuum, in right of blood, according to a certain established order of descent. 1 Steph. Comm. 218; Litt. § 1; Nellis v. Munson, 108 N. Y. 458, 15 N. E. 739; Rouselton v. Hall, 66 Ark. 305, 50 S. W. 690, 74 Am. St. Rep. 97; Ipswich v. Topsfield, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 351; Brown v. Freed, 43 Ind. 256.

Estates of freeholds are divided into those of inheritance and those not of inheritance. All estates of inheritance in tenements are freehold; but, since freeholds embrace estates for life and those of indefinite duration which may endure for life, all freeholds are not "estates of inheritance." Beir v. Columbia County, 73 Or. 167, 144 P. 467, 470; Crabb, R. P. § 945.

Estate pur autre vie. Estate for another's life. An estate in lands which a man holds for the life of another person. 2 Bl. Comm. 120; Litt. § 56.

Estate Tail. See Estate in Fee-Tail.

Estate Tail, Quasi. When a tenant for life grants his estate to a man and his heirs, as these words, though apt and proper to create an estate tail, cannot do so, because the grantor, being only tenant for life, cannot grant in perpetuum, therefore they are sold to create an estate tail quasi, or improper. Brown.

Estate Upon Condition. An estate in lands, the existence of which depends upon the happening or not happening of some uncertain event, whereby the estate may be either originally created, or enlarged, or finally defeated. 2 Bl. Comm. 151; 1 Steph. Comm. 276; Co. Litt. 201a. An estate having a qualification annexed to it, by which it may, upon the happening of a particular event, be created, or enlarged, or destroyed. 4 Kent, Comm. 121.

Estate upon Condition expressed. An estate granted, either in fee-simple or otherwise, with an express qualification annexed, whereby the estate granted shall either commence, be enlarged, or be defeated upon performance or breach of such qualification or condition. 2 Bl. Comm. 154. An estate which is so expressly defined and limited by the words of its creation that it cannot endure for any longer time than till the contingency happens upon which the estate is to fail. 1 Steph. Comm. 278.

Estate Upon Condition Implied. An estate having a condition annexed to it inseparably from its essence and constitution, although no condition be expressed in words. 2 Bl. Comm. 122; 4 Kent, Comm. 121.

Estates of the Realm. The lords spiritual, the lords temporal, and the commons of Great Britain. 1 Bl. Comm. 153. Sometimes called the "three estates." Inasmuch as the lords spiritual have no separate assembly or negative in their political capacity, some authorities reduce the estates in Great Britain to two, the lords and commoners. Webster, Dict.

Generally in feudal Europe there were three estates, the clergy, nobles, and commons. In England (until about the 14th century) the three estates of the realm were the clergy, barons, and knights. In legal practice the lords spiritual and lords temporal are usually collectively designated under the one name lords. Webster, Dict.

Estendard, Estendard, or Standard. An ensign for horsemen in war.

Estier in Judgment. L. Fr. To appear before a tribunal either as plaintiff or defendant. Kelham.

Estimate. A valuing or rating by the mind, without actually measuring, weighing, or the like. City of Tulsa v. Weston, 102 Okl. 222, 229 P. 106, 122. A rough or approximate calculation only. Bair v. Montrose, 58 Utah, 398, 199 P. 667, 669; Branting v. Salt Lake City, 153 P. 905, 906, 47 Utah, 296; P. M. Hennessy Const. Co. v. Hart, 141 Minn. 449, 170 N. W. 579, 598. Thus, a census is a finding of the population, not an "estimate." State ex rel. Reynolds v. Jost, 265 Mo. 51, 175 S. W. 591, 597, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 1102.

This word is used to express the mind or judgment of the speaker or writer on the particular subject under consideration. It implies a calculation or computation, as to estimate the gain or loss of an enterprise. People v. Clark, 37 Hun (N. Y.) 203.

As used in a contract for the sale of an estimated quantity of goods, "estimated" may mean practically the same as "more or less." Robbins v. Hill (Tex. Civ. App.) 292 S. W. 1112, 1115. Generally, the word "estimated" indicates that a statement of quantity is a matter of description, and not of the essence of the contract. Bigitone v. Bruno, 192 Cal. 167, 213 P. 69, 70.

Estop. To stop, bar, or impede; to prevent; to preclude. Co. Litt. 352a; Olsgard v. Lemke, 32 N. D. 551, 156 N. W. 102, 103. See Estoppel.

Estoppel. A bar or impediment raised by the law, which precludes a man from alleging or from denying a certain fact or state of facts, in consequence of his previous allegation or denial or conduct or admission, or in

A preclusion, in law, which prevents a man from alleging or denying a fact. In consequence of his own previous act, allegation, or denial of a contrary tenor. Steph. Pl. 239; Hodde v. Hahn, 283 Mo. 320, 222 S. W. 790, 801.

The preclusion of a person from asserting a fact, by previous conduct inconsistent therewith, on his own part or the part of those under whom he claims, or by an adjudication upon his rights which he cannot be allowed to call in question. Erickson v. Wiper, 33 N. D. 193, 157 N. W. 592, 595.

An admission of so conclusive a nature that the party whom it affects is not permitted to aver against it or offer evidence to controvert it. 2 Smith, Lead Cas. 778. A man's act or acceptance which stops or closes his mouth to allege or prove the truth. Houston Nat. Bank of Dothan v. Eldridge, 17 Ala. App. 235, 84 So. 430, 431; George v. Ford, 153 Ky. 808, 211 S. W. 436, 440; Doerstler v. First Nat. Bank, 82 Okl. 92, 161 P. 386, 389; Armfield v. Moore, 44 N. C. 157.

Estoppels are sometimes said to be of three kinds: (1) by deed; (2) by matter of record; (3) by matter in pais. The first two are also called legal estoppels, as distinguished from the last kind, known as equitable estoppels. See Equitable estoppel; Legal estoppel, infra.

Synonyms

An "election" differs from an "estoppel in pais" in that in order to be effective it need not be acted upon by the other party by way of a detrimental change of his position; provided the election is a decisive one. Phillips v. Rooker, 134 Tenn. 457, 134 S. W. 12, 14.

A distinction exists between the "ratification" of a contract by a principal and estoppel in pais; ratification following the unauthorized act, and estoppel being based on the principal's inducement to another to act to his prejudice. Depot Realty Syndicate v. Enterprise Brewing Co., 87 Or. 560, 171 P. 223, 224, L. R. A. 1915C, 1001. "Ratification," on the other hand requires no change of position or prejudice. Texas & Pacific Coal & Oil Co. v. Kirtley (Tex. Civ. App.) 288 S. W. 619, 622. Ratification is retroactive and validates all of the act involved, while estoppel extends only to so much of the act as is affected by the conduct working the estoppel. Woodworth v. School Dist. No. 2, Stevens County, 92 Wash. 458, 150 P. 757, 780. Generally speaking, "ratification" applies to a formal declaration of the approval of another's act, whereas "estoppel" is where the party is bound by his own act, but the legal effect is the same. Zenos v. Britten-Cook Land & Live Stock Co., 75 Cal. App. 299, 242 P. 914, 917; Marion Sav. Bank v. Leahy, 200 Iowa, 220, 204 N. W. 456, 458.

"Waiver" means an intentional relinquishment of a known right, and "estoppel" means that a party is precluded by his own acts from asserting a right to the detriment of another who, entitled to rely on such conduct, has acted thereon. Krivitsky & Cohen v. Western Union Telegraph Co., 120 Misc. 451, 221 N. Y. S. 525, 528.

In General


-Equitable estoppel (or estoppel by conduct, or in pais). This is the species of estoppel which equity puts upon a person who has made a false representation or a concealment of material facts, with knowledge of the facts, to a party ignorant of the truth of the matter, with the intention that the other party should act upon it, and with the result that such party is actually induced to act upon it, to his damage. Bigelow, Estop. 484. And see Louisville Banking Co. v. Asher, 65 S. W. 833, 23 Ky. Law Rep. 1661; Bank v. Marston, 85 Me. 488, 27 A. 529; Richman v. Baldwin, 21 N. J. Law, 403; Railroad Co. v. Perdue, 40 W. Va. 442, 21 S. E. 755; Advance Thresher Co. v. Fishback, 157 Ky. 427, 163 S. W. 228, 230; Baker-McGregor Co. v. Union Seed & Fertilizer Co., 125 Ark. 146, 188 S. W. 571, 572; Maxwell v. Dimond, 83 Wash. 30, 145 P. 77, 78; De Lashtum v. Tector, 261 Mo. 412, 169 S. W. 34, 41; L. J. Upton & Co. v. Ferebee, 175 N. C. 194, 100 S. E. 310, 311; Cannon v. Baker, 87 S. C. 116, 81 S. E. 478, 482; Canadian Northern R. Co. v. Northern Mississippi R. Co. (C. C. A.) 209 P. 753, 763; New York Cent. & H. R. R. Co. v. City of Buffalo, 85 Misc. 78, 147 N. Y. S. 209, 211; Maryland Casualty Co. v. Gates (C. C. A.) 290 F. 65, 69; Lackworth State Bank v. Baker (Tex. Civ. App.) 284 S. W. 566, 569; Chambers v. Besent, 17 N. M. 487, 134 P. 237, 239; Peters Trust Co. v. Cranmore, 114 Neb. 491, 208 N. W. 635, 637; American Mut. Liability Ins. Co. v. Hamilton, 145 Va. 391, 135 S. E. 21, 25; Rice v. Washington County Building & Loan Ass'n, 145 Miss. 1, 110 So. 831, 834. "Equitable estoppel" is the effect of the voluntary conduct of a party whereby he is absolutely precluded, both at law and in equity, from asserting rights which might perhaps have otherwise existed either of property, of contract, or of remedy, as against another person who has in good faith relied upon such conduct and has been led thereby to change his position for the worse, and who on his part acquires some corresponding right, either of property, contract, or remedy. Baird v.
Stephan, 52 N. D. 563, 204 N. W. 188, 195; City of Bayonne v. Passaic Consol. Water Co., 98 N. J. Eq. 174, 130 A. 530, 531. An "equitable estoppel" or "estoppel in pais" arises when one represents by word of mouth, conduct, or silent acquiescence that a certain state of facts exists, thus inducing another to act in reliance upon the supposed existence of such facts, so that if the party making the representation were not estopped to deny its truth, the party relying thereon would be subjected to loss or injury. Graves v. Gross & L. Peace, 192 Ala. 164, 68 So. 297, 298. "Equitable estoppel" arises from conduct, including spoken or written words, positive acts, silence, or omission. Smith v. Williams, 141 S. C. 265, 139 S. E. 625, 630, 54 A. L. R. 904. While an "estoppel in pais" is called an equitable estoppel, it is a legal estoppel as well, and is not treated as a distinctively equitable defense and can be pleaded in any case. Weber v. Hartzell (C. C. A.) 230 F. 965, 967.

—Estoppel by conduct. That which arises where a party is induced by the conduct of another to do, or forbear doing, something he would not, or would have done but for such conduct of the other. Big Vein Pocalhontas Co. v. Browning, 137 Va. 34, 120 S. E. 247, 256. Also called "equitable estoppel" (q. v.).

—Estoppel by deed. Such as arises from the provisions of a deed. Erickson v. Wiper, 33 N. D. 193, 157 N. W. 592, 598; Stow v. Wyse, 7 Conn. 214, 18 Am. Dec. 99; Green v. Clark, 13 Vt. 358; Douglass v. Scott, 5 Ohio, 198; Bennett v. Conant, 10 Cush. (Mass.) 163; Reinhard v. Min. Co., 107 Mo. 616, 10 S. W. 17, 25 Am. St. Rep. 441; Carson v. Cochran, 52 Minn. 67, 53 N. W. 1130; Craig v. Reeder, 3 McCord (S. C.) 411. A preclusion against the competent parties to a valid sealed indenture and their privies to deny its force and effect by any evidence of inferior solemnity. Hart v. Anaconda Copper Mining Co., 69 Mont. 354, 222 P. 419, 421. Such an estoppel occurs where a party has executed a deed, that is, a writing under seal (as a bond) reciting a certain fact, and is thereby precluded from afterwards denying, in any action brought upon that instrument, the fact so recited. Steph. Plt. 197. A man shall always be estopped by his own deed, or not permitted to aver or prove anything in contradiction to what he has once solemnly and deliberately avowed. 2 Bl. Comm. 295; Plowd. 434; Hudson v. Winslow Tp., 35 N. J. Law, 441; Taggart v. Risley, 4 Or. 242; Appeal of Waters, 35 Pa. 326, 78 Am. Dec. 354.

—Estoppel by election. An estoppel predicated on a voluntary and intelligent action or choice of one of several things which is inconsistent with another, the effect of the estoppel being to prevent the party so choosing from afterwards reversing his election or disputing the state of affairs or rights of others resulting from his original choice. Yates v. Hurd, 8 Colo. 348, 8 Pac. 575.

—Estoppel by judgment. The estoppel raised by the rendition of a valid judgment by a court having jurisdiction, which prevents the parties to the action, and all who are in privity with them, from afterwards disputing or drawing into controversy the particular facts or issues on which the judgment was based or which were or might have been litigated in the action. 2 Bl. Judgm. § 504; State v. Torinus, 28 Minn. 175, 9 N. W. 725. An "estoppel by judgment" is that which results from a former adjudication between the same parties on the same cause of action, and is conclusive as to every issue which was or might have been litigated; "estoppel by verdict," on the other hand, is that which results from a judgment between the same parties, on a different cause of action and is conclusive as to the facts actually decided or, in absence of evidence thereof, as to pleaded issues necessarily determined. State ex rel. Gott v. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Baltimore, Md., 317 Mo. 1078, 298 S. W. 58, 83. See, also, Estoppel by verdict.

—Estoppel by laches. A neglect to do something which one should do, or to seek to enforce a right at a proper time. Jett v. Jett, 171 Ky. 548, 188 S. W. 669, 672. A species of "equitable estoppel" or "estoppel by matter in pais." See those titles.

—Estoppel by matter in pais. An estoppel by the conduct or admissions of the party; an estoppel not arising from deed or matter of record. Steph. Plt. 197; Strong v. Ellsworth, 29 Vt. 366, 373. And see West Winstead Sav. Bank v. Ford, 27 Conn. 290, 71 Am. Dec. 66; Davis v. Davis, 26 Cal. 38, 55 Am. Dec. 157; Bank v. Dean, 60 N. Y. Super. Ct. 299, 17 N. Y. Supp. 375; Coogler v. Rogers, 25 Fla. 583, 7 South. 391; Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 10 Wall. 645, 19 L. Ed. 1068; Hanly v. Watterson, 39 W. Va. 214, 19 S. E. 336; Barnard v. Seminary, 40 Mich. 441, 13 N. W. 511; Lawson v. Edwards (Mo. App.) 293 S. W. 704, 705; California Prune & Peach Growers v. El Reno Wholesale Grocery Co. (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 339. A right arising from acts, admissions, or conduct which have induced a change of position. Citizens' Bank of Senath v. Douglass, 178 Mo. App. 664, 161 S. W. 601, 606. An "estoppel in pais" arises whenever one, by his conduct, affirmative or negative, intentionally or through culpable negligence induces another to believe and have confidence in certain material facts, and the latter, having the right to so relies and acts thereon, and is, as a reasonable and inevitable consequence, misled to his injury. Shapera v. Fargo, 240 Ill. App. 145. Estoppel by matters in pais is an indisputable admission arising from circumstances that party claiming benefit of it has in good faith been induced to change his position to his substantial prejudice by voluntary intelligent action by party against whom it is alleged. First Lutheran Church of Pontiac v. Rooks Creek Evangelical
The phrase "estoppel by negligence" has been characterized as "an expression usual but not accurate, since negligence prevents a right of action accruing, estoppel a right that has accrued from being set up"; 2 Beven, Negl. 1332. See a discussion of the doctrine, with critical examination of the English cases, in 15 L. Q. R. 384.


—ESTOPPEL by verdict. This term is sometimes applied to the estoppel arising from a former adjudication of the same fact or issue between the same parties or their privies. Chicago Theological Seminary v. People, 189 Ill. 439, 59 N. E. 977; Swank v. Railway Co., 61 Minn. 423, 63 N. W. 1088. But this use is not correct, as it is not the verdict which creates an estoppel, but the judgment, and it is immaterial whether a jury participated in the trial or not. The doctrine of estoppel by verdict is but another branch of the doctrine of res judicata. Hoffman v. Chicago & N. W. Ry. Co., 205 Ill. App. 197, 198; Chicago Title & Trust Co. v. National Storage Co., 260 Ill. 485, 108 N. E. 227, 231. See, however, Coffman v. Hope Natural Gas Co., 71 W. Va. 57, 51 S. E. 575. See, also, Estoppel by Judgment.

—ESTOPPEL by warranty. An estoppel based on the principle of giving effect to the manifest intent of a grantor and of preventing the grantor from derogating or destroying his own grant by subsequent act. Lewis v. King, 157 La. 718, 103 So. 22. See Estoppel by deed.

—Judicial estoppel. One arising from sworn statements made in the course of judicial proceedings, generally in a former litigation, in absence of any showing that statement was made inadvertently or through mistake; it is based on public policy and not on prejudice to adverse party by reason thereof, as in case of equitable estoppel. Sartain v. Dixie Coal & Iron Co., 150 Tenn. 633, 266 S. W. 313, 316.


—Quasi estoppel. The principle which precludes a party from asserting, to another's

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disadvantage, a right inconsistent with a position previously taken by him. Philadelphia County v. Sheehan, 263 Pa. 449, 107 A. 14, 16; Riley v. Brown, 72 Cal. App. 463, 237 P. 383, 887. A term used by Bigelow to cover a group of cases in which a party is precluded from occupying inconsistent positions, either in litigations or in ordinary dealings; Big. Est. (6th ed.) 732. For some illustrative cases, see 31 Ch. D. 466; 2 Atk. 88; Pickett v. Bank, 32 Ark. 346; Robinson v. Pembrook, 71 Ala. 240; Jacobs v. Miller, 50 Mich. 119, 15 N. W. 42; Wood v. Seely, 32 N. Y. 105; The Water Witch, 1 Black, 494, 17 L. Ed. 155; Vose v. Cockcroft, 44 N. Y. 415; Sherman v. McKeon, 38 N. Y. 296; Cloud v. Coleman, 1 Bush (Ky.) 548; City of Burlington v. Gilbert, 31 Iowa, 356, 7 Am. Rep. 145; Appeal of Ferson, 96 Pa. 140. It is to be noted that in the cases grouped under this title the courts have generally used the simple term "estoppel" which, though it has been suggested, is a questionable use of terms, since many of the cases are mere instances of ratification or acquiescence; Big. Est. 755.

In Pleading

A plea, replication, or other pleading, which, without confessing or denying the matter of fact adversely alleged, relies merely on some matter of estoppel as a ground for excluding the opposite party from the allegation of the fact. Steph. Pl. 219; 3 Bl. Comm. 308.

A plea which neither admits nor denies the facts alleged by the plaintiff, but denies its right to allege them. Gould, Pl. c. 2, § 39.

A special plea in bar, which happens where a man has done some act or executed some deed which precludes him from averring anything to the contrary. 3 Bl. Comm. 308.

Estoveria sunt arendi, arandi, constructi et claudendi. 13 Coke, 68. Estovers are of fire-bote, plow-bote, house-bote, and hedge-bote.

ESTOVERII HABENDIS. A writ for a wife judicium separated to recover her allimony or estovers. Obsolete.

ESTOVERS. An allowance made to a person out of an estate or other thing for his or her support, as for food and raiment.

An allowance (more commonly called "allimony") granted to a woman divorced a mensa et thoro, for her support out of her husband’s estate. 1 Bl. Comm. 441.

The right or privilege which a tenant has to furnish himself with so much wood from the demised premises as may be sufficient or necessary for his fuel, fences, and other agricultural operations. 2 Bl. Comm. 35; Woodf. Landl. & Ten. 232; Zimmerman v. Shreve, 59 Md. 363; Lawrence v. Hunter, 9 Watts (Pa.) 78; Livingston v. Reynolds, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 159; Van Rensselaar v. Radcliffe, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 639, 26 Am. Dec. 352; Gardner v. Dering, 1 Paige, Ch. (N. Y.) 578.

There is much learning in the old books relative to the creation, apportionment, suspension, and extinguishment of these rights, very little of which, however, is applicable to the condition of things in this country, except perhaps in New York, where the grants of the manors-lands have led to some litigation on the subject. 9 Wash. C. C. 412; 4 L. & Eng. Comm. 237; 2 Iredale, 47; 3 Iredale, 247; Faden v. Smedley, 7 Bing. 569; Palford v. Palford, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 123; Richardson v. York, 14 Me. 221; Dalton v. Dalton, 42 N. C. 197; Owen v. Hyde, 6 Term. (Tenn.) 334, 27 Am. Dec. 467; Loomis v. Wilbur, 5 Mass. 13, Fed. Cas. No. 8,486.

Common of Estovers

A liberty of taking necessary wood for the use or furniture of a house or farm from off another’s estate, in common with the owner or with others. 2 Bl. Comm. 35.

ESTRAY. Cattle whose owner is unknown. 2 Kent, Comm. 359; Spelman. Any beast, not wild, found within any lordship, and not owned by any man. Cowell; 1 Bl. Comm. 297. These belonged to the lord of the soil. Britt. c. 17. An animal that has strayed away and lost itself; a wandering beast which no one seeks, follows, or claims. Campbell v. Hamilton, 172 N. W. 810, 42 N. D. 218.

Estray must be understood as denoting a wandering beast whose owner is unknown to the person who takes it up. An estray is an animal that has escaped from its owner, and wanders or strays about; usually defined, at common law, as a wandering animal whose owner is unknown. An animal cannot be an estray when on the range where it was raised, and permitted by its owner to run, and especially when the owner is known to the party who takes it up. The fact of its being breachy or vicious does not make it an estray. Walters v. Glaz, 29 Iowa, 439; Roberts v. Barnes, 27 Wis. 456; Kinney v. Roe, 70 Iowa, 509, 30 N. W. 776; Shepherd v. Hawley, 4 Or. 203; Yrfaceburn v. Cape, 60 Cal. App. 374, 212 P. 588, 590; Lyman v. Gipson, 18 Pick. (Mass.) 435; but see Worthington v. Brent, 69 Mo. 255; State v. Aple, 14 Tex. 421.

The term is used of fotsam at sea. 15 L. Q. R. 357.

ESTREAT, v. To take out a forfeited recognizance from the records of a court, and return it to the court of exchequer, to be prosecuted. See Estray, n.

A forfeited recognizance taken out from among the other records for the purpose of being sent up to the exchequer, that the parties might be sued thereon, was said to be estreated. 4 Bl. Comm. 233. And see Louisiana Society v. Cagle, 45 La. Ann. 1204, 14 South. 422.

There is no "estreat" or taking a judgment of forfeiture of a bail recognizance from the records and sending it up to the exchequer for suit thereon in Louisiana, since the same court which renders a judgment executes it, and the same officers who are charged with procuring it to be rendered are also charged with procuring it to be executed. State v. Johnson, 122 La. 11, 60 So. 702, 703.

ESTREAT, n. (From Lat. 'extractum.') In English law. A copy or extract from the book of estreats, that is, the rolls of any court, in which the amercements or fines, recogniz-
ances, etc., imposed or taken by that court upon or from the accused, are set down, and which are to be levied by the bailiff or other officer of the court. Cowell; Brown. A true copy or note of some original writing or record, and especially of fines and amercements imposed by a court, extracted from the record, and certified to a proper officer or officers authorized and required to collect them. Fitzh. N. B. 57, 70.

ESTRECIATUS. Straightened, as applied to roads. Cowell.

ESTREPE. To strip; to despoil; to lay waste; to commit waste upon an estate, as by cutting down trees, removing buildings, etc. To injure the value of a reversionary interest by stripping or spoiling the estate.

ESTREPEMENT. A species of aggravated waste, by stripping or devastation the land, to the injury of the reversioner, and especially pending a suit for possession.

ESTREPEMENT, WRIT OF. This was a common-law writ of waste, which lay in particular for the reversioner against the tenant for life. In respect of damage or injury to the land committed by the latter. As it was only auxiliary to a real action for recovery of the land, and as equity afforded the same relief by injunction, the writ fell into disuse in England, and was abolished by 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 27. In Pennsylvania, by statute, the remedy by estrepelement is extended for the benefit of specified persons. See 10 Viner, Abr. 497; Woodf. Landl. & T. 447; Arch. Civ. Pl. 17; 7 Com. Dig. 659; Irwin v. Covode, 24 Pa. 162; Byrne v. Boyle, 37 Pa. 260.

ET. And. The introductory word of several Latin and law French phrases formerly in common use.

ET ADJOURNATUR. And it is adjourned. A phrase used in the old reports, where the argument of a cause was adjourned to another day, or where a second argument was had. 1 Kebr. 662, 774, 775.


ET ALII É CONTRA. And others on the other side. A phrase constantly used in the Year Books, in describing a joinder in issue. P. 1 Edw. II. Prist; et alii é contra, et sic ad patriam: ready; and others, é contra, and so to the country. T. 3 Edw. III. 4.

ET ALIUS. And another. The abbreviation et al. (sometimes in the plural written et ale.) is often affixed to the name of the person first mentioned, where there are several plaintiffs, grantees, persons addressed, etc. See In re McGovern’s Estate, 77 Mont. 182, 250 P. 812, 815; Anderson v. Hans, 160 Ga. 420, 128 S. E. 178, 179; Conery v. Webb, 12 La. Ann. 282; Lyman v. Milton, 41 Cal. 630.

ET ALLOCATUR. And it is allowed.

ET CETERA (or ET CETERA). And others; and other things; and others of the like kind; and the rest; and so on; and so forth. Muir v. Kay, 66 Utah, 550, 244 P. 901, 904; Soule v. Northern Const. Co., 33 Cal. App. 300, 165 P. 21, 23; Osterberg v. Section 30 Development Co., 160 Minn. 497, 200 N. W. 738, 739; Duroff v. Commonwealth, 192 Ky. 31, 252 S. W. 47, 48; State on Inf. Haw v. Three States Lumber Co., 274 Mo. 361, 202 S. W. 1083, 1084; Stansberry v. First Methodist Episcopal Church, 79 Or. 155, 154 P. 887, 892; Gallop v. Elizabeth City Milling Co., 178 N. C. 1, 100 S. E. 130; Wagner v. Brady, 130 Tenn. 554, 171 S. W. 1719. In its abbreviated form (etc.) this phrase is frequently added to one of a series of articles or names to show that others are intended to follow or understood to be included. So, after reciting the initiatory words of a set formula, or a clause already given in full, etc. is added, as an abbreviation, for the sake of convenience. See Lathers v. Keogh, 39 Hun (N. Y.) 579; Com. v. Ross, 6 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 428; In re Schouler, 134 Mass. 426; High Court v. Schweltzer, 70 Ill. App. 143; Agate v. Lowenheim, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 62; Hayes v. Wilson, 105 Mass. 21; Gray v. R. Co., 11 Hun (N. Y.) 70; Cooper v. Conklin, 189 N. Y. S. 532, 197 App. Div. 203; O’Connor v. City of New York, 105 N. Y. S. 625, 629, 178 App. Div. 550; Morton v. Young, 173 Ky. 301, 180 S. W. 1090; Becker v. Hopper, 22 Wyo. 237, 185 P. 178, 189, Ann. Cas. 1818D, 1041.

ET DECEO SE METTENT EN LE PAYS. L. Fr. And of this they put themselves upon the country.

ET DE HOC PONIT SE SUPER PATRIAM. And of this he puts himself upon the country. The formal conclusion of a common-law plea in bar by way of traverse. See 3 Bl. Comm. 313. The literal translation is retained in the modern form.

ET EI LEGITUR IN HEC VERBA. L. Lat. And it is read to him in these words. Words formerly used in entering the prayer of over on record.

ET HABEAS IBI TUNC HOC BREVE. And have you then there this writ. The formal words directing the return of a writ. The literal translation is retained in the modern form of a considerable number of writs.

ET HABUIT. And he had it. A common phrase in the Year Books, expressive of the allowance of an application or demand by a party. Pau. demanda la view. Et habuit, etc. M. 6 Edw. III. 49.

ET HOC PARATUS EST VERIFICARE. And this he is prepared to verify. The Latin form of concluding a plea in confession and
avoidance; that is, where the defendant has confessed all that the plaintiff has set forth, and has pleaded new matter in avoidance. 1 Salk. 2.

These words were used, when the pleadings were in Latin, at the conclusion of any pleading which contained new affirmative matter. They expressed the willingness or readiness of the party so pleading to establish by proof the matter alleged in his pleading. A pleading which concluded in that manner was technically said to "conclude with a verification," in contradistinction to a pleading which simply denied matter alleged by the opposite party, and which for that reason was said to "conclude to the country," because the party merely put himself upon the country, or left the matter to the jury. Brown.

ET HOC PETIT QUOD INQUIRATUR PER PATRIAM. And this he prays may be inquired of by the country. The conclusion of a plaintiff's pleading, tendering an issue to the country. 1 Salk. 6. Literally translated in the modern forms.

ET INDE PETIT JUDICIUM. And thereupon [or thereof] he prays judgment. A clause at the end of pleadings, praying the judgment of the court in favor of the party pleading. It occurs as early as the time of Bracton, and is literally translated in the modern forms. Bract. fol. 57b; Crabb, Eng. Law, 217.

ET INDE PRODUCIT SECTAM. And thereupon he brings suit. The Latin conclusion of a declaration, except against attorneys and other officers of the court. 3 Bl. Comm. 265.

ET MODO AD HUNC DIEM. Lat. And now at this day. This phrase was the formal beginning of an entry of appearance or of a continuance. The equivalent English words are still used in this connection.

ET NON. Lat. And not. A technical phrase in pleading, which introduces the negative averments of a special traverse. It has the same force and effect as the words abaque hoc, "without this," and is occasionally used instead of the latter.

ET SEQ. An abbreviation for et sequentes (masculine and feminine plural) or et sequentia (neuter), "and the following." Thus a reference to "p. 1, et seq." means "page first and the following pages." Also abbreviated "et sqq.," which is preferred by some authorities.

ET SIC. And so. In the Latin forms of pleading these were the introductory words of a special conclusion to a plea in bar, the object being to render it positive and not argumentative; as et sic nil debet.

ET SIC AD JUDICIUM. And so to judgment. Yearb. T. 1 Edw. II. 10.

ET SIC AD PATRIAM. And so to the country. A phrase used in the Year Books, to record an issue to the country.

ET SIC FECIT. And he did so. Yearb. P. 9 Hen. VI. 17.

ET SIC PENDET. And so it hangs. A term used in the old reports to signify that a point was left undetermined. T. Raym. 168.

ET SIC ULERIUS. And so on; and so further; and so forth. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 50, § 27.

ET UX. An abbreviation for et uxor,—"and wife." Where a grantor's wife joins him in the conveyance, it is sometimes expressed (in abstracts, etc.) to be by "A. B. et ux."

ETCHING. Strictly, the art of using acid to bite a design on metal; in a broader sense, the word includes the sand-blast process, which uses no acid, but relies on abrasion by sand, emery, or a like substance. Graphic Arts Co. v. Photo-Chromotype Engraving Co. (C. C. A.) 231 F. 146, 148.

ETHICS, LEGAL. That branch of moral science which treats of the duties which a member of the legal profession owes to the public, to the court, to his professional brethren, and to his client.

ETIQUETTE OF THE PROFESSION. The code of honor agreed on by mutual understanding and tacitly accepted by members of the legal profession, especially by the bar. Wharton.

Eun qui nocentem infamat, non est aequum et bonum ob eam rem condemnari; delicta enim noncentum nota esse oportet et expedit. It is not just and proper that he who speaks ill of a bad man should be condemned on that account; for it is fitting and expedient that the crimes of bad men should be known. Dig. 47, 10, 17; 1 Bl. Comm. 125.


EUNDO, MORANDO, ET REDEUNDO. Lat. Going, remaining, and returning. A person who is privileged from arrest (as a witness, legislator, etc.) is generally so privileged eundo, morando, et redeundo; that is, on his way to the place where his duties are to be performed, while he remains there, and on his return journey.

EUNOMY. Equal laws and a well-adjusted constitution of government.

EUNCH. A male of the human species who has been castrated. See Domat, liv. prél. tit. 2, § 1, n. 10. Eckert v. Van Pelt, 69 Kan. 337, 76 Pac. 969, 46 L. R. A. 265.


EVASION. A subtle endeavoring to set aside truth or to escape the punishment of the law. Thus, if one person says to another that he will not strike him, but will give him a pot of
Evasion to strike first, and, accordingly, the latter strikes, the returning the blow is punishable; and, if the person first striking is killed, it is murder, for no man shall evade the justice of the law by such a pretense. 1 Hawk. P. C. 81; Bac. Abr. Fraud, A. So no one may plead ignorance of the law to evade it. Jacob.

In a general way the words "suppression," "evasion," and "concealment" mean to avoid by some device or strategy or the concealment or intentional withholding some fact which ought in good faith to be communicated. Murray v. Brotherhood of American Yeomen, 189 Iowa, 628, 183 N. W. 431, 433.

Evasive. Tending or seeking to evade; elusive; shifting; as an evasive argument or plea.

Evasive Answer. One which consists in refusing either to admit or to deny a matter as to which the defendant is necessarily presumed to know. Knowledge. For example, where a defendant is alleged to be a corporation, an answer denying, for want of sufficient information, either to admit or to deny such an averment would be evasive. Raleigh & Gaston Ry. Co. v. Pullman Co., 122 Ga. 700, 50 S. E. 1008. But an answer distinctly denying an allegation that the defendant is a corporation, although it may be false, is not evasive. Gaynor v. Travelers' Ins. Co., 12 Ga. App. 601, 77 S. E. 1072, 1073.

Eve. The period immediately preceding an important event. Jarvis v. Jarvis, 286 Ill. 478, 122 N. E. 121, 123.


Evening. The period between sunset or the evening meal and ordinary bedtime. City of Albany v. Black, 216 Ala. 4, 112 So. 438; State v. Foley, 89 Vt. 193, 94 A. 841, 842.

Evenings. In old English law. The delivery at even or night of a certain portion of grass, or corn, etc., to a customary tenant, who performs the service of cutting, mowing, or reaping for his lord, given him as a gratuity or encouragement. Kennett, Gloss.

Event. The consequences of anything, the issue, conclusion, end; that in which an action, operation, or series of operations, terminate. See Bates, 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 473.

In reference to judicial and quasi judicial proceedings, "event" means the conclusion, end, or final outcome or result of a litigation; as, in the phrase "abide the event," speaking of costs or of an agreement that one suit shall be governed by the determination in another. Reeves v. McGregor, 9 Adol. & El. 576; Benjamin v. Ver Nooy, 168 N. Y. 578, 61 N. E. 971; Commercial Union Assur. Co. v. Scammon, 35 Ill. App. 690; Gordon v. Krellman, 216 N. Y. S. 778, 779, 217 App. Div. 477.

Eventus est qui ex causis sequitur; et dictum eventus quia ex causis event. 9 Coke, 81. An event is that which follows from the cause, and is called an "event" because it eventuates from causes.


Every. Each one of all; all the separate individuals who constitute the whole, regarded one by one. Geary v. Parker, 65 Ark. 521, 47 S. W. 238; Purdy v. People, 4 Hill (N. Y.) 413; State v. Penny, 19 S. C. 221; Smith v. Hall, 217 Ky. 615, 290 S. W. 480, 482; Salo v. Pacific Coast Casualty Co., 95 Wash. 109, 163 P. 384, 385, L. R. A. 1917D, 613. The term is sometimes equivalent to "all"; Erskine v. Fyle, 51 S. D. 262, 213 N. W. 500, 502; and sometimes to "each"; Miller v. Rodd, 285 Pa. 16, 131 A. 482, 483.

Every man must be taken to contemplate the probable consequences of the act he does. Lord Ellenborough, 9 East. 277. A fundamental maxim in the law of evidence. Best, Pres. § 16; 1 Phill. Ev. 444. (Every man is presumed to intend the natural and probable consequences of his own voluntary acts. 1 Greenl. Evid. § 18; 9 B. & C. 643; 3 Maule & S. 11; Webb, Poll. Torts 35.)

Eves-Droppers. See Eaves-Droppers.

Evit. In the Civil Law
To recover anything from a person by virtue of the judgment of a court or judicial sentence.

At Common Law
To dispossess, or turn out of the possession of lands by process of law. Also to recover land by judgment at law. "If the land is evicted, no rent shall be paid." 10 Coke, 128 a.


In Kentucky, an "eviction" is dispossession under judgment, though it need not be by force of process under judgment. Edgmont Coal Co. v. Asher (D. C.) 258 F. 399; Walker v. Robinson, 163 Ky. 618, 174 S. W. 653, 655.

Originally and technically, the dispossession must be by judgment of law; if otherwise, it was an ouster; Lausing v. Van Alstyne, 2 Wend. (N. Y.) 553, note; Webb v. Alexander, 7 Wend. (N. Y.) 286; but the necessity of legal process was long ago abandoned in England; 4 Term 617; and in this country also it is settled that there need not be legal process; Greenvault v. Davis, 4 Hill (N. Y.) 645; Grist v. Hodges, 14 N. C. 290; Green v. Irving, 54 Miss. 450, 28 Am. Rep. 300; Thomas v. Becker, 190 Iowa, 237, 180 N. W. 285, 286. Any
actual entry and dispossession, adversely and lawfully made under paramount title, will be an eviction. Rawle, Civ. § 133; Gallison v. Downing, 244 Mass. 33, 138 N. E. 315, 318.

An "eviction" is a disturbance in the grantee's possession, by the assertion of a title paramount to which a party has been compelled by law or satisfactory proof of genuineness to submit. Musgrove v. Cordova Coal, Land & Improvement Co., 67 So. 582, 583, 191 Ala. 419.

"Eviction" is anything of a grave and permanent character done by the landlord or those acting under his authority with the intent and effect to deprive the tenant of the use, occupation, and enjoyment of the premises or part thereof, or the establishment or assertion against the tenant of a title paramount to the landlord. Blomberg v. Evans, 194 N. C. 113, 138 S. E. 253, 354, 33 A. L. R. 56; Albright v. Thiemer, 27 N. J. Law, 103, 115 A. 276, 277; Lorenz v. McCloskey, 135 A. 530, 5 N. J. Misc. 27; National Furniture Co. v. Inhabitants of Cumberland County, 113 Md. 175, 33 A. 79, 71; Arugila v. Cavalcia, 259 Mass. 261, 138 N. E. 253, 254, L. R. A. 1923C, 59; De Fries v. Scott (C. C. A.) 258 F. 932, 936.

To constitute "eviction," the act need not be of a permanent character, but it is sufficient that it deprive the tenant of the free enjoyment of the premises or some part thereof or appurtenances thereto. Hotel Marion Co. v. Water, 77 Or. 458, 160 P. 855, 858.

Originally an eviction was understood to be a dispossession of the tenant by some act of his landlord or the failure of his title. Of later years it has come to include any wrongful act of the landlord which may result in an interference with the tenant's possession in whole or in part. The act may be one of omission as well as one of commission. Holden v. Tidwell, 37 Okl. 553, 33 P. 54, 55, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 329, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 324.

Eviction implies an entry under paramount title, so as to interfere with the rights of the grantee. The object of the party making the entry is immaterial, whether it be to take all or a part of the land itself or merely an incorporeal right. Phrases equivalent in meaning are "oust by paramount title," "entry and disturbance," "possession under an elder title," and the like. Mitchell v. Warner, 8 Conn. 497.

In a more popular sense, the term denotes turning a tenant of land out of possession, either by re-entry or by legal proceedings, such as an action of ejectment. Sweet.

By a loose extension, the term is sometimes applied to the ousting of a person from the possession of chattels; but, properly, it applies only to realty.

In the Civil Law

The abandonment which one is obliged to make of a thing, in pursuance of a sentence by which he is commanded to do so. Poth. Contr. Sale, pt. 2, c. 1, § 2, art. 1, no. 83. The abandonment which a buyer is compelled to make of a thing purchased, in pursuance of a judicial sentence. Eviction is the loss suffered by the buyer of the totality of the thing sold, or of a part thereof, occasioned by the right or claims of a third person. Civil Code La. art. 2500.

In General

Actual eviction is an actual expulsion of the tenant out of all or some part of the demised premises; a physical ouster or dispossession from the very thing granted or some substantial part thereof. Knotts v. McGregor, 47 W. Va. 566, 39 S. E. 699; Talbott v. English, 156 Ind. 290, 59 N. E. 857; Seigel v. Neary, 77 N. Y. 854, 38 Misc. Rep. 297; Pendleton v. Dyett, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 581, 585; Friedman-White Realty Co. v. Garage Development Corp., 223 N. Y. S. 839, 841, 130 Misc. 266.

Constructive eviction, as the term is used with reference to breach of the covenants of warranty and of quiet enjoyment, means the inability of the purchaser to obtain possession by reason of a paramount outstanding title. Fritz v. Pusey, 31 Minn. 368, 18 N. W. 94. With reference to the relation of landlord and tenant, there is a "constructive eviction" when the former, without intent to oust the latter, does some act which deprives the tenant of the beneficial enjoyment of the demised premises or materially impairs such enjoyment. Realty Co. v. Fuller, 67 N. Y. S. 1443. 53 Minn. Rep. 910. The Hotel Marion Co. v. Water, 77 Or. 458, 160 P. 855, 858; General Industrial & Mfg. Co. v. American Garment Co., 76 Ind. App. 629, 128 N. E. 454, 455; Santrizos v. Public Drug Co., 143 Minn. 222, 173 N. W. 563, 564. Any disturbance of the tenant's possession by the landlord whereby the premises are rendered unfit or unsuitable for occupancy in whole or in substantial part for the purposes for which they were leased amounts to a constructive eviction, if the tenant so elects and surrenders his possession. Vossey v. Moriyama, 184 Cal. 802, 165 P. 662, 663; Murry v. Merchants' Southwest Transfer & Storage Co., 88 Okl. 270, 225 P. 547, 549.

Partial eviction. That which takes place when the possessor is deprived of only a portion of his rights in the premises.

Total eviction. That which occurs when the possessor is wholly deprived of his rights in the premises.


That which is legally submitted to a jury, to enable them to decide upon the questions in dispute or issue, as pointed out by the pleadings, and dis-
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tinguished from all comment and argument. 1 Starkie, Ev. pt. 1, § 2.


That which tends to prove or disprove any matter in question, or to influence the belief respecting it. Belief is produced by the consideration of something presented to the mind. The matter thus presented, in whatever shape it may come, and through whatever material organ it is derived, is evidence. Parker, Lectures on Medical Jurisprudence, in Dartmouth College.

That which furnishes or tends to furnish proof. It is that which brings to the mind a just conviction of the truth or falsehood of any substantive proposition which is asserted or denied. Wong Yee Toon v. Stump (C. C. A.) 223 F. 194, 198; Ex parte Lam Ful (D. C.) 217 F. 465, 467. The evidence which establishes, makes clear, or ascertains the truth of the very fact or point in issue, either on the one side or on the other. Leonard v. State, 100 Ohio St. 456, 127 N. E. 464, 469; Lynch v. Rosenberger, 121 Kan. 601, 249 P. 662, 663, 60 A. L. R. 376.

The word "evidence," in legal acceptation, includes all the means by which any alleged matter of fact, the truth of which is submitted to investigation, is established or disproved. 1 Greenl, Ev. c. 1, § 1; Latkows v. State, 88 So. 45, 47, 17 Ala. App. 592.

Synonyms distinguished.

The term "evidence" is to be distinguished from its synonyms "proof" and "testimony." "Proof" is the logically sufficient reason for ascertaining to the truth of a proposition advanced. In its juridical sense it is a term of wide import, and comprehends everything that may be adduced at a trial, within the legal rules, for the purpose of producing conviction in the mind of judge or jury, aside from mere argument. That is, everything that has a probative force intrinsically, and not merely as a deduction from, or combination of, original probative facts. But "evidence" is a narrower term, and includes only such kinds of proof as may be legally presented at a trial, by the act of the parties, and through the use of such concrete facts as witnesses, records, or other documents. Thus, to urge a presumption of law in support of one's case is adding proof, but it is not offering evidence. "Testimony," again, is a still more restricted term. It properly means only such evidence as is delivered by a witness on the trial of a case, either orally or in the form of affidavits or depositions. Thus, an ancient deed, when offered under proper circumstances, is evidence, but it could not strictly be called testimony. "Belief" is a subjective condition resulting from proof. It is a conviction of the truth of a proposition, existing in the mind, and induced by persuasion, proof, or argument addressed to the judgment.

Testimony is one species of evidence. But the word "evidence" is a generic term which includes every species of it. Gazette Printing Co. v. Morss, 80 Ind. 597. Testimony is the evidence given by witnesses. Evidence is whatever may be given to the jury as tending to prove a case. It includes the testimony of witnesses, documents, admissions of parties, etc. Mann v. Higgins, 83 Cal. 66, 23 P. 206; Carroll v. Bancker, 43 La. Ann. 1097, 10 South. 192; Columbia Nat. Bank v. German Nat. Bank, 56 Neb. 385, 77 N. W. 446; Harris v. Tumlinson, 135 Ind. 428, 30 N. E. 214; Jones v. Gregory, 45 N. J. 220; Industrial Commission v. Jasionowski, 24 Ohio App. 159, 159 N. E. 616, 618. What is sworn is testimony; what is the truth deduced therefrom is "evidence." Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Rogers, 21 Ga. App. 254, 24 S. E. 231, 232; Mck v. Mart (N. J. Ch.) 65 A. 893.


The word "proof" seems proper to mean anything which serves, either immediately or mediate-ly, to convince the mind of the truth or falsehood of a fact or proposition. It is also applied to the conviction generated in the mind by proof properly so called. The word "evidence" signifies, in its original sense, the state of being evident, i.e., plain, apparent, or notorious. But by an almost peculiar infusion of its language, it is applied to that which tends to render evident or to generate proof. Best, Ev. §§ 20, 21; Du Pont v. Pelletier, 120 Me. 114, 113 A. 11, 12. "Evidence" differs from "proof" in that former may be false and of no probative value. State v. Howard, 162 La. 729, 111 So. 72, 75.

Proof in a strictly accurate and technical sense is the result or effect of evidence, while evidence is the medium or means by which a fact is proved or disproved, but the words "proof" and "evidence" may be used interchangeably. Walker v. State, 128 Ark. 317, 212 S. W. 319, 324; Latkows v. State, 27 Ala. App. 592, 88 So. 45, 47.

While the "facts" and the "evidence" are quite different since the facts can neither be added to nor taken from, while evidence may be added to, weakened, or even destroyed, it sometimes may happen that they constitute one and the same thing. Gates v. Haw, 150 Ind. 370, 50 N. E. 269.

Classification  
There are many species of evidence, and it is susceptible of being classified on several different principles. The more usual divisions are indicated below.

Evidence is either judicial or extrajudicial. Judicial evidence is the means, sanctioned by law, of ascertaining in a judicial proceeding the truth respecting a question of fact. (Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1933;) while extrajudicial evidence is that which is used to satisfy private persons as to facts requiring proof.

Evidence is either primary or secondary. Primary evidence is that kind of evidence which, under every possible circumstance, affords the greatest certainty of the fact in question. Thus, a written instrument is itself the best possible evidence of its existence and contents. Secondary evidence is that which is inferior to primary. Thus, a copy of an instrument, or oral evidence of its contents, is secondary evidence of the instrument and contents. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. §§ 1829, 1830. In other words, primary evidence means original or first-hand evidence; the best evidence that the nature of the case admits of; the evidence which is required in the first instance, and which must fail before secondary evidence can be admitted. That evidence which the nature of the case or ques-
Intrinsic evidence is that which is derived from a document without anything to explain it. Extrínsc evidence is external evidence, or that which is not contained in the body of an agreement, contract, and the like. Extrínsc evidence is also said to be evidence not legitimately before the tribunal in which the determination is made. Baldwin v. City of Buffalo, 35 N. Y. 375, 382.

**Compound and Descriptive Terms**

- **Admínairel evidence.** Auxiliary or supplementary evidence, such as is presented for the purpose of explaining and completing other evidence. (Chiefly used in ecclesiastical law.)

- **Best evidence.** Primary evidence, that is, the best evidence of which the case in its nature is susceptible. 3 Bouvier, Inst. n. 3053; Steph. Ev. 67; Scott v. State, 3 Tex. App. 103, 104. As used in the rule that where the "best evidence" the case will admit of cannot be had, the "best evidence" that can be had shall be allowed, it means that if the best legal evidence cannot be produced, the best legal evidence that can be had should be admitted. Gray v. Pentland, 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 23, 34. See definitions of primary evidence under the heading "Classification. supra."

- **Circumstantial evidence.** The proof of various facts or circumstances which usually attend the main fact in dispute, and therefore tend to prove its existence, or to sustain, by their consistence, the hypothesis claimed. Or as otherwise defined, it consists in reasoning from facts which are known or proved to establish such as are conjectured to exist. See, further, Circumstantial Evidence.

- **Competent evidence.** That which the very nature of the thing to be proven requires, as, the production of a writing where its contents are the subject of inquiry. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 2; Chapman v. McAdams, 1 Lea (Tenn.) 500, 504; Horbach v. State, 43 Tex. 242, 249; Hill v. Hill, 216 Ala. 455, 115 So. 306, 308; Porter v. Valentine, 18 Misc. 213, 41 N. Y. S. 507, 508; Goltra v. Penland, 45 Or. 254, 77 P. 120, 133. Also, generally, admissible or relevant, as the opposite of "incompetent." (see infra.) State v. Johnson, 12 Minn. 476 (Gib. 378), 98 Am. Dec. 241; Ryan v. Town of Bristol, 63 Conn. 264, 27 A. 309, 312; Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 5729; Pen. Code Ga. 1910, § 1009; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 13; 1 Stark. Ev. 19; Taryl. Ev. 84. Indirect or circumstantial evidence is that which only tends to establish the issue by proof of various facts sustaining by their consistency the hypothesis claimed. Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 5729; Pen. Code Ga. 1910, § 1009; U. S. v. Greene (D. C.) 146 F. 908, 821. Indirect evidence consists of both inferences and presumptions. Lake County v. Nelson, 44 Or. 14, 74 P. 212, 214.

Evidence is either *intrinsic* or *extrinsic.*
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—Cumulative evidence. Additional or corroborative evidence to the same point. That which goes to prove what has already been established by other evidence. Glidden v. Dunlap, 28 Me. 383; Parker v. Hardy, 24 Pick. (Mass.) 248; Waller v. Graves, 20 Conn. 310; Roe v. Kalb, 37 Ga. 459; Purcell Envelope Co. v. United States, 48 Ct. Cl. 66, 73. All evidence material to the issue, after any such evidence has been given, is in a certain sense cumulative; that is, is added to what has been given before. It tends to sustain the issue. But cumulative evidence, in legal phrase, means evidence from the same or a new witness, simply repeating, in substance and effect, or adding to, what has been before testified to. Parshall v. Kline, 43 Barb. (N. Y.) 232. Evidence is not cumulative merely because it tends to establish the same ultimate or principally controverted fact. Cumulative evidence is additional evidence of the same kind to the same point. Able v. Frazier, 43 Iowa, 177; Harlan v. Texas Fuel & Supply Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 160 S. W. 1142, 1146; Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 5729; Pen. Code Ga. 1910, § 1009.

—Documentary evidence. Evidence supplied by writings and documents of every kind in the widest sense of the term; evidence derived from conventional symbols (such as letters) by which ideas are represented on material substances.

—Evidence allude. Evidence from outside, from another source. In certain cases a written instrument may be explained by evidence alluded, that is, by evidence drawn from sources exterior to the instrument itself, e. g., the testimony of a witness to conversations, admissions, or preliminary negotiations.

—Expert evidence. Testimony given in relation to some scientific, technical, or professional matter by experts, or persons qualified to speak authoritatively by reason of their special training, skill, or familiarity with the subject.

—Extraneous evidence. With reference to a contract, deed, will, or any writing, extraneous evidence is such as is not furnished by the document itself, but is derived from outside sources; the same as evidence allude. (See supra.)


—Hearsay evidence. Evidence not proceeding from the personal knowledge of the witness, but from the mere repetition of what he has heard others say. That which does not derive its value solely from the credit of the witness, but rests mainly on the veracity and competency of other persons. The very nature of the evidence shows its weak-ness, and it is admitted only in specified cases from necessity. Code Ga. 1882, § 3770 (Civil Code 1910, § 5762); 1 Phl. Ev. 158; State v. Ah Lee, 18 Or. 540, 23 P. 424, 425; Hopt v. Utah, 110 U. S. 574, 4 S. Ct. 202, 205, 28 L. Ed. 262; Morell v. Morell, 157 Ind. 178, 60 N. E. 1092, 1093; Dixon v. Labry (Ky.) 29 S. W. 21, 22; Shaw v. Ferguson (N. Y.) 5 Thomp. & C. 439, 2 Cow. Cr. R. 290, 294; People v. Smith (N. D.) 191 Cal. App. 224, 233 P. 816, 818; State v. D'Adame, 84 N. J. Law. 386, 86 A. 414, 417; Young v. Stewart, 191 N. C. 297, 131 S. E. 733, 737. Hearsay evidence is second-hand evidence, as distinguished from original evidence; it is the repetition at second-hand of what would be original evidence if given by the person who originally made the statement. Literally, it is what the witness says he heard another person say. Stockton v. Williams, 1 Doug. (Mich.) 546, 570 (citing 1 Sparkle, Ev. 229). Evidence, oral or written, is hearsay when its probative force depends in whole or in part on the competency and credibility of a person other than the witness. King v. Bynum, 137 N. C. 491, 49 S. E. 956, 956; State v. Levy, 188 Mo. 521, 88 S. W. 692, 695 (citing 3 Rice, Ev. 324). Hearsay is a statement made by a person not called as a witness, received in evidence on the trial. People v. Kraft, 36 N. Y. S. 1094, 1095, 91 Hun. 474. The term is sometimes used synonymously with "report"; State v. Vetere, 76 Mont.
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574, 248 P. 178, 183; and with "rumor";
Gaffney v. Royal Neighbors of America, 41
Idaho, 549, 174 P. 1014, 1017.

—incompetent evidence. Evidence which is
not admissible under the established rules of
evidence; evidence which the law does not
permit to be presented at all, or in relation
to the particular matter, on account of lack
of originality or of some defect in the wit-
ness, the document, or the nature of the evi-
dence itself. Texas Brewing Co. v. Dickey
(Text. Civ. App.) 43 S. W. 578; Bell v. Bum-
stead, 14 N. Y. S. 697, 60 Hun, 580; Atkins
v. Elwell, 45 N. Y. 757; People v. Mullings,
83 Cal. 138, 23 P. 229, 17 Am. St. Rep. 229;
Texas Brewing Co. v. Dickey (Text. Civ. App.)
43 S. W. 577, 578.

—inculpatory evidence. Criminitive evidence;
that which tends, or is intended, to establish
the guilt of the accused.

—indispensable evidence. That without which
a particular fact cannot be proved. Code Civ.
Proc. Cal. 1903, § 1386; Ballinger’s Ann.
Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 689 (Code 1939, § 9
113).

—legal evidence. A broad general term mean-
ing all admissible evidence, including both
oral and documentary, but with a further im-
portation that it must be of such a character
as tends reasonably and substantially to prove
the point, not to raise a mere suspicion or
conjecture. Lewis v. Clyde S. S. Co., 132 N.
C. 904, 44 S. E. 666; Curtis v. Bradley, 65
Conn. 99, 31 A. 891, 28 L. R. A. 143, 48 Am.
St. Rep. 177; West v. Hayes, 51 Conn. 533;
Curtis v. Bradley, 65 Conn. 99, 31 A. 591, 594,

—material evidence. Such as is relevant and
goes to the substantial matters in dispute, or
has a legitimate and effective influence or
bearing on the decision of the case. Porter
v. Valentine, 41 N. Y. S. 507, 18 Misc. 213.
“Materiality,” with reference to evidence does
not have the same significance as “relevan-
W. 72, 73.

—mathematical evidence. Demonstrative evi-
dence; such as establishes its conclusions
with absolute necessity and certainty. It is
used in contradistinction to moral evidence.

—moral evidence. As opposed to “mathemati-
cal” or “demonstrative” evidence, this term
denotes that kind of evidence which, without
developing an absolute and necessary certainty,
generates a high degree of probability or
persuasive force. It is founded upon analogy
or induction, experience of the ordinary
course of nature or the sequence of events,
and the testimony of men.

—newly-discovered evidence. Evidence of
a new and material fact, or new evidence in
relation to a fact in issue, discovered by a
party to a cause after the rendition of a ver-
dict or judgment therein. In re McManus, 72
Newman, 75 Va. 816; People v. Priori, 164
N. Y. 459, 58 N. E. 668. Testimony discovered
after trial, not discoverable before trial by
exercise of due diligence. Mode v. State, 169
Ark. 356, 275 S. W. 700, 701; State v. Black-
tood, 105 Wash. 529, 175 P. 168, 169; Adam
Roth Grocery Co. v. Hotel Monticello Co., 183
Mo. App. 429, 166 S. W. 1125, 1127; Murphy
Any evidence newly discovered, whether the
facts existed at the time of the trial or not.
In re Wood, 140 Minn. 130, 167 N. W. 358, 359.
For the requirements which such evidence
must meet before a new trial will be granted,
see Vickers v. Phillip Carey Co., 49 Okl. 231,
151 P. 1023, 1024, L. R. A. 1916C, 1155; State
v. Luttrel, 28 N. M. 393, 212 P. 739, 741; San-
chez v. State, 190 Ind. 235, 157 N. E. 1, 3;
Gonlenkri v. American Steel & Wire Co., 106
Conn. 1, 131 A. 26, 28.

—opinion evidence. Evidence of what the
witness thinks, believes, or infers in regard to
facts in dispute, as distinguished from his
personal knowledge of the facts themselves;
not admissible except (under certain limita-
tions) in the case of experts. See Lipscomb
v. State, 75 Misc. 599, 23 So. 240; Brit v.
Carolina Northern R. Co., 148 N. C. 37, 61 S.
E. 601, 603. That which is given by a person
of ordinary capacity who has by opportunity
for practice acquired special knowledge out-
side limits of common observation, of value
in illuduating a matter under consideration.
Crosby v. Wells, 73 N. J. Law, 790, 67 A. 295,
296.

—oral evidence. Evidence given by word of
mouth; the oral testimony of a witness.

—original evidence. An original document,
writing, or other material object introduced
in evidence as distinguished from a copy of
or from extraneous evidence of its content or
purport. Or. Laws, 1929, § 691 (Code 1930,
§ 9—106).

—parol evidence. Oral or verbal evidence;
that which is given by word of mouth; the
ordinary kind of evidence, given by witnesses
in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 369. In a particular
sense, and with reference to contracts, deeds,
wills, and other writings, parol evidence is
the same as extraneous evidence or evidence
altundis. (See supra.)

—partial evidence. That which goes to estab-
lish a detached fact, in a series tending to the
fact in dispute. It may be received, subject
to be rejected as incompetent, unless connect-
ed with the fact in dispute by proof of other
facts; for example, on an issue of title to
real property, evidence of the continued pos-
session of a remote occupant is partial, for it
is of a detached fact, which may or may not
be afterwards connected with the fact in dis-

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—Positive evidence. Direct proof of the fact or point in issue; evidence which, if believed, establishes the truth or falseshood of a fact in issue, and does not arise from any presumption. It is distinguished from circumstantial evidence. 3 Bouv. Inst. no. 3057; Cooper v. Holmes, 71 Md. 20, 17 A. 711; Davis v. Curry, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 259; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 310, 52 Am. Dec. 711.

—Preponderance of evidence. Greater weight of evidence, or evidence which is more credible and convincing to the mind. Button v. Metcalf, 80 Wis. 193, 49 N. W. 809; Nickey v. Steuder, 164 Ind. 150, 73 N. E. 117. That which best accords with reason and probability. U. S. v. McCaskill (D. C.) 200 F. 332. The word "preponderance" means something more than "weight"; it denotes a superiority of weight, or outweighing. The words are not synonymous, but substantially different. There is generally a "weight" of evidence on each side in case of contested facts. But juries cannot properly act upon the weight of evidence, in favor of the one having the onus, unless it overbear, in some degree, the weight upon the other side. Shinn v. Tucker, 37 Ark. 588. And see Hoffman v. Loud, 111 Mich. 158, 60 N. W. 251; Wills v. Hillies, 100 Tenn. 524, 35 S. W. 751, 66 Am. St. Rep. 761; Mortimer v. McMullen, 202 Ill. 413, 67 N. E. 20; Bryan v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 63 Iowa, 464, 19 N. W. 265. Preponderance of evidence may not be determined by the number of witnesses, but by the greater weight of all evidence, which does not necessarily mean the greater number of witnesses, but opportunity for knowledge, information possessed, and manner of testifying determines the weight of testimony. Garver v. Garver, 52 Colo. 227, 121 P. 165, 166, Ann. Cas. 1913D, 674.

—Presumptive evidence. This term has several meanings: (1) Any evidence which is not direct and positive; the proof of minor or other facts incidental to or usually connected with the fact sought to be proved which, when taken together, inferentially establish or prove the fact in question to a reasonable degree of certainty; evidence drawn by human experience from the connection of cause and effect and observation of human conduct; the proof of facts from which, with more or less certainty, according to the experience of mankind of their more or less universal connection, the existence of other facts can be deduced. In this sense the term is nearly equivalent to "circumstantial" evidence. See 1 Starkie, Ev. 558; 2 Saund. Pl. & Ev. 673; Davis v. Curry, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 259; Horbach v. Miller, 4 Neb. 44; State v. Miller, 9 Hoast (Del.) 594, 32 A. 157; State v. Kornstett, 62 Kan. 221, 61 P. 805, 808; Bazzard v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 7 F. (2d) 908, 910; Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 3729; Pen. Code Ga. 1910, § 1009.

1 Wig. Ev. § 25, n. 3. Best says presumptive evidence is as original as direct, and that presumption of a fact is as good as any other proof when it is legitimate. Jones v. Granite State Fire Ins. Co., 90 Me. 49, 37 A. 326, 328. "Circumstantial evidence" is sometimes used as synonymous with presumptive evidence, but not with strict accuracy; for presumptive evidence is not necessarily and in all cases what is usually understood by circumstantial evidence. See 1 Starkie, Ev. 478; Whart. Ev. 1, 2, 15. The word presumption imports an inference from facts known, based upon previous experience of the ordinary connection between the two, and, the word itself implies a certain relation between fact and inference. Circumstances, however, generally but not necessarily lead to particular inference; for the facts may be indisputable, and yet their relation to the principal fact may be only apparent, not real; and even where the connection is real, the deduction may be erroneous. Circumstantial and presumptive evidence differ therefore as genus and species. Will, Cir. Ev. 17. (2) Evidence which must be received and treated as true and sufficient until rebutted by other testimony; as, where a statute provides that certain facts shall be presumptive evidence of guilt of title, etc. State v. Mitchell, 119 N. C. 784, 25 S. E. 783; State v. Intoxicating Liquors, 89 Me. 57, 12 A. 794. (3) Evidence which admits of explanation or contradiction by other evidence, as distinguished from conclusive evidence. Durrill, Cir. Ev. 89. "Presumptive evidence" is synonymous with prima facie evidence. State v. Simon, 163 Minn. 317, 203 N. W. 989, 999; Watson v. Rollins, 18 Ala. 123; App. 125, 90 So. 69, 61. See, also, Presumption. 

—Prima facie evidence. Evidence good and sufficient on its face; such evidence as, in the judgment of the law, is sufficient to establish a given fact, or the group or chain of facts constituting the party's claim or defense, and which if not rebutted or contradicted, will warrant a verdict. Craner v. Murs, 6 Pet. 611, 8 L. Ed. 514; State v. Burlingame, 146 Mo. 297, 48 S. W. 72; State v. Roten, 86 N. C. 701; Blough v. Parry, 144 Ind. 463, 43 N. E. 569; Hamilton v. Blakeney, 65 Okl. 154, 105 P. 141; Mayo v. Overstreet, 107 Okl. 223, 227 P. 396; Atlantic Land & Improvement Co. v. Lee, 98 Fla. 579, 112 So. 549, 551. Evidence which suffices for the proof of a particular fact until contradicted and overcome by other evidence. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1833; Dodson v. Watson, 110 Tex. 355, 220 S. W. 771, 772, 11 A. L. R. 583. Evidence which, standing alone and unexplained, would maintain the proposition and warrant the conclusion to support which it is introduced. Emmons v. Bank, 97 Mass. 250; Gilmore v. Modern Brotherhood of America, 186 Mo. App. 445, 171 S. W. 629, 632. An inference or presumption of law, affirmative or negative of a fact, in the absence of proof, or until proof can be obtained or produced to
overcome the inference. People v. Thacher, 1 Thomp. & C. (N. Y.) 167. A litigating party is said to have a prima facie case when the evidence in his favor is sufficiently strong for his opponent to be called on to answer it. A prima facie case, then, is one which is established by sufficient evidence, and can be overthrown only by rebutting evidence adduced on the other side. Mosley & Whitely. And see State v. Hardiein, 169 Mo. 579, 70 S. W. 130; State v. Lawlor, 28 Minn. 216, 9 N. W. 698. A "prima facie case" is one which is apparently established by evidence adduced by plaintiff in support of his case up to the time such evidence stands unexplained and uncontradicted. Morrison v. Flowers, 308 Ill. 189, 139 N. E. 10, 12. A "prima facie case" is one in which the evidence in favor of a proposition is sufficient to support a finding in its favor, if all of the evidence to the contrary be disregarded. Schallert v. Boggs (Tex. Civ. App.) 204 S. W. 1061, 1062.

—Probable evidence. Presumptive evidence is so called, from its foundation in probability.

—Proper evidence. Such evidence as may be presented under the rules established by law and recognized by the courts. The Betsay, 49 Ct. Cl. 125, 131.

—Real evidence. Evidence furnished by things themselves, on view or inspection, as distinguished from a description of them by the mouth of a witness; e. g., the physical appearance of a person when exhibited to the jury, marks, scars, wounds, finger-prints, etc., also the weapons or implements used in the commission of a crime, and other inanimate objects, and evidence of the physical appearance of a place (the scene of an accident or of the commission of a crime or of property to be taken under condemnation proceedings) as obtained by a jury when they are taken to view it. See Chamb. Best. Ev. 16; Riggie v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 95 Vt. 282, 107 A. 129, 127.

—Rebutting evidence. Evidence given to explain, repel, counteract, or disprove facts given in evidence by the adverse party. Davis v. Humbelin, 51 Md. 539; Railway Co. v. Wales, 5 O. C. D. 170; State v. Martinez, 43 Idaho, 180, 250 P. 229, 244; People v. Page, 1 Idaho, 195; State v. Fouchy, 51 La. Ann. 228, 25 So. 109. Also evidence given in opposition to a presumption of fact or a prima facie case; in this sense, it may be not only countering evidence, but evidence sufficient to counteract, that is, conclusive. Pain v. Cornett, 25 Ga. 186.

—Relevant evidence. Such evidence as relates to, or bears directly upon, the point or fact in issue, and proves or has a tendency to prove the proposition alleged; evidence which conduces to prove a pertinent theory in a case. Platner v. Platner, 78 N. Y. 35; Levy v. Campbell (Tex.) 20 S. W. 196; State v. O'Neill, 13 Or. 183, 9 P. 286; Moran v. Abbey, 58 Cal. 163, 165. 1 Whart. Ev. § 20. It does not mean evidence addressed with positive directness to the point but that which according to the common course of events either taken by itself or in connection with other facts, proves or renders probable the past, present or future existence or nonexistence of the other. Seller v. Jenkins, 97 Ind. 430, 438 (quoting Steph. Ev. art. 1, and Best, Principles of Ev. 127 n.); Plumb v. Curtis, 33 A. 998, 1000, 66 Conn. 154; Buckwalter v. Arnett (Ky.) 34 S. W. 238, 241. See, also, Relevancy.

—Satisfactory evidence. Such evidence as is sufficient to produce a belief that the thing is true; credible evidence; such evidence as, in respect to its amount or weight, is adequate or sufficient to justify the court or jury in adopting the conclusion in support of which it is adduced. Walker v. Collins, 59 F. 74, 8 C. C. A. 1; U. S. v. Lee (D. C.) 118 F. 457; People v. Stewart, 80 Cal. 129, 22 P. 121; Pittman v. Pittman, 72 Ill. App. 503. "Satisfactory evidence," which is sometimes called "sufficient evidence," means that amount of proof which ordinarily satisfies an unprejudiced mind beyond a reasonable doubt. Thayer v. Boyle, 30 Me. 475, 481 (citing 1 Greenl. Ev. § 2); Chapman v. McAlmonds, 69 Tenn. (1 Lea) 509, 504; Territory v. Bannigan, 46 N. W. 367, 368, 1 Dak. 451; State v. Bineen, 10 Minn. 407, 416 (Gil. 325, 335); White v. Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co., 47 N. W. 146, 149, 1 S. D. 233, 9 L. R. A. 824; West v. West, 90 Iowa, 41, 57 N. W. 639, 649; Richmond & D. R. Co. v. Trammel (C. C.) 53 F. 196, 201; Brewer v. Doose (Tex. Civ. App.) 146 S. W. 233, 234 (citing 7 Words and Phrases, p. 635); Cole v. McClure, 88 Ohio St. 1, 102 N. E. 264, 266; Shriver v. Union Stockyards Nat. Bank, 117 Kan. 638, 232 P. 1062, 1066; Fish v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 307, 313; Hyndshaw v. Mills, 108 Neb. 250, 187 N. W. 750, 751; Moy Guey Lum v. United States (C. C. A.) 211 F. 91, 94; Louie Dai v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 228 F. 68, 71; State v. Moss, 93 Or. 616, 188 P. 702, 704.


—Second-hand evidence. Evidence which has passed through one or more media before reaching the witness; hearsay evidence.

—State's evidence. A popular term for testimony given by an accomplice or joint participant in the commission of a crime tending to criminate or convict the others, and given under an actual or implied promise of immunity for himself.
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Substantive evidence. That adduced for the purpose of proving a fact in issue, as opposed to evidence given for the purpose of discrediting a witness, (i.e., showing that he is unworthy of belief,) or of corroborating his testimony. Best, Ev. 246, 773, 803.

Substitutionary evidence. Such as is admitted as a substitute for what would be the original or primary instrument of evidence; as where a witness is permitted to testify to the contents of a lost document.

Sufficient evidence. Adequate evidence; such evidence, in character, weight, or amount, as will legally justify the judicial or official action demanded; according to circumstances, it may be "prima facie" or "satisfactory" evidence, according to the definitions of those terms given above. Moore v. Stone (Tex. Civ. App.) 56 S. W. 319; People v. Stern, 33 Misc. Rep. 443, 68 N. Y. S. 732; Mallery v. Young, 94 Ga. 804, 22 S. E. 142; Parker v. Overman, 18 How. 141, 15 L. Ed. 318; State v. Newton, 33 Ark. 284. Sufficient evidence is that which is satisfactory for the purpose; Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 5729; Pen. Code Ga. 1910, § 1009; Mallery v. Young, 94 Ga. 804, 22 S. E. 142, 143; that amount of proof which ordinarily satisfies an unprejudiced mind, beyond a reasonable doubt; Cole v. McClure, 88 Ohio St. 1, 102 N. E. 264, 266. The term is not synonymous with "conclusive." Pensa- cola & A. R. Co. v. State, 5 So. 383, 386, 25 Fla. 319, 3 L. R. A. 601. But it may be used interchangeably with the term "weight of evidence." Waldron v. New York Cent. Ry. Co., 106 Ohio St. 371, 140 N. E. 151, 163; Britain v. Industrial Commission of Ohio, 55 Ohio St. 391, 116 N. E. 110.

Traditory evidence. Evidence derived from tradition or reputation or the statements formerly made by persons since deceased, in regard to questions of pedigree, ancient boundaries, and the like, where no living witnesses can be produced having knowledge of the facts. Lay v. Neville, 25 Cal. 554.

Weight of evidence. The balance of preponderance of evidence; the inclination of the greater amount of credible evidence, offered in a trial, to support one side of the issue rather than the other. The "weight" or "preponderance of proof" is a phrase constantly used, the meaning of which is well understood and easily defined. It indicates clearly to the jury that the party having the burden of proof will be entitled to their verdict, if, on weighing the evidence in their minds, they shall find the greater amount of credible evidence sustains the issue which is to be established before them. Haskins v. Haskins, 9 Gray (Mass.) 393. Weight is not a question of mathematics, but depends on its effect in inducing belief. It often happens that an uncorroborated witness may tell a story so natural and reasonable, and in manner so sincere and honest, as to com-


EVIDENCE OF DEBT. A term applied to written instruments or securities for the payment of money, importing on their face the existence of a debt. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 599, § 55.

EVIDENCE OF TITLE. A deed or other document establishing the title to property, especially real estate.


A constitutional provision forbidding bail in capital cases when the proof is "evident," means that, if the evidence is such as to lead a dispassionate mind to the conclusion that the accused is guilty, and that if the law is properly administered a conviction would be had of a capital offense, bail should be denied. Ex parte Hickox, 90 Tex. Cr. R. 129, 233 S. W. 306; Ex parte Vermillion, 102 Tex. Cr. R. 590, 236 S. W. 771; Ex parte Hill, 85 Tex. Cr. R. 146, 201 S. W. 996; Ex parte Bates, 90 Tex. Cr. R. 405, 236 S. W. 879, 883.

Proof Evidence

See Proof.

EVIDENTIA. L Evidence. See Preuve.

EVIDENTIARY. Having the quality of evidence; constituting evidence; evidencing. A term introduced by Bentham, and, from its convenience, adopted by other writers.

EVOCATION. In French law. The withdrawal of a cause from the cognizance of an inferior court, and bringing it before another court or judge. In some respects this process resembles the proceedings upon cor- tiorari.

EWAGE. (L. Fr. Ewe, water.) In old English law. Toll paid for water passage. Cowell. The same as aquage or aquagium. Tomlins.

EWBRICE. Adultery; spouse-breach; marriage-breach. Cowell; Tomlins.

EWRY. An office in the royal household where the table linen, etc., is taken care of. Wharton.

EX. A Latin preposition meaning from, out of, by, on, on account of, or according to. A prefix, denoting removal or cessation. Prefixed to the name of an office, relation,
status, etc. It denotes that the person spoken of once occupied that office or relation, but does so no longer, or that he is now out of it. Thus, ex-mayor, ex-partner, ex-judge.

A prefix which is equivalent to “without,” “reserving,” or “excepting.” In this use, probably an abbreviation of “except.” Thus, ex-interest, ex-coupons.

"A sale of bonds ‘ex. July coupons’ means a sale reserving the coupons; that is, a sale in which the seller reserves, in addition to the purchase price, the benefit of the coupons, which benefit he may realize either by detaching them or receiving from the buyer an equivalent consideration.” Porter v. Wormser, 94 N. Y. 445.

Also used as an abbreviation for “exhibit.” See Dugan v. Trisler, 69 Ind. 555.

**EX ABUNDANTI.** Out of abundance; abundantly; superfluously; more than sufficient. Calvin.

**EX ABUNDANTI CAUTELA.** Lat. Out of abundant caution. “The practice has arisen abundanti cautela.” 8 East, 326; Lord Ellenborough, 4 Maule & S. 514.

**EX ADVERSO.** On the other side. 2 Show. 461. Applied to counsel.

**EX AQUEITATE.** According to equity; in equity. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 10, § 3.

**EX AQUEO ET BONO.** A phrase derived from the civil law, meaning, in justice and fairness; according to what is just and good; according to equity and conscience. 3 Bl. Comm. 163.

**EX ALTERA PARTE.** Of the other part.

Ex antecedentibus et consequentibus fit optima interpretatio. The best interpretation [of a part of an instrument] is made from the antecedents and the consequents, [from the preceding and following parts.] 2 Inst. 317. The law will judge of a deed or other instrument, consisting of divers parts or clauses, by looking at the whole; and will give to each part its proper office, so as to ascertain and carry out the intention of the parties. Broom, Max. *577. The whole instrument is to be viewed and compared in all its parts, so that every part of it may be made consistent and effectual. 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

**EX ARBITRIO JUDICIS.** At, in, or upon the discretion of the judge. 4 Bl. Comm. 394. A term of the civil law. Inst. 4, 6, 31.

**EX ASSENSU SUO.** With his assent. Formal words in judgments for damages by default. Comb. 220.

**EX BONIS.** Of the goods or property. A term of the civil law; distinguished from in bonis, as being descriptive of or applicable to property not in actual possession. Calvin.

**EX CATHEDRA.** From the chair. Originally applied to the decisions of the popes from their cathedra, or chair. Hence, authoritative; having the weight of authority.

**EX CAUSA.** L. Lat. By title.

**EX CERTA SCIENTIA.** Of certain or sure knowledge. These words were anciently used in patents, and imported full knowledge of the subject-matter on the part of the king. See 1 Coke, 40b.

**EX COLORE.** By color; under color of; under pretense, show, or protection of. Thus, ex colore officii, under color of office.

**EX COMITATE.** Out of comity or courtesy.

**EX COMMODO.** From or out of loan. A term applied in the old law of England to a right of action arising out of a loan. (commodatum.) Gianv. lib. 10, c. 13; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 106.

**EX COMPARATIONE SCRIPTORUM.** By a comparison of writings or handwritings. A term in the law of evidence. Best, Pres. 218.

**EX CONCESSIS.** From the premises granted. According to what has been already allowed.

**EX CONSULTO.** With consultation or deliberation.

**EX CONTINENTI.** Immediately; without any interval or delay; incontinently. A term of the civil law. Calvin.


**EX CURIA.** Out of court; away from the court.

**EX DEBITO JUSTITIÆ.** From or as a debit of justice; in accordance with the requirement of justice; of right; as a matter of right. The opposite of ex gratia, (q. v.) 3 Bl. Comm. 45, 67.
EX DEFECTU SANGUINIS. From failure of blood; for want of issue.


Ex delicto non ex supplicio emergit infamia. Infamy arises from the crime, not from the punishment.

EX DEMISSIONE (commonly abbreviated ex dem.). Upon the demise. A phrase forming part of the title of the old action of ejectment.

EX DIRECTO. Directly; immediately. Story, Bills, § 190.

Ex diuturnitate temporis, omnia prasumuntur solemniter esse acta. From length of time (after lapse of time) all things are presumed to have been done in due form. Co. Litt. 65; Best, Ev. Introd. § 43; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 20.

EX DOLO MALO. Out of fraud; out of deceitful or tortious conduct. A phrase applied to obligations and causes of action vitiated by fraud or deceit.

Ex dolo malo non oritur actio. Out of fraud no action arises; fraud never gives a cause of action. No court will lend its aid to a man who founds his cause of action upon an immoral or illegal act. Cwmp. 342; Broom, Max. 729.

Ex donationibus autem foeda militaria vel magnum serjeantium non continentibus oritur nobis quoddam nomem generale, quod est socagium. Co. Litt. 86. From grants not containing military fees or grand serjeancy, a kind of general name is used by us, which is "socage."

EX EMPTO. Out of purchase; founded on purchase. A term of the civil law, adopted by Bracton. Inst. 4, 6, 28; Bract. fol. 102. See Actio ex Empto.

EX FACIE. From the face; apparently; evidently. A term applied to what appears on the face of a writing.

EX FACTO. From or in consequence of a fact or action; actually. Usually applied to an unlawful or tortious act as the foundation of a title, etc. Sometimes used as equivalent to "de facto." Bract. fol. 172.

Ex facto jus ortur. The law arises out of the fact. Broom, Max. 102. A rule of law continues in abraction and theory, until an act is done on which it can attach and assume as it were a body and shape. Beal, Ev. Introd. § 1.

EX FICTIONE JURIS. By a fiction of law.

Ex frequenti delicto augetur pena. 2 Inst. 479. Punishment increases with increasing crime.

EX GRATIA. Out of grace; as a matter of grace, favor, or indulgence; gratuitous. A term applied to anything accorded as a favor; as distinguished from that which may be demanded ex debito, as a matter of right.

EX GRAVI QUERELA. (From or on the grievous complaint.) In old English practice. The name of a writ (so called from its initial words) which lay for a person to whom any lands or tenements in fee were devised by will, (within any city, town, or borough wherein lands were deviseable by custom,) and the heir of the deviser entered and detained them from him. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 198, I, et seq.; 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 49. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27, § 39.

EX HYPOTHESI. By the hypothesis; upon the supposition; upon the theory or facts assumed.

EX INDUSTRIA. With contrivance or deliberation; designedly; on purpose. See 1 Kent, Comm. 318; Martin v. Hunter, 1 Wheat. 394, 4 L. Ed. 27.

EX INTEGRIO. Anew; afresh.

EX JUSTA CAUSA. From a just or lawful cause; by a just or legal title.

EX LEGE. By the law; by force of law; as a matter of law.

EX LEGIBUS. According to the laws. A phrase of the civil law, which means according to the intent or spirit of the law, as well as according to the words or letter. Dig. 50, 16, 6. See Calvin.

EX LICENTIA REGIS. By the king's license. 1 Bl. Comm. 168, note.

EX LOCATU. From or out of lease or letting. A term of the civil law, applied to actions or rights of action arising out of the contract of locatum, (q. v.) Inst. 4, 6, 28. Adopted at an early period in the law of Eng-
EX MALEFICIO. Growing out of, or found ed upon, misdoing or tort. This term is frequently used in the civil law as the synonym of "ex delicto," (q.v.) and is thus contrasted with "ex contractu." In this sense it is of more rare occurrence in the common law, though found in Bracton (fols. 99, 101, 102.)

EX maleficio non oritur contractus. A contract cannot arise out of an act radically vicious and illegal. 1 Term. 734; 3 Term. 422; Broom. Max. 734.

EX malis moribus bona leges natae sunt. 2 Inst. 161. Good laws arise from evil morals, i.e., are necessitated by the evil behavior of men.

EX MALITIA. From malefic; maliciously. In the law of libel and slander, this term imports a publication that is false and without legal excuse. Dixon v. Allen, 69 Cal. 527, 11 Pac. 179.

EX MERO MOTU. Of his own mere motion; of his own accord; voluntarily and without prompting or request. Royal letters patent which are granted at the crown's own instance, and without request made, are said to be granted ex mero motu. When a court interferes, of its own motion, to object to an irregularity, or to do something which the parties are not strictly entitled to, but which will prevent injustice, it is said to act ex mero motu, or ex proprio motu, or sua sponte, all these terms being here equivalent.

EX MORA. From or in consequence of delay. Interest is allowed ex mora; that is, where there has been delay in returning a sum borrowed. A term of the civil law. Story, Bailm. § 84.

EX MORE. According to custom. Calvin.

EX multitudine signorum, colligitur identitas vera. From a great number of signs or marks, true identity is gathered or made up. Bac. Max. 103, in regula 25. A thing described by a great number of marks is easily identified, though, as to some, the description may not be strictly correct. Id.

EX MUTUO. From or out of loan. In the old law of England, a debt was said to arise ex mutuo when one lent another anything which consisted in number, weight, or measure. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 159; Bract. fol. 99.

EX NECESSITATE. Of necessity. 3 Rep. Ch. 123.

EX NECESSITATE LEGIS. From or by necessity of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 394.

EX NECESSITATE REI. From the necessity or urgency of the thing or case. 2 Pow. Dev. (by Jarman,) 308.


EX aude pacto non oritur [nascitur] actio. Out of a nude or naked pact [that is, a bare parol agreement without consideration] no action arises. Bract. fol. 90; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 56, § 3; Plowd. 305. Out of a promise neither attended with particular solemnity (such as belongs to a specialty) nor with any consideration no legal liability can arise. 2 Steph. Comm. 113. A parol agreement, without a valid consideration, cannot be made the foundation of an action. A leading maxim both of the civil and common law. Cod. 2, 3, 10; Id. 5, 14, 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 445; Smith, Cont. 85, 86.

EX OFFICIO. From office; by virtue of the office; without any other warrant or appointment than that resulting from the holding of a particular office. Powers may be exercised by an officer which are not specifically conferred upon him, but are necessarily implied in his office; these are ex officio. Thus, a judge has ex officio the powers of a conservator of the peace. Courts are bound to notice public statutes judicially and ex officio. King v. Physicians' Casualty Ass'n of America. 97 Neb. 637, 150 N. W. 1010, 1011; Lobrano v. Police Jury of Parish of Plaquemines, 150 La. 14, 90 So. 423, 424; Allin v. Mercer County, 174 Ky. 566, 102 S. W. 635, 640.

EX OFFICIO INFORMATION. In English law. A criminal information filed by the attorney general ex officio on behalf of the crown, in the court of king's bench, for offenses more immediately affecting the government, and to be distinguished from informations in which the crown is the nominal prosecutor. Moyle & Whitley; 4 Steph. Comm. 372-378.

EX OFFICIO OATH. An oath taken by offending priests; abolished by 13 Car. II. St. 1, c. 12.

EX OFFICIO SERVICES. Services which the law annexes to a particular office and requires the incumbent to perform. Macon County v. Abercrombie, 181 Ala. 283, 63 So. 985; City of Birmingham v. Hawkins, 208 Ala. 79, 94 So. 62, 64; Macon County v. Abercrombie, 9 Ala. App. 147, 62 So. 449, 450; Nichols v. Galveston County, 111 Tex. 50, 228 S. W. 547, 548.

Ex pacto illicito non oritur actio. From an illegal contract an action does not arise. Broom. Max. 742. See 7 Clark & F. 729.

EX PARTE. On one side only; by or for one party; done for, in behalf of, or on the application of, one party only. A judicial proceeding, order, injunction, etc., is said to be ex parte when it is taken or granted at the instance and for the benefit of one party only, and without notice to, or contestation

"Ex parte," in the heading of a reported case, signifies that the name following is that of the party upon whose application the case is heard.

In its primary sense, ex parte, as applied to an application in a judicial proceeding, means that it is made by a person who is not a party to the proceeding, but who has an interest in the matter which entitles him to make the application. Thus, in a bankruptcy proceeding or an administration action, an application by A. B., a creditor, or the like, would be described as made "ex parte A. B.," i.e., on the part of A. B.

In its more usual sense, ex parte means that an application is made by one party to a proceeding in the absence of the other. Thus, an ex parte injunction is one granted without the opposite party having had notice of the application. It would not be called "ex parte" if he had proper notice of it, and chose not to appear to oppose it. Sweet.

EX PARTE MATERNA. On the mother's side; of the maternal line.

EX PARTE PATERNA. On the father's side; of the paternal line.

The phrases "ex parte materna" and "ex parte paterna" denote the line or blood of the mother or father, and have no such restricted or limited sense as from the mother or father exclusively. Banta v. Demarest, 24 N. J. Law, 431.

EX PARTE TALIS. A writ that lays for a bailiff or receiver, who, having auditors appointed to take his accounts, cannot obtain of them reasonable allowance, but is cast into prison. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 129.

Ex paucis dictis intendere plurima possit. Litt. § 384. You can imply many things from few expressions.

Ex paucis plurima concepit ingenium. Litt. § 550. From a few words or hints the understanding conceives many things.

EX POST FACTO. After the fact; by an act or fact occurring after some previous act or fact, and relating thereto; by subsequent matter; the opposite of ab initio. Thus, a deed may be good ab initio, or, if invalid at its inception, may be confirmed by matter ex post facto.

EX POST FACTO LAWS. A law passed after the occurrence of a fact or commission of an act, which retrospectively changes the legal consequences or relations of such fact or deed. By Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10, the states are forbidden to pass "any ex post facto law." In this connection the phrase has a much narrower meaning than its literal translation would justify, as will appear from the extracts given below.

The phrase "ex post facto," in the constitution, extends to criminal and not to civil cases. And under this head is included: (1) Every law that makes an action, done before the passing of the law, and which was innocent when done, criminal, and punishes such action. (2) Every law that aggravates a crime, or makes it greater than it was when committed. (3) Every law that changes the punishment, inflicts a greater punishment for an act than the law annexed to the crime when committed. (4) Every law that alters the legal rules of evidence, and receives less or different testimony than the law required at the time of the commission of the offense, in order to convict the offender. All these, and similar laws, are prohibited by the constitution. But a law may be ex post facto, and still not amenable to this constitutional inhibition; that is, provided it modifies, instead of aggravating, the rigor of the criminal law. Boston v. Cummins, 16 Ga. 202, 60 Am. Dec. 717; Cummings v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 277, 278, 7 L. Ed. 123; U. S. v. Hall, 2 Wash. C. C. 356, Fed. Cas. No. 15,255; Woart v. Winnick, 3 N. H. 473, 14 Am. Dec. 384; Calder v. Bull, 3 Dell. 390, 1 L. Ed. 648; 2 Story, Const. 232; State v. Lopeman, 224 P. 454, 143 Wash. 199; State v. Malloy, 96 S. C. 441, 78 S. E. 995, 997, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 653; Commonwealth v. Kaick, 229 Pa. 583, 97 A. 61, 62; Malloy v. South Carolina, 237 U. S. 180, 35 S. Ct. 507, 608, 59 L. Ed. 905; Tucker v. State, 14 Okl. Cr. 54, 167 P. 337, 638; People v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co., 231 Ill. 536, 154 N. E. 463; Jones v. State, 9 Okl. Cr. 645, 123 P. 249, 322; Higginsbooth v. State, 88 Pn. 25, 101 So. 283, 285; Fitzh. v. Centannal, 138 La. 183, 101 So. 221, 222; State ex rel. Jones v. Mallinekrod Chemical Works, 240 Mo. 702, 196 S. W. 826, 975; Butcher v. Maybury (D. C.) 8 F. (2d) 135, 139; In re Jamestown Caucuses Law, 43 R. I. 421, 112 A. 909, 962; State v. Lyons, 183 Wis. 107, 197 N. W. 578, 581; People v. Campolingo, 69 Cal. App. 465, 231 P. 601, 603; State v. Teasley, 194 Ala. 574, 45 So. 725, 725, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 347; Plachy v. State, 240 Ill. 383, 93 L. Ed. 979; State v. Slusser, 119 Or. 141, 225 P. 355, 356; Cain v. State, 105 Tex. Cr. 246, 287 S. W. 862, 863; Hanzell v. State of Ohio, 209 U. S. 107, 46 S. Ct. 68, 70 L. Ed. 213; Commonwealth v. United Cigarette Mach. Co., 120 Va. 825, 89 S. E. 901, 902; People ex rel. Liebowitz v. New York Court of Penitentiary, 174 N. Y. S. 823, 824, 183 App. Div. 730; Armstrong v. Commonwealth, 177 Ky. 690, 198 S. W. 24, 25.

An ex post facto law is one which renders an act punishable, in a manner in which it was not punishable when committed. Such a law may not impose penalties on the person, or pecuniary penalties which swell the public treasury. The legislature is therefore prohibited from passing a law by which a man's estate, or any part of it, shall be seized for a crime, which was not declared, by some previous law, to render him liable to such punishment. Fletcher v. Peek, 5 Granch. 87, 183, 3 Ed. 196.

The plain and obvious meaning of this prohibition is that the legislature shall not pass any law, after a fact done by any citizen, which shall have relation to that fact, so as to punish that which was innocent when done; or to add to the punishment of that which was criminal; or to increase the malignity of a crime; or to retrace the rules of evidence, so as to make conviction more easy. This definition of an ex post facto law is sanctioned by long usage. Strong v. State, 1 Black. (Fed.) 136.

The term "ex post facto law," in the United States constitution, cannot be construed to include and to

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prohibit the enacting any law after a fact, nor even to prohibit the depriving a citizen of a vested right to property. Calder v. Bull, 3 Dall. 386, 1 L. Ed. 468.

"Ex post facto" and "retroactive" are not convertible terms. The latter is a term of wider signification than the former and includes it. All ex post facto laws are necessarily retrospective, but not e converso. A curing or confirmatory statute is retrospective, but not ex post facto. Constitutions of nearly all the states contain prohibitions against ex post facto laws, but only a few forbid retrospective legislation in specific terms. Black, Conz. Probl. §§ 170, 172, 222.

Retrospective laws directing vested rights are impolitic and unjust; but they are not "ex post facto laws," within the meaning of the constitution of the United States, nor repugnant to any other of its provisions; and, if not repugnant to the state constitution, a court cannot pronounce them to be void, merely because in their judgment they are contrary to the principles of natural justice. Abbe v. May, 2 Paule, 74 Fed. Cas. No. 134.

Every retrospective act is not necessarily an ex post facto law. That phrase embraces only such laws as impose or affect penalties or forfeitures. Locke v. New Orleans, 4 Wall. 172, 18 L. Ed. 334.

Retrospective laws which do not impair the obligation of contracts, or affect vested rights, or partake of the character of ex post facto laws, are not prohibited by the constitution. Bay v. Gage, 36 Barb. (N. Y.) 447.

Ex praedentibus et consequentibus optima fit interpretatione, 1 Roll. 374. The best interpretation is made from the context.

EX PROPRIO MOTU. Of his own accord.

EX PROPRIO VIGORE. By their or its own force. 2 Kent, Comm. 457.

EX PROVISIONE HOMINIS. By the provision of man. By the limitation of the party, as distinguished from the disposition of the law. 11 Coke, 805.

EX PROVISIONE MARITI. From the provision of the husband.

EX QUASI CONTRACTU. From quasi contract. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60.

EX RELATIONE. Upon relation or information. Legal proceedings which are instituted by the attorney general (or other proper person) in the name and behalf of the state, but on the information and at the instigation of an individual who has a private interest in the matter, are said to be taken "on the relation" (ex relatione) of such person, who is called the "relator." Such a cause is usually entitled thus: "State ex rel. Doe v. Roe.

In the books of reports, when a case is said to be reported ex relatione, it is meant that the reporter derives his account of it, not from personal knowledge, but from the relation or narrative of some person who was present at the argument.

EX RIGORE JURIS. According to the rigor or strictness of law; in strictness of law. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 10, § 3.

EX SCRIPTIS OLIM VISIS. From writings formerly seen. A term used as descriptive of that kind of proof of handwriting where the knowledge has been acquired by the witness having seen letters or other documents professing to be the handwriting of the party, and having afterwards communicated personally with the party upon the contents of those letters or documents, or having otherwise acted upon them by written answers, producing further correspondence or acquiescence by the party in some matter to which they relate, or by the witness transacting with the party some business to which they relate, or by any other mode of communication between the party and the witness which, in the ordinary course of the transactions of life, induces a reasonable presumption that the letters or documents were the handwriting of the party. 5 Adol. & E. 730.

EX SHIP. See Ship.

EX STATUTO. According to the statute. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 11, § 1.

EX STIPULATUS ACTIO. In the civil law. An action of stipulation. An action given to recover marriage portions. Inst. 4, 6, 29.

EX TEMPORE. From or in consequence of time; by lapse of time. Bract. fols. 51, 52. Ex diuturno tempore, from length of time. Id. fol. 51b.

Without preparation or premeditation.

EX TESTAMENTO. From, by, or under a will. The opposite of ab intestato (q. v.).

Ex tota materia emergat resolutio. The explanation should arise out of the whole subject-matter; the exposition of a statute should be made from all its parts together. Wing. Max. 238.

Ex turpi causa non oritur actu. Out of a base [illegal, or immoral] consideration, an action does [can] not arise. 1 Selw. N. P. 63; Broom, Max. 730, 732; Story, Ag. § 195.

Ex turpi contractu actio non oritur. From an immoral or iniquitous contract an action does not arise. A contract founded upon an illegal or immoral consideration cannot be enforced by action. 2 Kent, Comm. 406; Dig. 2, 14, 27, 4.

EX UNA PARTE. Of one part or side; on one side.

Ex uno disce omnes. From one thing you can discern all.

EX UTRAQUE PARTE. On both sides. Dyer, 126b.

EX UTRISQUE PARENTIBUS CONJUNCTI. Related on the side of both parents; of the whole blood. Hale, Com. Law, c. 11.

EX VI TERMINI. From or by the force of the term. From the very meaning of the expression used. 2 Bl. Comm. 109, 118.
EX VISICERIBUS. From the bowels. From the vital part, the very essence of the thing. 10 Coke, 249; Homer v. Shelton, 2 Metc. (Mass.) 218. Ex visceribus verbarum, from the mere words and nothing else. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 960; Fisher v. Fields, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 495.

EX VISITATIONE DEI. By the dispensation of God; by reason of physical incapacity. Anciently, when a prisoner, being arraigned, stood silent instead of pleading, a jury was impaneled to inquire whether he obstinately stood mute or was dumb ex visitatione Dei. 4 Steph. Comm. 394.

Also by natural, as distinguished from violent, causes. When a coroner's inquest finds that the death was due to disease or other natural cause, it is frequently expressed "ex visitatione Dei."

EX VISU SCRIPITIONIS. From sight of the writing; from having seen a person write. A term employed to describe one of the modes of proof of handwriting. Best, Pres. 218.

EX VOLUNTATE. Voluntarily; from free-will or choice.

EXACTION. The wrongful act of an officer or other person in compelling payment of a fee or reward for his services, under color of his official authority, where no payment is due.

Between "exaction" and "extraction" there is this difference: that in the former case the officer extorts more than his due, when something is due, or when something due is due, in the latter, he exacts what is not his due, when there is nothing due to him. Co. Litt. 388.

EXACTLY ALIKE. Representation that the living apartment on the first floor was exactly like the living apartment on the second floor is specific and definite; exactly alike meaning not absolutely identical, but substantially so in size, design, finish, and fixtures. Lipsher v. Resnikoff, 30 Conn. 13, 120 A. 653.

EXACTOR. In the Civil Law

A gatherer or receiver of money; a collector of taxes. Cod. 10, 19.

In Old English Law

A collector of the public moneys; a tax gatherer. Thus, exactor regis was the name of the king's tax collector, who took up the taxes and other debts due the treasury.

EXALTARE. In old English law. To raise; to elevate. Frequently spoken of water, &c., to raise the surface of a pond or pool.


EXAMINATION. An investigation; search; interrogating.

In Trial Practice

The examination of a witness consists of the series of questions put to him by a party to the action, or his counsel, for the purpose of bringing before the court and jury in legal form the knowledge which the witness has of the facts and matters in dispute, or of probing and sifting his evidence previously given.

In Criminal Practice

An investigation by a magistrate of a person who has been charged with crime and arrested, or of the facts and circumstances which are alleged to have attended the crime and to fasten suspicion upon the party so charged, in order to ascertain whether there is sufficient ground to hold him to bail for his trial by the proper court. U. S. v. Stanton, 17 C. C. A. 475, 76 P. 580; State v. Conrad, 95 N. C. 689.

In General

Cross-examination. In practice. The examination of a witness upon a trial or hearing, or upon taking a deposition, by the party opposed to the one who produced him, upon his evidence given in chief, to test its truth, to further develop it, or for other purposes.

Direct examination. In practice. The first interrogation or examination of a witness, on the merits, by the party on whose behalf he is called. This is to be distinguished from an examination in pais, or on the voir dit, which is merely preliminary, and is had when the competency of the witness is challenged; from the cross-examination, which is conducted by the adverse party; and from the redirect examination which follows the cross-examination, and is had by the party who first examined the witness.

Examination de bene esse. A provisional examination of a witness; an examination of a witness whose testimony is important and might otherwise be lost, held out of court and before the trial, with the proviso that the deposition so taken may be used on the trial in case the witness is unable to attend in person at that time or cannot be produced.

Examination of a long account. This phrase does not mean the examination of the account to ascertain the result or effect of it, but the proof by testimony of the correctness of the items composing it. Magown v. Sinclair, 5 Daly (N. Y.) 63.

Examination of bankrupt. This is the interrogation of a bankrupt, in the course of proceedings in bankruptcy, or prior to the adjudication (Cameron v. United States, 34 S. Ct. 244, 231 U. S. 710, 53 L. Ed. 448; In re Fleischer, 151 F. 81), concerning the conduct of his business, the cause of his bankruptcy, his dealings with his creditors and other persons, the amount, kind, and whereabouts of his property, and all matters which may affect the administration and settlement
of his estate. This is authorized by Bankruptcy Act § 7, 30 Stat. 548 (11 USCA § 29). The bankrupt’s wife or any other person may also be examined concerning the bankrupt’s acts, conduct, or property. Bankruptcy Act, § 21, 30 Stat. 551, as amended by Act Feb. 5, 1903, c. 487, § 7, 32 Stat. 788 (11 USCA § 44). In re Horgan, 39 C. C. A. 118, 98 F. 414; In re Fowler, 93 F. 417; In re Mayer, 97 F. 328.

—Examination of invention. An inquiry made at the patent-office, upon application for a patent, into the novelty and utility of the alleged invention, and as to its interfering with any other patented invention. Rev. St. U. S. § 4893 (35 USCA § 36).

—Examination of title. An investigation made by or for a person who intends to purchase real estate, in the offices where the public records are kept, to ascertain the history and present condition of the title to such land, and its status with reference to liens, incumbrances, clouds, etc.

—Examination of wife. See Private examination, infra.

—Examination pro interesse suo. When a person claims to be entitled to an estate or other property sequestered, whether by mortgage, judgment, lease, or otherwise, or has a title paramount to the sequestration, he should apply to the court to direct an inquiry whether the applicant has any, and what interest in the property; and this inquiry is called an “examination pro interesse suo.” Krippendorf v. Hyde, 4 S. Ct. 27, 110 U. S. 276, 28 L. Ed. 145; Hitz v. Jenks, 22 S. Ct. 598, 185 U. S. 155, 46 L. Ed. 851.

—Preliminary examination. The examination of a person charged with crime, before a magistrate, as above explained. See In re Dolph, 17 Colo. 35, 28 P. 470; Van Buren v. State, 65 Neb. 223, 91 N. W. 201.

—Private examination. An examination or interrogation, by a magistrate, of a married woman who is granitor in a deed or other conveyance, held out of the presence of her husband, for the purpose of ascertaining whether her will in the matter is free and unconstrained. Muir v. Galloway, 61 Cal. 506; Hadley v. Geiger, 9 N. J. Law, 293.

—Re-examination. An examination of a witness after a cross-examination, upon matters arising out of such cross-examination.

—Separate examination. The interrogation of a married woman, who appears before an officer for the purpose of acknowledging a deed or other instrument, conducted by such officer in private or out of the hearing of her husband, in order to ascertain if she acts of her own will and without compulsion or constraint of the husband. Also the examination of a witness in private or apart from, and out of the hearing of, the other witnesses in the same cause.

EXAMINED COPY. A copy of a record, public book, or register, and which has been compared with the original. 1 Campb. 469.

EXAMINER. In English Law

A person appointed by a court to take the examination of witnesses in an action, i. e., to take down the result of their interrogation by the parties or their counsel, either by written interrogatories or o visu et o voce. An examiner is generally appointed where a witness is in a foreign country, or is too ill or infirm to attend before the court, and is either an officer of the court, or a person specially appointed for the purpose. Sweet.

In New Jersey

An examiner is an officer appointed by the court of chancery to take testimony in causes depending in that court. His powers are similar to those of the English examiner in chancery.

In the Patent-Office

An officer in the patent-office charged with the duty of examining the patentability of inventions for which patents are asked.

In General

—Examiner in chancery. An officer of the court of chancery, before whom witnesses are examined, and their testimony reduced to writing, for the purpose of being read on the hearing of the cause. Cowell.

—Examiners. Persons appointed to question students of law in order to ascertain their qualifications before they are admitted to practice.

—Special examiner. In English law. Some person, not one of the examiners of the court of chancery, appointed to take evidence in a particular suit. This may be done when the state of business in the examiner’s office is such that it is impossible to obtain an appointment at a conveniently early day, or when the witnesses may be unable to come to London. Hunt. Eq. pt. I. c. 5, § 2.

EXANNUAL ROLL. In old English practice. A roll into which (in the old way of exhibiting sheriffs’ accounts) the illegible fines and desperate debts were transcribed, and which was annually read to the sheriff upon his accounting, to see what might be gotten. Cowell.

EXCAMB. In Scotch law. To exchange. 6 Bell, App. Cas. 19, 22.

EXCAMBIATOR. An exchanger of lands; a broker. Obsolete.

EXCAMBIUM. An exchange; a place where merchants meet to transact their business; also an equivalent in recompense; a recompense in lieu of dower ad ostium ecclesiae.

EXCELLENCY.

In English Law
The title of a viceroy, governor general, ambassador, or commander in chief.

In America
The title is sometimes given to the chief executive of a state or of the nation.

EXCEPT. To take or leave out of consideration, to exclude from a statement, or to omit or withhold. The expression "except for" is synonymous in many cases with "but for" and "only for." Rickman v. Commonwealth, 195 Ky. 715, 243 S. W. 929.

EXCEPTIO.

In Roman Law
An exception. In a general sense, a judicial allegation opposed by a defendant to the plaintiff's action. Calvini.

A stop or stay to an action opposed by the defendant. Cowell.

Answering to the "defense" or "plea" of the common law. An allegation and defense of a defendant by which the plaintiff's claim or complaint is defeated, either according to strict law or upon grounds of equity.

In a stricter sense, the exclusion of an action that lay in strict law, on grounds of equity, (actionis jure stricto competens ob equitatem exclusio.) Heinece. A kind of limitation of an action, by which it was shown that the action, though otherwise just, did not lie in the particular case. Calvini. A species of defense allowed in cases where, though the action as brought by the plaintiff was in itself just, yet it was unjust as against the particular party sued. Inst. 4, 13, pr.

In Modern Civil Law
A plea by which the defendant admits the cause of action, but alleges new facts which, provided they be true, totally or partially answere the allegations put forward on the other side; thus distinguished from a mere traverse of the plaintiff's averments. Tomkins & J.: Mod. Rom. Law, 90. In this use, the term corresponds to the common-law plea in confession and avoidance.

EXCEPTIO DILATORIA. A dilatory exception; called also "temporalia," (temporary:) one which defeated the action for a time, (quia ad tempus nocet,) and created delay, (et temporalis dilatationem tribuit:) such as an agreement not to sue within a certain time, as five years. Inst. 4, 13, 10. See Dig. 44, 1, 3.

EXCEPTIO DOLI MALL. An exception or plea of fraud. Inst. 4, 13, 1, 9; Bract. fol. 100b.


EXCEPTIO DOTIS CAUTÆ NON NUMERATÆ. A defense to an action for the restitution of a dowry that it was never paid, though promised, available upon the dissolution of the marriage within a limited time. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 463.

EXCEPTIO IN FACTUM. An exception on the fact. An exception or plea founded on the peculiar circumstances of the case. Inst. 4, 13, 1.

EXCEPTIO IN PERSONAM. A plea or defense of a personal nature, which may be alleged only by the person himself to whom it is granted by the law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 217.

EXCEPTIO IN REM. A plea or defense not of a personal nature, but connected with the legal circumstances on which the suit is founded, and which may therefore be alleged by any party in interest, including the heirs and sureties of the proper or original debtor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 217.

EXCEPTIO JURISJURANDI. An exception of oath; an exception or plea that the matter had been sworn to. Inst. 4, 13, 4. This kind of exception was allowed where a debtor, at the instance of his creditor, (creditore deferente,) had sworn that nothing was due the latter, and had notwithstanding been sued by him.

EXCEPTIO METUS. An exception or plea of fear or compulsion. Inst. 4, 13, 1, 9; Bract. fol. 1000. Answering to the modern plea of duress.

EXCEPTIO NON ADMIPLETI CONTRACTUS. An exception in an action founded on a contract involving mutual duties or obligations, to the effect that the plaintiff is not entitled to sue because he has not performed his own part of the agreement. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 394.

EXCEPTIO NON SOLUTÆ PECUNIÆ. A plea that the debt in suit was not discharged by payment (as alleged by the adverse party) notwithstanding an acquittance or receipt given by the person to whom the payment is stated to have been made. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 534.

EXCEPTIO PACTI CONVENTI. An exception of compact; an exception or plea that the plaintiff had agreed not to sue. Inst. 4, 13, 3.

EXCEPTIO PECUNIÆ NON NUMERATÆ. An exception or plea of money not paid; a defense which might be set up by a party who was sued on a promise to repay money which he had never received. Inst. 4, 13, 2.
EXCEPTIO PEREMPTORIA. A peremptory exception; called also "peremptam," (perpetual;) one which forever destroys the subject-matter or ground of the action, (qua semper rem de qua agitur perimit;) such as the exceptio dolii mali, the exceptio metus, etc. Inst. 4, 13, 9. See Dig. 44, 1, 3.

EXCEPTIO REI JUDICATÆ. An exception or plea of matter adjudged; a plea that the subject-matter of the action had been determined in a previous action. Inst. 4, 13, 9. This term is adopted by Bracton, and is constantly used in modern law to denote a defense founded upon a previous adjudication of the same matter. Bract. fols. 100b., 177; 2 Kent, Comm. 120. A plea of a former recovery or judgment.

EXCEPTIO REI VENDITÆ ET TRADITÆ. An exception or plea of the sale and delivery of the thing. This exception presumes that there was a valid sale and a proper tradition; but though, in consequence of the rule that no one can transfer to another a greater right than he himself has, no property was transferred, yet because of some particular circumstance the real owner is estopped from contesting it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 299.

EXCEPTIO SENATUSCONSULTI MACEDONIANI. A defense to an action for the recovery of money loaned, on the ground that the loan was made to a minor or person under the paternal power of another; so named from the decree of the senate which forbade the recovery of such loans. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 432.

EXCEPTIO SENATUSCONSULTI VELLEIANI. A defense to an action on a contract of suretyship, on the ground that the surety was a woman and therefore incapable of becoming bound for another; so named from the decree of the senate forbidding it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 455.

EXCEPTIO TEMPORIS. An exception or plea analogous to that of the statute of limitations in our law; viz., that the time prescribed by law for bringing such actions has expired. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 213.

Exceptio ejus rei cuius petitur dissolutio nulla est. A plea of that matter the dissolution of which is sought [by the action] is null, [or of no effect.] Jenk. Cent. 97, case 71.

Exemptio falsi omnium ultima. A plea denying a fact is the last of all.

Exception firmat regulam in casibus non exceptis. An exception affirms the rule in cases not excepted. Bacon, Aph. 17.


Exception nulla est versus actionem quam exceptionem perimit. There is [can be] no plea against an action which destroys the matter of the plea. Jenk. Cent. 106, case 2.

Exception probat regulam. The exception proves the rule. 11 Coke, 41; 3 Term, 722. Sometimes quoted with the addition "de rebus non exceptis," ("so far as concerns the matters not excepted.")

Exception quæ firmat legem, exponeit legem. An exception which confirms the law explains the law. 2 Bulst. 189.

Exception quoque regulam declarat. The exception also declares the rule. Bacon, Aph. 17.

Exception semper ultimo ponenda est. An exception should always be put last. 9 Coke, 53.

EXCEPTION. In Practice

A formal objection to the action of the court, during the trial of a cause, in refusing a request or overruling an objection; implying that the party excepting does not acquiesce in the decision of the court, but will seek to procure its reversal, and that he means to save the benefit of his request or objection in some future proceeding. Snelling v. Yetter, 25 App. Div. 590, 49 N. Y. S. 917; People v. Torres, 38 Cal. 142; Norton v. Livingston, 14 S. C. 175; Kline v. Wynne, 10 Ohio St. 228; Morgan v. Gould, 96 Vt. 275, 119 A. 617, 619; United States v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., 35 S. Ct. 298, 305, 253 U. S. 512, 59 L. Ed. 636; In re Moore, 113 Me. 185, 93 A. 180, 181; Lampton v. Johnson, 40 Okl. 492, 129 P. 528, 527; Liquid Carbonic Co. v. Rodman, 52 Okl. 211, 152 P. 439; Brown v. State, 51 Fla. 662, 34 So. 582, 594; State v. Laundry, 105 Or. 443, 206 P. 250; In re Thompson, 271 Pa. 225, 114 A. 774, 775; Nelen v. Cowell (R. I.) 124 A. 237, 258; State ex rel. Brockman Mfg. Co. v. Miller (Mo. Sup.) 241 S. W. 920, 922; State v. Poree, 138 La. 939, 68 So. 83.

It is also somewhat used to signify other objections in the course of a suit; for example, exception to bail is a formal objection that special bail offered by defendant are insufficient. 1 Tidd, Pr. 255.

An exception is an objection upon a matter of law to a decision made, either before or after judgment, by a court, tribunal, judge, or other judicial officer, in an action or proceeding. The exception must be taken at the time the decision is made. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 646.

In Admiralty and Equity Practice

An exception is a formal allegation tendered by a party that some previous pleading or proceeding taken by the adverse party is insufficient. Peck v. Osteen, 37 Fla. 427, 20 So. 549; Arnold v. Slaughter, 36 W. Va. 589, 15 S. E. 259.
EXCEPTION

In Statutory Law

An exception in a statute is a clause designed to reserve or except some individuals from the general class of persons or things to which the language of the act in general attaches. People v. Bailey, 163 Misc. 366, 171 N.Y. S. 394, 397.

An exception differs from an explanation, which, by the use of a videlicet, proviso, etc., is allowed only to explain doubtful clauses precedent, or to separate and distribute general terms into particulars. Cutler v. Tufts, 3 Pick. (Mass.) 272.

In Contracts


In the Civil Law

An exceptio or plea. Used in this sense in Louisiana.

Declinatory exceptions are such dilatory exceptions as merely decline the jurisdiction of the judge before whom the action is brought. Code Frac. La. 334.

Dilatory exceptions are such as do not tend to defeat the action, but only to retard its progress.

Peremptory exceptions are those which tend to the dismissal of the action.

In General

—Exception to bail. An objection to the special bail put in by the defendant to an action at law made by the plaintiff on grounds of the insufficiency of the bail. 1 Tidd, Pr. 255.


EXCEPTIS EXCIPIENDIS. Lat. With all necessary exceptions.

EXCEPTOR. In old English law. A party who entered an objection or plea.

EXCERPTA, or EXCERPTS. Extracts.

EXCESS. When a defendant pleaded to an action of assault that the plaintiff trespassed on his land, and he would not depart when ordered, whereupon he, moliert manum inposuit, gently laid hands on him, the replication of excess was to the effect that the defendant used more force than necessary. Wharton.

Degree or amount by which one thing or number exceeds another, and the remainder or the difference between two numbers is the excess of one over the other. In re Buice's Estate, 100 Misc. 355, 165 N.Y. S. 420.

EXCESSIVE. Tending to or marked by excess, which is the quality or state of exceeding the proper or reasonable limit or measure. Railway Co. v. Johnston, 106 Ga. 130, 32 S. E. 78; Morrow v. Missouri Gas & Electric Service Co. 315 Mo. 367, 286 S. W. 106, 111; U. S. v. Ogleby Grocery Co. (D. C.) 264 F. 691, 695.

EXCESSIVE BAIL. Bail in a sum more than will be reasonably sufficient to prevent evasion of the law by flight or concealment;
bail which is per se unreasonably great and clearly disproportionate to the offense involved, or shown to be so by the special circumstances of the particular case. In re Los-asso, 35 Colo. 182, 24 P. 1080, 10 L. R. A. 547; Ex parte Ryan, 44 Cal. 558; Ex parte Duncan, 53 Cal. 410; Blydenburgh v. Miles, 39 Conn. 490.

EXCESSIVE DAMAGES. See Damages.

EXCESSIVE OR INTEMPERATE USE OF INTOXICANTS. In benefit certificate. Habitual indulgence in intoxicating liquors to such extent as to impaly health or otherwise render insurance risk more hazardous. Wising v. Brotherhood of American Yeomen, 132 Minn. 303, 156 N. W. 247, 248, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 621.

EXCESSIVE TAX. One that exceeds what the tax would be if correctly calculated at the legal rate on the valuation as finally fixed by the county authorities. Pocono Stone Co. v. City of New Bern, 172 N. C. 258, 90 S. E. 202, 203.

Excessivism in jury reprobatum. Excessus in re qualibet jure reprobatum commun. Co. Litt. 44. Excess in law is reprehended. Excess in anything is reprehended at common law.

EXCHANGE.

In Conveyancing

In Commercial Law
A negotiation by which one person transfers to another funds which he has in certain place, either at a price agreed upon or which is fixed by commercial usage. Nicely v. Bank, 15 Ind. App. 563, 44 N. E. 572, 57 Am. St. Rep. 245; Smith v. Kendall, 9 Mich. 241, 30 Am. Dec. 83; Iowa State Sav. Bank of Fairfield v. City Nat. Bank, 133 Iowa, 1347, 108 N. W. 148, 149, L. R. A. 1913F, 160. The process of settling accounts or debts between parties residing at a distance from each other, without the intervention of money, by exchanging orders or drafts, called bills of exchange; the payment of debts in different places by an exchange or transfer of credits. Webster, Diet.

The profit which arises from a maritime loan, when such profit is a percentage on the money lent, considering it in the light of money lent in one place to be returned in another, with a difference in amount in the sum borrowed and that paid, arising from the difference of time and place. The term is commonly used in this sense by French writers. Hall, Emerig, Mar. Loans, 568.

A public place where merchants, brokers, factors, etc., meet to transact their business.

In the Law of Personal Property
Exchange of goods is a commutation, transmutation, or transfer of goods for other goods, as distinguished from sale, which is a transfer of goods for money. 2 Bl. Comm. 446; 2 Steph. Comm. 129; Elwell v. Chamberlin, 31 N. Y. 824; Cooper v. State, 37 Ark. 418; Preston v. Reene, 14 Pet. 157, 10 L. Ed. 357.

Exchange in contract that the parties mutually give, or agree to give, one thing for another, neither thing, or both things, being money only. Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 6003; Comp. Laws S. D. 1929, § 965; Civ. Code La. art. 2660.

The distinction between a sale and exchange of property is rather one of shadow than of substance. In both cases the title to property is absolutely transferred; and the same rules of law are applicable to the transaction, whether the consideration of the contract is money or by way of barter. It can make no essential difference in the rights and obligations of parties that goods and merchandise are transferred and paid for by other goods and merchandise instead of by money, which is but the representative of value or property. Com. v. Clark, 14 Gray (Mass.) 387.

In General
Arbitration of exchange. The business of buying and selling exchange (bills of exchange) between two or more countries or markets, and particularly where the profits of such business are to be derived from a calculation of the relative value of exchange in the two countries or markets, and by taking advantage of the fact that the rate of exchange may be higher in the one place than in the other at the same time.

Dry exchange. In English law. A term formerly in use, said to have been invented for the purpose of disguising and covering usury; something being pretended to pass on both sides, whereas, in truth, nothing passed but on one side, in which respect it was called "dry." Cowell; Blount.

Exchange, bill of. See Bill of Exchange.

Exchange broker. One who negotiates bills of exchange drawn on foreign countries or on other places in the same country; one who makes and concludes bargains for others in matters of money or merchandise. Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 444; Portland v. O'Neil, 1 Or. 219.
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—Exchange of livings. In ecclesiastical law. This is effected by resigning them into the bishop's hands, and each party being indueled into the other's benefice. If either die before both are indueled, the exchange is void.

—First of exchange, Second of exchange. See First.

—Owlely of exchange. See Owlely.

EXCHEQUER. That department of the English government which has charge of the collection of the national revenue; the treasury department.

It is said to have been so named from the chequered cloth, resembling a chess-board, which ancienly covered the table there, and on which, when certain of the king's accounts were made up, the sums were marked and scored with counters. 3 Bl. Comm. 44.

—Court of exchequer, Court of exchequer chamber. See those titles.


—Exchequer division. A division of the English high court of justice, to which the special business of the court of exchequer was specially assigned by section 34 of the Judicature Act of 1873. Merged in the queen's bench division from and after 1851, by order in council under section 31 of that act. Wharton.

EXCISE. An inland imposition, paid sometimes upon the consumption of the commodity, and frequently upon the retail sale. 1 Bl. Comm. 318; Story, Const. § 950; Scholey v. Rew, 23 Wall. 346, 23 L. Ed. 99; Patton v. Brady, 184 U. S. 608, 22 S. Ct. 493, 46 L. Ed. 713; Portland Bank v. Apthorp, 12 Mass. 256; Union Bank v. Hill, 3 Cold. (Tenn.) 328.

The words “tax” and “excise,” although often used as synonymous, are to be considered as having entirely distinct and separate significations, under Const. Mass. c. 1, § 1, art. 4. The former is a charge apportioned either among the whole people of the state or those residing within certain districts, municipalities, or sections. It is required to be imposed, so that, if levied for the public charges of government, it shall be shared according to the estate, real and personal, which each person may possess; or, if raised to defray the cost of some local improvement of a public nature, it shall be borne by those who will receive some special and peculiar benefit or advantage which an expenditure of money for a public object may cause to those upon whom the tax is assessed. An excise, on the other hand, is of a different character. It is based on no rule of apportionment or equality whatever. It is a fixed, absolute, and direct charge laid on merchandise, products, or commodities, without any regard to the amount of property belonging to those on whom it may fall, or to any supposed relation between money expended for a public object and a special benefit occasioned to those by whom the charge is to be paid. Oliver v. Washington Mills, 11 Allen (Mass.) 368.


In English Law

The name given to the duties or taxes laid on certain articles produced and consumed at home, among which spirits have always been the most important; but, exclusive of these, the duties on the licenses of auctioneers, brewers, etc., and on the licenses to keep dogs, kill game, etc., are included in the excise duties. Wharton.

EXCISE LAW. A law imposing excise duties on specified commodities, and providing for the collection of revenue therefrom. In a
more restricted and more popular sense, a law regulating, restricting, or taxing the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

EXCLUSIA. In old English law. A sluice to carry off water; the payment to the lord for the benefit of such a sluice. Cowell.

EXCLUSION. Denial of entry. Ex parte Domingo Corypus (D. C.) 6 F. (2d) 336.

EXCLUSIVE. Shutting out; debarring from interference or participation; vested in one person alone. An exclusive right is one which only the grantee thereof can exercise, and from which all others are prohibited or shut out. A statute does not grant an “exclusive” privilege or franchise, unless it shuts out or excludes others from enjoying a similar privilege or franchise. In re Union Ferry Co., 98 N. Y. 151; Sunnyside Land & Investment Co. v. Dernier, 119 Wash. 359, 205 P. 1041, 1042, 20 A. L. R. 1261; Free Sewing Mach. Co. v. Bry-Block Mercantile Co. (D. C.) 204 F. 652, 657; Toten v. Stuart, 143 Va. 201, 129 S. E. 217, 218.


EXCOMMENGER. Excommunication, (q. v.). Co. Litt. 134a.

EXCOMMUNICATION. A sentence of censure pronounced by one of the spiritual courts for offenses falling under ecclesiastical cognizance. It is described in the books as twofold: (1) The lesser excommunication, which is an ecclesiastical censure, excluding the party from the sacraments; (2) the greater, which excludes him from the company of all Christians. Formerly, too, an excommunicated man was under various civil disabilities. He could not serve upon juries, or be a witness in any court; neither could he bring an action to recover lands or money due to him. These penalties are abolished by St. 63 Geo. III. c. 127. 3 Steph. Comm. 721.

EXCOMMUNICATO CAPIENDO. In ecclesiastical law. A writ issuing out of chancery, founded on a bishop’s certificate that the defendant had been excommunicated, and requiring the sheriff to arrest and imprison him, returnable to the king’s bench. 4 Bl. Comm. 415; Bac. Abr. “Excommunication,” E.

EXCOMMUNICATO DELIBERANDO. A writ to the sheriff for delivery of an excommunicated person out of prison, upon certificate from the ordinary of his conformity to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 63.

Excommunicatio interdicitur omnis actus legitimus, Ipsa quod agere non potest, nec aliqua convenire, licet ipse ab aliis possit venire. Co. Litt. 133. Every legal act is forbidden an excommunicated person, so that he cannot act, nor sue any person, but he may be sued by others.

EXCOMMUNICATO RECAPIENDO. A writ commanding that persons excommunicated, who for their obstinacy had been committed to prison, but were unlawfully set free before they had given caution to obey the authority of the church, should be sought after, retaken, and imprisoned again. Reg. Orig. 67.

EXCULPATION, LETTERS OF. In Scotch law. A warrant granted at the suit of a prisoner for citing witnesses in his own defense.

EXCUSABLE. Admitting of excuse or palliation. As used in the law, this word implies that the act or omission spoken of is on its face unlawful, wrong, or liable to entail loss or disadvantage on the person chargeable, but that the circumstances attending it were such as to constitute a legal “excuse” for it, that is, a legal reason for withholding or foregoing the punishment, liability, or disadvantage which otherwise would follow.

EXCUSABLE ASSAULT. One committed by accident or misfortune in doing any lawful act by lawful means, with ordinary caution and without any unlawful intent. People v. O’Connor, 81 N. Y. S. 555, 82 App. Div. 55.

EXCUSABLE HOMICIDE. See Homicide.

EXCUSABLE NEGLIGENCE. In practice, and particularly with reference to the setting aside of a judgment taken against a party through his “exusable neglect,” this means a failure to take the proper steps at the proper time, not in consequence of the party’s own carelessness, inattention, or willful disregard of the process of the court, but in consequence of some unexpected or unavoidable hindrance or accident, or reliance on the care and vigilance of his counsel or on promises made by the adversary party. See 1 Bl. Judgm. § 340; Brothers v. Brothers, 71 Mont. 378, 230 P. 60, 61; Jones-Onslow Land Co. v. Wooten, 177 N. C. 248, 98 S. E. 706; Beauford County Lumber Co. v. Cottingham, 173 N. O. 323, 92 S. E. 9, 11; Westbrook v. Rice, 28 N. D. 324, 148 N. W. 827, 828; Gutierrez v. Romero, 24 Ariz. 882, 210 P. 470, 471; Boise Valley Trac-

Exequat aut exequias delictum in capitalibus quod non operatur idem in civilibus. Bac. Max. r. 15. That may excuse or palliate a wrongful act in capital cases which would not have the same effect in civil injuries. See Broom, Max. 324.

EXCUSATIO. In the civil law. An excuse or reason which exempts from some duty or obligation.

EXCUSATOR. In English Law

An excuse.

In Old German Law

A defendant; he who utterly denies the plaintiff's claim. Du Cange.

Exequatur quis quod clamet non opposuerit, ut si tene tempore litigii fuit ultra mare quaunque occasione. Co. Litt. 260. He is excused who does not bring his claim, if, during the whole period in which it ought to have been brought, he has been beyond sea for any reason.

EXCUSE. A reason alleged for doing or not doing a thing. Worcester; State v. Weagley, 290 Mo. 677, 228 S. W. 817, 820; State v. Saffron, 143 Wash. 34, 254 P. 483.

A matter alleged as a reason for relief or exemption from some duty or obligation.

EXCUSS. To seize and detain by law.

EXCUSSION. In the Civil Law

A diligent prosecution of a remedy against a debtor; the exhausting of a remedy against a principal debtor, before resorting to his sureties. Translated "discussio" (q. v.).

In Old English Law

Rescue or rescusc. Spelman.

EXEAT. A permission which a bishop grants to a priest to go out of his diocese; also leave to go out generally.

Ne Exeat

A writ which forbids the person to whom it is addressed to leave the country, the state, or the jurisdiction of the court; available in some cases to keep a defendant within the reach of the court's process, where the ends of justice would be frustrated if he should escape from the jurisdiction.

EXECUTE. To finish, accomplish, make complete, fulfill. To perform; obey the injunctions of.

To make; as to execute a deed, which includes signing, sealing, and delivery; performance of all necessary formalities. Hein-
EXECUTED TRUST. See Trust.

EXECUTED USE. See Use.

EXECUTED WRIT. In practice. A writ carried into effect by the officer to whom it is directed. The term "executed," applied to a writ, has been held to mean "used." Amb. 61.

EXECUTIO. Lat. The doing or following up of a thing; the doing a thing completely or thoroughly; management or administration.

In Old Practice
Execution; the final process in an action.

EXECUTIO BONORUM. In old English law. Management or administration of goods. Ad ecclesiam et ad amicos pertinenti et executio bonorum, the execution of the goods shall belong to the church and to the friends of the deceased. Bract. fol. 60b.

EXECUTIO est executio juris secundum judicium. 3 Inst. 212. Execution is the execution of the law according to the judgment.

EXECUTIO est finis et fructus legis. Co. Litt. 259. Execution is the end and fruit of the law.

EXECUTIO juris non habet iuriam. 2 Roll. 301. The execution of law does no injury.

EXECUTION. The completion, fulfillment, or perfecting of anything, or carrying it into operation and effect. The signing, sealing, and delivery of a deed. The signing and publication of a will. The performance of a contract according to its terms.

In Practice

Also the name of a writ issued to a sheriff, constable, or marshal, authorizing and requiring him to execute the judgment of the court. Raulerson v. Peeples, 51 Fla. 296, 87 So. 629, 630.

At common law, executions are said to be either final or quoque; the former, where complete satisfaction of the debt is intended to be procured by this process; the latter, where the execution is only a means to an end, as, where the defendant is arrested on ca. so.

EXECUTION

In Criminal Law
The carrying into effect the sentence of the law by the infliction of capital punishment. 4 Bl. Comm. 463; 4 Steph. Comm. 470.

In French Law
A method of obtaining satisfaction of a debt or claim by sale of the debtor's property privately, i.e., without judicial process, authorized by the deed or agreement of the parties or by custom; as, in the case of a stockbroker, who may sell securities of his customer, bought under his instructions or deposited by him, to indemnify himself or make good a debt. Arg. Fr. Mercia. Law, 557.

In General
—Attachment execution. See Attachment.
—Dormant execution. See Dormant.
—Equitable execution. This term is sometimes applied to the appointment of a receiver with power of sale. Hatch v. Van Dervoort, 54 N. J. Eq. 611, 54 A. 538.
—Execution creditor. See Creditor.
—Execution of decree. Sometimes from the neglect of parties, or some other cause, it became impossible to carry a decree into execution without the further decree of the court upon a bill filed for that purpose. This happened generally in cases where, parties having neglected to proceed upon the decree, their rights under it became so embarrassed by a variety of subsequent events that it was necessary to have the decree of the court to settle and ascertain them. Such a bill might also be brought to carry into execution the judgment of an inferior court of equity, if the jurisdiction of that court was not equal to the purpose; as in the case of a decree in Wales, which the defendant avoided by fleeing into England. This species of bill was generally partly an original bill, and partly a bill in the nature of an original bill, though not strictly original. Story Eq. Pl. 342; Daniell, Ch. Pr. 1429.

—Execution of deeds. The signing, sealing, and delivery of them by the parties, as their own acts and deeds, in the presence of witnesses.

—Execution parée. In French law. A right founded on an act passed before a notary, by which the creditor may immediately, without citation or summons, seize and cause to be sold the property of his debtor, out of the proceeds of which to receive his payment. It imports a confession of judgment, and is not unlike a warrant of attorney. Code Proc. L. art. 732; 6 Toullier, no. 208; 7 Toullier, no. 99.

—Execution sale. A sale by a sheriff or other ministerial officer under the authority of a writ of execution which he has levied on prop-
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-General execution. A writ commanding an officer to satisfy a judgment out of any personal property of the defendant. If authorizing him to levy only on certain specified property, the writ is sometimes called a "special" execution. Pracht v. Pister, 60 Kan. 568, 1 P. 638.

-Junior execution. One which was issued after the issuance of another execution, on a different judgment, against the same defendant.

-Special execution. A copy of a judgment with a direction to the sheriff indorsed thereon to execute it. Crumble v. Little, 47 Minn. 551, 50 N. W. 823. One that directs a levy upon some special property. Oklahoma Salvage & Supply Co. v. First Nat. Bank, 122 Okl. 128, 251 P. 1006, 1007.

-Testatum execution. See Testatum.


EXECUTIONE FACIENDA IN WITHERNIUM. A writ that lay for taking cattle of one who has conveyed the cattle of another out of the county, so that the sheriff cannot replcy them. Reg. Orig. 82.

EXECUTIONE JUDICII. A writ directed to the judge of an inferior court to do execution upon a judgment therein, or to return some reasonable cause wherefore he delays the execution. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 29.

EXECUTIONER. The name given to him who puts criminals to death, according to their sentence; a hangman.

EXECUTIVE. As distinguished from the legislative and judicial departments of government, the executive department is that which is charged with the detail of carrying the laws into effect and securing their due observance. The word "executive" is also used as an impersonal designation of the chief executive officer of a state or nation. Comm. v. Hall, 9 Gray (Mass.) 267, 69 Am. Dec. 285; In re Railroad Comrs', 15 Neb. 679, 59 N. W. 276; In re Davies, 188 N. Y. 89, 61 N. E. 118, 56 L. R. A. 855; State v. Denny, 118 Ind. 382, 21 N. E. 252, 4 L. R. A. 79.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION, or MINISTRY. A political term in England, applicable to the higher and responsible class of public officials by whom the chief departments of the government of the kingdom are administered. The number of these amounts to fifty or sixty persons. Their tenure of office depends on the confidence of a majority of the house of commons, and they are supposed to be agreed on all matters of general policy except such as are specifically left open questions. Cab. Lawy.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER. An officer of the executive department of government; one in whom resides the power to execute the laws; one whose duties are to cause the laws to be executed and obeyed. Thorne v. San Francisco, 4 Cal. 146; People v. Salisbury, 134 Mich. 537, 96 N. W. 939; Pettersen v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 100. An administrative officer. Sheely v. People, 54 Colo. 136, 129 P. 201, 203.

EXECUTOR. A person appointed by a testator to carry out the directions and requests in his will, and to dispose of the property according to his testamentary provisions after his decease. Scott v. Guernsey, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 175; In re Lamb's Estate, 122 Mich. 239, 80 N. W. 1081; Compton v. McMahen, 19 Mo. App. 505; Kellogg v. White, 103 Misc. 167, 169 N. Y. S. 899, 991; In re Stipchee's Estate, 180 Wis. 504, 193 N. W. 385, 387; Ricks v. Johnson, 134 Miss. 676, 99 So. 142, 146; McGehee v. McGehee, 190 N. C. 478, 130 S. E. 115, 116.

One to whom another man commits by his last will the execution of that will and testament. 1 Bl. Comm. 503. A person to whom a testator by his will commits the execution, or putting in force, of that instrument and its cedillas. Fowl. 207.

Executors are classified according to the following several methods:
They are either general or special. The former term denotes an executor who is to have charge of the whole estate, wherever found, and administer it to a final settlement; while a special executor is only empowered by the will to take charge of a limited portion of the estate, or such part as may lie in one place, or to carry on the administration only to a prescribed point.

They are either instituted or substituted. An instituted executor is one who is appointed by the testator without any condition; while a substituted executor is one named to fill the office in case the person first nominated should refuse to act.

In the phraseology of ecclesiastical law, they are of the following kinds:
Executor à lege constitutus, an executor appointed by law; the ordinary of the diocese.
Executor ab episcopo constitutus, or executor datus, an executor appointed by the bishop; an administrator to an intestate.
Executor à testatorc constitutus, an executor appointed by a testator. Otherwise termed "executor testamentarius," a testamentary executor.

An executor to the tenor is one who, though not directly constituted executor by the will, is therein charged with duties in relation to the estate which can only be performed by the executor.
In the Civil Law

A ministerial officer who executed or carried into effect the judgment or sentence in a cause.

In General

Executor creditor. In Scotch law. A creditor of a decedent who obtains a grant of administration on the estate, at least to the extent of so much of it as will be sufficient to discharge his debt, when the executor named in the will has declined to serve, as also those other persons who would be preferentially entitled to administer.

Executor daive. In Scotch law. One appointed by the court; equivalent to the English “administrator with the will annexed.”

Executor de son tort. Executor of his own wrong. A person who assumes to act as executor of an estate without any lawful warrant or authority, but who, by his meddling, makes himself liable as an executor to a certain extent. If a stranger takes upon him to act as executor without any just authority, (as by Intermeddling with the goods of the deceased, and many other transactions,) he is called in law an “executor of his own wrong,” de son tort. 2 Bl. Comm. 507. Allen v. Hurst, 120 Ga. 703, 48 S. E. 341; Noon v. Finnegan, 29 Minn. 418, 13 N. W. 197; Brown v. Leavitt, 26 N. H. 405; Hinds v. Jones, 49 Me. 349; In re Pedrol’s Estate, 47 Nev. 313, 21 P. 211, 212, 21 A. L. R. 541; Mink v. Walker, 81 N. J. Eq. 112, 83 A. 372; Walker v. Portland Savings Bank, 113 Me. 353, 93 A. 1025, L. R. A. 1915E, 540, Ann. Cas. 1917E, 1; Johnston v. Thomas, 93 Flan. 67, 111 So. 541, 546; Shawnee Nat. Bank v. Van Zant, 84 Okl. 107, 202 P. 285, 288, 26 A. L. R. 1349.

Executor lucratus. An executor who has assets of his testator who in his life-time made himself liable by a wrongful interference with the property of another. 6 Jur. (N. S.) 543.

General executor. One whose power is not limited either territorially or as to the duration or subject of his trust.

Joint executors. Co-executors; two or more who are joined in the execution of a will.

Limited executor. An executor whose appointment is qualified by limitations as to the time or place wherein, or the subject-matter whereon, the office is to be exercised; as distinguished from one whose appointment is absolute, i.e., certain and immediate, without any restriction in regard to the testator’s effects or limitation in point of time. 1 Williams, Ex’rs, 240, et seq.

Special executor. One whose power and office are limited, either in respect to the time or place of their exercise, or restricted to a particular portion of the decedent’s estate.

EXECUTORY. That which is yet to be executed or performed; that which remains to be carried into operation or effect; incomplete; depending upon a future performance or event. The opposite of executed.


EXECUTORY CONSIDERATION. A consideration which is to be performed after the contract for which it is a consideration is made.

EXECUTORY FINES. These are the fines sur cognizance de droit tantaum; sur concessit; and sur done, grant et render. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.

EXECUTORY INTERESTS. A general term, comprising all future estates and interests in land or personality, other than reversions and remainders.

EXECUTORY LIMITATION. A limitation of a future interest by deed or will; if by will, it is also called an "executor devise."

EXECUTORY PROCESS. A process which can be resorted to in the following cases, namely: (1) When the right of the creditor arises from an act importing confession of judgment, and which contains a privilege or mortgage in his favor; (2) when the creditor demands the execution of a judgment which has been rendered by a tribunal different from that within whose jurisdiction the execution is sought. Code Prac. La. art. 782; Marin v. Lalley, 17 Wall. 14, 21 L. Ed. 596.

EXECUTRESS. A female executor. Hardr.’ 165, 473.

EXECUTRIX. A woman who has been appointed by will to execute such will or testament.

EXECUTRY. In Scotch law. The movable estate of a person dying, which goes to his nearest of kin. So called as falling under the distribution of an executor. Bell.

Exempi illustrant non restringunt legem. Co. Litt. 240. Examples illustrate, but do not restrain, the law.

EXEMPLARY DAMAGES. See Damages.

EXEMPLI GRATIA. For the purpose of example, or for instance. Often abbreviated “ex. gr.” or “e. g.”

EXEMPLICATION. An official transcript of a document from public records, made in form to be used as evidence, and authenticated as a true copy.

EXEMPLICATIONE. A writ granted for the exemplification or transcript of an original record. Reg. Orig. 290.
EXEMPLUM. In the civil law. Copy; a written authorized copy. This word is also used in the modern sense of "example"—ad exemplum constituti singularis non trahi, exceptional things must not be taken for examples. Calvin.

EXEMPT, n. To relieve, excuse, or set free from a duty or service imposed upon the general class to which the individual exempted belongs; as to exempt from militia service. Jones v. Wells Fargo Co. Express, 83 Misc. 508, 145 N. Y. S. 601, 602. See 1 St. at Large, 272.

To relieve certain classes of property from liability to sale on execution.

EXEMPT, n. One who is free from liability to military service; as distinguished from a detail, who is one belonging to the army, but detached or set apart for the time to some particular duty or service, and liable, at any time, to be recalled to his place in the ranks. In re Strawbridge, 39 Ala. 379. See Exempts.


A privilege allowed by law to a judgment debtor, by which he may hold property to a certain amount, or certain classes of property, free from all liability to levy and sale on execution or attachment. Turrill v. McCarthy, 114 Iowa, 681, 87 N. W. 667; Williams v. Smith, 117 Wis. 142, 93 N. W. 461; In re Trammell (D. C.) 5 F. (2d) 326, 327.

EXEMPTION LAWS. Laws which provide that a certain amount or proportion of a debtor's property shall be exempt from execution.

EXEMPTION, WORDS OF. It is a maxim of law that words of exemption are not to be construed to import any liability; the maxim expressio unius exclusio alterius, or its converse, exclusio unius inclusio alterius, not applying to such a case. For example, an exemption of the crown from the bankruptcy act 1898, in one specified particular, would not infeudantly subject the crown to that act in any other particular. Brown.

EXEMPTS. Persons who are not bound by law, but excused from the performance of duties imposed upon others.

EXENNIUM. In old English law. A gift; a new year's gift. Cowell.

EXEOVATUR. Lat. Let it be executed. In French practice, this term is subscribed by judicial authority upon a transcript of a judgment from a foreign country, or from another part of France, and authorizes the execution of the judgment within the jurisdiction where it is so indorsed.

In International Law

A certificate issued by the foreign department of a state to a consul or commercial agent of another state, recognizing his official character, and authorizing him to fulfill his duties.


EXERCITALIS. A soldier; a vassal. Spelman.

EXERCITOR NAVIS. Lat. The temporary owner or charterer of a ship. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512; The Phebe, 19 Fed. Cas. 418.

EXERCITORIA ACTIO. In the civil law. An action which lay against the employer of a vessel (exercitor navi) for the contracts made by the master. Inst. 4, 7, 2; 3 Kent, Comm. 161; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512.

EXERCITORIAL POWER. The trust given to a ship-master.

EXERCITAL. In old English law. A heriot paid only in arms, horses, or military accouterments.

EXERCITUS. In old European law. An army; an armed force. The term was absolutely indefinite as to number. It was applied, on various occasions, to a gathering of forty-two armed men, of thirty-five, or even of four. Spelman.

EXETER DOMESDAY. The name given to a record preserved among the muniments and charters belonging to the dean and chapter of Exeter Cathedral, which contains a description of the western parts of the kingdom, comprising the counties of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall. The Exeter Domesday was published with several other surveys nearly contemporary, by order of the commissioners of the public records, under the direction of Sir Henry Ellis, in a volume supplementary to the Great Domesday, folio, London, 1816. Wharton.

EXFESTUGARE. To abdicate or resign; to resign or surrender an estate, office, or dignity, by the symbolical delivery of a staff or rod to the allenece.

EXFREDIARE. To break the peace; to commit open violence. Jacob.

EXHEREDITATIO. In the civil law. Distinctively; disinherit. The formal method of excluding an indefeasible (or forced) heir
from the entire inheritance, by the testator's express declaration in the will that such person shall be exheres. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 711.

EXHÆRES. In the civil law. One disinhерited. Vicit; Dub Cange.

EXHEREDATE. In Scotch law. To disinherit; to exclude from an inheritance.

EXHIBERE. To present a thing corporeally, so that it may be handled. Vicit. To appear personally to conduct the defense of an action at law.

EXHIBIT, v. To show or display; to offer or present for inspection. To produce anything in public, so that it may be taken into possession. Dig. 10, 4, 2.

To present; to offer publicly or officially; to file of record. Thus we speak of exhibiting a charge of treason, exhibiting a bill against an officer of the king's bench by way of proceeding against him in that court. In re Wittse, 5 Misc. 105, 25 N. Y. Supp. 737; Newell v. State, 2 Comm. 10; Comm. v. Alsop, 1 Brewst. (Pa.) 345.

To administer; to cause to be taken; as medicines.

EXHIBIT, n. A paper or document produced and exhibited to a court during a trial or hearing, or to a commissioner taking depositions, or to auditors, arbitrators, etc., as a voucher, or in proof of fact, or as otherwise connected with the subject-matter, and which, on being accepted, is marked for identification and annexed to the deposition, report, or other principal document, or filed of record, or otherwise made a part of the case.

A paper referred to in and filed with the bill, answer, or petition in a suit in equity, or with a deposition. Brown v. Redwyne, 16 Ga. 68.

EXHIBITANT. A complainant in articles of the peace. 12 Adol. & E. 590.

EXHIBICIO BILIAE. Lat. Exhibition of a bill. In old English practice, actions were instituted by presenting or exhibiting a bill to the court, in cases where the proceedings were by bill; hence this phrase is equivalent to "commencement of the suit."

EXHIBITION.

In Scotcht Law

An action for compelling the composition of writings.

In Ecclesiastical Law

An allowance for meat and drink, usually made by religious appropriators of churches to the vicar. Also the benefaction settled for the maintaining of scholars in the universities, not depending on the foundation. Paroch. Anthq. 301.

EXIGENTER

In Theatrical Usage

A "show" or "exhibition" is commonly understood to be something that one views, or at which one looks, and at the same time hears. Longwell v. Kansas City, 130 Mo. App. 480, 203 S. W. 657, 659.

EXHIBITION VALUE. "Minimum sale" or "exhibition value" is interchangeably used with term "price expectancy" in moving picture industry, denoting minimum receipts which distributors expect to realize from exhibition of pictures. Export & Import Film Co. v. B. P. Schulberg Productions, 125 Misc. 736, 211 N. Y. S. 838, 839.

EXHUMATION. Disinterment; the removal from the earth of anything previously buried therein, particularly a human corpse.

EXIGENCE, or EXIGENCY. Demand, want, need, imperativeness; urgency, something arising suddenly out of the current of events; any event or occasional combination of circumstances, calling for immediate action or remedy; a pressing necessity; a sudden and unexpected happening or an unforeseen occurrence or condition. United States v. Atlantic Coast Line Co. (D. C.) 224 F. 160, 162.

EXIGENCE OF A BOND. That which the bond demands or exacts, i.e., the act, performance, or event upon which it is conditioned.

EXIGENCE OF A WRIT. The command or imperativeness of a writ; the directing part of a writ; the act or performance which it commands.

EXIGENDARY. In English law. An officer who makes out exigrants. See Exigenter.

EXIGENT, or EXIGI FACIAS. L. Lat. In English practice. A judicial writ made use of in the process of outlawry, commanding the sheriff to demand the defendant, (or cause him to be demanded, exigi facias,) from county court to county court, until he be outlawed; or, if he appear, then to take and have him before the court on a day certain in term, to answer to the plaintiff's action. 1 Tidd, Pr. 132; 3 Bl. Comm. 283, 284; Archb. N. Pr. 485. Now regulated by St. 2 Wm. IV. c. 30. See Allocato Comkatu; Allocatur Exigent.

EXIGENT LIST. A phrase used to indicate a list of cases set down for hearing upon various incidental and ancillary motions and rules.

EXIGENTER. An officer of the English court of common pleas, whose duty it was to make out the exigents and proclamations in the process of outlawry. Cowell. Abolished by St. 7 Wm. IV. and 1 Vict. c. 30. Holt-House.
EXIGI FACIAS. That you cause to be demanded. The emphatic words of the Latin form of the writ of exigent. They are sometimes used as the name of that writ.

EXIGIBLE. Demandable; requirable.

EXILE. Banishment; the person banished.

EXILIUM. Lat. In old English law. (1) Exile; banishment from one’s country. (2) Driving away; despoiling. The name of a species of waste, which consisted in driving away tenants or vassals from the estate; as by demolishing buildings, and so compelling the tenants to leave, or by enfranchising the bond-servants, and unlawfully turning them out of their tenements. Picta, I. 1; c. 9.

Exilium est patria privatio, natalis soli mutatio, legum nativarum amissio. 7 Coke, 20. Exile is a privation of country, a change of native soil, a loss of native laws.

EXIST. To live; to have life or animation; to be in present force, activity, or effect at a given time; as in speaking of “existing” contracts, creditors, debts, laws, rights, or liens. Merritt v. Grover, 57 Iowa, 403, 10 N. W. 879; Whitaker v. Rice, 9 Minn. 13 (Gill. 1), 86 Am. Dec. 78; Wing v. Slater, 19 R. I. 597, 25 Atl. 302, 33 L. R. A. 566; Lawrie v. State, 5 Ind. 526; Godwin v. Banks, 57 Md. 425, 40 Atl. 258; Poe v. Poe, 125 Ark. 391, 188 S. W. 1190; In re Havel’s Estate, 150 Minn. 233, 194 N. W. 633, 34 A. L. R. 1300.

See also, Existing.

EXISTIMATIO. In the civil law. The civil reputation which belonged to the Roman citizen, as such. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135. Called a state or condition of unimpeached dignity, or character, or (dignitas inaequalis status) the highest standing of a Roman citizen. Dig. 50, 13, 5, 1. Also the decision or award of an arbiter.

EXISTING. The force of this word is not necessarily confined to the present. Thus a law for regulating “all existing railroad corporations” extends to such as are incorporated after as well as before its passage, unless exception is provided in their charters; Indianapolis & St. L. R. Co. v. Blackman, 63 Ill. 117; Lawrie v. State, 5 Ind. 525; Fox v. Edwards, 38 Iowa, 215. “Existing liabilities” embrace conditional or contingent obligations, which may or may not in the future result in indebtedness. Daniels v. Goff, 192 Ky. 15, 252 S. W. 66, 67. “Existing equity” implies an existing right to future payment, and including a contingent liability, as distinguished from an “existing debt,” implying a present, enforceable liability. Sallaska v. Fletcher, 73 Wash. 598, 132 P. 648, 650, 47 L. R. A. (N. S.) 320, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 760; Berkeley v. Kerfoot, 77 Wash. 550, 137 P. 1046, 1047; State v. Smith, 107 Ohio St. 1, 140 N. E. 737, 788.

A child conceived, but not born, is to be deemed an “existing person” so far as may be necessary for its interests in the event of its subsequent birth. Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 4237; 1 Bl. Comm. 130.

EXIT. Lat. It goes forth. This word is used in docket entries as a brief mention of the issue of process. Thus, “exit a. fa.” denotes that a writ of flori facias has been issued in the particular case. The “exit of a writ” is the fact of its issuance.

EXIT WOUND. A term used in medical jurisprudence to denote the wound made by a weapon on the side where it emerges, after it has passed completely through the body, or through any part of it.

EXITUS. Children; offspring. The rents, issues, and profits of lands and tenements. An export duty. The conclusion of thepleadings.

EXLEGALITAS. In old English law. Outlawry. Spelman.

EXLEGALITUS. He who is prosecuted as an outlaw. Jacob.

EXLEGARE. In old English law. To outlaw; to deprive one of the benefit and protection of the law, (exuere aliquem beneficio legis). Spelman.

EXLEX. In old English law. An outlaw; qui est extra legem, one who is out of the law’s protection. Bract. fol. 123. Qui benefici futuro legis privatur. Spelman.

EXOINE. In French law. An act or instrument in writing which contains the reasons why a party in a civil suit, or a person accused, who has been summoned, agreeably to the requisitions of a decree, does not appear. Poth. Proc. Crim. § 3, art. 3. The same as “Essoin,” (q. v.)

EXONERATION. The removal of a burden, charge, or duty. Particularly, the act of relieving a person or estate from a charge or liability by casting the same upon another person or estate. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Comm., 114 Ky. 757, 71 S. W. 916; Bannon v. Burns (C. C.) 39 Fed. 896.

A right or equity which exists between those who are successively liable for the same debt. “A surety who discharges an obligation is entitled to look to the principal for reimbursement, and to invoke the aid of a court of equity for this purpose, and a subsequent surety who, by the terms of the contract, is responsible only in case of the default of the principal and a prior surety, may claim exoneraton at the hands of either.” Blag. Eq. § 331.

In Scotch Law

A discharge; or the act of being legally disburdened of, or liberated from, the performance of a duty or obligation. Bell.

Bl. Law Dict. (3d Ed.)
EXONERATIONE SECTÆ. A writ that lay for the crown's ward, to be free from all suit to the county court, hundred court, leet, etc., during wardship. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 158.

EXONERATIONE SECTÆ AD CURIAM BARON. A writ of the same nature as that last above described, issued by the guardian of the crown's ward, and addressed to the sheriffs or stewards of the court, forbidding them to restrain him, etc., for not doing suit of court, etc. New Nat. Brev. 532.

EXONERRETUR. Lat. Let him be relieved or discharged. An entry made on a bail-place, whereby the surety is relieved or discharged from further obligation, when the condition is fulfilled by the surrender of the principal or otherwise.

EXORBITANT. Deviating from the normal or customary course, or going beyond the rule of established limits of right or propriety. U. S. v. Oglesby Grocery Co. (D. C.) 264 F. 691, 695.

EXORDIUM. The beginning or introductory part of a speech.

EXPATRIATION. The voluntary act of abandoning one's country, and becoming the citizen or subject of another. Ludlam v. Ludlam, 31 Barb. (N. Y.) 489. See Emigration; Ex parte Griffin (D. C.) 237 F. 445, 450; Reynolds v. Haskins (C. C. A.) 8 F.(2d) 473, 475, 45 A. L. R. 759; 1 Barton, Conv. 31, note; Vaugh. 227, 281; 7 Co. 16; Dy. 2, 224, 2969, 3909; 2 P. Wms. 124; 1 Hale, Pl. Cr. 68; 1 Wood, Conv. 382; West. Priv. Int. Law; Story, Confi. Laws; Cockburn, Nationality.

EXPECT. To await; to look forward to something intended, promised, or likely to happen. Atchison, etc. R. Co. v. Hamlin, 67 Kan. 476, 73 P. 58; Kronenburg v. Whale, 21 Ohio App. 322, 153 N. E. 302, 308. The word has also a secondary meaning, in which it implies a demand rather than anticipation, as where a person, in negotiating a contract, says he will "expect" to write half the fire insurance. Stillman v. Spokane Savings & Loan Soc, 103 Wash. 619, 175 P. 296, 297.

EXPECTANCY. That which is expected or hoped for. The condition of being deferred to a future time, or of dependence upon an expected event; contingency as to possession or enjoyment. With respect to the time of their enjoyment, estates may either be in possession or in expectancy; and of expectancies there are two sorts,—one created by the act of the parties, called a "remainder;" the other by act of law, called a "reversion." 2 Bl. Comm. 103.

EXPECTANCY OF LIFE. In the doctrine of life annuities, the share or number of years of life which a person of a given age may, upon an equality of chance, expect to enjoy. Wharton.

EXPECTANT. Contingent as to enjoyment. Having relation to, or dependent upon, a contingency.

EXPECTANT ESTATES. See Estate in Expectancy.

EXPECTANT HEIR. A person who has the expectation of inheriting property or an estate, but small present means. The term is chiefly used in equity, where relief is afforded to such persons against the enforcement of "catching bargains." (q. v.) Jeffers v. Lampson, 10 Ohio St. 106; Whelen v. Phillips, 151 Pa. 312, 25 A. 44; In re Robbins' Estate, 199 Pa. 500, 49 A. 233. "The phrase is used not in its literal meaning, but as including every one who has either a vested remainder, or a contingent remainder in a family property, including a remainder in a portion, as well as a remainder in an estate, and every one who has the hope of succession to the property of an ancestor, either by reason of his being the heir-apparent or presumptive, or by reason, merely, of the expectation of a devise or bequest on account of the supposed or presumed affection of his ancestor or relation. More than this, the doctrine as to expectant heirs has been extended to all reversions and remaindermen. So that the doctrine not only included the class mentioned, who in some popular sense might be called 'expectant heirs,' but also all remaindermen and rever- sioners." Jessel, M. R.

EXPECTANT RIGHT. A contingent right, not vested; one which depends on the continued existence of the present condition of things until the happening of some future event. Peursall v. Great Northern R. Co., 161 U. S. 646, 16 S. Ct. 705, 40 L. Ed. 838; Pollock v. Meyer Bros. Drug Co. (C. C. A.) 233 F. 861, 888; Avery v. Curtiss, 108 Okl. 154, 235 P. 195, 197. A right is contingent, not vested, when it comes into existence only on an event or condition which may not happen. Wirtz v. Nestos, 51 N. D. 603, 200 N. W. 524, 530.

EXPECTATION OF LIFE. See Expectancy of Life.

EXPEDIENT. Pertaining to whatever is suitable and appropriate in reason for the accomplishment of a specified object. Eustace v. Dickey, 240 Mass. 55, 132 N. E. 882, 882.

EXPEDIENTE. In Mexican law, a term including all the papers or documents constituting a grant or title to land from government. Vanderslice v. Hanks, 3 Cal. 27, 38.

EXPEDIENT. The whole of a person's goods and chattels, bag and baggage. Wharton.

Exedit reiublicae ne sua re quis male utatur. It is for the interest of the state that a man should not enjoy his own property improperly (to the injury of others). Inst. 1, § 2.
EXPEDITATÆ ARBORES

Expedit reipublicæ ut sit finis litium. It is for the advantage of the state that there be an end of suits; it is for the public good that actions be brought to a close. Co. Litt. 3039; Broom, Max. 365–6; Belcher v. Farrar, 8 Allen (Mass.) 329. This maxim belongs to the law of all countries: 1 Phill. Int. L. 553; French v. Shotwell, 5 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 555, 558.

EXPEDITAÆ ARBORES. Trees rooted up or cut down to the roots. Fleta, I. 2, c. 41.

EXPEDITION. In old forest law. A cutting off the claws or ball of the forefeet of mastiffs or other dogs, to prevent their running after deer;—a practice for the preservation of the royal forests. Cart. de For. c. 17; Spelman; Cowell.


EXPEDITIO. An expedition; an irregular kind of army. Spelman.

EXPEDITIO BREVIS. In old practice. The service of a writ. Townsh. Pl. 43.

EXPEDITIOUS. Possessed of, or characterized by, expedition or efficiency and rapidity in action; performed with, or acting with, expedition; quick; speedy. Atchison, T. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. Ridley, 119 Okl. 138, 249 P. 289, 290.

EXPEL. In regard to trespass and other torts, this term means to eject, to put out, to drive out, and generally with an implication of the use of force. Perry v. Fitzhew, 8 Q. B. 779; Smith v. Leo, 92 Hun, 242, 36 N. Y. Supp. 949.

EXPEND. To pay out, use up, consume. Adams v. Prather, 176 Cal. 33, 167 P. 534, 538; 3 A. L. R. 528; School Dist. No. 24 of Marion County v. Smith, 82 Or. 443, 161 P. 705, 708.

EXPENDITORS. Paymasters. Those who expend or disburse certain taxes. Especially the sworn officer who supervised the repairs of the canals in Romney Marsh. Cowell.

EXPENDITURE. An expending, a laying out of money; disbursement—it is not the same as an “appropriation,” the setting apart or assignment to a particular person or use, in exclusion of all others. Grout v. Gates, 97 Vt. 434, 124 A. 76, 80.

EXPENSE/LITIS. Costs or expenses of the suit, which are generally allowed to the successful party.

EXPENSE. That which is expended, laid out or consumed; an outlay; charge; cost; price. Rowley v. Clarke, 162 Iowa, 732, 144 N.W. 908, 911.

CURRENT EXPENSES


EXPENSIS MILITUM NON LEVANDIS. An ancient writ to prohibit the sheriff from levying any allowance for knights of the shire upon those who held lands in ancient demesne. Reg. Orig. 201.

EXPERIENCE. A word implying skill, facility, or practical wisdom gained by personal knowledge, feeling, and action, and also the course or process by which one attains knowledge or wisdom. Chicago, I. & L. Ry. Co. v. Gorman, 38 Ind. App. 381, 106 N. E. 597, 598.

Experientia et per varios actus legem facit. Magna rerum experientia. Co. Litt. 60; Branch, Princ. Experience by various acts makes law. Experience is the mistress of things.

EXPERIMENT. In patent law, either a trial of an uncompleted mechanical structure to ascertain what changes or additions may be necessary to make it accomplish the design of the projector, or a trial of a completed machine to test or illustrate its practical efficiency. In the former case, the inventor's efforts, being incomplete, if they are then abandoned, will have no effect upon the right of a subsequent inventor; but if the experiment proves the capacity of the machine to effect what its inventor proposed, the law assigns to him the merit of having produced a complete invention. Northwestern Fire Extinguisher Co. v. Philadelphia Fire Extinguisher Co., 10 Phila. 227, 18 Fed. Cas. 394.

EXPERIMENTAL TESTIMONY. That of some witness who, after the commission of the crime, makes experiments for the purpose of ascertaining the effect of a certain act under certain conditions, and swears to such experiments. State v. Harlan (Mo. Sup.) 240 S. W. 197, 201.

EXPERTS. Persons examined as witnesses in a cause, who testify in regard to some professional or technical matter arising in the case, and who are permitted to give their opinions as to such matter on account of their special training, skill, or familiarity with it. Persons selected by the court or parties in a cause, on account of their knowledge or skill, to examine, estimate, and ascertain things and make a report of their opinions. Merlin, Répert.
by paying the debt in the decree of adjudication. Bell; 3 Jurid. Styles, 2d ed. 1167.

EXPLEES. See Esplees.

EXPLETA, EXPLETIA, or EXPLECIA. In old records. The rents and profits of an estate.

EXPLICATIO. In the civil law. The fourth pleading; equivalent to the surrejoinder of the common law. Calvin.

EXPLORATION. In mining law. The examination and investigation of land supposed to contain valuable minerals, by drilling, boring, sinking shafts, driving tunnels, and other means, for the purpose of discovering the presence of ore and its extent. Calvin v. Weimer, 61 Minn. 37, 65 N. W. 1079.

EXPLORATOR. A scout, huntsman, or chaser.

EXPOSITION. A sudden and rapid combustion, causing violent expansion of the air, and accompanied by a report. United Life, Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Poote, 22 Ohio St. 348, 10 Am. Rep. 735; New Hampshire Fire Ins. Co. v. Rupard, 157 Ky. 671, 220 S. W. 585, 542. In the common acceptance of the term, it includes the sudden bursting or breaking up from an internal or other force, and is not limited to cases caused by combustion or fire. American Paper Products Co. v. Continental Ins. Co., 208 Mo. App. 87, 225 S. W. 1029, 1030. The ordinary idea is that the explosion is the cause, while the rupture is the effect. Evans v. Ins. Co., 44 N. Y. 151, 4 Am. Rep. 650; Mitchell v. Ins. Co., 183 U. S. 42, 22 Sup. Ct. 22, 46 L. Ed. 74.

The word "explosion" is variously used in ordinary speech, and is not one that admits of exact definition. Every combustion of an explosive substance, whereby other property is ignited and consumed, would not be an "explosion," within the ordinary meaning of the term. It is not used as a synonym of "combustion." An explosion may be described generally as a sudden and rapid combustion, causing violent expansion of the air, and accompanied by a report. But the rapidity of the combustion, the violence of the expansion, and the vehemence of the report vary in intensity as often as the occurrences multiply. Hence an explosion is an idea of degrees; and the true meaning of the word, in each particular case, must be settled, not by any fixed standard or accurate measurement, but by the common experience and notions of men in matters of that sort. Insurance Co. v. Poote, 22 Ohio St. 348, 10 Am. Rep. 735. And see Insurance Co. v. Doremy, 85 Md. 81, 40 Am. Rep. 403; Mitchell v. Insurance Co., 16 App. D. C. 270; Louisville Underwriters v. Durland, 123 Ind. 544, 24 N. E. 221, 7 L. R. A. 399.

EXPLOSIVE. Any substance whose decomposition or combustion is generated with such rapidity that it can be used for blasting or for firearms.—Anchor Life Ins. Co. v. Meyer, 61 Ind. App. 35, 111 N. E. 458, 457.
EXPORT, v. To send, take, or carry an article of trade or commerce out of the country. To transport merchandise from one country to another in the course of trade. To carry out or convey goods by sea. State v. Turner, 5 Har. (Del.) 501.

While the word export technically includes the landing in as well as the shipment to a foreign country, it is often used as meaning only the shipment from this country. U. S. v. Chavez, 228 U. S. 525, 33 S. Ct. 895, 57 L. Ed. 959.


EXPORTATION. The act of sending or carrying goods and merchandise from one country to another.

EXPOSE, v. To show publicly; to display; to offer to the public view; as, to "expose" goods to sale, to "expose" a tariff or schedule of rates, to "expose" the person. Boyton v. Page, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 432; Comm. v. Byrnes, 158 Mass. 172, 33 N. E. 343; Adams Exp. Co. v. Schlessinger, 75 Pa. 216; Centre Turnpike Co. v. Smith, 12 Vt. 218. To "expose for sale" means to keep and show for the purpose of selling. State v. Hogan, 212 Mo. App. 473, 252 S. W. 90.

To place in a position where the object spoken of is open to danger, or where it is near or accessible to anything which may affect it detrimentally; as, to "expose" a child, or to expose oneself or another to a contagious disease or to danger or hazard of any kind. In re Smith, 146 N. Y. 68, 40 N. E. 497, 28 L. R. A. 820, 48 Am. St. Rep. 769; Davis v. Insurance Co., 81 Iowa, 496, 46 N. W. 1075, 10 L. R. A. 359, 25 Am. St. Rep. 509; Miller v. Insurance Co., 39 Minn. 548, 40 N. W. 839; Eau Claire Sand & Gravel Co. v. Industrial Commission of Wisconsin, 173 Wis. 601, 181 N. W. 718. To cast out to chance, to place abroad, or in a situation unprotected. Shannon v. People, 5 Mich. 90.

EXPOSÉ. Fr. A statement; account; recital; explanation. The term is used in diplomatic language as descriptive of a written explanation of the reasons for a certain act or course of conduct.

EXPOSITIO. Lat. Explanation; exposition; interpretation.

Expositio quam ex visceribus causae nascitur, est aptissima et fortissima in lege. That kind of interpretation which is born [or drawn] from the bowels [or vitals] of a cause is the aptest and most forcible in the law. 10 Coke, 24b.

EXPOSITION. Explanation; interpretation.

EXPOSITION DE PART. In French law. The abandonment of a child, unable to take care of itself, either in a public or private place.

EXPOSITORY STATUTE. One the office of which is to declare what shall be taken to be the true meaning and intent of a statute previously enacted. Black, Const. Law. (3d ed.) 89. And see Lindsay v. United States Sav. & Loan Co., 120 Ala. 159, 24 So. 171, 42 L. R. A. 783; Washington, A. & G. R. Co. v. Martin, 7 D. C. 120; Dequindre v. Williams, 31 Ind. 441; People v. Board of Sup'mrs, 16 N. Y. 424.

They are often expressed thus: "The true intent and meaning of an act passed * * * be and is hereby declared to be," "the provisions of the act shall not hereafter extend"; or "are hereby declared and enacted not to apply," and the like. This is a common mode of legislation.

EXPOSURE. The act or state of exposing or being exposed. See Expose.

—Exposure of child. Placing it (with the intention of wholly abandoning it) in such a place or position as to leave it unprotected against danger and jeopardize its health or life or subject it to the peril of severe suffering or serious bodily harm. Shannon v. People, 5 Mich. 90.

—Exposure of person. In criminal law. Such an intentional exposure, in a public place, of the naked body or the private parts as is calculated to shock the feelings of chastity or to corrupt the morals of the community. Gilmore v. State, 118 Ga. 299, 45 S. E. 226.

—Indecent exposure. The same as exposure of the person, in the sense above defined. State v. Baugness, 106 Iowa, 107, 75 N. W. 503.

EXPRESS. Made known distinctly and explicitly, and not left to inference or implication. Declared in terms; set forth in words. Manifested by direct and appropriate language, as distinguished from that which is inferred from conduct. The word is usually contrasted with "implied." State v. Denny, 118 Ind. 449, 21 N. E. 274, 4 L. R. A. 65. Clear, definite, plain, direct. State v. Zangere, 101 Ohio St. 235, 128 N. E. 165, 167.


EXPRESS ABROGATION. Abrogation by express provision or enactment; the repeal of
a law or provision by a subsequent one, referring directly to it.

EXPRESS ASSUMPSIT. An undertaking to do some act, or to pay a sum of money to another, manifested by express terms.

EXPRESS AUTHORITY. That which the principal directly grants to an agent. Dispatch Printing Co. v. National Bank of Commerce, 109 Minn. 440, 124 N. W. 236, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 74. That which confers power to do a particular identical thing set forth and declared exactly, plainly, and directly with well-defined limits; an authority given in direct terms, definitely and explicitly, and not left to inference or implication, as distinguished from authority which is general, implied, or not directly stated or given. Fergus v. Bracy, 277 Ill. 272, 115 N. E. 396, 396, Ann. Cas. 1913B, 220.

EXPRESS COLOR. An evasive form of special pleading in a case where the defendant ought to plead the general issue. Abolished by the common-law procedure act, 1852, (15 & 16 Vict. c. 76, § 64).

EXPRESS COMPANY. A firm or corporation engaged in the business of transporting parcels or other movable property, in the capacity of common carriers, and especially undertaking the safe carriage and speedy delivery of small but valuable packages of goods and money. Alsop v. Southern Exp. Co., 104 N. C. 278, 10 S. E. 297, 6 L. R. A. 271; Pfister v. Central Pac. Ry. Co., 70 Cal. 169, 11 P. 868, 59 Am. Rep. 404; American Ry. Exp. Co. v. Wright, 128 Miss. 593, 91 So. 342, 343, 23 A. L. R. 127. A common carrier that carries at regular and stated times, over fixed and regular routes, money and other valuable packages, which cannot be conveniently or safely carried as common freight; and also other articles and packages of any description which the shipper desires or the nature of the article requires should have safe and rapid transit and quick delivery, transporting the same in the immediate charge of its own messenger on passenger steamers and express and passenger railway trains, which it does not own or operate, but with the owners of which it contracts for the carriage of its messengers and freights. Pacific Exp. Co. v. Selbert (C. C.) 44 P. 310.

EXPRESS CONSIDERATION. A consideration which is distinctly and specifically named in the written contract or in the oral agreement of the parties.

EXPRESS EMANCIPATION. That which results when parent and child voluntarily agree that the child, able to take care of himself, may go out from his home and make his own living, receive his own wages, and spend them as he pleases. Nichols v. Harvey & Hancock, 206 Ky. 112, 266 S. W. 870, 871.

EXPRESS INVITATION. An express or expressed invitation upon premises arises when the owner in terms invites another to come upon the premises and make use of them or something thereon. Robinson v. Leighton, 122 Me. 309, 119 A. 809, 810, 30 A. L. R. 1386.

EXPRESS REQUEST. That which occurs when one person commands or asks another to do or give something, or answers affirmatively when asked whether another shall do a certain thing. Zeldeer v. Goelzer, 191 Wis. 378, 211 N. W. 140, 144.

Express a nocent, non expressa non nocent. Things expressed are [may be] prejudicial; things not expressed are not. Express words are sometimes prejudicial, which, if omitted, had done no harm. Dig. 35, 1, 52; 1d. 50, 17, 105. See Calvin.

Expressa non prosunt quae non expressa proderant. 4 Coke, 73. The expression of things of which, if unexpressed, one would have the benefit, is useless. Thing expressed may be prejudicial which when not expressed will profit.

Expresio eorum quae tacite insunt nihil operatur. The expression or express mention of those things which are tacitly implied avails nothing. 2 Inst. 365. A man's own words are void, when the law speaketh as much. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 5, no. 26. Words used to express what the law will imply without them are mere words of abundance. 5 Coke, 11; Broom, Max. 660, 753; 2 Pars. Contr. 28; 4 Co. 73; Andr. Steph. Pl. 306; Hob. 170; 3 Atkins 158; 11 M. & W. 599; 7 Exch. 26.


Expressio unius personam est exclusio alterius. Co. Litt. 210. The mention of one person is the exclusion of another. See Broom, Max. 651.

Expressum facti cessare tacitum. That which is expressed makes that which is implied to cease, [that is, supersedes it, or controls its effect.] Thus, an implied covenant in a deed is in all cases controlled by an express covenant. 4 Coke, 80; Broom, Max. 651; 5 Bingh. N. C. 185; 6 B. & C. 609; 2 C. & M. 459; 2 E. & B. 556; Andover & Medford Turnpike Corp. v. Hay, 7 Mass. 106; Gage v. Tirrell, 9 Allen (Mass.) 306; Weston v. Davis, 24 Me. 374; Scott v. Fields, 7 Watts (Pa.) 301; Galloway
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Expressum servitium regat vel declarat taetum. Let service expressed rule or declare what is silent.

EXPROMISSIO. In the civil law. The species of novation by which a creditor accepts a new debtor, who becomes bound instead of the old, the latter being released. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 562.

EXPROMISSOR. In the civil law. A person who assumes the debt of another, and becomes solely liable for it, by a stipulation with the creditor. He differs from a surety, inasmuch as this contract is one of novation, while a surety is jointly liable with his principal. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 538; Dig. 12, 4, 4; 16, 1, 13; 24, 3, 64, 4; 38, 1, 67, 8.

EXPROMITTERE. In the civil law. To undertake for another with the view of becoming liable in his place. Calvin.

EXPROPRIATION. This word primarily denotes a voluntary surrender of rights or claims; the act of divesting oneself of that which was previously claimed as one's own, or renouncing it. In this sense it is the opposite of "appropriation." But a meaning has been attached to the term, imported from its use in foreign jurisprudence, which makes it synonymous with the exercise of the power of eminent domain, i.e., the compulsory taking from a person, on compensation made, of his private property for the use of a railroad, canal, or other public work. Brownsville v. Pauzanos, 2 Woods 293, Fed. Cas. No. 2043. In Louisiana expropriation is used as is taking under eminent domain in most of the other states. In England "compulsory purchase" is used; Halsbury, Laws of England.

In French Law

Expropriation is the compulsory realization of a debt by the creditor out of the lands of his debtor, or the usufruct thereof. When the debtor is cotenant with others, it is necessary that a partition should first be made. It is confined, in the first place, to the lands (if any) that are in hypothèque, but afterwards extends to the lands not in hypothèque. Moreover, the debt must be of a liquidated amount. Brown.

EXPULSION. A putting or driving out. Ejectment; banishment; a cutting off from the privileges of an institution or society permanently. John B. Stetson. University v. Hunt, 58 Fla. 510, 102 So. 637, 639. The act of depriving a member of a corporation, legislative body, assembly, society, commercial organization, etc., of his membership in the same, by a legal vote of the body itself, for breach of duty, improper conduct, or other sufficient cause. New York Protective Ass'n v. McGrath (Super. Ct.) 5 N. Y. S. 10; Falmeth to Lodge v. Hubbell, 2 Strob. (S. C.) 462, 49 Am. Dec. 604. Also, in the law of torts and of landlord and tenant, an eviction or forcible putting out. See Expel.

"Separation" from a church by reason of a schism is not like "expulsion" or "excommunication," which terms necessarily involve involuntary and compulsory separation of members. Lindstrom v. Tell, 181 Minn. 203, 24 N. W. 969, 971.

EXPUNGE. To blot out; to efface designedly; to obliterate; to strike out wholly. Webster. See Cancel.

EXPURGATION. The act of purging or cleansing, as where a book is published without its obscene passages.

EXPURGATOR. One who corrects by expurgation.

EXQUESTOR. In Roman law. One who had filled the office of questor. A title given to Tribonian. Inst. procem. § 3. Used only in the ablative case, (exquestore).

EXROGARE. (From ex., from, and rogare, to pass a law.) In Roman law. To take something from an old law by a new law. Tayl. Civil Law, 135.


To "extend" a lease or contract is not necessarily the same as "renew," for a stipulation to renew requires the making of a new lease, while one to extend does not. Sanders v. Wender, 265 Ky. 432, 265 S. W. 989, 941. See, also, Nemazi v. Rochester Silver Corporation, 45 N. Y. 41, 226 P. 1105, 1106; Livingston Waterworks v. City of Livingston, 53

In English Practice

To value the lands or tenements of a person bound by a statute or recognizance which has become forfeited, to their full extended value. 3 Bl. Comm. 420; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 131. To execute the writ of extendi facias (q. v.). 2 Tidd, Pr. 1043, 1044.

In Taxation

Extending a tax consists in adding to the assessment roll the amount due from each person whose name appears thereon. "The subject of taxation having been properly listed, and a basis for apportionment established, nothing will remain to fix a definite liability but to extend upon the list or roll the several proportionate amounts, as a charge against the several taxable." Cooley, Tax'n (2d Ed.) 423.

EXTENDI FACIAS. Lat. You cause to be extended. In English practice. The name of a writ of execution; (derived from its two emphatic words;) more commonly called an "exten." 2 Tidd, Pr. 1043; 4 Steph. Comm. 45.

EXTENSION.

In Mercantile Law

An allowance of additional time for the payment of debts. An agreement between a debtor and his creditors, by which they allow him further time for the payment of his liabilities. A creditor's indulgence by giving a debtor further time to pay an existing debt. State v. Mastayer, 144 Ta. 601, 80 So. 591, 892. Among the French, a similar agreement is known by the name of attermoiment. Merlin, Répert. mot Attermoiment.

In Patent Law

An extension of the life of a patent for an additional period of seven years, formerly allowed by law in the United States, upon proof being made that the inventor had not succeeded in obtaining a reasonable remuneration from his patent-right. This is no longer allowed, except as to designs. See Rev. St. U. S. § 4924.

EXTENSIVE. Widely extended in space, time, or scope; great or wide or capable of being extended. American Cannel Coal Co. v. Indiana Cotton Mills, 78 Ind. App. 113, 134 N. E. 591, 593.

EXTENSORES. In old English law. Extenders or appraisers. The name of certain officers appointed to appraise and divide or appportion lands. It was their duty to make a survey, schedule, or inventory of the lands, to lay them out under certain heads, and then to ascertain the value of each, as preparatory to the division or partition. Bract. fols. 72b, 75; Britt. c. 71.

EXTENT.

In English Practice

A writ of execution issuing from the exchequer upon a debt due the crown, or upon a debt due a private person, if upon recognizance or statute merchant or staple, by which the sheriff is directed to appraise the debtor's lands, and, instead of selling them, to set them off to the creditor for a term during which the rental will satisfy the judgment. Hackett v. Amsden, 56 Vt. 201; Nason v. Fowler; 70 N. H. 263, 47 A. 263. It is so called because the sheriff is to cause the lands to be appraised at their full extended value before he delivers them to the plaintiff. Fitzh. N. B. 131. The term is sometimes used in the various states of the United States to denote writs which give the creditor possession of the debtor's lands for a limited time till the debt be paid. Roberts v. Whiting, 13 Mass. 180.

In Scots Practice

The value or valuation of lands. Bell. The rents, profits, and issues of lands. Skene.

In General

—Extent in aid. That kind of extent which issues at the instance and for the benefit of a debtor to the crown, for the recovery of a debt due to himself. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1045; 4 Steph. Comm. 47. This writ was much abused, owing to some peculiar privileges possessed by crown-debtors, and its use was regulated by stat. 57 Geo. III. c. 117. See 3 Bin. Comm. 419.

—Extent in chief. The principal kind of extent, issuing at the suit of the crown, for the recovery of the crown's debt. 4 Steph. Comm. 47. An adverse proceeding by the king, for the recovery of his own debt. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1045.

—Manorial extent. A survey of a manor made by a jury of tenants, often of unfree men sworn to sit for the particulars of each tenancy, and containing the smallest details as to the nature of the service due. These manorial extents "were made in the interest of the lords, who were anxious that all due services should be done; but they imply that other and greater services are not due, that the customary tenants, even though they be unfree men, owe these services for their tenements, no less and no more. Statements that the tenants are not bound to do services of a particular kind are not very uncommon"; 1
EXTENTA MANERII. (The extent or survey of a manor.) The title of a statute passed 4 Edw. I. St. 1: being a sort of direction for making a survey or terrier of a manor, and all its appendages. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 140.

EXTENUATE. To lessen; to palliate; to mitigate. Connell v. State, 46 Tex. Cr. R. 259, 81 S. W. 748.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES. Such as render a delict or crime less aggravated, heinous, or reprehensible than it would otherwise be, or tend to palliate or lessen its guilt. Such circumstances may ordinarily be shown in order to reduce the punishment or damages.

EXTENUATION. That which renders a crime or tort less heinous than it would be without it. It is opposed to aggravation.

EXTERIOR. The phrase "exterior of the building" as used in a lease of a building adjacent to another building, each having its own wall, the two against each other forming a solid double wall, means more extensive with its external parts and including the four walls. B. Siegel Co. v. Codd, 183 Mich. 145, 149 N. W. 1015, 1017.

EXTERRITORIALITY. The privilege of those persons (such as foreign ministers) who, though temporarily resident within a state, are not subject to the operation of its laws. The exemption from the operation of the ordinary laws of the state accorded to foreign monarchs temporarily within the state and their retinue, to diplomatic agents and the members of their household, to consuls in non-Christian states, and to foreign men of war in port. 1 Opp. 460-469. See Capitulation.

EXTERUS. Lat. A foreigner or alien; one born abroad. The opposite of civis.

Exterus non habet terras. An alien holds no lands. Tray. Lat. Max. 203.

EXTINCT. Extinguished. A rent is said to be extinguished when it is destroyed and put out. Co. Litt. 147b. See Extinction.

Existece subjecte, tollitur adjunctum. When the subject [or substance] is extinguished, the incident [or adjunct] ceases. Thus, when the business for which a partnership has been formed is completed, or brought to an end, the partnership itself ceases. Inst. 3, 26, 6; 3 Kent, Comm. 52, note; Griswold v. Waddington, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 438, 492.

EXTINGUISHMENT. The destruction or cancellation of a right, power, contract, or estate. The annihilation of a collateral thing or subject in the subject itself out of which it is derived. Prest. Merg. 9. For the distinction between an extinguishment and passing a right, see 2 Shars. Bl. Comm. 325, note.

"Extinguishment" is sometimes confused with "merger," though there is a clear distinction between them. "Merger" is only a mode of extinguishment, and applies to estates only under particular circumstances; but "extinguishment" is a term of general application to rights, as well as estates. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 367, § 148.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF COMMON. Loss of the right to have common. This may happen from various causes. 2 Steph. Com. 41; Co. Litt. 250; 1 Bacon, Abr. 628; Cro. Eliz. 594.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF COPYHOLD. In English law. A copyhold is said to be extinguished when the freehold and copyhold interests unite in the same person and in the same right, which may be either by the copyhold interest coming to the freehold or by the freehold interest coming to the copyhold. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 670, § 584; Hutten 81; Cro. Eliz. 21; Wms. R. P. 257.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBTS. This takes place by payment; by accord and satisfaction; by novation, or the substitution of a new debtor; by merger, when the creditor recovers a judgment or accepts a security of a higher nature than the original obligation; by a release; by the marriage of a feme sole creditor with the debtor, or of an obligee with one of two joint obligors; and where one of the parties, debtor or creditor, makes the other his executory.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF LEGACY. This occurs in case the identical thing bequested is not in existence, or has been disposed of so that it does not form part of the testator's estate, at the time of his death. Welch v. Welch, 147 Miss. 728, 113 So. 197, 198. See Ademption.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF RENT. If a person have a yearly rent of lands, and afterwards purchase those lands, so that he has as good an estate in the land as in the rent, the rent is extinguished. Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Co. Litt. 147. Rent may also be extinguished by conjunction of estates, by confirmation, by grant, by release, and by surrender. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. pp. 210-213, § 209.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF WAYS. This is usually effected by unity of possession. As if a man have a way over the close of another, and he purchase that close, the way is extinguished. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 341, § 384; 2 Washb. Real Prop.

EXTRIPATION. In English law. A species of destruction or waste, analogous to estrepe- ment. See Estrempation.
EXTIRPATION. A judicial writ, either before or after judgment, that lay against a person who, when a verdict was found against him for land, etc., maliciously overthrew any house or extirpated any trees upon it. Reg. Jud. 13, 56.

EXTOCARE. In old records. To grub wood-land, and reduce it to arable or meadow; "to stock up." Cowell.

EXTORSIVELY. A technical word used in indictments for extortion.

It is a sufficient averment of a corrupt intent, in an indictment for extortion, to allege that the defendant "extorsively" took the unlawful fee. Leeman v. State, 35 Ark. 433, 37 Am. Rep. 44. When a person is charged with extorting a way, the very import of the word shows that he is not acquiring posession of his own; 4 Cox, Cr. Cas. 377. In North Carolina the crime may be charged without using this word; State v. Dickens, 2 N. C. 405.

EXTORT. To compel or coerce, as a confession or information by any means serving to overcome one's power of resistance, or making the confession or admission involuntary. Sutton v. Commonwealth, 207 Ky. 597, 299 S. W. 754, 757.

To gain by wrongful methods, to obtain in an unlawful manner, to compel payments by means of threats of injury to person, property, or reputation. McKenzie v. State, 113 Neb. 576, 204 N. W. 60, 61; State v. Richards, 97 Wash. 587, 167 P. 47, 48. To take from unlawfully; to exact something wrongfully by threats or putting in fear. State v. Adams (Del.) 106 A. 287, 238, 7 Boyce, 338. See Extortion.

The natural meaning of the word "extort" is to obtain money or other valuable thing either by compulsion, by actual force, or by the force of motives applied to the will, and often more over-powering and irresistible than physical force. Com. v. O'Brien, 12 Cush. (Mass.) 30.

Exortio est crimen quando quis coloro officii extorquet quod non est debitum, vel supra debitum, vel ante tempus quod est debitum. 10 Coke, 102. Extortion is a crime when, by color of office, any person extorts which is not due, or more than is due, or before the time when it is due.

EXTORTION. At common law, any oppression by color or pretense of right, and particularly and technically the extaction by an officer of money, by color of his office, either when none at all is due, or not so much is due, or when it is not yet due. Preston v. Bacon, 4 Conn. 480; 1 Hawk. P. Q. (Curw. Ed.) 418. See People v. Barondess, 16 N. Y. S. 456, 61 Hun. 571; Wharton Cr. L. 833.

The unlawful taking by any officer, by color of his office, of any money or thing of value that is not due to him, or more than is due, or before it is due. 4 Bia. Comm. 141; Com. v. Saulsbury, 162 Pa. 554, 25 A. 610; 1 Russa Cr. * 144; 2 Bish. Cr. L. 809; U. S. v. Deaver (D. C.) 14 F. 385; Bush v. State, 15 Ariz. 195, 152 P. 503, 505; Code Ga. 1882, § 4507 (Pen. Code 1910, § 304).

The corrupt demanding or receiving by a person in office of a fee for services which should be performed gratuitously; or, where, compensation is permissible, of a larger fee than the law justifies, or a fee not due. 2 Dish. Crim. Law, § 586.

The distinction between "liberty" and "extortion" seems to be this: the former offense consists in the offering a present, or receiving one, if offered; the latter, in demanding a fee or present, by color of office. Jacob.

The exactness of money by reason of oppressive conditions or circumstances. People v. Wellier, 237 N. Y. 318, 143 N. E. 205, 206, 38 A. L. R. 618.

The taking or obtaining of anything from another by means of illegal compulsion or oppressive exaction; Daniels v. U. S. (O. C. A.) 17 F.(2d) 338, 342; State v. Kramer, 115 A. 8, 11, 1 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 454; whether by an officer or otherwise; United States v. Dunkley (D. C.) 235 F. 1000, 1001.


To constitute "extortion," the wrongful use of fear must be the operating cause producing consent. People v. Biggs, 176 Cal. 79, 172 P. 152, 153.

For the distinction between "extortion" and "exactation," see Exactation.

EXTRA. A Latin preposition, occurring in many legal phrases, and meaning beyond, except, without, out of, outside.

EXTRA ALLOWANCE. In New York practice. A sum in addition to costs, which may, in the discretion of the court, be allowed to the successful party in cases of unusual difficulty. See Hascall v. King, 54 App. Div. 441, 66 N. Y. S. 1112.

EXTRA COSTS. In English practice. Those charges which do not appear upon the face of the proceedings, such as witnesses' expenses, fees to counsel, attendances, court fees, etc., an affidavit of which must be made, to warrant the master in allowing them upon taxation of costs. Wharton.

EXTRA FEDUM. Out of his fee; out of the seigniory, or not holden of him that claims it. Co. Litt. 1b; Reg. Orig. 97b.

EXTRA JUDICIM. Extrajudicial; out of the proper cause; out of court; beyond the jurisdiction. See Extrajudicial.
EXTRA JUS. Beyond the law; more than the law requires. In jure, vel extra ius. Bract. fol. 1498.

EXTRA LEGEM. Out of the law; out of the protection of the law.

Extra legem positus est civili mortuus. Co. Litt. 130. He who is placed out of the law is civilly dead. A bankrupt is, as it were, civilly dead. International Bank v. Sherman, 101 U. S. 406, 25 L. Ed. 866.

EXTRA PRÆSENTIAM MARITI. Out of her husband’s presence.

EXTRA QUÁTUOR MARIA. Beyond the four seas; out of the kingdom of England. 1 Bl. Comm. 457.

EXTRA REGNUM. Out of the realm. 7 Coke, 196; 2 Kent, Comm. 442, note.

EXTRA SERVICES, when used with reference to officers, means services incident to the office in question, but for which compensation has not been provided by law. Miami County v. Blake, 21 Ind. 32.

EXTRA TERRITORIUM. Beyond or without the territory. 6 Bin. 353; 2 Kent, Comm. 407. Outside the territorial limits of a state. Milne v. Moreton, 6 Binn. (Pa.) 353, 6 Am. Dec. 466.

Extra territorium jus dicenti impune non paretur. One who exercises jurisdiction out of his territory is not obeyed with impunity. Dig. 2, 1, 20; Branch, Prin.; 10 Coke, 77; Story, Confi. Laws, § 539. He who exercises judicial authority beyond his proper limits cannot be obeyed with safety.

EXTRA VIAM. Outside the way. Where the defendant in trespass pleaded a right of way in justification, and the replication alleged that the trespass was committed outside the limits of the way claimed, these were the technical words to be used. 16 East, 343, 349.

EXTRA VIRES. Beyond powers. See Ultra Vires.

EXTRA WORK. The term “extra work” in a construction contract applies to work of a character not contemplated by the parties and not controlled by the contract, while “additional work” is such as may fairly be presumed to arise in the construction, and is within the contract, although not included in the plans and specifications. Wilson v. Salt Lake City, 52 Utah, 506, 174 P. 847, 850. But in a sewer construction contract providing that the city engineer might make such changes in the lines, grades, and dimensions which do not entail any extra expense to the contractor, the word “extra” was deemed equivalent to additional work which was required in the performance of the contract, and not necessary to such performance in the sense that the contract could not have been carried out without it, but necessary in the sense that by means of it the contract could be more conveniently and beneficially performed in the interest of both parties thereto, and did not include work arising out of and entirely independent of the contract, something not required in its performance. City of Richmond v. Burton, 115 Va. 206, 75 S. E. 560, 563. See, also, Fetterolf v. S. & L. Const. Co., 175 App. Div. 177, 181 N. Y. S. 549, 550; McHugh v. City of Tacoma, 76 Wash. 127, 135 P. 1011, 1015.

EXTRACT, v. To draw out or forth; to pull out from a fixed position. Webster. To “extract” one within the meaning of a royalty provision in a mining lease contemplates not only the removal of the ore from the mine and throwing it on a dump, but also the separation of the ore from the dirt and refuse in which it was found on the dump. Giersa v. Creech (Mo. App.) 151 S. W. 358, 359.

EXTRACT, n. A portion or fragment of a writing. In Scotch law, the certified copy, by a clerk of a court, of the proceedings in an action carried on before the court, and of the judgment pronounced; containing also an order for execution or proceedings thereupon. Jacob; Whishaw.

EXTRACTA CURÆ. In old English law. The issues or profits of holding a court, arising from the customary fees, etc.

EXTRADITION. The surrender of a criminal by a foreign state to which he has fled for refuge from prosecution to the state within whose jurisdiction the crime was committed, upon the demand of the latter state, in order that he may be dealt with according to its laws. Extradition may be accorded as a mere matter of comity, or may take place under treaty stipulations between the two nations. It also obtains as between the different states of the American Union. Tarlinden v. Ames, 184 U. S. 270, 22 S. Ct. 484, 46 L. Ed. 594; Fong Yue Ting v. U. S., 149 U. S. 698, 13 S. Ct. 1016, 37 L. Ed. 905.

Extradition between the states must be considered and defined to be a political duty of imperfect obligation, founded upon compact, and requiring each state to surrender one who, having violated the criminal laws of another state, has fled from its justice, and is found in the state from which he is demanded, on demand of the executive authority of the state from which he fled. Abbott.

EXTRA-DOTAL PROPERTY. In Louisiana this term is used to designate that property which forms no part of the dower of a woman, and which is also called “paraphernal property.” Civ. Code La. art. 2355. Fietas v. Richardson, 147 U. S. 550, 13 S. Ct. 495, 37 L. Ed. 276.

EXTRAHAZARDOUS. In the law of insurance. Characterized or attended by circumstances or conditions of special and unusual danger. Reynolds v. Insurance Co., 47 N. Y.
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597; Russell v. Insurance Co., 71 Iowa, 69; 32 N. W. 58.

EXTRAHURA. In old English law. An animal wandering or straying about, without an owner; an estray. Spelman.

EXTRAJUDICIAL. That which is done, given, or effected outside the course of regular judicial proceedings; not founded upon, or unconnected with, the action of a court of law; as extrajudicial evidence, an extrajudicial oath.

That which, though done in the course of regular judicial proceedings, is unnecessary to such proceedings, or interpolated, or beyond their scope; as an extrajudicial opinion, dictum.

That which does not belong to the judge or his jurisdiction, notwithstanding which he takes cognizance of it.

EXTRAJUDICIAL CONFESSION. One made by the party out of court, or to any person, official or otherwise, when made not in the course of a judicial examination or investigation. State v. Stevenson, 38 Or. 285, 183 P. 1030, 1032; Mays v. State, 19 Okl. Cr. 102, 197 P. 1064, 1070; Waido v. State, 13 Okl. Cr. 165, 102 P. 1133, 1142; State v. Alexander, 109 La. 557, 33 So. 690; U. S. v. Williams, 28 Fed. Cas. 643.

EXTRAJUDICIAL OATH. One taken not in the course of judicial proceedings, or taken without any authority of law, though taken formally before a proper person. State v. Scatena, 84 Minn. 251, 87 N. W. 764.

EXTRALATERAL RIGHT. In mining law. The right of the owner of a mining claim duly located on the public domain to follow, and mine, any vein or lode the apex of which lies within the boundaries of his location on the surface, notwithstanding the course of the vein on its dip or downward direction may so far depart from the perpendicular as to extend beyond the planes which would be formed by the vertical extension downwards of the side lines of his location. See Rev. Stat. U. S. § 2922 (50 USCA § 26).

EXTRAMURAL. As applied to the powers of a municipal corporation, its “extramural” powers are those exercised outside the corporate limits, as distinguished from “intra-mural” powers. State v. Port of Astoria, 79 Or. 1, 154 P. 399, 404.

EXTRANEUS.

In Old English Law
One foreign born; a foreigner. 7 Coke, 16.

In Roman Law
An heir not born in the family of the testator. Those of a foreign state. The same as silenus. Vicat; Du Cange.

Extraneus est substitutus qui extra terram, i. e., potestatem regis natus est. 7 Coke, 16. A foreigner is a subject who is born out of the territory, i. e., of the government of the king.

EXTRRORDINARY. Out of the ordinary; exceeding the usual, average, or normal measure or degree; beyond or out of the common order or rule; not usual, regular, or of a customary kind; remarkable; uncommon; rare. Ten Eyck v. Episcopal Church, 29 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 154, 29 N. Y. S. 157; The Titania, 19 F. 163; Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co. v. Reynolds (D. C.) 223 F. 371, 378. The word is both comprehensive and flexible in meaning. Zollman v. Baltimore & O. S. W. R. Co., 70 Ind. App. 385, 121 N. E. 135, 140.

EXTRRORDINARY AVERAGE. A contribution by all the parties concerned in a mercantile voyage, either as to the vessel or cargo, toward a loss sustained by some of the parties in interest for the benefit of all. Wilson v. Cross, 33 Cal. 69.

EXTRRORDINARY CARE. Synonymous with greatest care, utmost care, highest degree of care. Railroad Co. v. Baddeley, 54 Ill. 24, 5 Am. Rep. 71; Railway Co. v. Causer, 97 Ala. 235, 12 So. 439. See Care; Diligence; Negligence.

EXTRORDINARY CASE. “The extraordinary motions or cases contemplated by the statute are such as do not ordinarily occur in the transaction of human affairs; as, when a man has been convicted of murder, and it afterwards appears that the supposed deceased is still alive, or where one is convicted on the testimony of a witness who is subsequently found guilty of perjury in giving that testimony, or where there has been some providential cause, and cases of like character.” Herrington v. State, 32 Ga. App. 83, 123 S. E. 147, 148; Farmers’ Union Warehouse of Metter v. Boyd, 31 Ga. App. 104, 119 S. E. 542.

EXTRORDINARY DANGER. In the law of master and servant, one not ordinarily incident to the service. Flockowski v. A. Leschen & Sons Rope Co., 190 Mo. App. 597, 176 S. W. 298, 299.

EXTRORDINARY EXPENSES. This term in a constitutional provision that the state may incur indebtedness for extraordinary expenses, means other than ordinary expenses and such as are incurred by the state for the promotion of the general welfare, compelled by some unforeseen condition which is not regularly provided for by law, such as flood, famine, fire, earthquake, pestilence, war, or any other condition that will compel the state to put forward its highest endeavors to protect the people, their property, liberty, or lives. State v. Davis, 113 Kan. 4, 213 P. 111, 112.
EXTRAORDINARY FLOOD. One of those unexplained visitations whose coming are not foreshadow by the usual course of nature, and whose magnitude and destructive ness could not have been anticipated or provided against by the exercise of ordinary foresight. Elikland v. Casey (C. C. A.) 266 F. 821, 823, 12 A. L. R. 179; Clements v. Phoenix Utility Co., 119 Kan. 190, 287 P. 1062, 1063. One of such unusual occurrence that it could not have been foreseen by men of ordinary experience and prudence. Soules v. Northern Pac. R. Co., 34 N. D. 7, 157 N. W. 823, 830, L. R. A. 1917A, 501. A flood is not extraordinary which is such as residents of the neighborhood might expect from their observation. City of Richmond v. Cheatwood, 130 Va. 76, 107 S. E. 830, 833.

EXTRAORDINARY RAINFALL. Not such a downpour of rain as may not have been known to occur, but only such rainfall that is so unusual and extraordinary that men of ordinary prudence would not have anticipated and provided for. City of Portsmouth v. Weiss, 145 Va. 94, 133 S. E. 781, 787.

EXTRAORDINARY REMEDIES. The writs of mandamus, quo warranto, habeas corpus, and some others are sometimes called "extraordinary remedies," in contradistinction to the ordinary remedy by action. Receivership is also said to be an "extraordinary remedy." Prudential Securities Co. v. Three Forks, H. & M. V. R. Co., 49 Mont. 567, 144 P. 158, 159.

EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS. Within the meaning of a lease, such as are made necessary by some unusual or unforeseen occurrence which does not destroy the building but merely renders it less suited to the use for which it was intended. Nixon v. Gammon, 191 Ky. 175, 229 S. W. 75, 77.


EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES. As applied to the care and attention of an old and infirm person, such services as are unusual, extra, or above those generally required or to be anticipated in usual course of things, not such services as are rendered to an old and feeble person, even though sick, which are not different from those usually required by such persons in similar circumstances. Allen v. Smith, 205 Ky. 207, 270 S. W. 732, 733.

EXTRAPAROCHIAL. Out of a parish; not within the bounds or limits of any parish. 1 Bl. Comm. 113, 284.

EXTRATERRITORIALITY. The extraterritorial operation of a law; that is, the operation upon persons, rights, or jural relations, existing beyond the limits of the enacting state, but still amendable to its laws. A term used, especially formerly, to express, in lieu of the word "extraterritoriality" (q. v.), the exemption from the obligation of the laws of a state granted to foreign diplomatic agents, warships, etc. Wheaton, § 224. The term is used to indicate jurisdiction exercised by a nation in other countries, by treaty, as, by the United States in China or Egypt; or by its own ministers or consuls in foreign lands. Crime is said to be extraterritorial when committed in a country other than that of the forum in which the party is tried. See 2 Moore, Int. L. Dig.; U. S. v. Lucas (D. C.) 6 F.(2d) 327, 328.

EXTRAVAGANTES. In canon law. Those decretal epistles which were published after the Clementines. They were so called because at first they were not digested or arranged with the other papal constitutions, but seemed to be, as it were, detached from the canon law. They continued to be called by the same name when they were afterwards inserted in the body of the canon law. The first extravagantes are those of Pope John XXII, successor of Clement V. The last collection was brought down to the year 1483, and was called the "Common Extravagantes," notwithstanding that they were likewise incorporated with the rest of the canon law. Frenc. Lond.

EXTREME. At the utmost point, edge, or border; most remote. Last; conclusive. Greatest, highest, strongest, or the like. Immoderate; violent. Webster.

EXTREME CASE. An extreme case, in which an injunction granted inadvertently or improvidently may be dissolved ex parte, means one in which the injunction was manifestly granted improperly, and its continuance until hearing in due course might cause great injury. Teacle v. Hughes, 116 La. 168, 33 So. 457, 458.

EXTREME HAZARD. To constitute extreme hazard, the efusion of a vessel must be such that there is imminent danger of her being lost, notwithstanding all the means that can be applied to get her off. King v. Hartford Ins. Co., 1 Conn. 421.

EXTREMIS. When a person is sick beyond the hope of recovery, and near death, he is said to be in extremis.

Extremis probatis, pressumuntur media. Extremes being proved, intermediate things are presumed. Tray. Lat. Max. 207.


EXTRINSIC. Foreign; from outside sources; dehors. As to extrinsic evidence, see Evidence.


EXUERE PATRIAM. To throw off or renounce one's country or native allegiance; to expatriate one's self. Philim. Dom. 18.

EXULARE. In old English law. To exile or banish. Nullus liber homo, exuletur, nisi, etc., no freeman shall be exiled, unless, etc. Magna Charta, c. 29; 2 Inst. 47.

EXUPERARE. To overcome; to apprehend or take. Leg. Edm. c. 2.

EY. A watery place; water. Co. Litt. 6.

EYDÈ. Aid; assistance; relief. A subsidy.


EYOTT. A small island arising in a river. Fleta, l. 3, c. 2, § b; Bract. l. 2, c. 2.

EYRE. A journey; a court of itinerant justices. Justices in eyre were judges commissioned in Anglo-Norman times in England to travel systematically through the kingdom, once in seven years, holding courts in specified places for the trial of certain descriptions of causes.

EYERER. L Fr. To travel or journey; to go about or itinerate. Brit. c. 2. See Eyre.

EZARDAR. In Hindu law. A farmer or renter of land in the districts of Hindoostan,

FABRIC LANDS. In English law. Lands given towards the maintenance, rebuilding, or repairing of cathedral and other churches. Cowell; Blount. Called by the Saxons timber-lands. Spelman.

It was the custom, says Cowell, for almost every one to give by will more or less to the fabric of the cathedral or parish church where he lived. These lands so given were called fabric lands, because given ad fabricam ecclesiae reparandum (for repairing the fabric of the church).

FABRICA. In old English law. The making or coining of money.

FABRICARE. Lat. To make. Used in old English law of a lawful coining, and also of an unlawful making or counterfeiting of coin. Used in an indictment for forging a bill of lading; 1 Salk. 341.

FABRICATE. To invent; to devise falsely. Invent is sometimes used in a bad sense, but fabricate never in any other. To fabricate a story implies that it is so contrary to probability as to require the workman to induce belief in it. Crabbe, Syn. The word implies fraud or falsehood; a false or fraudulent concoction, knowing it to be wrong. L. R. 10 Q. B. 102.

To fabricate evidence is to arrange or manufacture circumstances or indicia, after the fact committed, with the purpose of using them as evidence, and of deceitfully making them appear as if accidental or un-designed; to devise falsely or contrive by artifice with the intention to deceive. Such evidence may be wholly forged and artificial, or it may consist in so warping and distorting real facts as to create an erroneous impression in the minds of those who observe them and then presenting such impression as true and genuine.

FABRICATED EVIDENCE. Evidence manufactured or arranged after the fact, and either wholly false or else warped and discolored by artifice and contrivance with a deceitful intent. See supra.

FABRICATED FACT. In the law of evidence. A fact existing only in statement, without any foundation in truth. An actual or genuine fact to which a false appearance has been designedly given; a physical object placed in a false connection with another, or with a person on whom it is designed to cast suspicion.

FABULA. In old European law. A contract or formal agreement; particularly used in the Lombardic and Visigothic laws to denote a marriage contract or a will. Burrill.
FACE. The outward appearance or aspect of a thing.

—Face amount. The "face amount" of an instrument is that shown by the mere language employed, and excludes any accrued interest. Burns v. Corn Exch. Nat. Bank of Omaha, Neb., 33 Wyo. 474, 240 P. 683, 687. See Face of instrument.

—Face of book. Under an act providing that a public or private statute or the proceedings of any legislative body purporting on the face of the book to be printed by authority of the government of the state are evidence without further proof, the "face of the book" and the "title page" need not colude, as "face" is used in contradistinction to "cover." Pennacola, St. A. & G. S. S. Co. v. Brooks, 14 Ala. App. 364, 70 So. 985, 970.

—Face of instrument. That which is shown by the mere language employed, without any explanation, modification, or addition from extrinsic facts or evidence. Adopted in Re Stoneman (Sur.) 146 N. Y. S. 172, 175. Thus, if the express terms of the paper disclose a fatal legal defect, it is said to be "void on its face." Regarded as an evidence of debt, the face of an instrument is the principal sum which it expresses to be due or payable, without any additions in the way of interest or costs. Osgood v. Brinngolf, 32 Iowa, 265. See also, State v. Newby, 169 Wis. 205, 31 N. W. 933, 954.

—Face of judgment. The sum for which it was rendered, exclusive of interest. Osgood v. Brinngolf, 32 Iowa, 265. See also, Face of instrument.

—Face of policy. A phrase which, as used in a statute forbidding life insurance policies to contain provision for any mode of settlement at maturity of less value than the amount insured on the "face of the policy," does not mean merely the first page, but denotes the entire insurance contract contained in the policy, including a rider attached and referred to on the first page. Julius v. Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. 269 Ill. 343, 132 N. E. 435, 437, 17 A. L. R. 886.


—Regular on its face. Process is "regular on its face" when it proceeds from a court, officer, or body having authority of law to issue process of that nature, and is legal in form and contains nothing to notify or fairly apprise any one that it is issued without authority. Pankiewicz v. Jess, 27 Cal. App. 340, 149 P. 997, 998. See also, Allen v. Cooling, 161 Minn. 10, 200 N. W. 849, 851 (promissory note).

FACERE. Lat. To do; to make. Thus, facere defultum, to make default; facere duellum, to make the duel, or make or do battle; facere finem, to make or pay a fine; facere legem, to make one's law; facere sacramentum, to make oath.

FACIAS. That you cause. Occurring in the phrases "suoque facias," (that you cause to know,) "ieri facias," (that you cause to be made,) etc. Used also in the phrases Do ut facias (I give that you may do), Facio ut facias (I do that you may do), two of the four divisions of considerations made by Blackstone, 2 Comm. 444. See Facio ut des; Facio ut facias.

FACIENDO. In doing or paying; in some activity.

FACIES. Lat. The face or countenance; the exterior appearance or view; hence, contemplation or study of a thing on its external or apparent side. Thus, prima facie means at the first inspection, on a preliminary or exterior scrutiny. When we speak of a "prima facie case," we mean one which, on its own showing, on a first examination, or without investigating any alleged defenses, is apparently good and maintainable.

FACILE. In Scotch law. Easily persuaded; easily imposed upon. Bell.

FACILITIES. That which promotes the ease of any action, operation, transaction, or course of conduct. Webster. In a statute giving the Public Service Commission control over the service and facilities of public service companies, "facilities" means something owned by or under the control of a public utility. Borough of Swarthmore v. Public Service Commission, 277 Pa. 472, 121 A. 488, 489. The term denotes inanimate means rather than human agencies. Stoss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. v. Smith, 153 Ala. 607, 64 So. 337, 338.

Also, a name formerly given to certain notes of some of the banks in the state of Connecticut, which were made payable in two years after the close of the war of 1812. Springfield Bank v. Merrick, 14 Mass. 322.

FACILITY. In Scotch law. Placquency of disposition. Bell.

Facinus quos inquinat equat. Guilt makes equal those whom it stains.

FACIO UT DES. (Lat. I do that you may give.) A species of contract in the civil law (being one of the innominate contracts) which occurs when a man agrees to perform anything for a price either specifically mentioned or left to the determination of the law to
set a value on it; as when a servant hires himself to his master for certain wages or an agreed sum of money. 2 Bl. Comm. 445. Also, the consideration of that species of contract.

FACIO UT FACIAS. (Lati. I do that you may do.) The consideration of that species of contract in the civil law, or the contract itself (being one of the imnominate contracts), which occurs when I agree with a man to do his work for him if he will do mine for me; or if two persons agree to marry together, or to do any other positive acts on both sides; or it may be to forbear on one side in consideration of something done on the other. 2 Bl. Comm. 444.

FACSIMILE. An exact copy, preserving all the marks of the original.

FACSIMILE PROBATE. In England, where the construction of a will may be affected by the appearance of the original paper, the court will order the probate to pass in facsimile, as it may possibly help to show the meaning of the testator. 1 Williams, Esq's (7th Ed.) 331, 386, 389.

FACT. A thing done; an action performed or an incident transpiring; an event or circumstance; an actual occurrence. An actual happening in time or space or an event mental or physical. Fowler-Curtis Co. v. Dean, 203 App. Div. 317, 196 N. Y. S. 750, 754; German-American Ins. Co. v. Huntley, 62 Okl. 39, 161 P. 815, 817. That which has taken place, not what might or might not have taken place. Churchill v. Meade, 92 Or. 626, 182 P. 368, 371.

A fact is either a state of things, that is, an existence, or a motion, that is, an event. 1 Bent. Jud. Ev. 48.

Fact (factum, fait) stands in lawbooks for: 1. An act; 2. For a completed and operative transaction brought about by sealing and executing a certain sort of writing, and so for the instrument itself, a deed (factum); 3. As designating what exists, in contradistinction to what should exist (de facto as contrasted with de jure); 4. As indicating things, events, actions, conditions, as happening, existing, really taking place. Thayer, Evid. 290.

"Fact" was formerly used almost exclusively in the sense of "action" or "deed." This usage survives in phrases such as "accessory before the fact."

In the Law of Evidence

A circumstance, event or occurrence as it actually takes or took place; a physical object or appearance, as it actually exists or existed. An actual and absolute reality, as distinguished from mere supposition or opinion; a truth, as distinguished from fiction or error. Burcill, Circ. Ev. 218. "Facts" and "evidence" are sometimes used interchangeably. Mackey v. First Nat. Bank (Mo. App.) 293 S. W. 60, 71.

"Fact" is very frequently used in opposition or contrast to "law." Thus, questions of fact are for the jury; questions of law for the court. So an attorney at law is an officer of the courts of justice; an attorney in fact is appointed by the written authorization of a principal to manage business affairs usually not professional. Fraud in fact consists in an actual intention to defraud, carried into effect; while fraud imputed by law arises from the man's conduct in its necessary relations and consequences.

The word is much used in phrases which contrast it with law. Law is a principle; fact is an event. Law is conceived; fact is actual. Law is a rule of duty; fact is that which has been according to or in contravention of the rule. The distinction is well illustrated in the rule that the existence of foreign laws is matter of fact. Within the territory of its jurisdiction, law operates as an obligatory rule which judges must recognize and enforce; but, in a tribunal outside that jurisdiction, it loses its obligatory force and its claim to judicial notice. The fact that it exists, if important to the rights of parties, must be alleged and proved the same as the actual existence of any other institution. Abbott.

The terms "fact" and "truth" are often used in common parlance as synonymous, but, as employed in reference to pleading, they are widely different. A fact in pleading is a circumstance, act, event, or incident; a truth is the legal principle which declares or governs the facts and their operative effect. Admitting the facts stated in a complaint, the truth may be that the plaintiff is not entitled, upon the face of his complaint, to what he claims. The modus in which a defendant sets up that truth for his protection is a demurrer. Drake v. Cockcroft, 4 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 37.

In General

Collateral facts. Such as are outside the controversy or are not directly connected with the principal matter or issue in dispute. Summerour v. Felker, 102 Ga. 254, 29 S. E. 448; Garner v. State, 76 Miss. 525, 25 South. 563.

Dispositive facts. See that title.

Evidentiary facts. Those which have a legitimate bearing on the matter or question in issue and which are directly (not inferentially) established by the evidence in the case. Woodfill v. Patton, 76 Ind. 579, 40 Am. Rep. 299. Those furnishing evidence of some other fact. Maeder Steel Products Co. v. Zanello, 109 Or. 562, 220 P. 155, 158; Oregon Home Builders v. Montgomery Inv. Co., 94 Or. 549, 184 P. 487, 489. Facts which can be directly established by testimony or evidence;—distinguished from "ultimate facts." Real Estate Title, Ins. & Trust Co. v. Lederer (D. C.) 229 F. 709, 804.


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—Fact material to risk. See Material fact, infra.

—Finding of fact. In this phrase, the term "fact" denotes the inferences drawn by the trier from ascertained facts. Porter v. Industrial Commission of Wisconsin, 173 Wis. 267, 181 N. W. 317, 318.

—Immaterial facts. Those which are not essential to the right of action or defense.

—Inferential facts. Such as are established not directly by testimony or other evidence, but by inferences or conclusions drawn from the evidence. Railway Co. v. Miller, 141 Ind. 538, 37 N. E. 343.

—Jurisdictional facts. Those matters of fact which must exist before the court can properly take jurisdiction of the particular case, as, that the defendant has been properly served with process, that the amount in controversy exceeds a certain sum, that the parties are citizens of different states, etc. Noble v. Railroad Co., 147 U. S. 165, 13 S. Ct. 271, 37 L. Ed. 123.

—Material fact. (In contracts.) One which constitutes substantially the consideration of the contract, or without which it would not have been made. Lyons v. Stephens, 45 Ga. 143. (In pleading and practice.) One which is essential to the case, defense, application, etc., and without which it could not be supported. Adams v. Way, 32 Conn. 168; Sundheger v. Hoseny, 26 W. Va. 223; Davidson v. Hackett, 49 Wis. 186, 5 N. W. 459; Hansen v. Sandvik, 128 Wash. 202, 222 P. 205, 207. One which tends to establish any of issues raised. Shrewsbury Bros. v. Yellow Cab Co. of Philadelphia, 245 Pa. 488, 129 A. 563, 564. The "material facts" of an issue of fact are such as are necessary to determine the issue. Woolman Const. Co. v. Sampson, 219 Mich. 125, 188 N. W. 420, 422. (In insurance.) A fact which, if communicated to the agent or insurer, would induce him either to decline the insurance altogether, or not accept it unless a higher premium is paid. Faber v. American Automobile Ins. Co., 191 Mo. App. 307, 177 S. W. 675, 681; Berry v. Equitable Fire & Marine Ins. Co. (Mo. App.) 283 S. W. 884, 886; Missouri State Life Ins. Co. v. Dosselt (Tex. Civ. App.) 265 S. W. 254, 257; Franklin Life Ins. Co. v. Dosselt (Tex. Civ. App.) 265 S. W. 259, 262. One which necessarily has some bearing on the subject-matter. Wittel's Loan & Mercantile Co. v. American Cent. Ins. Co. (Mo. App.) 273 S. W. 1084, 1096. A fact which increases the risk, or which, if disclosed, would have been a fair reason for demanding a higher premium; any fact the knowledge or ignorance of which would naturally influence the insurer in making or refusing to contract, or in estimating the degree and character of the risk, or in fixing the rate. Boggs v. Insurance Co., 30 Mo. 68; Clark v. Insurance Co., 40 N. H. 338, 77 Am. Dec. 721; Murphy v. Insurance Co., 205 Pa. 444, 55 A. 19; Penn Mut. L. Ins. Co. v. Mechanics' Sav. Bank, 72 F. 413, 19 C. C. A. 266, 35 L. R. A. 33.

—Principal fact. In the law of evidence. A fact sought and proposed to be proved by evidence of other facts (termed "evidentiary facts") from which it is to be deduced by inference. A fact which is the principal and ultimate object of an inquiry, and respecting the existence of which a definite belief is required to be formed. 3 Benth. Jud. Ev. 3; Burrrill, Circ. Ev. 3, 119.

—Ultimate fact. The final or resulting fact reached by processes of legal reasoning from the detached or successive facts in evidence, and which is fundamental and determinative of the whole case. Leving v. Rovegno, 71 Cal. 276, 12 P. 161; Kahn v. Central Smelting Co., 2 Utah, 371; Caywood v. Farrell, 175 Ill. 480, 51 N. E. 775; Maeder Steel Products Co. v. Zanello, 109 Or. 562, 220 P. 155, 159. The final resulting effect reached by processes of legal reasoning from the evidentiary facts. Oregon Home Builders v. Montgomery Inv. Co., 81 Or. 349, 184 P. 457, 459. See also, Ultimate facts.

FACTA. In old English law. Deeds. Facta armorum, deeds or feasts of arms; that is, jousts or tournaments. Cowell.

Facts. Facta et casus, facts and cases. Bract. fol. 1b.

Facta sunt potentiora verbis. Deeds [or facts] are more powerful than words.

Facta tenent multa qua fieri prohibentur. 12 Coke, 124. Deeds contain many things which are prohibited to be done.

FACTIO TESTAMENTI. In the civil law. The right, power, or capacity of making a will; called "factio activa." Inst. 2, 10, 6.

The right or capacity of taking by will; called "factio passiva." Inst. 2, 10, 6; Vicat, Voc. Jur.

FACTO. In fact; by an act; by the act or fact. Ipsa facio, by the act itself; by the mere effect of a fact, without anything superadded, or any proceeding upon it to give it effect. 3 Kent, Comm. 53, 55.

FACTOR. A commercial agent, employed by a principal to sell merchandise consigned to him for that purpose, for and in behalf of the principal, but usually in his own name, being intrusted with the possession and control of the goods, and being remunerated by a commission, commonly called "factorage." Howland v. Woodruff, 60 N. Y. 50; In re Rabenau (D. C.) 118 F. 474; Lawrence v. Stonington Bank, 6 Conn. 527; Graham v. Duckwall, 6 Bush (Ky.) 17; Pal. Ag. 13; Soto. Ag. § 33; Com. Dig. Merchant, B; Malynes, Lex Merc. 81; Beuves, Lex Merc. 44; 3 Chit.
Com. L. 193; 2 Kent 622; 1 Bell, Comm. 385, § 408; 2 B. & Ald. 143.


An agent who, in the pursuit of an independent calling, is employed by another to sell property for him, and is vested by the latter with the possession or control of the property, or authorized to receive payment therefrom from the purchaser. Civ. Code Cal. § 3092; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 6045; Comp. Laws S. D. 1929, § 1288; Leland v. Oliver, 82 Cal. App. 474, 255 P. 775, 777.

In the old law, one to whom goods are consigned to sell by a merchant at a distance from the place of sale. Eames v. H. B. Cadlin Co. (C. C. A.) 298 P. 631, 636.

Classification

Factors are called "domestic" or "foreign" according as they reside and do business in the same state or country with the principal, or in a different state or country. A domestic factor is sometimes called a "home" factor. Ruffner v. Hewitt, 7 W. Va. 555; 1 Term 112; 4 McCall & S. 576.

A "foreign factor," as understood in marine matters, was a person who had charge of the cargo to handle it, dispose of it, convert it into money, or exchange it for other property, but who had nothing to do with the management of the boat when he sailed thereon, at which time he was called a "supercargo," Gilchrist Transp. Co. v. Worthington & Sill, 133 App. Div. 250, 154 N. Y. S. 81, 83; Beawes, Lex Merc. 44; Limer. Ag. 69; 1 Domat, b. 1, t. 16, § 3, art. 2.

Synonyms

A factor differs from a "broker" in that he is intrusted with the possession, management, and control of the goods, (which gives him a special property in them,) while a broker acts as a mere intermediary without control or possession of the property; and further, a factor is authorized to buy and sell in his own name, as well as in that of the principal, which a broker is not. Commercial Inv. Trust v. Stewart, 235 Mich. 502, 209 N. W. 660, 661; Sutton & Cummins v. Kiel Cheese & Butter Co., 135 Ky. 465, 139 S. W. 950, 953; Lawrence Gas Co. v. Hawkeye Oil Co., 182 Iowa, 179, 165 N. W. 445, 446, 8 S. L. R. 192; Edwards v. Hoeflinghoff (C. C.) 38 F. 641; DeLafield v. Smith, 101 Wis. 604, 78 N. W. 170, 70 Am. St. Rep. 938; Graham v. Duck-wall, 8 Bush (Ky.) 12; Slack v. Tucker, 23 Wall. 339, 23 L. Ed. 143. Factors are also frequently called "commission merchants;" and it is said that there is no difference in the use of these terms, the latter being perhaps more commonly used in America. Thompson v. Wooster. 7 Ohio. 410; Duguid v. Edwards, 50 Barb. (N. Y.) 288; Lyon v. Alford, 18 Conn. 80. Where an owner of goods to be shipped by sea consigns them to the care of an agent, who sails on the same vessel, has charge of the cargo on board, sells it abroad, and buys a return cargo out of the proceeds, such agent is strictly and properly a "factor," though in maritime law and usage he is commonly called a "supercargo." Beawes, Lex Merc. 44, 47; Limer. Ag. 69, 70.

A factor or commission merchant is one who has the actual or technical possession of goods or wares of another for sale. A "merchandise broker" is one who negotiates the sale of merchandise without having it in his possession or control. He is simply an agent with very limited powers; J. M. Robinson, Norton & Co. v. Cotton Factory, 124 Ky. 435, 99 S. W. 305, 102 S. W. 809, 8 L. R. A. (N. S.) 474, 14 Ann. Cas. 802.

Although a "factor" is in the last analysis an agent, the agency is a limited one. Falls Rubber Co. v. La Fon (Tex. Civ. App.) 296 S. W. 577, 579.

In General

-Factors' acts. The name given to several English statutes (6 Geo. IV. c. 94; 5 & 6 Vict. c. 39; 40 & 41 Vict. c. 39) by which a factor is enabled to make a valid pledge of the goods, or of any part thereof, to one who believes him to be the bona fide owner of the goods. Similar legislation is not uncommon in the United States.

In some of the states, the person who is elsewhere called "garnishee" or "trustee." See Factorizing Process.

In Scotch law, a person appointed to transact business or manage affairs for another, but more particularly an estate-agent or one intrusted with the management of a landed estate, who finds tenants, makes leases, collects the rents, etc.

-Judicial factor. In Scotch law. A factor appointed by the courts in certain cases where it becomes necessary to intrust the management of property to another than the owner, as, where the latter is insane or incapable or the infant heir of a decedent.

FACTORAGE. The wages, allowance, or commission paid to a factor for his services. Winne v. Hammond, 37 Ill. 105; State v. Thompson, 23 S. W. 346, 120 Mo. 12.

FACTORIZING PROCESS. In American law. A process by which the effects of a debtor are attached in the hands of a third person. A term peculiar to the practice in Vermont and Connecticut. Otherwise termed "trustee process," "garnishment," and proc-
 FACTUM

A species of contract or employment which falls under the general designation of "agency," but which partakes both of the nature of a mandate and of a bailment of the kind called "locatio ad operandum." 1 Bell, Comm. 259.

FACTORY ACTS. Laws enacted for the purpose of regulating the hours of work, and the sanitary condition, and preserving the health and morals, of the employés, and promoting the education of young persons employed at such labor.

FACTORY PRICES. The prices at which goods may be bought at the factories, as distinguished from the prices of goods bought in the market after they have passed into the hands of third persons or shopkeepers.

FACTUM. Lat.

In Old English Law

A deed; a person's act and deed. A culpable or criminal act; an act not founded in law. Anything stated or made certain; a deed of conveyance; a written instrument under seal: called, also, charta. Spelman: 2 Bla. Comm. 295.

A fact; a circumstance; particularly a fact in evidence. Bract. fol. 1b. Factum probandum (the fact to be proved). 1 Greenl. Ev. § 13.

In Testamentary Law

The execution or due execution of a will. The factum of an instrument means not barely the signing of it, and the formal publication or delivery, but proof that the party well knew and understood the contents thereof, and did give, will, dispose, and do, in all things, as in the said will is contained. Weatherhead v. Baskerville, 11 How. 354, 13 L. Ed. 717.

In the Civil Law

Fact; a fact; a matter of fact, as distinguished from a matter of law. Dig. 11, 2, 1, 3.

In French Law

A memoir which contains conclusively set down the fact on which a contest has happened, the means on which a party founds his pretensions, with the refutation of the means of the adverse party. Vicat.
FACTUM

In Old European Law
A portion or allotment of land; otherwise called a hide, bovata, etc. Spelman.

Factum a judice quod ad ejus officium non spectat non ratum est. An action of a judge which relates not to his office is of no force. Dig. 50, 17, 170; 10 Coke, 76; Broom, Max. 33, n.

Factum cuique suum non adversario, nescere debet. Dig. 50, 17, 155. A party’s own act should prejudice himself, not his adversary.

Factum infectum fieri nequit. A thing done cannot be undone. 1 Kames, Eq. 96, 259.

FACTUM JURIDICUM. A juridical fact. Denotes one of the factors or elements constituting an obligation.

Factum negantis nulla probatio sit. Cod. 4, 19, 23. There is no proof incumbent upon him who denies a fact.

“Factum” non dicitur quod non perseverat. That is not called a “deed” which does not continue operative. That is not said to be done which does not last. 5 Coke, 96; Shep. Trench., Preston ed. 391.

FACTUM PROBANDUM. Lat. In the law of evidence. The fact to be proved; a fact which is in issue, and to which evidence is to be directed. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 13.

FACTUM PROBANS. A probative or evidentiary fact; a subsidiary or connected fact tending to prove the principal fact in issue; a piece of circumstantial evidence.

Factum unius alteri necesse non debet. Co. Litt. 152. The deed of one should not hurt another.

Facultas probationum non est angustanda. The power of proofs [right of offering or giving testimony] is not to be narrowed. 4 Inst. 279.

FACULTIES. In the law of divorce. The capability of the husband to render a support to the wife in the form of alimony, whether temporary or permanent, including not only his tangible property, but also his income and his ability to earn money. 2 Bish. Mar. & Dtv. § 446; Lovett v. Lovett, 11 Ala. 763; Wright v. Wright, 3 Tex. 168; Fowler v. Fowler, 61 Okl. 280, 161 P. 227, 230, 1 L. R. A. 1917 C, 89. SeeAllocation of Faculties.

FACULTIES, COURT OF. In English ecclesiastical law. A jurisdiction or tribunal belonging to the archbishop. It does not hold pleas in any suits, but creates rights to pews, monuments, and particular places, and modes of burial. It has also various powers under 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21, in granting licenses of different descriptions, as a license to marry, a faculty to erect an organ in a parish church, to level a church-yard, to remove bodies previously buried. 4 Inst. 337.

FACULTIES, MASTER OF THE. An official in the archdiocese of Canterbury who granted dispensations. 4 Inst. 337. See Arches Court.

FACULTY.

In Ecclesiastical Law
A license or authority; a privilege granted by the ordinary to a man by favor and indulgence to do that which by law he may not do; e.g., to marry without banns, to erect a monument in a church, etc. Termes de la Ley.

Faculties are of two kinds: first, when the grant is to a man and his heirs in gross; second, when it is to a person and his heirs as appurtenant to a house which he holds in the parish; 1 Term 492, 492; 12 Co. 106.

In Scotch Law
A power founded on consent, as distinguished from a power founded on property. 2 Kames, Eq. 266.

FACULTY OF A COLLEGE. The corps of professors, instructors, tutors, and lecturers. To be distinguished from the board of trustees, who constitute the corporation.

FACULTY OF ADVOCATES. The college or society of advocates in Scotland.

FADERFIUM. In old English law. A marriage gift coming from the father or brother of the bride. Spelman.

FÆDER-FEOH. In old English law. The portion brought by a wife to her husband, and which reverted to a widow, in case the heir of her deceased husband refused his consent to her second marriage; i.e., it reverted to her family in case she returned to them. Wharton.

FÆSTING-MEN. Approved men who were strong-armed; habentes homines or rich men, men of substance; pledges or bondsmen, who, by Saxon custom, were bound to answer for each other’s good behavior. Cowell; Du Cange.

FAGGOT. A badge worn in popish times by persons who had recanted and abjured what was then adjudged to be heresy, as an emblem of what they had merited. Cowell.

FAGGOT VOTE. A term applied to votes manufactured by nominally transferring land to persons otherwise disqualified from voting for members of parliament. A faggot vote occurs where a man is formally possessed of a right to vote for members of parliament, without possessing the substance which the vote should represent; as if he is enabled to buy a property, and at the same moment mortgage it to its full value for the mere sake of the vote. See 7 & 8 Wm. III. c. 25, § 7. Wharton.

FAIDA. In Saxon law. Maile; open and deadly hostility; deadly feud. The word des-
igned the enmity between the family of a murdered man and that of his murderer, which was recognized, among the Teutonic peoples, as justification for vengeance taken by any one of the former upon any one of the latter. Du Cange; Spelman.


The difference between "fail" and "refuse" is that the latter involves an act of the will, while the former may be an act of inevitable necessity. Taylor v. Mason, 9 Wheat. 344, 6 L. Ed. 161. See Stailings v. Thomas, 55 Ark. 326, 18 S. W. 184; Telegraph Co. v. Irvin, 57 Ind. App. 52, 106 N. E. 327; Persons v. Hight, 4 Ga. 457.

The words "fail to comply," however, have in general the same operation in law as the words "refuse to comply." Ginnoco v. Hydraulic Press Brick Co. (D. C.) 266 F. 564, 569. And an allegation in an indictment that defendant "failed and refused" to comply with a statute should not be expanded to carry the implication that there was a deliberate, intentional, and inexcusable refusal, especially where the indictment is not good without such expansion. Mackey v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 200 F. 15, 21.

Involuntarily to fail short of success or the attainment of one’s purpose. See Colb v. Morrison, 197 Ala. 559, 73 So. 42; Pennsylvania Co. v. Good, 56 Ind. App. 562, 103 N. E. 672, 673.

To lapse, as a legacy which has never vested or taken effect. Sherman v. Richmond Hose Co., No. 2, 230 N. Y. 462, 130 N. E. 613, 615.

To become insolvent and unable to meet one’s obligations as they mature. Davis v. Campbell, 3 Stew. (Ala.) 321; Mayer v. Hermann, 16 Fed. Cas. 12-424.

FAILING CIRCUMSTANCES. Insolvency, that is, the lack of sufficient assets to pay one’s debts. Brown v. State, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 353, 162 S. W. 339, 346. A person (or a corporation or institution) is said to be in failing circumstances when he is about to fail, that is, when he is actually insolvent and is acting in contemplation of giving up his business because he is unable to carry it on. Appeal of Millard, 62 Conn. 184, 25 A. 658; Utley v. Smith, 24 Conn. 310, 63 Am. Dec. 105; Dodge v. Mastin (C. C.) 17 F. 663.

FAILING OF RECORD. When an action is brought against a person who alleges in his plea matter of record in bar of the action, and avers to prove it by the record, but the plaintiff saith aut tien record, viz., denies there is any such record, upon which the defendant has a day given him by the court to bring it in, if he fail to do it, then he is said to fail of his record, and the plaintiff is entitled to sign judgment. Termes de la Ley.

FAILLITE. In French law. Bankruptcy; failure; the situation of a debtor who finds himself unable to fulfill his engagements. Code de Com. arts. 442, 580; Civil Code Lu. art. 3556, No. 11; 3 Massé, Droit Comm. 171; Guyot, Répert.

FAILURE. In a general sense, deficiency, want, or lack; ineffectualness; inefficiency as measured by some legal standard; an unsuccessful attempt. White v. Pettjohn, 23 N. C. 55; State v. Butler, 51 Minn. 105, 53 N. W. 483; Andrews v. Keep, 28 Ala. 317; In re Moore, 70 Ind. App. 470, 138 N. E. 783.

In legal parlance, the neglect of any duty may be a "failure." See Christlif v. City of Baltimore, 12 Md. 344, 126 A. 927, 928; Washington v. State, 22 Okl. Cr. 69, 259 P. 967, 968. Compare, however, In re Green, 192 Cal. 714, 211 P. 938, 945. But to constitute a statutory offense, such as the failure to work on public roads, the term may imply willfulness and the absence of sufficient excuse. Jones v. State, 7 Ala. App. 180, 62 So. 308, 307.


FAILURE OF CONSIDERATION. As applied to notes, contracts, conveyances, etc., this term does not mean a want of consideration, but implies that a consideration, originally existing and good, has since become worthless or has ceased to exist or been extinguished, partially or entirely. Shirk v. Nebble, 156 Ind. 66, 59 N. E. 281, 83 Am. St. Rep. 150; Crouch v. Davis, 23 Grat. (Va.) 75; Williamson v. Cline, 40 W. Va. 194, 20 S. E. 920.

FAILURE OF EVIDENCE. Judicially speaking, a total "failure of evidence" means not only the utter absence of all evidence, but it also means a failure to offer proof, either positive or inferential, to establish one or more of the many facts, the establishment of all of which is indispensable to the finding of the issue for the plaintiff. Cole v. Hebb, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 28.

FAILURE OF ISSUE. The failure at a fixed time, or the total extinction, of issue to take an estate limited over by an executory devise. A definite failure of issue is when a precise time is fixed by the will for the failure of issue, as in the case where there is a devise to one, but if he dies without issue or lawful issue living at the time of his death, etc. An indefinite failure of issue is the period when the issue or descendants of the first taker shall become extinct, and when there is no

FAILURE OF JUSTICE. The defeat of a particular right, or the failure of reparation for a particular wrong, from the lack or inadequacy of a legal remedy for the enforcement of the one or the redress of the other. The term is also colloquially applied to the miscarriage of justice which occurs when the result of a trial is so palpably wrong as to shock the moral sense.

FAILURE OF PROOF. In this phrase, the word “failure” is of broader significance than either “want” or “lack.” State v. Davis, 154 La. 295, 97 So. 449, 456. As used in a statute authorizing dismissal of suit without prejudice on account of failure of proof, the term does not mean failure to convince the court by preponderance of evidence, but failure to make prima facie case. Crim v. Thompson, 112 Or. 396, 229 P. 916, 920; Wolke v. Schmidt, 112 Or. 60, 229 P. 921, 922. Under a statute pertaining to variance, a “failure of proof” results when the evidence offered so far departs from the cause of action pleaded that it may be said fairly that the allegations of the pleading in their general scope and meaning are unproved. E. B. Ryan Co. v. Russell, 52 Mont. 396, 161 P. 307, 308; Chealey v. Purdy, 54 Mont. 459, 171 P. 926, 927; Nelson v. Dowgiallo, 73 Or. 342, 143 P. 924, 925.

FAILURE OF RECORD. Failure of the defendant to produce a record which he has alleged and relied on in his plea.

See Failing of Record.

FAILURE OF TITLE. The inability or failure of a vendor to make good title to the whole or a part of the property which he has contracted to sell. See Alger-Sullivan Lumber Co. v. Union Trust Co., 207 Ala. 138, 92 So. 254, 257.

FAILURE OF TRUST. The lapsing or unfitness of a proposed trust, by reason of the defect or insufficiency of the deed or instrument creating it, or on account of illegality, indefiniteness, or other legal impediment.


FAINT (or FEIGNED) ACTION. In old English practice. An action was so called where the party bringing it had no title to recover, although the words of the writ were true; a false action was properly where the words of the writ were false. Litt. § 689; Co. Litt. 351.

FAINT PLEADER. A fraudulent, false, or colloquial manner of pleading to the deception of a third person.

FAIR, adj. In English law. A greater species of market; a privileged market. Cowell; Cunningham, Law Dict. It is an incorporeal hereditament, granted by royal patent, or established by prescription presupposing a grant from the crown.

A public mart or place of buying or selling. 1 Bla. Comm. 274.

Though etymologically signifying a market for buying and selling exhibited articles, it includes a place for the exhibition of agricultural and mechanical products. State v. Long, 45 Ohio St. 696, 28 N. E. 1038.

A fair is usually attended by a greater concourse of people than a market, for the amusement of whom various exhibitions are gotten up. McCulloch, Comm. Dict.; Wharton, Dict.

A fair is a franchise which is obtained by a grant from the crown. 2 Inst. 220; 3 Mod. 128; 1 Ed. Raym. 341; 2 Saund. 172; 1 Rolle, Abr. 106; Tomlin; Cunningham, Law Dict.

In the earlier English law, the franchise to hold a fair conferred certain important privileges; and fairs, as legally recognized institutions, possessed distinctive legal characteristics. Most of these privileges and characteristics, however, are now obsolete. In America, fairs, in the ancient technical sense, are unknown, and, in the modern and popular sense, they are entirely voluntary and non-legal, and transactions arising in or in connection with them are subject to the ordinary rules governing sales, etc.

FAIR, adj. Just; equitable; even-handed; equal, as between conflicting interests.

FAIR ABRIDGMENT. In copyright law. An abridgment consisting not merely in the arrangement of excerpts, but one involving real and substantial condensation of the materials by the exercise of intellectual labor and judgment. Folesom v. Marsh, 9 Fed. Cas. 343.

FAIR AND FULL EQUIVALENT FOR LOSS. The same as a full and perfect equivalent. Ponticello Mineral Springs Co. v. City of Richmond, 147 Va. 355, 137 S. E. 458, 460.

FAIR AND PROPER LEGAL ASSESSMENT. Such as places the value of property on a fair, equal, and uniform basis with other property of like character and value throughout the county and state. Edward Hines Yel-
low Pine Trustees v. Knox, 144 Miss. 560, 108 So. 907, 911.

FAIR AND REASONABLE CONTRACT. One which, when made with an infant, must not be one wasting the infant's estate, but must be a provident one, advantageous to the minor. Berglund v. American Multigraph Sales Co., 135 Minn. 67, 160 N. W. 101, 183.

FAIR AND REASONABLE VALUE. This phrase in a statute imposing a tax on property means the best price obtainable at a voluntary sale, to be paid at once in money, and excluding any additional amount that might be had were credit or terms allowed. State v. Woodward, 208 Ala. 31, 98 So. 826.

FAIR CASH VALUE. Ordinarily the "fair cash value," of property, as the basis for an assessment for taxation, is the fair market value of the property at the time of the assessment, expressed in the price which some one will pay for it in open market. Donovan v. City of Haverhill, 217 Mass. 69, 141 N. E. 564, 565, 50 A. L. R. 385. It is ascertained by a consideration of all elements making it attractive for valuable use to one under no compulsion to purchase, but yet willing to buy for a fair price, attributing to each element of value the amount it adds to the price likely to be offered by such a buyer. Massachusetts General Hospital v. Inhabitants of Belmont, 223 Mass. 190, 124 N. E. 21, 26. The phrase is practically synonymous with "reasonable value," and "actual cash value," meaning the fair or reasonable cash price for which the property can be sold on the market. Montesano Lumber & Mfg. Co. v. Portland Iron Works, 94 Or. 677, 186 P. 428, 432; State v. Woodward, 208 Ala. 31, 95 So. 826, 827.

FAIR COMMENT. A term used in the law of libel, applying to statements made by a writer in an honest belief of their truth, relating to official acts, even though the statements are not true in fact. People v. Hubbard, 96 Misc. 617, 162 N. Y. S. 80, 92. In a privileged communication the words used, if defamatory and libellous, are excused, while in "fair comment" the words are not a defamation and not libellous. Van Lonkhuyzen v. Daily News Co., 203 Mich. 576, 170 N. W. 93, 99.

FAIR CONSIDERATION. In bankruptcy law. One which is honest or free from suspicion, or one actually valuable, but not necessarily adequate or a full equivalent. Myers v. Fultz, 124 Iowa, 457, 100 N. W. 351.

FAIR DAMAGES are something more than nominal damages; and are even more than such damages as would compensate for injury suffered. Gurfein v. Howell, 142 Va. 197, 128 S. E. 644, 646.

FAIR HEARING. Fair hearing of an alien's right to enter the United States means a hearing before the Immigration officers in accordance with the fundamental principles that inhere in due process of law, and implies that the alien not only have a fair opportunity to present evidence in his favor, but shall be apprised of the evidence against him, so that at the conclusion of the hearing he may be in a position to know all of the evidence on which the matter is to be decided; it being not enough that the Immigration officials meant to be fair. Ex parte Petkos (D. C.) 213 F. 275, 277. See, also, Ex parte Kelsuuki Sata (D. C.) 215 F. 173, 176.

FAIR KNOWLEDGE OR SKILL. A reasonable degree of knowledge or measure of skill. Jones v. Angell, 95 Ind. 382.

FAIR ON ITS FACE. A process fair on its face does not mean that it must appear to be perfectly regular or in all respects in accord with proper practice and after the most approved form, but that it shall apparently be process lawfully issued and such as the officer may lawfully serve, and a process is fair on its face which proceeds from a court, magistrate, or body having authority of law to issue process of that nature and which is legal in form and on its face contains nothing to notify or fairly apprise the officer that it is issued without authority. Brown v. Hadwin, 182 Mich. 491, 148 N. W. 693, L. R. A. 1915B, 565.

FAIR-PLAY MEN. A local irregular tribunal which existed in Pennsylvania about the year 1760, as to which see Serg. Land Laws Pa. 77; 2 Smith, Laws Pa. 195.

FAIR PLEADER. See Beau-pleader.

FAIR PREPONDERANCE. In the law of evidence. Such a superiority of the evidence on one side that the fact of its outweighing the evidence on the other side can be perceived if the whole evidence is fairly considered. Bryan v. Railroad Co., 63 Iowa, 464, 19 N. W. 295; State v. Grear, 29 Minn. 225, 13 N. W. 140; City Bank's Appeal, 54 Conn. 274, 7 A. 548. A "clear" preponderance. M. E. Smith & Co. v. Kinble, 38 S. D. 511, 162 N. W. 162, 163. The probability of truth; in re Oliver's Will, 126 Misc. 511, 214 N. Y. S. 154, 166; not necessarily the largest number of witnesses; Schargel v. United Electric Light & Power Co., 127 Misc. 24, 215 N. Y. S. 217, 218; Verdi v. Donahue, 31 Conn. 448, 50 A. 1041, 1043.


FAIR SALE. In foreclosure and other judicial proceedings, this means a sale conducted with fairness and impartiality as respects the rights and interests of the parties affected. Lalor v. McCarthy, 21 Minn. 419. A sale at a price sufficient to warrant confirmation or approval when it is required.
FAIR TRIAL. One conducted according to due course of law; a trial before a competent and impartial jury. Railroad Co. v. Cook, 37 Neb. 455, 55 N. W. 943; Railroad Co. v. Gardner, 19 Minn. 136 (Gill, 99), 18 Am. Rep. 334. Defendant has a "fair and impartial trial" where opportunity is given to object and except to what is done to his prejudice upon the trial. State v. Burns, 181 Iowa, 1098, 165 N. W. 346, 347. A fair and impartial trial by a jury of one's peers contemplates counsel to look after one's defense, compulsory attendance of witnesses, if need be, and a reasonable time in the light of all prevailing circumstances to investigate, properly prepare, and present the defense. Christie v. State, 94 Fla. 469, 114 So. 450, 451. A full and fair trial, required in order that a foreign judgment against a citizen be accorded credit in the courts of the United States, means not a summary proceeding, though sanctioned by the law of the forum, but an opportunity to be heard on the proof, where it is apparent that the cause involves questions of fact, and to have it considered by an unprejudiced court. Banco Minero v. Ross, 172 S. W. 711, 714, 106 Tex. 522.

FAIR VALUATION. The term "fair valuation" as used in Bankr. Act July 1, 1898, c. 541, 30 Stat. 644 (11 USCA § 1 et seq.), means the present market value of property and the value that the debtor might realize thereon if permitted to continue in business. Arnold v. Knapp, 75 W. Va. 504, 84 S. E. 898, 899. The fair market value, or the value that can be made promptly effective by the owner of the property for payment of debts; In re Sedalia Farmers' Co-op. Packing & Produce Co. (D. C.) 268 F. 898, 900; or the fair cash value of the property as between one who wants to sell and one who wants to buy, Grandison v. National Bank of Commerce of Rochester (C. C. A.) 251 F. 900, 904. Where no definite market value can be established and expert testimony must be relied on, fair valuation is the amount which the property ought to give to a going concern as a fair return, if sold to some one who is willing to purchase under ordinary selling conditions. In re Kobre (D. C.) 224 F. 106, 117. The term is not synonymous with "salable value." In re Crystal Ice & Fuel Co. (D. C.) 283 F. 1007, 1009.

FAIR VALUE. The "fair value" of a public utility's physical property, for rate purposes, is the cost of reproduction, less depreciation, at time in question, whether more or less than original cost. Citizens' Gas Co. of Hannibal v. Public Service Commission of Missouri (D. C.) 5 F.2d 632, 633. In determining depreciation, "fair value" implies consideration of all factors material in negotiating sale and purchase of property, such as wear, decay, devaluation, obsolescence, inadequacy, and redundancy. Idaho Power Co. v. Thompson (D. C.) 19 F.2d 547, 566. A "fair value" for rate making is not the value for exchange, but such a value found after considering all relevant facts as will give the public utility a reasonable return and the public a reasonable rate. It is one which will enable the public utility to realize the expense of operating and keeping up its road and meeting its financial obligations for investments with a reasonable excess for dividends and ordinary contingencies. City of Rochester v. New York State Rys., 127 Misc. 766, 217 N. Y. S. 452, 458. Within a Revenue Act levying an excise tax on corporations measured by the fair value of their capital stock, "fair value" is the exact equivalent of "actual value." Central Union Trust Co. of New York v. Edwards (C. C. A.) 287 F. 324, 327. In a contract by a city to purchase a waterworks plant at "fair and equitable value," the amount is to be determined not by capitalization of the earnings nor limited to the cost of reproducing the plant, but allowance should be made for the additional value created by connection with and supply of buildings, although the company did not own the connections. National Waterworks Co. v. Kansas City, 10 C. C. A. 633, 62 F. 583.


"Fairly" is not synonymous with "truly," and "truly" should not be substituted for it in a commissioner's oath to take testimony fairly. Language may be truly, yet unfairly, reported; that is, an answer may be truly written down, yet in a manner conveying a different meaning from that intended and conveyed. And language may be fairly reported, yet not in accordance with strict truth. Lawrence v. Finch, 17 N. J. Eq. 234.

FAIRWAY. The middle and deepest or most navigable channel. Water on which vessels of commerce habitually move; Horst v. Columbia Contract Co., 39 Or. 344, 174 F. 101, 103; the word "fairway," from which it is apparently derived, having reference more particularly to navigable channels as boundaries; Johnsson v. American Tugboat Co., 82 Wash. 212, 147 P. 1147. See Thalweg.


FAIT ENROLLE. A deed enrolled, as a bargain and sale of freeholds. 1 Keb. 568.

FAIT JURIDIQUE. In French law. A juridical fact. One of the factors or elements constitutive of an obligation.

FAITH. Confidence; credit; reliance. Thus, an act may be said to be done "on the faith" of certain representations.
Belief; credence; trust. Thus, the constitution provides that “full faith and credit” shall be given to the judgments of each state in the courts of the others.

Purpose; intent; sincerity; state of knowledge or design. This is the meaning of the word in the phrases “good faith” and “bad faith.”

In Scotch Law
A solemn pledge; an oath. “To make faith” is to swear, with the right hand uplifted, that one will declare the truth. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 235.

FAITHFULLY. Truthfully, sincerely, accurately. Kansas City, M. & O. R. Co., of Texas, v. Whittington & Sweeney (Tex. Civ. App.) 133 S. W. 689, 690. As used in bonds of public and private officers, this term imports not only honesty, but also a punctilious discharge of all the duties of the office, requiring competence, diligence, and attention, without any malfeasance or nonfeasance, aside from mere mistakes. State v. Chadwick, 10 Or. 408; Hoboken v. Evans, 31 N. J. Law, 243; Harris v. Hanson, 11 Me. 245; American Bank v. Adams, 12 Pick. (Mass.) 306; Union Bank v. Cloossey, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 273. Diligently, and without unnecessary delay—not synonymous with “fairly” or “impartially.” Den v. Thompson, 16 N. J. Law, 72, 73.

FAITOURS. Idle persons; idle liens; vagabonds. Terms de la Ley; Cowell; Blount; Cunningham, Law Dict.

FAKE. To make or construct. A “faked alibi” is a made, manufactured, or false alibi. 1 S. v. Heitler (D. C.) 274 F. 401, 409.

FAKIR. A term applied among the Mohammedans to a kind of religious ascetic or beggar, whose claim is that he “is in need of mercy, and poor In the sight of God, rather than in need of worldly assistance.” Hughes, Dict. of Islam. Sometimes spelled Faquee or Fakieer. It is commonly used in English to designate a person engaged in some useless or dishonest business. Fake is also so used and also to designate the quality of such business.

A street peddler who disposes of worthless wares, or of any goods above their value, by means of any false representation, trick, device, lottery, or game of chance. Mills’ Ann. St. Colo. § 140 (Comp. Laws 1821, § 6881).

FALANG. In old English law. A jacket or close coat. Blount.

FALCARE. In old English law. To mow. Falcare prata, to mow or cut grass in meadows laid in for hay. A customary service to the lord by his inferior tenants. Kennett, Gloss.

Falcata, grass fresh mown, and laid in swaths. That which was mowed. Kennett, Gloss; Cowell; Jacobs.

Falcatio, a mowing. Bract. fols. 35b, 290.

FALCATOR. A mower; a servile tenant who performed the labor of mowing.

Falcatura, a day’s mowing. Falcatura una. Once mowing the grass. Jus falcandi, the right of cutting wood. Bract. fol. 231.

FALCIDIA. In Spanish law. The Falcidian portion; the portion of an inheritance which could not be legally bequeathed away from the heir, viz., one-fourth.

FALCIDIAN LAW. In Roman law. A law on the subject of testamentary disposition, enacted by the people during the reign of Augustus, in the year of Rome 714, on the proposition of the tribune Falcidius. By this law, the testator’s right to burden his estate with legacies was subjected to an important restriction. It prescribed that no one could bequeath more than three-fourths of his property in legacies, and that the heir should have at least one-fourth of the estate, and that, should the testator violate this prescription, the heir may have the right to make a proportional deduction from each legatee, so far as necessary. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 771; Inst. 2, 22.

A similar principle exists in Louisiana. See Legitime. In some of the states the statutes authorizing bequests and devises to charitable corporations limit the amount which a testator may give, to a certain fraction of his estate.

FALCIDIAN PORTION. That portion of a testator’s estate which, by the Faldelian law, was required to be left to the heir, amounting to at least one-fourth.

FALD, or FALDA. A sheep-fold. Cowell.

FALDA. Span. In Spanish law. The slope or skirt of a hill. Fossat v. United States, 2 Wall. 673, 17 L. Ed. 793.

FALDE/ CURSUS. In old English law. A fold-course; the course (going or taking about) of a fold. Spelman.

A sheep walk, or feed for sheep. 2 Vent. 139.

FALDAGE. The privilege which ancienly several lords reserved to themselves of setting up folds for sheep in any fields within their manors, the better to manure them, and this not only with their own but their tenants’ sheep. Called, variously, “septa faldare,” “fold-course,” “free-fold,” “faldapli.” Cowell; Spelman; Cunningham, Law Dict.

FALDATA. In old English law. A flock or fold of sheep. Cowell.

FALDFEY. Sax. A fee or rent paid by a tenant to his lord for leave to fold his sheep on his own ground. Blount; Cunningham, Law Dict.

FALDISDORY. In ecclesiastical law. The bishop’s seat or throne within the chancel.
FALDSOCA. Sax. The liberty or privilege of foldage.

FALDSSTOOL. A place at the south side of the altar at which the sovereign kneels at his coronation. Wharton. A folding seat similar to a camp stool, made either of wood or metal, sometimes covered with silk or other material. It was used by a bishop when officiating in other than his own cathedral church. Encyc. Dict.

FALDWORTH. In Saxon law. A person reckoned old enough to become a member of the decennary, and so subject to the law of frank-pledge. Spelman; Du Fresne.

FALERAE. In old English law. The tackle and furniture of a cart or wain. Blount.

Falesia. In old English law. A hill or down by the sea-side. Co. Litt. 5b; Domesday.

Falk-land. See Folk-Land.

Fall, n. One of the four seasons of the year, embracing the three months commencing with the 1st of September and terminating with the last day of November. Roseau v. Lansing, 113 Or. 638, 232 P. 448; Horn v. State, 19 Ala. App. 572, 99 So. 55; Arrington v. Blackwell, 207 Ala. 314, 92 So. 902, 903. But a finding that certain persons occupied a house until the fall of each year has been held ambiguous, since “fall” covers a period of time of upward of three months. Clegg v. Bishop, 105 Conn. 564, 136 A. 102, 104.

Fall, v. In Scotch law. To lose or lose. To fall from a right is to lose or forfeit it. 1 Kames, Eq. 228.

Fall of Land. In English law. A quantity of land six ells square superficial measure.

Falloon. In Spanish law. The final decree or judgment given in a controversy at law.

Fallopian tube. An essential part of the female reproductive system, consisting of a narrow conduit, some four inches in length, that extends on each side of a woman’s body from the base of the womb to the ovary upon that side. Smith v. Board of Examiners of Feeble-Minded, 85 N. J. Law, 46, 88 A. 936, 965.

Fallow-land. Land plowed, but not sown, and left uncultivated for a time after successive crops; land left unfilled for a year or more.

FALLUM. In old English law. An unexplained term for some particular kind of land. Cowell; Jacob, L. Dict.

Falsa demonstratio non nocet, cum de corpore (persona) constat. False description does not injure or vitiate, provided the thing or person intended has once been sufficiently described. Mere false description does not make an instrument inoperative. Broom, Max. 629; 6 Term. 676; 11 Mees. & W. 189; Cleaveland v. Smith, 2 Story, 291, Fed. Cas. No. 2,874. See 1 Greenleaf, Evidence, § 301; 2 Pars. Contr. 62; n.; 4 C. B. 328; 14 C. B. 122; Sargent v. Adams, 3 Gray (Mass.) 78, 63 Am. Dec. 718; American Bible Soc. v. Pratt, 9 Allen (Mass.) 113; Milliken v. Starling’s Lessee, 16 Ohio, 64.

Falsa demonstratione legatum non perimi. A bequest is not rendered void by an erroneous description. Inst. 2, 20, 30; Broom, Max. 645; Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum v. Emmons, 3 Bradf. Sur. (N. Y.) 144, 149.

Falsa grammatica non vitiat concessionem. False or bad grammar does not vitiate a grant. Shep. Touch. 55; 9 Coke, 48a. Neither false Latin nor false English will make a deed void when the intent of the parties doth plainly appear. Shep. Touch. 87.

Falsa Moneta. In the civil law. False or counterfeit money. Cod. 9, 24.

Falsa orthographia non vitiat chartam, concessions. False spelling does not vitiate a deed. Shep. Touch. 55, 87; 9 Coke, 48a; Wing. Max. 10; Bart. Max. 164.

Falsare. In old English law. To counterfeit. Quia falsavit sigillum, because he counterfeited the seal. Bract. fol. 276b.


The word “false” has two distinct and well-recognized meanings: (1) intentionally or knowingly or negligently untrue; (2) untrue by mistake or
accident, or honestly after the exercise of reasonable care. In jurisprudence, "false" and "falsey" are often used to characterize a wrongful or criminal act, such as involves an error or untruth, intentionally or knowingly put forward. A thing is called "false" when it is done, or made, with knowledge, actual or constructive, that it is untrue or illegal, or is said to be done falsely when the meaning is that the party is in fault for its error. Fouts v. State, 113 Ohio St. 450, 149 N. E. 551, 554; Monahan v. Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York, 192 Wis. 102, 212 N. W. 369, 371.

FALSE ACTION. See Feigned Action.

FALSE ANSWER. In pleading. A sham answer; one which is false in the sense of being a mere pretense set up in bad faith and without color of fact. Howe v. Elwell, 57 App. Div. 307, 67 N. Y. Supp. 1108; Farnsworth v. Halstead (Sup.) 10 N. Y. Supp. 763.


FALSE CHARACTER. Personating the master or mistress of a servant, or any representative of such master or mistress, and giving a false character to the servant is an offense punishable in England with a fine of £20. St. 32 Geo. III. c. 56.

FALSE CLAIM. In the forest law, was where a man claimed more than his due, and was amerced and punished for the same. Manw. c. 22; Tomlins. As used in a statute making it a felony to present to any state, county, or city board or officer a false or fraudulent claim, a "false claim" is something more than a merely excessive claim. Burke v. Knox, 39 Utah, 506, 206 P. 711, 714. The act of knowingly making untruthful statements of material facts in "reasons for refund" of excise taxes, supported by fictitious copies of letters and cards attached thereto, constitutes "false claim" against government, within Criminal Code, § 35 (18 USCA §§ 36, 52–54). Evans v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 11 F. (2d) 37, 38.

FALSE DECREETS. A collection of canon law, dated about the middle of the 9th century, probably by a Frankish ecclesiastic who called himself Isadon. It continued to be the chief repertory of the canon law till the 15th century when its untrustworthy nature was demonstrated.

FALSE ENTRY. In banking law. An entry in the books of a bank which is intentionally made to represent what is not true or does not exist, with intent either to deceive its officers or a bank examiner or to defraud the bank. Agnew v. U. S., 165 U. S. 36, 17 Sup. Ct. 235, 41 L. Ed. 624; U. S. v. Peters (C. C.) 87 Fed. 984. See, also, Fricke v. State, 112 Neb. 767, 201 N. W. 667, 670. An untrue statement of items of account by written words, figures, or marks. United States v. Herrig (D. C.) 204 F. 124, 125. One making an original false entry makes a false entry in every book which is made up in regular course from the entry or entries from the original book of entry. State v. Davidson, 46 N. D. 564, 180 N. W. 51, 32.

FALSE FACT. In the law of evidence. A feigned, simulated, or fabricated fact; a fact not founded in truth, but existing only in assertion; the deceitful semblance of a fact.

FALSE IMPRISONMENT. See Imprisonment.

FALSE INSTRUMENT. A counterfeit; one made in the similitude of a genuine instrument and purporting on its face to be such. U. S. v. Howell, 11 Wall. 435, 20 L. Ed. 195; U. S. v. Owens (C. C.) 37 Fed. 115; State v. Willson, 28 Minn. 52, 9 N. W. 23.

FALSE JUDGMENT. In old English law. A writ which lay when a false judgment had been pronounced in a court not of record, as a county court, court baron, etc. Fitzh. Nat. Brav. 17, 18. In old French law. The defeated party in a suit had the privilege of accusing the judges of pronouncing a false or corrupt judgment, whereupon the issue was determined by his challenging them to the combat or duel. This was called the "appeal of false judgment." Montesq. Esprit des Lois, liv. 28, c. 27.

FALSE LATIN. When law proceedings were written in Latin, if a word were significant though not good Latin, yet an indictment, declaration, or fine should not be made void by it; but if the word were not Latin, nor allowed by the law, and it were in a material point, it made the whole vicious. (5 Coke, 121; 2 Nels. 830.) Wharton.

FALSE LIGHTS AND SIGNALS. Lights and signals falsely and maliciously displayed for the purpose of bringing a vessel into danger. See stat. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 97, § 47; 18 USCA § 488.

FALSE NEWS. Spreading false news, whereby discord may grow between the queen of England and her people, or the great men of the realm, or which may produce other mischiefs, still seems to be a misdemeanor, under St. 3 Edw. I. c. 34. Steph. Cl. Dig. § 95.

FALSE OATH. See Perjury.

FALSE PAPER. In a statute defining an offense of willfully and knowingly subscribing to "false papers" to deceive bank examiners, the term refers not to one which is forged or spurious, but to a paper duly subscribed by the person purporting to sign it, and containing an untrue statement in the body of the instrument. State v. Pierson, 101 Wash. 318, 172 P. 236, 238.
FALSE PERSONATION. The criminal offense of falsely representing some other person and acting in the character thus unlawfully assumed, in order to deceive others, and thereby gain some profit or advantage, or enjoy some right or privilege belonging to the one so personated, or subject him to some expense, charge, or liability. See 4 Steph. Comm. 151, 200.

FALSE PLEA. See Sham Plea.

FALSE PRETENCES. In criminal law. False representations and statements, made with a fraudulent design to obtain money, goods, wares, or merchandise, with intent to cheat. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2208. Such a fraudulent representation of fact by one who knows it not to be true as is adapted to induce the person to whom it is made to part with something of value. Jackson v. People, 126 Ill. 139, 18 N. E. 286; Fisher v. State, 161 Ark. 383, 256 S. W. 588, 586; People v. Kahler, 26 Cal. App. 449, 147 P. 228, 229; State v. Tanner, 22 N. M. 493, 164 P. 821, 822; L. R. A. 1917E, 549; State v. Luff, 74 A. 1070, 1080, 1 Bouv. (Del.) 152. Any misrepresentation of past fact by a party, knowingly made to induce another to part with his property. People v. Schneider, 327 Ill. 370, 158 N. E. 448, 450. A representation of a material fact, calculated to deceive, which is not true. Commonwealth v. Jacobson, 290 Mass. 311, 157 N. E. 583, 585; Com. v. Drew, 19 Pick. (Mass.) 184; State v. Grant, 86 Iowa, 216, 53 N. W. 129. False statements or representations made with intent to defraud, for the purpose of obtaining money or property. A pretense is the holding out or offering to others something false and forged. This may be done either by words or actions, which amount to false representations. In fact, false representations are inseparable from the idea of a pretense. Without a representation which is false there can be no pretense. State v. Joseph, 13 Iowa, 123. False pretenses consist in making a representation of an existing fact, which the party making it knows to be false at the time, with the intent that the party to whom it is made should act upon it, and the party must act upon it to his detriment. Griffith v. State, 93 Ohio St. 294, 112 N. E. 1017, 1018. See, further, Motzing v. Sink, 168 S. C. 545, 54 S. E. 847, 850; State v. Hathaway, 168 Wis. 518, 170 N. W. 654, 656; State v. Whitney, 43 Idaho, 745, 254 P. 325, 326; People v. Neetens, 42 Cal. App. 506, 134 P. 27, 28; Smith v. State, 74 Fla. 594, 77 So. 274, 276.

The distinction between "larceny" and "false pretenses" is that in larceny the owner of a thing has no intention to part with his property, although he may intend to part with possession, while in false pretenses the owner does intend to part with the property but it is obtained from him by fraud. People v. Shwartz, 43 Cal. App. 694, 135 P. 686, 687. See, also, Roberts v. State, 181 Ind. 620, 104 N. E. 570, 571; Crosby v. Paine, 170 Minn. 43, 211 N. W. 577, 578; State v. Paul, 41 S. D. 49, 168 N. W. 728, 731; State v. Ewing (Mo. App.) 270 S. W. 116, 117; State v. Martin, 105 W. Va. 446, 137 S. E. 885, 886. The distinction between "obtaining money by false pretenses" and forgery is that in the former, the acquisition of the money is the principal thing, while in forgery the making, altering, uttering, or publishing of the written instrument is the principal part, and money need not necessarily be obtained. State v. Hobl, 166 Kan. 261, 194 P. 521, 524.

FALSE REPRESENTATION. A representation which is untrue, wilfully made to deceive another to his injury. Also, a representation of what is true, which nevertheless creates an impression which is false. Newark Trust Co. v. Lackawanna Inv. Co., 88 N. J. Eq. 541, 103 A. 168, 169; See, further, Way v. Bronston, 91 Kan. 446, 138 P. 601, 602; International Milling Co. v. Priem, 179 Wis. 622, 192 N. W. 88. See Fraud; Deceit.

A "false representation" may be made scleriter, so as to afford a right of action in damages, in any of the following ways: (1) With actual knowledge of its falsity; (2) without knowledge either of its truth or falsity; or (3) under circumstances in which the person making it ought to have known if he did not know of its falsity. Horton v. Tyree, 104 W. Va. 228, 135 S. E. 737, 738. But see Sebastian County Bank v. Gunn, 121 Ark. 145, 189 S. W. 744, 755.

FALSE RETURN. See Return.

FALSE SWARING. The misdemeanor committed in English law by a person who swears falsely before any person authorized to administer an oath upon a matter of public concern, under such circumstances that the false swearing would have amounted to perjury if committed in a judicial proceeding; as where a person makes a false affidavit under the bills of sale acts. Steph. Cr. Dig. p. 84. And see O'Bryan v. State, 27 Tex. App. 539, 11 S. W. 443; In Texas, it is not necessary, to complete the offense, that the affidavit be used for the purpose for which it was intended. Welch v. State, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 17, 157 S. W. 948. Under the Texas and Kentucky statutes, however, "false swearing" is distinct from the common-law crime of perjury; Commonwealth v. Hinkle, 177 Ky. 22, 197 S. W. 455, 456; Shipp v. State, 81 Tex. Cr. R. 228, 196 S. W. 840, 842; Inasmuch as "false swearing" consists in making a false oath on a subject about which the party could legally be sworn, and before a person legally authorized to administer the oath; Commonwealth v. Bradshaw, 210 Ky. 405, 276 S. W. 124, 125; It not being necessary, as in perjury, that the testimony be material; Sullivan v. Commonwealth, 158 Ky. 536, 165 S. W. 690, 691.

FALSE TOKEN. In criminal law. A false document or sign of the existence of a fact,—in general used for the purpose of fraud. See 3 Term 98; 2 Starkie, Ev. 563; 1 Bish. Cr. L. 585; People v. Gates, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 311; People v. Haynes, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 570, 28 Am. Dec. 530; People v. Stone, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 565; State v. Paul, 41 S. D. 49, 168 N. W. 729, 730; State v. Ewing (Mo. App.) 270 S. W. 116, 117; State v. Martin, 105 W. Va. 446, 137 S. E. 885, 886. The distinction between "obtaining money by false pretenses" and forgery is that in the former, the acquisition of the money is the principal thing, while in forgery the making, altering, uttering, or publishing of the written instrument is the principal part, and money need not necessarily be obtained. State v. Hobl, 166 Kan. 261, 194 P. 521, 524.
FALSE VERDICT. See Verdict.

FALSE WEIGHTS. False weights and measures are such as do not comply with the standard prescribed by the state or government, or with the custom prevailing in the place and business in which they are used. Pen. Code Cal. § 552; Pen. Code Idaho, 1901, § 5003 (Code 1922, § 17—3920).

FALSE WITNESS. One who is intentionally rather than merely mistakenly false. State v. Weston, 109 Or. 19, 219 P. 150, 189.

FALSE WORDS, which may be eliminated from descriptions in wills, deeds, etc., are misdescriptions of property that are not applicable to any property owned or intended to be devised or conveyed. Brown v. Ray, 314 Ill. 370, 145 N. E. 676, 679; Armstrong v. Armstrong, 327 Ill. 55, 158 N. E. 558, 559.

FALSIFIED. In Spanish law. Falsity; an alteration of the truth. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 26, l. 1.

Deception; fraud. Id. pt. 3, tit. 32, l. 21.

FALSEHOOD. A statement or assertion known to be untrue, and intended to deceive. A willful act or declaration contrary to the truth. Putnam v. Osgood, 51 N. H. 207.

The term is perhaps generally used in the second sense here given. It is committed either by the willful act of the party, or by dissimulation, or by words.

Crabbie thus distinguishes between falsehood and untruth: "The latter is an untrue saying, and may be unintentional, in which case it reflects no disgrace on the agent. A falsehood and a lie are intentional false sayings, differing only in degree of the guilt of the offender; falsehood being not always for the express purpose of deceiving, but a lie always for the worst of purposes." See Rest. Cr Ev. § 82; Decedit; Fraud; Misrepresentation.

In Scotch Law

A fraudulent imitation or suppression of truth, to the prejudice of another. Bell, "Something used and published falsely." An old Scottish word juris. "Falsehood is undoubtedly a nominate crime, so much so that Sir George Mackenzie and our older lawyers used no other term for the falsification of writs, and the name 'forger' has been of modern introduction." "If there is any distinction to be made between 'forgery' and 'falsehood,' I would consider the latter to be more comprehensive than the former." 2 Broun, 77, 78.

FALSELY. Usually used in the sense of designedly untrue and deceitful, and as implying an intention to perpetrate some treachery or fraud. Fouts v. State, 113 Ohio St. 450, 149 N. E. 551, 554; State v. Merlo, 92 Or. 678, 173 P. 317, 319; McDonald v. McNeil, 92 Vt. 356, 104 A. 337, 339; Cro. Eliz. 201; 7 D. & R. 665. But see 1 Den. C. C. 157. The use of the word falsely in a statute (against counterfeiting) implies that there must be a fraudulent or criminal intent in the act; U. S. v. King, 5 McLean 208, Fed. Cas. No. 15,535. See, also, 4 B. & C. 329; 6 Com. Dig. 55; Stark, Cr. Pl. 58.

See False.

FALSI CRIMEN. Fraudulent subornation or concealment, with design to darken or hide the truth, and make things appear otherwise than they are. It is committed (1) by words, as when a witness swears falsely; (2) by writing, as when a person antedates a contract; (3) by deed, as selling by false weights and measures. Wharton. See Crimen Falsi.

FALSIFICATION. In equity practice. The showing an item in the debit of an account to be either wholly false or in some part erroneous. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 525. And see Phillips v. Belden, 2 Edw. Ch. 23; Pitt v. Cholmondeley, 2 Ves. Sr. 565; Kennedy v. Adickes, 37 S. C. 174, 15 S. E. 922; Tate v. Gairdner, 119 Ga. 133, 46 S. E. 73; Armstrong v. Toler, 11 Wheat. (U. S.) 237, 6 L. Ed. 468.

FALSIFY. To disprove; to prove to be false or erroneous; to avoid or defeat; spoken of verdicts, appeals, etc. Co. Litt. 104B.

To counterfeit or forge; to make something false; to give a false appearance to anything. To make false by mutilation or addition; to tamper with; as, to falsify a record or document. Pon v. Ellis, 66 Fla. 358, 63 So. 721, 722.

To show, as in an accounting before a master in chancery, that a charge has been inserted which is wrong; that is, either wholly false or in some part erroneous. Pull. Accts. 162; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 525. See Shores-Mueller Co. v. Bell, 21 Ga. App. 109, 94 S. E. 83, 84; Falsification.

FALSIFYING A JUDGMENT. A term sometimes used for reversing a judgment. See 4 Steph. Com. 553.


Making or proving false.

FALSING OF DOOMS. In Scotch law. The proving the injustice, falsity, or error of the doom or sentence of a court. Tomlins; Jacob. The reversal of a sentence or judgment; an action to set aside a decree. Siene. Protest- ing against a sentence and taking an appeal to a higher tribunal. Bell, Diet.
FALSO RETORNO BREVIUM. In old English law. A writ which formerly lay against the sheriff who had execution of process for false returning of writs. Reg. Jud. 459; Cunningham, Law Dict.

FALSONARIUS. A forger; a counterfeiter. Hov. 424.

FALSUM. Lat. In the civil law. A false or forged thing; a fraudulent simulation; a fraudulent counterfeit or imitation, such as a forged signature or instrument. Also falsification, which may be either by falsehood, concealment of the truth, or fraudulent alteration, as by cutting out or erasing part of a writing.

FALSUS. Lat. False; fraudulent; erroneous. Deceitful; mistaken.

In the sense of "deceiving" or "fraudulent," it is applied to persons in respect to their acts and conduct, as well as to things; and in the sense of "erroneous," it is applied to persons on the question of personal identity.

Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus. False in one thing, false in everything. Commonwealth v. Billings, 97 Mass. 406; Mercer v. Wright, 3 Wis. 445; State v. Williams, 47 N. C. 257. Where a party is clearly shown to have embezzled one article of property, it is a ground of presumption that he may have embezzled others also. The Boston, 1 Sumn. 328, 336; Fed. Cas. No. 1,673; The Santissima Trinidad, 7 Wheat. 359, 5 L. Ed. 451. This maxim is particularly applied to the testimony of a witness who, if he is shown to have sworn falsely in one detail, may be considered unworthy of belief as to all the rest of his evidence. Grimes v. State, 63 Ala. 168; Wilson v. Coulter, 29 App. Div. 85, 51 N. Y. S. 804; White v. Disher, 67 Cal. 402, 7 P. 826.

The maxim, "Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus," is a mere rule of evidence affirming a rebuttable presumption of fact, under which the jury must consider all the evidence of the witness, other than that which is found to be false, and it is their duty to give effect to so much of it, if any, as is relieved from the presumption against it and found to be true. Levine Bros. v. Mantell, 90 W. Va. 163, 111 S. E. 593, 594; Scheell v. United States (C. C. A.) 226 P. 184, 187.

FAMA. Lat. Fame; character, reputation; report of common opinion.

Fama, fides et oculus non patiuntur ludum. 3 Buist. 228. Fame, faith, and eyesight do not suffer a cheat.

Fama qua suspicione inducit, oriri debet apud bonos et graves, non quidem malevolos et maleficos, sed providas et fide dignas personas, non semel sed semper, quia clamor minus et defamatio manifestat. 2 Inst. 32. Report, which induces suspicion, ought to arise from good and grave men; not, indeed, from malevolent and malicious men, but from cautious and credible persons; not only once, but frequently; for clamor diminishes, and defamation manifests.

FAMACIDE. A killer of reputation; a slanderer.

FAMILIA. In Roman Law

A household; a family. On the composition of the Roman family, see Agnati; Cognati; and see Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 144. Family right; the right or status of being the head of a family, or of exercising the patria potestas over others. This could be a "man in his own right." (homo sui juris.) Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 123, 144.

In Old English Law

A household; the body of household servants; a quantity of land, otherwise called "mesne," sufficient to maintain one family. Du Cange; Cowell; Cunningham, Law Dict.; Creasy, Church Hist.

In Spanish Law

A family, which might consist of domestics or servants. It seems that a single person owning negroes was the "head of a family," within the meaning of the colonization laws of Coahuila and Texas. State v. Sullivan, 9 Tex. 156.

FAMILIÆ EMPTOR. In Roman law. An intermediate person who purchased the aggregate inheritance when sold per eam et libram, in the process of making a will under the Twelve Tables. This purchaser was merely a man of straw, transmitting the inheritance to the hares proper. Brown.

FAMILIÆ ERCISCUNDÆ. In Roman law. An action for the partition of the aggregate succession of a familia, where that devolved upon co-heirades. It was also applicable to enforce a contribution towards the necessary expenses incurred on the familia. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 499; Stair, Inst. I. 1, tit. 7, § 15.


FAMILY PURPOSE DOCTRINE

N. Y. S. 113, 115; Wilson v. Cochran, 31 Tex. 660, 98 Am. Dec. 558. The immediate members of one's household, as wife, children, brothers, and sisters or father and mother. Niemels v. Niemels, 97 Ohio St. 145, 119 N. E. 503, 500. Those members of the household who are dependent on the householders to whom he owes some duty. Brokaw v. Ogle, 170 Ill. 115, 48 N. E. 391; Cheshire v. Burlington, 21 Conn. 326. See, also, Gamble v. Love, 222 Ala. 326, 129 So. 122; Hall v. Meriden Trust & Safe Deposit Co. 103 Conn. 226, 150 A. 157, 161; Scott's Case, 177 Me. 434, 104 A. 794, 798. Those whom it is the natural or moral duty of one to support, or who are dependent on him for support. Finn v. Eminent Household of Columbia Woodmen, 103 Ky. 187, 173 S. W. 349, 350.

In a narrower sense, a father, mother, and children, whether living together or not. Higgin v. Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore, 127 Md. 171, 96 A. 322, 323.

In a broader sense, a group of blood-relatives; all the relations who descend from a common ancestor, or who spring from a common root. See Civil Code La. art. 3556, no. 12; 9 Ves. 226. The genealogical stock from which one derives and those related to him by blood have sprung. Albright v. Albright, 116 Ohio St. 688, 157 N. E. 704, 705.

The word "family" has no uniform, definite meaning. It is used to indicate, first, the whole body of persons who form one household, thus including also servants; second, the parents with their children, whether they dwell together or not; and third, the whole group of persons closely related by blood. First Catholic Slovak Ladies' Union of United States of America v. Florek, 210 Ill. App. 460, 472; Spencer v. Spencer, 11 Paige (N. Y.) 153.


A husband and wife living together may constitute a "family," within the meaning of homestead and exemption laws. Miller v. Finegan, 26 Fla. 27, 7 So. 140, 1 L. R. A. 323; Williams v. Young, 17 Cal. 469; Golf v. Myers, 43 Va. 685, 25 S. E. 218; Chafee v. Rainey, 21 S. C. 11; Dye v. Cooke, 58 Tenn. 276, 12 S. W. 631, 17 Am. St. Rep. 882; Trotter v. Dobbs, 38 Miss. 138; Cox v. Stafford, 14 How. Pr. (N. Y.) 618; Pitchell v. Burgwin, 21 Ill. 45. See, also, In re Mansfield's Estate, 186 Iowa, 529, 170 N. W. 415, 416. With particular reference to homestead laws, one parent and his or her children; Carle v. Bamberger, 53 Okt. 777, 188 P. 699, 700; Solmar v. Solmar, 206 Iowa, 701, 216 N. W. 285, 290; and even a widow or widower, although without children; Somers v. Somers, 33 S. D. 551, 146 N. W. 715, 717; Coleman v. Bosworth, 130 Iowa, 975, 164 N. W. 258, 260; may constitute a "family." See, also, In re Hooper's Estate, 117 Wash. 463, 201 P. 746, 742.

FAMILY ARRANGEMENT. A term denoting an agreement between a father and his children, or between the heirs of a deceased father, to dispose of property, or to partition it in a different manner than that which would result if the law alone directed it, or to divide up property without administration. In these cases, frequently, the mere relation of the par-

FAMILY BIBLE. A Bible containing a record of the births, marriages, and deaths of the members of a family. As to its admissibility in evidence, see Wharton Ev. § 219; Tayl. Ev. 572; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 104; L. R. 1 Ex. 255; Greenleaf v. R. Co., 30 Iowa, 501; Southern Life Ins. Co. v. Wilkinson, 53 Ga. 535; Weaver v. Leiman, 52 Md. 709.

FAMILY COUNCIL. See Family Arrangement; Family Meeting; Consell de famille.

FAMILY EXPENSES. Obligations incurred for something intended for the use or comfort of the collection spoken of as the family, as distinguished from individual or personal expenses. Vose v. Myott, 141 Iowa, 506, 120 N. W. 58, 21 L. R. A. (N. S.) 277.

FAMILY GROUP, within the purview of the family care doctrine, is not confined to persons related to the owner of the car, but includes members of the collective body of persons living in his household for whose convenience the car is actually maintained and who have general authority to use it. Smart v. Bissonnette, 106 Conn. 447, 138 A. 365, 366. See Family Purpose Doctrine, infra.

FAMILY MEETING. An institution of the laws of Louisiana, being a council of the relatives (or, if there are no relatives, of the friends) of a minor, for the purpose of advising as to his affairs and the administration of his property. The family meeting is called by order of a judge, and presided over by a justice or notary, and must consist of at least five persons, who are put under oath. In re Bothick, 44 La. Ann. 1037, 11 So. 712; Civ. Code La. art. 305. It corresponds to the "conseil de famille" of French law, q. v. See Lemoine v. Ducote, 45 La. Ann. 857, 12 So. 693; Commaux v. Bauduin, 6 Mart. La. (N. S.) 455.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN. A physician who regularly attends and is consulted by the members of the family as their medical adviser; but he need not attend in all cases or be consulted by all the members of the family. Price v. Ins. Co., 17 Minn. 519 (Gill. 473), 10 Am. Rep. 106; Reid v. Ins. Co., 58 Mo. 424; Cromews v. Sovereign Camp, W. O. W. (Mo. App.) 247 S. W. 1083, 1084.

FAMILY PURPOSE DOCTRINE. A doctrine under which the owner of an automobile is held liable for damages resulting from its negligent operation by members of his family, whom he permits to use it. Schwartz v. Johnson, 152 Tenn. 556, 230 S. W. 32, 33, 47 A. L. R. 323. The doctrine, that the owner of an automobile purchased or maintained for the pleasure of his family is liable for in-
FAMILY RELATION


FAMILY RELATION. A relationship which may exist between one taken into the family by the head of the family, notwithstanding the absence of blood relationship or of legal adoption. Nelson v. Poorman’s Estate (Mo. App.) 215 S. W. 753, 754.

FAMILY SETTLEMENT. An agreement made between a father and his son or children or between brothers to dispose of property in a different manner from that which would otherwise take place. Peterson v. Hegna, 158 Minn. 259, 197 N. W. 484, 487. A term of practically the same significance as “family arrangement,” q. v. supra. See Wiley v. Hodge, 104 Wis. 81, 80 N. W. 75, 78 Am. St. Rep. 892.

FAMILY USE. That use ordinarily made by and suitable for the members of a household whether as individuals or collectively. Spring Valley Water Works v. San Francisco, 52 Cal. 120. The supply of water in a municipal corporation for family use includes the supply of jails, hospitals, almhouses, schools, and other municipal institutions; id.

FAMOUSUS. In the civil and old English law. Relating to or affecting injuriously the character or reputation; defamatory; slanderous; scandalous.

FAMOUSUS LIBELLUS. A libelous writing. A term of the civil law denoting that species of injuria which corresponds nearly to libel or slander.

FANAL. Fr. In French marine law. A large lantern, fixed upon the highest part of a vessel’s stern.

FANATIC. A religious enthusiast; a bigot; a person entertaining wild and extravagant notions, or affected by zeal or enthusiasm, especially upon religious subjects. Also, a person pretending to be inspired;—formerly applied to Quakers, Anabaptists, and all other sectaries, and factious dissenters from the Church of England. (St. 13 Car. II. c. 6) Jacob.

FANEGA. In Spanish law. A measure of land varying in different provinces, but in the Spanish settlements in America consisting of 6,400 square varas or yards. Diccionario de la Accad.; 2 White Recoup. 49; 138.

FAQUEER. See Fakir.

FARANDMAN. In Scotch law. A traveler or merchant stranger. Skene.

FARDEL OF LAND. In old English law. The fourth part of a yard-land. Spelman. Noy says an eighth only, because, according to him, two fardels make a nook, and four nooks a yard-land. Wharton. See Noy, Complete Lawyer 57; Cowell; Cunningham, Law Dict.

FARDELLA. In old English law. A bundle or pack; a fardel. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 22, § 10.

FARDING-DEAL. The fourth part of an acre of land. Spelman.

FARE. A voyage or passage by water; also the money paid for a passage either by land or by water. Cowell.


In case of a water company it means the tax or compensation which the company may charge for furnishing a supply of water. McNeil Pipe & Foundry Co. v. Howland, 111 N. C. 616, 16 S. E. 857, 20 L. R. A. 748.

FARINAGIUM. A mill; a toll of meal or flour. Jacob; Spelman.

FARLEU (or FARLEY). Money paid by tenants in lieu of a heriot. It was often applied to the best chattel, as distinguished from heriot, the best beast. Cowell.

FARLINGARI. Whoremongers; adulterers.

FARM. n. A certain amount of provision reserved as the rent of a message. Spelman.

Rent generally which is reserved on a lease; when it was to be paid in money, it was called “blanche ferme.” Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 42.

A term, a lease of lands; a leasehold interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 17; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 301, note. The land itself, let to farm or rent. 2 Bl. Comm. 368.

Usually the chief message in a village or town whereunto belongs a great demesne of all sorts. Cowell; Cunningham, Law Dict.; Terms de la Ley.

A large tract or portion of land taken by a lease under a yearly rent payable by the tenant. Tomlin, Law Dict.

A portion of land used for agricultural purposes, either wholly or in part.

The original meaning of the word was “rent,” and by a natural transition it came to mean the land out of which the rent issued.

In Old English Law

A lease of other things than land, as of imposts. There were several of these, such as “the sugar farm,” “the silk farm,” and farms of wines and currants, called “petty farms.” See 2 How. State Tr. 1197-1206.

In American Law

“Farm” denotes a tract of land devoted in part, at least, to cultivation, for agricultural.

Bl. Law Dict. (3d Ed.)

The term does not necessarily include only the land under cultivation and within a fence. It may include all the land which forms part of the tract, and may also include several connected parcels under one control. Succession of Williams, 122 La. 866, 61 So. 852, 853.

Any tract of land used for raising crops or rearing animals. Gordon v. Buster, 113 Tex. 382, 257 S. W. 220.

A body of land under one ownership, devoted to agriculture, either to raising crops, or pasture, or both. Dorsett v. Watkins, 29 Okl. 198, 186 P. 698, 9 A. L. R. 278.

With the development particularly of the western states, a large part of whose wealth consists of cattle, the word "farm" has acquired a somewhat broader meaning, and in its generic sense is applicable to a stock farm as to one where grain is raised. Porter v. Yakima County, 71 Wash. 256, 137 P. 466, 467.

In General

-Farm crossing. A roadway over a railroad track at grade for the purpose of reaching tillage land cut off by the track. True v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 113 Me. 375, 94 A. 183, 184. See also, In re Colvin Street in City of Buffalo, 155 App. Div. 808, 140 N. Y. S. 882, 883.


A sheep herder is an "agricultural laborer" not entitled to compensation for injuries under the Industrial Act (Comp. Laws 1917, § 3110, as amended by Laws 1919, c. 63). Davis v. Industrial Commission, 59 Utah, 607, 206 P. 267, 268.

On the question whether the term as used in Workmen's Compensation Acts includes an employee on a corn husking or a grain threshing outfit, or the like, which goes from one farm to another for compensation, the decisions are conflicting. See State v. District Court of Washington County, 140 Minn. 398, 168 N. W. 130; L. R. A. 1918 P, 198; Slye v. Horn, 179 Iowa, 986, 162 N. W. 249, 252; 7 A. L. R. 1285. For cases contra, holding that such an employee is not a farm laborer, see Roush v. Heffelbower, 225 Mich. 684, 196 N. W. 185, 35 A. L. R. 136; In re Boyer, 65 Ind. App. 408, 117 N. E. 507, 508; Industrial Commission of State of Colorado v. Shadowen, 68 Colo. 69, 187 P. 926, 927, 13 A. L. R. 932; Vincent v. Taylor Bros., 180 App. Div. 818, 165 N. Y. S. 287, 288.

-Farm land. A term applicable to all the land contained in a farm, and not necessarily merely to land which has been plowed. De Wolfe v. Kupers, 106 Or. 176, 211 P. 927, 930.

-Farm utensils. A term which, in an insurance policy, is broader than the term garden tools, and includes any instrumentalities within the meaning of the word utensils made use of on a farm, including a stock scale or a new windmill not erected. Murphy v. Continental Ins. Co., 178 Iowa, 375, 157 N. W. 555, L. R. A. 1917B, 934.

-Farm wagon. This term in an exemption statute includes a farm wagon moved by mechanical as well as by animal power. People v. Corder, 82 Colo. 318, 259 P. 613.

FARM, n. To lease or let; to demise or grant for a limited term and at a stated rental.

-Farm let. Technical words in a lease creating a term for years. Co. Litt. 45 b; 1 Washb. R. Pr. Index, Lease. Operative words in a lease, which strictly mean to let upon payment of a certain rent in farm; i. e., in agricultural produce.

-Farm out. To let for a term at a stated rental. Among the Romans the collection of revenue was farmed out, and the same system existed in France before the revolution of 1789; in England the excise taxes were farmed out, and thereby their evils were greatly aggravated. The farming of the excise was abolished in Scotland by the union, having been before that time abandoned in England. In all these cases the custom gave rise to great abuse and oppression of the people, and in France most of the farmers-general, as they were called, perished on the scaffold.

FARMER. The lessee of a farm. It is said that every lessee for life or years, although it be but of a small house and land, is called "farmer." This word implies no mystery, except it be that of husbandman. Cunningham; Cowell; 3 Sharsw. Bla. Comm. 318.

A husbandman or agriculturist; one who cultivates a farm, whether the land be his own or another's. One who resides on and cultivates a farm, mainly deriving his support therefrom. State v. Hines, 94 Or. 607, 180 P. 420, 422.

One who assumes the collection of the public revenues, taxes, excise, etc., for a certain
commission or percentage; as a farmer of the revenues.

There may also be a farmer of other personal property as well as of revenue and of lands. Powell. 296; Cunn. Law Diet.

FARMER GENERAL. See Farm out.


FARO. An unlawful game of cards, in which all the other players play against the banker or dealer, staking their money upon the order in which the cards will lie and be dealt from the pack. Webster; Ward v. State, 22 Ala. 19; U. S. v. Smith, 27 Fed. Cas. 1149; Patterson v. State, 12 Tex. App. 224.

FARO LAY-OUT. A board commonly covered with green cloth to which the entire spade suit is affixed in a certain order. State v. Williams, 52 Mont. 369, 157 P. 557.


FARRIER. One who takes upon himself the public employment of shoeing horses. See 1 Bl. Comm. 451; 2 Salk. 440; Hanover, Horses 215.

FARTHING. The fourth part of an English penny.

FARTHING OF GOLD. An ancient English coin, containing in value the fourth part of a noble. 9 Hen. V. c. 7.

FARTHING OF LAND. A great quantity of land, differing much from farding-deal, q. e. v.

FARVAND. Standing by itself, this word signifies "passage by sea or water." In charter-parties, it means voyage or passage by water. 18 C. B. 880.

FARYNDON INN. The ancient designation of Serjeants' Inn, Chancery Lane, London.

FAS. Lat. Right; justice; the divine law. 3 Bl. Comm. 2; Calvin.

In primitive times it was the will of the gods, embodied in rules regulating not only ceremonies but the conduct of all men. Taylor, Science of Jurispr. 65.

FASIUUS. In old English law. A faggot of wood.

FAST BILL OF EXCEPTIONS. One which may be taken in Georgia in injunction suits and similar cases, at such time and in such manner as to bring the case up for review with great expedition. It must be certified within twenty days from the rendering of the decision. Sewell v. Edmonston, 66 Ga. 353.

FAST-DAY. A day of fasting and penitence, or of mortification by religious abstinence. As to counting it in legal proceedings, see 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 169, et seq.

FAST ESTATE. See Estate.

FASTERMANS, FASTERMANNES, or FASTING-MEN. Men in repute and substance; pledges, sureties, or bondsmen, who, according to the Saxon polity, were fast bound to answer for each other's peaceable behavior. Speelman; Enc. Lond.

FASTI. In Roman law. Lawful. Dies fasti, lawful days; days on which justice could lawfully be administered by the praetor. See Dies Fasti.

FATAL INJURY. A term embracing injuries resulting in death, which, as used in accident and disability insurance policies is distinguished from "disability," which embraces injuries preventing the insured from performing the work in which he is usually employed, but not resulting in death. Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co. v. Johnson (Tex. Civ. App.) 235 S. W. 650, 652.

Fatetur facinus qui judicium fugit. He who flees judgment confesses his guilt. 3 Inst. 14; 5 Co. 1009. But see Best, Pres. § 248.

FATHER. The male parent. He by whom a child is begotten. As used in law, this term may (according to the context and the nature of the instrument) include a putative as well as a legal father, also a stepfather, an adoptive father, or a grandfather, but is not as wide as the word "parent," and cannot be so construed as to include a female. Lind v. Burke, 50 Neb. 785, 77 N. W. 444; Crook v. Webb, 125 Ala. 457, 28 So. 384; Cotheal v. Cotheal, 40 N. Y. 419; Lantzmeser v. State, 19 Tex. App. 322; Thornburg v. American Strawboard Co., 111 Ind. 443; 40 N. E. 1062, 50 Am. St. Rep. 334; In re Butler's Estate, 129 Misc. 396, 222 N. Y. S. 265, 266; McGaughey v. Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W. of State of Minnesota, 145 Minn. 136, 180 N. W. 1001. The term may, however, be so limited as to mean only the father of a legitimate child. People v. Wolf, 216 App. Div. 771, 215 N. Y. S. 95, 96; Howard v. U. S. (D. C.) 2 F.(2d) 170, 173.

—Father-in-law. The father of one's wife or husband.

—Putative father. The alleged or reputed father of an illegitimate child. State v. Nestaval, 72 Minn. 415, 75 N. W. 725.

FATHOM. A nautical measure of six feet in length. Occasionally used as a superficial measure of land and in mining, and in that case it means a square fathom or thirty-six

FATUA MULIER. A whore. Du Fresne.

FATUITAS. In old English law. Fatuity; idiocy. Reg. Orig. 298.

FATUM. Lat. Fate: a superhuman power; an event or cause of loss, beyond human foresight or means of prevention.

FATUOUS PERSON. In Scotch law. One entirely destitute of reason, is qui omnino desipit. Ersk. Inst. 1, 7, 48. An idiot. Jacob. One who is incapable of managing his affairs, by reason of a total defect of reason. He is described as having uniform stupidity and inattention of manner and childishness of speech. Bell's Law Dict.

FATUUM JUDICIIUM. A foolish judgment or verdict. As applied to the latter it is one rather false by reason of folly than criminally so, or as amounting to perjury. Bract. f. 288.

FATUUS. An idiot or fool. Bract. fol. 420b. Foolish; silly; absurd; indiscreet; or ill considered. See Fatuum judicium.

Fatuos, apud jurisconsultos nostros, accipitur pro non compos mentis; et fatuos dicitur, qui omnino desipit. 4 Coke, 128. Fatious, among our jurisconsults, is understood for a man not of right mind; and he is called "fatuo" who is altogether foolish.

Fatuo prasumitur qui in proprio nomine errat. A man is presumed to be simple who makes a mistake in his own name. Code, 6, 24, 14; Van Alst v. Hunter, 5 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 145, 161.

FAUBOURG. In French law, and in Louisiana. A district or part of a town adjoining the principal city: a suburb. See City Council of Lafayette v. Holland, 18 La. 286.

FAUCES TERRAE. (Jaws of the land.) Narrow headlands and promontories, inclosing a portion or arm of the sea within them. 1 Kent, Comm. 387, and note; Hale, De Jure Mar. 10; The Harriet, 1 Story, 251, 259; Fed. Cas. No. 6,000; 16 Yale L. J. 471.

FAULT. In the Civil Law

Negligence; want of care. An improper act or omission, injurious to another, and transpiring through negligence, rashness, or ignorance.

There are in law three degrees of faults,—the gross, the slight, and the very slight fault. The gross fault is that which proceeds from inexcusable negligence or ignorance: it is considered as nearly equal to fraud. The slight fault is that want of care which a prudent man usually takes of his business. The very slight fault is that which is excusable, and for which no responsibility is incurred. Civil Code La. art. 3558, par. 13.

In American Law


In Commercial Law

Defect; imperfection; blemish. See With All Faults.

In Mining Law

A dislocation of strata; particularly, a severance of the continuity of a vein or lode by the dislocation of a portion of it.

FAUTOR. In Old English Law

A favorer or supporter of others; an abettor. Cowell; Jacob. A partisan. One who encouraged resistance to the execution of process.

In Spanish Law

Accomplice; the person who aids or assists another in the commission of a crime.

FAUX. In Old English Law


In French Law

A falsification or fraudulent alteration or suppression of a thing by words, by writings, or by acts without either. Biret.

"Faux may be understood in three ways. In its most extended sense it is the alteration of truth, with or without intention; it is nearly synonymous with 'lying.' In a less extended sense, it is the alteration of truth, accompanied with fraud, mutantio veritatis cum dolo facto. And lastly, in a narrow, or rather the legal, sense of the word, when it is a question to know if the faux be a crime, it is the fraudulent alteration of the truth in those cases ascertained and punished by the law." Toullier, 5, 2, 183.
In the Civil Law

The fraudulent alteration of the truth. The same with the Latin falsum or crimen falsi.

FAVOR, n. Bias; partiality; leniency; prejudice. See Challenge.

FAVOR, v. To regard with favor; to aid or to have the disposition to aid; to show partiality or lean his bias towards;—practically synonymous with "support." United States v. Schulze (D. C.) 223 F. 377, 379. The word implies a mental attitude or intent. Schulze v. United States (C. C. A.) 259 F. 189, 190.

Favorabilia in lege sunt fiscous, dos, vita, libertas. Jenk. Cent. 91. Things favorably considered in law are the treasury, dower, life, liberty.

Favorabiliores rei, potius quam actores, habentur. The condition of the defendant must be favored, rather than that of the plaintiff. In other words, melior est conditio defendantis. Dig. 50, 17, 125; Broom, Max. 715. See Hunt v. Roumanier's Adm'r, 8 Wheat. (U. S.) 195, 196, 5 L. Ed. 589.

Favorabilia sunt executiones allis processibus quibususque. Co. Litt. 289. Executions are preferred to all other processes whatever.

Favores ampliandi sunt; odia restringenda. Jenk. Cent. 186. Favors are to be enlarged; things hateful restrained.

FEAL. Faithful; truthful; true. Tenants by knight service swore to their lords to be feal and leal; i.e., faithful and loyal. Feal homager, faithful subject.

FEAL AND DIVOT. A right in Scotland, similar to the right of turbary in England, for fuel, etc. Wharton; Ersk. li. tit. ix. s. 17.

FEALTY. In feudal law. Fidelity; allegiance to the feudal lord of the manor; the feudal obligation resting upon the tenant or vassal by which he was bound to be faithful and true to his lord, and render him obedience and service. See De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 497, 57 Am. Dec. 470; Littleton §§ 117, 131; Wright, Ten. 35; Termes de la Ley; 1 Washb. R. P. 19; 1 Pol. & Maill. 277-287; Stubbs, Const. Hist. § 462 n.; Co. Lit. 679; 8 Kent 510.

This fealty was of two sorts: that which is general, and is due from every subject to his prince; the other special, and required of such only as in respect of their fee are tied by this oath to their landords; 1 Bla. Comm. 367; Cowell.

Fealty signifies fidelity, the phrase "feal and leal" meaning simply "faithful and loyal." Tenants by knights' service and also tenants in socage were required to take an oath of fealty to the king or others, their immediate lords; and fealty was one of the conditions of their tenure, the breach of which operated a forfeiture of their estates. Brown.

Although foreign jurists consider fealty and hommage as convertible terms, because in some continental countries they are blended so as to form one engagement, yet they are not to be confounded in our country, for they do not imply the same thing, hommage being the acknowledgment of tenure, and fealty, the vassal oath of fidelity, being the essential feudal bond, and the animating principle of a feud, without which it could not subsist. Wharton.

FEAR. Apprehension of harm; dread; consciousness of approaching danger.

Apprehension of harm or punishment, as exhibited by outward and visible marks of emotion. An evidence of guilt in certain cases. See Burzill, Circ. Ev. 476.

FEASANCE. A doing; the doing of an act; a performing or performance. See Malafeasance; Misfeasance; Nonfeasance.


FEASANT. Doing, or making, as, in the term "damage feasant," (doing damage or injury,) spoken of cattle straying upon another's land.

FEASOR. Doer; maker. Feasors del estatute, makers of the statute. Dyer, 35. Also used in the compound term, "tort-feasor," one who commits or is guilty of a tort.

FEASTS. Certain established festivals or holidays in the ecclesiastical calendar. These days were anciently used as the dates of legal instruments, and in England the quarter-days, for paying rent, are four feast-days. The terms of the courts, in England, before 1875, were fixed to begin on certain days determined with reference to the occurrence of four of the chief feasts.

FECIAL LAW. The nearest approach to a system of international law known to the ancient world. It was a branch of Roman jurisprudence, concerned with embassies, declarations of war, and treaties of peace. It received this name from the feciales, (q. v.), who were charged with its administration.

FECIALES. Among the ancient Romans, that order of priests who discharged the duties of ambassadors. Subsequently their duties appear to have related more particularly to the declaring of war and peace. Calvin.; 1 Kent, Comm. 6.

FEDERAL.

In Constitutional Law

A term commonly used to express a league or compact between two or more states, to become united under one central government. Montana Auto Finance Corporation v. British & Federal Underwriters of Norwich Union Fire Ins. Soc., 72 Mont. 69, 232 P. 195, 199, 38 A. L. R. 1495.

In American Law

Belonging to the general government or union of the states. Founded on or organized
under the constitution or laws of the United States.

The United States has been generally styled, in American political and judicial writings, a "federal government. The term has not been imposed by any specific constitutional authority, but only expresses the general sense and opinion upon the nature of the form of government. In recent years, there is observable a disposition to employ the term "national" in speaking of the government of the Union. Neither word settles anything as to the nature or powers of the government, "Federal" is somewhat more appropriate if the government is considered a union of the states; "national" is preferable if the view is adopted that the state governments and the Union are two distinct systems, each established by the people directly, one for local and the other for national purposes. See United States v. Cruzank, 22 U. S. 545, 22 L. Ed. 588; Abbott; Mills, Representative Government 301; Freeman, Fed. Gov't.

FEDERAL CENSUS. A census of each state or territory or of a certain state or of any subdivision or portion of any state, provided it is taken by and under the direction and supervision of the Census Bureau of the United States, and approved and certified by it as the census of that state or subdivision. In re Cleveland's Claim, 72 Okl. 279, 150 P. 852, 885.

FEDERAL COURTS. The courts of the United States. See Courts of the United States.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. The system of government administered in a state formed by the union or confederation of several independent or quasi independent states; also the composite state so formed. In strict usage, there is a distinction between a confederation and a federal government. The former term denotes a league or permanent alliance between several states, each of which is fully sovereign and independent, and each of which retains its full dignity, organization, and sovereignty, though yielding to the central authority a controlling power for a few limited purposes, such as external and diplomatic relations. In this case, the component states are the units, with respect to the confederation, and the central government acts upon them, not upon the individual citizens. In a federal government, on the other hand, the allied states form a union,—not, indeed, to such an extent as to destroy their separate organization or deprive them of quasi sovereignty with respect to the administration of their purely local concerns, but so that the central power is erected into a true state or nation, possessing sovereignty both external and internal,—while the administration of national affairs is directed, and its effects felt, not by the separate states deliberating as units, but by the people of all, in their collective capacity, as citizens of the nation. The distinction is expressed, by the German writers, by the use of the two words "Staatenbund" and "Bundesstaat;" the former denoting a league or confederation of states, and the latter a federal government, or state formed by means of a league or confederation.


FEDERAL QUESTION. Cases arising under the constitution of the United States, acts of congress, or treaties, and involving their interpretation or application, and of which jurisdiction is given to the federal courts, are commonly described by the legal profession as cases involving a "federal question." In re Sneveres (D. C.) 91 F. 372; U. S. v. Douglas, 113 N. C. 190, 18 S. E. 292; Williams v. Bruffy, 102 U. S. 248, 26 L. Ed. 135; Bryan v. Kennett, 113 U. S. 190, 5 S. Ct. 407, 28 L. Ed. 908; In re Vadner (D. C.) 250 F. 614, 632; Masters v. Traders' Nat. Bank, 129 Misc. 133, 220 N. Y. S. 499, 500.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION. An administrative body created by statute, with only the duties and powers granted expressly or by fair implication. Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis v. Federal Trade Commission (C. C. A.) 13 F.(2d) 675, 683. See 15 USCA §§ 41-51.

FEDERATED STATE. An independent central organization, having its own machinery absorbing, in view of international law, all the individual states associated together. Molina v. Comision Reguladora Del Mercado De Henequen, 91 N. J. Law, 382, 103 A. 397, 400.


FEE. A freehold estate in lands, held of a superior lord, as a reward for services, and on condition of rendering some service in return for it. The true meaning of the word "fee" is the same as that of "feud" or "diet," and in its original sense it is taken in contradistinction to "alodinum," which latter is defined as a man's own land, which he possesses merely in his own right, without owing any rent or service to any superior. 2 Bl. Comm. 105. See Wendell v. Crandall, 1 N. Y. 491.

In modern English tenures, "fee" signifies an estate of inheritance, being the highest and most extensive interest which a man can have in a feud; and when the term is used simply, without any adjunct, or in the form "fee-simple," it imports an absolute inheritance clear of any condition, limitation, or restriction to particular heirs, but descendible to the heirs general, male or female, lineal or collateral. 2 Bl. Comm. 106; Cowell; Termes de la Ley; 1 Washb. R. P. 51; Co. Litt. 1 b; 1 Prest. Est. 420; 3 Kent 514.
In General

—Base fee. A determinable or qualified fee; an estate having the nature of a fee, but not a fee simple absolute. In re Douglass Estate, 94 Neb. 280, 143 N. W. 299, 302, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 447; Stubbs v. Abel, 114 Or. 610, 233 P. 582, 589.

—Conditional fee. An estate restrained to some particular heirs, exclusive of others, as to the heirs of a man's body, by which only his lineal descendants were admitted, in exclusion of collateral; or to the heirs male of his body, in exclusion of heirs female, whether lineal or collateral. It was called a "conditional fee," by reason of the condition expressed or implied in the donation of it that, if the donor died without such particular heirs, the land should revert to the donor. 2 Bl. Comm. 110; Willis v. Mutual Loan & Trust Co., 183 N. C. 267, 111 S. E. 163, 165; Yates v. Yates, 104 Neb. 678, 178 N. W. 262, 263; Sho pp v. Unknown Claimants, etc., 174 Iowa, 602, 156 N. W. 850, 851; Adams v. Vern er, 102 S. C. 7, 86 S. E. 211, 214; Kirk v. Fur gerson, 6 Cold. (Tenn.) 485; Simmons v. Au gustin, 5 Port. (Ala.) 69; Paterson v. Ellis, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 277; Moody v. Walker, 3 Ark. 196; Hal bert v. Hal bert, 21 Mo. 254. The term includes a fee that is either to commence or determine on some condition; 10 Co. 95 b; Prest. Est. 476; Pearne, Cont. Rem. 9; and is sometimes used interchangeably with “base fee,” that is, one to determine or be defeated on the happening of some contingent event or act. Citizens' Electric Co. v. Susquehanna Boom Co., 270 Pa. 517, 113 A. 559, 561; Glass v. Johnson, 297 Ill. 149. 130 N. E. 473, 474.

—Determinable fee. Also called a "base" or "qualified" fee. Stubbs v. Abel, 114 Or. 610, 233 P. 582, 589. One which has a qualification subjoined to it, and which must be determined whenever the qualification annexed to it is at an end. Littleton § 254; Co. Litt. 27 a, 220; 1 Prest. Est. 449; 2 Bla. Comm. 109; Cruise, Dig. tit. 1, § 82. An estate in fee which is liable to be determined by some act or event expressed on its limitation to circumscribe its continuance, or inferred by law as having its extent. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 62; McLane v. Boyce, 35 Wis. 36. "Determinable fees" are interests which may continue forever, but which are liable to be determined by some act or event and are deemed fees because of the possibility of their enduring forever. Alfred v. Sylvester, 184 Ind. 542, 111 N. E. 914, 920.

—Fee damages. See Damages.

—Fee expectant. A name sometimes applied to an estate created where lands are given to a man and his wife and the heirs of their bodies. See also Frank-Marriage.

—Fee simple. See that title.

—Fee tail. See that title.

—Great fee. In feudal law, this was the designation of a fee held directly from the crown.

—Knight's fee. The determinate quantity of land, (held by an estate of inheritance,) or of annual income therefrom, which was sufficient to maintain a knight. Every man holding such a fee was obliged to be knighted, and attend the king in his wars for the space of forty days in the year, or pay a fine (called "escuage") for his non-compliance. The estate was estimated at £20 a year, or, according to Coke, 600 acres. See 1 Bl. Comm. 494, 419; 2 Bl. Comm. 62; Co. Litt. 69a.

—Limited fee. An estate of inheritance in lands, which is clogged or confined with some sort of condition or qualification. Such estates are base or qualified fees, conditional fees, and fee-tail. The term is opposed to "fee-simple." 2 Bl. Comm. 109; Lott v. Wyckoff, 1 Barb. (N. Y.) 575; Paterson v. Ellis, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 259.

—Plowman's fee. In old English law, this was a species of tenure peculiar to peasants or small farmers, somewhat like gavelkind, by which the lands descended in equal shares to all the sons of the tenant.

—Qualified fee. In English law. A fee having a qualification subjoined thereto, and which must be determined whenever the qualification annexed to it is at an end; otherwise termed a "base fee." 2 Bl. Comm. 109; 1 Steph. Comm. 225. An interest which may continue forever, but is liable to be determined, without the aid of a conveyance, by some act or event, circumscribing its continuance or extent. 4 Kent, Comm. 9; Moody v. Walker, 3 Ark. 200; U. S. v. Reese, 27 Fed. Cas. 743; Bryan v. Spieres, 3 Brew. (Tenn.) 553. An interest given to a man and certain of his heirs at the time of its limitation. See Kelso v. Stigar, 75 Md. 397, 24 A. 18.

—Quasi fee. An estate gained by wrong; for wrong is unlimited and unconfined within rules. Wharton. Also, the land which is held in fee. The compass or circuit of a manor or lordship. Cowell.

In American Law

An estate of inheritance without condition, belonging to the owner, and alienable by him, or transmissible to his heirs absolutely and simply. It is an absolute estate in perpetuity, and the largest possible estate a man can have, being, in fact, alodial in its nature. Earnest v. Little River Land, etc., Co., 109 Tenn. 427, 75 S. W. 1122; Phoenix v. Emigration Com's, 12 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 10; United States Pipe-Line Co. v. Delaware, L. & W. R. Co., 62 N. J. Law. 254, 41 A. 759, 42 L. R. A. 572; Glass v. Johnson, 297 Ill. 149. 130 N. E. 473, 474; Des Moines City R. Co. v. City of Des Moines, 158 Iowa 123. 150 N. W. 490, 452, L. R. A. 1918D, 839; Chance v. Weston, 90 Or. 390, 190 P. 155, 158.
An "estate in fee" is every estate which is not for life, for years or at will. Chance v. Weston, 96 Or. 390, 190 P. 155, 157.

The terms "fee," "fee-simple," and "fee simple absolute" are interchangeable. Walpole v. State Board of Land Com'rs, 62 Colo. 554, 163 P. 848, 850.

A reward, compensation, or wage given to one for the performance of official duties (clerk of court, sheriff, etc.) or for professional services, as in the case of an attorney at law or a physician;—frequently used in the plural form. See Alexander v. Walton, 151 Ga. 645, 107 S. E. 862; McRoberts v. Hoar, 28 Idaho, 163, 152 P. 1046, 1048. A recompense for an official or professional service or a charge or emolument or compensation for a particular act or service. Craig v. Shelton, 201 Ky. 790, 235 S.W. 934.

Fees differ from costs in this, that the former are a recompense to the officer for his services; and the latter, an indemnification to the party for monies laid out and expended in his suit; Musser v. Good, 11 S. & R. (P. A.) 249; McClain v. Continental Supply Co., 66 Okl. 225, 165 P. 315, 317; Parks v. Sutton, 60 Utah, 356, 208 P. 511, 514. See Lyon v. McManus, 4 Hinn. (Pa.) 167. Fees are synonymous with charges; McPheters v. Morrill, 65 Me. 121; Hudson v. Bartsch, 38 Idaho, 52, 229 P. 108; and also with "percentage" or "commission": City of Pittsburgh v. Greent, 228 Pa. 527, 86 A. 462, 495; Brown v. City of Amarillo (Tex. Civ. App.) 189 S. W. 654, 658.

"Salary," as relating to the compensation of public officers, is generally regarded as a periodical payment dependent upon time, while "fees" depend on services rendered, the amount of which is fixed by law and payable when the judgment allowing them is entered. State v. Bland, 91 Kan. 169, 136 P. 947, 999.

—Contingent fee. A fee stipulated to be paid to an attorney for his services in conducting a suit or other forensic proceeding only in case he wins it; it may be a percentage of the amount recovered. Adopted in Gray v. Stern, 55 Wash. 645, 149 P. 26, 28. See, also, Miles v. Cheyenne County, 96 Neb. 703, 148 N. W. 956, 962, L. R. A. 1917D. 258; Modlin v. Smith, 13 Ga. App. 239, 79 S. E. 82.

—Docket fee. See Docket.

—Fee-bill. A schedule of the fees to be charged by clerks of courts, sheriffs, or other officers, for each particular service in the line of their duties. Also, the proper process to collect fees due to officers and witnesses against a party for whom services are rendered. Farr v. Smith, 150 Mo. App. 460, 166 S. W. 655, 656.

FEE AND LIFE-RENT. In Scotch law. Two estates in land—the first of which is the full right of proprietorship, the second the limited right of usufruct during life—may be held together, or may coexist in different persons at the same time. See Bell, Prin. § 1712; Ersk. Prin. 420; Fiar.

FEE-FARM. A species of tenure, where land is held of another in perpetuity at a yearly rent, without fealty, homage, or other services than such as are specially comprised in the feoffment. It corresponds very nearly to the "emphyteusis" of the Roman law. Cowell. Fealty, however, was incident to a holding in fee-farm, according to some authors. Spelman; Termes de la Ley.

Fee-farm is where an estate in fee is granted subject to a rent in fee of at least one-fourth of the value of the lands at the time of its reservation. Such rent appears to be called "fee-farm" because a grant of lands reserving so considerable a rent is indeed only letting lands to farm in fee-simple, instead of the usual method of life or years. 2 Bl. Comm. 45; 1 Steph. Comm. 476.

Fee-farms are lands held in fee to render for them annually the true value, or more or less; so called because a farm rent is reserved upon a grant in fee. Such estates are estates of inheritance. They are classed among estates in fee-simple. No reversionary interest remains in the lessor, and they are therefore subject to the operation of the legal principles which forbid restraints upon alienation in all cases where no feudal relation exists between grantor and grantee. De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 467, 495, 57 Am. Dec. 470.

FEE-FARM RENT. The rent reserved on granting a fee-farm. It might be one-fourth the value of the land, according to Cowell; one-third, according to other authors. Spelman; Termes de la Ley; 2 Bl. Comm. 43. Fee-farm rent is a rent-charge issuing out of an estate in fee; a perpetual rent reserved on a conveyance in fee. De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 467, 495, 57 Am. Dec. 470.

FEE-SIMPLE. In English Law

A freehold estate of inheritance, absolute and unqualified. It stands at the head of estates as the highest in dignity and the most ample in extent; since every other kind of estate is derivable therefrom, and mergeable therein. It may be enjoyed not only in land, but also in advowsons, commons, estovers, and other hereditaments, as well as in personality, as an annuity or dignity, and also in an upper chamber, though the lower buildings and soil belong to another. Wharton; Co. Litt. 1 b 2; Bla. Comm. 106.

In American Law

FEE-SIMPLE

Fee-simple signifies a pure fee; an absolute estate of inheritance; that which a person holds inheritable to him and his heirs general forever. It is called "fee-simple," that is, "pure," because clear of any condition or restriction to particular heirs, being descendent to the heirs general, whether male or female, lineal or collateral. It is the largest estate and most extensive interest that can be enjoyed in land, being the entire property therein, and it confers an unlimited power of alienation. Haynes v. Bourn, 42 Vt. 698; Powers v. Trustees of Caledonia County Grammar School, 93 Vt. 229, 106 A. 859, 841; Smith v. Smith's Ex'r, 122 Va. 341, 129 S. E. 777, 779; Hays v. Walnut Creek Oil Co., 75 W. Va. 263, 83 S. E. 900, 903, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 802; Security Trust Co. v. Moberley, 139 Ky. 703, 151 S. W. 594, 665. But see Chase v. United States (C. C. A.) 223 F. 590, 598.

A fee-simple is the largest estate known to the law, and where no words of qualification or limitation are added, it means an estate in possession, and owned in severalty. It is undoubtedly true that a person may own a remainder or reversion in fee. But such an estate is not a fee-simple; it is a fee qualified or limited. So, when a person owns in common with another, he does not own the entire fee—a fee-simple; it is a fee divided or shared with another. Brackett v. Ridlon, 54 Me. 436.

The terms "fee," "fee simple," and "fee simple absolute" are interchangeable. Walpole v. State Board of Land Com'rs, 62 Colo. 554, 153 P. 548, 550; Jecko v. Tausig, 45 Mo. 170. And the term "absolute estate" is synonymous with "fee-simple estate." Bradford v. Martin, 199 Iowa, 259, 201 N. W. 574, 576; Middleton v. Dudding (Mo. Sup.) 182 S. W. 443, 444.

Absolute and Conditional

A fee simple absolute is an estate which is limited absolutely to a man and his heirs and assigns forever, without any limitation or condition. Frisby v. Ballance, 7 Ill. 144. At the common law, an estate in fee simple conditional was a fee limited or restrained to some particular heirs, exclusive of others. But the statute "De Donis" converted all such estates into estates tail. 2 Bl. Comm. 110.

FEE-TAIL. An estate tail; an estate of inheritance given to a man and his heirs of his body, or limited to certain classes of particular heirs. It corresponds to the feudaum talliatum of the feudal law, and the idea is believed to have been borrowed from the Roman law, where, by way of fidelitias commiseritas, lands might be entailed upon children and freedmen and their descendants, with restrictions as to alienation. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *96. For the varieties and special characteristics of this kind of estate, see Tail, Estate in.

FEED. To lend additional support; to strengthen ex post facto. "The interest when it accrues feeds the estoppel." Christmas v. Oliver, 5 Mood. & R. 202. Similarly, a subsequent title acquired by the mortgagor is said "to feed the mortgage."

The word is used in its ordinary sense with reference to cattle and hogs which are said to be made marketable by feeding. Brockway v. Rowley, 66 Ill. 102.

It is also used in the phrase feeding of a cow by and on the land to signify from the land while there is food on it, and with hay by the owner of the land at other times; 2 Q. B. Div. 49.

FEGANGI. In old English law. A thief caught while escaping with the stolen goods in his possession. Spelman.

FEHMGERICHT. The name given to certain secret tribunals which flourished in Germany from the end of the twelfth century to the middle of the sixteenth, usurping many of the functions of the governments which were too weak to maintain law and order, and inspiring dread in all who came within their jurisdiction. Enc. Brit. Such a court existed in Westphalia (though with greatly diminished powers) until finally suppressed by Jerome Bonaparte in 1811. See Hork, Geschichte der Westphalischen Fehmgerechte; Paul Wigand, Das Fehmgerecht Westphalens.

FEIGNED. Fictitious; pretended; supposititious; simulated.

FEIGNED ACCOMPlice. One who pretends to consult and act with others in the planning or commission of a crime, but only for the purpose of discovering their plans and confederates and securing evidence against them. State v. Verganadis, 50 Nev. 1, 248 P. 900, 903; People v. Bolanger, 71 Cal. 17, 11 Pac. 800.

FEIGNED ACTION. In practice. An action brought on a pretended right, when the plaintiff has no true cause of action, for some illegal purpose. In a feigned action the words of the writ are true. It differs from false action, in which case the words of the writ are false. Co. Litt. 361.

FEIGNED DISEASES. Simulated maladies. Diseases are generally feigned from one of three causes,—fear, shame, or the hope of gain.

FEIGNED ISSUE. An issue made up by the direction of a court of equity, (or by consent of parties), and sent to a common-law court, for the purpose of obtaining the verdict of a jury on some disputed matter of fact which the court has not jurisdiction, or is unwilling to decide. It rests upon a supposititious wager between the parties. See 2 Bl. Comm. 452. Under the reformed codes of some states issues may be framed in certain exceptional cases. In England, the practice has been disused since the passing of the stat. 8 and 9 Vict. c. 109, s. 19, permitting any court to refer any question of fact to a jury in a direct form. The act 21 and 22 Vict. c. 27, provided for trial by jury in the court of chancery.

FELAGUS. In Saxon law. One bound for another by oath; a sworn brother. A friend bound in the decennary for the good behavior of another. One who took the place of the
deceased. Thus, if a person was murdered, the recompense due from the murderer went to the felagus of the slain, in default of parents or lord. Cunningham; Cowell; Du Cange.

FIELD. A field; in composition, wild.

FELE, FEAL. L. Fr. Faithful. See Feal.

FELLATIO, or FELLATION. The offense committed with the male sexual organ and the mouth. State v. Murry, 136 La. 253, 66 So. 963. See Sodomy.

FELLOW. A co-worker; a partner or sharer of; a companion; one with whom we consort; one joined with another in some legal status or relation; a member of a college or corporate body.

FELLOW-HEIR. A co-heir; partner of the same inheritance.


When servants are employed and paid by the same master, and their duties are such as to bring them into such relation that negligence of one in doing his work may injure other in performance of his, then they are engaged in the same common business, and are "fellow servants." Hercules Powder Co. v. Hamsack, 145 Miss. 301, 110 So. 675, 677.

Convicts in involuntary servitude, having no power to refuse to enter upon the service to which they have been hired out by the state, or to quit it, are not "fellow servants." Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. v. Weir, 170 Ala. 227, 70 So. 531, 533.

FELLOW-SERVANT RULE. The rule that the master is not liable for injuries to a servant, caused by the negligence of a fellow servant engaged in the same general business, where the master has exercised due care in selection of servants. Setzkorn v. City of Buffalo, 210 App. Div. 416, 219 N. Y. S. 351, 352.

FELO DE SE. A felon of himself; a suicide or murderer of himself. One who deliberately and intentionally puts an end to his own life, or who commits some unlawful or malicious act which results in his own death. Hale, P. C. 411; 4 Bl. Comm. 180; Life Ass'n v. Waller, 57 Ga. 536.

FELON. One who has committed felony; one convicted of felony.

But a person who has committed a felony, been convicted, served his sentence, and been discharged, may be deemed, at least for some purposes, to be no longer a felon; 3 Exch. Div. 352.

FELONIA. Felony. The act or offense by which a vassal forfeited his fee. Speelman: Calvin. Per feloniam, with a criminal intention. Co. Litt. 391.


Felonia implicatur in quoddam prudiones. 3 Inst. 45. Felony is implied in every treason.

FELONICE. Feloniously. Cunningham, Law Dict. Anciently an indispensable word in indictments for felony, and classed by Lord Coke among those voces artis (words of art) which cannot be expressed by any periphrasis or circumlocution. 4 Coke, 39; Co. Litt. 301b; 4 Bl. Comm. 307.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT. Such an assault upon the person as, if consummated, would subject the party making it, upon conviction, to the punishment of a felony, that is, to imprisonment in the penitentiary. Hinkle v. State, 94 Ga. 565, 21 S. E. 595.

FELONIOUS HOMICIDE. The offense of killing a human creature, of any age or sex, without justification or excuse. There are two degrees of this offense, manslaughter and murder. It may include killing oneself as well as any other person. 4 Bl. Comm. 188, 190; 4 Steph. Comm. 108, 111; State v. Symmes, 40 S. C. 323, 19 S. E. 16; Connor v. Com., 76 Ky. 718; State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 564, 32 Atl. 137.


FELONY. In English Law

This term meant originally the state of having forfeited lands and goods to the crown upon conviction for certain offenses, and then, by transition, any offense upon conviction for which such forfeiture followed, in addition to capital or any other punishment prescribed by law; as distinguished from a "misdemeanor," upon conviction for which no forfeiture followed. All indictable offenses are either felonies or misdemeanors, but a material part of the distinction is taken away by St. 33 & 34 Vict. c. 25, which abolishes forfeiture for felony. Wharton; 4 Bla. Comm. 94; 1 Russ. Cr. 78; Co. Litt. 391; 1 Hawk. Pl. Cr. c. 37; U. S. v. Smith, 5 Wheat. (U. S.) 153, 5 L. Ed. 57; 1 Bish. New Cr. L. § 616.

In American Law

The term has no very definite or precise meaning, except in some cases where it is defined by statute. For the most part, the state laws, in describing any particular offense, declare whether or not it shall be considered a felony. Apart from this, the word seems merely to imply a crime of a graver or more atrocious nature than those designated as "misdemeanors." U. S. v. Copper-smith (C. C.) 4 Fed. 203; Bannon v. U. S., 156 U. S. 464, 15 Sup. Ct. 467, 39 L. Ed. 494; Mitchell v. State, 42 Ohio St. 358; State v. Lincoln, 49 N. H. 469; People v. Van Steenburgh, 1 Park. Cr. Rep. (N. Y.) 39; Matthews v. State, 4 Ohio St. 542. In general, what is felony under the English common law is such under ours; 1 Bish. Cr. L. § 617; Clark, Cr. L. 33. A crime is not a felony unless so declared by statute, or it was such at the common law; State v. Murphy, 17 R. I. 698, 24 Atl. 473, 16 R. A. D. 590.

The word "felony" is a generic term, going to distinguish certain crimes, as murder, robbery, and larceny, from other minor offenses known as "misdemeanors." State v. Celsott, 138 La. 467, 79 So. 345, 346. At common law "felony" was any crime which occasioned the forfeiture of lands and goods, but the statutory division of crimes into felonies and misdemeanors is in no sense known to the common law, and is not based upon the same distinction. People v. Comors, 301 Ill. 112, 133 N. E. 639, 640.

The statutes or constitutions of many states define felony as any public offense on conviction of which the offender is liable to be sentenced to death or to imprisonment in a penitentiary or state prison. Code Ala. 1927, § 6756 (Code 1923, § 3574); Const. Colo. art. 18, § 4; Code Ga. 1852, § 3404 (Fen. Code 1910, § 2); Code Iowa, §§ 5088, 5074 (Code 1883, §§ 12890, 12891); Ky. St. § 1127; Rev. St. Me. 1916, c. 137, § 11 (Rev. St. 1930, c. 143, § 11); Rev. Laws Mass. c. 215, § 1 (G. L. [Ter. Ed.] c. 274, § 1); Rev. St. Mo. 1909, § 4923 (Mo. St. Ann. § 4171); Penal Law N. Y. (Consol. Laws, c. 40) § 2; G. S. N. C. § 4171; Gen.
Code Ohio; § 12372; St. Wis. § 553.31. But see Dutton v. State, 128 Md. 373, 91 A. 417,
419, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 616. Under U. S. Cr. Code, § 335 (18 USCA § 541), offenses punishable
by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year are felonies. Joplin Mercantile Co. v. United States (C. C. A.) 213 F. 926, 935, Ann. Cas. 1916C, 470; Hass v. United

Generally, an offense is a felony, if it may be
punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary, regard-
lessly of what penalty actually is imposed. Seits v. Ohio State Medical Board, 24 Ohio App. 154, 157 N. E. 304, 305; Ferguson v. State, 101 Tex. Cr. R. 670, 57 S. W. 919, 929; People v. War, 29 Cal. 117; State v. Melton, 117 Me. 618, 23 S. W. 889. See Benton v. Com., 99 Va. 570, 36 S. E. 726; State v. Harr, 38 W. Va. 58, 37 S. E. 794; contra:
Lamkin v. People, 94 Ill. 501.

In Feudal Law

An act or offense on the part of the vassal,
which cost him his fee, or in consequence of
which his fee fell into the hands of his lord;
that is, became forfeited. (See Felonia.) Per-
fidy, ingratitude, or disloyalty to a lord.

In General

—Felony act. The statute 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23,
abolishing forfeitures for felony, and san-
tonishing the appointment of interim curators
and administrators of the property of felons.
Mozley & Whitley; 4 Steph. Comm. 10, 459.

—Felony, compounding of. See Compounding
Felony.

—Misprision of felony. See Misprision.

—Reducible felony. A felony upon conviction of
which the offender may be punished as
for a misdemeanor, upon recommendation of
the jury. Atkins v. State, 154 Ga. 540, 114 S.
E. 878.

FELTING. In the process of “felting,” as
applied to the manufacture of fur felt hats,
the fur fibers become interlocked with the wool
fibers, or with other fibers of fur, for their
whole length. Matteawan Mfg. Co. v. Em-
mons Bros. Co. (C. C. A.) 250 F. 372, 375. See,
also, Werk v. Parker (C. C. A.) 231 F. 121,
129.

FEMALE. The sex which conceives and gives
birth to young. Also a member of such sex.
The term is generic, but may have the spe-
cific meaning of “woman,” if so indicated by
the context. State v. Hemm, 82 Iowa, 609, 48
N. W. 917; State v. Phillips, 26 N. D. 206,
Cas. 1916A, 529.

Unmarried Female

A term descriptive not only of those who
have never married, but also of widows and
divorced women. People v. Weinstock, 140
N. Y. S. 463, 465, 27 N. Y. Cr. R. 53.

FEME, FEMME. L. Fr. A woman. Also,
a wife, as in the phrase “baron et feme” (q. v.).

FEME COVERT. A married woman. Gener-
ally used in reference to the legal disabilities
of a married woman, as compared with the
condition of a feme sole. Hoker v. Buggs, 43 Ill.
161.

FEME SOLE. A single woman, including
those who have been married, but whose mar-
rriage has been dissolved by death or divorce,
and, for most purposes, those women who are
judicially separated from their husbands.
Mozley & Whitley; 2 Steph. Comm. 250.
Kirkley v. Lacey, 7 Houst. (Del.) 213, 30 Atl.
984.

FEME SOLE TRADER. In English law. A
married woman, who, by the custom of Lon-
don, trades on her own account, independently
of her husband; so called because, with re-
spect to her trading, she is the same as a
feme sole. Jacob; Cro. Car. 68. The term
is applied also to women deserted by their
husbands, who do business as feme sole.
Rhea v. Rheenner, 1 Pet. 105, 7 L. Ed. 72.
The custom was recognized as common law in
South Carolina, but did not extend beyond
trading in merchandise; McDaniel v. Corn-
well, 1 Hill (S. C.) 429; Newbiggin v. Pillans,
2 Bay (S. C.) 154. By statute in several states
a similar custom is recognized, as in Penn-
sylvania, by act of Feb. 22, 1785 (48 PS § 41).
Black v. Tricker, 59 Pa. 13; People’s Sav.

FEMICIDE. The killing of a woman. Whar-
ton. One who kills a woman.

FEMININE. Of or belonging to females.

FENATIO (or Feonatio). In forest law.
the fawning of deer; the fawning season.
Spelman.

FENCE, v. In old Scotch law. To defend
or protect by formalities. To “fence a court”
was to open it in due form, and interdict all
manner of persons from disturbing their pro-
ceedings. This was called “fencing,” q. d., de-
defending or protecting the court. Pitcairn, Cr.
Law, pt. 1, p. 75.

FENCE, n. A hedge, structure, or partition,
erected for the purpose of inclosing a piece
of land, or to divide a piece of land into dis-
tinct portions, or to separate two contiguous
estates. See Kimball v. Carter, 95 Va. 77, 27
S. E. 823, 38 L. R. A. 570; Estes v. Railroad
Co., 63 Me. 309; Allen v. Tobias, 77 Ill.
171; Wolf v. Schwill, 289 Ill. 190, 124 N. E.
207 S. W. 913, 914.

An inclosure about a field or other place, or about
any object; especially, an inclosing structure of
wood, iron or other material, intended to prevent
intrusion from without or straying from within.
Midland Valley R. Co. v. Bryant, 37 Okl. Cr. 206,
131 P. 678.
By statute in Oregon, all precipes, embankments, streams, lakes, and other natural obstruction, if equally secured against the trespass of domestic animals, shall be treated as lawful fences. Seavey v. Williams, 57 Or. 299, 191 P. 779, 781.

Colloquially, a person who receives stolen goods from persons who steal them. People v. Boneau, 327 Ill. 194, 158 N. E. 431, 436.

**FENCE-MONTH, or DEFENSE-MONTH.** In old English law. A period of time, occurring in the middle of summer, during which it was unlawful to hunt deer in the forest, that being their fawning season. Probably so called because the deer were then defended from pursuit or hunting. Manwood; Cowell; Spelman.


**FERATION.** Usury; the gain of interest; the practice of increasing money by lending. Sometimes applied to interest on money lent. See Colebrook, Dig. Hindu Law, I. 7.

**FENGELD.** In Saxon law. A tax or imposition, exacted for the repelling of enemies. Spelman.

**FENIAN.** A champion, hero, giant. This word, in the plural, is generally used to signify invaders or foreign spoliators. The modern meaning of “Fenian” is a member of an organization of persons of Irish birth, resident in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere, having for its aim the overthrow of English rule in Ireland. Webster.

**FEOD.** The same as feud or ref. 2 Bla. Comm. 45; Spelman.

**FEODAL.** Belonging to a fee or feud; feudal. More commonly used by the old writers than feud.

**FEODAL ACTIONS.** Real actions. 3 Bla. Comm. 117.

**FEODAL SYSTEM.** See Feudal System.

**FEODALITY.** Fidelity or fealty. Cowell. See Fealty.

**FEODARUM (or FEUDARAM) CONSUETUDINES.** The customs of feuds. The name of a compilation of feudal laws and customs made at Milan in the twelfth century. It is the most ancient work on the subject, and was always regarded, on the continent of Europe, as possessing the highest authority.

**FEODARY.** An officer of the court of wards, appointed by the master of that court, under Sec. VIII, c. 26, whose business it was to be present with the escheator in every county at the finding of offices of lands, and to give evidence for the king, as well concerning the value as the tenure; and his office was also to survey the land of the ward, after the office found, and to rate it. He also assigned the king's widows their dower; and received all the rents, etc. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24. Wharton; Kennett, Gloss; Cowell.

**FEODATORY, or FEUDATORY.** In feudal law. The grantee of a feud, feud, or fee; the vassal or tenant who held his estate by feudal service. Termes de la Ley. Blackstone uses “feudatory.” 2 Bl. Comm. 46.

**FEODI FIRMA.** In old English law. Fee-farm (q. v.).

**FEODI FIRMARIUS.** The lessee of a fee-farm.

**FEODUM.** This word (meaning a feud or fee) is the one most commonly used by the older English law-writers, though its equivalent, “feudum” (q. v.), is used generally by the more modern writers and by the feudal law-writers. Litt. § 1; Spelman. There were various classes of feoda, among which may be enumerated the following: Feodum latum, a lay fee. Feodum militare, a knight's fee. Feodum improprium, an improper or derivative fee. Feodum proprium, a proper and original fee, regulated by the strict rules of feudal succession and tenure. Feodum simplex, a simple or pure fee; fee-simple. Feodum tallitum, a fee-tall. See 2 Bl. Comm. 58, 62; Litt. §§ 1, 13; Bract. fol. 175; Glan. 13, 23.

In Old English Law

A seigniory or jurisdiction. Flet, lib. 2, c. 63, § 4.

A fee, a perquisite or compensation for a service. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 7.

In General

—Feodum antiquum. A feud which devolved upon a vassal from his intestate ancestor.

—Feodum nobile. A fee for which the tenant did guard and owed homage. Spelman.

—Feodum novum. A feud acquired by a vassal himself.

Feodum est quod quasi tenet ex quacunque causa sit tenementum sive redditus. Co. Litt. 1. A fee is that which any one holds from whatever cause, whether tenement or rent.

Feodum simplex quia feodum idem est quod hereditas, et simplex idem est quod legitimum vel purum; et sic feodum simplex idem est quod hereditas legitima vel hereditas pura. Litt. § 1. A fee-simple, so called because fee is the same as inheritance, and simple is the same as lawful or pure; and thus fee-simple is the
same as a lawful inheritance, or pure inheritance.

Feodum talliatum, l. e., hereditas in quandam certitudinem limitata. Litt. § 13. Fee-tail, f. e., an inheritance limited in a definite descent.

FEOFFAMENTUM. A fee-offment. 2 Bl. Comm. 310.

FEOFFARE. To enfeof; to bestow a fee. The bestower was called "feofer," and the grantee or feoffee, "feoffatus." 1 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 91.

FEOFFATORE. In old English law. A feoffor or feoffor; one who gives or bestows a fee; one who makes a feoffment. Bract. fols. 128, 81.

FEOFFATUS. In old English law. A feoffee; one to whom a fee is given, or a feoffment made. Bract. fols. 179, 416.

FEOFFEE. He to whom a fee is conveyed. Litt. § 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 20.

FEOFFEE TO USES. A person to whom land was conveyed for the use of a third party. (The latter was called "cestui que use.") One holding the same position with reference to a use that a trustee does to a trust. 1 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 333. He answers to the hares fiduciaries of the Roman law.

FEOFFMENT. The gift of any corporeal hereditament to another (2 Bl. Comm. 310), operating by transmission of possession, and requiring, as essential to its completion, that the seisin be passed (Warb. Conv. 180), which, might be accomplished either by investiture or by livery of seisin. 1 Warb. Real Prop. 33. See Thatcher v. Omans, 3 Pick. (Mass.) 532; French v. French, 3 N. H. 260; Perry v. Price, 1 Mo. 554; Orndoff v. Turman, 2 Leigh (Va.) 233, 21 Am. Dec. 608. A gift of a freehold interest in land accompanied by livery of seisin. The essential part is the livery of seisin. 3 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 187.

Also the deed or conveyance by which such corporeal hereditament is passed.

A feoffment originally meant the grant of a feu or fee; that is, a barony or knight's fee, for which certain services were due from the feoffee to the feoffor. This was the proper sense of the word; but by custom it came afterwards to signify also a grant (with livery of seisin) of a free inheritance to a man and his heirs, referring rather to the perpetuity of the estate than to the feudal tenure. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 90, 91. It was for ages the only method (in ordinary use) for conveying the freehold of land in possession, but has now fallen in great measure into disuse, even in England, having been almost entirely supplanted by some of that class of conveyances founded on the statute law of the realm. 1 Steph. Comm. 467, 468; Dane, Abr. c. 194; Sterne, Real Act. 2; Green v. Leter, 8 Cranch (U. S.) 239, 3 L. Ed. 545.

FEOFFMENT TO USES. A fee-offment of lands to one person to the use of another. In such case the feoffee was bound in conscience to hold the lands according to the use, and could himself derive no benefit. Sometimes such feoffments were made to the use of the feoffor. The effect of such conveyance was entirely changed by the statute of uses. See Wm. R. P. (6th Ed.) 155; 2 Sand. Us. 13; Warb. Conv. 288.

FEOFFOR. The person making a feoffment, or enfeofing another in fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 310; Litt. §§ 1, 57.

FEOH. This Saxon word meant originally cattle, and thence property or money, and, by a second transition, wages, reward, or fee. It was probably the original form from which the words "feod," "feudum," "fief," "feu," and "fee" (all meaning a feudal grant of land) have been derived. Spelman, Feuds.

FEONATIO. In forest law. The fawning season of deer.

FEORME. A certain portion of the produce of the land due by the grantee to the lord according to the terms of the charter. Spel. Feuds, c. 7.

FER/ß BESTi/E. Wild beasts.

FER/ß NATURÆ. Lat. Of a wild nature or disposition. Animals which are by nature wild are so designated, by way of distinction from such as are naturally tame, the latter being called "domita naturæ." Fleet v. Hegeman, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 43; State v. Taylor, 27 N. J. Law, 119, 72 Am. Dec. 347; Gillet v. Mason, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 17.

FERCOSTA. Ital. A kind of small vessel or boat. Mentioned in old Scotch law, and called "fercost." Skene.

FERDELÆ TERRÆ. A fardel-land; ten acres; or perhaps a yard-land. Cowell.

FERDÆRE. Sax. A summons to serve in the army. An acquittance from going into the army. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 23.

FERDINGUS. A term denoting, apparently, a freeman of the lowest class, being named after the cotessi. Anc. Inst. Eng.

FERDWITE. In Saxon law. An acquittance of manslaughter committed in the army; also a fine imposed on persons for not going forth on a military expedition. Cowell.

FERIA. In old English law. A holiday; a day on which process could not be served; a fair; a ferry. Cowell; Du Cange; Spelman; 4 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law 17.

FERIÆ. In Roman law. Holidays; generally speaking, days or seasons during which free-born Romans suspended their political transactions and their lawsuits, and during which slaves enjoyed a cessation from labor. All feria were thus dies nefasti. All feria
were divided into two classes—"feriae publicae" and "feriae private." The latter were only observed by single families or individuals, in commemoration of some particular event which had been of importance to them or their ancestors. Smith, Dict. Antiq.

Numerous festivals were called by this name in the early Roman Empire. In the later Roman Empire the single days occurring at intervals of a week apart, commencing with the seventh day of the ecclesiastical year, were so called. Du Cange.

FERIAL DAYS. Originally and properly, days free from labor and pleading; holidays. In statute 27 Hen. VI. c. 5, working-days; weekdays, as distinguished from Sunday. Cowell.

FERITA. In old European law. A wound; a stroke. Spelman.

FERLING. In old records. The fourth part of a penny; also the quarter of a ward in a borough.

FERLINGATA. A fourth part of a yardland.

FERLINGUS, or FERLINGUM. A furlong. Co. Litt. 5 b.

FERM, or FEARM. A house or land, or both, let by lease. Cowell.

FERME. A farm; a rent; a lease; a house or land, or both, taken by indenture or lease. Plowd. 365; Vicat; Cowell. See Farm.


FERMENTED LIQUORS. Beverages produced by, or which have undergone, a process of alcoholic fermentation, to which they owe their intoxicating properties, including beer, wine, hard cider, and the like, but not spirituous or distilled liquors. State v. Lemp, 16 Mo. 391; State v. Biddle, 64 N. H. 385; People v. Foster, 64 Mich. 715, 31 N. W. 596; State v. Gill, 89 Minn. 562, 95 N. W. 449; State v. Adams, 53 N. H. 568; People v. Emmons, 175 Mich. 123, 144 N. W. 479, 481, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 425.

FERMER, FERMOR. A lessee; a farmer. One who holds a term, whether of lands or an incorporeal right, such as customs or revenue.

FERMIER. In French law. One who farms any public revenue.

FERMISONA. In old English law. The winter season for killing deer.

FERMORY. In old records. A place in monasteries, where they received the poor, (hospicio excipiebant,) and gave them provisions, (ferm, firma.) Spelman. Hence the modern infirmary, used in the sense of a hospital.

FERNIGO. In old English law. A waste ground, or place where fern grows. Cowell.

FERRATOR. A farrier (q. v.).

FERRI. In the civil law. To be borne; that is on or about the person. This was distinguished from portari, (to be carried,) which signified to be carried on an animal. Dig. 50, 16, 235.

FERRAGIAE. The toll or fare paid for the transportation of persons and property across a ferry.

Literally speaking, it is the price or fare fixed by law for the transportation of the traveling public, with such goods and chattels as they may have with them, across a river, bay, or lake. People v. San Francisco & A. R. Co., 53 Cal. 606.


FERRUERE, or FERRURA. The shoeing of horses. Kelham. See Ferrum.


FERRY. A liberty to have a boat upon a river for the transportation of men, horses, and carriages with their contents, for a reasonable toll. The term is also used to designate the place where such liberty is exercised. See New York v. Starn, 8 N. Y. St. Rep. 655; Broadnax v. Baker, 94 N. C. 681, 55 Am. Rep. 633; Einstman v. Black, 14 Ill. App. 381; State v. Wilson, 42 Me. 9; State v. Freeholders of Hudson County, 23 N. J. L. 206; Woolf. Ways 217. The term is also used to designate the place where such liberty is exercised; Chapelle v. Wells, 4 Mart. La. (N. S.) 426.

"Ferry" properly means a place of transit across a river or arm of the sea; but in law it is treated as a franchise, and defined as the exclusive right to carry passengers across a river, or arm of the sea, from one vili to another, or to connect a continuous line of road leading from one township or vill to another. It is not a servitude or easement. It is wholly unconnected with the ownership or occupation of land, so much so that the owner of the ferry need not have any property in the soil adjacent on either side. (12 C. B., N. S., 32.) Brown.

In a strict sense a ferry is a continuation of a highway from one side of the water to the other and is for the transportation of passengers, vehicles and other property; Mayor, etc., of New York v. Starn, 196 N. Y. 11, 22 N. E. 561; Broadnax v. Baker, 94 N. C. 675, 55 Am. Rep. 633; Chesapeake Ferry Co. v. Hampton Roads Transp. Co., 145 Va. 28, 133 S. E. 561, 563.

A ferry is an incorporeal hereditament acquired from the public, and, in this country, granted by a special act of the Legislature, or by some other competent authority under the provisions of a general law. It comprises not merely the exclusive
privilege of transportation, for tolls, across a stream or other body of water, but also the use for that purpose of the respective landings, with the outlets therefrom; without which the grant would be wholly nugatory. It is usually established upon some public road, of which it is a connecting link; but the landings may be altogether private property, in which case the grant supposes that they belong to the grantees, or that he is entitled to the use thereof for the purposes of the ferry. In either case, the use of the landings and outlets is a part of the franchise, so far as the public is concerned. If they constitute portions of the highway, as they do where the ferry is on a duly established road, then the grant is a delegation of the use of the public easement, so far as is necessary for the purposes of the ferry. Hale v. Record, 74 Oklt. 77, 176 P. 755, 757.

Public and Private

A public ferry is one to which all the public have the right to resort, for which a regular fare is established, and the ferryman is a common carrier, bound to take over all who apply, and bound to keep his ferry in operation and good repair. Hudspeth v. Hall, 111 Ga. 510, 38 S. E. 770; Broadnax v. Baker, 94 N. C. 691, 55 Am. Rep. 835. By statute in some states, all ferries upon any public navigable stream shall be deemed public ferries. Kirby's Dig. § 3565; St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Harrison, 140 Ark. 158, 215 S. W. 698. A private ferry is one mainly for the use of the owner, and though he may take pay for ferriage, he does not follow it as a business. His ferry is not open to the public at its demand, and he may or may not keep it in operation. Hudspeth v. Hall, supra; St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Harrison, 140 Ark. 158, 215 S. W. 698.

FERRY FRANCHISE. The public grant of a right to maintain a ferry at a particular place; a right conferred to land at a particular point and secure toll for the transportation of persons and property from that point across the stream. Mills v. St. Clair County, 7 Ill. 208. A grant by the state or its authorized subdivisions to a named person, empowering him to continue an interrupted land highway over interrupting waters. Ferry Co. v. Solano Aquatic Club, Vallejo, 165 Cal. 255, 131 P. 584, 871, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 1197.

FERRYBOAT. A vessel traversing any of the waters of the state between two constant points regularly employed for the transfer of passengers and freight, authorized by law so to do, and also any boat employed as a part of the system of a railroad for the transfer of passengers and freight plying at regular and stated periods between two points. Pol. Code Cal. § 3643; Lake Tahoe Ry. & Transp. Co. v. Roberts, 168 Cal. 571, 142 P. 786, 789, Ann. Cas. 1916E, 1196.

FERRYMAN. One employed in taking persons across a river or other stream, in boats or other contrivances, at a ferry. Covington Ferry Co. v. Moore, 8 Dana (Ky.) 158; State v. Clarke, 2 McCord (S. C.) 48, 18 Am. Dec. 701.

FESTA IN CAPPIS. In old English law. Grand holidays, on which choirs wore caps. Jacob.

Festinatio justicie est nevera infortunii. Hob. 37. Hasty justice is the stepmother of misfortune.

FESTING-MAN. In old English law. A bondsman; a surety; a frank-pledge, or one who was surety for the good behavior of another. Monasteries enjoyed the privilege of being "free from festing-men," which means that they were "not bound for any man's forthcoming who should transgress the law." Cowell. See Frank-Pledge.

FESTING-PENNY. Earnest given to servants when hired or retained. The same as aries-penny. Cowell.

FESTINUM REMEDIA. Lat. A speedy remedy. A term applied to those cases where the remedy for the redress of an injury is given without any unnecessary delay. Bacon, Abr. Assiss, A. The action of dower is festinum remedium. The writ of assise was also thus characterised (in comparison with the less expeditious remedies previously available) by the statute of Westminster 2 (13 Edw. I. c. 24.)

FESTUCA. In Frankish law. A rod or staff of (as described by other writers) a stick, on which imprecatory runs were cut, which was used as a gage or pledge of good faith by a party to a contract, or for symbolic delivery in the conveyance or quit-claim of land, before a court of law, anterior to the introduction of written documents by the Romans. 2 Poll. & Maist. 88, 184, 190; Maistl. Domestay Book and Beyond 323. *

FESTUM. A feast, holiday, or festival. Festum stiliorum, the feast of fools.

FETICIDE. In medical jurisprudence. Destruction of the fetus; the act by which criminal abortion is produced. 1 Beck, Med. Jur. 288; Guy, Med. Jur. 133. See, also, Prolificide.

FETTERS. Chains or shackles for the feet; irons used to secure the legs of convicts, unruly prisoners, etc. Similar chains securing the wrists are called "handcuffs."

FEU. In Scotch law. A holding or tenure where the vassal, in place of military service, makes his return in grain or money. Distinguished from "wardship," which is the military tenure of the country. Bell; Erskine, Inst. lib. ii. tit. 3, § 7.

FEU ANNUALS. In Scotch law. The redendo, or annual return from the vassal to a superior in a feu holding. Wharton, Dict., 2d Lond. Ed.

FEU HOLDING. A holding by tenure of rendering grain or money in place of military service. Bell.

FEUAR. In Scotch law. The tenant or vassal of a feu; a feu-vassal. Bell.

FEUD. In Feudal Law

An estate in land held of a superior on condition of rendering him services. 2 Bl. Comm. 105.

An inheritable right to the use and occupation of lands, held on condition of rendering services to the lord or proprietor, who himself retains the property in the lands. See Speel. Feuds, c. 1.

In this sense the word is the same as “feod,” “feodium,” “feudum,” “tieff,” or “fee.” 1 Sullivan, Lect. 128; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 34; Dalrymple, Feud. Pr. 90; 1 Washb. R. P. 18; Mitch. R. 80.

In Saxon and Old German Law

An enmity, or species of private war, existing between the family of a murdered man and the family of his slayer. In Scotland and the north of England, a combination of all the kin to revenge the death of any of the blood upon the slayer and all his race. Termes de la Ley; Whishaw. See Deadly Feud; Frailda.

Military Feuds

The genuine or original feuds which were in the hands of military men, who performed military duty for their tenures.

FEUDA. Feuds or fees.

FEUDAL. Pertaining to feuds or fees; relating to or growing out of the feudal system or feudal law; having the quality of a feud, as distinguished from “allodial.”

FEUDAL ACTIONS. An ancient name for real actions, or such as concern real property only. 3 Bl. Comm. 117.

FEUDAL COURTS. In the 12th century a lord qua lord, had the right to hold a court for his tenants; in the 13th century, they became of less importance and for three reasons: The feudal principle would have led to a series of courts one above the other, and the dominions of the large landowners were usually scattered, so that great feudal courts became impossible. The growth of the jurisdiction of the king’s court removed the necessity for feudal courts. All the incidents of the feudal system came to be regarded in a commercial spirit—as property. Its jurisdiction became merely appantant to landowning. 1 Holdew. Hist. E. L. 64.

FEUDAL LAW. The body of jurisprudence relating to feuds; the real-property law of the feudal system; the law anciently regulating the property relations of lord and vassal, and the creation, incidents, and transmission of feudal estates. The body of laws and usages constituting the “feudal law” was originally customary and unwritten, but a compilation was made in the twelfth century, called “Feodarum Constutudines,” which has formed the basis of later digests. The feudal law prevailed over Europe from the twelfth to the fourteenth century, and was introduced into England at the Norman Conquest, where it formed the entire basis of the law of real property until comparatively modern times. Survivals of the feudal law, to the present day, so affect and color that branch of jurisprudence as to require a certain knowledge of the feudal law in order to the perfect comprehension of modern tenures and rules of real-property law.

FEUDAL POSSESSION. The equivalent of “seisin” under the feudal system.

FEUDAL SYSTEM. The system of feuds. A political and social system which prevailed throughout Europe during the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries, and is supposed to have grown out of the peculiar usages and policy of the Teutonic nations who overrun the continent after the fall of the Western Roman Empire, as developed by the exigencies of their military domination, and possibly furthered by notions taken from the Roman jurisprudence. It was introduced into England, in its completeness, by William I., A.D. 1066, though it may have existed in a rudimentary form among the Saxons before the Conquest. It formed the entire basis of the real-property law of England in medieval times; and survivals of the system, in modern times, so modify and color that branch of jurisprudence, both in England and America, that many of its principles require for their complete understanding a knowledge of the feudal system. The feudal system originated in the relations of a military chieftain and his followers, or king and nobles, or lord and vassals, and especially their relations as determined by the bond established by a grant of land from the former to the latter. From this it grew into a complete and intricate complex of rules for the tenure and transmission of real estate, and of correlated duties and services; while, by tying men to the land and to those holding above and below them, it created a close-knit hierarchy of persons, and[]
Esprit des Lois, bk. 30; Gutzot, Hist. Civilization.

FEUDAL TENURES. The tenures of real estate under the feudal system, such as knight-service, socage, villenage, etc.

FEUDALISM. The feudal system; the aggregate of feudal principles and usages.

FEUDALIZE. To reduce to a feudal tenure; to conform to feudalism. Webster.

FEUDARY. A tenant who holds by feudal tenure, (also spelled "feodatory" and "feudatory.") Held by feudal service. Relating to feuds or feudal tenures.

FEUDBOTE. A recompense for engaging in a feud, and the damages consequent. It having been the custom in ancient times for all the kindred to engage in their kinsman's quarrel. Jacob.

FEUDE. An occasional early form of "feud" in the sense of private war or vengeance. Termes de la Ley. See Feud.

FEUDIST. A writer on feuds, as Cujacius, Spelman, etc.

FEUDO. In Spanish law. Feud or fee. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 2, c. 2.

FEUDORUM LIBRI. The Books of Feuds published during the reign of Henry III., about the year 1252. The particular customs of Lombardy as to feuds began about that time to be the standard of authority to other nations, by reason of the greater refinement with which that branch of learning had been there cultivated. This compilation was probably known in England, but does not appear to have had any other effect than to influence English lawyers to the more critical study of their own tenures, and to induce them to extend the learning of real property so as to embrace more curious matter of similar kind. 2 Reeves, Hist. Eng. Law, 55.

FEUDUM. l. Lat. A feud, fief, or fee. A right of using and enjoying forever the lands of another, which the lord grants on condition that the tenant shall render fealty, military duty, and other services. Spelman. It is not properly the land, but a right in the land. This form of the word is used by the feudal writers. The earlier English writers generally prefer the form feodum. There was an older word feum.

Its use by the Normans is exceedingly obscure. "Feudal" was not in their vocabulary. Usually it denoted a stretch of land, rarely a tenure or mass of rights. It came to be applied to every person who had heritable rights in land. Maiti, Someday Book and Beyond 182.

FEUDUM ANTIQUUM. An ancient feud or fief; a fief descended to the vassal from his ancestors. 2 Bl. Comm. 212, 221. A fief which ancestors had possessed for more than four generations. Spelman; Priest v. Cummings, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 349.

FEUDUM APERTUM. An open feud or fief; a fief resulting back to the lord, where the blood of the person last seised was utterly extinct and gone or where the tenant committed a crime, or gave other legal cause. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 245.

FEUDUM FRANCUM. A free feud. One which was noble and free from tallage and other subsidies to which the plebeis feuda (vulgar feuds) were subject. Spelman.

FEUDUM HAUBERTICUM. A fee held on the military service of appearing fully armed at the ban and arriere ban. Spelman.

FEUDUM IMPROPRIMUM. An improper or derivative feud or fief. 2 Bl. Comm. 58.

FEUDUM INDIVIDUUM. An indivisible or inaparable feud or fief; descendible to the eldest son alone. 2 Bl. Comm. 215.

FEUDUM LAICUM. A lay fee.

FEUDUM LIGIUM. A liege feud or fief; a fief held immediately of the sovereign; one for which the vassal owed fealty to his lord against all persons. 1 Bl. Comm. 367; Spelman.

FEUDUM MATERNUM. A maternal fief; a fief descended to the feudality from his mother. 2 Bl. Comm. 212.

FEUDUM MILITARE. A knight's fee, held by knight service and esteemed the most honorable species of tenure. 2 Bla. Comm. 62.

FEUDUM NOBILE. A fee for which the tenant did guard and owed fealty and homage. Spelman.

FEUDUM NOVUM. A new feud or fief; a fief which began in the person of the feudality, and did not come to him by succession. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 212; Priest v. Cummings, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 349.

FEUDUM NOVUM UT ANTIQUUM. A new fee held with the qualities and incidents of an ancient one. 2 Bl. Comm. 212.

FEUDUM PATERNUM. A fee which the paternal ancestors had held for four generations. Culvin.; Spelman. One descendible to heirs on the paternal side only. 2 Bl. Comm. 223. One which might be held by males only. Du Cange.

FEUDUM PROPRIUM. A proper, genuine, and original feud or fief; being of a purely military character, and held by military service. 2 Bl. Comm. 57, 58.

FEUDUM TALLIATUM. A restricted fee. One limited to descend to certain classes of heirs. 2 Bl. Comm. 112, note; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 66; Spelman.
FEUM. An older form of feu dem. Maitl. Domesday Book and Beyond 162.


FF. A Latin abbreviation for "Fragmenta," designating the Digest or Pandects in the Corpus Juris Civilis of Justinian; so called because that work is made up of fragments or extracts from the writings of numerous jurists. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 74.

FI. FA. An abbreviation for fieri facias, (which see.)

FIANCER. L. Fr. To pledge one's faith. Kelham.

FIANZA. Sp. In Spanish law, trust, confidence, and correlative a legal duty or obligation arising therefrom. The term is sufficiently broad in meaning to include both a general obligation and a restricted liability under a single instrument. Martinez v. Runkle, 57 N. J. Law, 111, 50 A. 553. But in a special sense, it designates a surety or guarantor, or the contract or engagement of suretyship; the contract by which one person engages to pay the debt or fulfill the obligations of another if the latter should fail to do so.

FIAR. In Scotch law. He that has the fee or feu. The proprietor is termed "flair," in contradistinction to the life renter. 1 Kames, Eq. Pref. One whose property is charged with a life-rent. Where a right is taken to a husband and wife in conjunct fee and life-rent, the husband, as the persona dignior, is the only flair. Ersk. Prin. 421.

FIARS PRICES. The value of grain in the different counties of Scotland, fixed yearly by the respective sheriffs, in the month of February, with the assistance of jurists. These regulate the prices of grain stipulated to be sold at the flour prices, or when no price has been stipulated. Ersk. 1, 4, 6.

FIAT. (Lat. "Let it be done.") In English practice. A short order or warrant of a judge or magistrate directing some act to be done; an authority issuing from some competent source for the doing of some legal act. See 1 Tidd Fr. 100.

One of the proceedings in the English bankrupt practice, being a power, signed by the lord chancellor, addressed to the court of bankruptcy, authorizing the petitioning creditor to prosecute his complaint before it. 2 Steph. Comm. 199. By the statute 12 & 13 Vict. c. 116, flats were abolished.

-Fiat justitiae. Let justice be done. On a petition to the king for his warrant to bring a writ of error in parliament, he writes on the top of the petition, "Fiat justitiae," and then the writ of error is made out, etc. Jacob.

-Fiat ut petitur. Let it be done as it is asked. A form of granting a petition.

-Joint fiat. In English law. A fiat in bankruptcy, issued against two or more trading partners.

Flat justitiae, rust colenum. Let right be done, though the heavens should fail. Branch, Prin. 161.

Fiat prout fieri consuevit, (all tamen nevandum.) Let it be done as it hath used to be done, (nothing must be rashly innovated.) Jenk. Cent. 116, case 80; Branch, Prin.

FIAUNT. An order; command. See Fiat.

FICTION. In Roman law. A fiction; an assumption or supposition of the law.

"Fictio" in the old Roman law was properly a term of pleading, and signified a false averment on the part of the plaintiff which the defendant was not allowed to traverse, as that the plaintiff was a Roman citizen, when in truth he was a foreigner. The object of the fiction was to give the court jurisdiction. Maine, Anc. Law, 25.

Fictio cedit veritati. Fictio juris non est ubi veritas. Fiction yields to truth. Where there is truth, fiction of law exists not. 11 Co. 61.

Fictio est contra veritatem, sed pro veritate habetur. Fiction is against the truth, but it is to be esteemed true.

Fictio juris non est ubi veritas. Where truth is, fiction of law does not exist.

Fictio legum unice operatur alieus damnum vel injuriam. A legal fiction does not properly work loss or injury. 2 Coke, 35; 3 Coke, 36; Broom, Max. 129; Gilb. 223. Fiction of law is wrongful if it works loss or injury to anyone.

Fictio legum neminem lends. A fiction of law injures no one. 2 Rolle, 502; 3 Bl. Comm. 43; Low v. Little, 17 Johns. (N. Y.) 348.

FICTION. An assumption or supposition of law that something which is or may be false is true, or that a state of facts exists which has never really taken place. New Hampshire Strafford Bank v. Corneli, 2 N. H. 324; Hibberd v. Smith, 57 Cal. 457, 4 P. 476, 56 Am. Rep. 720; Murphy v. Murphy, 190 Iowa, 874, 179 N. W. 530, 533. An assumption, for purposes of justice, of a fact that does not or
may not exist. - Dodo v. Stocker, 74 Colo. 295, 219 P. 222, 223.

A rule of law which assumes as true, and will not allow to be disproved, something which is false, but not impossible. Best, Ky. 419.

These assumptions are of an innocent or even beneficial character, and are made for the advancement of the ends of justice. They secure this end chiefly by the extension of procedure from cases to which it is applicable to other cases to which it is not strictly applicable, the ground of inapplicability being some difference of an immaterial character. Brown.

Fictions are to be distinguished from presumptions of law. By the former, something known to be false or unreal is assumed as true; by the latter, an inference is set up, which may be and probably is true, but which, at any rate, the law will not permit to be controverted. It may also be said that a presumption is a rule of law prescribed for the purpose of getting at a certain conclusion, though arbitrary, where the subject is intrinsically liable to doubt from the remoteness, discrepancy, or actual defect of proofs.

Fictions are also to be distinguished from estoppels; an estoppel being the rule by which a person is precluded from asserting a fact by previous conduct inconsistent therewith on his own part or the part of those under whom he claims, or by an adjudication upon his rights which he cannot be allowed to question.

Best distinguishes legal fictions from presumptions juris et de jure, and divides them into three kinds,—affirmative or positive fictions, negative fictions, and fictions by fiction, and fictions by relation. Best, Pera p. 27, § 24.


FICTITIOUS ACTION. An action brought for the sole purpose of obtaining the opinion of the court on a point of law, not for the settlement of any actual controversy between the parties. Smith v. Junction Ry. Co., 29 Ind. 531.

FICTITIOUS NAME. A counterfeit, feigned, or pretended name taken by a person, differing in some essential particular from his true name, (consisting of Christian name and patronymic) with the implication that it is meant to deceive or mislead. But a fictitious name may be used so long or under such circumstances as to become an "assumed" name, in which case it may become a proper designation of the individual for ordinary business and legal purposes. See Pollard v. Fidelity F. Ins. Co., 1 S. D. 370, 47 N. W. 1060; Carlock v. Cagnacci, 88 Cal. 600, 26 P. 587; Ray v. American Photo Player Co., 46 Cal. App. 311, 189 P. 180, 181; Mangan v. Schuykill County, 279 Pa. 340, 116 A. 920, 921.

FICTITIOUS PAYEE. A fictitious person who, though named in a note, has no right to it or to its proceeds, because it was not so intended when the note was executed. Sockland v. Storch, 123 Ark. 253, 185 S. W. 262, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 658. The term may include one who, although named as payee in a negotiable instrument, and although a real or existing person, has no right to it, the maker not intending that such payee shall take anything by it; "fictitiousness" depending on the intention to pay, rather than on the payee's existence. Norton v. City Bank & Trust Co. (C. C. A.) 294 F. 839, 844; Mueller v. Martin v. Liberty Ins. Bank, 187 Ky. 44, 218 S. W. 465, 466.

FICTITIOUS PLAINТIFF. A person appearing in the writ or record as the plaintiff in a suit, but who in reality does not exist, or who is ignorant of the suit and of the use of his name in it. It is a contempt of court to sue in the name of a fictitious party. See 4 Bl. Comm. 134.

FICTITIOUS PROMISE. See Promise.

FIDE-COMMISSARY. A term derived from the Latin "fidel-commissarius," and occasionally used by writers on equity jurisprudence as a substitute for the law French term "cestui que trust," as being more elegant and euphonious. See Brown v. Brown, 38 Hun, 160, 31 N. Y. S. 650.

FIDEI-COMMISSARIUS. In the civil law this term corresponds nearly to our "cestui que trust." It designates a person who has the real or beneficial interest in an estate or fund, the title or administration of which is temporarily confided to another. See Story, Eq. Jur. § 908; 1 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 295.

According to Du Cange, the term was sometimes used to denote the executor of a will.

FIDEI-COMMISSUM. In the civil law. A species of trust; being a gift of property (usually by will) to a person, accompanied by a request or direction of the donor that the recipient will transfer the property to another, the latter being a person not capable of taking directly under the will or gift. In re Courtin, 144 La. 971, 81 So. 457, 459; Succession of Reilly, 136 La. 347, 67 So. 27, 33; Succession of Manthey, 159 La. 743, 106 So. 298, 299; Succession of Hall, 141 La. 860, 75 So. 802, 803. See, further, Succession of Maginnis, 138 La. 815, 104 So. 726, 727; Succession of Meunier, 52 La. Ann. 79, 26 So. 776, 45 L. R. A. 77; Gortari v. Cantu, 7 Tex. 44.

FIDE-JUBERE. In the civil law. To order a thing upon one's faith; to pledge one's self; to become surety for another. Fide-jubet Fide-jubeo: Do you pledge yourself? I do pledge myself. Inst. 3, 16, 1. One of the forms of stipulation.
FIDE-JUSSIO

An act by which any one binds himself as an additional security for another. This giving security does not destroy the liability of the principal, but adds to the security of the surety. Vleat, Voc. Jur.; Halifax, Annals, b. 2, c. 16, n. 10.

FIDE-JUSSOR. In Roman law. A guarantor; one who becomes responsible for the payment of another’s debt, by a stipulation which binds him to discharge it if the principal debtor fails to do so. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 452; 3 Bl. Comm. 108. He differs from a co-obligor in this, that the latter is equally bound to a debtor, with his principal, while the former is not liable till the principal has failed to fulfill his engagement; Dig, 12, 4, 4; 16, 1, 13; 24, 3, 64; 38, 1, 37; 59, 17, 110; 6, 14, 20; Hall, Pr. 33; Dunl. Adm. Pr. 306; Clerke, Prax. tit. 63.

The obligation of the fide-jussor was an accessory contract; for, if the principal obligation was not previously contracted, his engagement then took the name of mandate. Lees. Eliz. § 872; Code Naps. 292.

The sureties taken on the arrest of a defendant, in the court of admiralty, were formerly denominated “fide jussor.” 3 Bl. Comm. 108.

FIDE-PROMISSOR. See Fide-Jussor.

FIDELITAS. Fealty; fidelity. See Fealty.

Fidelitas. De nullo tenemento, quod tenetur ad terminum, fit homagi; fit tamen inde fidelitatis sacramentum. Co. Litt. 670. Fealty. For no tenement which is held for a term is there the oath of homage, but there is the oath of fealty.

FIDELITY INSURANCE. See Insurance.

FIDEM MENTIRI. Lat. To betray faith or fealty. A term used in feudal and old English law of a feodary or feudal tenant who does not keep that fealty which he has sworn to the lord. Leg. Hen. I. c. 53.

FIDES. Lat. Faith; honesty; confidence; trust; veracity; honor. Occurring in the phrases “bona fides,” (good faith), “mauia fides,” (bad faith), and “uberrima fides,” (the utmost or most abundant good faith.)

FIDES FACTA. Among the Franks and Lombards undertakings were guaranteed by “making one’s faith”—fides facta. This was symbolized by such formal acts as the giving of a rod; in suretyship giving the “festuca” or “vadium.” 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 73.

Fides est obligatio conscientiae aliquius ad intentionem alterius. Bacon. A trust is an obligation of conscience of one to the will of another.

Fides servanda est. Faith must be observed. An agent must not violate the confidence reposed in him. Story, Ag. § 192; Coolidge v. Brigham, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 551; McCoy v. Arter, 3 Barb. (N. Y.) 523; Paul v. Hadley, 3 Barb. (N. Y.) 521.

Fides servanda est; simplicitas juris gentium prevaleat. Faith must be kept; the simplicity of the law of nations must prevail. A rule applied to bills of exchange as a sort of sacred instruments. 3 Burrows, 1672; Story, Bills § 15.

FIDUCIA. In Roman law. An early form of mortgage or pledge, in which both the title and possession of the property were passed to the creditor by a formal act of sale, (properly with the solemnities of the transaction known as mancipatio,) there being at the same time an express or implied agreement on the part of the creditor to reconvey the property by a similar act of sale provided the debt was duly paid; but on default of payment, the property became absolutely vested in the creditor without foreclosure and without any right of redemption. In course of time, this form of security gave place to that known as hypotethca, while the contemporary contract of pignus or pawn underwent a corresponding development. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 384; Tomk. & J. Mod. Rom. Law, 182; Hadley, Rom. Law, 201-203; Pothier, Pand. tit. “Fiducia.”

FIDUCIAL. An adjective having the same meaning as “fiducial;” as, in the phrase “public or fiducial office.” Ky. St. § 3752; Moss v. Rowlett, 112 Ky. 121, 65 S. W. 153.

FIDUCIARIUS HÆRES. See Fiduciary Heir.

FIDUCIARIUS TUTOR. In Roman law. The elder brother of an emancipated pupillus, whose father had died leaving him still under fourteen years of age.

FIDUCIARY. The term is derived from the Roman law, and means (as a noun) a person holding the character of a trustee, or a character analogous to that of a trustee, in respect to the trust and confidence involved in it and the scrupulous good faith and candor which it requires. Thus, a person is a fiduciary who is invested with rights and powers to be exercised for the benefit of another person. Swan v. Jurgens, 144 Ill. 507, 35 N. E. 955; Stoll v. King, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 299.

As an adjective it means of the nature of a trust; having the characteristics of a trust; analogous to a trust; relating to or founded upon a trust or confidence.

FIDUCIARY CAPACITY. One is said to act in a “fiduciary capacity” or to receive money or contract a debt in a “fiduciary capacity,” when the business which he transacts, or the money or property which he handles, is not his own or for his own benefit, but for the benefit of another person, as to whom he stands in a relation implying and necessitating great confidence and trust on the one part.
and a high degree of good faith on the other part. The term is not restricted to technical or express trusts, but includes also such offices or relations as those of an attorney at law, a guardian, executor, or broker, a director of a corporation, and a public officer. Quoted with approval in Templeton v. Bockler, 73 Or. 494, 144 P. 465, 409. See, also, In re Bloemcote (D. C.) 265 F. 343, 344; Glover v. National Bank of Commerce of New York, 141 N. Y. 409, 414, 156 App. Div. 247; Schudder v. Shields, 17 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 420; Roberts v. Prosser, 53 N. Y. 260; Hef- tren v. Jayne, 39 Ind. 465, 13 Am. Rep. 281; Flanagan v. Pearson, 42 Tex. 1, 19 Am. Rep. 40; Forker v. Brown, 36 N. Y. 827, 10 Misc. Rep. 161; Madison Tp. v. Dunkle, 114 Ind. 292, 16 N. E. 593. As used in the Bank ruptruptcy Act, § 17, subj. 4 (11 USCA § 35), however, the term imports a technical trust, actually and expressly constituted, and not such merely as the law implies, and has no application to debts or obligations merely because they were created under circumstances in which trust or confidence in the popular sense of those terms was reposed in debtor. Culp v. Robey (Tex. Civ. App.) 294 S. W. 647, 651; American Surety Co. of New York v. Spice, 119 Md. 1, 85 A. 1061, 1035; First Nat. Bank v. Bamforth, 90 Vt. 75, 96 A. 609, 602; American Agricultural Chemical Co. v. Berry, 110 Mo. 528, 87 A. 218, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1106, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 1293.


FIDUCIARY DEBT. A debt founded on or arising from some confidence or trust, as distinguished from a debt founded simply on contract. In re Steele-Smith Dry Goods Co. (D. C.) 298 P. 812, 815.


FIDUCIARY HEIR. The Roman laws called a fiduciary heir the person who was instituted heir, and who was charged to deliver the succession to a person designated by the testament. Merlin, Répart. But Pothier, Pand. vol. 22, says that fiduciarius hæres properly signifies the person to whom a testator has sold his inheritance under the condition that he should sell it to another.

FIDUCIARY OR CONFIDENTIAL RELATION. One founded on trust or confidence reposed by one person in the integrity and fidelity of another. Kerrigan v. O'Meara, 71 Mont. 1, 227 P. 819, 821. The term is a very broad one. It is said that the relation exists, and that relief is granted in all cases in which influence has been acquired and abused, in which confidence has been reposed and betrayed. The origin of the confidence and the source of the influence are immaterial. The rule embraces both technical fiduciary relations, and those informal relations which exist whenever one man trusts in and relies upon another. Dale v. Jennings, 90 Fla. 234, 107 So. 175, 178; Quin v. Phibbs, 93 Fla. 805, 113 So. 419, 420, 54 A. L. R. 1173; McDaniel v. Schroeder, 128 Okl. 91, 261 P. 224, 226. See, also, Fiduciary Relation, infra.

FIDUCIARY RELATION. A relation subsisting between two persons in regard to a business, contract, or piece of property, or in regard to the general business or estate of one of them, of such a character that each must repose trust and confidence in the other, and must exercise a corresponding degree of fairness and good faith. Out of such a relation, the law raises the rule that neither party may exert influence or pressure upon the other, take selfish advantage of his trust, or deal with the subject-matter of the trust on such a basis as to benefit himself or prejudice the other except in the exercise of the utmost good faith and with the full knowledge and consent of that other, business, shrewdness, hard bargaining, and astuteness to take advantage of the forgetfulness or negligence of another being totally prohibited as between persons standing in such a relation to each other. Examples of fiduciary relations are those existing between attorney and client, guardian and ward, principal and agent, executor and heir, trustee and custos que trust, landlord and tenant, etc. See Robins v. Hope, 57 Cal. 497; Thomas v. Whitney, 186 Ill. 225, 57 N. E. 808; Central Nat. Bank v. Connecticut Mut. Life Ins. Co., 104 U. S. 68, 26 L. Ed. 693; Meyer v. Reimer, 65 Kan. 522, 70 P. 869; Studlbaker v. Cofield, 159 Mo. 596, 61 S. W. 246; Reeves v. Crum, 97 Okl. 293, 225 P. 177, 179; Koehler v. Haller, 62 Ind. App. 8, 112 N. E. 527; Anderson v. Watson, 141 Md. 217, 118 A. 509. In the "fiduciary relation" exists when confidence is reposed on one side and there is resulting superiority and influence on the other, which relation need not be legal, but may be moral, social, domestic, or merely personal. Miranovitz v. Gee, 163 Wis. 246, 157 N. W. 790, 792; Higgins v. Chicago Tite & Trust Co., 312 Ill. 11, 143 N. E. 482, 484; Dawson v. National Life Ins. Co. of United States, 176 Iowa, 392, 157 N. W. 929, 933, L. R. A. 1916E, 878, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 230; Dean v. Cole, 103 Or. 570, 294 P. 952, 955. It is one in which, if a wrong arise, the same remedy exists against the wrongdoer on behalf of the principal as would exist against a trustee on behalf of a custos que trust. Smith v. Smith, 222 Mass. 102, 109 N. E. 830, 832; Niland v. Kennedy, 316 Ill.
253, 147 N. E. 117, 119. Sometimes confidential and fiduciary relations are regarded as synonymous; In re Cover's Estate, 188 Cal. 192, 204 P. 853, 858; but on the other hand, a technical distinction may be taken between a "fiducial relation" which is more correctly applicable to legal relationships between parties, such as guardian and ward, administrator and heirs, and other similar relationships, and a "confidential relation" which includes the legal relationships, and also every other relationship wherein confidence is rightfully reposed and is exercised. Roberts v. Parsons, 195 Ky. 274, 242 S. W. 594, 596.

FIEF. A fee, feeod, or feud.

FIEF D'HAUBERT (or D'HAUBERK). Fr. In Norman feudal law. A fief or fee held by the tenure of knight-service; a knight's fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 62. A fee held on the military tenure of appearing fully armed on the ban and arrière-ban. Feudum hauerticum. Spelman; Calvinus, Lex.; Du Cange.

FIEF-TEHANT. In old English law. The holder of a fief or fee; a feeholder or freeholder.

FIEL. In Spanish law. A sequestrator; a person in whose hands a thing in dispute is judicially deposited; a receiver. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 9, l. 1.

FIELD. A cultivated tract of land; State v. Mack, 92 Vt. 103, 102 A. 58, 59; State v. McMinn, 81 N. C. 585; Com. v. Jesselyn, 97 Mass. 422; but not a one-acre lot used for cultivating vegetables; Simons v. Lovell, 7 Heisk. (Tenn.) 510. This term might well be considered as definite and certain a description as "close," and might be used in law; but it is not a usual description in legal proceedings. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 160.

FIELD-ALE, or FILDKALE. An ancient custom in England, by which officers of the forest and bailiffs of hundreds had the right to compel the hundred to furnish them with ale. Tomlins.

FIELD REEVE. An officer elected, in England, by the owners of a regulated pasture to keep in order the fences, ditches, etc., on the land, to regulate the times during which animals are to be admitted to the pasture, and generally to maintain and manage the pasture subject to the instructions of the owners. (General Inclosure Act, 1845, c. 113.) Sweet.

FIELD VISION. The general vision used in catching in sight, following and locating objects; distinguished from "binocular vision" (q. v.). Turpin v. St. Regis Paper Co., 199 App. Div. 64, 192 N. Y. S. 85, 87.

FIELDAD. In Spanish law. Sequestration. This is allowed in six cases by the Spanish law where the title to property is in dispute. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 3, l. 1.

FIERDING COURTS. Ancient Gothic courts of an inferior jurisdiction, so called because four were instituted within every inferior district or hundred. 3 Bl. Comm. 34; 3 Steph. Com. 396; Stiernhub, De Jure Goth. l. 1, c. 2.

FIERI. Lat. To be made; to be done. See In Fieri.

FIERI FACIAS. (That you cause to be made.) In practice. A writ of execution commanding the sheriff to levy and make the amount of a judgment from the goods and chattels of the judgment debtor.

FIERI FACIAS DE BONIS ECCLESIASTICIS. When a sheriff to a common fi. fa. returns nulla bona, and that the defendant is a beneficed clerk, not having any lay fee, a plaintiff may issue a fi. fa. de bonis ecclesiasticis, addressed to the bishop of the diocese or to the archbishop, (during the vacancy of the bishop's see,) commanding him to make of the ecclesiastical goods and chattels belonging to the defendant within his diocese the sum therein mentioned. 2 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 1062.

FIERI FACIAS DE BONIS TESTATORIS. The writ issued on an ordinary judgment against an executor when sued for a debt due by his testator. If the sheriff returns to this writ nulla bona, and a de conspectis, (q. v.) the plaintiff may sue out a fieri facias de bonis propriis, under which the goods of the executor himself are seized. Sweet.

FIERI FECI. (I have caused to be made.) In practice. The return made by a sheriff or other officer to a writ of fieri facias, where he has collected the whole, or a part, of the sum directed to be levied. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1018. The return, as actually made, is expressed by the word "Satisfied" indorsed on the writ.

Fieri non debet, (debuit,) sed factum valet. It ought not to be done, but [if] done, it is valid. Shap. Touch. 6; 5 Coke, 39; T. Raym. 58; 1 Strange, 528. A maxim frequently applied in practice. Nichols v. Ketcham, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 84, 92.

FIFTEENTH. In English law. This was originally a tax or tribute, levied at intervals by act of parliament, consisting of one-fifteenth of all the movable property of the subject or personality in every city, town, and borough. Under Edward III., the taxable property was assessed, and the value of its fifteenth part (then about £20,000) was recorded in the exchequer, whence the tax, levied on that valuation, continued to be called a "fifteenth," although, as the wealth of the kingdom increased, the name ceased to be an accurate designation of the proportion of the tax to the value taxed. See 1 Bl.
FIFTY DECISIONS. Ordinances of Justinian (629-532) upon the authority of which all moot points were settled in the preparation of the second edition of the Code. Taylor, Science of Jurispr 144.

FIGHT. An encounter, with blows or other personal violence, between two persons. See Carpenter v. People, 31 Colo. 254, 72 P. 1072; Coles v. New York Casualty Co., 87 App. Div. 41, 83 N. Y. S. 1063. The term does not necessarily imply that both parties should give and take blows. It is sufficient that they voluntarily put their bodies in position with that intent; State v. Gladden, 73 N. C. 155; Tate v. State, 46 Ga. 148.

FIGHTWITHE. Sax. A mulet or fine for making a quarrel to the disturbance of the place. Called also by Cowell "foris factura pugna." The amount was one hundred and twenty shillings. Cowell.

A payment to a lord possessing soc over a place where a wrong was done. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 35.

FIGURES. Artificial representations of a form, as in sculpture, drawing, or painting, especially the human body represented by art of any kind. People v. Eastman, 59 Misc. 596, 152 N. Y. S. 314, 317.

Numerals. They are either Roman, made with letters of the alphabet; for example, MDCCCLXXVI; or they are Arabic, as follows: 1773.

FILACER. An officer of the superior courts at Westminster, whose duty it was to file the writs on which he made process. There were two such filacers, and it was their duty to make out all original process. Cowell; Blount; Jacob L. Dict. It is used in 8 Mod. 284. The office was abolished in 1837.

FILARE. In old English practice. To file. Townsend Pl. 67.

FILE. A thread, string, or wire upon which writs and other exhibits in courts and offices are fastened or filed for the more safe-keeping and ready turning to the same. Spelman; Cowell; Tomlins. Papers put together and tied in bundles. A paper is said also to be filed when it is delivered to the proper officer, and by him received to be kept on file. 13 Vin. Abr. 211; 1 Litt. 113; 1 Hawk. P. C. 7, 207; Phillips v. Beene, 38 Ala. 251; Holman v. Chevallier, 14 Tex. 338; Beebe v. Morrell, 76 Mich. 114, 42 N. W. 1119, 15 Am. St. Rep. 288. But, in general, "file," or "the files," is used loosely to denote the official custody of the court or the place in the offices of a court where the records and papers are kept. The "file" in a cause includes original subpoenas and all papers belonging thereto. Jackson v. Mobley, 157 Ala. 408, 47 So. 560.

FILE. In practice. To put upon the files, or deposit in the custody or among the records of a court. To deliver an instrument or other paper to the proper officer for the purpose of being kept on file by him in the proper place. Gallagher v. Linwood, 30 N. M. 213, 231 P. 627, 629, 37 A. L. R. 664; Dillon v. Superior Court of Nevada County, 24 Cal. App. 760, 142 P. 503, 505; People v. Madigan, 229 Mich. 86, 195 N. W. 806, 807; Thompson v. State, 190 Ind. 383, 130 N. E. 412, 413; Stubbins v. Mendel, 148 Ga. 802, 98 S. E. 475; Pendrey v. Brennan, 31 Idaho, 54, 169 P. 174, 175. It carries the idea of permanent preservation as a public record. In re Gubelman (C. C. A.) 10 F. (2d) 928, 929.

It is commonly held that the filing is complete when the paper is lodged with the proper officer, whose indorsement, though required of him as a duty, is unnecessary to complete the filing or to give validity to the paper filed. Mahnken v. Metz, 97 N. J. Law, 139, 146 A. 794, 795; Palmer v. Simons, 107 S. C. 93, 92 S. E. 23, 24; Daniel v. Blankenship, 177 Ky. 726, 198 S. W. 48, 61; Reeder v. Mitchell, 117 Okl. 21, 244 P. 773, 774; Hogue v. Hogue, 137 Ark. 485, 208 S. W. 579, 582; Caroline-Tennessee Power Co. v. Hawassaw River Power Co., 175 N. C. 688, 96 S. E. 99, 101; Gove v. Armstrong, 57 Vt. 468, 89 A. 868, 869.


"To file" a paper, on the part of a party, is to place it in the official custody of the clerk. "To file," on the part of the clerk, is to indorse upon the paper the date of its reception, and retain it in his office, subject to inspection by whomsoever it may concern. Holman v. Chevallier, 14 Tex. 338.

The word "filed" is not equivalent to "deposited. People v. Peck, 67 Hun, 569, 22 N. Y. Supp. 576. While filing involves depositing, the converse is not true. U. S. v. Davidson (D.C.) 255 F. 661. See, however, People v. Glassberg, 235 Ill. 579, 133 N. E. 162, 119.

The expressions "filing" and "entering of record" are not synonymous. They are nowhere so used, but always convey distinct ideas. "Filing" originally signified placing papers in order on a thread or wire for safe-keeping. In this country and at this day it means, agreeably to our practice, depositing them in due order in the proper office. Entering of record uniformly implies writing. Naylor v. Moody, 2 Blackf. (Ind.) 247.

"Filing a bill" in equity is an equivalent expression to "commencing a suit."


"An order that a cause should be "filed away"' for want of prosecution meant that it should be "discontinued" or "stricken from the docket."" Phillips v. Arnott, 104 Ky. 420, 157 S. W. 660, 662.

FILIAZATE. To fix a bastard child on some one, as its father. To declare whose child it is. 2 W. Bl. 1017.

Filiatio non potest probari. Co. Litt. 126. Filiation cannot be proved; that is, the husband is presumed to be the father of a child born during coverture. But see 7 & 8 Vict. c. 101.

FILIAZATION. The relation of a child to its parent; correlative to “paternity.” The judicial assignment of an illegitimate child to a designated man as its father.

In the Civil Law.

The descent of son or daughter, with regard to his or her father, mother, and their ancestors.

FILICETUM. In old English law. A ferny or bracky ground; a place where fern grows. Co. Litt. 45; Shep. Touch. 95.

FILIOLUS (or Filius). In old records. A godson. Spelman.

FILIUS. Lat. A son; a child.

As distinguished from heir filius is a term of nature, heres a term of law. 1 Powell, Dev. 311. In the civil law the term was used to denote a child generally. Calvinius, Lex.; Vicat, Voc. Jur. A distinction was sometimes made, in the civil law, between "filii" and "heredes," the latter word including grandchilders, (heredes,) the former not. Inst. 1, 14, 5. But, according to Paulinus and Julianus, they were of equally extensive import. Dig. 1, 5, 54; Id. 59, 15, 201.

Filius est nomen natura, sed heres nomen juris. 1 Sid. 193. 1 Pow. Dev. 311. Son is a name of nature, but heir is a name of law.

FILIUS FAMILIAS. In the civil law. The son of a family; an unmancipated son. Inst. 2, 12, pr.; Id. 4, 5, 2; Story, Confl. Laws, § 61.

Filius in utero matris est pars viscerae matris. 7 Coke, 8. A son in the mother’s womb is part of the mother’s vitals.

FILIUS MULIERATUS. In old English law. The eldest legitimate son of a woman, who previously had an illegitimate son by his father. Glanv. 11b, 7, c. 1. Otherwise called "mulier." 2 Bl. Comm. 248.

FILIUS NULLUS. The son of nobody; i.e., a bastard.

FILIUS POPULI. A son of the people; a natural child.

FILL. To make full; to complete; to satisfy or fulfill; to possess and perform the duties of; to occupy the whole capacity or extent of, so as to leave no space vacant.

The election of a person to an office constitutes the essence of his appointment; but the office cannot be considered as actually filled until his sep-
FILUM AQUÆ. A thread of water; a line of water; a line of a stream of water, supposed to divide it into two equal parts, and constituting in many cases the boundary between the riparian proprietors on each side. Ingraham v. Wilkinson, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 273, 16 Am. Dec. 342. Medium flum is sometimes used with no additional meaning.

FILUM FORESTÆ. The border of the forest. 2 Bla. Comm. 419; 4 Inst. 303; Manw. Purieu.


FIN. Fr. An end, or limit; a limitation, or period of limitation.

FIN DE NON RECEVOIR. In French law. An exception or plea founded on law, which, without entering into the merits of the action, shows that the plaintiff has no right to bring it, either because the time during which it ought to have been brought has elapsed, which is called “prescription,” or that there has been a compromise, accord and satisfaction, or any other cause which has destroyed the right of action which once subsisted. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 1, c. 2, § 2; Story, Conf. Laws, § 650.

FINAL. Definitive; terminating; completed; conclusive; last. In its use in jurisprudence, this word is generally contrasted with “interlocutory.” Johnson v. New York, 48 Hun, 620, 1 N. Y. S. 254; Garrison v. Dougherty, 18 S. C. 458; Ronneau v. Beaumette, 4 Minn. 224 (Gill. 163); Blanding v. Sayles, 23 R. I. 226, 49 A. 992; U. S. v. Broude (D. C.) 299 F. 322, 333.


FINAL ARCHITECT’S CERTIFICATE. One which is issued after a job is done and which finally determines the rights of the parties as to money and disputes. Johnson v. Hogg, 292 Ill. App. 253, 255; Hunt v. Owen Bldg. & Inv. Co. (Mo. App.) 219 S. W. 138, 140.


FINAL DISPOSITION. When it is said to be essential to the validity of an award that it should make a “final disposition” of the matters embraced in the submission, this term means such a disposition that nothing further remains to fix the rights and obligations of the parties, and no further controversy or litigation is required or can arise on the matter. It is such an award that the party against whom it is made can perform or pay it without any further ascertainment of rights or duties. Colcord v. Fletcher, 50 Me. 401.

FINAL HEARING. This term designates the trial of an equity case upon the merits, as distinguished from the hearing of any preliminary questions arising in the cause, which are termed “interlocutory.” Smith v. W. U. Tel. Co. (C. C.) 81 F. 243; Akerly v. Villas, 24 Wis. 171, 1 Am. Rep. 166; Galpin v. Critchlow, 112 Mass. 343, 17 Am. Rep. 176. This is the usual meaning of the term, but it may also be used with reference to a dismissal on the motion of plaintiff. Christensen v. General Electric Co. (D. C.) 248 F. 284, 286.

FINAL PASSAGE. The vote on a passage of a bill or resolution in either house of the legislature after it has received the prescribed number of readings and has been subjected to such action as is required by the fundamental law governing the body or its own rule. State v. Buckley, 54 Ala. 613. The actual final vote necessary to a bill becoming a law, regardless of parliamentary fiction. Roane Iron Co. v. Francis, 130 Tenn. 694, 172 S. W. 816.

FINAL RECEIVER’S RECEIPT. An acknowledgment by the government that it has received full payment for public land, that it holds the legal title in trust for the entryman, and will in due course issue to him a patent. Bovey-Shute Lumber Co. v. Erickson, 41 N. D. 365, 170 N. W. 635, 639.

FINAL TRIAL. Under a statute such trial in the court having original trial jurisdiction as is the basis of entry of judgment finally disposing of action in that court; the term does not apply to proceedings in the appellate court. Wynne v. Smith, 23 Ga. App. 339, 96 S. E. 271, 272.

FINALIS CONCORDIA. A final or conclusive agreement. In the process of "levying a fine," this was a final agreement entered by the litigating parties upon the record, by permission of court, settling the title to the land, and which was binding upon them like any judgment of the court. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 970.

FINANCES. The public wealth of a state or government, considered either statically (as the property or money which a state now owns) or dynamically, (as its income, revenue, or public resources.) Monetary affairs, funds in a treasury or accruing to it, etc. City of Newburgh v. Dickey, 150 N. Y. S. 175, 177, 164 App. Div. 791.

Money resources generally. The state of the finances of an individual or corporation, being his condition in a monetary point of view. The cash he has on hand, and that which he expects to receive, as compared with the engagements he has made to pay.


FINANCIALLY ABLE. To entitle a broker to his commission; the requirement that the purchaser be financially able to purchase, does not necessarily mean that such purchaser shall have all money in cash, but merely that he must be able to command the money to close the deal on reasonable notice. Hays v. Goodman-Leonard Realty Co., 146 Miss. 768, 111 So. 369, 370. See Able to Purchase.

FINANCIER. A person employed in the economical management and application of public money; one skilled in matters appertaining to the judicious management of money affairs.


FINISH: To complete; to bring to a close; to perfect; to end; to terminate; to conclude; to Manufacture, construction, completion.

FINIS. The end; the conclusion; the finish; the conclusion of a business; a termination of a period; the final result.

FINISHING: The act of finishing; the act of completing; the act of finishing up; the act of doing up; the act of completing; the act of bringing to a close; the act of bringing to an end; the act of bringing to a conclusion.


Finding of fact. A determination of a fact by the court, such fact being averred by one party and denied by the other, and the determination being based on the evidence in the case; also the answer of the jury to a specific interrogatory propounded to them as to the existence or non-existence of a fact in issue. Siles v. McCallan; 1 Ark. 431; 5 P. 620; Murphy v. Bennett; 29 Cal. 528, 9 P. 798; Morley v. Railway Co.; 118 Iowa, 84; 89 N. W. 705.
Maeder Steel Products Co. v. Zuniello, 109 Or. 562, 220 P. 155, 158. The term is not applicable, with special reference to review on appeal, to a mere conclusion that the evidence is insufficient to authorize relief, Monetaire Mining Co. v. Columbus Rexall Consol. Mines Co., 63 Utah, 413, 174 P. 172, 174; nor to the opinion of the trial court, delivered in announcing judgment, Rogers v. Harris, 76 Okl. 215, 184 P. 459, 462; nor to a memorandum of the decision of the trial judge, Preston v. Preston, 102 Conn. 96, 128 A. 292, 296; nor to a transcript of the evidence, State v. Chin Lung, 106 Conn. 701, 139 A. 91, 97.

—General and special findings. Where issues of fact in a case are submitted to the court by consent of parties to be tried without a jury, the "finding" is the decision of the court as to the disputed facts, and it may be either general or special, the former being a general statement that the facts are in favor of such a party or entitle him to judgment, the latter being a specific setting forth of the ultimate facts established by the evidence and which are determinative of the judgment which must be given. See Rhodes v. United States Nat. Bank, 66 F. 514, 13 C. C. A. 612, 34 L. R. A. 742; Scarry County v. Thompson, 66 F. 94, 13 C. C. A. 349; Humphreys v. Third Nat. Bank, 75 F. 556, 21 C. C. A. 538. In a trial to the court, a general finding is a complete determination of all matters, and is a finding of every special thing necessary to be found to sustain the general finding, Miller v. Thompson, 80 Okl. 70, 194 P. 108, 105; whereas a special finding is only a determination of the ultimate facts on which the law must be determined, Societe Nouvelle d'Armenement v. Barnaby (C. C. A.) 246 F. 68, 70. A special finding may also be said to be one limited to the fact issue submitted. Ex parte Woodward Iron Co., 212 Ala. 220, 102 So. 163, 106.

FINE, n. To impose a pecuniary punishment or mulct.
To sentence a person convicted of an offense to pay a penalty in money. Goodman v. Durant B. & L. Ass'n, 71 Miss. 310, 14 So. 148; State v. Belle, 92 Iowa, 258, 60 N. W. 525.

FINE, n. In Conveyancing
An amicable composition or agreement of a suit, either actual or fictitious, by leave of the court, by which the lands in question become, or are acknowledged to be, the right of one of the parties. 2 Bl. Comm. 349; Christy v. Burch, 23 Fla. 942, 2 So. 258; First Nat. Bank v. Roberts, 9 Mont. 323, 29 P. 718; Hitz v. Jenks, 123 U. S. 297, 8 S. Ct. 145, 31 L. Ed. 156; McGregor v. Comstock, 17 N. Y. 166. Fines were abolished in England by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74, substituting a disentailing deed. (q. v.).

'A fine is so called because it puts an end not only to the suit thus commenced, but also to all other suits and controversies concerning the same matter. The party who parted with the land, by acknowledging the right of the other, was said to keep the fine, and was called the "cognizor" or "conuor," while the party who recovered or received the estate was termed the "cognizor" or "conuor," and the fine was said to be levied to him.

In the Law of Tenure
A money payment made by a feudal tenant to his lord. The most usual fine is that payable on the admissgence of a new tenant, but there are also due in some manors fines upon alienation, on a licence to demis the lands, or on the death of the lord, or other events. Elton, Copyh. 159; De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 465, 57 Am. Dec. 470.

In General
—Executed fine. See Executed.
—Fine and recovery act. The English statutes 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74, for abolishing fines and recoveries. 1 Steph. Comm. 514, et seq.
—Fine for alienation. A fine anciently payable upon the alienation of a feudal estate and substitution of a new tenant. It was payable to the lord by all tenants holding by knight's service or tenants in capite by socage tenure. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24. See 2 Bl. Comm. 71, 89; De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 467, 495, 57 Am. Dec. 470.
—Fine for endowment. A fine anciently payable to the lord by the widow of a tenant, without which she could not be endowed of her husband's lands. Abolished under Henry I., and by Magna Charta. 2 Bl. Comm. 135; Mozley & Whitley.
—Fine rolls. See Oblate Rolls.
—Fine sur cognizance de droit come ceo que il ad de son done. A fine upon acknowledgment, of the right of the cognizee as that which he hath of the gift of the cognizer. By this the deforciant acknowledged in court a former feoffment or gift in possession to have been made by him to the plaintiff. 2 Bl. Comm. 352.
—Fine sur cognizance de droit tantum. A fine upon acknowledgment of the right merely, and not with the circumstance of a preceding gift from the cognizer. This was commonly used to pass a reversionary interest which was in the cognizer, of which there could be no feoffment supposed. 2 Bl. Comm. 353; 1 Steph. Comm. 519; Jacob, Law Dict.; Com., Dig.

Fine sur concessit. A fine upon concessit (he hath granted). A species of fine, where the cognizer, in order to make an end of disputes, though he acknowledged no precedent right, yet granted to the cognizee an estate de novo, usually for life or years, by way of

—Fine sur done grant et render. A double fine, comprehending the fine sur cognizance de droit come ece and the fine sur consciousit. It might be used to convey particular limitations of estates, whereas the fine sur cognizance de droit come ece, conveyed nothing but an absolute estate, either of inheritance, or at least freehold. In this last species of fines, the cognizee, after the right was acknowledged to be in him, granted back again or rendered to the cognizer, or perhaps to a stranger, some other estate in the premises. 2 Bl. Comm. 353; Viner, Abr. Fine; Comyns, Dig. Fine.

—Joint fine. In old English law. "If a whole will is to be fined, a joint fine may be laid, and it will be good for the necessity of it; but, in other cases, fines for offenses are to be severally imposed on each particular offender, and not jointly upon all of them." Jacob.

In Criminal Law


A "fine" is always a penalty, though a penalty need not be always a fine; Bankers' Trust Co. v. State, 96 Conn. 301, 114 A. 104, 107; a "penalty" being a generic term which includes both fines and forfeitures; State ex rel. Jones v. Howe Scale Co. of Illinois, 122 Mo. App. 553, 165 S. W. 225, 230. As distinguished from "penalty," a "penalty" when recovered ordinarily goes to the statutory beneficiaries, while a "fine" goes to the state. Poindexter v. State, 137 Tenn. 359, 163 S. W. 126, 127.

FINEM ANULLANDO LEVATO DE TEMENTO QUOD FUIT DE ANTIQUO DOMINICO. An abolished writ for disannulling a fine levied of lands in ancient demesne to the prejudice of the lord. Reg. Orig. 15.

FINE CAPIENDO PRO TERRIS. An obsolete writ which lay for a person who, upon conviction by jury, had his lands and goods taken, and his body imprisoned, to be remitted his imprisonment, and have his lands and goods redelivered to him, on obtaining favor of a sum of money, etc. Reg. Orig. 142.

FINE NON CAPIENDO PRO PULCHRE PLACITANDO. An obsolete writ to inhibit officers of courts to take fines for fair pleading.

FINE PRO REDISSEISINA CAPIENDO. An old writ that lay for the release of one imprisoned for a redisseisin, on payment of a reasonable fine. Reg. Orig. 222.

FINE-FORCE. An absolute necessity or irrevocable constraint. Flowd. 94; 6 Coxe, 11; Cowell; Old N. B. 78.

FINEM FACERE. To make or pay a fine. Bract. 106; Skene.

FINES LE ROY. In old English law. The king's fines. Fines formerly payable to the king for any contempt or offense, as where one committed any trespass, or falsely denied his own deed, or did anything in contempt of law. Termes de la Ley.


FINGER PRINTS. See Anthropometry.

FINIRE. In old English law. To fine, or pay a fine. Cowell. To end or finish a matter.

FINIS. Lat. An end; a fine; a boundary or terminus; a limit. Also in L. Lat., a fine (q. v.).

Finis est amicabils compositio et finalis concordia ex concensu et concordia domini regis vel justiciarum. Glan. 168, 8, c. 1. A fine is an amicable settlement and decisive agreement by consent and agreement of our lord, the king, or his Justices.

Finis finem illitum imponit. A fine puts an end to litigation. 3 Inst. 78.

Finis rel attendendus est. 3 Inst. 51. The end of a thing is to be attended to.

Finis ulius diei est principium alterius. 2 Buck. 305. The end of one day is the beginning of another.

FINITIO. An ending; death, as the end of life. Blount; Cowell.

FINIUM REGUNDORUM ACTIO. In the civil law. Action for regulating boundaries. The name of an action which lay between.
those who had lands bordering on each other, to settle disputed boundaries. MacFad. Rom. Law, § 499.

FINORS. Those that purify gold and silver, and part them by fire and water from coarser metals; and therefore, in the statute of 4 Hen. VII. c. 2, they are also called "parters." Termes de la Ley.

FIRDFARE. Sax. In old English law. A summoning forth to a military expedition, (indictio ad profectum militarem.) Spelman.

FIRDINGA. Sax. A preparation to go into the army. Leg. Hen. I.


FIROWITE. In old English law. A fine for refusing military service, (multa detrediantis militiam.) Spelman. A milder or penalty imposed on military tenants for their default in not appearing in arms or coming to an expedition. Cowell.

A fine imposed for murder committed in the army; an acquittance of such fine. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47.

FIRE. The effect of combustion. The juridical meaning of the word does not differ from the vernacular. 1 Pars. Mar. Law, 231, et seq.

The word "fire," as used in insurance policies, does not have the technical meaning developed from analysis of its nature, but more nearly the popular meaning, being an effect rather than an elementary principle, and is the effect of combustion, being equivalent to ignition or burning, but heat is not fire, though fire may proximately cause loss from heat. Lattu v. Hartford County Mut. Fire Ins. Co., 105 Conn. 729, 138 A. 572.

The ordinary meaning of the word as used in an insurance policy includes the idea of visible heat or light. Damage to wood by spontaneous combustion with smoke and great heat, but without any visible flame or glow, is held not to be fire. The "fire is always caused by combustion, but combustion does not always cause fire." Western Woolen Mill Co. v. Assurance Co., 139 F. 355, 72 C. C. A. 1.

As used in policies of fire insurance, the word means a hostile fire as distinguished from a friendly fire. Lattu v. Hartfoord County Mut. Fire Ins. Co., 105 Conn. 729, 138 A. 572, 574.

FIRE AND SWORD, LETTERS OF. In old Scotch law. Letters issued from the privy council in Scotland, addressed to the sheriff of the county, authorizing him to call for the assistance of the county to dispossess a tenant retaining possession, contrary to the order of a judge or the sentence of a court. Wharton; Bell, Dict.

FIRE-ARM. An instrument used in the propulsion of shot, shell, or bullets by the action of gunpowder exploded within it. A weapon which acts by force of gunpowder. People v. Simons, 124 Misc. 28, 207 N. Y. S. 56, 57. This word comprises all sorts of guns, powder-places, blunderbusses, pistols, etc.; Harris v. Cameron, 81 Wis. 239, 51 N. W. 437, 29 Am. St. Rep. 801; Atwood v. State, 55 Ala. 509; Whitney Arms Co. v. Barlow, 38 N. Y. Super. Ct. 563; but not an air pistol. People v. Schmidt, 221 App. Div. 77, 222 N. Y. S. 647, 650. As to whether a pistol in such a condition of disrepair that it cannot be discharged, at least in the normal way, constitutes a fire-arm, the decisions have been somewhat conflicting. See Atwood v. State, 55 Ala. 508; Williams v. State, 61 Ga. 417, 34 Am. Rep. 102; Evins v. State, 46 Ala. 88; Hutchinson v. State, 62 Ala. 3, 34 Am. Rep. 1; State v. Morris, 233 Mo. 359, 172 S. W. 603, 604.

FIREBARE. A beacon or high tower by the seaside, wherein are continual lights, either to direct sailors in the night, or to give warning of the approach of an enemy. Cowell.

FIRE BOTE. Allowance of wood or esoterors to maintain competent firing for the tenant. A sufficient allowance of wood to burn in a house. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 99.

FIREBUG. A popular phrase referring to person(s guilty of the crime of arson; commonly understood to mean an incendiary or pyromaniac. Blechner v. Krauer (Co. Ct.) 137 N. Y. S. 296.

FIRE DAMP. "Fire damp" consists of light carbonated hydrogen, and is so called from its tendency to explode when mixed with atmospheric air and brought into contact with flame. Wells' Adm'r v. Sutherland Coal & Coke Co., 116 Va. 1003, 88 S. E. 384, 385.

FIRE DISTRICT. One of the districts into which a city may be (and commonly is) divided for the purpose of more efficient service by the fire department in the extinction of fires. Des Moines v. Gilchrist, 67 Iowa, 210, 25 N. W. 136. Under a statute, a territorial subdivision of the state, established to provide protection against fire within its limits, maintain street lights, etc., and, although composed of one or more towns, it is in substance a quasi municipal corporation of definitely restricted powers, and as such it may raise money by taxation for its legitimate uses. President, etc., of Williams College v. Inhabitants of Town of Williamstown, 106 N. E. 687, 688, 219 Mass. 46.

FIRE DOOR. A fireproof barrier for closing openings to prevent the spread of fire. People v. One Hundred and Thirty-One Boerum St. Co., 233 N. Y. 268, 135 N. E. 327, 328.

FIRE ESCAPE. An apparatus constructed to afford a safe and convenient method of escape from a burning building. The term includes fire ladders of such sort and location as to permit safe descent of persons caught in a building on fire, but not a balcony or an interior staircase in a hotel. West v. Sprattling, 204 Ala. 178, 88 So. 32, 33.

FIRE FIGHTING MACHINE. An instrument of public utility designed and used exclusively for putting out fires; the average or normal fire-fighting machine is in all its parts essentially designed for that purpose. American-La France Fire Engine Co. v. Rior- dan (C. C. A.) 6 F.(2d) 964, 966.

FIRE INSURANCE. See Insurance.

FIREMEN. Those whose duty is to extinguish fires and to protect property and life therefrom. Behr v. Soth, 170 Minn. 278, 212 N. W. 461, 462.

FIRE ORDEAL. See Ordeal.

FIRE POLICY. A policy of fire insurance. See Insurance.

FIRE-PROOF. Incombustible; not in danger from the action of fire. To say of any article that it is "fire-proof" conveys no other idea than that the material out of which it is formed is incombustible. To say of a building that it is fire-proof excludes the idea that it is of wood, and necessarily implies that it is of some substance fitted for the erection of fire-proof buildings. To say of a certain portion of a building that it is fire-proof suggests a comparison between that portion and other parts of the building not so characterized, and warrants the conclusion that it is of a different material. Hickey v. Morrell, 102 N. Y. 450, 7 N. E. 321, 55 Am. Rep. 824.

A "fire-proof safe" within an insurance policy is one which, in the judgment of prudent men in locality of property insured, is sufficient; National Liberty Ins. Co. of America v. Sphar- ler, 172 Ark. 715, 200 S. W. 594, 596; or one which is of the kind commonly regarded as fire-proof; Knoxville Fire Ins. Co. v. Hird, 4 Tex. Civ. App. 82, 23 S. W. 393.

FIRE RAISING. In Scotch law. The wilfully setting on fire buildings, growing or stored cereals, growing wood, or coalsheughs. Ersk. Pr. 577. See Arson.

FIRE WALL. This term, as used in a municipal building code, has been held to refer to a wall that is noncombustible, and to require that such quality adhere to the openings in the wall as well as the solid wall itself. Robeson v. Turner, 199 Ky. 612, 251 S. W. 857, 860.

FIRE-WOOD. Wood suitable for fuel, not including standing or felled timber which is suitable and valuable for other purposes. Hogan v. Hogan, 102 Mich. 641, 61 N. W. 73.

FIRE-WORKS. A contrivance of inflammable and explosive materials combined of various proportions for the purpose of producing in combustion beautiful or amusing scenic effects, or to be used as a night signal on land or sea, or for various purposes in war. Cent. Dict.

FIRKIN. A measure of capacity, equal to nine gallons. The word is also used to designate a weight, used for butter and cheese, of fifty-six pounds avoirdupois.

FIRLOT. A Scotch measure of capacity, containing two gallons and a pint. Spelman.


The word is used as synonymous with partnership. The words "house," "concern," and "company" are also used in the same sense. This name is in point of law conventional, and applicable only to the persons who, on each particular occasion when the name is used, are members of the firm. A firm is usually described, in legal proceedings, as certain persons trading or carrying on business under and using the name, style, and firm of, etc. See 9 Q. B. 881; 9 M. & W. 247; 1 Chitty, Bailm. 49.

FIRM NAME. The name or title of a firm in business.

FIRMA. In old English law. The contract of lease or letting; also the rent (or farm) reserved upon a lease of lands, which was frequently payable in provisions, but sometimes in money, in which latter case it was called "the firma," white rent. Spelman, Gloss.; Cunningham, Law Dict.

A messuage with the house, garden, or lands, etc., connected therewith. Co. Litt. 5 a; Shepp. Touch. 33.

A banquet; supper; provisions for the table. Du Cange.

A tribute or custom paid towards entertaining the king for one night. Domesday; Cowell.

FIRMA BURGI. The right, in medieval days, to take the profits of a borough, paying for them a fixed sum to the crown or other lord of the borough. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 276.

FIRMA FEODI. In old English law. A farm or lease of a fee; a fee-farm.

FIRMAN. A Turkish word denoting a decree or grant of privileges, or passport to a traveler. A passport granted by the Great Mogul to captains of foreign vessels to trade within the territories over which he has jurisdiction; a permit.

FIRMANARIA. The right of a tenant to his lands and tenements. Cowell.
FIRMARIUM. In old records. A place to monastery, and elsewhere, where the poor were received and supplied with food. Spelman. Hence the word "infirmary."

FIRMARIUS. L. Lat. A fermor. A lessee of a term. Firmarii comprehend all such as hold by lease for life or lives or for year, by deed or without deed. 2 Inst. 144, 145; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 107; Sackett v. Sackett, 8 Pick. (Mass.) 312; 7 Ad. & E. 697.

FIRMATIO. The doe season. Also a supplying with food. Cowell.

FIRME. In old records. A farm.

Firmior et potior est operatio legis quam dispositio hominis. The operation of the law is firmer and more powerful [or efficacious] than the disposition [or will] of man. Co. Litt. 102a.

FIRMITAS. In old English law. An assurance of some privilege, by deed or charter.

FIRMLY. A statement that an affiant "firmly believes" the contents of the affidavit imports a strong or high degree of belief, and is equivalent to saying that he "verily believes it. Bradley v. Eccles, 1 Browne (Pa.) 258; Thompson v. White, 4 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 157. The operative words in a bond or recognizance, that the obligor is held and "firmly bound," are equivalent to an acknowledgment of indebtedness and promise to pay. Shattuck v. People, 5 Ill. 477.

FIRMURA. In old English law. Liberty to scour and repair a mill-dam, and carry away the soil, etc. Blount.

FIRST. Initial; leading; chief; preceding all others of the same kind or class in sequence, (numerical) or chronological; entitled to priority or preference above others. Redman v. Railroad Co., 33 N. J. Eq. 165; Thompson v. Grand Gulf R. & B. Co., 3 How. (Miss.) 247, 34 Am. Dec. 81; Happend v. Brown, 102 Mass. 452.

The word commonly, but not necessarily, connotes precedence. Hill v. Prior, 79 N. H. 188, 106 A. 641; Beckley v. Alling, 31 Conn. 362, 39 A. 1084, 1055. Thus, under a contract that, if the purchaser should "first" make payment, the vendor would convey, payment was to precede the execution of the conveyance. Walker v. Hewitt, 109 Or. 365, 220 P. 147, 151, 25 A. L. R. 106. But in a will the word "first" may not import precedence of one bequest over another. Everett v. Carr, 59 Mo. 330; Swasey v. American Bible Society, 67 Me. 633.

First blush. By the phrase "first blush," within the rule that damages, to justify reversal, must be so great as to strike the mind at first blush as having been superinduced by passion or prejudice on the part of the jury, is meant that immediately the judicial mind is shocked and surprised at the great disproportion of the size of the verdict to what the facts of the case would authorize. Cole & Crane v. May, 135 Ky. 214 S. W. 885, 897.

First degree burn. One which varies from redness to a blister, as distinguished from a "second degree burn," which occurs where the skin is charred or killed. Murphy v. Ludowyk Gas & Oil Co., 96 Kan. 321, 150 P. 551, 552.

First devisee. The person to whom the estate is first given by the will, the term "next devisee" referring to the person to whom the remainder is given. Young v. Robinson, 5 N. J. Law, 669; Wilcox v. Heywood, 12 R. I. 198.

First fruits. In English ecclesiastical law, the first year's whole profits of every benefice or spiritual living, formerly paid by the incumbent to the pope, but afterwards transferred to the fund called "Queen Anne's Bounty," for increasing the revenue from poor livings. In feudal law, one year's profits of land which belonged to the king on the death of a tenant in capite; otherwise called "primer scutum." One of the incidents to the old feudal tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 66, 67.

First heir. The person who will be first entitled to succeed to the title to an estate after the termination of a life estate or estate for years. Winter v. Ferratt, 5 Barn. & C. 48.

First impression. First examination. First presentation to a court for examination or decision. A case is said to be "of the first impression" when it presents an entirely novel question of law for the decision of the court, and cannot be governed by any existing precedent.

First inventor. Within the meaning of that phrase as used in the fourth paragraph of Rev. St. § 4920 (65 USCA § 69), providing that it shall be a defense to a suit for infringement that the patentee was not the original or first inventor, a person who perfects his invention, the only evidence of such perfected invention ordinarily derivable from any patent being a union of disclosure and claim. Davis-Bournville Co. v. Alexander Milburn Co. (C. C. A.) 1 F.(2d) 227, 232.

First meeting. As used in a statute providing that, for insulting words or conduct to reduce homicide to manslaughter, killing must occur immediately or at "first meeting" after slayer is informed thereof, quoted words mean first time parties are in proximity under such circumstances as would enable slayer to act in the premises. Smith v. State, 105 Tex. Cr. R. 327, 288 S. W. 458, 462.

First of exchange. Where a set of bills of exchange is drawn in duplicate or triplicate, for greater safety in their transmission, all being of the same tenor, and the intention being that the acceptance and payment of any one of them (the first to arrive safely) shall cancel the others of the set, they are called
individually the "first of exchange," "second of exchange," etc. See Bank of Pittsburgh v. Neal, 22 How. 96, 110, 16 L. Ed. 323.


—First purchaser. In the law of descent, this term signifies the ancestor who first acquired (in any other manner than by inheritance) the estate which still remains in his family or descendants. Blair v. Adams (C. C.) 59 Fed. 247.

—First trial. Under a statute providing when a case at law is tried by a jury, and the successful party excepts to the granting of a new trial for insufficiency of the evidence, and the evidence is certified, the appellate court, if there have been two trials below, shall first look to the evidences and proceedings on the first trial, and, if the setting aside of the first verdict was error, all proceedings subsequent thereto shall be annulled, and judgment rendered thereon, the "first trial" means the first at which exceptions to the granting of a new trial were taken. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co. v. Parker's Admin'r, 118 Va. 386, 52 S. E. 183, 187.


FIRST-CLASS. Of the most superior or excellent grade or kind; belonging to the head or chief or numerically precedent of several classes into which the general subject is divided. See Pacific Fire Co. v. Renkel, 63 Cal. App. 108, 218 P. 274, 275.

FIRST-CLASS MAIL—MATTER. In the postal laws. All mailable matter containing writing and all else that is sealed against inspection.

FIRST-CLASS MISDEMEANANT. In English law. Under the prisons act (28 & 29 Vict. c. 126, § 67) prisoners in the county, city, and borough prisons convicted of misdemeanor, and not sentenced to hard labor, are divided into two classes, one of which is called the "first division;" and it is in the discretion of the court to order that such a prisoner be treated as a misdemeanant of the first division, usually called "first-class misdemeanant," and as such not to be deemed a criminal prisoner, i. e., a prisoner convicted of a crime.

FIRST-CLASS TITLE. A marketable title, shown by a clean record, or at least not depending on presumptions that must be overcome or facts that are uncertain. Vought v. Williams, 120 N. Y. 253, 24 N. E. 135, 8 L. R. A. 591, 17 Am. St. Rep. 634.


FISCAL AGENT. This term does not necessarily imply a depository of the public funds, so as, by the simple use of it in a statute, without any directions in this respect, to make it the duty of the state treasurer to deposit with him any moneys in the treasury. State v. Dubuclet, 27 La. Ann. 29.

FISCAL COURT. A ministerial and executive body in some states. Stone v. Winn, 165 Ky. 9, 176 S. W. 933, 941.

FISCAL JUDGE. A public officer named in the laws of the Riparians and some other Germanic peoples, apparently the same as the "Graf," "reeve," "comes," or "count," and so called because charged with the collection of public revenues, either directly or by the imposition of fines. See Spelman, voc. "Grafeo.

FISCAL OFFICERS. Those charged with the collection and distribution of public money, as, the money of a state, county, or municipal corporation. Rev. St. Mo. 1896, § 5338 (Ann. St. 1906, p. 2776).

FISCAL YEAR. In the administration of a state or government or of a corporation, the fiscal year is a period of twelve months (not necessarily concurrent with the calendar year) with reference to which its appropriations are made and expenditures authorized, and at the end of which its accounts are made up and the books balanced. Shaffner v. Lipinsky, 194 N. C. 1, 138 S. E. 418, 419. The financial year, at the end of which accounts are balanced. Union Trust & Savings Bank v. City of Sedalia, 300 Mo. 399, 254 S. W. 28, 30; Leavenworth Nat. Bank v. Relly, 97 Kan. 817, 156 P. 747, 748. An accounting period of 12 months. U. S. v. Mabel Elevator Co. (D. C.) 17 F.(2d) 309, 110; U. S. v. Carroll Chalan Co. (D. C.) 8 F.(2d) 529, 530. See also, Moose v. State, 49 Ark. 490, 5 S. W. 883.

FISCUS. In Roman Law

The treasury of the prince or emperor, as distinguished from "ararium," which was the treasury of the state. Spelman; Paillet, Droit Public, 21 n. This distinction was not observed in France. In course of time the fiscus absorbed the ararium and became the treasury of the state. Gray, Nature and

BL. LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)
Sources of Law 58. See Law 10, ft. De jure Fisci.

The treasury or property of the state, as distinguished from the private property of the sovereign.

From this term is derived the word "confiscate," i.e., to appropriate to the fiscus or fisc.

In English Law

The king's treasury, as the repository of forfeited property.

The treasury of a noble, or of any private person. Spelman.

FISH. An animal which inhabits the water, breathes by means of gills, swims by the aid of fins, and is oviparous. The term includes crabs, State v. Savage, 96 Or. 53, 184 P. 567, 570; escallops, State v. Dudley, 182 N. C. 822, 169 S. E. 63, 65; and mussels and other shellfish, Gratz v. McKee (C. C. A.) 265 F. 335, 336.

FISH COMMISSIONER. A public officer of the United States, created by act of congress of February 9, 1871, whose duties principally concern the preservation and increase throughout the country of fish suitable for food. Rev. St. § 4395 (16 USCA § 741).

FISH POTS. Contrivances in the nature of screens and traps, placed at the junction of low dams or walls extending out from each shore and somewhat down stream, in such a way as to collect the water and send it through the pot, so that fish may be screened out there. Middlekauff v. Le Compte, 149 Md. 621, 132 A. 48.

FISH ROYAL. These were the whale and the sturgeon, which, when thrown ashore or caught near the coast of England, became the property of the king by virtue of his prerogative and in recompense for his protecting the shore from pirates and robbers. Brown; 1 Bl. Comm. 290. Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 86, 10 Am. Dec. 356. Some authorities include the porpoise. Hale, De jure Mar. pt. 1, c. 7; Plowd. 305; Bracton, I. 3, c. 3.

FISHERY. A place prepared for catching fish with nets or hooks. This is commonly applied to the place of drawing a seine or net. Hart v. Hill, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 131, 132.

A right or liberty of taking fish; a species of incorporeal hereditament, anciently termed "piscary," of which there are several kinds. 2 Bl. Comm. 34, 39; 3 Kent, Comm. 409-418; Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 22, 10 Am. Dec. 356; Gould v. James, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 376; Hart v. Hill, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 124.

Common Fishery

A fishing ground where all persons have a right to take fish. Bennett v. Costar, 8 Taunt. 188; Albright v. Park Com'n, 68 N. J. Law, 523, 53 A. 612. Not to be confounded with "common of fishery," as to which see Common, n.

Fishery Laws

A series of statutes passed in England for the regulation of fishing, especially to prevent the destruction of fish during the breeding season, and of small fish, spawn, etc., and the employment of improper modes of taking fish. 3 Steph. Comm. 165.

Free Fishery

A franchise in the hands of a subject, existing by grant or prescription, distinct from an ownership in the soil. It is an exclusive right, and applies to a public navigable river, without any right in the soil. 3 Kent, Comm. 410. Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 87, 10 Am. Dec. 356. See Albright v. Sussex County Lake & Park Com'n, 68 N. J. Law, 525, 53 A. 612; Brookhaven v. Strong, 60 N. Y. 64.

Right of Fishery

The general and common right of the citizens to take fish from public waters, such as the sea, great lakes, etc. Shively v. Bowlby, 162 U. S. 1, 14 S. Ct. 648, 38 L. Ed. 331.

Several Fishery

A fishery of which the owner is also the owner of the soil, or derives his right from the owner of the soil. 2 Bl. Comm. 39, 40; 1 Steph. Comm. 671, note. And see Frency v. Cooke, 14 Mass. 459; Brookhaven v. Strong, 60 N. Y. 64; Holford v. Bailey, 8 Q. B. 1018. One by which the party claiming it has the right of fishing, independently of all other, so that no person can have a coextensive right with him in the object claimed; but a partial and independent right in another, or a limited liberty, does not derogate from the right of the owner. 5 Burr. 2314.

FISHGARTH. A dam or weir in a river for taking fish. Cowell.


Ordering one party to a suit to produce all of its books and papers for examination by the other party for evidence material to its cause is commonly known as "fishing" which is not permitted either in law or in equity. Mobile Gas Co. v. Patterson (D. C.) 285 F. 884, 885.

FISK. In Scotch law. The fiscus or fisc. The revenue of the crown. Generally used of
the personal estate of a rebel which has been forfeited to the crown. Bell.

**FISSURE VEIN.** In mining law. A vein or lode of mineralized matter filling a pre-existing fissure or crack in the earth’s crust extending across the *strata* and generally extending indefinitely downward. See Crocker v. Manley, 164 Ill. 282, 45 N. E. 577, 56 Am. St. Rep. 196.

**FISTUCA, or FESTUCA.** In old English law. The rod or wand, by the delivery of which the property in land was formerly transferred in making a feoffment. Called, also, “baculum,” “virga,” and “fustis.” Spelman. See Festuca.

**FISTULA.** In the civil law. A pipe for conveying water. Dig. 8, 2, 18.


*Fit for cultivation refers to that condition of soil which will enable a farmer with a reasonable amount of skill to raise regularly and annually, by tillage, grain or other staple crops.* Keenan v. Griffith, 24 Cal. 58; State v. Allen, 35 N. C. 27; Barrett v. Nelson, 29 Kan. 596.


**FIT, n.** In medical jurisprudence. An attack or spasm of muscular convulsions, generally attended with loss of self-control and of consciousness; particularly, such attacks occurring in epilepsy. In a more general sense, the period of an acute attack of any disease, physical or mental, as, a fit of insanity. See Gunter v. State, 58 Ala. 90, 3 So. 609. Also used in the plural, in which sense it is a layman’s term for epilepsy. Westphall v. Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., 27 Cal. App. 734, 151 P. 159, 182.

**FITZ.** A Norman word, meaning “son.” It is used in law and genealogy; as Fitzherbert, the son of Herbert; FitzJames, the son of James; FitzRoy, the son of the king. It was originally applied to illegitimate children.

**FIVE-MILE ‘ACT.’** An act of parliament passed in 1665, against non-conformists, whereby ministers of that body who refused to take the oath of non-resistance were prohibited from coming within five miles of any corporate town, or place where they had preached or lectured since the passing of the act of oblivion in 1660, nullified by act of 1689. Brown.


A constitutional provision to the effect that the general assembly shall fix the compensation of officers, means that it shall prescribe the rule by which such compensation is to be determined. Goodin v. State, 19 Ohio, 9.

**FIX UP.** A promise by a debtor to visit his creditor and “fix it up” with him was not a sufficient promise to pay to toll the statute of limitations, as the expression “fix it” would ordinarily be understood as meaning “make some kind of agreement or adjustment that may dispose of it.” Shaw v. Bubier, 119 Me. 59, 109 A. 373, 374.

**FIXED.** In a charter entered into by the captain of a ship, containing the condition, “Provided ship not fixed previously,” “fixed” was equivalent to “tied up,” “closed,” “not free.” Richichi v. James B. Drake & Sons (D. Ct.) 280 F. 421, 424.

**FIXED BELIEF OR OPINION.** As ground for rejecting a juror, this phrase means a settled belief or opinion which would so strongly influence the mind of the juror and his decision in the case that he could not exclude it from his mind and render a verdict solely in accordance with the law and the evidence. Bales v. State, 63 Ala. 30; Curley v. Com., 54 Pa. 156; Staup v. Com., 74 Pa. 461.

**FIXED SALARY.** One which is definitely ascertained and prescribed as to amount and time of payment, and does not depend upon the receipt of fees or other contingent emoluments; not necessarily a salary which cannot be changed by competent authority. Sharpe v. Robertson, 5 Grat. (Va.), 518; Hedrick v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 101. In a constitutional provision that certain officers shall be paid fixed and definite salaries, “fixed” means established or settled, to remain for a time, and “definite” relates to a salary defined or determined in amount. Board of Sup’rs, of Yavapai County v. Stephens, 20 Ariz. 115, 177 P. 261, 262.

**FIXING BAIL.** In practice, rendering absolute the liability of special bail.

**FIXTURE.** A personal chattel substantially affixed to the land; but which may afterwards be lawfully removed therefrom by the party affixing it, or his representative, without the
A fixture is an article of personal or chattell nature affixed to the freehold by a tenant and removable by him if it can be taken away without material injury to the property. lolse Ann's of Credit Men v. Ellis, 26 Idaho, 438, 144 P. 6, 9, L. R. A. 1916, 217.

A "fixture" formerly meant any chattel which on becoming affixed to the soil became a part of the realty. It now means those things which formed an exception to that rule and can be removed by the person who affixed them to the soil. L. R. 4 Ex. 325.

"Fixtures" does not necessarily import things affixed to the freehold. The term is a modern one, and is generally understood to comprehend any article which a tenant has the power to remove. Sheen v. Richette, 3 Mees. & W. 174; Rogers v. Gifinger, 30 Pa. 185, 189, 72 Am. Dec. 694.

Chattels which, by being physically annexed or affixed to real estate, become a part of and accessory to the freehold, and ordinarily the property of the owner of the land: Hill v. Atlantic Redlining Co. v. Felbinger, 1 W. W. Hari. (Dem). 183, 112 A. 685, 697; Red Diamond Clothing Co. v. Stiedemann, 109 Mo. App. 306, 152 S. W. 609, 617.

Things fixed or affixed to other things. The rules of law regarding them is that which is expressed in the maxim, "accessio est principali," "the accessory goes with, and as part of, the principal subject matter." Brown.


Personal property is not so annexed to realty as to become a fixture if it can be removed without material injury to the property or to the freehold. Maxson v. Ashland Iron Works, 55 Or. 345, 166 P. 37, 39.

A thing is deemed to be affixed to land when it is attached to it by roots, as in the case of trees, vines or shrubs, or imbedded in it, as in the case of walls; or permanently rests upon it, as in the case of buildings; or permanently attached to what is thus permanent, as by means of cement, plaster, nails, bolts, or screws. Clev. Cod. Cal. § 660: Big Sespe Oil Co. v. Cochran (C. C. A.) 276 F. 216, 217.

Personal property, in order to lose its character as a chattel and become a fixture, must be annexed to the realty, either actually or constructively, must be appropriated to the use of that part of the realty with which it is connected, and must be intended as a permanent accession to the freehold. Boise-Payette Lumber Co. v. McCormick, 22 Idaho, 482.

That which is fixed or attached to something permanently as an appendage, and not removable. Webster. Something fixed or immovable. Worcester.

The general result seems to be that three views have been taken. One is that "fixture" means something which has been affixed to the realty, so as to become a part of it; it is fixed, irremovable. An opposite view is that "fixture" means something which appears to be a part of the realty, but is not fully so; it is only a chattel fixed to it, but removable. An intermediate view is that "fixture" means a chattel annexed, affixed, to the realty, but imports nothing as to whether it is removable; that is to be determined by considering its circumstances and the relation of the parties. Abbott; New Castle Theater Co. v. Ward, 57 Ind. App. 473, 104 N. E. 325, 327. See, also, Review Printing Co. v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co., 128 Minn. 223, 158 N. W. 39, 40.

Agricultural Fixtures

Domestic Fixtures
All such articles as a tenant attaches to a dwelling house in order to render his occupation more comfortable or convenient, and which may be separated from it without doing substantial injury, such as furnaces, stoves, cupboards, shelves, bells, gas fixtures, or things merely ornamental, as painted wainscots, pier and chimney glasses, although attached to the walls with screws, marble chimney pieces, grates, beds palled to the walls, window blinds and curtains. Wright v. Du Bignon, 114 Ga. 765, 40 S. E. 747, 57 L. R. A. 669.

Trade Fixtures
Articles placed in or attached to rented buildings by the tenant, to prosecute the trade or business for which he occupies the premises, or to be used in connection with such business, or promote convenience and efficiency in conducting it. Herkimer County L. & P. Co. v. Johnson, 37 App. Div. 257, 55 N. Y. Supp. 924; Brown v. Reno Electric L. & P. Co. (C. C.) 55 Fed. 231; Security L. & T. Co. v. Villamette, etc., Mfg. Co., 99 Cal. 636, 34 Pac. 321; In re West (D. C.) 233 F. 903, 906; Winnike v. Heyman, 185 Iowa, 114, 169 N. W. 631, 632; Northwestern Lumber & Wrecking Co. v. Parker, 125 Minn. 107, 145 N. W. 664, 665. Such chattels as merchants usually possess and annex to the premises occupied by them to enable them to store, handle, and display their goods, which are generally removable without material injury to the premises. Lovett v. Berningham.

FLACO. A place covered with standing water.

FLAG. A national standard on which are certain emblems; an ensign; a banner. It is carried by soldiers, ships, etc., and commonly displayed at forts and many other suitable places.

In common parlance, the word "flag," when used as denoting a signal, does not necessarily mean the actual use of a flag, but by figure of speech the word is used in the secondary sense and signifies a signal given as with a flag; that is to say, as by a waving of the hand for the purpose of communicating information. Bergfeld v. Kansas City Rys. Co., 255 Mo. 654, 227 S. W. 106, 110.

—Flag, duty of the. This was an ancient ceremony in acknowledgment of British sovereignty over the British seas, by which a foreign vessel struck her flag and lowered her top-sail on meeting the British flag.

—Flag of the United States. By the act entitled "An act to establish the flag of the United States," (Rev. St. §§ 1791, 1792 [4 USCA §§ 1, 2]), it is provided "that, from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be twenty stars, white in a blue field; that, on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission."

—Flag of truce. A white flag displayed by one of two belligerent parties to notify the other party that communication and a cessation of hostilities are desired.

—Law of the flag. See Law.


FLAGRANS. Lat. Burning; raging; in actual perpetration.

—Flagrants bellum. A war actually going on.

—Flagrantes crimen. In Roman law. A fresh or recent crime. This term designated a crime in the very act of its commission, or while it was of recent occurrence.

—Flagrante bello. During an actual state of war.

—Flagrante delito. In the very act of committing the crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 397.

FLAGRANT DÉLIT. In French law. A crime which is in actual process of perpetration or which has just been committed. Code d'Instr. Crim. art. 41.

FLAGRANT NECESSITY. A case of urgency rendering lawful an otherwise illegal act, as an assault to remove a man from impending danger.

FLAGRANTLY AGAINST EVIDENCE. So much against weight of evidence as to shock conscience and clearly indicate passion and prejudice of jury. Smith v. Commonwealth, 216 Ky. 813, 288 S. W. 752, 754.

FLASH CHECK. A check drawn upon a banker by a person who has no funds at the banker's and knows that such is the case.

FLAT. A place covered with water too shallow for navigation with vessels ordinarily used for commercial purposes. The space between high and low water mark along the edge of an arm of the sea, bay, tidal river, etc. Thomas v. Hatch, 23 Fed. Cas. 946; Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 424; Jones v. Janney, 8 Watts & S. (Pa.) 443, 42 Am. Dec. 308.

A floor or separate division of a floor, fitted for housekeeping and designed to be occupied by a single family. Cent. Dict. A building, the various floors of which are fitted up as flats, either residential or business.

FLATTERY. False or excessive praise, insincere complimentary language or conduct. Smith v. State, 13 Ala. App. 399, 69 So. 402, 404.


FLECTA. A feathered or fleet arrow. Cowell.

FLEDWITE. A discharge or freedom from amercements where one, having been an outlawed fugitive, cometh to the place of our lord of his own accord. Termes de la Ley.

The liberty to hold court and take up the amercements for beating and striking. Cowell.

The fine set on a fugitive as the price of obtaining the king's freedom. Spelman.


FLEE TO THE WALL. A metaphorical expression, used in connection with homicide done in self-defense, signifying the exhaustion of every possible means of escape, or of averting the assault, before killing the assailant.
FLEET. A place where the tide flows; a creek, or inlet of water; a company of ships or navy; a prison in London (so called from a river or ditch formerly in its vicinity,) now abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22.

FLEM. In Saxon and old English law. A fugitive bondman or villein. Spelman. The privilege of having the goods and fines of fugitives.

FLEMENE FRIT, FLEMENES FRINTHE, or FLYMENA FRYNTHE. (A corrupt pseudo-archaic form is Flemmes-ferth, representing the old law Latin form, flmeneferth, of the Anglo-Saxon flmyn ferth or flmene fyrmth. Cent. Dict.) The reception or relief of a fugitive or outlaw. Jacob.

FLEMESWITE. The possession of the goods of fugitives. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 147.

FLET. In Saxon law. Land; a house; home.

Fleta. The name given to an ancient treatise on the laws of England, founded mainly upon the writings of Bracton and Glanville, and supposed to have been written in the time of Edw. I. The author is unknown, but it is surmised that he was a judge or learned lawyer who was at that time confined in the Fleet prison, whence the name of the book.

Flichwite. In Saxon law. A fine on account of brawls and quarrels. Spelman.


FLOATING BOG. A mass of grass reeds or other aquatic vegetation growing and floating on the water which may become frozen into the ice in winter, and in high water is carried on the surface and broken off and may be moved by winds and currents to deep waters, where it disappears as sediment, and its formation in the summer season indicates a substantial amount of water between it and the soil forming the bed of the water, which may be navigable. Attorney General v. Bay Boom Wild Rice & Fur Farm, 172 Wis. 363, 178 N. W. 569, 572.

FLOATING CAPITAL (or circulating capital). The capital which is consumed at each operation of production and reappears transformed into new products. At each sale of these products the capital is represented in cash, and it is from its transformations that profit is derived. Floating capital includes raw materials destined for fabrication, such as wool and flax, products in the warehouses of manufacturers or merchants, such as cloth and linen, and money for wages, and stores. De Laveleye, Pol. Ec.

Capital retained for the purpose of meeting current expenditure.

FLOATING DEBT. By this term is meant that mass of lawful and valid claims against the corporation for the payment of which there is no money in the corporate treasury specifically designed, nor any taxation nor other means of providing money to pay particularly provided. People v. Wood, 71 N. Y. 374; City of Huron v. Second Ward Sav. Bank, 30 C. C. A. 38, 86 F. 276, 49 L. R. A. 534.


FLOATING POLICY. A floating policy is one intended to supplement special insurance, and attaches only when the latter ceases to cover the risk, the reason for the creation and the purpose of such policy being to provide indemnity for property which cannot, because of its frequent change in location and quantity, be covered by special insurance, and by its terms it cannot become operative until the prior insurance has been exhausted. Wilson Co. v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co., 300 Mo. 1, 254 S. W. 266, 282.

FLODE-MARK. Flood-mark, high-water mark. The mark which the sea, at flowing water and highest tide, makes on the shore. Blount.

FLOGGING. Thrashing or beating with a whip or lash. In America, the act of June 4, 1920, c. 227, subchapter II, § 1, 41 Stat. 795 (10 USC § 1512) prohibits, as to the army, "cruel and unusual punishments of every kind, including flogging." Flogging is like-
wise prohibited in the navy. See 34 USCA § 1250, art. 49.


Ordinary and Extraordinary Floods

Extraordinary or unprecedented floods are floods which are of such unusual occurrence that they could not have been foreseen by men of ordinary experience and prudence. Ordinary floods are those, the occurrence of which may be reasonably anticipated from the general experience of men residing in the region where such floods happen. Soules v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co., 34 N. D. 7, 157 N. W. 828; 380, L. R. A. 1917A, 501; Elkland v. Casey (C. C. A.) 12 A. L. R. 175, 286 F. 821, 823; Clements v. Phoenix Utility Co., 119 Kan. 130, 287 P. 1062, 1065.

FLOOD WATERS. Waters escaping from a natural water course in time of flood or overflow. Where a stream coming out of the mouth of a canyon has left a cone of detritus and flows down one side thereof, but in a time of high water it breaks out of its channel to flow down the other slope of the cone, such waters are "flood waters" running wild, and any property owner threatened thereby has the right to protect himself against them as best he can, the waters not being "surface waters" in the technical sense, it being immaterial that the escaping waters have made for themselves a channel or follow some natural channel, gulley, or depression to come to defendant property owner, who has protected himself against them, as a stream, instead of spreading out over the ground. Horton v. Goodenoough, 154 Cal. 461, 104 P. 34, 35; Motl v. Boyd, 116 Tex. 226, 266 S. W. 406, 407; Siefert v. Cook, 74 Cal. App. 259, 241 P. 415, 420; Texas Co. v. Burkett, 17 Tex. 196 S. W. 273, 279; Thomson v. La Beta, 180 Cal. 171, 183 P. 152; Herrmannhaus v. Southern California Edison Co., 200 Cal. 81, 252 P. 607, 610.

FLOOR. A section of a building between horizontal planes. Lowell v. Strahan, 145 Mass. 1, 12 N. E. 401, 1 Am. St. Rep. 422. A story, including outer walls. Loominster Fuel Co. v. Scanlon, 248 Mass. 126, 137 N. E. 271, 24 A. L. R. 1459. The word "floor" may mean the mere bottom plane of an inclosure or artificial structure, the surface on which we walk, ride, or travel, or it may mean such surface or plane, together with the timbers, framework, and materials which enter into and form part of its construction. So of the word "flooring." If used without reference to a structure in its completed form, it would ordinarily convey the idea of materials suitable for use in constructing a floor, or in a narrow sense the boards or planks for covering the framework of a floor. When used with reference to a completed structure, it may mean either the materials of which the floor is composed, or the completed floor structure. When not attempting to speak with technical exactness, the words "floor" and "flooring" may be, and often are, used as synonymous or interchangeable terms. Cedar Rapids & M. C. R. Co. v. City of Cedar Rapids, 173 Iowa, 886, 155 N. W. 842; Missouri Pac. R. Co. v. Holt (C. C. A.) 280 P. 105, 107.

A term used metaphorically, or in parliamentary practice, to denote the exclusive right to address the body in session. A member who has been recognized by the chair, and who is in order, is said to have the floor, until his remarks are concluded. Similarly, the "floor of the house" means the main part of the hall where the members sit, as distinguished from the galleries, or from the corridors or lobbies.

In England, the floor of a court is that part between the judge's bench and the front row of counsel. Litigants appearing in person, in the high court or court of appeal, are supposed to address the court from the floor.

FLORENTINE PANDECTS. A copy of the Pandects discovered accidentally about the year 1137, at Amalfi, a town in Italy, near Salerno. From Amalfi, the copy found its way to Pisa, and, Pisa having submitted to the Florentines in 1406, the copy was removed in great triumph to Florence. By direction of the magistrates of the town, it was immediately bound in a superb manner, and deposited in a costly chest. Formerly, these Pandects were shown only by torch-light, in the presence of two magistrates, and two Cistercian monks, with their heads uncovered. They have been successively collated by Pollittan, Bogolinni, and Antonius Augustinus. An exact copy of them was published in 1553 by Francisetus Taurellus. For its accuracy and beauty, this edition ranks high among the ornaments of the press. Breuzach, who collated the manuscript about 1710, refers it to the sixth century. Butl. Hor. Jur. 90, 91.

FLORIN. A coin originally made at Florence, now of the value of about two English shillings.

FLOTAGES. Such things as by accident float on the top of great rivers or the sea. Blount.

A commission paid to water bailiffs. Cun. Dict.

FLOTSAM, FLOTSAN. A name for the goods which float upon the sea when cast overboard for the safety of the ship, or when a ship is sunk. Distinguished from "jetsam" and "ligan." Bract. lib. 2, c. 6; 5 Coke, 106; 1 Bl. Comm. 282.

FLAUD-MARKE. In old English law. Highwater mark: flood-mark. 1 Add. 88, 89.
FLOURISH. The act of brandishing or waving; a swinging or whirling movement as flourish of a whip or sword; to fling or whirl about while holding in the hand, brandish, flant, as, he flourished his whip. State v. Boyles, 24 N. M. 464, 174 P. 423.

FLOWAGE. The natural flow or movement of water from an upper estate to a lower one is a servitude which the owner of the latter must bear, though the flowage be not in a natural water course with well-defined banks; Leidlein v. Meyer, 29 Mich. 586, 55 N. W. 367; Ogburn v. Connor, 46 Cal. 346, 13 Am. Rep. 215; Gray v. McWilliams, 68 Cal. 157, 32 P. 376, 21 L. R. A. 563, 55 Am. St. Rep. 183.


FLOWING LANDS. This term has acquired a definite and specific meaning in law. It commonly imports raising and setting back water on another's land, by a dam placed across a stream or water course which is the natural drain and outlet for surplus water on such land. Call v. Middlesex County Com'rs, 2 Gray (Mass.) 235.

FLUCTUS. Flood; flood-tide. Bract. fol. 255.

FLUME. Primarily, a stream or river, but usually used to designate an artificial channel applied to some definite use, and may mean either an open or a covered aqueduct. Talbot v. Joseph, 79 Or. 308, 155 P. 184, 186.

FLUMEN. In Roman Law

A servitude which consists in the right to conduct the rain-water, collected from the roof and carried off by the gutters, onto the house or ground of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317; Erek. Inst. 2, 9, 9. Also a river or stream.

In Old English Law

Flood; flood-tide.

Flumina et portus publica sunt, ideoque jus piscandi omnibus communis est. Rivers and ports are public. Therefore the right of fishing there is common to all. Day, Ir. K. B. 55; Branch, Princ.

FLUMINE VOLUCRES. Wild fowl; waterfowl. 11 East, 571, note.

FLUVIUS. Lat. A river; a public river; flood; flood-tide.

FLUXUS. In old English law. Flow. Per fluxum et refluxum maris, by the flow and reflow of the sea. Dal. pl. 10.

FLY FOR IT. Anciently it was the custom in a criminal trial to inquire after the verdict, "Did he fly for it?" After the verdict, even if not guilty, forfeiture of goods followed conviction upon such inquity. Abolished by 7 & 8 Geo. IV. c. 28. Wharton.

FLYING SWITCH. In railroading, a flying switch is made by uncoupling the cars from the engine while in motion, and throwing the cars onto the side track, by turning the switch, after the engine has passed it upon the main track. Greenleaf v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 29 Iowa, 39, 4 Am. Rep. 181; Baker v. Railroad Co., 122 Mo. 553, 26 S. W. 29; Hanson v. Chicago, M. & St. P. R. Co., 157 Wis. 455, 146 N. W. 524, 525.

FLYMA. In old English law. A runaway; fugitive; one escaped from justice, or who has no "liaford."

FLYMAN-FRYMTH. See Flemene Frit.


FOAL. a. To bring forth young; said of animals of the horse family. O'Rear v. Richardson, 17 Ala. App. 87, 81 So. 863, 866.

FOCAGE. House-bote; fire-bote. Cowell.

FOCALE. In old English law. Firewood. The right of taking wood for the fire. Fire-bote. Cunningham.

FODDER. Food for horses or cattle. In feudal law, the term also denoted a prerogative of the prince to be provided with corn, etc., for his horses by his subjects in his wars.

FODERTORIUM. Provisions to be paid by custom to the royal purveyors. Cowell.

FODERUM. See Fodder.

FODINA. A mine. Co. Litt. 6a.

FŒBUS. In international law. A treaty; a league; a compact.

Fœmina viro co-operta. A married woman; a feme covert.

Fœminæ ab omnibus officiis civilibus vel publicis remota sunt. Women are excluded from all civil and public charges or offices. Dig. 50, 17, 2; 1 Exch. 645; 6 Mees. & W. 216.

Fœminæ non sunt capaces de publicis officiis. Jenk. Cent. 237. Women are not admitted to public offices.

Fædation. Lending money at interest; the act of putting out money to usufruct.

Fænus. Lat. In the civil law. Interest on money; the lending of money on interest.

Fœnus naucicum. Nautical or maritime interest. An extraordinary rate of interest.
agreed to be paid for the loan of money on the
hazard of a voyage; sometimes called "usura
maritima." Dig. 22, 2; Code, 4, 33; 2 Bl.
Comm. 458. The extraordinary rate of inter-
est, proportioned to the risk, demanded by a
person, lending money on a ship, or on "bot-
tommary," as it is termed. The agreement for
such a rate of interest is also called "femus
Comm. 93.) Mozley & Whitley.

FACIUS UNCIARIUM. Interest of one-
twelfth, that is, interest amounting annually
to one-twelfth of the principal, hence at the
rate of eight and one-third per cent. per an-
um. This was the highest legal rate of
interest in the early times of the Roman re-

FESA. In old records. Grass; herbage. 2
Mon. Angl. 9065; Cowell.

FECIcIDE. See Feticide.

FEUTURA. In the civil law. The produce
of animals, and the fruit of other property,
which are acquired to the owner of such ani-
imals and property by virtue of his right.
Bowyer, Mod. Civ. Law, c. 14, p. 81.

FÉTUS. In medical jurisprudence. An un-
born child. An infant in ventre sa mère.

FOG. In maritime law. Any atmospheric
condition (including not only fog properly so
called, but also mist or falling snow) which
thickens the air, obstructs the view, and so
increases the perils of navigation. Flint &
P. M. R. Co. v. Marine Ins. Co. (C. C.) 71
F. 210; Dolmer v. The Monticello, 7 Fed. Cas.
859.

FOGAGIUM. In old English law. Foggage
or fog; a kind of rank grass of late growth,
and not eaten in summer. Spelman; Cow-
ell.

FOI. In French feudal law. Faith; fealty.
Guyot, Inst. Feod. c. 2.

FOINESUN. In old English law. The fawn-
ing of deer. Spelman.

FOIRFAULT. In old Scotch law. To for-
feit. 1 How. State Tr. 927.

FOIRTHOUGHT. In old Scotch law. Fore-
thought; premeditated. 1 Pitt. Crim. Tr.
pt. 1, p. 90.

FOITERERS. Vagabonds. Blount.

FOLC-GEMOTE (spelled, also, folkmote, fol-
mote, folkgemote; from folc, people, and ge-
mote, an assembly). In Saxon law. A gen-
eral assembly of the people in a town or
shire. It appears to have had judicial func-
tions of a limited nature, and also to have
discharged political offices, such as deliberat-
ing upon the affairs of the commonwealth or
complaining of misgovernment, and probably
possessed considerable powers of local self-
government. The name was also given to
any sort of a popular assembly. See Spel-
man; Manwood; Cunningham.

FOLC-LAND. In Saxon law. Land of theolk or people. Land belonging to the people
or the public.

Folc-land was the property of the community. It
might be occupied in common, or possessed in sev-
erality; and, in the latter case, it was probably par-
celled out to individuals in the folc-gemote or court
of the district, and the grant sanctioned by the free-
men who were there present. But, while it continued
to be folc-land, it could not be alienated in perpetu-
ity; and therefore, on the expiration of the term for
which it had been granted, it reverted to the com-
community, and was again distributed by the same au-
thority. It was subject to many burdens and ex-
actions from which boc-land was exempt. Wharton.

FOLC-MOTE. A general assembly of the
people, under the Saxons. See Folc-Gemote.

FOLC-RIGHT. The common right of all the
people. 1 Bl. Comm. 85, 67.

The jus commune, or common law, men-
tioned in the laws of King Edward the Eld-
er, declaring the same equal right, law, or
justice to be due to persons of all degrees.
Wharton.

FOLD-COURSE. In English law. Land to
which the sole right of folding the cattle of
others is appurtenant. Sometimes it means
merely such right of folding. The right of
folding on another's land, which is called
"common foldage." Co. Litt. 60, note 1.

FOLD-SOKE. A feudal service which con-
stantly incurred the obligation of the tenant not to
have a fold of his own but to have his sheep
lie in the lord's fold. He was said to be con-
suetus ad foldam, tied to his lord's fold. The
basis of this service is thus expressed by a
recent writer: "It is manure that the lord
wants; the demand for manure has played
a large part in the history of the human race."
Maitland, Domescay Book 76. In East An-
glia the peasants had sheep enough to make
this an important social institution; id. 442.

FOLDAGE. A privilege possessed in some
places by the lord of a manor, which con-
sists in the right of having his tenant's sheep
feed on his fields, so as to manure the
land. The name of foldage is also given to
parts of Norfolk to the customary fee paid to
the lord for exemption at certain times from
this duty. Elton, Com. 45, 46.

FOLGARII. Menial servants; followers.
Bract.

FOLGERE. In old English law. A freeman,
who has no house or dwelling of his own,
but is the follower or retainer of another,
(hearthfast), for whom he performs certain
prestial services.

FOLGERS. Menial servants or followers.
Cowell.
FOLGOTH. Official dignity.
FOLIE BRIGHTIQUE. See Insanity.
FOLIE CIRCULAIRE. See Insanity.

FOLIO. A leaf. In the ancient lawbooks it was the customary to number the leaves, instead of the pages; hence a folio would include both sides of the leaf, or two pages. The references to these books are made by the number of the folio, the letters "a" and "b" being added to show which of the two pages is intended; thus "Bracton, fol. 100a."
A large size of book, the page being obtained by folding the sheet of paper once only in the binding. Many of the ancient lawbooks are folios.
In computing the length of written legal documents, the term "folio" denotes a certain number of words, fixed by statute in some states at one hundred.

The term "folio," when used as a measure for computing fees or compensation, or in any legal proceedings, means one hundred words, counting every figure necessarily used as a word; and any portion of a folio, when in the whole draft or figure there is not a complete folio, and when there is any excess over the last folio, shall be computed as a folio. Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 4, § 1, par. 4 (Minn. St. 1897, § 10933).

FOLK-LAND; FOLK-MOTE. See Folc-Land; Folc-Gemote.

FOLLOW. To conform to, comply with, or be fixed or determined by; as in the expressions "costs follow the event of the suit," "the situs of personal property follows that of the owner," "the offspring follows the mother," (portus sequitur ventrem).
To walk in, to attend upon closely, as a profession or calling. Spears v. Ford, 197 Ky. 575, 247 S. W. 713.

The French words "fonds et biens," translated as "goods and effects," include reality, as they appear in the following terms of a treaty between the United States and Sweden: "The subjects of the contracting parties in the respective states may freely dispose of their goods and effects, either by testament, donation, or otherwise, in favor of such persons as they think proper; and their heirs, in whatever place they shall reside, shall receive the succession even ab intestat, either in person or by their attorney." § U. S. St. at Large, p. 64, art. 3, Erickson v. Carlson, 56 Neb. 132, 146 N. W. 532.

FONDS PERDUS. In French law. A capital is said to be invested in fonds perdus when it is stipulated that in consideration of the payment of an amount as interest, higher than the normal rate, the lender shall be repaid his capital in this manner. The borrower, after paying the interest during the period determined, is free as regards the capital itself. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 560.

FONSADERA. In Spanish law. Any tribute or loan granted to the king for the purpose of enabling him to defray the expenses of a war.

FONTANA. A fountain or spring. Bract. fol. 233.

FOOT. A measure of length containing twelve inches or one-third of a yard.
The base, bottom, or foundation of anything; and, by metonymy, the end or termination; as the foot of a fine.

FOOT OF THE FINE. The fifth part of the conclusion of a fine. It includes the whole matter, recting the names of the parties, day, year, and place, and before whom it was acknowledged or levied. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.

FOOT POUND. A unit of energy, or work, equal to work done in raising one pound avoirdupois against the force of gravity to the height of one foot. Webster, Dict. Healey v. Moran Towing & Transportation Co. (C. C. A.) 253 F. 334, 337.

FOOTGELD. In the forest law. An amercement for not cutting out the ball or cutting off the claws of a dog's feet, (expediting him.) To be quit of footgeld is to have the privilege of keeping dogs in the forest unleashed without punishment or control. Manwood.

FOOT-PRINTS. In the law of evidence. Impressions made upon earth, snow, or other surface by the feet of persons, or by the shoes, boots, or other covering of the feet. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 264.

FOR. Fr. In French law. A tribunal. Le for interieur, the interior forum; the tribunal of conscience. Poth. Obl. pt. 1, c. 1, § 1, art. 3, § 4.

FOR. Instead of; on behalf of; in place of; as, where one signs a note or legal instrument "for" another, this formula importing agency or authority. Emerson v. Hat Mfg. Co., 12 Mass. 240; Am. Dec. 66; Donovan v. Welch, 11 N. D. 113, 90 N. W. 282; Wilks v. Black, 2 East, 142.
FOR

71 Okl. 47, 175 P. 242, 243; Myakka Co. v. Edwards, 68 Fla. 382, 67 So. 217, 224.

In consideration for; as an equivalent for; in exchange for; in place of; as where property is agreed to be given "for" other property or "for" services. Norton v. Woodruff, 2 N. Y. 153; Duncan v. Franklin Tp, 43 N. J. Eq. 143, 10 A. 546; Mudge v. Black, Sheridan & Wilson (C. C. A.) 224 P. 919, 921.

Belonging to, exercising authority or functions within; as, where one describes himself as "a notary public in and for the said county."


FOR ACCOUNT OF. This formula, used in an indorsement of a note or draft, introduces the name of the person entitled to receive the proceeds. Freiberger v. Stoddard, 161 Pa. 259, 28 A. 1111; White v. Miners' Nat. Bank, 102 U. S. 668, 26 L. Ed. 260; Equitable Trust Co. of New York v. Rochling, 275 U. S. 246, 48 S. Ct. 55, 69, 72 L. Ed. 294.


FOR AT LEAST. As applied to a number of days required for notice this phrase includes either the first or last day, but not both. Stroud v. Water Co., 58 N. J. Law, 422, 28 A. 578.

FOR CAUSE. With reference to the power of removal from office, this term means some cause other than the will or pleasure of the removing authority, that is, some cause relating to the conduct, ability, fitness, or competence of the officer. Hagerstown Street Com'rs v. Williams, 96 Md. 232, 53 A. 923; In re Nichols, 57 How. Frac. (N. Y.) 404.

FOR COLLECTION. A form of indorsement on a note or check where it is not intended to transfer title to it or to give it credit or currency, but merely to authorize the transferee to collect the amount of it. Central R. Co. v. Bank, 73 Ga. 383; Sweeney v. Easter, 1 Wall. 106, 17 L. Ed. 681; Freiberger v. Stoddard, 161 Pa. 259, 28 A. 1111; National Shawmut Bank of Boston v. Barnwell, 140 Miss. 816, 105 So. 462, 463; First Nat. Bank v. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo. (C. C. A.) 6 F. (2d) 339, 345. But see In re Ziegenhein (Mo. App.) 157 S. W. 593, 886.

FOR PURPOSE OF. With the intention of. State v. Derridckson, 1 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 342, 114 A. 286, 288.

FOR THAT. In pleading. Words used to introduce the allegations of a declaration. "For that" is a positive allegation; "For that whereas" is a recital. Ham. N. P. 9.

FOR THAT WHEREAS. In pleading. Formal words introducing the statement of the plaintiff's case, by way of recital, in his declaration, in all actions except trespass. 1 Inst. Cier. 170; 1 Burrill, Pr. 127. In trespass, where there was no recital, the expression used was, "For that." Id.; 1 Inst. Cier. 202.

FOR USE. (1) For the benefit or advantage of another. Thus, where an assignee is obliged to sue in the name of his assignor, the suit is entitled "A. for use of B. v. C." (2) For enjoyment or employment without destruction. A loan "for use" is one in which the balsee has the right to use and enjoy the article, but without consuming or destroying it, in which respect it differs from a loan "for consumption." In re Hook's Estate, 168 Cal. 643, 200 P. 417, 418.

FOR VALUE. See Holder.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED. See Value Received.

FOR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. In a policy of marine or fire insurance, this phrase indicates that the insurance is taken for the benefit of all persons (besides those named) who may have an insurable interest in the subject.

FORAGE. Hay and straw for horses, particularly in the army. Jacob.

FORAGIUM. Straw when the corn is threshed out. Cowell.

FORAKER ACT. A name usually given to the act of congress of April 12, 1800, 51 Stat. L. 77, c. 191 (48 USC A § 731 et seq.), which provided civil government for Porto Rico. See a synopsis of it by Harlan, J., in Downes v. Bidwell, 152 U. S. 244, 390, 21 S. Ct. 770, 45 L. Ed. 1058.

FORANEUS. One from without; a foreigner; a stranger. Calvin.

FORATHE. In forest law. One who could make oath, i. e., bear witness for another. Cowell; Spelman.

FORBALCA. In old records. A forebalk; a balk (that is, an unplowed piece of land) lying forward or next the highway. Cowell.

FORBANNITUS. A pirate; an outlaw; one banished.

FORBARRER. L. Fr. To bar out; to preclude; hence, to estop.

FORBATUDUS. In old English law. The aggressor slain in combat. Jacob.

FORBEARANCE. The act of abstaining from proceeding against a delinquent debtor; delay in exacting the enforcement of a right;
FORCE MAJEUERE. Fr. In the law of insurance. Superior or irresistible force. Emerg. Tr. des Ass. c. 12.

FORCED HEIRS. In Louisiana. Those persons whom the testator or donor cannot deprive of the portion of his estate reserved for them by law, except in cases where he has a just cause to disinherit them. Civil Code La. art. 1495. And see Crafn v. Crafn, 17 Tex. 90; Hagerty v. Hagerty, 12 Tex. 456; Miller v. Miller, 105 La. 251, 29 So. 802; Succession of Hawkins, 139 La. 228, 71 So. 492, 494.

FORCED SALE. In practice. A sale made at the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in virtue of execution issued on a judgment already rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction; a sale made under the process of the court, and in the mode prescribed by law. Sampson v. Williamson, 6 Tex. 110, 55 Am. Dec. 762.

A forced sale is a sale against the consent of the owner. The term should not be deemed to embrace a sale under a power in a mortgage. Patterson v. Taylor, 15 Fla. 328.

FORCHEAPUM. Pre-emption; forestalling the market. Jacob.

FORCIBLE DETAINER. The offense of violently keeping possession of lands and tenements, with menaces, force, and arms, and without the authority of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 148; 4 Steph. Comm. 250.

Forcible detainer may ensue upon a peaceable entry, as well as upon a forcible entry; but it is most commonly spoken of in the phrase "forcible entry and detainer." See infra.

FORCIBLE ENTRY. An offense against the public peace, or private wrong, committed by violently taking possession of lands and tenements with menaces, force, and arms, against the will of those entitled to the possession, and without the authority of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 148; 4 Steph. Comm. 250; Code Ga. 1882, § 4524 (Pen. Code, 1910, § 344).

Every person is guilty of forcible entry who either (1) by breaking open doors, windows, or other parts of a house, or by any kind of violence or circumstance of terror, enters upon or into any real property; or (2) who, after entering peaceably upon real property, turns out by force, threats, or menacing conduct the party in possession. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 1159.

At common law, a forcible entry was necessarily one effected by means of force, violence, menaces, display of weapons, or otherwise with the strong hand; but this rule has been relaxed, either by statute or the course of judicial decisions, in many of the states, so that an entry effected without the consent of the rightful owner, or against his remonstrance, or under circumstances which amount to no more than a mere trespass, is now technically considered "forcible," while a detainer of the prop-


Refraining from action. The term is used in this sense in general jurisprudence, in contradistinction to "act."


Unlawful violence. It is either simple, as entering upon another's possession, without doing any other unlawful act; compound, when some other violence is committed, which of itself alone is criminal; or implied, as in every trespass, rescous, or dsesisin. Lambert v. Helena Adjustment Co., 69 Mont. 510, 222 P. 1057, 1058.

Power statically considered; that is at rest, or latent, but capable of being called into activity upon occasion for its exercise. Efficiency; legal validity. This is the meaning when we say that a statute or a contract is "in force."

In Old English Law

A technical term applied to a species of assentary before the fact.

In Scotch Law

Coercion; duress. Bell.

In General

—Force and arms. A phrase used in declarations of trespass and in indictments, but now unnecessary in declarations, to denote that the act complained of was done with violence. 2 Chit. Pl. 846, 850.

—Force and fear, called also "vi metuque," means that any contract or act extorted under the pressure of force (vis) or under the influence of fear (metus) is voidable on that ground, provided, of course, that the force or the fear was such as influenced the party. Brown.

—Forces. The military and naval power of the country.

—Of force. See that title.
Entry consisting merely in the refusal to surrender possession after a lawful demand, is treated as a "forcible" detainer; the reason in both cases being that the action of a "forcible entry and detainer": (see next title) has been found an extremely convenient method of procuring possession against a tenant refusing to quit, the "force" required at common law being now supplied by a mere fiction. See Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. art. 3975; Golfsadbery v. Bishop, 2 Duw. (Ky.) 144; Wells v. Darby, 13 Mont. 504, 34 P. 1095; Willard v. Warren, 17 Tenn. 717, 2 S. E. 168; Phelps v. Randolph, 347 Ill. 335, 32 N. E. 243; Brawley v. Risdon Iron Works, 33 Cal. 678; Cuyler v. Estes, 23 Ky. Law Rep. 1063, 64 S. W. 673; Herkimer v. Keeler, 109 Iowa, 680, 81 N. W. 178; Young v. Young, 169 Ky. 122, 58 S. W. 592; Quinn v. McCoshreno, 208 N. Y. 560, 562, 110 App. Div. 569; Crossen v. Campbell, 105 Or. 668, 202 P. 745, 748; Willows Cattle Co. v. Connell, 25 Ariz. 592, 220 P. 1088, 1093; Hammond Savings & Trust Co. v. Boney, 51 Ind. App. 296, 107 N. E. 480, 484; Gallaher v. Miles, 200 Mich. 632, 166 N. W. 1099, 1919; Godin v. McCall, 81 Fla. 514, 98 So. 553, 558; Brooks v. Brooks, 84 N. J. Law. 210, 65 Atl.; California Products v. Mitchell, 52 Cal. App. 212, 198 P. 646.

FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER. The action of forcible entry and detainer is a summary proceeding to recover possession of premises forcibly or unlawfully detained. The inquiry in such cases does not involve title, but is confined to the actual and peaceable possession of the plaintiff and the unlawful or forcible ouster or detention by defendant; the object of the law being to prevent the disturbance of the public peace by the forcible assertion of a private right. Gore v. Altice, 33 Wash. 335, 74 P. 556; Evel- eth v. Gill, 97 Me. 315, 54 A. 757; Harris v. Harris, 190 Ala. 619, 67 So. 465, 466; Bugner v. Chicago Title & Trust Co., 280 Ill. 620, 117 N. E. 711, 717; Ball v. Dancer, 44 Okl. 114, 143 P. 565; Rose v. Skiles (Tex. Civ. App.), 245 S. W. 127; Yukon Inv. Co. v. Crescent Meat Co., 140 Wash. 136, 248 P. 377, 378; Allen v. Houn, 30 Wyo. 156, 219 P. 573, 580; Purcell v. Merrick, 172 Mo. App. 412, 158 S. W. 478, 480; Long v. Bagwell, 38 Okl. 312, 133 P. 50, 51.

FORCIBLE TRESPASS. In North Carolina, this is an invasion of the rights of another with respect to his personal property, of the same character, or under the same circumstances, which would constitute a "forcible entry and detainer" of real property at common law. It consists in taking or seizing the personal property of another by force, violence, or intimidation or in forcibly injuring it. State v. Lawson, 125 N. C. 740, 31 S. E. 967, 98 Am. St. Rep. 564; Smith v. Barefoot, 64 N. C. 567; State v. Hays, 32 N. C. 40; State v. Bowles, 61 N. C. 151; State v. Laney, 87 N. C. 555; State v. Oxendine, 187 N. C. 658, 122 S. E. 688, 571; State v. Holder, 185 N. C. 561, 125 S. E. 113, 114.

FORDAL. A butt or headland, jutting out upon other land. Cowell.

FORDANNO. In old European law. He who first assaulted another. Spelman.

FORDIKK. In old records. Grass or herbage growing on the edge or bank of dykes or ditches. Cowell.


FORE-MATRON. In a jury of women this word corresponds to the foreman of a jury. She was sworn in separately; 8 Carr. & P. 264.

FORE-OATH. Before the Norman Conquest, an oath required of the complainant in the first instance (in the absence of manifest facts) as a security against frivolous suits. Pollock, 1 Sel. Essays Anglo-Amer. Leg. Hist. 83.


FORECLOSURE. A process in chancery by which all further right existing in a mortgagor to redeem the estate is defeated and lost to him, and the estate becomes the absolute property of the mortgagee; being applicable when the mortgagor has forfeited his estate by non-payment of the money due on the mortgage at the time appointed, but still retains the equity of redemption. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 227; Goodman v. White, 36 Conn. 322; Arrington v. Liseon, 34 Cal. 376, 37 44 A. 722; Appeal of Ansonia Nat. Bank, 56 Conn. 257, 18 A. 1030; Williams v. Wilson, 42 Or. 299, 70 P. 1031, 95 Am. St. Rep. 745; Froelich v. Swafford, 33 S. D. 142, 144 N. W. 925, 928; Trustees of Schools v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 296 Ill. 89, 129 N. E. 567, 568.

The term is also loosely applied to any of the various methods, statutory or otherwise, known in different jurisdictions, of enforcing payment of the debt secured by a mortgage, by taking and selling the mortgaged estate. Dikeman v. Jewet Gold Mining Co. (C. C. A.) 15 F.(2d) 118; Realty Mortgage Co. v. Moore, 50 Fla. 2, 55 So. 155, 156.

Foreclosure is also applied to proceedings founded upon some other items; thus there are proceedings to foreclose a mechanic's lien. Insurance Co. of North America v. Cheatham, 221 Ky. 663, 299 S. W. 545, 547.

-Foreclosure decree. Properly speaking, a decree ordering the strict foreclosure (see infra) of a mortgage; but the term is also loosely and conventionally applied to a decree ordering the sale of the mortgaged premises and the satisfaction of the mortgage out of
FOREIGN TRADE

FOREIGN COINS. Coins issued as money under the authority of a foreign government. As to their valuation in the United States, see Rev. St. U. S. §§ 3564, 3565.

FOREIGN COURTS. The courts of a foreign state or nation. In the United States, this term is frequently applied to the courts of one of the states when their judgments or records are introduced in the courts of another.

FOREIGN DOMINION. In English law this means a country which at one time formed part of the dominions of a foreign state or potentate, but which by conquest or cession has become a part of the dominions of the British crown. 5 Best & S. 290.

FOREIGN ENLISTMENT ACT. The statute 59 Geo. III. c. 69, prohibiting the enlistment, as a soldier or sailor, in any foreign service. 4 Steph. Comm. 226. A later and more stringent act is that of 33 & 34 Vict. c. 90.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE. Drafts drawn on a foreign state or country.

FOREIGN-GOING SHIP. By the English merchant shipping act, 1854, (17 & 18 Vict. c. 104,) § 2, any ship employed in trading, going between some place or places in the United Kingdom and some place or places situate beyond the following limits, that is to say: The coasts of the United Kingdom, the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Alderney, and Man, and the continent of Europe, between the river Elbe and Brest, inclusive. Home-trade ship includes every ship employed in trading and going between places within the last-mentioned limits.

FOREIGN MATTER. In old practice. Matter triable or done in another county. Cowell.

FOREIGN OFFICE. The department of state through which the English sovereign communicates with foreign powers. A secretary of state is at its head. Till the middle of the last century, the functions of a secretary of state as to foreign and home questions were not disunited.

FOREIGN SERVICE, in feudal law, was that whereby a mesne lord held of another, without the compass of his own fee, or that which the tenant performed either to his own lord or to the lord paramount out of the fee. (Ktch. 290.) Foreign service seems also to be used for knight's service, or escheat uncertain. (Perk. 650.) Jacob.

FOREIGN TRADE. The exportation and importation of commodities to or from foreign countries, as distinguished in the United States from interstate or coastwise trade, Sec U. S. v. Patton, 1 Holmes 421, Fed. Cas. No. 16,007.

FOREIGNER. In old English law, this term, when used with reference to a particular city, designated any person who was not an inhabitant of that city. According to later usage, it denotes a person who is not a citizen or subject of the state or country of which mention is made, or any one owing allegiance to a foreign state or sovereign.

For the distinctions, in Spanish law, between "domiciliated" and "transient" foreigners, see Yates v. Iams, 10 Tex. 168.

FOREIN. An old form of foreign (q. v.) Blount.

FOREJUDGE. In old English law and practice. To expel from court for some offense or misconduct. When an officer or attorney of a court was expelled for any offense, or for not appearing to an action by bill filed against him, he was said to be forjudged the court. Cowell.

To deprive or put out of a thing by the judgment of a court. To condemn to lose a thing.

To expel or banish.

FOREJUDGER. In English practice. A judgment by which a man is deprived or put out of a thing; a judgment of expulsion or banishment.

FOREMAN. The presiding member of a grand or petit jury, who speaks or answers for the jury.


FORENSIC. Belonging to courts of justice.

FORENSIC MEDICINE, or medical jurisprudence, as it is also called, is "that science which teaches the application of every branch of medical knowledge to the purposes of the law; hence its limits are, on the one hand, the requirements of the law, and, on the other, the whole range of medicine. Anatomy, physiology, medicine, surgery, chemistry, physics, and botany lend their aid as necessity arises; and in some cases all these branches of science are required to enable a court of law to arrive at a proper conclusion on a contested question affecting life or property." Tayl. Med. Jur. 1.

FORENSIS.

In the Civil Law

Belonging to or connected with a court; forensic. Forensis homo, an advocate; a pleader of causes; one who practices in court. Calvin.

In Old Scotch Law

A strange man or stranger; an out-dwelling man; an "unfreeman," who dwells not within burgh.


FORESCHASE. Foresaken; disavowed. 10 Edw. II. c. 1.

FORESHORE. That part of the land adjacent to the sea which is alternately covered and left dry by the ordinary flow of the tides; i. e., by the medium line between the greatest and least range of tide (spring tides and neap tides). Sweet. See, also, Shore.

FOREST. In old English law. A certain territory of wooded ground and fruitful pastures, privileged for wild beasts and fowls of forest, chase, and warren, to rest and lodge in the safe protection of the prince for his princely delight and pleasure, having a peculiar court and officers. Manw. For. Laws, c. 1, no. 1; Termes de la Ley; 1 Bl. Comm. 289.

A royal hunting-ground which lost its peculiar character with the extinction of its courts, or when the franchise passed into the hands of a subject. Spelman; Cowell.

The word is also used to signify a franchise or right, being the right of keeping, for the purpose of hunting, the wild beasts and fowls of forest, chase, park, and warren, in a territory or precinct of woody ground or pasture set apart for the purpose. 1 Steph. Comm. 665.

—Forest courts. In English law. Courts instituted for the government of the king's forest in different parts of the kingdom, and for the punishment of all injuries done to the king's deer or venison, to the vert or greenward, and to the covert in which such deer were lodged. They consisted of the courts of attachments, of regard, of swinemote, and of justice-seat; but in later times these courts are no longer held. 3 Bl. Comm. 71.

—Forest law. The system or body of old law relating to the royal forests.

—Forestage. A duty or tribute payable to the king's foresters. Cowell.

—Forester. A sworn officer of the forest, appointed by the king's letters patent to walk the forest, watching both the vert and the venison, attaching and presenting all trespassers against them within their own bailiwick or walk. These letters patent were generally granted during good behavior; but sometimes they held the office in fee. Blount.
FORESTAGIUM. A duty or tribute payable to the king's foresters. Cowell.

FORESTALL. To intercept or obstruct a passenger on the king's highway. Cowell. To beset the way of a tenant so as to prevent his coming on the premises. 3 Bl. Comm. 170. To intercept a deer on his way to the forest before he can regain it. Cowell.

FORESTALLER. In old English law. Obstruction; hindrance; the offense of stopping the highway; the hindering a tenant from coming to his land; intercepting a deer before it can regain the forest. Also one who forestalls; one who commits the offense of forestalling. 3 Bl. Comm. 170; Cowell.

FORESTALLING. Obstructing the highway. Intercepting a person on the highway.

FORESTALLING THE MARKET. The act of the buying or contracting for any merchandise or provision on its way to the market, with the intention of selling it again at a higher price; or the dissuading persons from bringing their goods or provisions there; or persuading them to enhance the price when there. 4 Bl. Comm. 158. Barton v. Morris, 10 Phila. (Pa.) 361. This was formerly an indictable offense in England, but is now abolished by St. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 24. 4 Steph. Comm. 291, note.

Forestalling differs from "engrossing," in that the latter consists in buying up large quantities of merchandise already on the market, with a view to effecting a monopoly or acquiring so large a quantity as to be able to dictate prices. Both forestalling and engrossing may enter into the manipulation of what is now called a "corner."

FORESTARIUS.

In English Law
A forester. An officer who takes care of the woods and forests. De forestario apponendo, a writ which lay to appoint a forester to prevent further commission of waste when a tenant in dower had committed waste. Bract. 316; Du Cange.

In Scotch Law
A forester or keeper of woods, to whom, by reason of his office, pertains the bark and the hewn branches. And, when he rides through the forest, he may take a tree as high as his own head. Skene de Verh. Sign.

FORETHOUGHT FELONY. In Scotch law. Murder committed in consequence of a previous design. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 50; Bell.

FORFANG. In old English law. The taking of provisions from any person in fairs or markets before the royal purveyors were served with necessaries for the sovereign. Cowell. Also the seizing and rescuing of stolen or strayed cattle from the hands of a thief, or of those having illegal possession of them; also the reward fixed for such rescue.

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FORFEIT. To lose an estate, a franchise, or other property belonging to one, by the act of the law, and as a consequence of some misfeasance, negligence, or omission. Cassell v. Crothers, 193 Pa. 359, 44 A. 440; State v. De Gress, 72 Tex. 242, 11 S. W. 1029; State v. Walbridge, 119 Mo. 383, 24 S. W. 457, 41 Am. St. Rep. 693; State v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 12 Gill & J. (Md.) 432, 38 Am. Dec. 518. The further ideas connoted by this term are that it is a deprivation, (that is, against the will of the losing party,) and that the property is either transferred to another or resumed by the original grantor.

To incur a penalty; to become liable to the payment of a sum of money, as the consequence of a certain act. To incur loss through some fault, omission, error, or offense: loss. Sands v. Holbert, 98 W. Va. 574, 117 S. E. 896, 899; Ford v. Ellison, 287 Mo. 683, 239 S. W. 637, 640.

FORFEITABLE. LIABLE to be forfeited; subject to forfeiture for non-user, neglect, crime, etc.

FORFEITURE. 1. A punishment annexed by law to some illegal act or negligence in the owner of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, whereby he loses all his interest therein, and they go to the party injured as a recompense for the wrong which he alone, or the public together with himself, hath sustained. 2 Bl. Comm. 267. Wiseman v. McNulty, 25 Cal. 227; Stephenson v. Calliham (Tex. Civ. App.) 289 S. W. 158, 159; Pratt v. Daniels-Jones Co., 47 Mont. 487, 139 P. 700, 701.

2. The loss of land by a tenant to his lord, as the consequence of some breach of fidelity. 1 Steph. Comm. 169.


4. The loss of goods or chattels, as a punishment for some crime or misdemeanor in the party forfeiting, and as a compensation for the offense and injury committed against him to whom they are forfeited. 2 Bl. Comm. 459.

It should be noted that "forfeiture" is not an identical or convertible term with "confiscation." The latter is the consequence of the former. Forfeiture is the result which the law attaches as an immediate and necessary consequence to the illegal acts of the individual; but confiscation implies the action of the state; and property, although it may be forfeited, cannot be said to be confiscated until the government has formally claimed or taken possession of it.

5. The loss of office by abuser, non-user, or refusal to exercise it. City of Williamsburg v. Weesner, 164 Ky. 769, 176 S. W. 224, 225.

6. The loss of a corporate franchise or charter in consequence of some illegal act, or

7. The loss of the right to life, as the consequence of the commission of some crime to which the law has affixed a capital penalty. In re New Jersey Court of Pardons, 97 N. J. Eq. 555, 129 A. 624, 630.

8. The incurring a liability to pay a definite sum of money as the consequence of violating the provisions of some statute, or refusal to comply with some requirement of law. State v. Marion County Com’rs, 85 Ind. 493.


10. In mining law, the loss of a mining claim held by location on the public domain (unpatented) in consequence of the failure of the holder to make the required annual expenditure upon it within the time allowed. McKay v. McDougall, 25 Mont. 258, 64 P. 689, 87 Am. St. Rep. 395; St. John v. Kidd, 26 Cal. 271.

FORFEITURE OF A BOND. A failure to perform the condition on which the obligor was to be excused from the penalty in the bond.

FORFEITURE OF MARRIAGE. A penalty incurred by a ward in chivalry who married without the consent or against the will of the guardian. See Duplex Valor Maritigii.

FORFEITURE OF SILK, supposed to lie in the docks, used, in times when its importation was prohibited, to be proclaimed each term in the exchequer.

FORFEITURES ABOLITION ACT. Another name for the felony act of 1870, abolishing forfeitures for felony in England.

FORGABULUM, or FORGAVEL. A quit-rent; a small reserved rent in money. Jacob.

FORGE. To fabricate, construct, or prepare one thing in imitation of another thing, with the intention of substituting the false for the genuine, or otherwise deceiving and defrauding by the use of the spurious article. To counterfeit or make falsely. Especially, to make a spurious written instrument with the intention of fraudulently substituting it for another, or of passing it off as genuine; or to fraudulently alter a genuine instrument to another's prejudice; or to sign another person's name to a document, with a deceitful and fraudulent intent. See In re Cross (D. C.) 43 F. 320; U. S. v. Watkins, 23 Fed. Cas. 445; Johnson v. State, 9 Tex. App. 251; Longwell v. Day, 1 Mich. N. P. 290; People v. Compton, 123 Cal. 403, 56 P. 44; People v. Graham, 1 Sheph. (N. Y.) 155; Rohr v. State, 60 N. J. Law, 576, 88 A. 673; Haynes v. State, 15 Ohio St. 455; Garner v. State, 5 Lea, 213; State v. Greenwood, 76 Minn. 211, 78 N. W. 1042, 77 Am. St. Rep. 632; State v. Young, 46 N. H. 266, 88 Am. Dec. 212; Everage v. State, 14 Ala. App. 100, 71 So. 983, 984; De Rose v. People, 64 Colo. 322, 171 P. 359, 360, L. R. A. 1918C, 1193; State v. Sokal, 100 W. Va. 652, 131 S. E. 706, 708, 46 A. L. R. 1523; Davis v. State, 25 Ga. 532, 103 S. E. 819, 822; American Expr. Co. v. People’s Sav. Bank, 192 Iowa, 306, 151 N. W. 701, 703.

To forge (a metaphorical expression, borrowed from the occupation of the smith) means, properly speaking, no more than to make or form, but in our law it is always taken in an evil sense. 2 East. P. C. p. 882, c. 19, § 1.

To forge is to make in the likeness of something else; to counterfeit is to make in imitation of something else. With a view to defraud by passing the false copy for genuine or original. Both words, "forged" and "counterfeited," convey the idea of similitude. State v. McKenzie, 42 Me. 292.

In common usage, however, forgery is almost always predicated of some private instrument or writing, as a deed, note, will, or a signature; and counterfeiting denotes the fraudulent imitation of coined or paper money or some substitute therefor.

FORGERY.

In Criminal Law


The thing itself, so falsely made, imitated or forged; especially a forged writing. A forged signature is frequently said to be "a forgery."

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In the Law of Evidence

The fabrication or counterfeiting of evidence. The artful and fraudulent manipulation of physical objects, or the deceitful arrangement of genuine facts or things, in such a manner as to create an erroneous impression or a false inference in the minds of those who may observe them. See Burrill, Circ. Ev. 131, 420.

FORGERY ACT, 1870. The statute 33 & 34 Vict. c. 58, was passed for the punishment of forgers of stock certificates, and for extending to Scotland certain provisions of the forgery act of 1831. Mozley & Whitley.

FORHERDA. In old records. A herdland, headland, or foreland. Cowell.

FORI DISPUTATIONES. In the civil law. Discussions or arguments before a court. 1 Kent, Comm. 530.

FORINSECUS. Lat. Foreign; exterior; outside; extraordinary. Servitium forinsecum, the payment of aid, scutage, and other extraordinary military services. Forinsecum manerium, the manor, or that part of it which lies outside the bars or town, and is not included within the liberties of it. Cowell; Blount; Jacob; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law. 273.

FORINSIC. In old English law. Exterior; foreign; extraordinary. In feudal law, the term “forinsic services” comprehended the payment of extraordinary aids or the retention of extraordinary military services, and in this sense was opposed to “intrinsick services.” 1 Reeve, Eng. Law. 273.

FORIS. Lat. Abroad; out of doers; on the outside of a place; without; extrinsic.

FORISBANITUS. In old English law. Banished.

FORISFACERE. Lat. To forfeit; to lose an estate or other property on account of some criminal or illegal act. To confiscate.

To act beyond the law, i.e., to transgress or infringe the law; to commit an offense or wrong; to do any act against or beyond the law. See Co. Litt. 59a; Du Cange; Spelman.

Forisfacere, i.e., extra legem seu consuetudinem facere. Co. Litt. 59. Forisfacere, i.e., to do something beyond law or custom.


FORISFACTURA. A crime or offense through which property is forfeited.

A fine or punishment in money. Forfeiture. The loss of property or life in consequence of crime.

FORISFACTURA PLENA. A forfeiture of all a man’s property. Things which were forfeited. Du Cange. Spelman.

FORISFACTUS. A criminal. One who has forfeited his life by commission of a capital offense. Spelman.

FORISFACTUS SERVUS. A slave who has been a free man, but has forfeited his freedom by crime. Du Cange.

FORISFAMILIARE. In old English and Scotch law. Literally, to put out of a family (foris familiam ponere). To portion off a son, so that he could have no further claim upon his father. Glany. lib. 7, c. 3.

To emancipate, or free from paternal authority.

FORISFAMILIATED. In old English law. Portioned off. A son was said to be forisfamiliated (forisfamilari) if his father assigned him part of his land, and gave him seisin thereof, and did this at the request or with the free consent of the son himself, who expressed himself satisfied with such portion. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law. 42, 110.

FORISFAMILIATUS. In old English law. Put out of a family; portioned off; emancipated; forisfamiliated. Bract. fol. 64.


FORISJUDICATUS. Forejudged; sent from court; banished. Deprived of a thing by judgment of court. Bract. fol. 250b; Co. Litt. 100b; Du Cange.

FORISJURARE. To forswear; to abjure; to abandon.

—Forisjurare parentilam. To remove oneself from parental authority. The person who did this lost his rights as heir. Du Cange.

—Provinciae forisjurare. To forswear the country. Spelman.

FORJUDGE. See Forejudge.

FORJURER. L. Fr. In old English law. To forswear; to abjure.

FORJURER ROYALME. To abjure the realm. Brit. cc. 1, 16.

FORLIER—LAND. Land in the diocese of Hereford, which had a peculiar custom attached to it, but which has been long since disused, although the name is retained. But. Surv. 56.

FORM. A model or skeleton of an instrument to be used in a judicial proceeding, containing the principal necessary matters, the proper technical terms or phrases, and whatever else is necessary to make it formally correct, arranged in proper and methodical order, and capable of being adapted to the circumstances of the specific case.
In contradistinction to "substance," "form" means the legal or technical manner or order to be observed in legal instruments or juridical proceedings, or in the construction of legal documents or processes.

The distinction between "form" and "substance" is often important in reference to the validity or amendment of pleadings. If the matter of the plea is bad or insufficient, irrespective of the manner of setting it forth, the defect is one of substance. If the matter of the plea is good and sufficient, but is inartificially or defectively pleaded, the defect is one of form. Pierson v. Insurance Co., 7 Henst. (Del.) 397, 31 Atl. 666.

Common Form, Solemn Form
See Probate.

Forms of Action
This term is the general designation of the various species or kinds of personal actions known to the common law, such as trover, trespass, debt, assumpsit, etc. These differ in their pleadings and evidence, as well as in the circumstances to which they are respectively applicable. Truax v. Parvis, 7 Henst. (Del.) 330, 32 A. 227.

Matter of Form
In pleadings, in indictments, in affidavits, conveyances, etc., matter of form (as distinguished from matter of substance) is all that relates to the mode, form, or style of expressing the facts involved, the choice or arrangement of words, and other such particulars, without affecting the substantial validity or sufficiency of the instrument, or without going to the merits. Railway Co. v. Kurtz, 10 Ind. App. 60, 67 N. E. 303; Meath v. Mississippi Levee Com’rs, 100 U. S. 268, 3 S. Ct. 284, 27 L. Ed. 500; State v. Amidon, 98 Vt. 624, 2 A. 154.

Form of the Statute
This expression means the words, language, or frame of a statute, and hence the inhibition or command which it may contain; used in the phrase (in criminal pleading) "against the form of the statute in that case made and provided."

FORMA. Lat. Form; the prescribed form of judicial proceedings.

Forma est esse. Form gives being. Called "the old physical maxim." Lord Henley, Ch., 2 Eden, 99.

FORMA ET FIGURA JUDICII. The form and shape of judgment or judicial action. 3 Bl. Comm. 271.

Forma legalis forma essentia. Legal form is essential form. 10 Coke, 100.

Forma non observata, infertur adnuillé actus. Where form is not observed, a nullity of the act is inferred. 12 Coke, 7. Where the law prescribes a form, the nonobservance of it is fatal to the proceeding, and the whole becomes a nullity. Best, Ev. Introd. § 59.

FORMA PAUPERIS. See In Forma Pauperis.

FORMAL. Relating to matters of form; as, "formal defects"; inserted, added, or joined pro forma. See Parties.

FORMALITIES. In England, robes worn by the magistrates of a city or corporation, etc., on solemn occasions. Enc. Lond.

FORMALITY. The conditions, in regard to method, order, arrangement, use of technical expressions, performance of specific acts, etc., which are required by the law in the making of contracts or conveyances, or in the taking of legal proceedings, to insure their validity and regularity. Succession of Seymour, 48 La. Ann. 903, 20 So. 217.

FORMATA. In canon law. Canonical letters. Spelman.

FORMATA BREVIA. Formed writs; writs of form. See Brevia Formata.

FORMED ACTION. An action for which a set form of words is prescribed, which must be strictly adhered to. 10 Mod. 140, 141.

FORMED DESIGN. In criminal law, and particularly with reference to homicide, this term means a deliberate and fixed intention to kill, whether directed against a particular person or not. Mitchell v. State, 60 Ala. 33; Wilson v. State, 128 Ala. 17, 29 So. 569; Ake v. State, 30 Tex. 473.

FORMEDON. An ancient writ in English law which was available for one who had a right to lands or tenements by virtue of a gift in tail. It was in the nature of a writ of right, and was the highest action that a tenant in tail could have; for he could not have an absolute writ of right, that being confined to such as claimed in fee-simple, and for that reason this writ of formedon was granted to him by the statute de donis, (Westm. 2, 13 Edw. I. c. 1,) and was emphatically called "his" writ of right. The writ was distinguished into three species, viz.: Formedon in the descender, in the remainder, and in the reverter. It was abolished in England by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. See 3 Bl. Comm. 191; Co. Litt. 316; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 255.

FORMEDON IN THE DESCENDER. A writ of formedon which lay where a gift was made in tail, and the tenant in tail aliened the lands or was dissised of them and died, for the heir in tail to recover them, against the actual tenant of the freehold. 3 Bl. Comm. 192.

FORMEDON IN THE REMAINDER. A writ of formedon which lay where a man gave lands to another for life or in tail, with remainder to a third person in tail or in fee, and he who had the particular estate died.
without issue inheritable, and a stranger intruded upon him in
remindcr, or his heir, was entitled to this writ. 3 Bl. Comm. 192.

FORMEDON IN THE REVERTER. A writ of formedon which lay where there was a gift in
tail, and afterwards, by the death of the
donor or his heirs without issue of his body,
the reversion fell in upon the donor, his heirs
designs. In such case, the reversioner had
this writ to recover the lands. 3 Bl. Comm.
192.

FORMELLA. A certain weight of above 70
lbs., mentioned in 51 Hen. III. Cowell.

FORMER ACQUITTAL. See Antrefolus.

FORMER ADJUDICATION, or FORMER
RECOVERY. An adjudication or recovery in
a former action. See Res Judicata.

FORMIDO PERICULI. Lat. Fear of dan-
ger. 1 Kent, Comm. 23.

FORMS OF ACTION. This term com-
prehends the various classes of personal action at
common law, viz.: trespass, case, trover,
definse, repelvis, covenant, debt, assumpsit,
scire facias, and revivor, as well as the near-
ly obsolete actions of account and annuity,
and the modern action of mandamus. They
are now abolished in England by the Judica-
ture Acts of 1873 and 1875, and in many of
the states of the United States, where a uni-
form course of proceeding under codes of
procedure has taken their place. But the
principles regulating the distinctions between
the common-law actions are still found ap-
licable even where the technical forms are
abolished.

FORMULA. In common-law practice, a set
form of words used in judicial proceedings.
In the civil law, an action. Calvin.

FORMULÆ. In Roman law. When the legis
actiones were proved to be inconvenient, a
mode of procedure called "per formulæ," i.e.,
by means of formulæ, was gradually intro-
duced, and eventually the legis actiones
were abolished by the Lex Æbutia, B. C. 164,
excepting in a very few exceptional matters.
The formulæ were four in number, namely:
(1) The Demonstratio, wherein the plaintiff
stated, i.e., showed, the facts out of which
his claim arose; (2) the Intentio, where he
made his claim against the defendant; (3) the
Adjudicatio, wherein the judex was directed
to assign or adjudicate the property or any
portion or portions thereof according to the
rights of the parties; and (4) the Condem-
natio, in which the judex was authorized and
directed to condemn or to acquit according as
the facts were or were not proved. These
formulæ were obtained from the magistrate,
(in jure,) and were thereafter proceeded with
before the judex, (in judicio). Brown. See
Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 204.

FORMULARIES. Collections of formulæ, or
forms of forensic proceedings and instruments
used among the Franks, and other early con-
tinental nations of Europe. Among these the
formulary of Marculphus may be mentioned
note 77, lib. 3.

FORNAGIUM. The fee taken by a lord of
his tenant, who was bound to bake in the
lord's common oven, (in furno domini,) or for
a commission to use his own.

FORNICATION. Unlawful sexual inter-
course between two unmarried persons. Fur-
ther, if one of the persons be married and the
other not, it is fornication on the part of the
latter, though adultery for the former. In
some jurisdictions, however, by statute, it is
adultery on the part of both persons if the
woman is married, whether the man is mar-
ried or not. Banks v. State, 96 Ala. 78, 11
So. 404; Hood v. State, 56 Ind. 263, 26 Am.
Rep. 21; Com. v. Lafferty, 6 Grat. (Va.) 673;
People v. Rouse, 2 Mich. N. P. 209; State v.
Shear, 51 Wis. 469, 8 N. W. 287; Buchanan
v. State, 55 Ala. 154; Stubblefield v. State,
85 Tex. Cr. 48, 200 S. W. 1000; State v.
Giescke, 125 Minn. 497, 147 N. W. 663, 666;
State v. Phillips, 26 N. D. 266, 144 N. W. 94;
95, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 470, Ann. Cas. 1916A,
320; State v. Ling, 91 Kan. 647, 138 P. 552,
Ann. Cas. 1915D, 374.

FORNIX. Lat. A brothel; fornication.

FORNO. In Spanish law. An oven. Las
Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 32, l. 18.

FORO. In Spanish law. The place where
tribunals hear and determine causes.—exer-
cendurum litium locus.

FOROS. In Spanish law. Emphyteutic rents.
Schm. Civil Law, 309.

FORPRISE. An exception; reservation; ex-
cepted; reserved. Anciently, a term of fre-
quent use in leases and conveyances. Cowell;
Blount.

In another sense, the word is taken for any
action.

FORSCHEL. A strip of land lying next to the
highway.

FORSES. Waterfalls. Camden, Brit.

FORSPÆAKER. An attorney or advocate in
a cause. Blount; Whishaw.

FORSPÆCA. In old English law. Prolocut-
or; paronymphasis.

FORTSTAL. See Forestall.

Forstollaris est pauperum depressor et totius
communitatis et patriæ publicae inimicus. 3.
Inst. 106. A forestaller is an oppressor of the
poor, and a public enemy of the whole community and country.

**FORSWEAR**. In criminal law. To make oath to that which the deponent knows to be untrue.

This term is wider in its scope than "perjury," for the latter, as a technical term, includes the idea of the oath being taken before a competent court or officer, and relating to a material issue, which is not implied by the word "forswear." Fowle v. Robbins, 12 Mass. 501; Tolman v. Brittlebank, 4 Barn. & A. 632; Railway Co. v. McCurdy, 114 Pa. 554, 5 A. 253, 60 Am. Rep. 396.

**FORT.** This term means "something more than a mere military camp, post, or station. The term implies a fortification, or a place protected from attack by such some means as a moat, wall, or parapet." U. S. v. Tichenor (C. C.) 12 F. 424.

**FORTALICE, or FORTELACE.** A fortress or place of strength, which anciently did not pass without a special grant. 11 Hen. VII. c. 18.

**FORTALITIUM.** In old Scotch law. A fortalice; a castle. Properly a house or tower which has a battlement or a ditch or moat about it.

**FORTAXED.** Wrongly or extortunately taxed.

**FORTHCOMING.** In Scotch law. The action by which an arrestment (garnishment) is made effectual. It is a decree or process by which the creditor is given the right to demand that the sum arrested be applied for payment of his claim. 2 Kames, Eq. 288, 289; Bell.

**FORTHCOMING BOND.** A bond given to a sheriff who has levied on property, conditioned that the property shall be forthcoming, &c., produced, when required. On the giving of such bond, the goods are allowed to remain in the possession of the debtor. Hill v. Manners, 11 Grat. (Va.) 522; Nichols v. Chittenden, 14 Colo. App. 49, 59 P. 954; Burnham-Munger Root Dry Goods Co. v. Strauli, 102 Neb. 142, 166 N. W. 265.

The sheriff or other officer levying a writ of fieri facias, or distress warrant, may take from the debtor or a bond, with sufficient surety, payable to the creditor, reciting the service of such writ or warrant, and the amount due therefor, (including his fees for taking the bond, commissions, and other lawful charges, if any,) with condition that the property shall be forthcoming at the day and place of sale; whereupon such property may be permitted to remain in the possession and at the risk of the debtor. Code Va. 1919, § 631.

**FORTHWITH.** As soon as, by reasonable exertion, confined to the object, a thing may be done. Thus, when a defendant is ordered to plead forthwith, he must plead within twenty-four hours. When a statute enacts that an act is to be done "forthwith," it means that the act is to be done within a reasonable time. 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 164; Dickerman v. Northern Trust Co., 176 U. S. 181, 20 S. Ct. 311, 44 L. Ed. 423; Faivre v. Manderscheid, 117 Iowa, 724, 90 N. W. 76; Martin v. Pifer, 96 Ind. 248; Hilderson v. City of Grand Island, 115 Neb. 287, 212 N. W. 619, 621; State v. French, 102 Wash. 273, 172 P. 1156, 1157; Gedratis v. Verdier, 236 Mich. 383, 210 N. W. 538, 340; Dallas Opera House Ass'n v. Dallas Enterprises (Tex. Civ. App.) 288 S. W. 656, 690; National Live Stock Ins. Co. v. Simmons, 62 Ind. App. 15, 111 N. E. 18, 18; Gamwell v. Bigley, 253 Mass. 378, 149 N. E. 155, 159; Macelia v. Scottish Union & National Ins. Co., 101 N. J. Law, 238, 128 A. 244, 245.

**FORTIA.** Force. In old English law. Force used by an accessory, to enable the principal to commit a crime, as by binding or holding a person while another killed him, or by aiding or counseling in any way, or commanding the act to be done. Bract. fols. 138, 1389. According to Lord Coke, fortia was a word of art, and properly signified the furnishing of a weapon of force to do the fact, and by force whereof the fact was committed, and he that furnished it was not present when the fact was done. 2 Inst. 152.

**FORTIA FRISCA.** Fresh force (q. v.).

**FORTILITY.** In old English law. A fortified place; a castle; a bulwark. Cowell; 11 Hen. VII. c. 18.

**FORTIOR.** Lat. Stronger. A term applied, in the law of evidence, to that species of presumption, arising from facts shown in evidence, which is strong enough to shift the burden of proof to the opposite party. Burris, Circ. Ev. 64, 66.

Fortior est custodia legis quam hominis. 2 Rolle, 325. The custody of the law is stronger than that of man.

Fortior et potentior est dispositio legis quam hominis. The disposition of the law is of greater force and effect than that of man. Co. Litt. 234a; Shep. Touch. 302; 15 East, 178. The law in some cases overrides the will of the individual, and renders ineffective or futile his expressed intention or contract. Broom, Max. 697.

**FORTIORI.** See A Fortiori.

**FORTIS.** Lat. Strong. Fortis et sana, strong and sound; staunch and strong; as a vessel. Townsh. Pl. 227.

**FORTLETT.** A place or port of some strength; a little fort. Old Nat. Brev. 45.

**FORTUIT.** In French law. Accidental; fortuitous. Cas fortuit, a fortuitous event. Fortuitement, accidentally; by chance; casually.


FORTUITOUS EVENT. In the civil law. That which happens by a cause which cannot be resisted. An unforeseen occurrence, not caused by either of the parties, nor such as they could prevent. In French it is called "cas fortuit." Civ. Code La. art. 3556, no. 15. There is a difference between a fortuitous event, or inevitable accident, and irresistible force. By the former, commonly called the "act of God," is meant any accident produced by physical causes which are irresistible; such as a loss by lightning or storms, by the perils of the seas, by inundations and earthquakes, or by sudden death or illness. By the latter is meant such an interposition of human agency as is, from its nature and power, absolutely uncontrollable. Of this nature are losses occasioned by the intruders of a hostile army, or by public enemies. Story, Balm. § 25. In Workmen's Compensation Acts fortuitous event is accidental happening, or accident that takes place without design or expectation, or thing that happens from irresistible cause. The term is expressly defined in several acts. Stolp v. Department of Labor and Industries, 188 Wash. 862, 246 P. 20, 21; Frandilla v. Department of Labor and Industries, 187 Wash. 530, 243 P. 5; Stertz v. Industrial Insurance Commission of Washington, 91 Wash. 588, 185 P. 256, 259, Ann. Cas. 1918 B, 354; Cole v. Department of Labor and Industries, 137 Wash. 598, 243 P. 7, 9; Zappalla v. Industrial Ins. Commission, 82 Wash. 314, 144 P. 54, L. R. A. 1916 A, 285; Thompson v. Commercial Nat. Bank, 156 La. 476, 100 So. 688, 690; Deppe v. Pacific Coast Forge Co., 154 Wash. 203, 259 P. 720, 721.

FORTUNA. Lat. Fortune; also treasure-trove. Jacob.

Fortunam faciunt iudicem. They make fortune the judge. Co. Litt. 167. Spoken of the process of making partition among coparceners by drawing lots for the several parts.

FORTUNE-TELLERS. In English law. Persons pretending or professing to tell fortunes, and punishable as rogues and vagabonds or disorderly persons. 4 Bl. Comm. 62.

FORTUNIUM. In old English law. A tournament or fighting with spears, and an appeal to fortune therein.

FORTY. In land laws and conveyancing, in those regions where grants, transfers, and deeds are made with reference to the subdivisions of the government survey, this term means forty acres of land in the form of a square, being the tract obtained by quartering a section of land (640 acres) and again quartering one of the quarters. Lente v. Clarke, 22 Fla. 515, 1 So. 149.

FORTY-DAYS COURT. In old English forest law. The court of attachment in forests, or wood-mote court.

FORUM. Lat. A court of justice, or judicial tribunal; a place of jurisdiction; a place where a remedy is sought; a place of litigation. 3 Story, 347.

In Roman Law

The market place, or public paved court, in the city of Rome, where such public business was transacted as the assemblies of the people and the judicial trial of causes, and where also elections, markets, and the public exchange were held.

FORUM ACTUS. The forum of the act. The forum of the place where the act was done which is now called in question.

FORUM CONSCIENTIÆ. The forum or tribunal of conscience.

FORUM CONTENTIOSUM. A contentious forum or court; a place of litigation; the ordinary court of Justice, as distinguished from the tribunal of conscience. 3 Bl. Comm. 211.

FORUM CONTRACTUS. The forum of the contract; the court of the place where a contract is made; the place where a contract is made, considered as a place of jurisdiction. 2 Kent Comm. 463.

FORUM DOMESTICUM. A domestic forum or tribunal. The visitatorial power is called a "forum domesticum," calculated to determine, sine strepitu, all disputes that arise within themselves. 1 W. Bl. 82.

FORUM DOMICILI. The forum or court of the domicile; the domicile of a defendant, considered as a place of jurisdiction. 2 Kent, Comm. 463.

FORUM ECCLESIASTICUM. An ecclesiastical court. The spiritual jurisdiction, as distinguished from the secular.

FORUM LIGEANTIÆ REI. The forum of defendant's allegiance. The court or jurisdiction of the country to which he owes allegiance.

FORUM ORIGINIS. The court of one's nativity. The place of a person's birth, considered as a place of jurisdiction.

FORUM REGIUM. The king's court. St. Westm. 2, c. 43.

FORUM REI. This term may mean either (1) the forum of the defendant, that is, of his residence or domicile; or (2) the forum of the res or thing in controversy, that is, of the
place where the property is situated. The ambiguity springs from the fact that rei may be the genitive of either res or res.

**FORUM REI GESTÆ.** The forum or court of a res gesta, (thing done;) the place where an act is done, considered as a place of jurisdiction and remedy. 2 Kent, Comm. 463.

**FORUM REI SITÆ.** The court where the thing in controversy is situated. The place where the subject-matter in controversy is situated, considered as a place of jurisdiction. 2 Kent, Comm. 463.

**FORUM SECULARE.** A secular, as distinguished from an ecclesiastical or spiritual, court.

**FORURTH.** In old records. A long slip of ground. Cowell.


**FORWARDING MERCHANT, or FORWARDER.** One who receives and forwards goods, taking upon himself the expenses of transportation, for which he receives a compensation from the owners, having no concern in the vessels or wagons by which they are transported, and no interest in the freight, and not being deemed a common carrier, but a mere warehouseman and agent. Story, Bailm. §§ 502, 509. Schloss v. Wood, 11 Colo. 287, 17 P. 910; Ackley v. Kellogg, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 224; Place v. Union Exp. Co., 2 Hilt. (N. Y.) 19; Bush v. Miller, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 488.

**FOSSA.**

In the Civil Law

A ditch; a receptacle of water, made by hand. Dig. 43, 14, 1, 5.

In Old English Law

A ditch. A pit full of water, in which women committing felony were drowned. A grave or sepulcher. Spelman.

**FOSSAGIUM.** In old English law. The duty levied on the inhabitants for repairing the moat or ditch round a fortified town.

**FOSSATORUM OPERATIO.** In old English law. Fosse work; or the service of laboring, done by inhabitants and adjoining tenants, for the repair and maintenance of the ditches round a city or town, for which some paid a contribution, called "fossagiun." Cowell.

**FOSSATUM.** A dyke, ditch, or trench; a place inclosed by a ditch; a moat; a canal.

**FOSSE-WAY, or FOSSE.** One of the four ancient Roman ways through England. Spelman.

**FOSELLUM.** A small ditch. Cowell.

**FOSTERING.** An ancient custom in Ireland, in which persons put away their children to fosterers. Fostering was held to be a stronger alliance than blood, and the foster children participated in the fortunes of their foster fathers. Mozley & Whitley.

**FOSTERLAND.** Land given, assigned, or allotted to the finding of food or victuals for any person or persons; as in monasteries for the monks, etc. Cowell; Blount.

**FOSTERLEAN.** The remuneration fixed for the rearing of a foster child; also the jointure of a wife. Jacob.

**FOUJDA.** In Hindu law. Under the Mogul government a magistrate of the police over a large district, who took cognizance of all criminal matters within his jurisdiction, and sometimes was employed as receiver general of the revenues. Wharton.

**FOUJDAZRY COURT.** In Hindu law. A tribunal for administering criminal law.


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**FOUNDER.** The founding or building of a college or hospital. The incorporation or endowment of a college or hospital is the foundation; and he who endows it with land or other property is the founder. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 567, 4 L. Ed. 629; Segrave's Appeal, 126 Pa. 382, 17 A. 412; Union Baptist Asylum v. Hunn, 7 Tex. Civ. App. 249, 28 S. W. 755.

**FOUNDERED.** Based upon; arising from, growing out of, or resting upon; as in the expressions "founded in fraud," "founded on a consideration, founded on contract," and the

FOUNDER. The person who endows an ecclesiastical corporation or institution, or supplies the funds for its establishment. See Foundation.

FOUNDERS' SHARES. In English Company Law. Shares issued to the founders of (or vendors to) a public company as a part of the consideration for the business, or concession, etc., taken over, and not forming a part of the ordinary capital. As a rule, such shares only participate in profits after the payment of a fixed minimum dividend on paid-up capital. Encyc. Dict.

FOUNDEROSA. Founderous; out of repair, as a road. Cro. Car. 366.

FOUNDLING. A deserted or exposed infant; a child found without a parent or guardian, its relatives being unknown. It has a settlement in the district where found. State ex rel. Wilson v. Pierre, 155 La. 510, 99 So. 421.

FOUNDLING HOSPITALS. Charitable institutions which exist in most countries for taking care of infants forsaken by their parents, such being generally the offspring of illegitimate connections. The foundling hospital act in England is the 13 Geo. II. c. 29.

FOUR. Fr. In old French law. An oven or bake-house. Four banal, an oven, owned by the seignior of the estate, to which the tenants were obliged to bring their bread for baking. Also the proprietary right to maintain such an oven.

FOUR CORNERS. The face of a written instrument. That which is contained on the face of a deed (without any aid from the knowledge of the circumstances under which it is made) is said to be within its four corners, because every deed is still supposed to be written on one entire skin, and so to have but four corners.

To look at the four corners of an instrument is to examine the whole of it, so as to construe it as a whole, without reference to any one part more than another. 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. 235.

FOUR SEAS. The seas surrounding England. These were divided into the Western, including the Scotch and Irish; the Northern, or North sea; the Eastern, being the German ocean; the Southern, being the British channel.

FOURCHER. Fr. To fork. This was a method of delaying an action formerly resorted to by defendants when two of them were joined in the suit. Instead of appearing together, each would appear in turn and cast an essoin for the other, thus postponing the trial.


FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT. The Fourteenth Amendment of the constitution of the United States became a part of the organic law July 28, 1868, and its importance entitles it to special mention. It creates or at least recognizes for the first time a citizenship of the United States, as distinct from that of the states; forbids the making or enforcement by any state of any law abridging the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States; and secures all "persons" against any state action which is either deprivation of life, liberty, or property without due process of law or denial of the equal protection of the laws.

FOWLS OF WARREN. Such fowls as are preserved under the game laws in warrens. According to Manwood, these are partridges and pheasants. According to Coke, they are partridges, rails, quails, woodcocks, pheasants, mallards, and herons. Co. Litt. 223.

FOX'S LIBEL ACT. In English law. This was the statute 32 Geo. III. c. 60, which secured to jurors, upon the trial of indictments for libel, the right of pronouncing a general verdict of guilty or not guilty upon the whole matter in issue, and no longer bound them to find a verdict of guilty on proof of the publication of the paper charged to be a libel, and of the sense ascribed to it in the indictment. Wharton.

FOY. L. Fr. Faith; allegiance; fidelity.

FR. A Latin abbreviation for "fragmentum," a fragment, used in citations to the Digest or Pandects in the Corpus Juris Civilis of Justinian, the several extracts from juristic writings of which it is composed being so called.

FRACTIO. Lat. A breaking; division; fraction; a portion of a thing less than the whole.

FRACTION. A breaking, or breaking up; a fragment or broken part; a portion of a thing less than the whole. Jory v. Palace Dry Goods Co., 30 Or. 196, 46 P. 786.

FRACTION OF A DAY. A portion of a day. The dividing a day. Generally, the law does not allow the fraction of a day. 2 Bl. Comm. 141.

FRACTIONAL. As applied to tracts of land, particularly townships, sections, quarter sections, and other divisions according to the government survey, and also mining claims, this term means that the exterior boundary lines are laid down to include the whole of such a division or such a claim, but that the tract in question does not measure up to the
full extent or include the whole acreage, because a portion of it is cut off by an overlapping survey, a river or lake, or some other external interference. See Tolleston Club v. State, 141 Ind. 197, 35 N. E. 214; Parke v. Meyer, 28 Ark. 287; Gotterman v. Schlemeyer, 111 Mo. 404, 19 S. W. 487. Any irregular division whether containing more or less than conventional amount of acreage. Graysonia-Nashville Lumber Co. v. Wright, 117 Ark. 155, 175 S. W. 405; South Florida Farms Co. v. Goodno, 84 Fla. 532, 94 So. 672, 675.

Frationem diem non recipit lex. Lofti, 572. The law does not take notice of a portion of a day.


FRACTURA NAVIUM. Lat. The breaking or wreck of ships; the same as naufragium, (q. v.)

FRAGMENTA. Lat. Fragments. A name sometimes applied (especially in citations) to the Digest or Pandects in the Corpus Juris Civile of Justinian, as being made up of numerous extracts or "fragments" from the writings of various jurists. Macnaid. Rom. Law, § 74.

FRAIS. Fr. Expense; charges; costs. Frais d'un procès, costs of a suit.

FRAIS DE JUSTICE. In French and Canadian law. Costs incurred incidentally to the action.

FRAIS JUSQU'A BORD. Fr. In French commercial law. Expenses to the board; expenses incurred on a shipment of goods, in packing, cartage, commissions, etc., up to the point where they are actually put on board the vessel. Bartels v. Redfield (C. C.) 16 F. 336.


FRANC ALEU. In French feudal law. An allod; a free inheritance; or an estate held free of any services except such as were due to the sovereign.

FRANC TENANCIER. In French law. A freeholder.


FRANCHISE. A special privilege conferred by government upon an individual or corporation, and which does not belong to the citizens of the country generally, of common right. It is essential to the character of a franchise that it should be a grant from the sovereign authority, and in this country no franchise can be held which is not derived from a law of the state. In England, a franchise is defined to be a royal privilege in the hands of a subject. In this country, it is a privilege of a public nature, which cannot be exercised of a legislative grant. See Bank of Augusta v. Earle, 13 Pet. 595, 10 L. Ed. 274; Dike v. State, 38 Minn. 306, 58 N. W. 95; Chicago Board of Trade v. People, 91 Ill. 82; Lasher v. People, 183 Ill. 224, 55 N. E. 663, 47 L. R. A. 502, 75 Am. St. Rep. 103; Southampton v. Jessup, 162 N. Y. 122, 56 N. E. 538; Thompson v. People, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 578; Black River Imp. Co. v. Holway, 87 Wis. 584, 59 N. W. 126; Central Pac. R. Co. v. California, 162 U. S. 91, 16 S. Ct. 766, 40 L. Ed. 905; Chicago & W. I. R. Co. v. Dunbar, 95 Ill. 575; State v. Weatherby, 45 Mo. 20; Morgan v. Louisiana, 93 U. S. 223, 23 L. Ed. 860; State ex rel. Coco v. Riverside Irr. Co., 142 La. 10, 76 So. 216, 218; Public Service Commission, Second Dist., v. New York Cent. R. Co., 185 N. Y. S. 267, 273, 193 App. Div. 615.

A franchise is a privilege or immunity of a public nature, which cannot be legally exercised without legislative grant. To be a corporation is a franchise. The various powers conferred on corporations are franchises. The execution of a policy of insurance by an insurance company, and the issuing a bank-note by an incorporated bank, are franchises. People v. Ulica Ins. Co., 25 Johns. (N. Y.) 387, 8 Am. Dec. 245.

The word "franchise" has various significations, both in a legal and popular sense. A corporation is itself a franchise belonging to the members of the corporation, and the corporation, itself a franchise, may hold other franchises. So, also, the different powers of a corporation, such as the right to hold and dispose of property, are its franchises. In a popular sense, the political rights of subjects and citizens are franchises, such as the right of suffrage, etc. Pierce v. Emery, 32 N. H. 49; Turner v. Turner Mfg. Co., 184 Wis. 395, 199 N. W. 153, 156; State v. Black Diamond Co., 97 Ohio St. 24, 119 N. E. 156, 159, L. R. A. 1922B, 252.

The term "franchise" has several significations, and there is some confusion in its use. When used with reference to corporations, the better opinion, deduced from the authorities, seems to be that it consists of the entire privileges embraced in and constituting the grant. It does not embrace the property acquired by the exercise of the franchise. Bridgeport v. New York & N. H. R. Co., 36 Conn. 285, 4 Am. Rep. 63.

General and Special

The charter of a corporation is its "general" franchise, while a "special" franchise consists in any rights granted by the public to use property for a public use but with private profit. Lord v. Equitable Life Assur. Soc., 194 N. Y. 212, 87 N. E. 449, 22 L. R. A. (N. S.) 420.

Elective Franchise

The right of suffrage; the right or privilege of voting in public elections.
Franchise Tax

A tax on the franchise of a corporation, that is, on the right and privilege of carrying on business in the character of a corporation, for the purposes for which it was created, and in the conditions which surround it. Though the value of the franchise, for purposes of taxation, may be measured by the amount of business done, or the amount of earnings or dividends, or by the total value of the capital or stock of the corporation in excess of its tangible assets, a franchise tax is not a tax on either property, capital, stock, earnings, or dividends. See Home Ins. Co. v. New York, 134 U. S. 594, 10 S. Ct. 593, 33 L. Ed. 1025; Worth v. Petersburg R. Co., 89 N. C. 305; Tremont & Suffolk Mills v. Lowell, 178 Mass. 460, 50 N. E. 1007; Chicago & E. I. R. Co. v. State, 153 Ind. 134, 51 N. E. 924; Marsden Co. v. State Board of Assessors, 61 N. J. Law, 461, 39 A. 638; People v. Knight, 174 N. Y. 475, 67 N. E. 65, 63 L. R. A. 57; State ex rel. Marquette Hotel Inv. Co. v. State Tax Commission, 282 Mo. 213, 221 S. W. 721, 726; Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co. v. Commonwealth, 190 Ky. 552, 228 S. W. 15, 16; Greene v. Louisville & I. R. Co., 244 U. S. 499, 37 S. Ct. 673, 678, 61 L. Ed. 1290, Ann. Cas. 1917E, 88; Arkansas & Memphis Ry. Bridge & Terminal Co. v. State, 174 Ark. 420, 295 S. W. 378, 379; American Refining Co. v. Staples (Tex. Com. App.) 269 S. W. 420, 421.

Personal Franchise

A franchise of corporate existence, or one which authorizes the formation and existence of a corporation, is sometimes called a "personal" franchise, as distinguished from a "property" franchise, which authorizes a corporation so formed to apply its property to some particular enterprise or exercise some special privilege in its employment, as, for example, to construct and operate a railroad. See Sandham v. Nyc, 30 N. Y. S. 552, 9 Misc. Rep. 541.

Secondary Franchises

The franchise of corporate existence being sometimes called the "primary" franchise of a corporation, its "secondary" franchises are the special and peculiar rights, privileges, or grants which it may receive under its charter or from a municipal corporation, such as the right to use the public streets, exact tolls, collect fares, etc. See State v. Topeka Water Co., 61 Kan. 547, 60 P. 337; Virginia Canon Toll Road Co. v. People, 22 Colo. 429, 45 P. 398, 37 L. R. A. 711. The franchises of a corporation are divisible into (1) corporate or general franchises; and (2) "special or secondary franchises." The former is the franchise to exist as a corporation, while the latter are certain rights and privileges conferred upon existing corporations. Gulf Refining Co. v. Cleveland Trust Co. (Miss.) 108 So. 153, 100.

Special Franchises

See Secondary Franchises, supra.
—Frank-fold. In old English law. Free-fold; a privilege for the lord to have all the sheep of his tenants and the inhabitants within his seigniory, in his fold, in his demesne, to manage his land. Kellw. 198.

—Frank-law. An obsolete expression signifying the rights and privileges of a citizen, or the liberties and civil rights of a freeman.

—Frank-marriage. A species of entailled estates, in English law, now out of use, but still capable of subsisting. When tenements are given by one to another, together with a wife, who is a daughter or cousin of the donor, to hold in frank-marriage, the donees shall have the tenements to them and the heirs of their two bodies begotten, i.e., in special tail. For the word “frank-marriage,” ex vi termini, both creates and limits an inheritance, not only supplying words of descent, but also terms of procreation. The donees are liable to no service except fealty, and a reserved rent would be void, until the fourth degree of consanguinity be passed between the issues of the donor and donee, when they were capable by the law of the church of intermarrying. Litt. § 19; 2 Bl. Comm. 115.

—Frank-pledge. In old English law. A pledge or surety for freemen; that is, the pledge, or corporate responsibility, of all the inhabitants of a tithing for the general good behavior of each free-born citizen above the age of fourteen, and for his being forthwith to answer any infraction of the law. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.


—Frank-tenement. In English law. A free tenement, freeholding, or freehold. 2 Bl. Comm. 61, 62, 104; 1 Steph. Comm. 217; Bract. fol. 207. Used to denote both the tenure and the estate.

FRANKING PRIVILEGE. The privilege of sending certain matter through the public mails without payment of postage, in pursuance of a personal or official privilege.

FRANKLEYN (spelled, also, “Franceling” and “Franklin”). A freeman; a freeholder; a gentleman. Blount; Cowell.

FRASSETUM. In old English law. A wood or wood-ground where ash-trees grow. Co. Litt. 4b.

FRATER. In the civil law. A brother. Frater consanguineus, a brother having the same father, but born of a different mother. Frater uterinus, a brother born of the same mother, but by a different father. Frater nutricius, a bastard brother.

Frater fratri utero non succedit in hereditate paterna. A brother shall not succeed a uterine brother in the paternal inheritance. 2 Bl. Comm. 223; Fortes. de Laud. c. 5. A maxim of the common law of England, now superseded by the statute 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, § 9. See Broom, Max. 530.

FRATERICA. In old records. A fraternity, brotherhood, or society of religious persons, who were mutually bound to pray for the good health and life, etc., of their living brethren, and the souls of those that were dead. Cowell.

FRATERNAL. Brotherly; relating or belonging to a fraternity or an association of persons formed for mutual aid and benefit, but not for profit. In re Mason Tire & Rubber Co., 11 F.(2d) 556, 557, 56 App. D. C. 170.

FRATERNAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION. A society or voluntary association organized and carried on for the mutual aid and benefit of its members, not for profit; which ordinarily has a lodge system, a ritualistic form of work, and a representative government, makes provision for the payment of death benefits, and (sometimes) for benefits in case of accident, sickness, or old age, the funds therefor being derived from dues paid or assessments levied on the members. National Union v. Marlow, 74 F. 778, 21 C. C. A. 80; Walker v. Giddings, 108 Mich. 344, 61 N. W. 512.

FRATERNAL INSURANCE. The form of life (or accident) insurance furnished by a fraternal benefit association, consisting in the payment to a member, or his heirs in case of death, of a stipulated sum of money, out of funds raised for that purpose by the payment of dues or assessments by all the members of the association.

FRATERNIA. A fraternity or brotherhood.

FRATERNITY. In old English law. “A corporation is an investing of the people of a place with the local government thereof, and therefore their laws shall bind strangers; but a fraternity is some people of a place united together in respect to a mystery or business into a company, and their laws and ordinances cannot bind strangers.” Cuddon v. Eastwick, 1 Salk. 192.


FRATRES CONJURATI. Sworn brothers or companions for the defense of their sovereign, or for other purposes. Hoved. 443.

FRATRES PYES. In old English law. Certain friars who wore white and black garments. Walsingham, 124.

FRATRIAGE. A younger brother’s inheritance.

FRAUD. As applied to contracts, is the cause of that error bearing on a material part of the contract, created or continued by artifice, with design to obtain some unjust advantage to the one party, or to cause an inconveni- ence or loss to the other. Civil Code La. art. 1847. Strauss v. Insurance Co. of North America, 157 La. 661, 102 So. 861, 863; Jesse French Plano & Organ Co. v. Gibbon (Tex. Civ. App.) 180 S. W. 1185, 1187.

FRAUD. In the sense of a court of equity, properly includes all acts, omissions, and concealments which involve a breach of legal or equitable duty, trust, or confidence justly reposed, and are injurious to another, or by which an undue and unconscientious advantage is taken of another. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 187; Morgan v. Gaither, 202 Ala. 492, 80 So. 576, 578; Jones v. Snyder, 121 Okl. 254, 249 P. 313, 315.

Synonyms

The term "fraud" is sometimes used as synonymous with "cozen," "conceal," or "deceit." But distinctions are properly taken in the meanings of these words, for which reference may be had to the titles Cozen; Conceal: Deceit.

Classification

Fraud is either actual or constructive. Actual fraud consists in deceit, artifice, trick, design, some direct and active operation of the mind; it includes cases of the intentional and successful employment of any cunning, deception, or artifice used to circumvent or cheat another; it is something said, done, or omitted by a person with the design of perpetrating what he knows to be a cheat or deception. "Constructive fraud consists in any act of commission or omission contrary to legal or equitable duty, trust, or confidence justly reposed, which is contrary to good conscience and operates to the injury of another. Or, as otherwise defined, it is an act, statement or omission which operates as a virtual fraud on an individual, or which, if generally permitted, would be prejudicial to the public welfare, and yet may have been unconnected with any selfish or evil design. Or, according to Story, constructive frauds are such acts or contracts as, though not originating in any actual evil design or contrivance to perpetrate a positive fraud or injury upon other persons, are yet, by their tendency to deceive or mislead other persons, or to induce private or public confidence, or to impair or injure the public interests, deemed equally reprehensible with actual fraud. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 258. And see, generally, Code Ga. 1882, § 3173 (Civ. Code 1910, § 4622); People v. Kelly, 35 Barb. (N. Y.) 457; Jackson v. Jackson, 23 Ga. 59; Hatch v. Barrett, 24 Cal. 233, 8 P. 125; Forker v. Brown, 30 Misc. Rep. 101, 30 N. Y. Supp. 827; Massachusetts Loc. L. Ass'n v. Robinson, 104 Ga. 256, 30 S. E. 518, 42 L. R. A. 261; Haas v. Sternbach, 138 Ill. 44, 41 N. E. 51; Newell v. Wagnes, 1 N. D. 62, 44 N. W. 1014; Cary v. Con- nolly, 91 Cal. 15, 27 P. 359; Stock v. Delta Land & Water Co., 63 174a, 495, 237 P. 701, 795; Peniston v. White, 115 Okl. 248, 242 P. 854, 856; National Bank of Savannah v. Ali (C. C. A.) 250 F. 570, 384; Moore v. Gregory, 146 Va. 504, 131 S. E. 692, 697; Douglas v. Ogle, 80 Fla. 42, 85 So. 243, 244; Windle v. City of Valparaiso, 63 Ind. App. 142, 113 N. E. 485, 486; Murray v. Speed, 54 Okl. 133, 152; State Trust & Savings Bank v. Hermon Land & Cattle Co., 30 N. M. 566, 240 P. 463, 467; Harrison v. Roark, 31 Ariz. 73, 220 P. 367, 368; Lytle v. Fulotka, 106 Okl. 85, 233 P. 455, 456, 460; Leader Pub. Co. v. Grant Trust & Savings Co., 182 Ind. 661, 106 N. E. 121, 124; Rettew v. Gratz, 147 Ind. 531, 532; Kell- ler v. Cox, 67 Ind. App. 351, 113 N. E. 543, 546; Blake v. Thwing, 185 Ill. App. 187, 194; Parker v. Solis (Tex. Civ. App.) 277 S. W. 714, 717; U. S. v. Whyde (D. C.) 19 F.2d 290, 293; Allen v. United States Pidelity & Guaranty Co., 209 Ill. 234, 109 N. E. 1035, 1036.

FRAUD. Fraud is also classified as fraud in fact and fraud in law. The former is actual, positive, intentional fraud. Fraud disclosed by matters of fact, as distinguished from constructive fraud or fraud in law. McKibbin v. Martin, 64 Pa. 356, 3 Am. Rep. 588; Cook v. Burnham, 3 Kan. App. 27, 44 P. 447. Fraud in law is fraud in contemplation of law; fraud implied or inferred by law; fraud made out by construc- tion of law, as distinguished from fraud found by a jury from matter of fact; constructive fraud (q. v.) See 2 Kent, Commentaries, 522-523; Delaney v. Val- quinta, 104 N. Y. 582, 49 N. E. 65; Burr v. Clement, 9 Colo. 1, 9 P. 635; Lovato v. Catron, 20 N. M. 166, 148 P. 450, 452, 6, L. R. A. 1915B, 454; Pursell & Thomas v. Merritt, 190 N. C. 297, 130 S. E. 40, 43.

FRAUD. Fraud is also said to be legal or positive. The former is made out by legal construction or inference, or the same thing as constructive fraud. Newell v. Wagnes, 1 N. D. 62, 44 N. W. 1014. Positive fraud is the same thing as actual fraud. The Douthitt v. Applegate, 33 Kan. 256, 6 P. 575, 52 Am. Rep. 533; Nocato Fruit Co. v. Pungate (C. C. A.) 12 P.2d 250, 252.

In General

—Actionable fraud. See Actionable, Frauds, statute of. This is the common designation of a very celebrated English statute, 20 Car. II c. 5) passed in 1677, and which has been adopted, in a more or less modified form, in nearly all of the United States. Its chief characteristic is the provision that no suit or action shall be maintained on certain classes of contracts or engagements unless there shall be a note or memorandum thereof in writing signed by the party to be charged or by his authorized agent. Its object was to close the door to the numerous frauds

—Plous fraud. A subterfuge or evasion considered morally justifiable on account of the ends sought to be promoted; particularly applied to an evasion or disregard of the laws in the interests of religion or religious institutions, such as circumventing the statutes of mortmain.

FRAUD ORDER. A name given to orders issued by the postmaster general, under Rev. St. §§ 3929, 4041 (39 USCA §§ 259, 722), for preventing the use of the mails as an agency for conducting schemes for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, etc. They are not restricted to schemes which lack all the elements of legitimate business, but the statute applies "when a business, even if otherwise legitimate, is systematically and designedly conducted upon the plan of inducing its patrons by means of false representations to part with their money in the belief that they are purchasing something different from, superior to, and worth more than, what is actually sold;" Harris v. Rosenberger, 145 Fed. 419, 15 C. C. A. 225, 13 L. R. A. (N. S.) 762.

The fraud order is issued to the post-master of the office through which the person affected by it receives his mail. It forbids the post-master to pay any postal money order to the specified person, and instructs the post-master to return all letters to the senders if practicable, or if not, to the dead letter office, stamped in either case with the word "fraudulent." The method of testing the validity of the fraud order is to apply to the federal court for an injunction to restrain the postmaster from executing it. The decision of the postmaster-general is not the exercise of a judicial function; if he exceeds his jurisdiction, the party injured may have relief in equity; Degge v. Hitchcock, 229 U. S. 162, 33 Sup. Ct. 659, 57 L. Ed. 1133.

FRAUDARE. Lat. In the civil law. To deceive, cheat, or impose upon; to defraud.

FRAUDULENT. Based on fraud; proceeding from or characterized by fraud; tainted by fraud; done, made, or effected with a purpose or design to carry out a fraud.

FRAUDULENT ALIENATION. In a general sense, the transfer of property with an intent to defraud creditors, lienors, or others. In a particular sense, the act of an administrator who wastes the assets of the estate by giving them away or selling at a gross undervalue. Rhame v. Lewis, 13 Rich. Eq. (S. C.) 269.

FRAUDULENT ALIENEE. One who knowingly receives from an administrator assets of the estate under circumstances which make it a fraudulent alienation on the part of the administrator. Rhame v. Lewis, 13 Rich. Eq. (S. C.) 289.

FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT. The hiding or suppression of a material fact or circumstance which the party is legally or morally bound to disclose. Magee v. Insurance Co., 92 U. S. 93, 23 L. Ed. 669; Page v. Parker, 43 N. H. 287, 80 Am. Dec. 172; Jordan v. Pickett, 78 Ala. 359; Small v. Graves, 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 578.

Fraudulent concealment justifying a rescission of a contract is the intentional concealment of some fact known to the party charged, which is material for the party injured to know to prevent being defrauded; the concealment of a fact which one is bound to disclose being the equivalent of an indirect representation that such fact does not exist. Long v. Martin (Tex. Civ. App.) 234 S. W. 91, 94.

The test of whether failure to disclose material facts constitutes fraud is the existence of a duty, legal or equitable, arising from the relation of the parties; failure to disclose a material fact with intent to mislead or defraud under such circumstances being equivalent to an actual "fraudulent concealment." Newell Bros. v. Hanson, 67 Vt. 297, 123 A. 268, 210.

Where the vendor stated that there were defects in the title, but that, except for squatters and prior conveyances, there were no objections to his title, and that so far as he knew he had as good title as any one, his concealment of the fact that he then had options for the true owners was fraudulent, for while a party may remain silent, and not be bound to tell the defects in his title, yet if he assumes to tell them, and omits a material one, of which he knows, that may be "fraudulent concealment." Continental Coal, Land
To constitute concealment of a cause of action so as to prevent the running of limitations, some trick or artifice must be employed to prevent inquiry or elude investigation, or to mislead and hinder the party who has the cause of action from obtaining information, and the acts relied on must be of an affirmative character and fraudulent. Refusal to allow insurer to inspect the books of insured to ascertain the compensation paid by insurer to his employees within the period of the policy was not a "fraudulent concealment" within the meaning of the law; but a breach of contract, and could not affect the running of the statute of limitations. Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York v. Jasper Furniture Co., 186 Ind. 566, 117 N. E. 238, 239.

FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE. A conveyance or transfer of property, the object of which is to defraud a creditor, or hinder or delay him, or to put such property beyond his reach. Seymour v. Wilson, 14 N. Y. 259; Lockyer v. De Hart, 6 N. J. Law. 455; Land v. Jeffries, 5 Rand. (Va.) 601; Blodgett v. Webster, 24 N. H. 103; Creel v. Cloyd, 131 Ky. 627, 122 S. W. 776, 777; In re Grocers' Baking Co. (D. C.) 205 F. 900, 903; Johnson v. Union Inv. Co., 119 Minn. 106, 182 N. W. 955, 956; Levy v. Weidhorn (D. C.) 287 F. 754, 756; Gustlin v. Whitham (D. C.) 292 F. 782, 791; Surratt v. Esbidge, 131 Va. 325, 108 S. E. 677, 679; Dean v. Davis, 242 U. S. 488, 37 S. Ct. 130, 61 L. Ed. 419. Every transfer of property or charge thereon made, every obligation incurred, and every judicial proceeding taken with intent to delay or defraud any creditor or other person of his demands, is void against all creditors of the debtor, and their successors in interest, and against any person upon whom the estate of the debtor devolves in trust for the benefit of others than the debtor. Civ. Code Cal. § 3439.

FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCES, STATUTES OF, OR AGAINST. The name given to two celebrated English statutes,—the statute 13 Eliz. c. 5, made perpetual by 29 Eliz. c. 5; and the statute 27 Eliz. c. 4, made perpetual by 29 Eliz. c. 18.

FRAUDULENT PREFERENCES. In English law. Every conveyance or transfer of property or charge thereon made, every judgment made, every obligation incurred, and every judicial proceeding taken or suffered by any person unable to pay his debts as they become due from his own moneys, in favor of any creditor, with a view of giving such creditor a preference over other creditors, shall be deemed fraudulent and void if the debtor become bankrupt within three months. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 71, § 92.


FRAUNC, FRAUNCHE, FRAUNKE. See Frank.

FRAUNCHISE. L. Fr. A franchise.

FRAUS. Lat. Fraud. More commonly called in the civil law, "dolus," and "dolus malus," (q. v.) A distinction, however, was sometimes made between "fraus" and "dolus;" the former being held to be of the most extensive import. Calvin.

FRAUS DANS LOCUM CONTRACTUI. A misrepresentation or concealment of some fact that is material to the contract, and had the truth regarding which been known the contract would not have been made as made, is called a "fraud dans locum contractui;" i. e., a fraud occasioning the contract, or giving place or occasion for the contract.

FRAUS LEGIS. Lat. In the civil law. Fraud of law; fraud upon law. See In Fraudem Legis.

Fraus est celare fraudem. It is a fraud to conceal a fraud. 1 Vern. 240; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. §§ 359, 360.

Fraus est odiosa et non presumenda. Fraud is odious, and not to be presumed. Cro. Car. 350.

Fraus et dolus nemini patrocinari debent. Fraud and deceit should defend or excuse no man. 2 Coke, 78; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 13, § 15; Id. lib. 6, c. 6, § 5.

Fraus et jus nunquam cohabitant. Wing. 680. Fraud and justice never dwell together.

Fraus latet in generalibus. Fraud lies hid in general expressions.

Fraus meretur fraudem. Plowd. 100. Fraud merits fraud.

FRAXINETUM. In old English law. A wood of ashes; a place where ashes grow. Co. Litt. 4b; Shep. Touch. 95.
FRAY. See Affray.

FRECTUM. In old English law. Freight. Quod frectum navium suarum, as to the freight of his vessels. Blount.

FREDNITE. In old English law. A liberty to hold courts and take up the fines for beating and wounding. To be free from fines. Cowell.

FREDSTOLE. Sanctuaries; seats of peace.

FREDUM. A fine paid for obtaining pardon when the peace had been broken. Spelman: Blount. A sum paid the magistrate for protection against the right of revenge.

FREDWIT, or FREDWITE. A liberty to hold courts and take up the fines for beating and wounding. Jacob, Law Dict.

FREE. Not subject to legal constraint of another.

Unconstrained; having power to follow the dictates of his own will. Not subject to the dominion of another. Not compelled to involuntary servitude. Used in this sense as opposed to "slave."

Not bound to service for a fixed term of years; in distinction to being bound as an apprentice.

Enjoying full civic rights.

Available to all citizens alike without charge; as a free school.

Available for public use without charge or toll; as a free bridge.

Not despotic; assuring liberty; defending individual rights against encroachment by any person or class; instituted by a free people; said of governments, institutions, etc. Webster.

Certain, and also consistent with an honorable degree in life; as free services, in the feudal law.

Confined to the person possessing, instead of being shared with others; as a free fishery.

Not engaged in a war as belligerent or ally; neutral; as in the maxim, "Free ships make free goods."

—Free bench. A widow's dower out of copyholds to which she is entitled by the custom of some manors. It is regarded as an encumbrance growing out of the husband's interest, and is indeed a continuance of his estate. Wharton.

—Free bord. In old records. An allowance of land over and above a certain limit or boundary, as so much beyond or without a fence. Cowell: Blount. The right of claiming that quantity. Termes de la Ley.

—Free borough men. Such great men as did not engage, like the frank-pledge men, for their decenues. Jacob.

—Free chapel. In English ecclesiastical law. A place of worship, so called because not liable to the visitation of the ordinary. It is always of royal foundation, or founded at least by private persons to whom the crown has granted the privilege. 1 Burn, Ecc. Law, 298.

—Free course. In admiralty law. A vessel having the wind from a favorable quarter is said to sail on a "free course," or said to be "going free" when she has a fair (following) wind and her yards braced in. The Queen Elizabeth (D. C.) 100 F. 876.

—Free entry, egress, and regress. An expression used to denote that a person has the
right to go on land again and again as often as may be reasonably necessary. Thus, in the case of a tenant entitled to emblements.

-Free fishery. See Fishery.

-Free ice. All ice in navigable streams not included within that authorized to be appropriated is sometimes called “free” ice, and does not belong to the adjacent riparian owners, but to the person who first appropriates it. Hudson River Ice Co. v. Brady, 158 App. Div. 142, 142 N. Y. S. 819, 821.

-Free law. A term formerly used in England to designate the freedom of civil rights enjoyed by freemen. It was liable to forfeiture on conviction of treason or an infamous crime. McCafferty v. Guyer, 59 Pa. 116.


-Free men. Before the Norman Conquest, a free man might be a man of small estate dependent on a lord. Every man, not himself a lord, was bound to have a lord or be treated as unworthy of a free man’s right. Among free men there was a difference in their estimation for Wergeld. See Liber Homo.


-Free services. In feudal and old English law. Such feudal services as were not becoming the character of a soldier or a free man to perform; as to serve under his lord in the wars, to pay a sum of money, and the like. 2 Bl. Comm. 60, 61.

-Free shareholders. The free shareholders of a building and loan association are subscribers to its capital stock who are not borrowers from the association. Steinberger v. Independent B. & S. Ass’n, 84 Md. 625, 36 A. 439.

-Free ships. In international law. Ships of a neutral nation. The phrase “free ships shall make free goods” is often inserted in treaties, meaning that goods, even though belonging to an enemy, shall not be seized or confiscated, if found in neutral ships. Wheat. Int. Law, 507, et seq.

-Free socage. See Socage.

-FREEDOM. Tenure by free services; freedom.


-Free warren. See Warren.

FREE ON BOARD. A sale of goods “free on board” imports that they are to be delivered on board the cars, vessels, etc., without expense to the buyer for packing, cartage, or other such charges. Batchelr v. Ferguson, 30 Idaho, 639, 198 P. 680, 681, 16 A. L. R. 590.

In a contract for sale and delivery of goods “free on board” vessel, the seller is under no obligation to act until the buyer names the ship to which the delivery is to be made. Dwight v. Eckert, 117 Pa. 508, 12 A. 32.

FREE WHITE PERSONS. “Free white persons” referred to in Naturalization Act, as amended by Act July 14, 1870, has meaning naturally given to it when first used in 1 Stat. 103, c. 3, meaning all persons belonging to the European races then commonly counted as white, and their descendants, including such descendants in other countries to which they have emigrated. It includes all European Jews, more or less intermixed with peoples of Celtic, Scandinavian, Teutonic, Iberian, Latin, Greek, and Slavonic descent. It includes Magyars, Lapps, and Finns, and the Basques and Albanians. It includes the mixed Latin, Celtic-Iberian, and Moorish inhabitants of Spain and Portugal, the mixed Greek, Latin, Phoenician, and North African inhabitants of Sicily, and the mixed Slav and Tartar inhabitants of South Russia. It does not mean Caucasian race, Aryan race, or Indo-European races, nor the mixed Indo-European, Dravidian, Semitic and Mongolian peoples who inhabit Persia. A Syrian of Asiatic birth and descent will not be entitled to become a naturalized citizen of the United States as being a free white person. Ex parte Shahid (D. C.) 205 F. 812, 813; United States v. Cartozian (D. C.) 6 F.(2d) 919, 921; Ex parte Dow (D. C.) 211 F. 486, 487; In re En Sk Song (D. C.) 271 F. 23.

FREEDOM. In Roman law. One who was set free from a state of bondage; an emancipated slave. The word is used in the same sense in the United States, regarding negroes who were formerly slaves. Fairfield v. Lawson, 50 Conn. 513, 47 Am. Rep. 689; Davenport v. Caldwell, 10 S. C. 333.

FREEDOM. The state of being free; liberty; self-determination; absence of restraint; the opposite of slavery.

The power of acting, in the character of a moral personality, according to the dictates of the will, without other check, hindrance,
or prohibition than such as may be imposed by just and necessary laws and the duties of social life.

The prevalence, in the government and constitution of a country, of such a system of laws and institutions as secure civil liberty to the individual citizen.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND OF THE PRESS. See Liberty.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY.

In English Law

Immunity from county jurisdiction, and the privilege of corporate taxation and self-government held under a charter from the crown. This freedom is enjoyed of right, subject to the provision of the charter, and is often conferred as an honor on princes and other distinguished individuals. The freedom of a city carries the parliamentary franchise. Encyc. Dict. The rights and privileges possessed by the burgesses or freemen of a municipal corporation under the old English law; now of little importance, and conferred chiefly as a mark of honor. See 11 Chic. L. J. 357.

The phrase has no place in American law, and, as frequently used in addresses of welcome made to organizations visiting an American city, particularly by mayors, has no meaning whatever except as an expression of good will.

The form of the grant made by the city of New York to Andrew Hamilton of Philadelphia is quoted at large in 13 Law Notes 150.

FREETHOLD. An estate in land or other real property, of uncertain duration; that is, either of inheritance or which may possibly last for the life of the tenant at the least, (as distinguished from a leasehold;) and held by a free tenure, (as distinguished from copyhold or villeinage.) Nevitt v. Woodburn, 175 Ill. 379, 51 N. E. 593; Railroad Co. v. Hempfield, 33 Miss. 22; Nellis v. Munson, 108 N. Y. 453, 16 N. E. 759; Jones v. Jones, 20 Ga. 700; Beirle v. Columbia County, 73 Or. 107, 144 P. 457, 460; Fowler v. Marlton & Pittsburg Coal Co., 315 Ill. 312, 146 N. E. 318, 319; Church v. Grossi, 124 Misc. 192, 207 N. Y. S. 106, 107; Hull v. Ensinger, 257 Ill. 160, 100 N. E. 513, 515; Rogers v. McAllister, 151 Ky. 488, 152 S. W. 571, 572; Ralston Steel Car Co. v. Ralston, 112 Ohio St. 306, 147 N. E. 513, 516, 39 A. L. R. 324; Lakeside Irr. Co. v. Markham Irr. Co., 116 Tex. 65, 285 S. W. 593, 596.

Such an interest in lands of frank-tenement as may endure not only during the owner's life, but which is cast after his death upon the persons who successively represent him, according to certain rules elsewhere explained. Such persons are called "heirs;" and he whom they thus represent, the "ancestor." When the interest extends beyond the ancestor's life, it is called a "freehold of inheritance" and, when it only endures for the ancestor's life, it is a freehold not of inheritance.

An estate to be a freehold must possess these two qualifications: (1) Immobility, that is, the property must be either land or some interest issuing out of or annexed thereto; and (2) indeterminate duration, for, if the utmost period of time to which an estate can endure be fixed and determined, it cannot be a freehold. Wharton.

Determinable freehold

Estates for life, which may determine upon future contingencies before the life for which they are created expires. As if an estate be granted to a woman during her widowhood, or to a man until he be promoted to a benefice; in these and similar cases, whenever the contingency happens,—when the widow marries, or when the grantee obtains the benefice,—the respective estates are absolutely determined and gone. Yet, while they subsist, they are reckoned estates for life; because they may by possibility last for life, if the contingencies upon which they are to determine do not sooner happen. 2 Bl. Comm. 221.

Freehold in law

A freehold which has descended to a man, upon which he may enter at pleasure, but which he has not entered on. Terms de la Lay.

Freehold land societies

Societies in England designed for the purpose of enabling mechanics, artisans, and other working men to purchase at the least possible price a piece of freehold land of a sufficient yearly value to entitle the owner to the elective franchise for the county in which the land is situated. Wharton.

Freeholder

A person who possesses a freehold estate. Shively v. Lankford, 174 Mo. 555, 74 S. W. 88; Whelden v. Corsetti, 4 Neb. (Unof.) 432, 54 N. W. 626; People v. Scott, 5 Hun. (N. Y.) 567. Statutory meaning, meaning which they may by possibility last for life, if the contingencies upon which they are to determine do not sooner happen. 2 Bl. Comm. 221.

FREEMAN. This word has had various meanings at different stages of history. In the Roman law, it denoted one who was either born free or emancipated, and was the opposite of "slave." In feudal law, it designated an allodial proprietor, as distinguished from a vassal or feudal tenant. (And so in Pennsylvania colonial law. Fry's Election Case, 71 Pa. 308, 10 Am. Rep. 608.) In old English law, the word described a freeholder or tenant by free service; one who was not a villein. In modern legal phraseology, it is the appellation of a member of a city or borough having the right of suffrage, or a member of the town council. —Blackstone's Commentaries.
ber of any municipal corporation invested with full civic rights.

A person in the possession and enjoyment of all the civil and political rights accorded to the people under a free government.

**FREEMAN’S ROLL.** A list of persons admitted as burgesses or freemen for the purposes of the rights reserved by the municipal corporation act, (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76.) Distinguished from the Burgess Roll. 2 Steph. Comm. 197. The term was used, in early colonial history, in some of the American colonies.

**FREIGHT.** Freight is properly the price or compensation paid for the transportation of goods by a carrier, at sea, from port to port. But the term is also used to denote the hire paid for the carriage of goods on land from place to place, (usually by a railroad company, not an express company,) or on inland streams or lakes. The name is also applied to the goods or merchandise-transported by any of the above means. Brittan v. Barnaby, 21 How. 533, 16 L. Ed. 177; Huth v. Insurance Co., 8 Bosw. (N. Y.) 552; Christie v. Davis Coal Co. (D. C.) 95 F. 928; Hagar v. Donaldson, 154 Pa. 242, 25 A. 824; Paradise v. Sun Mut. Ins. Co., 4 La. Ann. 596.

Property carried is called “freight;” the reward, if any, to be paid for its carriage is called “freightage;” the person who delivers the freight to the carrier is called the “consignor;” and the person to whom it is to be delivered is called the “consignee.” Civil Code Cal. § 2110; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 6197; Comp. Laws S. D. 1929, § 1119.

The term “freight” has several different meanings, as the price to be paid for the carriage of goods, or for the hire of a vessel under a charter-party or otherwise; and sometimes it designates goods carried, as “a freight of lime,” or the like. But, as a subject of International law, it is used in one of the two former senses. Lord v. Neptune Ins. Co., 19 Gray (Mass.) 160.

The sum agreed on for the hire of a ship, entirely or in part, for the carriage of goods from one port to another. 13 East, 500. All rewards or compensation paid for the use of ships, Giles v. Cynthia, 3 Pet. 426, Fed. Cas. No. 364.

Freight is a compensation received for the transportation of goods and merchandise from port to port; and is never claimable by the owner of the vessel until the voyage has been performed and terminated. Patapan Ins. Co. v. Biscoe, 7 Gill. & J. (Md.) 370, 22 Am. Dec. 819.

“Dead freight” is money payable by a person who has chartered a ship and only partly loaded her, in respect of the loss of freight caused to the ship-owner by the deficiency of cargo. L. R. 2 H. L. Sc. 128; The Rosemary (C. C. A.) 277 F. 674, 678.


**FREIGHT CAR.** A railroad car adapted to the transportation from one point to another of movable articles of every kind, character, and description, and a box car while so used is at least temporarily a car carrying freight. State v. Jones, 84 W. Va. 85, 90 S. E. 271, 274.


Freight is the mother of wages. 2 Show. 288; 3 Kent Comm. 196. Where a voyage is broken up by vis major, and no freight earned, no wages, eo nomine, are due.

**FREIGHTER.** In maritime law. The party by whom a vessel is engaged or chartered; otherwise called the “charterer.” 2 Steph. Comm. 148. In French law, the owner of a vessel is called the “freighter” (fréteur); the merchant who hires it is called the “affreighter” (affréteur). Emerigg. Tr. des Ass. ch. 11, § 8.

**FRENCHMAN.** In early times, in English law, this term was applied to every stranger or “outlandish” man. Bract. lib. 3, tr. 2, c. 15.

**FRENDELSEMAN.** Sax. An outlaw. So called because on his outlawry he was denied all help of friends after certain days. Cowell; Blount.

**FRENDWITE.** In old English law. A muet or fine exacted from him who harbored an outlawed friend. Cowell; Tomlins.

**FRENINETICUS.** In old English law. A madman, or person in a frenzy. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 36.

**FREDOBORCH.** A free-surety, or free-pledge. Spelman. See Frank-Pledge.

**FREQUENT, v.** To visit often; to resort to often or habitually. Green v. State, 109 Ind. 175, 9 N. E. 781; State v. Ah Sam, 14 Or. 347, 13 P. 303; State v. Seha (Mo. App.) 200 S. W. 300; Koehler v. Dubose (Tex. Civ. App.) 200 S. W. 238, 242; Ex parte Werner, 46 R. I. 1, 124 A. 195, 196.

Frequentia actus multum operatur. The frequency of an act effects much. 4 Coke, 78; Wing. Max. p. 719, max. 192. A continual usage is of great effect to establish a right.


**FRESCA.** In old records. Fresh water, or rain and land flood.
FRESH. Immediate; recent; following without any material interval.

FRESH DISSEISIN. By the ancient common law, where a man had been disseised, he was allowed to right himself by force, by ejecting the disseisor from the premises, without resort to law, provided this was done forthwith, while the disseisin was fresh, (flagrante disseisin.) Bract. fol. 162b. No particular time was limited for doing this, but Bracton suggested it should be fifteen days. Id. fol. 163. See Brit. cc. 32, 43, 44, 45.

FRESH FINE. In old English law. A fine that had been levied within a year past. St. Westm. 2, c. 45; Cowell.

FRESH FORCE. Force done within forty days. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 7; Old Nat. Brev. 4. The heir or reversloner in a case of disseisin by fresh force was allowed a remedy in chancery by bill before the mayor. Cowell.

FRESH PURSUIT. A pursuit instituted immediately and with intent to reclaim or recapture, after an animal escaped, a thief flying with stolen goods, etc. People v. Pool, 27 Cal. 578; White v. State, 70 Miss. 253, 11 So. 632.

FRESH SUE. In old English law. Immediate and unremitting pursuit of an escaping thief. "Such a present and earnest following of a robber as never ceases from the time of the robbory until apprehension. The party pursuing them had back again his goods, which otherwise were forfeited to the crown." Staunfie, P. C. lib. 3, cc. 10, 12; 1 Bl. Comm. 297.


FRÉTER. Fr. In French marine law. To freight a ship; to let it. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, § 3.

FRÉTEUR. Fr. In French marine law. Freighter. The owner of a ship, who lets it to the merchant. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, § 3.

FRETTUM, FRECTUM. In old English law. The freight of a ship; freight money. Cowell.

FRETTUM. Lat. A strait.

FRETUM BRITANNICUM. The strait between Dover and Calais.

FRIARS. An order of religious persons, of whom there were four principal branches, viz.: (1) Minors, Grey Friars, or Franciscans; (2) Augustines; (3) Dominicans, or Black Friars; (4) White Friars, or Carmelites, from whom the rest descend. Wharton.

FRIBURGH. (Also, Frithburg, Frithburgh, Friborg, Froeborg, and Friburg.) (Sax.) A kind of frank-pledge whereby the principal men were bound for themselves and servants. Fleta, lib. 1, cap. 47. Cowell says it is the same as frank-pledge.

FRIBUSCULUM. In the civil law. A temporary separation between husband and wife, caused by a quarrel or estrangement, but not amounting to a divorce, because not accompanied with an intention to dissolve the marriage.


FRIDHBURGUS. In old English law. A kind of frank-pledge, by which the lords or principal men were made responsible for their dependents or servants. Bract. fol. 124b.

FRIEND OF THE COURT. See Amicus Curiae.

FRIENDLESS MAN. In old English law. An outlaw; so called because he was denied all help of friends. Bract. lib. 3, tr. 2, c. 12.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES. In English law. Associations supported by subscription, for the relief and maintenance of the members, or their wives, children, relatives, and nominees, in sickness, infancy, advanced age, widowhood, etc. The statutes regulating these societies were consolidated and amended by St. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 60. Wharton.

FRIENDLY SUIT. A suit brought by a creditor in chancery against an executor or administrator, being really a suit by the executor or administrator, in the name of a creditor, against himself, in order to compel the creditors to take an equal distribution of the assets. 2 Williams, Ex'ts, 1915. Also any suit instituted by agreement between the parties to obtain the opinion of the court upon some doubtful question in which they are interested.

FRIGIDITY. Impotence. Johnson. The term in this sense is obsolete. Webster's New Int. Dict.

FRILINGI. Persons of free descent, or free-born; the middle class of persons among the Saxons. Spelman.


FRISK, v. The running of hands rapidly over another's person, as distinguished from "search," which is to strip and examine contents more particularly. Kaylin Business

FRITH. Sax. Peace, security, or protection. This word occurs in many compound terms used in Anglo-Saxon law.

FRITHBORE. Frank-pledge. Cowell.

FRITHBOTE. A satisfaction or fine, for a breach of the peace.

FRITHBREACH. The breaking of the peace.

FRITHGAR. The year of jubilee, or of meeting for peace and friendship.

FRITHGILDA. Guildhall; a company or fraternity for the maintenance of peace and security; also a fine for breach of the peace. Jacob.

FRITHMAN. A member of a company or fraternity.

FRITHSCONE. Surety of defense. Jurisdiction of the peace. The franchise of preserving the peace. Also spelled "frithsoken."

FRITHSPLOT. A spot or plot of land, encircling some stone, tree, or well, considered sacred, and therefore affording sanctuary to criminals.

FRITHSTOOL. The stool of peace. A stool or chair placed in a church or cathedral, and which was the symbol and place of sanctuary to those who fled to and reached it.

FRIVOLOUS. An answer or other pleading is called "frivolous" when it is clearly insufficient on its face, and does not controvert the material points of the opposite pleading, and is presumably interposed for mere purposes of delay or to embarrass the opponent. Erwin v. Lowery, 64 N. C. 321; Strong v. Sprout, 58 N. Y. 469; Gray v. Gildiere, 4 Strob. (S. C.) 442; Peacock v. Williams (C. C.) 110 F. 916; Segerstrom v. Holland Piano Mfg. Co., 160 Minn. 95, 199 N. W. 897, 898; Nolen v. State, 48 Okl. 594, 150 P. 149, 150; Germain v. Harwell, 108 Miss. 396, 66 So. 396, 398; Bronzini Holding Co. v. McGee, 168 Minn. 129, 207 N. W. 199, 200; Cairns v. Lewis, 169 Minn. 156, 210 N. W. 888, 889; Guaranty Trust Co. of South Carolina v. Kibler, 105 S. C. 513, 80 S. E. 158, 159; Scullthorpe v. Commonwealth Casualty Co., 98 N. J. Law, 545, 121 A. 755, 752; In re Beam, 98 N. J. Eq. 593, 117 A. 613, 614; Milberg v. Keuthe, 98 N. J. Law, 779, 121 A. 713, 714.

A frivolous demurrer has been defined to be one which is so clearly untenable, or its insufficiency so manifest upon a bare inspection of the pleadings, that its character may be determined without argument or research. Cottrill v. Cramer, 40 Wis. 558.

Synonyms

The terms "frivolous" and "sham," as applied to pleadings, do not mean the same thing. A sham plea is good on its face, but false in fact; it may, to all appearances, constitute a perfect defense, but is a pretense because false and because not pleaded in good faith. A frivolous plea may be perfectly true in its allegations, but yet is liable to be stricken out because totally insufficient in substance. Andrews v. Bandler (Sup.) 58 N. Y. S. 614; Brown v. Jenison, 1 Code R. N. S. (N. Y.) 157; Sheets v. Ramer, 125 Minn. 84, 145 N. W. 787. See, further, Answer.


FROM. The legal effect of this word has been a fruitful subject of judicial discussion resulting in a great diversity of construction of the word as used with respect to both time and place. Many attempts have been made to lay down a general rule to determine whether it was to be treated as inclusive or exclusive of a terminus a quo, whether of time or place. Very long ago a critical writer, after reviewing the cases up to that date, undertook to formulate such a rule thus: From, as well in strict grammatical sense, as in the ordinary import thereof, when referring to a certain point as a terminus a quo, always excludes that point; though in vulgar acceptance it were capable of being taken indifferently, either inclusively or exclusively, yet in law it has obtained a certain fixed import and is always taken as exclusive of the terminus a quo. Powell, Powers 440. This conclusion states a rule applied in the majority of cases, and it was said that the prepositions "from," "until," "between," generally exclude the day to which they relate, but the general rule will yield to the intent of parties; Kendall v. Kingsley, 120 Mass. 94. But the rule has not been unvarying, and many courts have not hesitated to follow the views of Lord Mansfield, in Copw. 714 (overruling his own decision of three years before, id. 159), that it is either exclusive or inclusive according to context and subject-matter, and the court will construe it to effectuate the intent of parties and not to destroy it. Lowman v. Shokoski, 106 Neb. 540, 184 N. W. 107, 108; Allen v. Effler, 144 Tenn. 685, 253 S. W. 67, 68; Lanham v. McKeel, 47 Okl. 348, 418 P. 344, 345; City of Dubuque v. Dubuque Elec. Co., 188 Iowa, 1192, 177 N. W. 790, 795; McWilliams v. Coneaux, 355 La. 210, 135 So. 112; Williams v. Chambers, 85 Ind. App. 404, 154 N. E. 295; Pull v. Ball, 132 Ark. 617, 209 S. W. 988; Zimmerman v. United States (C. A.) 277 F. 995; Mushel v. Board of Comrs' of Benton County, 152 Minn. 266, 188 N. W. 555, 556; Southern Surety Co. v. Penzel, 164 Ark. 395, 261 S. W. 920, 922; Penquite v. General Accident Fire & Life Assur. Corporation, 121 Kan. 174, 248 P. 498, 500; Martin v. 'Travelers' Ins. Co., 310 Mo. 411, 276 S. W. 350, 322, 41 A. L. R. 1372; Platt v. Flaherty, 96 Kan. 42, 149 P. 734.
As to time, after an examination of authorities, Washington, J., laid down what he considered the settled principles to be deduced from them: when time is computed from an act done, the day of its performance is included; (2) when the words are from the date, if a present interest is to commence, the day is included, if it is a term, from which to impute time the day is excluded; Spear- point v. Graham, 4 Wash. C. C. 240;—Fed. Cas. No. 19,877, where reference was made to a clause of the lease as was also in Lord Raym. 84; and to a bond; Lyale v. Williams, 15 S. & R. (Pa.) 235; and the first proposition has been laid down with reference to the words “from and after the passage of this act,” Arnold v. U. S., 9 Cra. (U. S.) 104, 3 L. Ed. 671; U. S. v. Williams, 1 Polk. 361, Fed. Cas. No. 16,753; U. S. v. Arnold, 1 Gall. 348, Fed. Cas. No. 14,458; contra, Locrent v. Ins. Co., 1 Nott. & McC. (S. C.) 595. See U. S. v. Heth, 3 Cra. (U. S.) 359, 2 L. Ed. 479. From is generally held a word of exclusion; Wilcox v. Wood, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 36. Oatman v. Walker, 23 Me. 67; Garway v. Remington, 22 R. I. 519, 34 Am. Rep. 646; Atkins v. Sleep- er, 7 Allen (Mass.) 457. But a promise made November 1st, 1811, and sued November 1st, 1817, was held barred by statute of limitation; Presbrey v. Williams, 15 Mass. 193. In many cases it is held to be either exclusive or inclusive according to the intention of the parties; Davis v. Davis, (N. Y.) 9; Houser v. Reynolds, 2 N. C. 114, 1 Am. Dec. 551. Where an act was to be done in a given number of days from the time of the contract, the day on which the contract was made was included; Brown v. Bussan, 24 Ind. 194; but if the contract merely says in so many days it means so many days from the day of date, and that is excluded; Blake v. Crownswagen, 9 N. H. 304. A fire policy from one given date to another includes the last day, whether the first is included was not decided; L. R. 5 Exch. 296. In most cases when something is required to be done in a given time from the day on which an event has happened, that day is excluded, as in case of proving claims against the estate of a decedent or insolvent; Weeks v. Hull, 19 Conn. 378, 59 Am. Dec. 249; enrolling deeds, after execution; Seawell v. Williams, 5 Hayw. (Tenn.) 291; appeal from arbitrators, afterward, after a final judgment on 3 S. 12; issuing a letter of attorney, in sae claus to revive a judgment, after entry; Appeal of Green, 6 W. & S. (Pa.) 327; the time an execution runs, after its date; Homan v. Llewelly, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 638; redemption from execution sale: id. 518; allowing appeal from a justice; Ex parte Dear, 2 Cow. (N. Y.) 605, 14 Am. Dec. 501. The principle is thus well expressed. When time is to be computed from a particular day or a particular event, as when an act is to be performed within a specified period from or after a day named, that day is excluded and the last day included; Sheed v. Garfield, 17 L. Ed. 897; 17 L. Ed. 277; 17 L. Ed. 380. But it was held that in considering the question of barring a writ of error, the day of the decree is included; Chiles v. Smith’s Heirs, 13 R. Monr. (Ky.) 469.

From the expiration of a policy means from the expiration of the time from which the policy was to be computed. Time is terminated by alienation; Sullivan v. Ins. Co., 2 Mass. 318. Six months from testator’s death allowed a legatee to give security not to marry, are exclusive of that day; 15 Ves. 248. Where an annuity is granted, and from and after the payment thereof and subject to the life of a person, it is subject to make up deficiency of income; after if the gift over were from and after the annuitant’s death, merely; L. R. 2 Ch. App. 644, reversing L. R. 4 Eq. 58. From time to time, as applied to the payment of expenses or damages caused by building a railroad; L. R. 5 Ex. 6; or the appointment, by a married woman, of rents and profits, nor restrain the party from a sweeping discharge or disposition of the whole subject-matter at once. From time to time is not sufficient in a bond for which under the statute should stipulate at a rate in the time of term to term; Forbes v. State (Tex.) 15 S. W. 1072. From day to day, in reference to adjournments, usually means to the next day but not, under a statute authorizing the adjournment of a sale from day to day, a sale is good if made by adjournment to a day certain, which did not immediately succeed the first; Burns v. Lyon, 4 Watts (Pa.) 363. From henceforth in a lease means from the delivery; 5 Co. 1; so also does one from March 25th last past (the execution being March 29th); 4 B. & C. 272; or one from an impossible date (as February 30th), or no date, but if it has a sensible date, the words day or days are other parts of time of delivery; 4 B. & C. 908. Where authority is given to commissioners to build a bridge and then and from henceforth, the county to be liable, means only after the bridge is built; 16 East, 305. Whenever they are used with respect to places it is said that the power extends to all of the state and to all of the county, inclusively according to the subject-matter; Union Pac. R. Co. v. Hall, 91 U. S. 343, 23 L. Ed. 428 (fixing the term to a railroad under an act of congress). From an object to an object in a deed excludes the terminus referred to; Bonney v. Merrill, 52 Me. 222; State v. Bushey, 54 Me. 423, 24 Atl. 349. From place to place means from one place in a town to another in the same town; Com. v. Inhabitants of Cambidges, 7 Mass. 158; Com. v. Waters, 11 Gray (Mass.) 81. From a street means from any part of it according to circumstances; City of Pittsburgh v. Cluey, 74 Pa. 250. From a town is not always and indeed is seldom exclusive of the place named; it generally means from some indefinite place within that town; Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Co. v. Key, 3 Cra. C. C. 509, 606, Fed. Cas. No. 2,649. Authority in a railroad charter to construct a railroad from a city to another point gives power to construct the railroad from a city to any point on the line and no elsewhere; the Apex v. Freeman, 52 Ga. 244; Appeal of Western Penn- sylvania R. Co., 99 Pa. 155; Tennessee & A. R. Co. v. Adams, 3 Head (Tenn.) 506; contra North-Eastern R. Co. v. Payne, 8 Rich. L. (S. C.) 177. And see Farmers’ Turnpike Road v. Coventry, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 289, where in a similar case “to” was construed “into”; and Mohawk Bridge Co. v. R. Co., 5 Page Ch. (N. Y.) 594, where, “at or near” was held equivalent to "within." But from a town to another in an indictment for transportation of liquor does not charge it as done within the town; State v. Bushey, 54 Me. 423, 24 Atl. 349. To construe reasonably the expression a road from a village to a city within the same village, in a statute, requires that it be taken inclusively; Smith v. Helmer, 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 418. Sailing from a port means out of it; U. S. v. La Coste, 2 Mass. 125, Fed. Cas. No. 15,548.

Descent from a parent cannot be construed to mean as distributed to a parent, it must be immediate, from the person designated; Gardner v. Collins, 2 Pet. (U. S.) 58, 86, 7 L. Ed. 347; Case v. Wildridge, 4 Ind. 51; but the words from the part of the father include a descent, either immediately from the father or from any person in the line of the father; Shippen v. Sime. (Pa.) 222. The words to be paid for in from six to eight weeks have no definite meaning and it was properly left to the jury to say if the suit was brought pre-
maturely; L. R. $ C. F. 20. From the loading in a marine policy ordinarily means that the risk is covered after the goods are on board, but this meaning may be qualified by any words in the policy indicating a different intention: 16 East 240; L. R. 7 Q. B. 580, 762. A contract to deliver from one to three thousand bushels gives the seller an option to deliver any quantity he chooses within the limits named; Small v. Quincy, 4 Greenl. (Me.) 497. Appraisers living from one to one and a half miles away, in a fairly well settled community, are prima facie from the neighborhood; State v. Jungling, 115 Mo. 162, 22 S. W. 568.

FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. From premises owned by one person to premises owned by another person in some legal subdivision or from one legal subdivision to another. Liquor Transportation Cases, 140 Tenn. 582, 205 S. W. 423, 426; Ready v. State, 155 Tenn. 13, 290 S. W. 28, 29; Allen v. State, 159 Ark. 665, 252 S. W. 896; State v. Knight, 94 W. Va. 150, 117 S. E. 783, 784; State v. White, 111 Kan. 190, 206 P. 905, 904.

FROM TIME TO TIME. Occasionally, at intervals, now and then. Spade v. Hawkins, 60 Ind. App. 388, 110 N. E. 1010, 1012. See From.

FRONT. Forepart, as opposed to the back or rear. State v. Read, 162 Iowa, 572, 144 N. W. 310, 311; Howland v. Audruins, 51 N. J. Eq. 175, 86 A. 931, 933.

Fronting and Abutting
As used in statutes relating to assessment for improvements. Property between which and the improvement there is no intervening land; where platted property lies between street proposed to be paved and unplatted property which abuts platted property, unplatted property is not subject to assessment as abutting property for any part of cost of improvement. City of Wilburton v. McNell, 119 Okl. 242, 249 P. 708, 710; Oklahoma Ry. Co. v. Severna Paving Co., 67 Okl. 206, 170 P. 216-218, 10 A. L. R. 157; Flynn v. Chiappari, 191 Cal. 139, 215 P. 682, 686.

Front Foot
As used in an act providing that property shall be assessed in proportion to the "front foot" has been held synonymous with "abutting foot". Moberly v. Hogan, 151 Mo. 19, 32 S. W. 1014.

Front-Foot Rule
"Front-foot rule" is one by which cost of improvement is to be apportioned among several properties in proportion to their frontage on improvement and without regard to benefits conferred. Davy v. McNell, 31 N. M. 7, 240 P. 482, 488. The front-foot rule of apportionment for assessing a local tax for street pavement means this: The total cost of the work, including the cost of grading, filling, culverts, headers, gutters, curbing, engineering, labor, material, etc., is to be divided by the total number of square feet of paving done under the contract; and the quotient multiplied by one-half of the number of linear feet in the width of the pavement opposite the property lines, is the basis or rate of assessment of the property per front foot. City of Crowley v. Police Jury of Acadia Parish, 138 La. 488, 70 So. 487, 488.

FRONTAGE, FRONTAGER. In English law a frontager is a person owning or occupying land which abuts on a highway, river, seashore, or the like. The term is generally used with reference to the liability of frontagers on streets to contribute towards the expense of paving, draining, or other works on the highway carried out by a local authority, in proportion to the frontage of their respective tenements. Sweet.

The term is also in a similar sense in American law, the expense of local improvements made by municipal corporations (such as paving, curbing, and sewer) being generally assessed on abutting property owners in proportion to the "frontage" of their lots on the street or highway, and an assessment so levied being called a "frontage assessment." Neenan v. Smith, 50 Mo. 581; Lyon v. Tawmanda (C. C.) 98 F. 368; City of Ft. Collins v. Lee, 72 Colo. 202, 210 P. 522; Haviland v. Columbus, 59 Ohio St. 471, 34 N. E. 679; and Toledo v. Shebl, 53 Ohio St. 447, 42 N. E. 323, 30 L. R. A. 598, overruled in City of Youngstown v. Fleshel, 89 Ohio St. 247, 104 N. E. 141, 143, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 921, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 1073; Standard Oil Co. of Indiana v. Kamrato, 313 Ill. 51, 149 N. E. 558, 559.

FRONTIER. In international law. That portion of the territory of any country which lies close along the border line of another country, and so "fronts" or faces it. The term means something more than the boundary line itself, and includes a tract or strip of country, of indefinite extent, contiguous to the line. Stoughton v. Mott, 15 Vt. 169.

FROZEN SNAKE. A term used to impute ingratitude and held libelous, the court taking judicial notice of its meaning without an innuendo. 12 Ad. & El. 624.

FRUCTUARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. One who had the usufruct of a thing; i.e., the use of the fruits, profits, or increase, as of land or animals. Inst. 2, 1, 93, 93. Bracton applies it to a lessee, feermor, or farmer of land, or one who held lands ad firmam, for a farm or term. Bract. fol. 261.

FRUCTUS. Lat. In the civil law. Fruit, fruits; produce; profit or increase; the organic productions of a thing.

The right to the fruits of a thing belonging to another.

The compensation which a man receives from another for the use or enjoyment of a thing, such as interest or rent. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 157; Inst. 2, 1, 35, 37; Dig. 7, 1, 93; 1d. 5, 3, 29; 1d. 22, 1, 51.
FRUCTUS CIVILES. All revenues and remunerations which, though not fruits, properly speaking, are recognized as such by the law. The term includes such things as the rents and income of real property, interest on money loaned, and annuities. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 545.

FRUCTUS FUNDI. The fruits (produce or yield) of land.

FRUCTUS INDUSTRIALES. Industrial fruits, or fruits of industry. Those fruits of a thing, as of land, which are produced by the labor and industry of the occupant, as crops of grain; as distinguished from such as are produced solely by the powers of nature. Emblems are so called in the common law. 2 Steph. Comm. 258; 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 92; Sparrow v. Pond, 49 Minn. 412, 32 N. W. 36, 16 L. R. A. 103, 32 Am. St. Rep. 571; Turner v. Piety, 40 Mo. 223, 17 Am. Rep. 563; Smock v. Smock, 37 Mo. App. 64; Clark v. Strohbeen, 190 Iowa, 989, 181 N. W. 430, 435, 13 A. L. R. 1419; Twin Falls Bank & Trust Co. v. Weinhberg, 44 Idaho, 251, 257 P. 31, 33, 54 A. L. R. 1527.

FRUCTUS LEGIS. The fruit of the law, i. e. execution.

FRUCTUS NATURALES. Those products which are produced by the powers of nature alone; as wool, metals, milk, the young of animals. Sparrow v. Pond, 49 Minn. 412, 32 N. W. 36, 16 L. R. A. 103, 32 Am. St. Rep. 571; Kiehl v. Holiday, 77 Mont. 451, 251 P. 225, 528; Clark v. Strohbeen, 190 Iowa, 989, 181 N. W. 430, 433, 13 A. L. R. 1419.

FRUCTUS PECUDUM. The produce or increase of flocks or herds.

FRUCTUS PENDENTES. Hanging fruits; those not severed. The fruits united with the thing which produces them. These form a part of the principal thing.

Fructus pendentes pars fundi videntur. Hanging fruits make part of the land. Dig. 6, 1, 44; 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1578.

Fructus perseverat viam non esse constat. Gathered fruits do not make part of the farm. Dig. 10, 1, 17, 1; 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1578.

FRUCTUS REI ALIENÆ. The fruits of another’s property; fruits taken from another’s estate.

FRUCTUS SEPARATI. Separate fruits; the fruits of a thing when they are separated from it. Dig. 7, 4, 13.

FRUCTUS STANTES. Standing fruits; those not yet severed from the stalk or stem.

Fructus augent hereditatem. The yearly increase goes to enhance the inheritance. Dig. 5, 3, 20, 3.

FRUGES. In the civil law. Anything produced from vines, underwood, chalk-pits, stone- quarries. Dig. 50, 16, 77.


FRUIT. The produce of a tree or plant which contains the seed or is used for food. Klas v. Kuehl, 159 Wis. 561, 150 N. W. 973, 975.

This term, in legal acceptance, is not confined to the produce of those trees which in popular language are called “fruit trees,” but applies also to the produce of oak, elm, and walnut trees. Bullen v. Denning, 5 Barn. & C. 847.

Civil Fruits

Civili fruits, in the civil law (fructus civilis) are such things as the rents and income of real property, the interest on money loaned, and annuities. Civ. Code La. art. 545.

Fruit Fallen

The produce of any possession detached therefrom, and capable of being enjoyed by itself. Thus, a next presentation, when a vacancy has occurred, is a fruit fallen from the adowson. Wharton.

Fruits, Fruits of the Land

In replevy bond granting obligors therein sequestered property, “with value of fruits, hire, and revenue thereof forthwith,” the term “fruits” includes the natural accession to live stock. Southern Surety Co. v. Adams (Tex. Civ. App.) 278 S. 943, 944. The right of a possessor in good faith to reap the benefit of the “fruits of the land” until it is claimed by its owner does not permit such possessor to extract the mineral oil and gas from the land and retain the proceeds. Elder v. Ellerbe, 135 La. 960, 66 So. 337.

Fruits Of Crime


Natural Fruits

The produce of the soil, or of fruit-trees, bushes, vines, etc., which are edible or otherwise useful or serve for the reproduction of their species. The term is used in contradistinction to “artificial fruits,” i. e., such as by metaphor or analogy are likened to the fruits of the earth. Of the latter, interest on money is an example. See Civ. Code La. art. 545.

Fremiumæ quæ sunt soli sed non intelleguntur. Grain which is sown is understood to form a part of the soil. Inst. 2, 1, 32.

FRUMENTUM. In the civil law. Grain. That which grows in an ear. Dig. 50, 16, 77.
FRUMGYLD. Sax. The first payment made to the kindred of a slain person in recompense for his murder. Blount.


FRUSCA TERRA. In old records. Uncultivated and desert ground. 2 Mon. Angl. 327; Cowell.

FRUSSURA. A breaking; plowing. Cowell.

Frustra agit qui judicium prosequi nequit cum effectu. He sues to no purpose who cannot prosecute his judgment with effect, [who cannot have the fruits of his judgment.] Fleta, lib. 6, c. 37, § 9.

Frustra [vama] est potestia quae nunquam venit in actum. That power is to no purpose which never comes into act, or which is never exercised. 2 Coke, 51.

Frustra expectatur eventus cujus effectus nullus sequitur. An event is vainly expected from which no effect follows.

Frustra feruntur leges nisi subditis et obedientibus. Laws are made to no purpose, except for those that are subject and obedient. Branch, Princ.

Frustra fit per plura, quod fieri potest per pauciora. That is done to no purpose by many things which can be done by fewer. Jenk. Cent. p. 68, case 28. The employment of more means or instruments for effecting a thing than are necessary is to no purpose.

Frustra legio auxilium invocat [quærit] qui in legem committit. He vainly invokes the aid of the law who transgresses the law. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 2, § 3; 2 Hale, P. C. 386; Broom, Max. 273, 297.

Frustra petis quod max es restitutus. In vain you ask that which you will have immediately to restore. 2 Kames, Eq. 104; 5 Man. & G. 757.

Frustra petis quod statim alteri reddere cogeris. Jenk. Cent. 256. You ask in vain that which you might immediately be compelled to restore to another.

Frustra probatur quod probatum non relevat. That is proved to no purpose which, when proved, does not help. Halk. Lat. Max. 50.

FRUSTRUM TERRÆ. A piece or parcel of land lying by itself. Co. Litt. 53.

FRUCTICUM. In old records. A place overgrown with shrubs and bushes. Spelman; Blount.

FRUTOS. In Spanish law. Fruits; products; produce; grains; profits. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 7, c. 5, § 2.

FRYMYTH. In old English law. The affording harbor and entertainment to any one.


An arm of the sea, or a strait between two lands. Cowell.

FUAGE, FOUAGE, or FEUAGE. Hearth money. A tax laid upon each fire-place or hearth. An imposition of a shilling for every hearth, levied by Edward III. in the dukedom of Aquitaine. Spelman; 1 Bl. Comm. 324.

FUER. In old English law. Flight. It is of two kinds: (1) Fuer in fact, or in facto, where a person does apparently and corporally flee; (2) fuer in lege, or in lege, when, being called in the county court, he does not appear, which legal interpretation makes flight. Wharton.

FUERO. In Spanish law. A law; a code.

A general usage or custom of a province, having the force of law. Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 446, 9 L. Ed. 1137. Ir contra fuero, to violate a received custom.

A grant of privileges and immunities. Conceder fueros, to grant exemptions.

A charter granted to a city or town. Also designated as "chartas pueblos."

An act of donation made to an individual, a church, or convent, on certain conditions. A declaration of a magistrate, in relation to taxation, fines, etc.

A charter granted by the sovereign, or those having authority from him, establishing the franchises of towns, cities, etc.

A place where justice is administered.

A peculiar forum, before which a party is amenable.

The jurisdiction of a tribunal, which is entitled to take cognizance of a cause: as fuero ecclesiastico, fuero militar. See Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 64.

FUERO DE CASTILLA. The body of laws and customs which formerly governed the Castilians.

FUERO DE CORREOS Y CAMINOS. A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters relating to the post-office and roads.

FUERO DE GUERRA. A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters in relation to persons serving in the army.

FUERO DE MARINA. A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters relating to the navy and to the persons employed there-in.

FUERO JUZGO. The Forum Judicium; a code of laws established in the seventh century for the Visigothic kingdom in Spain. Some of its principles and rules are found surviving in the modern jurisprudence of that country. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 28.

FUERO MUNICIPAL. The body of laws granted to a city or town for its government and the administration of justice.
FUERO REAL. The title of a code of Spanish law promulgated by Alphonso the Learned, (el Sabio.) A. D. 1235. It was the precursor of the Partidas. Schm. Civil Law, Intro. 67.


FUGACIA. A chase. Blount.

FUGAM FECIT. Lat. He has made flight; he fled. A clause inserted in an inquisition, in old English law, meaning that a person indicted for treason or felony had fled. The effect of this is to make the party forfeit his goods absolutely, and the profits of his lands until he has been pardoned or acquitted.

FUGATOR. In old English law. A privilege to hunt. Blount.

A driver. Fugatores currucarum, drivers of wagons. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 78.

FUGITATE. In Scotch practice. To outlaw, by the sentence of a court; to outlaw for non-appearance in a criminal case. 2 Alis. Crim. Pr. 330.

FUGITATION. When a criminal does not obey the citation to answer, the court pronounces sentence of fugitation against him, which induces a forfeiture of goods and chattels to the crown.

FUGITIVE. One who flees; always used in law with the implication of a flight, evasion, or escape from some duty or penalty or from the consequences of a misdeed.


To be regarded as a "fugitive from justice," it is not necessary that one shall have left the state for the very purpose of avoiding prosecution; it being sufficient that, having committed there an act constituting a crime, he afterwards has departed from its jurisdiction, and when sought to be prosecuted is found in another state. Hogan v. O'Neill, 235 U. S. 32, 41 S. Ct. 222, 65 L. Ed. 497; Ex parte Finch, 106 Neb. 45, 182 N. W. 565; People ex rel. Gottschalk v. Brown, 237 N. Y. 483, 143 N. E. 653, 654, 32 A. L. R. 1184, reversing id., 207 App. Div. 695, 201 N. Y. S. 802, 804; Ex parte Henke, 172 Wis. 36, 177 N. W. 880, 881, 18 A. L. R. 409; Ex parte Duddy, 210 Mass. 548, 107 N. E. 394; Ex parte Thurber, 37 Cal. App. 571, 174 P. 112; Ex parte Baker, 53 Okl. Cr. 413, 244 P. 459, 460; In re Gundy, 30 Okl. Cr. 390, 256 P. 440, 442; Kuney v. State, 88 Fla. 354, 102 So. 547, 549; Seely v. Beardsley, 194 Iowa, 863, 100 N. W. 489, 500; Cockburn v. Willman, 301 Mo. 575, 237 S. W. 458, 460; State v. Doepe, 97 W. Va. 263, 124 S. E. 697, 698; Ex parte Galbreath, 24 N. D. 582, 139 N. W. 1050, 1051; State v. Hayes, 102 La. 917, 111 So. 327, 329 (one who did not flee).

FUGITIVE OFFENDERS. In English law. Where a person accused of any offense punishable by imprisonment, with hard labor for twelve months or more, has left that part of his majesty's dominions where the offense is alleged to have been committed, he is liable, if found in any other part of his majesty's dominions, to be apprehended and returned in manner provided by the fugitive offender act, 1881, to the part from which he is a fugitive. Wharton.

FUGITIVE SLAVE. One who, held in bondage, flees from his master's power.

FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW. An act of congress passed in 1793 (and also one enacted in 1850) providing for the surrender and deportation of slaves who escaped from their masters and fled into the territory of another state, generally a "free" state.

FUGITIVE'S GOODS. Under the old English Law, where a man fled for felony, and escaped, his own goods were not forfeited as bona fuggitorum until it was found by proceedings of record (e. g. before the coroner in the case of death) that he fled for the felony. Foxley's Case, 5 Co. 109 a.

FUGITIVUS. In the civil law. A fugitive; a runaway slave. Dig. 11, 4; Cod. 6, 1. See the various definitions of this word in Dig. 21, 1, 17.

FUGUES. Fr. In medical jurisprudence. Ambulatory automatism. See Automatism.

FULL AGE. The age of legal majority, twenty-one years at common law, twenty-five in the civil law. 1 Bl. Comm. 463; Inst. 1, 23, pr.


FULL BLOOD. A term of relation, denoting descent from the same couple. Brothers and sisters of full blood are those who are born of the same father and mother, or, as Justinian calls them, "ex utroque parente conjuncti." Nov. 115, cc. 2, 3; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 145. The more usual term in modern law is "whole blood," (q. v.

FULL COPY. In equity practice. A complete and unabbreviated transcript of a bill or other pleading, with all indorsements, and including a copy of all exhibits. Finley v. Hunter, 2 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 210, note.

FULL COURT. In practice. A court in banco. A court duly organized with all the judges present.

FULL COVENANTS. See Covenant.

FULL DEFENSE. In pleading. The formula of defense in a plea, stated at length and without abbreviation, thus: "And the said C. D., by E. F., his attorney, comes and defends the force (or wrong) and Injury when and where it shall behove him, and the damages, and whatsoever else he ought to defend, and says," etc. Steph. PI. p. 451.

FULL FAITH AND CREDIT. In the constitutional provision that full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state, this phrase means that a judgment or record shall have the same faith, credit, conclusive effect, and obligatory force in other states as it has by law or usage in the state from whence taken. Christmas v. Russell, 5 Wall. 302, 18 L. Ed. 475; McKelmoyle v. Cohen, 13 Pet. 326, 10 L. Ed. 177; Gibbons v. Livingston, 6 N. J. Law, 275; Brengle v. McEldjan, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 438; Putnam & Norman v. Conner, 144 La. 231, 80 So. 235, 237; Gundlach v. Park, 140 Minn. 78, 167 N. W. 392, 303; Foster Millburn Co. v. Chinn (C. C. A.) 202 F. 175, 177; Pennsylvania Fire Ins. Co. of Philadelphia v. Gold Issue Min. & Mill. Co., 243 U. S. 93, 37 S. Ct. 314, 61 L. Ed. 610; Detroit & Cleveland Nav. Co. v. Hade, 166 Ohio St. 494, 140 N. E. 180, 182.

FULL HEARING. One in which ample opportunity is afforded to all parties to make, by evidence and argument, a showing fairly adequate to establish the propriety or impropriety from the standpoint of justice and law of the step asked to be taken. Akrou, C. & Y. Ry. Co. v. U. S., 261 U. S. 184, 43 S. Ct. 270, 67 L. Ed. 605; State v. Howse, 152 Tenn. 432, 175 S. W. 1110, 1111; State v. Hunt, 137 Tenn. 243, 192 S. W. 931, 932.

FULL INFORCEMENT. See Indorsement.

FULL JURISDICTION. Complete jurisdiction over a subject-matter or class of actions (as, in equity) without any exceptions or reservations. Bank of Mississippi v. Duncan, 52 Miss. 740.

FULL LIFE. Life in fact and in law. See in Full Life.


FULL PARTICULARS. Where contract of insurance requires giving "full particulars" of an accident as a condition precedent to liability, unnecessary details are not required, but only such as enables insurer to determine, whether a claim was likely to be made, and the insured was not required to make an exhaustive investigation of all the attendant circumstances or decide what the facts were on conflicting evidence. Silberstein v. Vellerman, 241 Mass. 50, 134 N. E. 395, 397.

FULL POWERS. A document issued by the government of a state empowering its diplomatic agent to conduct special business with a foreign government.


FULL RIGHT. The union of a good title with actual possession.

FULLUM AQUE. A fleam, or stream of water. Blount.

FULLY ADMINISTERED. The English equivalent of the Latin phrase "plene administravit," being a plea by an executor or administrator that he has completely and legally disposed of all the assets of the estate, and has nothing left out of which a new claim could be satisfied. See Ryans v. Boozer, 169 Mo. 673, 69 S. W. 1048.

FUMAG. In old English law. The same as fuse, or smoke farthings. 1 Bl. Comm. 324. See Fuage.

FUNCTION. Office; duty; fulfillment of a definite end or set of ends by the correct adjustment of means. The occupation of an office. By the performance of its duties, the
FUNCTIONAL DISEASE

The practice of borrowing money to defray the expenses of government, and creating a "sinking fund," designed to keep down interest, and to effect the gradual reduction of the principal debt. Merrill v. Monticello (C. C.) 22 F. 996.

FUND, n. A sum of money set apart for a specific purpose, or available for the payment of debts or claims.

In its narrower and more usual sense, "fund" signifies "capital," as opposed to "interest" or "income": as where we speak of a corporation funding the arrears of interest due on its bonds, or the like, meaning that the interest is capitalized and made to bear interest in its turn until it is repaid. Sweet.

In the plural, this word has a variety of slightly different meanings, as follows:


3. Corporate stocks or government securities; in this sense usually spoken of as the "funds."


In General

—General fund. This phrase, in New York, is a collective designation of all the assets of the state which furnish the means for the support of government and for defraying the discretionary appropriations of the legislature. People v. Orange County Sup'rs, 27 Barb. (N. Y.) 575, 588. It has also been used in Delaware in the messages of the governor and other state papers to distinguish such funds as are available in the hands of the state treasurer for general purposes from assets of a special character, such as the school fund.


—No funds. This term denotes a lack of assets or money for a specific use. It is the return made by a bank to a check drawn upon it by a person who has no deposit to his credit there; also by an executor, trustee, etc., who has no assets for the specific purpose.

—Public funds. An untechnical name for (1) the revenue or money of a government, state, or municipal corporation; (2) the bonds, stocks, or other securities of a national or state government. Money, warrants, or bonds, or other paper having a money value, and belonging to the state, or to any county, city, incorporated town or school district. Crawford & Moses' Dig. (Ark.) § 2885; Bank of Blytheville v. State, 148 Ark. 504, 230 S. W. 550, 553. The term applies to funds of every political subdivision of state wherein taxes are levied for public purposes. Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. v. Bramwell (D. C.) 12 F.(2d) 307, 309.

—Revolving fund. Usually, a renewable credit over a defined period. In simple parlance it relates usually to a situation where a banker or merchant extends credit for a certain amount which can be paid off from time to time and then credit is again given not to exceed the same amount. It may also mean a fund, which, when reduced, is replenished by new funds from specified sources. U. S. v. Butterworth-Judson Corporation (C. A. N.) 297 F. 971, 979.

—Sinking fund. The aggregate of sums of money (as those arising from particular taxes or sources of revenue) set apart and invested, usually at fixed intervals, for the extinguishment of the debt of a government or corporation, by the accumulation of interest. Elser v. Ft. Worth (Tex. Civ. App.) 27 S. W. 740; Brooke v. Philadelphia, 162 Pa. 123, 29 A. 387, 24 L. R. A. 751. A fund arising from particular taxes, imposts, or duties, which is appropriated towards the payment of interest due on a public loan and for the gradual payment of the principal. This definition was quoted and approved in Union Pac. R. Co. v. Buffalo Co., 9 Neb. 453, 4 N. W. 53. See, also, Sidney Spitzer & Co. v. Commissioners of Franklin County, 188 N. C. 30, 123 S. E. 636, 639. A fund created for extinguishing or paying a funded debt. Ketchum v. Buffalo, 14 N. Y. 379, cited in Chicago & I. R. Co. v. Pyne (C. C.) 30 F. 89.

—Sinking fund tax. A tax raised to be applied to the payment of interest on, and principal of public loan. Sidney Spitzer & Co. v. Commissioners of Franklin County, 188 N. C. 30, 123 S. E. 636, 639; Union Pac. R. Co. v. York County, 10 Neb. 612, 7 N. W. 270.

FUNDAMENTAL ERROR. See Error.

FUNDAMENTAL LAW. The law which determines the constitution of government in a state, and prescribes and regulates the manner of its exercise; the organic law of a state; the constitution.

FUNDAMUS. We found. One of the words by which a corporation may be created in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 473; 3 Steph. Comm. 173.

FUNDATIO. Lat. A founding or foundation. Particularly applied to the creation and endowment of corporations. As applied to eleemosynary corporations such as colleges and hospitals, it is said that "fundatio incipiens" is the incorporation or grant of corporate powers, while "fundatio perficiens" is the endowment or grant or gift of funds or revenues. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 667, 4 L. Ed. 629.

FUNDATOR. A founder, (q.v.)

FUNDI PATRIMONIALES. Lands of inheritance.

FUNDI PUBLICI. Public lands.

FUNDITORES. Pioneers. Jacob.

FUNDUS. In the civil and old English law. Land; land or ground generally; land, without considering its specific use; land, including buildings generally; a farm.


FUNGIBLE THINGS. Movable goods which may be estimated and replaced according to weight, measure, and number. Things belonging to a class, which do not have to be dealt with in specie. Standard Bank of Can-
FUNGIBLE THINGS

Fungible Things. See Fornagium; Four.


FURNITURE. This term includes that which furnishes, or with which anything is furnished or supplied; whatever must be supplied to a house, a room, place of business, or public building or the like, to make it

The word "furniture" made use of in the disposition of the law, or in the conventions or acts of persons, comprehends only such furniture as is intended for use and ornament of apartments, but not libraries which happen to be there, nor plate. Civ. Code La. art. 477.

The term "furniture" embraces everything about the house that has been usually enjoyed therewith, including plate, linens, china, and pictures, rugs, draperies and furnishings. Endicott v. Endicott, 41 N. J. Eq. 96, 3 Atl. 157; In re Kathan's Estate, 153 N. Y. S. 366, 368, 90 Misc. Rep. 590; Case v. Haase, 80 N. J. Eq. 170, 92 A. 728, 729; Peckham v. Peckham, 97 N. J. Eq. 174, 127 A. 95.

Furniture of a Ship

This term includes everything with which a ship requires to be furnished or equipped to make her seaworthy; it comprehends all articles furnished by ship chandlers, which are almost innumerable. Weaver v. The S. G. Owens, 1 Wall. Jr. 369, Fed. Cas. No. 17,510.

Household Furniture

This term, in a will, includes all personal chattels that may contribute to the use or convenience of the householder, or the ornament of the house; as plate, linen, china, both useful and ornamental, and pictures. But goods in trade, books, and wines will not pass by a bequest of household furniture. 1 Rep. Leg. 203.

FURNIVAL'S INN. Formerly an inn of chancery. See Inns of Chancery. Furor contrahit matrimonium non sitit, quia consensus opus est. Insanity prevents marriage from being contracted, because consent is needed. Dig. 23, 2, 16, 21; 1 Ves. & B. 140; 1 Bl. Comm. 439; Wightman v. Wightman, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 343, 345.

FURST AND FONDUNG. In old English law. Time to advise or take counsel. Jacob.

FURTA. A right derived from the king as supreme lord of a state to try, condemn, and execute thieves and felons within certain bounds or districts of an honour, manor, etc. Cowell seems to be doubtful whether this word should not read fureca, which means directly a gallows. Cowell; Holhouse, L. Dict.


FURTHER ADVANCE. A second or subsequent loan of money to a mortgagee by a mortgagee, either upon the same security as the original loan was advanced upon, or an additional security. Equity considers the arrears of interest on a mortgage security converted into principal, by agreement between the parties, as a further advance. Wharton.

FURTHER ASSURANCE, COVENANT FOR. See Covenant.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION. In English practice, upon a motion for judgment or application for a new trial, the court may, if it shall be of opinion that it has not sufficient materials before it to enable it to give judgment, direct the motion to stand over for further consideration, and direct such issues or questions to be tried or determined, and such accounts and inquiries to be taken and made, as it may think fit. Rules Sup. Ct. xl, 10.

FURTHER DIRECTIONS. When a master ordinary in chancery made a report in pursuance of a decree or decretal order, the cause was again set down before the judge who made the decree or order, to be proceeded with. Where a master made a separate report, or one not in pursuance of a decree or decretal order, a petition for consequential directions had to be presented, since the cause could not be set down for further directions under such circumstances. See 2 Daniell, Ch. Pr. (5th Ed.) 1233, note.


FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. Additional instructions given to jury after they have once been instructed and have retired. White v. Sharpe, 219 Mass. 393, 107 N. E. 56.

FURTHER MAINTENANCE OF ACTION, PLEA TO. A plea grounded upon some fact or facts which have arisen since the commencement of the suit, and which the defend-
ant puts forward for the purpose of showing that the plaintiff should not further maintain his action. Brown.

FURTHERANCE. In criminal law, furthering, helping forward, promotion, or advancement of a criminal project or conspiracy. Powers v. Comm., 114 Ky. 237, 70 S. W. 652.

FURTIVE. In old English law. Stealthily; by stealth. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 38, § 3.

FURTUM. Lat. Theft. The fraudulent appropriation to one's self of the property of another, with an intention to commit theft without the consent of the owner. Fleta, l. 1, c. 36; Bract. fol. 150; 3 Inst. 107.

The thing which has been stolen. Bract. fol. 151.

FURTUM CONCEPTUM. In Roman law. The theft which was disclosed where, upon searching any one in the presence of witnesses in due form, the thing stolen was discovered in his possession.

Furtum est contractatio rei alienae fraudulenta, cum animo furandi, invito illo domino cujus res illa fuerat. 3 Inst. 107. Theft is the fraudulent handling of another's property, with an intention of stealing, against the will of the proprietor, whose property it was.

FURTUM GRAVE. In Scotch law. An aggravated degree of theft, anciently punished with death. It still remains an open point what amount of value raises the theft to this serious denomination. 1 Brown, 352, note. See 1 Swift. 487.

FURTUM MANIFESTUM. Open theft. Theft where a thief is caught with the property in his possession. Bract. fol. 150b.

Furtum non est ubi initium habet detentionis per dominium rei. 3 Inst. 107. There is no theft where the foundation of the detention is based upon ownership of the thing.

FURTUM OBLATUM. In the civil law. Offered theft. Oblatum furtum dictur cum res furtiva ab aliquo tibi oblata sit, eaque apud te concepta sit. Theft is called "oblatum" when a thing stolen is offered to you by any one, and found upon you. Inst. 4, l. 1, 4.

FUSEL OIL. A volatile oily liquid obtained in the rectification of spirituous liquors made from the fermentation of grain, potatoes, the marc of grapes, and other material; its chief constituent being amyl alcohol, a direct nerve poison. Calkins v. National Travelers' Ben. Ass'n of Des Moines, 200 Iowa, 60, 204 N. W. 406, 407, 41 A. L. R. 383.

FUSTIGATIO. In old English law. A beating with sticks or clubs; one of the ancient kinds of punishment of malefactors. Bract. fol. 104b, lib. 3, tr. 1, c. 6.

FUSTIS. In old English law. A staff, used in making livery of seisin. Bract. fol. 40.

A baton, club, or cudgel.

FUTHWITE, or FITHWITE. A line for fighting or breaking the peace. Cowell; Cun. L. Diet.

FUTURE ACQUIRED PROPERTY. Mortgages, especially of railroad companies are frequently made in terms to cover after-acquired property; such as rolling stock, etc. Such mortgages are valid; Philadelphia, W. & B. R. Co. v. Woelpper, 64 Pa. 396, 3 Am. Rep. 596; Pierce v. Emery, 32 N. H. 484; Shaw v. Bill, 35 U. S. 10, 24 L. Ed. 333; L. R. 16 Eq. 383. This may include future net earnings; Dunham v. Issett, 13 Iowa, 284; the proceeds to be received from the sale of surplus lands; L. R. 2 Ch. 201; a ditch or flame in process of construction, which was held to cover all improvements and fixtures thereafter to be put on the line thereof; De Araguello v. Greer, 26 Cal. 620; rolling stock, etc.; Philadelphia, W. & B. R. Co. v. Woelpper, 64 Pa. 396, 3 Am. Rep. 596; Benjamin v. R. Co., 49 Barb. (N. Y.) 441. Future calls of assessments on stock cannot be mortgaged; L. R. 10 Eq. 681; but calls already made can be; id.

Locomotives bought under a conditional sale, reserving title in the vendor, pass under an after-acquired clause to a mortgage of the railroad, subject to the vendor's rights; Contracting & Building Co. of Kentucky v. Trust Co., 105 F. 1, 47 C. C. A. 143.

A power in a Kentucky hotel company's charter to mortgage "all its property" does not sustain a mortgage covering after-acquired personal property; In re New Galt House Co., 199 F. 533, following Kentucky cases, but the authorities are contras; In re Medina Quarry Co., 179 F. 929; Trust Co. of America v. City of Rhinelander, 152 F. 64; Zartman v. Bank, 189 N. Y. 267, 52 N. E. 127, 12 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1085.

A will speaks as of the death of the testator and ordinarily passes property acquired after its date.

FUTURE DEBT. In Scotch law. A debt which is created, but which will not become due till a future day. 1 Bell, Comm. 315.

FUTURE ESTATE. See Estate.

FUTURES. This term has grown out of those purely speculative transactions, in which there is a nominal contract of sale for future delivery, but where in fact none is ever intended or executed. The nominal seller does not have or expect to have the stock or merchandise he purports to sell, nor does the nominal buyer expect to receive it or to pay the price. Instead of that, a percentage or margin is paid, which is increased or diminished as the market rates go up or down, and accounted for to the buyer. King v. Quinlick Co., 14 R. L. 135; Lemonius v. Mayer, 71
reserved to the king's pleasure. Leges Hen. I q. 10. Its nature is not known. Spelman reads fynderinga, and interprets it treasure trope; but Cowell reads fyrdeninga, and interprets it a joining of the king's fyrd or host. a neglect to do which was punished by a fine called firdwite. See Spelman, Gloss. Du Cange agrees with Cowell.

FYRD. Sax. In Anglo-Saxon law. The military array or land force of the whole country. Contribution to the fyrd was one of the imposts forming the trinoda necessitas. (Also spelled "ferd" and "frd.")

FYROFARE. A summoning forth to join a military expedition; a summons to join the fyrd or army.

FYRDSOCNE. (or fyrdsoken.) Exemption from military duty; exemption from service in the fyrd.

FYRDWITE. A fine imposed for neglecting to join the fyrd when summoned. Also a fine imposed for murder committed in the army; also an acquittance of such fine.
G. In the Law French orthography, this letter is often substituted for the English W, particularly as an initial. Thus, "gage" for "wage," "garranty" for "warranty," "gast" for "waste."

**GABEL.** An excise; a tax on movables; a rent, custom, or service. Co. Litt. 142a, 218.  

Land Gabel  
See Land.  

**GABELLA.** The Law Latin form of "gabel." (q. v.)

**GABLATORES.** Persons who paid gabel, rent, or tribute. Domesday; Cowell.

**GABLUM.** A rent; a tax. Domesday; Du Cange. The gable-end of a house. Cowell.


**GADSDEN PURCHASE.** A term commonly applied to the territory acquired by the United States from Mexico by treaty of December 30, 1853, known as the Gadsden Treaty.

**GAFFOLDGILD.** The payment of custom or tribute. Scott.

**GAFFOLDLAND.** Property subject to the gaffoldgild, or liable to be taxed. Scott.

**GAFOL.** The same word as "gabel" or "gavel." Rent; tax; interest of money.

**GAGE, v.** In old English law. To pawn or pledge; to give as security for a payment or performance; to wage or wager.

**GAGE, n.**  
In Old English Law  
A pawn or pledge; something deposited as security for the performance of some act or the payment of money, and to be forfeited on failure or non-performance. Glanv. lib. 10, c. 6; Brit. c. 27.  
A mortgage is a dead-gage or pledge; for, whatsoever profit it yields, it redeems not itself, unless the whole amount secured is paid at the appointed time. Cowell.

In French Law  
The contract of pledge or pawn; also the article pawned.

In General  
—Gage, estates in. Those held in vado, or pledge. They are of two kinds: (1) Vizum vadium, or living pledge, or vifgage; (2) mortuum vadium, or dead pledge, better known as "mortgage."

**GAGER DE DELIVERANCE.** In old English law. When he who has distrained, being sued, has not delivered the cattle distrained, then he shall not only avow the distress, but gager deliverance, i.e., put in surety or pledge that he will deliver them. Fitzh. Nat. Brev.

**GAGER DEL LEY.** Wager of law (q. v.).


**GAINAGE.** The gain or profit of tilled or planted land, raised by cultivating it; and the draught, plow, and furniture for carrying on the work of tillage by the baser kind of sokemen or villeins. Bract. l. i. c. 9.

**GAINERY.** Tillage, or the profit arising from it, or from the beasts employed therein.

**GAINOR.** In old English law. A sokeman; one who occupied or cultivated arable land. Old Nat. Brev. fol. 12.

**GAJUM.** A thick wood. Spelman.

**GALE.** The payment of a rent, tax, duty, or annuity.  
A gale is the right to open and work a mine within the Hundred of St. Briavel's, or a stone quarry within the open lands of the Forest of Dean. The right is a license or interest in the nature of real estate, conditional on the due payment of rent and observance of the obligations imposed on the galee. It follows the ordinary rules as to the devotion and conveyance of real estate. The galee pays the crown a rent known as a "galeage rent," "royalty," or some similar name, proportionate to the quantity of minerals got from the mine or quarry. Sweet.

**GALEA.** In old records. A piratical vessel; a galley.

**GALENES.** In old Scotch law. Amends or compensation for slaughter. Bell.

**GALLI-HALFPENCE.** A kind of coin which, with suskins and doftkins, was forbidden by St. 3 Hen. V. c. 1.

**GALLIVOLATIUM.** A cock-shoot, or cock-glade.


**BL. LAW DICT. (3D ED.)**
GALLOWS. A scaffold; a beam laid over either one or two posts, from which malefactors are hanged.

GAMACTA. In old European law. A stroke or blow. Spelman.

GAMALIS. A child born in lawful wedlock; also one born to betrothed but unmarried parents. Spelman.

GAMBLE. To game or play at a game for money. Buckley v. O'Neil, 113 Mass. 193, 18 Am. Rep. 460. The word "gamble" is perhaps the most apt and substantial to convey the idea of unlawful play that our language affords. It is inclusive of hazarding and betting as well as playing. Bennett v. State, 2 Yerg. (Tenn.) 474. Allen v. Commonwealth, 178 Ky. 250, 198 S. W. 896, 897.

—Commercialized gambling. Such gambling as is a source of sure and steady profit. State v. Gardner, 131 La. 874, 92 So. 395, 371.

—Common gambler. One who furnishes facilities for gambling, or keeps or exhibits a gambling table, establishment, device, or apparatus. People v. Sponsler, 1 Dak. 291, 46 N. W. 459, citing cases.


—Gambling policy. In life insurance. One issued to a person, as beneficiary, who has no pecuniary interest in the life insured. Otherwise called a "wager policy." Gams v. Covenant Mut. L. Ins. Co., 50 Mo. 47.

GAME. Wild birds and beasts.

Birds and beasts of a wild nature, obtained by fowling and hunting. Bacon, Abr. See Coodidge v. Choate, 11 Metc. (Mass.) 79. The term is said to include (in English hares, pheasants, partridges, grouse, heath, or moor game, black game, and bustards. Brown. See 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 32. Graves v. Dunlap, 87 Wash. 648, 52 P. 582, 583, L. R. A. 1916C, 588, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 944; Crabtree v. State, 129 Ark. 68, 184 S. W. 490.


—Game-keeper. One who has the care of keeping and preserving the game on an estate, being appointed thereto by a lord of a manor.

—Game-laws. Laws passed for the preservation of game. They usually forbid the killing of specified game during certain seasons or by certain described means. As to English game-laws, see 2 Steph. Comm. 82; 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 32.

—Game of chance. One in which the result, as to success or failure, depends less upon the skill and experience of the player than upon purely fortuitous or accidental circumstances, incidental to the game or the manner of playing it or the device or apparatus with which it is played, but not under the control of the player. A game of skill, on the other hand, although the element of chance necessarily cannot be entirely eliminated, is one in which success depends principally upon the superior knowledge, attention, experience, and skill of the player, whereby the elements of luck or chance in the game are overcome, improved, or turned to his advantage. People v. Lawin, 179 N. Y. 164, 71 N. E. 753, 66 L. R. A. 601; Stearns v. State, 21 Tex. 692; Harless v. U. S., Morris. (Iowa) 172; Wortham v. State, 59 Miss. 182; State v. Gupton, 30 N. C. 271; State v. Randall, 121 Or. 545, 255 P. 393, 394.

GAMING. An agreement between two or more persons to play together at a game of chance for a stake or wager which is to become the property of the winner, and to which all contribute. In re Stewart (D. C.) 21 F. 398; People v. Todd, 51 N. Y. Supp. 4, N. Y. S. 25; State v. Shaw, 39 Minn. 153, 39 N. W. 305; State v. Morgan, 133 N. C. 743, 45 S. E. 1033; Bell v. State, 5 Sneed (Tenn.) 597; Allen v. Commonwealth, 178 Ky. 250, 198 S. W. 896, 898; Carpenter v. Bcal-McDonnell & Co. (D. C.) 222 F. 453, 460.

In general, the words "gambling" and "gambling," in statutes, are similar in meaning, and either one comprehends the idea that, by a bet, by chance, or by some exercise of skill, or by the transpiring of some event unknown until it occurs, something of value is, as the conclusion of promises agreed, to be transferred from a loser to a winner, without which latter element there is no gambling or gambling, Blah. St. Crimes, § 883. Town of Eros v. Powell, 117 La. 482, 48 So. 632, 634; Relamiller v. State, 26 Fla. 462, 111 So. 633, 635.

It is not necessary that the player shall hazard what he plays, but it is equally "gaming" if he may win by chance more than the value expended by him. Nelson v. State, 57 Okl. Cr. 90, 258 P. 989, 940; City of Moberly v. Deakin, 169 Mo. App. 672, 155 S. W. 842, 843.

To constitute "gaming," winner must either pay consideration for his chance to win, or without paying anything in advance stand chance to lose or win. R. J. Williams Furniture Co. v. McComb Chamber of Commerce, 112 So. 579, 580, 147.
GAMING
"Gaming" is properly the act or engagement of the players. If bystanders or other third persons
put up a stake or wager among themselves, to go to one or the other according to the result of
the game, this is more correctly termed "betting."
—Gaming contracts. See Wager.
—Gaming-houses. In criminal law. Houses
in which gambling is carried on as the business
of the occupants, and which are frequented
by persons for that purpose. They
are nuisances, in the eyes of the law, being
detrimental to the public, as they promote
cheating and other corrupt practices. 1 Russ.
Crimes, 299; Rosc. Crim. Ev. 663; People v.
Jackson, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 101, 45 Am. Dec. 449;
Anderson v. State (Tex. App.) 12 S. W. 869;
People v. Welthoff, 51 Mich. 203, 16 N. W.
442, 47 Am. Rep. 557; Morgan v. State, 42
Tex. Cr. R. 422, 60 S. W. 769.
—Gaming table. Any table that may be used
for playing games of chance for money or
property. State v. Leaver, 171 Mo. App. 571,
157 S. W. 821, 822; Everhart v. People, 54
Colo. 272, 130 P. 1076, 1080.
GANANCIAL PROPERTY. In Spanish law.
A species of community in property enjoyed
by husband and wife, the property being
divisible between them equally on a dissolution
of the marriage. 1 Burge, Conf. Law, 418.
See Cartwright v. Cartwright, 18 Tex.
634; Cutter v. Waddingham, 22 Mo. 251;
W. 290, 292. See Community.
GANANCIAS. In Spanish law. Gains or
profits resulting from the employment of property
held by husband and wife in common.
White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 7, c. 5.
GANG-WEEK. The time when the bounds
of the parish are lustrated or gone over by
the parish officers,—rogation week. Enc.
Lond.
GANGIATORI. Officers in ancient times
whose business it was to examine weights and
measures. Skene.
GANTELOPE. (pronounced "gauntlet"). A
military punishment, in which the criminal
running between the ranks receives a lash
from each man. Enc. Lond. This was called
"running the gauntlet."
GAOL. A prison for temporary confinement;
a jail; a place for the confinement of offen-
ders against the law.
There is said to be a distinction between "gaol"
and "prison:" the former being a place for
temporary or provisional confinement, or for the
punishment of the lighter offenses and misdemeanors,
while the latter is a place for permanent or long-
continued confinement, or for the punishment of
greater crimes. In modern usage, this distinction
is commonly taken between the words "gaol" and
"penitentiary," (or state's prison,) but the name
"prison" is indiscriminately applied to either. See,
also, Jail.
GAOL DELIVERY. In criminal law. The
delivery or clearing of a gaol of the prisoners
confined therein, by trying them.
In popular speech, the clearing of a gaol
by the escape of the prisoners.
GAOL LIBERTIES, GAOL LIMITS. A dis-
trict around a gaol, defined by limits, within
which prisoners are allowed to go at large
on giving security to return. It is considered
a part of the gaol. Singer v. Knott, 237 N. Y.
110, 142 N. E. 435, 436.
General Gaol Delivery
In English law. At the assizes (q. v.) the
judges sit by virtue of five several authori-
ties, one of which is the commission of "gen-
eral gaol delivery." This empowers them to
try and deliverance make every prisoner who shall be in the gaol when the judges ar-
rive at the circuit town, whether an indictment
has been preferred at any previous assize or not. 4 Bl. Comm. 270. This is also
a part of the title of some American criminal
courts, as, in Pennsylvania, the "court of
oyer and terminer and general jail delivery."
GAOLER. A variant of "jailer" (q. v.)
GARAGE. A place for the care and storage
Div. 813, 169 N. Y. S. 652, 657; Grimes v.
State, 82 Tex. Cr. R. 512, 200 S. W. 378, 379;
Red Arrow Garage & Auto Co. v. Carson City,
47 Nev. 473, 225 P. 457, 458; White v. Home
Mut. Ins. Ass'n of Iowa, 189 Iowa, 1051; 179
N. W. 315, 316; Taylor v. State, 191 Ind. 200,
132 N. E. 294.
Public garages
A public garage is a place where automobiles are
stored for compensation, but in practice, it is usu-
ally not essential to constitute a public garage un-
der statutes or ordinances regulative thereof, that
a charge be made for storing the vehicles of cus-
tomers, the principal business of a garage being gen-
cerally that of repairing cars. Blashfield Cyclopedia
of Automobile Law, p. 374, § 38. State v. Elkins,
125 S. E. 249, 187 N. C. 563.
GARANDIA, or GARANTIA. A warranty.
Spelman.
GARANTIE. In French law. This word cor-
responds to warranty or covenants for title
in English law. In the case of a sale this
garantie extends to two things: (1) Peaceful
possession of the thing sold; and (2) absence
of undisclosed defects, (défauts cachés.)
Brown.
GARATHINX. In old Lombardic law. A
gift; a free or absolute gift; a gift of the
whole of a thing. Spelman.
GARAUNTOR. L. Fr. In old English law.
A warrantor of land; a vouchee; one bound
by a warranty to defend the title and seizin
of his alience, or, on default thereof, and on
eviction of the tenant, to give him other lands
of equal value. Brit. c. 75.

GARBA. In old English law. A bundle or
sheaf. *Buda in garbe,* corn or grain in
sheaves. Reg. Orig. 96; Bract. fol. 209.

GARBA SAGITTARUM. A sheaf of arrows,
containing twenty-four. Otherwise called
"schaffa sagittarium." Skene.

GARBALES DECIMÆ. In Scotch law.
Tiches of corn, (grain.) Bell.

GARBLE. In English statutes. To sort or
cull out the good from the bad in spices, drugs,
etc. Cowell.

GARBLER OF SPICES. An ancient officer
in the city of London, who might enter into
any shop, warehouse, etc., to view and search
drugs and spices, and garble and make clean
the same, or see that it be done. Money &
Whitney.

GARCIO STOLÆ. Groom of the stole.

GARCIONES. Servants who follow a camp.
Wals. 292.

GARD, or GARDE. L. Fr. Wardship; care;
custody; also the ward of a city.

GARDEJN. A keeper; a guardian.

GARDEN. A small piece of land, appropriat-
ed to the cultivation of herbs, fruits, flowers,
or vegetables. People v. Greenburgh, 57 N.
Y. 550; Ferry v. Livingston, 115 U. S. 542, 6
S. Ct. 175, 29 L. Ed. 458; Hubel v. McAdam,
190 Iowa, 677, 180 N. W. 994, 995.

GARDEN SEEDS. Seeds for kitchen gardens.

GARDEN TOOLS. Instruments or devices
movable in character and operated by hand,
or possibly by other motive power in the
performance of work in the garden or on
the farm. Murphy v. Continental Ins. Co., 178
Iowa, 375, 157 N. W. 805, 807, L. R. A. 1917B,
934.

GARDIA. L. Fr. Custody; wardship.

GARDIANUS. In old English law. A guard-
ian, defender, or protector. In feudal law,
gardio. Spelman.

A warden. *Gardianus ecclesie,* a church-
warden. *Gardianus quinquque portum,* ward-
en of the Cinque Ports. Spelman.

GARDINUM. In old English law. A gar-

GARENE. L. Fr. A warren; a privileged
place for keeping animals.

GARNESTURA. In old English law. Victu-
als, arms, and other implements of war,
necessary for the defense of a town or castle.
Mat. Par. 1250.

GARNISH. In English law. Money paid
by a prisoner to his fellow-prisoners on his
entrance into prison.

GARNISH, v. To warn or summon.
To issue process of garnishment against a
person.

GARNISHEE. One garnished; a person
against whom process of garnishment is is-
 sued; one who has money or property in his
possession belonging to a defendant, or who
owes the defendant a debt, which money,
property, or debt is attached in his hands,
with notice to him not to deliver or pay it
over until the result of the suit be ascertained.
Welsh v. Blackwell, 14 N. J. Law, 348;
Stein, 94 N. J. Eq. 231, 119 A. 504, 505.

GARNISHMENT. A warning to a person in
whose hands the effects of another are at-
tached, not to pay the money or deliver the
property of the defendant in his hands to him,
but to appear and answer the plaintiff's suit.
Drake, Attachm. § 451; National Bank of
Wilmington v. Furtick, 2 Marr. (Del.) 35, 42
Bank, 2 Neb. (Unof.) 637, 89 N. W. 772.

A statutory proceeding to reach and sub-
ject money or effects of a defendant, in the
possession or under the control of a third
person, or debts owing such defendant, or liabil-
ties to him on contracts for the delivery of
personal property, or for the payment of mon-
ey. Dishman v. Griffith, 196 Ala. 664, 73 So. 966,
967; Eller v. National Motor Vehiele Co., 181
Iowa, 679, 165 N. W. 64, 68; Coller v. She-
field Farms Co., 129 Misc. 600, 223 N. Y. S.
305, 310; Berry-Beall Dry Goods Co. v. Ad-
ams, 87 Okl. 291, 211 P. 79, 81; First Nat.
Bank v. Ellison, 135 Miss. 42, 90 So. 573, 574.

Garnishment is a proceeding in rem, Ger-
lach Mercantile Co. v. Hughes-Bozarth-
Anderson Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 189 S. W. 754,
788; McLaughlin v. Aumselle Mercantile
Co., 74 Or. 50, 144 P. 1154, 1155; Atkins v.
Evans, 76 W. Va. 17, 84 S. E. 901; is ancil-
larly to the main action, Brucker v. Georgia
Casualty Co. (D. C.) 14 F. (2d) 888; Dugg v.
Consolidated Grocery Co., 155 Ga. 560, 118 S.
E. 56, 58; Geren & Hamond v. Lawson, 23
N. M. 415, 194 P. 218, 217; and does not cre-
ate lien, but serves to hold garnishee to a per-
sonal liability. Pleasant Valley Farms &
Morey Condensery Co. v. Carl, 90 Fta. 120;
106 So. 427, 429; Sargent County v. Stute;
47 N. D. 561, 182 N. W. 270, 275; Same v.
Bank of North Dakota, 47 N. D. 561, 182 N.
W. 270.

Garnishment is a proceeding to apply the debt due
by a third person to a judgment defendant, to the
extinguishment of that judgment, or to appropriate,
effects belonging to a defendant, in the hands of a
third person, to its payment. Strickland v. Mad-
Also a warning to any one for his appearance, in a cause in which he is not a party, for the information of the court and explaining a cause. Cowell.

Equitable Garnishment

This term is sometimes applied to the statutory proceedings authorized in some states, upon the return of an execution unsatisfied, whereby an action something like a bill of discovery may be maintained against the judgment debtor and any third person, to compel the disclosure of any money or property or chose in action belonging to the debtor or held in trust for him by such third person, and to procure satisfaction of the judgment out of such property. Gelst v. St. Louis, 156 Mo. 649, 57 S. W. 786, 79 Am. St. Rep. 545. See St. Louis v. O'Neill Lumber Co., 114 Mo. 74, 21 S. W. 454.

GARNISTRUXA. In old English law. Garniture; whatever is necessary for the fortification of a city or camp, or for the ornament of a thing. 8 Rymer, 328; Du Cange; Cowell; Blount.

GARRISON. The permanent home of the army in time of peace, where soldiers are given proper training with a view of having them prepared for the intelligent performance of duty in event of conflict. Hines v. Mikell (C. C. A.) 259 F. 28, 81.

GARROTING. A method of inflicting the death penalty on convicted criminals practised in Spain, Portugal, and some Spanish-American countries, consisting in strangulation by means of an iron collar which is mechanically tightened about the neck of the sufferer, sometimes with the variation that a sharpened screw is made to advance from the back of the apparatus and pierce the base of the brain. Also, popularly, any form of strangling resorted to to overcome resistance or induce unconsciousness, especially as a concomitant to highway robbery.

GARSUMME. In old English law. An American or fine. Cowell.

GARTER. A string or ribbon by which the stocking is held upon the leg. The mark of the highest order of English knighthood, ranking next after the nobility. This military order of knighthood is said to have been first instituted by Richard I., at the siege of Acre, where he caused twenty-six knights who firmly stood by him to wear thongs of blue leather about their legs. It is also said to have been perfected by Edward III. and to have received some alterations, which were afterwards laid aside, from Edward VI. The badge of the order is the image of St. George, called the "George," and the motto is "Honi soit qui mal y pense." Wharton.

GARTH. In English law. A yard; a little close or homestead in the north of England. Cowell; Blount. A dam or weir in a river, for the catching of fish.


Casing-head Gas


Natural Gas

The gas obtained from wells in coal and oil regions, and used for lighting and heating. Dry natural gas is natural gas which does not contain an appreciable amount of readily condensable gasoline; it is usually not intimately associated with petroleum. Wet natural gas is natural gas from which a gasoline can be extracted in sufficient quantities to warrant the installation of a plant, or natural gas which contains readily condensable gasoline. Mussellem v. Magnolia Petroleum Co., 107 Okl. 183, 231 P. 526, 533.

GASOLINE. A colorless inflammable fluid, the first and highest distillate of crude petroleum. Being the most volatile component of petroleum, it readily separates from it, and, in the process of distillation, is the oil drawn off at the lowest temperature. Locke v. Russell, 75 W. Va. 602, 84 S. E. 948, 949; Hammett Oil Co. v. Gypsy Oil Co., 95 Okl. 223, 218 P. 501, 504, 34 A. L. R. 275.


GASTEL. L. Fr. Wastel; wastel bread; the finest sort of wheat bread. Britt. c. 30: Kelham.

GASTINE. L. Fr. Waste or uncultivated ground. Britt. c. 57.

GATE (Sax. gate), at the end of names of places, signifies way or path. Cunningham, Law Dict.

In the words beast-gate and cattle-gate, it means a right of pasture; these rights are local to Suffolks and Yorkshire respectively; they are considered as corporeal hereditaments, for which ejectment will lie; 2 Stra. 1054, 1 Term 137; and are entirely distinct from right of common. The right is sometimes connected with the duty of repairing the gate of the pasture; and perhaps the name comes from this.

In modern railroad practice, movable bar-
riers which close entrance through which public is permitted to enter upon, pass over, and leave property of railway company enclosed within its right of way fences. Jefferin v. Kewanee, G. B. & W. Ry. Co., 180 Wis. 207, 207 N. W. 283, 284.

GÄUDIES. A term used in the English universities to denote double commons.

GAUGE. The measure of width of a railway, fixed, with some exceptions, at 4 feet 8½ inches in Great Britain and America, and 5 feet 3 inches in Ireland.

GAUGEATOR. A gauger. Lowell.

GAUGER. A surveying officer under the customs, excise, and internal revenue laws, appointed to examine all tuns, pipes, hogheads, barrels and tineers of wine, oil, and other liquids, and to give them a mark of allowance, as containing lawful measure. There are also private gaugers in large seaport towns, who are licensed by government to perform the same duties. Rupal. & L.

GAUGETUM. A gauge or gauging; a measure of the contents of any vessel.

GAVEL. In English law. Custom; tribute; toll; yearly rent; payment of revenue; of which there were anciently several sorts; as gavel-corn, gavel-malt, oat-gavel, gavel-fodder, etc. Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Co. Litt. 142a.

—Gavelbred. Rent reserved in bread, corn, or provision; rent payable in kind. Cowell.


—Gavelgeld. That which yields annual profit or toll. The tribute or toll itself. Cowell; Du Cange.

—Gavelherte. A service of plowing performed by a customary tenant. Cowell; Du Cange.

—Gaveling men. Tenants who paid a reserved rent, besides some customary duties to be done by them. Cowell.


—Gavelmed. A customary service of moving meadow-land or cutting grass. (Consequentudo falcandi) Blount.

—Gavelrep. Bedreap or bidreap; the duty of reaping at the bid or command of the lord. Somn. Gavelkind, 19, 21; Cowell.

—Gavelwerk. A customary service, either manuopera, by the person of the tenant, or earropera, by his carts or carriages. Blount; Somn. Gavelkind, 24; Du Cange.

GAVELET. An obsolete writ. An ancient and special kind of esseat, used in Kent and London for the recovery of rent. The statute of gavellet is 10 Edw. II. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 12, p. 298. See Emig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 460.

GAVELKIND. A species of sokeage tenure common in Kent, in England, where the lands descend to all the sons, or heirs of the nearest degree, together; may be disposed of by will; do not escheat for felony; may be aliened by the heir at the age of fifteen; and dower and curtesy is given of half the land. Stin. Law Gloss.

GAVELLER. An officer of the English crown having the general management of the mines, pits, and quarries in the Forest of Dean and Hundred of St. Briavel's, subject, in some respects, to the control of the commissioners of woods and forests. He grants gales to free miners in their proper order, accepts surrenders of gales, and keeps the registers required by the acts. There is a deputy-gaveller, who appears to exercise most of the gaveller's functions. Sweet.

GAZETTE. The official publication of the English government, also called the "London Gazette." It is evidence of acts of state, and of everything done by the king in his political capacity. Orders of adjudication in bankruptcy are required to be published therein; and the production of a copy of the "Gazette," containing a copy of the order of adjudication, is evidence of the fact. Mozley & Whitley.

GEBOCCED. An Anglo-Saxon term, meaning "conveyed."

GEOBICIAN. In Saxon law. To convey; to transfer hoc land, (book-land or land held by charter.) The grantor was said to geobician the allience. See 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 10.

GEBUR (Sax.). A boor. His services varied in different places—to work for his lord two or more days a week; to pay gafols in money, barley, etc.; to pay hearth money, etc. He was a tenant with a house and a yard land or virgate or two oxen. Maitl. Domesday and Beyond 37.

GEBURSCRIPT. In old English law. Neighborhood or adjoining district. Cowell.

GEBURUS. In old English law. A country neighbor; an inhabitant of the same geburscript, or village. Cowell.

GELD. In Saxon law. Money or tribute. A mulet, compensation, value, price. Angeld was the single value of a thing; twegeld, double value, etc. So, werengeld was the value of a man slain; orfegeld, that of a beast. Brown. A land tax of so much per hide or carucate. Maitl. Domesday Book 120. The compensation for a crime.

GELDABILIS. In old English law. Taxable; gendable.
GELDABLE. Liable to pay geld; liable to be taxed. Kelham.

GELDING. A horse that has been castrated, and which is thus distinguished from the horse in his natural and unaltered condition. A "ridging" (a half-castrated horse) is not a gelding, but a horse, within the denomination of animals in the statutes. Brisco v. State, 4 Tex. App. 219, 30 Am. Rep. 162.

GEMMA. Lat. In the civil law. A gem; a precious stone. Gems were distinguished by their transparency; such as emeralds, chrysolites, amethysts. Dig. 54, 2, 19, 17.

GÉMOT. In Saxon law. A meeting or moot; a convention; a public assemblage. These were of several sorts, such as the witenagemot, or meeting of the wise men; the folcgemot, or general assembly of the people; the shire-gemot; or county court; the burgh-gemot, or borough court; the hundred-gemot, or hundred court; the hal-gemot, or court-baron; the hal-mote, a convention of citizens in their public hall; the holy-mote, or holy court; the swain-gemot, or forest court; the goard-mote, or ward court. Wharton; Cunningham.

GEOLOGY. The summary history or table of a family, showing how the persons named are connected together.

GENEALOGY. The head of a family.

GENEATH. In Saxon law. A villicen, or agricultural tenant, (villanus vilivus;) a hind or farmer, (armarius rusticus.) Spelman.

GENER. Lat. In the civil law. A son-in-law; a daughter's husband. (Filius vir.) Dig. 38, 10, 4, 6.

GENERAL. Pertaining to, or designating, the genus or class, as distinguished from that which characterizes the species or individual. Universal, not particularized; as opposed to special. Principal or central; as opposed to local. Open or available to all; as opposed to select. Obtaining commonly, or recognized universally; as opposed to particular. Universal or unbounded; as opposed to limited. Comprehending the whole, or directed to the whole; as distinguished from anything applying to or designed for a portion only. Extensive or common to many. Record v. Ellis, 97 Kan. 754, 156 P. 712, 713; L. R. A. 1916E, 654, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 822; McNell v. McNell, 106 Iowa, 680, 145 N. W. 845, 851.

As a noun, the word is the title of a principal officer in the army, usually one who commands a whole army, division, corps, or brigade. In the United States army, the rank of "general" is the highest possible, next to the commander in chief, and is only occasionally created. The officers next in rank are lieutenant general, major general, and brigadier general.


GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A name given in some of the United States to the senate and house of representatives, which compose the legislative body. See State v. Gear, 5 Ohio Dec. 599.

GENERAL BOARD OF THE NAVY. A general advisory board to the Secretary of the Navy as to the preparation, maintenance and distribution of the fleet, plans of campaign, number and types of vessels, &c., number and ranks of officers and number and ratings of enlisted men, &c.

GENERAL BUILDING SCHEME. One under which a large tract of land divides into building lots, to be sold to different persons for separate occupancy by deeds which contain uniform covenants restricting the use which the several grantees may make of their premises. Besch v. Hyman, 221 App. Div. 455, 226 N. Y. S. 251, 253.

GENERAL CIRCULATION. That of a general newspaper only, as distinguished from one of a special or limited character; 1 Lack. Leg. N. (Pa.) 114.

GENERAL COUNCIL. (1) A council consisting of members of the Roman Catholic Church from most parts of the world, but not from every part, as an ecumenical council. (2) One of the names of the English parliament.

GENERAL COURT. The name given to the legislature of Massachusetts and of New Hampshire, in colonial times, and subsequently by their constitutions; so called because the colonial legislature of Massachusetts grew out of the general court or meeting of the Massachusetts Company. Cent. Dict. See Citizens' Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Topek, 20 Wall. 600, 22 L. Ed. 455.

GENERAL CREDIT. The character of a witness as one generally worthy of credit. A distinction is sometimes insisted upon between this and "particular credit," which may be affected by proof of particular facts.

GENERAL EXCEPTION. General exception is an objection to a pleading, or any part thereof, for want of substance, while a special exception is an objection to the form in which a cause of action is stated. Cochran v. People's Nat. Bank (Tex. Civ. App.) 271 S. W. 486, 494.

GENERAL FIELD. Several distinct lots or pieces of land inclosed and fenced in as one common field. Mansfield v. Hawkes, 14 Mass. 440.

GENERAL IMPARLANCE. In pleading. One granted upon a prayer in which the defendant reserves to himself no exceptions.

GENERAL INCLOSURE ACT. The statute 41 Geo. III. c. 106, which consolidates a number of regulations as to the inclosure of common fields and waste lands.

GENERAL INTEREST. In speaking of matters of public and general interest, the terms "public" and "general" are sometimes used as synonyms. But in regard to the admissibility of hearsay evidence, a distinction has been taken between them, the term "public" being strictly applied to that which concerns every member of the state, and the term "general" being confined to a lesser, though still a considerable, portion of the community. Tayl. Ev. § 609.

GENERAL LAND-OFFICE. In the United States, one of the bureaus of the interior department, which has charge of the survey, sale, granting of patents, and other matters relating to the public lands.

GENERAL WORDS. Such words of a descriptive character as are used in conveyances in order to convey, not only the specific property described, but also all kinds of easements, privileges, and appurtenances which may possibly belong to the property conveyed. Such words are in general unnecessary; but are properly used when there are any easements or privileges reputed to belong to the property not legally appurtenant to it.

Such words are rendered unnecessary by the English conveyancing act of 1881, under which they are presumed to be included.

See, as to the effect of such words in deeds, 4 M. & S. 429; in a will; 1 P. Wms. 302; in a lease; 2 Moo. 532; in a release; 3 Mod. 277; in a covenant; 3 Moo. 703; in a statute; 1 Bla. Com. 88; 2 Co. 46.

GENERALE. The usual commons in a religious house, distinguished from pietante, which on extraordinary occasions were allowed beyond the commons. Cowell.

Generale dictum generaliter est interpretandum. A general expression is to be interpreted generally. 8 Coke, 116a.


Generale tantum valet in generalibus, quantum singulare in singulis. What is general is of as much force among general things as what is particular is among things particular. 11 Coke, 559.


Generalia sunt proponenda singularibus. Branch, Princ. General things are to precede particular things.

Generalia verba sunt generaliter intelligenda. General words are to be understood generally, or in a general sense. 3 Inst. 76; Broom, Max. 647.


Generalis clausula non porrigitur ad ea quae anteas specialiter sunt comprehensa. A general clause does not extend to those things which are previously provided for specially. 8 Coke, 154b. Therefore, where a deed at the first contains special words, and afterwards concludes in general words, both words, as well general as special, shall stand.

Generalis regula generaliter est intelligenda. A general rule is to be understood generally. 6 Coke, 69.

GENERALIS OF ORDERS. Chiefs of the several orders of monks, friars, and other religious societies.

GENERATIO. The issue or offspring of a mother-monastery. Cowell.


GENEROSUS. Lat. Gentleman; a gentleman, Spelman.

GENEROSA. Gentlemwoman. Cowell; 2 Inst. 668.

GENEROSI FILIUS. The son of a gentleman. Generally abbreviated "gen. fili."

GENICULUM. A degree of consanguinity. Spelman.

GENS. Lat. In Roman law. A tribe or clan: a group of families, connected by common descent and bearing the same name, be-
GENS DE JUSTICE

ing all free-born and of free ancestors, and in possession of full civic rights.

GENS DE JUSTICE. In French law. Officers of a court.


GENTILES. In Roman law. The members of a gens or common tribe.

GENTLEMAN. In English law. A person of superior birth.

Under the denomination of "gentlemen" are comprised all above yeoman; whereby noblemen are truly called "gentlemen." Smith de Rep. Ang. lib. 1, cc. 29, 31.

A "gentleman" is defined to be one who, without any title, bears a coat of arms, or whose ancestors have been freemen; and, by the coat that a gentleman giveth, he is known to be, or not to be, descended from those of his name that lived many hundred years since. Jacob. See Cresson v. Cresson, 6 Fed. Cas. 369.

GENTLEMAN USHER. One who holds a post at court to usher others to the presence, etc.

GENTLEWOMAN. A woman of birth above the common, or equal to that of a gentleman; an addition of a woman's state or degree.

GENTOO LAW. See Hindu Law.

GENUINE. As applied to notes, bonds, and other written instruments, this term means that they are truly what they purport to be, and that they are not false, forged, fictitious, simulated, spurious, or counterfeit. Baldwin v. Van Deussen, 37 N. Y. 492; Smeltzer v. White, 92 U. S. 362, 23 L. Ed. 508; Dow v. Speney, 23 Mo. 390; Cox v. Northwestern Stage Co., 1 Idaho, 379; Alisa v. Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco, 174 Cal. 504, 163 P. 595, 901; Krug v. Sinclair, 57 Cal. App. 563, 207 P. 606, 697. A will that has been revoked by later instrument and not revived by republication is not "genuine," within Surrogate's Court Act, § 144. In re Kilts' Will, 125 Misc. 475, 211 N. Y. S. 450, 461.

GENUS. In the civil law. A general class or division, comprising several species. In toto surrei generi per speciem derogatar, et illud potissimum habetur quod ad speciem directum est, throughout the law, the species takes from the genus, and that is most particularly regarded which refers to the species. Dig. 50, 17, 80.

A man's lineage, or direct descendants.

In logic, it is the first of the universal ideas, and is when the idea is so common that it extends to other ideas which are also universal; e. g., incorporeal herediamt is genus with respect to a rent, which is species. Woolley, Introd. Log. 45; 1 Mill., Log. 133.

GEORGE-NOBLE. An English gold coin; value 6s. 8d.

GERECHTSBODE. In old New York law. A court messenger or constable. O'Callaghan, New Neth. 322.

GEREFA. In Saxon law. Greve, reeve, or Reeve; a ministerial officer of high antiquity in England; answering to the græf or graef (grafio) of the early continental nations. The term was applied to various grades of officers, from the scyrto-gerefa, shire-greffe, or shire-reeve, who had charge of the county, (and whose title and office have been perpetuated in the modern "sheriff,") down to the tunc-gerefa, or town-reeve, and lower. Burrill.

GERENS. Bearing. Gerens datum, bearing date. 1 Id. Raym. 336; Hob. 19.

GERMAN. Whole, full, or own, in respect to relationship or descent. Brothers-german, as opposed to half-brothers, are those who have both the same father and mother. Cousins-german are "first" cousins; that is, children of brothers or sisters.

GERMANUS. Lat. Descended of the same stock, or from the same couple of ancestors; of the whole or full blood. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 145.

GERMEN TERRÆ. Lat. A sprout of the earth. A young tree, so called.

GERONTOCOMI. In the civil law. Officers appointed to manage hospitals for the aged poor.

GERONTOCOMIUM. In the civil law. An institution or hospital for taking care of the old. Cod. 1, 3, 46, 1; Calvin.

GERRYMANDER. A name given to the process of dividing a state or other territory into the authorized civil or political divisions, but with such a geographical arrangement as to accomplish a sinister or unlawful purpose, as, for instance, to secure a majority for a given political party in districts where the result would be otherwise if they were divided according to obvious natural lines, or to arrange school districts so that children of certain religions or nationalities shall be brought within one district and those of a different religion or nationality in another district. State v. Whitford, 54 Wis. 150, 11 N. W. 424.

GERSUMARIUS. In old English law. Finline; liable to be amerced at the discretion of the lord of a manor. Cowell.

GERSUME. In old English law. Expense; reward; compensation; wealth. It is also used for a fine or compensation for an offense. 2 Mon. Angl. 973.

GEST. In Saxon law. A guest. A name given to a stranger on the second night of his en-
ertainment in another’s house. *Twilight* gest.

**GESTATION, UTERO-GESTATION.** In medical jurisprudence. The time during which a female, who has conceived, carries the embryo or fetus in her uterus.

**GESTIO.** In the civil law. Behavior or conduct.

Management or transaction. *Negotiorum gestio*, the doing of another’s business; an interference in the affairs of another in his absence, from benevolence or friendship, and without authority. Dig. 3, 5, 45; Id. 46, 8, 12; 2 Kent, Comm. 613, note.

**GESTIO PRO HÆREDE.** Behavior as heir. This expression was used in the Roman law, and adopted in the civil law and Scotch law, to denote conduct on the part of a person appointed heir to a deceased person, or otherwise entitled to succeed as heir, which indicates an intention to enter upon the inheritance, and to hold himself out as heir to creditors of the deceased; as by receiving the rents due to the deceased, or by taking possession of his title-deeds, etc. Such acts will render the heir liable to the debts of his ancestor. Mozeley & Whitley.

**GESTOR.** In the civil law. One who acts for another, or transacts another’s business. Calvin.

**GESTU ET FAMA.** An ancient and obsolete writ resorted to when a person’s good behavior was impeached. Lamb. Eir. 1, 4, c. 14.

**GESTUM, Lat.** In Roman law. A deed or act; a thing done. Some writers affected to make a distinction between *gestum* and *factum.* But the best authorities pronounced this subtle and indefensible. Dig. 50, 16, 38.

**GET, n.** A bill of divorce among the Jews, which is drawn in the Aramaic language, uniformly worded and carefully written by a proper scribe, and after proper ceremonies and questionings by the rabbi, especially as to whether both parties agree to the divorce, the husband hands to the wife in the presence of ten witnesses. Shilman v. Shilman, 174 N. Y. S. 385, 386, 105 Misc. 461.


**GEWINEDA.** In Saxon law. The ancient convention of the people to decide a cause.

**GEWITNESSA.** In Saxon and old English law. The giving of evidence.

**GEWRITE.** In Saxon law. Deeds or charters; writings. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law 10.

**GIBBET.** A gallows; the post on which malefactors are hanged, or on which their bodies are exposed. It differs from a common gallows, in that it consists of one perpendicular post, from the top of which proceeds one arm, except it be a double gibbet, which is formed in the shape of the Roman capital T. 1 Enc. Lond.

**GIBBET LAW.** Lynch law; in particular a custom anciently prevailing in the parish of Halifax, England, by which the freeburghers held a summary trial of any one accused of petit larceny, and, if they found him guilty, ordered him to be decapitated.


A gift is a transfer of personal property, made voluntarily and without consideration. Civil Code Cal. § 1148.

In popular language, a voluntary conveyance or assignment is called a “deed of gift.” “Gift” and “advancement” are sometimes used interchangeably as expressive of the same operation. But, while an advancement is always a gift, a gift is very frequently not an advancement. In re Dewees’ Estate, 3 Brewst. (Pa.) 514.

**Advancement Distinguished**

Upon an ordinary “gift” there is no intention on the part of the donor that the donee will ever be expected to account for it, that being the distinguishing feature between a gift and a statutory advancement. Brewer’s Adm’r v. Brewer, 181 Ky. 490, 205 S. W. 339.

**In English Law**

A conveyance of lands in tail; a conveyance of an estate tail in which the operative words are “I give,” or “I have given.” 2 Bl. Comm. 316; 1 Steph. Comm. 473.

**In General**

—Absolute gift, or gift inter vivos, as distinguished from a testamentary gift, or one made in contemplation of death, is one by which the donee becomes in the lifetime of the donor the


Gift to a class. A gift to a class exists when the instrument creating it directs the distribution of all aggregate sum to a body of persons, commonly designated by some general name, as "children," "grandchildren," "nephews," uncertain in number at the time of the gift, to be ascertained at a future time, and who are all to take in equal or in some other definite proportions; the share of each being dependent for its amount upon the ultimate number of persons in the designated class. Priechard v. Priechard, 83 S. Va. 652; Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. v. Calef, 45 R. I. 618, 112 A. 775, 778; In re Helms' Estate, 96 N. J. Eq. 197, 128 A. 42, 45; In re Fox's Adm'r, 206 N. Y. 478, 104, 123 Misc. 228; Weisborg v. Marth, 186 Mich. 556, 162 N. W. 102, 106, L. R. A. 1915E, 1073; In re Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Co., 222 N. Y. S. 256, 260, 129 Misc. 518; Stahl v. Emery, 147 Md. 123, 127 A. 761; Perry v. Leslie, 124 Me. 68, 126 A. 340, 343; Blackstone v. Alchouse, 273 Ill. 451; 116 N. E. 154, 157, 39 L. R. A. 1915B, 230; Marx v. Hale, 131 Mass. 290, 95 So. 441, 445; Hagood v. Hagood (Tex. Civ. App.) 184 S. W. 220, 225.

GIFT AQUÆ. The stream of water to a mill. Mon. Angl. tom. 3.

GIFTOMAN. In Swedish law. The right to dispose of a woman in marriage; or the person possessing such right,—her father, if living, or, if he be dead, the mother.

GILD. In Saxon law. A tax or tribute. Spelman. A fine, mulet, or amerciament; a satisfaction or compensation for an injury. A fraternity, society, or company of persons combined together, under certain regulations, and with the king's license, and so called because its expenses were defrayed by the contributions (gild, gild) of its members. Spelman. In other words, an incorporation; called, in Latin, "societas," "collegium," "fratres," "fraternitas," "sodalitium," "unio matrimonii," and, in foreign law, "gildonia." Spelman. There were various kinds of these gilds, as merchant or commercial gilds, religious gilds, and others. 3 Turn. Anglo Sax. 68; 3 Steph. Comm. 173, note u. See Gilda Mercatoria.

A frigorg, or decennary; called, by the Saxons, "gildiscipes," and its members, "gildones" and "congildones." Spelman.

GILD-HALL. See Guildhall.

GILD-RENT. Certain payments to the crown from any gild or fraternity.

GILDA MERCATORIA. A gild merchant, or merchant gild; a gild, corporation, or company of merchants. 10 Coke, 30.

GILDABLE. In old English law. Taxable, tributary, or contributary; liable to pay tax or tribute. Cowell; Blount.

GILDO. In Saxon law. Members of a gild or decennary. Oftener, spelled "compildi." Du Cange; Spelman.

GILL. A measure of capacity, equal to one-fourth of a pint.

GILLOUR. L. Fr. A cheat or deceiver. Applied in Britton to those who sold false or spurious things for good, as pewter for silver or latex for gold. Brit. c. 13.

GILT EDGE. As applied to commercial paper, a colloquialism, meaning of the best quality or highest price, first class, and not implying that a note which is not gilt edge is not collectible, or that the maker is irresponsible. Martin v. Moreland, 83 Or. 61, 130 P. 593, 594.
GIRANTE. An Italian word, which signifies the drawer of a bill. It is derived from "pereare," to draw.

GIRDLE, v. To "girdle" a tree for the purpose of obtaining crude turpentine is to cut off a ring of bark around the trunk. Howard v. State, 17 Ala. App. 9, 81 So. 345, 346.

GIRTH. In Saxon and old English law. A measure of length, equal to one yard, derived from the girth or circumference of a man's body.

GIRTH AND SANCTUARY. In old Scotch law. An asylum given to murderers, where the murder was committed without any previous design, and in clade melia, or heat of passion. Bell.

GISEMENT. L Fr. Agistment; cattle taken in to graze at a certain price; also the money received for grazing cattle.

GISER. L Fr. To lie. Gisit en le bouche, it lies in the mouth. Le action bien gist, the action well lies. Gisant, lying.

GISETAKER. An agister; a person who takes cattle to graze.

GISLE. In Saxon law. A pledge. Fredgisel, a pledge of peace. Gisilebert, an illustrious pledge.

GIST. In pleading. The essential ground or object of the action in point of law, without which there would be no cause of action. Gould, Pl. c. 4, § 12; Hathaway v. Rice, 19 Vt. 102.

The gist of an action is the cause for which an action will lie; the ground or foundation of a suit, without which it would not be maintainable; the essential ground or object of a suit, and without which there is not a cause of action. First Nat. Bank v. Burkett, 101 Ill. 391, 40 Am. Rep. 290; Hoffman v. Knight, 127 Ala. 149, 28 So. 583; Tarbell v. Tarbell, 60 Vt. 486, 15 A. 104.

GIVE. To bestow upon another gratuitously or without consideration. Neblett v. Smith, 142 Va. 840, 128 S. E. 247, 251.

In their ordinary and familiar significance, the words "sell" and "give" have not the same meaning, but are commonly used to express different modes of transferring the right to property from one person to another. "To sell" means to transfer for a valuable consideration, while "to give" signifies to transfer gratuitously, without any equivalent. Parkinson v. State, 14 Md. 384, 74 Am. Dec. 322.

To transfer;—used with reference to either the title or the possession. Crawford v. Hurst, 307 Ill. 243, 138 N. E. 620, 622.

The word is commonly used indiscriminately to refer to the transfer of either the possession or the title, though its primary meaning was a transfer to another's possession or ownership without com-


To transfer or yield, to, or bestow upon, another. One of the operative words in deeds of conveyance of real property, importing at law, a warranty or covenant for quiet enjoyment during the lifetime of the grantor. Mack v. Patchin, 29 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 23; Young v. Hargrave, 7 Ohio, 69, pt. 2; Dow v. Lewis, 4 Gray (Mass.) 473.

GIVE AND BEQUEST. These words, in a will, import a benefit in point of right, to take effect upon the decease of the testator and proof of the will, unless it is made in terms to depend upon some contingency or condition precedent. Eldridge v. Eldridge, 9 Cush. (Mass,) 519.

GIVE BAIL. To furnish or put in bail or security for one's appearance.

GIVE COLOR. To admit an apparent or colorable right in the opposite party. Under the ancient system a plea of confession and avoidance must give color to the affirmative averments of the complaint, or it would be fatally defective. The "giving color" was simply the absence of any denials, and the express or silent admission that the declaration, as far as it went, told the truth. Smith v. Marley, 39 Idaho, 779, 230 P. 769, 770. See Color.

GIVE JUDGMENT. To render, pronounce, or declare the judgment of the court in an action at law; not spoken of a judgment obtained by confession. Schuster v. Rader, 13 Colo. 329, 22 P. 505.

GIVE NOTICE. To communicate to another, in any proper or permissible legal manner, information or warning of an existing fact or state of facts or (more usually) of some intimated future action. See O'Neil v. Dickson, 11 Ind. 254; In re Devlin, 7 Fed. Cas. 564; City Nat. Bank v. Williams, 122 Mass. 535; Tinker v. Board of Sup'rs of Kossuth County, Iowa (D. C.) 292 F. 863, 866; St. Louis, B. & M. Ry. Co. v. Hicks (Tex. Civ. App.) 158 S. W. 192, 194.

GIVE TIME. The act of a creditor in extending the time for the payment or satisfaction of a claim beyond the time stipulated in the original contract. If done without the consent of the surety, indorser, or guarantor, it discharges him. Howell v. Jones, 1 Cump. M. & R. 107; Shipman v. Kelley, 9 Appl. Div. 316, 41 N. Y. S. 393.

GIVE WAY. In the rules of navigation, one vessel is said to "give way" to another when she deviates from her course in such a manner and to such an extent as to allow the other to pass without altering her course. See Lockwood v. Lashell, 19 Pa. 350.

GIVER. A donor; he who makes a gift.
GIVING IN PAYMENT. In Louisiana law, a phrase (translating the Fr. "dation en paiement") which signifies the delivery and acceptance of real or personal property in satisfaction of a debt, instead of a payment in money. See Civil Code La. art. 2655.

GIVING RINGS. A ceremony customarily performed in England by sergeants at law at the time of their appointment. The rings were inscribed with a motto, generally in Latin.

GLADIOLUS. A little sword or dagger; a kind of sedge. Mat. Paris.

GLADIUS. Lat. A sword. An ancient emblem of defense. Hence the ancient ears or comites (the king's attendants, advisers, and associates in his government) were made by being girt with swords, (gladio succincti.)

The emblem of the executive power of the law in punishing crimes. 4 Bl. Comm. 177.

In old Latin authors, and in the Norman laws, this word was used to signify supreme jurisdiction, (jus gladii.)

GLAIVE. A sword, lance, or horseman's staff. One of the weapons allowed in a trial by combat.

GLANS. In the civil law, Acorns or nuts of the oak or other trees. In a larger sense, all fruits of trees.

GLASS-MEN. A term used in St. 1 Jac. i. c. 7, for wandering rogues or vagrants.

GLAVEA. A hand dart. Cowell.

GLEANING. The gathering of grain after reapers, or of grain left ungathered by reapers. Held not to be a right at common law. 1 H. Bl. 51.

GLEBA. A turf, sod, or clod of earth. The soil or ground; cultivated land in general. Church land, (solum et dos ecclesiae.) Speelman. See Glebe.

GLEBÆ ASSCRIPTITII. Villein-soemen, who could not be removed from the land while they did the service due. Bract. c. 7; Reeve, Eng. Law, 260.

GLEBARIÆ. Turfs dug out of the ground. Cowell.

GLEBE.

In Ecclesiastical Law

The land possessed as part of the endowment or revenue of a church or ecclesiastical benefice.

In Roman Law

A cloid; turf; soil. Hence, the soil of an inheritance; an agrarian estate. Servi addicti glebae were serfs attached to and passing with the estate. Cod. 11, 47, 7, 21; Nov. 54, 1.

GLISCYWA. In Saxon law. A fraternity.

GLOMERELLS. Commissioners appointed to determine differences between scholars in a school or university and the townsmen of the place. Jacob.

GLOS. Lat. In the civil law. A husband's sister. Dig. 38, 10, 4, 6.

GLOSS. An interpretation, consisting of one or more words, interlinear or marginal; an annotation, explanation, or comment on any passage in the text of a work, for purposes of elucidation or amplification. Particularly applied to the comments on the Corpus Juris.

GLOSSA. Lat. A gloss, explanation, or interpretation. The glossae of the Roman law are brief illustrative comments or annotations on the text of Justinian's collections, made by the professors who taught or lectured on them about the twelfth century, (especially at the law school of Bologna,) and were hence called "glossators." These glosses were at first inserted in the text with the words to which they referred, and were called "glossae interlinearae," but afterwards they were placed in the margin, partly at the side, and partly under the text, and called "glossae marginales." A selection of them was made by Accursius, between A. D. 1220 and 1260, under the title of "glossæ Ordinaria," which is of the greatest authority. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 90.

Glossa viperina est qua corrodit viscera textus. 11 Coke, 34. It is a poisonous gloss which corrupts the essence of the text.

GLOSSATOR. In the civil law. A commentator or annotator. A term applied to the professors and teachers of the Roman law in the twelfth century, at the head of whom was Imerius. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 90.

GLOUCESTER, STATUTE OF. The statute is the 6 Edw. I. c. 1, A. D. 1278. It takes its name from the place of its enactment, and was the first statute giving costs in actions.

GLOVE SILVER. Extraordinary rewards formerly given to officers of courts, etc.; money formerly given by the sheriff of a county in which no offenders are left for execution to the clerk of assize and judges' officers. Jacob.

GLOVES. It was an ancient custom on a maiden assize, when there was no offender to be tried, for the sheriff to present the judge with a pair of white gloves. It is an immemorial custom to remove the glove from the right hand on taking oath. Wharton.

GLYN. A hollow between two mountains; a valley or glen. Co. Litt. 55.

GO. To be dismissed from a court. To issue from a court. "The court said a mandamus must go." 1 W. Bl. 50. "Let a supersedeas
GO BAIL. To assume the responsibility of a surety on a bail-bond.

GO HENCE. To depart from the court; with the further implication that a suitor who is directed to “go hence” is dismissed from further attendance upon the court in respect to the suit or proceeding which brought him there, and that he is finally denied the relief which he sought, or, as the case may be, absolved from the liability sought to be imposed upon him. See Hlatt v. Kinkaid, 40 Neb. 178, 58 N. W. 700.

GO TO. In a statute, will, or other instrument, a direction that property shall “go to” a designated person means that it shall pass or proceed to such person, vest in and belong to him. In re Hitchins’ Estate, 43 Misc. Rep. 465, 89 N. Y. S. 472; Plass v. Plass, 121 Cal. 131, 53 P. 448.

GO TO PROTEST. Commercial paper is said to “go to protest” when it is dishonored by non-payment or non-acceptance and is handed to a notary for protest.

GO WITHOUT DAY. Words used to denote that a party is dismissed the court. He is said to go without day, because there is no day appointed for him to appear again.

GOAT, GOTE. In old English law. A contrivance or structure for draining waters out of the land into the sea. Callis describes goats as “usual engines erected and built with portcullises and doors of timber and stone or brick, invented first in Lower Germany.” Callis, Sewers, (91), 112, 113. Cowell defines “gote,” a ditch, sewer, or gutter.

GOB. In mining. Space between face of coal and where props had been set by machine operators on previous trip. New Union Coal Co. v. Suit, 172 Ark. 753, 290 S. W. 580, 581.

GOD AND MY COUNTRY. The answer made by a prisoner, when arraigned, in answer to the question, “How will you be tried?” In the ancient practice he had the choice (as appears by the question) whether to submit to the trial by ordeal (by God) or to be tried by a jury, (by the country;) and it is probable that the original form of the answer was, “By God or my country;” whereby the prisoner averred his innocence by declining neither of the modes of trial.

GOD-BOTE. An ecclesiastical or church fine paid for crimes and offenses committed against God. Cowell.

GOD-GILD. That which is offered to God or his service. Jacob.

GOD’S PENNY. In old English law. Earnest-money; money given as evidence of the completion of a bargain. This name is probably derived from the fact that such money was given to the church or distributed in alms.

GOGING-STOLE. An old form of the word “cucking-stool,” (q. v.) Cowell.

GOING. In various compound phrases (as those which follow) this term implies either motion, progress, active operation, or present and continuous validity and efficacy.

GOING BEFORE THE WIND. In the language of mariners and in the rules of navigation, a vessel is said to be going “before the wind” when the wind is free as respects her course, that is, comes from behind the vessel or over the stern, so that her yards may be braced square across. She is said to be “going off large” when she has the wind free on either tack, that is, when it blows from some point abait the beam or from the quarter. Hall v. The Buffalo, 11 Fed. Cas. 216; Ward v. The Fashion, 29 Fed. Cas. 188.


GOING OFF LARGE. See “Going Before the Wind,” supra.

GOING PRICE. The prevalent price; the current market value of the article in question at the time and place of sale. Kelsev v. Haines, 41 N. H. 254; Hoff v. Lodi Canning Co., 51 Cal. App. 290, 196 P. 779, 780.

GOING THROUGH THE BAR. The act of the chief of an English common-law court in demanding of every member of the bar, in order of seniority, if he has anything to move. This was done at the sitting of the court each day in term, except special paper days, crown paper days in the queen’s bench, and revenue paper days in the exchequer. On the last day of term this order is reversed, the first and second time round. In the exchequer the postman and tabman are first called on. Wharton.

GOING TO THE COUNTRY. When a party, under the common-law system of pleading, finished his pleading by the words “and of
this he puts himself upon the country," this was called "going to the country." It was the essential termination of a pleading which took issue upon a material fact in the preceding pleading. Wharton.


GOING WITNESS. One who is about to take his departure from the jurisdiction of the court, although only into a state or country under the general sovereignty; as from one to another of the United States, or from England to Scotland.


GOLDSMITHS' NOTES. Bankers' cash notes (i. e., promissory notes given by a banker to his customers as acknowledgments of the receipt of money) were originally called in London "goldsmiths' notes" from the circumstance that all the banking business in England was originally transacted by goldsmiths. Wharton.

GOLDWIT. A mullet or fine in gold.

GOLIARDUS. L. Lat. A jester, buffoon, or juggler. Spelman, voc. "Goliardussis."

GOMASHTAH. In Hindu law. An agent; a steward; a confidential factor; a representative.


Responsible; solvent; able to pay an amount specified.

Of a value corresponding with its terms; collectible. A note is said to be "good" when the payment of it at maturity may be relied on. Curtis v. Smallman, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 232; Cooke v. Nathan, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 344; In re Parker Bros. & Johnson (D. C.) 279 F. 425, 428.

Writing the word "Good" across the face of a check is the customary mode in which bankers at the present day certify that the drawer has funds to meet it, and that it will be paid on presentation for that purpose. Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 10 Wall. 646, 19 L. Ed. 1008; Irving Bank v. Weishard, 36 N. Y. 335.

—Good aseabing. See ABEARANCE.

—Good and clear record title, free from all incumbrances. A title which on the record itself can be again sold as free from obvious defects and substantial doubts, and differs from a "good, marketable title," which is an actual title, but which may be established by evidence-independently of the record. O'Meara v. Gleason, 216 Mass. 193, 140 N. E. 426, 427.


—Good and substantial deposit. A deposit suitable to take care of both passenger and freight business. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Letcher


—Good jury. A jury of which the members are selected from the list of special jurors See L. R. 5 C. P. 155.

—Good, merchantable abstract of title. An abstract showing a good title, clear from incumbrances, and not merely an abstract of mat-
ters of record affecting the title, made by one engaged in the business of making abstracts in such form as is customary, as passing current among persons buying and selling real estate and examining titles. Geithman v. Eichler, 265 Ill. 579, 107 N. E. 180, 182.

—Good of service. Discharge of a civil service employee for "good of the service" or "for cause" implies some personal misconduct, or fault, rendering the incumbent's further tenure harmful to the public interest. State ex rel. Eckles v. Kansas City (Mo. App.) 257 S. W. 197, 200.

—Good record title. A "good record title," without words of limitation, means that the proper records shall show an unincumbered, fee-simple title, the legal estate in fee, free and clear of all valid claims, liens, and incumbrances. Riggins v. Post (Tex. Civ. App.) 172 S. W. 210, 211.


—Good title. This means such a title as a court of chancery would adopt as a sufficient ground for compelling specific performance, and such title as would be a good answer to an action of ejectment by any claimant. Reynolds v. Borel, 86 Cal. 583, 25 P. 67; Irving v. Campbell, 121 N. Y. 355, 24 N. E. 821, 8 L. R. A. 620; Gillespie v. Brosa, 23 Barb. (N. Y.) 381.


—Good will. The custom or patronage of any established trade or business; the benefit or advantage of having established a business and secured its patronage by the public. The advantage or benefit which is acquired by an establishment, beyond the mere value of the capital, stocks, funds, or property employed therein, in consequence of the general public patronage and encouragement which it receives from constant or habitual customers, on account of its local position, or common celebrity, or reputation for skill or acuteness or punctuality, or from other accidental circumstances or necessities, or even from ancient partialities or prejudices. Story, Partn. § 66; Haverly v. Elliott, 39 Neb. 201, 57 N. W. 1010; Munsey v. Butterfield, 133 Mass. 494; Bell v. Ellis, 53 Cal. 625; People v. Roberts, 159 N. Y. 70, 53 N. E. 895, 45 L. R. A. 126; Churton v. Douglas, 5 Jur. N. S. 890; Mende- zuez v. Holt, 128 U. S. 314, 9 S. Ct. 148, 82 L. Ed. 526. The good-will of a business is the expectation of continued public patronage, but it does not include a right to use the name of any person from whom it was acquired. Civ. Code Cal. § 992; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 5463; Comp. Laws S. D. 1929, § 491. The term "good-will" does not mean simply the advantage of occupying particular premises which have been occupied by a manufacturer, etc. It means every advantage, every positive advantage, that has been acquired by a proprietor in carrying on his business, whether connected with the premises in which the business is conducted, or with the name under which it is managed, or with any other matter carrying with it the benefit of the business. Glen & Hall Mfg. Co. v. Hall, 61 N. Y. 226, 19 Am. Rep. 278; In re Ball's Estate, 146 N. Y. S. 409, 501, 161 App. Div. 73; Whitley v. Davie, 116 Va. 375, 52 S. E. 724, 726; Armstrong v. Atlantic Ice & Coal Corporation, 141 Ga. 464, 51 S. E. 212, 215; Hines v. Roberts Bros., 117 Kan. 539, 292 P. 1050, 1052; In re Brown, 242 N. Y. 1, 150 N. E. 654, 582, 44 A. L. R. 510; Hodde v. Hahn, 238 Mo. 320, 222 S. W. 799, Martin v. Jablonski, 238 Mass. 451, 149 N. E. 156, 159; Collas v. Brown, 211 Ala. 443, 100 So. 769, 770; United Romanian Meat & Grocery Co. v. Abramson, 218 Ill. App. 577; MacFadden v. Jenkins, 40 N. D. 422, 169 N. W. 151, 154; Hiltun v. Hilton, 59 N. J. Eq. 182, 104 A. 375, 376, L. R. A. 1918F, 1174; Sivley v. Cramer, 105 Miss. 23, 61 So. 653, 654; Manning v. Kesner, 209 Ill. App. 475, 476; Jones v. Stevens, 112 Ohio St. 43, 146 N. E. 894, 896; Acme, Palmers & DeMooey Foundry Co. v. Weiss (D. C.) 21 F. (2d) 492, 498.

—Public good. Under a statute providing that the Public Service Commission shall make an order permitting a transfer of the property of a public utility, when it is for the public good, such transfer is for the public good whenever it is not contrary to law and is reasonable, since it is not for the public good that such utilities be unreasonably restrained of their liberties. Grafton County Electric Light & Power Co. v. State, 77 N. H. 339, 94 A. 188, 194.

GOODRIGHT, GOODTITLE. The fictitious plaintiff in the old action of ejectment, most frequently called "John Doe," was sometimes called "Goodright" or "Goodtitle."

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GOODS.

In Contracts

The term "goods" is not so wide as "chattels," for it applies to inanimate objects, and does not include animals or chattels real, as a lease for years of house or land, which "chattels" does include. Co. Litt. 118; St. Joseph Hydraulic Co. v. Wilson, 133 Ind. 485, 33 N. E. 119; Van Patten v. Leonard, 55 Iowa, 529; S. N. W. 334; Putnam v. Westcott, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 76.

Goods is a term of variable content. It may include every species of personal property or it may be given a very restricted meaning. Cate v. Merrill, 116 Me. 235, 102 A. 235, 233, 237; Canales v. Earl (Mun. Ct. N. Y.) 178 N. Y. S. 726, 727.

In Wills

In wills "goods" is nomen generaleissimum, and, if there is nothing to limit it, will comprehend all the personal estate of the testator, as stocks, bonds, notes, money, plate, furniture, etc. Kendall v. Kendall, 4 Russ. 370; Chamberlain v. Western Transp. Co., 44 N. Y. 310, 4 Am. Rep. 681; Foxall v. McKenney, 9 Fed. Cas. 645; Bailey v. Duncan, 2 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 22; Kcyser v. School Dist., 35 N. H. 483.

In General

Goods and chattels. This phrase is a general denomination of personal property, as distinguished from real property; the term "chattels" having the effect of extending its scope to any objects of that nature which would not properly be included in the term "goods" alone, e. g., living animals, emblements, and fruits, and terms under leases for years. Larson v. Judd, 200 Ill. App. 420. The general phrase also embraces choses in action, as well as personality in possession. In wills, the term "goods and chattels" will, unless restrained by the context, pass all the personal estate, including leases for years, cattle, corn, debts, and the like. Ward, Leg. 203, 211.

Goods sold and delivered. A phrase frequently used in the action of assumpsit, when the sale and delivery of goods furnish the cause.


GOOLE. In old English law. A breach in a bank or sea wall, or a passage worn by the flux and reflux of the sea. St. 16 & 17 Car. II. c. 11.

GOPHER HOLE. The "gopher hole" method of blasting consists in boring holes, horizontally into the bank of earth and inserting therein charges of powder, the explosion of which dislodges the bank. Bartnese v. Pittsburg Iron Ore Co., 123 Minn. 131, 143 N. W. 117.

GORCE, or GORS. A wear, pool, or pit of water. Terms de la Ley.

GORE. In old English law, a small, narrow slip of ground. Cowell. In modern land law, a small triangular piece of land, such as may be left between surveys which do not close. In some of the New England states (as Maine and Vermont) the term is applied to a subdivision of a county, having a scanty population and for that reason not organized as a town.

GORGE. A defile between hills or mountains, that is a narrow throat or outlet from a region of country. Gibbs v. Williams, 25 Kan. 214, 37 Am. Rep. 241.

GOSSIPRED. In canon law. Compaternity; spiritual affinity.

GOUT. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the fibrous and ligamentous parts of the joints, characterized or caused by an excess of uric acid in the blood; usually, but not invariably, occurring in the joints of the feet, and then specifically called "podagra."

GOVERNMENT. The regulation, restraint, supervision, or control which is exercised upon the individual members of an organized juridical society by those invested with authority; or the act of exercising supreme political power or control. Chicago, R. & Q. R. Co. v. School Dist. No. 1 in Yuma County, 63 Colo. 159, 165 P. 269, 263.

The system of polity in a state; that form of fundamental rules and principles by which a nation or state is governed, or by which individual members of a body politic are to regulate their social actions; a constitution, either written or unwritten, by which the rights and duties of citizens and public officers are prescribed and defined, as a monarchical government, a republican government, etc. Webster.
An empire, kingdom, state or independent political community; as in the phrase, "Compacta between independent governments."

The sovereign or supreme power in a state or nation.

The machinery by which the sovereign power in a state expresses its will and exercises its functions; or the framework of political institutions, departments, and offices, by means of which the executive, judicial, legislative, and administrative business of the state is carried on.

The whole class or body of office-holders or functionaries considered in the aggregate, upon whom devolves the executive, judicial, legislative, and administrative business of the state. Stokes v. United States (C. C. A.) 264 F. 18, 22.

In a colloquial sense, the United States or its representatives, considered as the prosecutor in a criminal action; as in the phrase, "the government objects to the witness."

---Federal government. The government of the United States of America, as distinguished from the governments of the several states.

Government annuities societies. These societies are formed in England under 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 14, to enable the industrious classes to make provisions for themselves by purchasing, on advantageous terms, a government annuity for life or term of years. By 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45, this act, as well as 7 & 8 Vict. c. 86, amending it, were repealed; and the whole law in relation to the purchase of government annuities, through the medium of savings banks, was consolidated. And by 27 & 28 Vict. c. 43, additional facilities were afforded for the purchase of such annuities, and for assuring payments of money on death. Whileann.

Government de facto. A government of fact. A government actually exercising power and control in the state, as opposed to the true and lawful government; a government not established according to the constitution of the state, or not lawfully entitled to recognition or supremacy, but which has nevertheless supplanted or displaced the government de jure. A government deemed unlawful; or deemed "wrongful or unjust," which, nevertheless, receives presently habitual obedience from the bulk of the community. Aust. Jur. 324. There are several degrees of what is called "de facto government." Such a government, in its highest degree, assumes a character very closely resembling that of a lawful government. This is when "the usurping government expels the regular authorities from their customary seats and functions, and establishes itself in their place, and so becomes the actual government of a country. The distinguishing characteristic of such a government is that adherent to it "in" war against the government de jure do not futile the penalties of treason; and, under certain limitations, obligations assumed by it in behalf of the country or otherwise will, in general, be respected by the government de jure when restored.

But there is another description of government, called also by publicists a "government de facto," but which might, perhaps, be more aptly denominated a "government of paramount force." Its distinguishing characteristics are (1) that its existence is maintained by active military power, within the territories, and against the rightful authority, of an established and lawful government; and (2) that, while it exists, it must necessarily be obeyed in civil matters by private citizens who, by acts of obedience, rendered in submission to such force, do not become responsible, as wrong-doers, for those acts, though not warranted by the laws of the rightful government. Actual governments of this sort are established over districts differing greatly in extent and conditions. They are usually administered directly by military authority, but they may be administered, also, by civil authority, supported more or less by military force. Thorington v. Smith, 8 Wall. & 9, 19 L. Ed. 361. The term "de facto," as descriptive of a government, has no well-defined and definite sense. It is perhaps, most correctly used as signifying a government completely, though only temporarily, established in the place of the lawful or regular government, occupying its capitol, and exercising its power, and which is ultimately overthrown, and the authority of the government de jure re-established. Thomas v. Taylor, 45 Miss. 551, 503, 3 Am. Rep. 655.


Government de jure. A government of right; the true and lawful government; a government established according to the constitution of the state, and lawfully entitled to recognition and supremacy and the administration of the state, but which is actually cut off from power or control. A government deemed lawful, or deemed rightful or just, which, nevertheless, has been supplanted or displaced; that is to say, which receives not presently (although it received formerly) habitual obedience from the bulk of the community. Aust. Jur. 324.

Local government. The government or administration of a particular locality; especially, the governmental authority of a municipal corporation, as a city or county, over its local and individual affairs, exercised in virtue of power delegated to it for that purpose by the general government of the state or nation.

Mixed government. A form of government combining some of the features of two or all of the three primary forms, viz., monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy.
Republican government. One in which the powers of sovereignty are vested in the people and are exercised by the people, either directly, or through representatives chosen by the people, to whom those powers are specially delegated. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 600; In re Duncan, 159 U. S. 448, 11 Sup. Ct. 373, 35 L. Ed. 219; Minor v. Happersett, 21 Wall. 175, 22 L. Ed. 627.

GOVERNOR. The title of the chief executive in each of the states and territories of the United States; and also of the chief magistrate of some colonies, provinces, and dependencies of other nations.

GRABBOTS. Oilmill motes, composed of small particles of refuse cotton, detached from, but left with, the seed in the first ginning process and generally separated and recovered by a process of reginning. Chicago, R. L. & P. Ry. Co. v. Cleveland, 61 Okl. 64, 160 P. 328, 330.

GRACE. This word is commonly used in contradistinction to "right." Thus, in St. 22 Edw. III, the lord chancellor was instructed to take cognizance of matters of grace, being such subjects of equity jurisdiction as were exclusively matters of equity. Brown.

A faculty, license, or dispensation; also general and free pardon by act of parliament. See Act of Grace.

For Of Grace, see that title.

GRACE, DAYS OF. Time of indulgence granted to an acceptor or maker for the payment of his bill of exchange or note. It was originally a gratuitous favor, (hence the name,) but custom has rendered it a legal right.

GRADATIM. In old English law. By degrees or steps, step by step; from one degree to another. Bract. fol. 64.

GRADE, v. To establish a level by mathematical points and lines, and then to bring the surface of the street or highway to the level by the elevation or depression of the natural surface to the line fixed. Gas & Electric Securities Co. v. Manhattan & Queens Traction Corporation (C. C. A.) 266 F. 625, 629; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. State, 137 Tenn. 341, 193 S. W. 115; Washington Water Power Co. v. City of Spokane, 89 Wash. 149, 154 P. 329, 330; Giles v. City of Olympia, 115 Wash. 428, 197 P. 631, 633, 16 A. L. R. 498.

GRADE, n. Used in reference to streets: (1) The line of the street's inclination from the horizontal; (2) a part of a street inclined from the horizontal. Cent. Dict. That is, it sometimes signifies the line established to guide future construction, and at other times, the street wrought to the line; Little Rock v. Ry. Co., 56 Ark. 28, 19 S. W. 17; Austin v. Tillamook City, 121 Or. 385, 234 P. 819, 824.

Grades of crime, in legal parlance, are always spoken of and understood as higher or lower in grade, or degree, according to the measure of punishment attached and meted out on conviction, and the consequences resulting to the party convicted; People v. Rawson, 61 Barb. (N. Y.) 619.


GRADE CROSSING. A place where one highway crosses another: in particular, a place where a railroad is crossed at grade by a public or private road, or by another railroad. The term is most frequently used with reference to the crossing of a public highway by a railroad. Armour & Co. v. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co., 41 R. I. 351, 105 A. 1031, 1038. By a railroad grade crossing is meant, not where a railroad crosses a highway at grade, but where two lines of railway cross at grade. Poole v. Boston & M. R. R., 216 Mass. 12, 102 N. E. 918, 919.

GRADUATE. One who has taken a degree in a college or university. It is said to be a word of elastic meaning, involving infinite variety in the methods and standards of graduation which may be adopted; State v. Ins. Co., 40 La. Ann. 483, 4 South. 504; Valentine v. Independent School District of Casey, 191 Iowa, 1160, 183 N. W. 494, 497.

GRADUS. In the civil and old English law. A measure of space. A degree of relationship.

A step or degree generally; e. g., gradus honorum, degrees of honor. Vict. A pulpit; a year; a generation. Du Cange.

A port; any place where a vessel can be brought to land. Du Cange.

GRADUS PARENTALÆ. A pedigree; a table of relationship.

GRAFFARIUS. In old English law. A graffer, notary, or scriven. St. 5 Hen. VIII. c. 1.

GRAFFER. A notary or scriven. See St. 5 Hen. VIII. c. 1. The word is a corruption of the French "greffier," (q. v.)


GRAFIO. A baron, inferior to a count. A fiscal judge. An advocate. Spelman; Cowell.

GRAFT. A term used in equity to denote the confirmation, by relation back, of the right of a mortgagee in premises to which, at the making of the mortgage, the mortgagor had only an imperfect title, but to which the latter has since acquired a good title.

Advantage or personal gain received because of peculiar position or superior influence of one holding position of trust and confidence without rendering compensatory services, or dishonest transaction in relation to
public or official acts, and sometimes implies theft, corruption, dishonesty, fraud, or swindle, and always want of integrity. Mount v. Welsh, 118 Or. 568, 247 P. 815, 822; Cooper v. Romney, 49 Mont. 119, 141 P. 280, 291; GHI v. Ruggles, 95 S. C. 90, 78 S. E. 536, 540.

GRAIN. In Troy weight, the twenty-fourth part of a pennyweight. Any kind of corn sown in the ground.

GRAIN RENT. A payment for the use of land in grain or other crops; the return to the landlord paid by croppers or persons working the land on shares. Railroad Co. v. Bates, 40 Neb. 351, 58 N. W. 963.

GRAINAGE. An ancient duty in London under which the twentieth part of salt imported by aliens was taken.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. In England, this term designates a school in which such instruction is given as will prepare the student to enter a college or university, and in this sense the phrase was used in the Massachusetts colonial act of 1647, requiring every town containing a hundred householders to set up a "grammar school." See Jenkins v. Andover, 103 Mass. 97. But in modern American usage the term denotes a school, intermediate between the primary school and the high school, in which English grammar and other studies of that grade are taught.

Grammatica falsa non vitiat chartam. 9 Coke, 48. False grammar does not vitiate a deed.

GRAMMATOPHYLACIUM. (Græco-Lat.) In the civil law. A place for keeping writings or records. Dig. 48, 19, 9, 6.

GRAMMÉ. The unit of weight in the metric system. The gramme is the weight of a cubic centimeter of distilled water at the temperature of 4°C. It is equal to 15.4341 grains troy, or 5.8451 drachms avoirdupois.

GRANATARIIUS. In old English law. An officer having charge of a granary. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 52, § 1; Id. c. 84.

GRAND. n. In cant of gangsters, thieves, and underworld, one thousand dollars.


GRAND COUTUMIER. A collection of customs, laws, and forms of procedure in use in early times in France. See Coutumier.

GRAND DAYS. In English practice. Certain days in the terms, which are solemnly kept in the Inns of court and chancery, viz., Candlemas day in Hilary term, Ascension day in Easter, St. John the Baptist day in Trinity, and All Saints in Michaelmas; which are dies non juridici. Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Blount. They are days set apart for peculiar festivity; the members of the respective inns being on such occasions regaled at their dinner in the hall, with more than usual sumptuousness. Holthouse.

GRAND REMONSTRANCE. A constitutional document passed by the British House of Commons in November, 1641. It was in the nature of an appeal to the country, setting forth political grievances. It consisted of a preamble of 20 clauses and the body of the remonstrance with 296 clauses, each of which was voted separately. Its first remedial measure was against papists; its second demanded that all illegal grievances and exactions should be presented and punished at the sessions and assizes and that judges and justices should be sworn to the due execution of the Petition of Rights and other laws. The third was a series of precautions to prevent the employment of evil councillors. See Tassel-Langmead, Engl. Const. Hist. 464; Forster, Grand Remonstrance. The text will be found in History for Ready Reference, II, 853.

GRAND-STAND PLAY. In baseball, etc., a play made more showily than necessary in order to draw the applause of those in the grand stand; hence, figuratively, an act done to draw applause. Webster, Dict. A statement that a judge made a "grand-stand play" by his decision in a pending case constituted contempt, for the words convey the idea that the judge was playing to the multitude, and simply making such decision as would be pleasing to them, regardless of the law. People v. Gilbert, 251 Ill. 619, 118 N. E. 196, 209.


GRANDFATHER. The father of either of one's parents.

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE. A clause introduced into several of the constitutions of the southern states, limited the right to vote to those who can read and write any article of the constitution of the United States, and have worked or been regularly employed in some lawful employment for the greater part of the year next preceding the time they offer to register unless prevented from labor or ability to read or write by physical disability, or who own property assessed at three hundred dollars upon which the taxes have been paid; but those who have served in the army or navy of the United States or
in the Confederate States in time of war, their lawful descendants in every degree, and persons of good character who understand the duties and obligations of citizenship under a republican form of government were relieved from the operation of this law. In 1902 nine tenths of the negroes of Alabama were thereby disqualified. In Giles v. Harris, 189 U. S. 475, 23 S. Ct. 639, 47 L. Ed. 909, a negro filed a bill in equity praying that the defendant board of registry be required to enroll his name and those of other negroes on the voting list and that certain sections of the constitution of Alabama be declared void as contrary to the XIVth and XVth amendments to the federal constitution. The bill was dismissed on the ground that equity has no jurisdiction over political matters; Brewer, Brown, and Harlan, JJ., dissenting.

GRANDMOTHER. The mother of either of one's parents.

GRANGE. A farm furnished with barns, granaries, stables, and all conveniences for husbandry. Co. Litt. 54.

GRANGEmARUS. A keeper of a grange or farm.

GRANGER CASES. A name applied to six cases decided by the supreme court of the United States in 1876, which are reported in Munn v. Illinois, 94 U. S. 113, 24 L. Ed. 77; Chicago, M. & Q. R. Co. v. Iowa, 94 U. S. 155, 24 L. Ed. 94; Peltz v. Ry. Co., 94 U. S. 165, 24 L. Ed. 97; Chicago, M. & St. P. R. Co. v. Ackley, 94 U. S. 179, 24 L. Ed. 99; Winona & St. Peter R. Co. v. Blake, 94 U. S. 180, 24 L. Ed. 99; those most frequently cited being Munn v. Illinois, and C., B. & Q. R. Co. v. Iowa. They are so called because they arose out of an agitation commenced by the grangers which resulted in the enactment of statutes for the regulation of the toils and charges of common carriers, warehousemen, and the proprietors of elevators. The enforcement of these acts was resisted and their constitutionality questioned. The supreme court affirmed the common-law doctrine that private property appropriated by the owner to a public use is thereby subjected to public regulation. They also held that the right of regulation was not restrained by the prohibition of the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution against the taking by the states of private property without due process of law. A text writer, who was at that time a member of the court, says of these cases: "But these decisions left undecided the question how far this legislative power of regulation belonged to the States, and how far it was in the congress of the United States"; Miller, Const. U. S. 397.

GRANGIA. A grange. Co. Litt. 54.

GRANT. A generic term applicable to all transfers of real property. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 181, 533.

A transfer by deed of that which cannot be passed by livery. Williams, Real Prop. 147, 149; Jordan v. Indianapolis Water Co., 150 Ind. 337, 34 N. E. 690.

An act evidenced by letters patent under the great seal, granting something from the king to a subject. Cruise, Dig. tit. 33, 34; Downs v. United States, 113 Fed. 147, 51 C. C. A. 100.

A technical term made use of in deeds of conveyance of lands to import a transfer. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 378-380.

Though the word "grant" was originally made use of, in treating of conveyances of interests in lands, to denote a transfer by deed of that which could not be passed by livery, and, of course, was applied only to incorporeal hereditaments, it has now become a generic term, applicable to the transfer of all classes of real property. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 181.

As distinguished from a mere license, a grant passes some estate or interest, corporeal or incorporeal, in the lands which it embraces; can only be made by an instrument in writing, under seal; and is irrevocable, when made, unless an express power of revocation is reserved. A license is a mere authority; passes no estate or interest whatever; may be made by parol; is revocable at will; and, when revoked, the protection which it gave ceases to exist. Jamieson v. Milleman, 3 Deuer (N. Y.) 255, 258.

The term "grant," in Scotland, is used in reference (1) to original dispositions of land, as when a lord makes grants of land among tenants; (2) to gratuitous deeds. Paterson. In such case, the superior or donor is said to grant the deed; an expression totally unknown in English law. Mosley & Whitley.

By the word "grant," in a treaty, is meant not only a formal grant, but any concession, warrant, order, or permission to survey, possess, or settle, whether written or parol, express, or presumed from possession. Such a grant may be made by law, as well as by a patent pursuant to a law. Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 468, 9 L. Ed. 1137. And see Bryan v. Kennett, 113 U. S. 178, 5 S. Ct. 413, 28 L. Ed. 968; Hastings v. Turnpike Co., 9 Pick. (Mass.) 80; Dudley v. Summer, 5 Mass. 470.

For office grant, see Office.

-Grant and demise. In a lease for years these words create an implied warranty of title and a covenant for quiet enjoyment; Stott v. Rutherford, 92 U. S. 107, 23 L. Ed. 486.

-Grant and to freight let. Operative words in a charter party, implying the placing of the vessel at the disposition of the charterer for the purposes of the intended voyage, and generally, transferring the possession. See Christie v. Lewis, 2 Brod. & B. 441.

-Grant, bargain, and sell. Operative words in conveyances of real estate. See Muller v. Boggs, 25 Cal. 187; Hawk v. McCullough, 21
GRANT


—Grant of personal property. A method of transferring personal property, distinguished from a gift by being always founded on some consideration or equivalent. 2 Bl. Comm. 440, 441. Its proper legal designation is an "assignment," or "bargain and sale." 2 Steph. Comm. 102.

—Grant to uses. The common grant with uses superadded, which has become the favorite mode of transferring realty in England. Wharton.


—Public grant. A grant from the public; a grant of a power, license, privilege, or property, from the state or government to one or more individuals, contained in or shown by a record, conveyance, patent, charter, etc.

GRANTEE. The person to whom a grant is made.

GRANTOR. The person by whom a grant is made.

GRANTZ. In old English law. Noblemen or grandees. Jacob.

GRASS HEARTH. In old records. The grazing or turning up the earth with a plow. The name of a customary service for inferior tenants to bring their plows, and do one day's work for their lords. Cowell.

GRASS WEEK. Rogation week, so called ancienly in the inns of court and chancery.

GRASS, WIDOW. A slang term for a woman separated from her husband by abandonment or prolonged absence; a woman living apart from her husband. Webster. A divorcée.

GRASSON, or GRASSUM. A fine paid upon the transfer of a copyhold estate.

GRATIFICATION. A gratuity; a compensation or reward for services or benefits, given voluntarily, without solicitation or promise.

GRATIS. Freely; gratuitously; without reward or consideration.

GRATIS DIC TUM. A voluntary assertion; a statement which a party is not legally bound to make, or in which he is not held to precise accuracy. 2 Kent, Comm. 496; Medbury v. Watson, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 269, 39 Am. Dec. 727.

GRATUITOUS. Without valuable or legal consideration. A term applied to deeds of conveyance and to ballments and other contracts.

In Old English Law

Voluntary; without force, fear, or favor. Bract. fols. 11, 17.

As to gratuitous "Ballment," "Contract," and "Deposit," see those titles.

GRAVA. In old English law. A grove; a small wood; a coppice or thickset. Co. Litt. 46. A thick wood of high trees. Blount.

GRAVAMEN. The burden or gist of a charge; the grievance or injury specially complained of.

In English Ecclesiastical Law

A grievance complained of by the clergy before the bishops in convocation.

GRAVATIO. In old English law. An accusation or impeachment. Leg. Ethel. c. 19.

GRAVE. A sepulcher. A place where a dead body is interred.

GRAVEL. Small stones, or fragments of stone often intermixed with particles of sand. Fellows v. Dorsey, 171 Mo. App. 280, 157 S. W. 965, 1000.

GRAVEL PIT. An excavation from which gravel is removed. Walker v. Dwelle, 187 Iowa, 1384, 175 N. W. 957, 964.


GRAVEYARD. A cemetery; a place for the interment of dead bodies; sometimes defined in statutes as a place where a minimum number of persons (as "six or more") are buried. See Stockton v. Weber, 98 Cal. 433, 33 P. 322; Peterson v. Stolz (Tex. Civ. App.) 209 S. W. 113, 117; Gray v. Craig, 103 Kan. 190, 172 P. 1064, 1065.

GRAVEYARD INSURANCE. A term applied to insurances fraudulently obtained (as, by false personation or other means) on the lives of infants, very aged persons, or those in the last stages of disease. Also occasionally applied to an insurance company which writes wager policies, takes extra-hazardous risks, or otherwise exceeds the limits of prudent and legitimate business. See McCarty's Appeal, 4 A. 925, 110 P. 379.

GRAVIS. Grievous; great. Ad grave damnun, to the grievous damage. 11 Coke, 40.
GRAVIS. A graf; a chief magistrate or officer. A term derived from the more ancient "grafo," and used in combination with various other words, as an official title in Germany; as Margravius, Rheingravius, Land-gravius, etc. Speelman.

Gravis est divinam quam temperalem iadere majestatem. It is more serious to hurt divine than temporal majesty. 11 Coke, 29.

GRAY'S INN. An Inn of Court. See Inns of Court.

GREAT. As used in various compound legal terms, this word generally means extraordinary, that is, exceeding the common or ordinary measure or standard, in respect to physical size, or importance, dignity, etc. See Gulf, etc., R. Co. v. Smith, 57 Tex. 348, 28 S. W. 520; San Christina Inv. Co. v. City and County of San Francisco, 167 Cal. 762, 141 P. 384, 386, 52 L. R. A. (N. S.) 675; Williamson Inv. Co. v. Williamson, 96 Wash. 529, 185 P. 385, 389; American Express Co. v. Terry, 126 Md. 254, 94 A. 1028, 1030, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 650.

For presumption great, see Proof.

As to great "Care," "Ponds," "Seal," "Tithes," see those titles.

GREAT CATTLE. All manner of beasts except sheep and yearlings. 2 Rolle, 173.

GREAT CHARTER. Magna Charta (q. v.).

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. Children of one's grandchildren. Jenkins v. Harris, 135 Miss. 457, 100 So. 280.

GREAT LAW, THE, or "The Body of Laws of the Province of Pennsylvania and Territories thereunto belonging, Past at an Assembly held at Chester, alias Upland, the 7th day of the tenth month, called 'December,' 1652." This was the first code of laws established in Pennsylvania, and is justly celebrated for the provision in its first chapter for liberty of conscience.

GREAT SEAL. A seal by virtue of which a great part of the royal authority in England is exercised. The appointment of the lord high chancellor, or lord keeper, is made by the delivery of the great seal into his custody. There is one great seal for all public acts of state which concern the United Kingdom. The seal of the United States, or of a state, used in the execution of commissions and other public documents is usually termed the great seal of the United States, or of the state, as the case may be.

GREAT TITHES. In ecclesiastical law. The more valuable tithes: as, corn, hay, and wood. 3 Burn. Eccl. Law, 850, 881; 3 Steph. Comm. 127. See Tithes.

GREEK CROSS. See Cross.

GREEK KALENDS. A colloquial expression to signify a time indefinitely remote, there being no such division of time known to the Greeks.

GREEK CLOTH. In English law. A board or court of justice held in the courthouse of the king's (or queen's) household, and composed of the lord steward and inferior officers. It takes its name from the green cloth spread over the board at which it is held. Wharton; Cowell.

GREEK SILVER. A feudal custom in the manor of Writtle, in Essex, where every tenant whose front door opens to Greenbury shall pay a half-penny yearly to the lord, by the name of "green silver" or "rent." Cowell.

GREEK WAX. In English law. The name of the estates in the exchequer, delivered to the sheriff under the seal of that court which was impressed upon green wax.

GREENBACK. The popular and almost exclusive name applied to all United States treasury issues. It is not applied to any other species of paper currency; and, when employed in testimony by way of description, is as certain as the phrase "treasury notes." Hickey v. State, 23 Ind. 23. And see U. S. v. Howell (D. C.) 64 F. 114; Spencer v. Prindle, 28 Cal. 276; Levy v. State, 79 Ala. 261; Cook v. State, 130 Ark. 90, 100 S. W. 922, 924; Haskins v. State, 148 Ark. 351, 250 S. W. 5, 7.

GREENHEW. In forest law. The same as vert (q. v.). Termes de la Ley.

GREFFIERS. In French law. Registrars, or clerks of the courts. They are officials attached to the courts to assist the judges in their duties. They keep the minutes, write out the judgments, orders, and other decisions given by the tribunals, and deliver copies thereof to applicants.

GREGORIAN CODE. The code or collection of constitutions made by the Roman jurist Gregorius. See Codex Gregorianus.

GREGORIAN EPOCH. The time from which the Gregorian calendar or computation dates; i. e., from the year 1582.

GREMIO. In Spanish law. A guild; an association of workmen, artificers, or merchants following the same trade or business; designed to protect and further the interests of their craft.

GREMIO. Lat. The bosom or breast; hence, derivatively, safeguard or protection. In English law, an estate which is in abeyance is said to be in gremio legio; that is, in the protection or keeping of the law.

GRENVILLE ACT. The statute 10 Geo. III. c. 16, by which the jurisdiction over parlia-
mentary election petitions was transferred from the whole house of commons to select committees. Repealed by 9 Geo. IV. c. 22, § 1.

GRESSEUM. In English law. A customary fine due from a copyhold tenant on the death of the lord. 1 Strange, 654; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 615, § 778. Spelled also "grasseum," "grossomo," and "gressame."

In Scotland

Grassum is a fine paid for the making or renewing of a lease. Paterson.

GRETNA GREEN MARRIAGE. A marriage celebrated at Gretna, in Dumfries, (bordering on the county of Cumberland,) in Scotland. By the law of Scotland a valid marriage may be contracted by consent alone, without any other formality. When the marriage act (26 Geo. II. c. 38) rendered the publication of banns, or a license, necessary in England, it became usual for persons who wished to marry clandestinely to go to Gretna Green, the nearest part of Scotland, and marry according to the Scotch law; so a sort of chapel was built at Gretna Green, in which the English marriage service was performed by the village blacksmith. Wharton.

GREVA. In old records. The sea shore, sand, or beach. 2 Mon. Angl. 625; Cowell.

GREVE. A word of power or authority. Cowell.

GRIEVED. Aggrieved. 3 East. 22.

GRITH. In Saxon law. Peace; protection.

GRITHSTOLE. A place of sanctuary. Cowell.

GROAT. An English silver coin (value four pence) issued from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century. See Reg. v. Connell, 1 Car. & K. 191.

GROCER. In old English law. A merchant or trader who engrossed all vendible merchandise; an engrosser. St. 37 Edw. III. c. 5. See Engroser.

GROG-SHOP. A liquor saloon, barroom, or dram-shop; a place where intoxicating liquor is sold to be drunk on the premises. See Leesburg v. Putnam, 103 Ga. 110, 29 S. E. 602.

GRONNA. In old records. A deep hollow or pit; a bog or miry place. Cowell.

GROOM OF THE STOLE. In England. An officer of the royal household, who has charge of the king's wardrobe.

GROOM PORTER. Formerly an officer belonging to the royal household. Jacob.


GROSS WEIGHT. The total weight of goods or merchandise, with the chests, bags, and the like, from which are to be deducted tare and tret.


GROSSE BOIS. Timber. Cowell.

GROSSEMENT. L. Fr. Largely, greatly. Grossement ensemé, big with child. Plowd. 76.

GROSSOME. In old English law. A fine, or sum of money paid for a lease. Plowd. 270, 271. Supposed to be a corruption of gersuma, (q. v.). See Gressum.

GROUND. Soil; earth; the earth's surface appropriated to private use and under cultivation or susceptible of cultivation.

Though this term is sometimes used in conveyances and in statutes as equivalent to "land," it is properly of a more limited signification, because it applies strictly only to the surface, while "land" includes everything beneath the surface, and because "ground" always means dry land, whereas "land" may and often does include the beds of lakes and streams and other surfaces under water; See Wood v. Carter, 79 Ill. App. 218; State v. Jersey City, 25 N. J. Law, 629; Com. v. Roxbury, 9 Gray (Mass.) 491.


Ground annual. In Scotch law. An annual rent of two kinds: First, the feu duties payable to the lords of erection and their successors; second, the rents reserved for building lots in a city, where sub-feus are prohibited. This rent is in the nature of a perpetual annuity. Bell; Ersk. Inst. 11, 3, 52.

Ground landlord. The grantor of an estate on which a ground-rent is reserved.
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Ground of action. The basis of a suit; the foundation or fundamental state of facts on which an action rests; the real object of the plaintiff in bringing his suit. See Nash v. Adams, 24 Conn. 39; Appeal of Huntington, 73 Conn. 582, 48 A. 766.

Ground-rent. A perpetual rent reserved to himself and his heirs, by the grantor of land in fee-simple, out of the land conveyed. It is in the nature of an emphyteutic rent. Also, in English law, rent paid on a building lease. See Harj v. Anderson, 48 A. 696, 198 Pa. 558; Sturgeon v. Ely, 6 Pa. 408; Franciscus v. Reigart, 4 Watts. (Pa.) 116.

Ground writ. By the English common-law procedure act, 1852, c. 121, "it shall not be necessary to issue any writ directed to the sheriff of the county in which the venue is laid, but writs of execution may issue at once into any county, and be directed to and executed by the sheriff of any county, whether a county palatinate or not, without reference to the county in which the venue is laid, and without any suggestion of the issuing of a prior writ into such county." Before this enactment, a ca. sa. or fl. fa. could not be issued into a county different from that in which the venue in the action was laid, without first issuing a writ, called a "ground writ," into the latter county, and then another writ, which was called a "testatum writ," into the former. The above enactment abolished this useless process. Wharton.

GROUNDAGE. A custom or tribute paid for the standing of shipping in port. Jacob.

GROWING CROP. A crop must be considered and treated as a growing crop from the time the seed is deposited in the ground, as at that time the seed loses the qualities of a chattel, and becomes a part of the freehold, and passes with a sale of it. Wilkinson v. Ketler, 69 Ala. 455. Things commonly planted, cultivated, and harvested for use or profit of husbandman. Pelham v. State, 29 Ala. App. 359, 102 So. 462, 463.

Growing crops of grain, and other annual productions raised by cultivation of the earth and industry of man, are personal chattels. Growing trees, fruit, or grass, and other natural products of the earth, are parcel of the land. Green v. Armstrong, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 550.

GROWTH HALF-PENNY. A rate paid in some places for the tithe of every fat beast, ox, or other unfruitful cattle. Clayt. 82.

GRUARI. The principal officers of a forest.

GRUB STAKE. In mining law. A contract between two parties by which one undertakes to furnish the necessary provisions, tools, and other supplies, and the other to prospect for and locate mineral lands and stake out mining claims thereon, the interest in the property thus acquired inuring to the benefit of both parties, either equally or in such proportion as their agreement may fix. Such contracts create a qualified or special partnership. See Berry v. Woodburn, 107 Cal. 512, 40 P. 804; Hartney v. Gosling, 10 Wyo. 346, 68 P. 1118, 98 Am. St. Rep. 1005; Meyletle v. Brennan, 20 Colo. 242, 38 P. 75; Gillespie v. Shufflin, 91 Okl. 72, 216 P. 132, 134; Mattocks v. Gibbons, 94 Wash. 44, 162 P. 19, 22.

GUADALUPE HIDALGO, TREATY OF. A treaty between the United States and Mexico, terminating the Mexican War, dated February 2, 1848. It was communicated by the president to the senate on February 23, 1848, and having been amended by the senate and ratified, it was afterwards ratified by the Mexican congress, both houses of which were required to concur. It was somewhat modified by the treaty with Mexico of 1853, by which a large territory was acquired from Mexico. See Gadsden Purchase.

GUADIA. In old European law. A pledge. Spelman; Calvin. A custom. Spelman. Spelled also "wadla."

GUARANTEE. He to whom a guaranty is made. This word is also used, as a noun, to denote the contract of guaranty or the obligation of a guarantor, and, as a verb, to denote the action of assuming the responsibilities of a guarantor. But on the general principle of legal orthography—that the title of the person to whom the action passes over should end in "ee," as "donce," "grantee," "payee," "bailee," "drawee," etc.—it seems better to use this word only as the correlative of "guarantor," and to spell the verb, and also the name of the contract, "guaranty."

GUARANTOR. He who makes a guaranty. In re Ford (D. C.) 14 F.2d 848, 849.

GUARANTY, n. To undertake collaterally to answer for the payment of another's debt or the performance of another's duty, liability, or obligation; to assume the responsibility of a guarantor; to warrant. See Guaranty, n.


A guaranty is an undertaking by one person to be answerable for the payment of some debt, or the due performance of some contract or duty, by another person, who himself remains liable to pay or perform the same. Story, Prom. Notes, § 457.

A guaranty is a promise to answer for the debt, default, or miscarriage of another person. Civil Code Cal. § 2737.

A guaranty is a contract that some particular thing shall be done, exactly as it is agreed to be done, whether it is to be done by one person or another, and whether there be a prior or principal contractor or not. Redfield v. Haight, 27 Conn. 31.

The definition of a "guaranty," by text-writers, is an undertaking by one person that another shall perform his contract or fulfill his obligation, or that, if he does not, the guarantor will do it for him. A guarantor of a bill or note is said to be one who engages that the note shall be paid, but is not an indorser or surety. Gridley v. Capen, 3 Ill. 11.

Synonyms

The terms guaranty and suretyship are sometimes used interchangeably; but they should not be confounded. The contract of a surety corresponds with that of a guarantor in many respects; yet important differences exist. The surety is bound with his principal as an original promisor. He is a debtor from the beginning, and must see that the debt is paid, and is held ordinarily to know every default of his principal, and cannot protect himself by the mere indulgence of the creditor, nor by want of notice of the default of the principal, however such notice may have been given to him. On the other hand, the contract of a guarantor is in his own separate name. It is in the nature of a warranty by him that the thing guaranteed to be done by the principal shall be done, not merely an engagement jointly with the principal to do the thing. The original contract of the principal is not his contract, and he is not bound to take notice of its non-performance. Therefore the creditor should give him notice; and it is universally held that, if the guarantor can prove that he has suffered damage by the failure to give such notice, he will be discharged to the extent of the damage thus sustained. It is not with a surety. Durham v. Manlove, 2 Cal. 148; Trafton v. Womack, 81 Cal. 405, 23 N. E. 283, 6 L. R. A. 186; Georgia Casualty Co. v. Dixie Trust & Security Co., 23 Ga. App. 447, 98 S. E. 414, 418; Farmers & Merchants Nat. Bank of Comanche v. Lillard Milling Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 210 S. W. 466, 468; Shore’s-Mueller Co. v. Palmer, 141 Ark. 54, 218 S. W. 256, 257; Hoister-Brick Co. v. Floyd County Bank, 26 Ind. App. 445, 116 N. E. 37, 40; W. T. Rawleigh Co. v. Sailer, 31 Ga. App. 339, 120 S. E. 679, 681.

Guaranty and warranty are derived from the same root, and are in fact etymologically the same word, the "g" of the Norman French being interchangeably used. Colloquially, and in commercial transactions, having the same significance, as where a piece of merchandise or the produce of an estate is "guaranteed" for a term of years, "warranted" being the more appropriate term in such a case. See Accumulator Co. v. Dubuque & W. R. Co., 64 Iowa 524, 22 N. W. 37; Martin v. Earnshaw, 20 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 602. A distinction is also sometimes made in commercial usage, by which the term "guaranty" is understood as a collateral warranty (often a condition:al: one) against some default or event in the future, while the term "warranty" is taken as meaning an absolute undertaking in guarantee, against the defect, or for the quantity or quality contemplated by the parties in the subject-matter of the contract. Sturgis v. Bank of Circleville, 11 Ohio St. 169, 78 Am. Dec. 285. But in strict legal usage the two terms are widely distinguished in this, that a warranty is an absolute undertaking or liability on the part of the warrantor, and the contract is void unless it is strictly and literally performed, while a guaranty is a promise, entirely collateral to the original contract, and not imposing any primary liability on the guarantor, but binding him to be answerable in case of failure or default of another. Masons’ Union L. Ins. Ass’n v. Brockman, 29 Ind. App. 306, 50 N. E. 463.


—Collateral guaranty. A contract by which the guarantor undertakes, in case the principal fails to do what he has promised or undertaken to do, to pay damages for such failure; distinguished from an engagement of suretyship in this respect, that a surety undertakes to do the very thing which the principal has promised to do, in case the latter defaults. Woody v. Haworth, 24 Ind. App. 634, 57 N. E. 272; Nading v. McGregor, 121 Ind. 470, 23 N. E. 283, 6 L. R. A. 656.

—Conditional guaranty. One which depends upon some extraneous event, beyond the mere default of the principal, and generally upon notice of the guaranty, notice of the principal’s default, and reasonable diligence in exhausting proper remedies against the principal. Yager v. Title Co., 112 Ky. 923, 66 S. W. 1097; Tobacco Co. v. Heid (D. C.) 62 F. 902; Beardsley v. Hawes, 71 Conn. 29, 40 A. 1043; Galbraith v. Shores-Mueller Co., 178


—Guaranteed stock. See Stock.

—Guaranty company. A corporation authorized to transact the business of entering into contracts of guaranty and suretyship; as, one which, for fixed premiums, becomes surety on judicial bonds, fidelity bonds, and the like. See Stina L Ins. Co. v. Coulter, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 193, 74 S. W. 1050.


—Guaranty insurance. See Insurance.

—Special guaranty. A guaranty which is available only to the particular person to whom it is offered or addressed; as distinguished from a general guaranty, which will operate in favor of any person who may accept it. Everson v. Gere, 40 Hun (N. Y.) 250; Tildioute Sav. Bank v. Libbey, 101 Wis. 128, 77 N. W. 122, 70 Am. St. Rep. 907; Evansville Nat. Bank v. Kaufmann, 93 N. Y. 273, 45 Am. Rep. 204; Joes v. Miller, 201 Mo. App. 45, 209 S. W. 549, 550.

GUARDIAN. A state of wardship.

GUARDIAN. A guardian is a person lawfully invested with the power, and charged with the duty, of taking care of the person and managing the property and rights of another person, who, for some peculiarity of status, or defect of age, understanding, or self-control, is considered incapable of administering his own affairs. Bass v. Cook, 4 Port. (Ala.) 392; Sparhawk v. Allen, 21 N. H. 27; Burger v. Frakes, 67 Iowa, 490, 23 N. W. 746; Fleming v. Leibe, 95 N. J. Eq. 129, 122 A. 616.

One who legally has the care and management of the person, or the estate, or both, of a child during its minority. Reeve, Dom. Rel. 311.

This term might be appropriately used to designate the person charged with the care and control of idiots, lunatics, habitual drunkards, spendthrifts, and the like; but such person is, under many of the statutory systems authorizing the appointment, styled "committee," and in common usage the name "guardian" is applied only to one having the care and management of a minor.

The name "curator" is given in some of the states to a person having the control of a minor's estate, without that of his person; and this is also the usage of the civil law.

Classification

A testamentary guardian is one appointed by the deed or last will of the child's father, while a guardian by election is one chosen by the infant himself in a case where he would otherwise be without one. A general guardian is one who has the general care and control of the person and estate of his ward: while a special guardian is one who has special or limited powers and duties with respect to his ward, s. g., a guardian who has the custody of the estate but not of the person, or vice versa, or a guardian ad litem. A domestic guardian is one appointed at the place where the ward is legally domiciled; while a foreign guardian derives his authority from appointment by the courts of another state, and generally has charge only of such property as may be located within the jurisdiction of the power appointing him. A guardian ad litem is a guardian appointed by a court of justice to prosecute or defend for an infant in any suit to which he may be a party. 2 Steph. Comm. 342. Most commonly appointed for infant defendents; infant plaintiffs generally suing by next friend. This kind of guardian has no right to interfere with the infant's person or property. 2 Steph. Comm. 343; Richter v. Leiby, 197 Wis. 404, 83 N. W. 694; Watts v. Hicks, 119 Ark. 621, 97 S. W. 924, 925; Morris v. Standard Oil Co., 122 Cal. 343, 219 P. 998, 1900, 32 A. L. R. 1103. A guardian by appointment of court is the most important species of guardian in modern law, having custody of the infant until the attainment of full age. It has in England in a manner superseded the guardian in seignage, and in the United States the guardian by nature also. The appointment is made by a court of chancery, or by probate or orphans' court. 2 Steph. Comm. 341; 2 Kent, Comm. 226. A guardian by nature is the father, and, on his death, the mother, of a child. 1 Bl. Comm. 461; 2 Kent, Comm. 219. This guardianship extends only to the custody of the person of the child to the age of twenty-one years. Sometimes called "natural guardian," but this is rather a popular than a technical mode of expression. 2 Steph. Comm. 337; Klime v. Beebe, 6 Conn. 500;
GUARDIAN. A guardian, warden, or keeper. Spelman.

GUARENTIGIO. In Spanish law. A written authorization to a court to enforce the performance of an agreement in the same manner as if it had been decreed upon regular legal proceedings.

GUARNIMENTUM. In old European law. A provision of necessary things. Spelman. A furnishing or garnishment.

GUASTALD. One who had the custody of the royal mansions.

GUBERNATOR. Lat. In Roman law. The pilot or steersman of a ship.

GUERRILLA PARTY. In military law. An independent body of marauders or armed men, not regularly or organically connected with the armies of either belligerent, who carry on a species of irregular war, chiefly by depredation and massacre.

GUERPI, GUERPY. L. Fr. Abandoned; left; deserted. Brit. c. 83.

GUERRA, GUERRE. War. Spelman.


A guest, as distinguished from a boarder, is bound for no stipulated time. He stops at the inn for as short or as long time as he pleases, paying, while he remains, the customary charge. Stewart v. McCreary, 24 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 62; Hackett v. Bell Operating Co., 181 App. Div. 333, 160 N. Y. S. 114, 115; McIntosh v. Schops, 92 Or. 397, 180 P. 593, 595; Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. v. Altamont Springs Hotel Co., 206 Ky. 494, 287 S. W. 555, 557.

GUEST-TAKER. An agister; one who took feed in to feed in the royal forests. Cowell.


GUIA. In Spanish law. A right of way for narrow carts. White, New Recoup. L. 2, c. 6, § 1.
GUIDAGE. In old English law. That which was given for safe conduct through a strange territory, or another’s territory. Cowell.

The office of guiding of travelers through dangerous and unknown ways. 2 Inst. 526.

GUIDE-PLATE. An iron or steel plate to be attached to a ravel for the purpose of guiding to their place on the rail wheels thrown off the track. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1291.

GUIDON DE LA MER. The name of a treatise on maritime law, by an unknown author, supposed to have been written about 1671 at Rouen, and considered, in continental Europe, as a work of high authority.

GUILD. A voluntary association of persons pursuing the same trade, art, profession, or business, such as printers, goldsmiths, wool merchants, etc., united under a distinct organization of their own, analogous to that of a corporation, regulating the affairs of their trade or business by their own laws and rules, and aiming, by co-operation and organization, to protect and promote the interests of their common vocation. In medieval history these fraternities or guilds played an important part in the government of some states; as at Florence, in the thirteenth and following centuries, where they chose the council of government of the city. But with the growth of cities and the advance in the organization of municipal government, their importance and prestige has declined. The place of meeting of a guild, or association of guilds, was called the “Guildhall.” The word is said to be derived from the Anglo-Saxon “gild” or “geld,” a tax or tribute, because each member of the society was required to pay a tax towards its support.

GUILD RENTS. Rents payable to the crown by any guild, or such as formerly belonged to religious guilds, and came to the crown at the general dissolution of the monasteries. Tomlins.

GUILDHALL. The hall or place of meeting of a guild, or gild.

The place of meeting of a municipal corporation. 3 Steph. Comm. 176, note. The mercantile or commercial guilds of the Saxons are supposed to have given rise to the present municipal corporations of England, whose place of meeting is still called the “Guildhall.”

GUILDHALL SITTINGS. The sittings held in the Guildhall of the city of London for city of London causes.

GUILLOTINE. An instrument for decapitation, used in France for the infliction of the death penalty on convicted criminals, consisting, essentially, of a heavy and weighted knife-blade moving perpendicularly between grooved posts, which is made to fall from a considerable height upon the neck of the sufferer, immovably fixed in position to receive the impact.

GUILT. In criminal law. That quality which imputes criminality to a motive or act, and renders the person amenable to punishment by the law.

That disposition to violate the law which has manifested itself by some act already done. The opposite of innocence. See Ruth. Inst. b. 1, c. 18, § 10.

GUILTY. Having committed a crime or tort; the word used by a prisoner in pleading to an indictment when he confesses the crime of which he is charged, and by the jury in convicting. Com. v. Walter, 83 Pa. 108, 24 Am. Rep. 154; Jessie v. State, 23 Miss. 103; State v. White, 25 Wis. 399.

GUINEA. A coin formerly issued by the English mint, but all these coins were called in in the time of Wm. IV. The word now means only the sum of £1 1s., in which denomination the fees of counsel are always given.

GULA-THING. A collection of Scandinavian customs in force in the southern part of Norway. The Fresta-thing was in force in the more northerly division of Dronheim. They are said to help to an understanding of the law prevailing in the northern part of England, where the Danish influence was strongest. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 23.

GULE OF AUGUST. The first of August, being the day of St. Peter ad Vincula.

GULES. The heraldic name of the color usually called “red.” The word is derived from the Arabic word “gule,” a rose, and was probably introduced by the Crusaders. Gules is denoted in engravings by numerous perpendicular lines. heralds who blazoned by planets and jewels called it “Mars,” and “ruby.” Wharton.

GUN. Any portable firearm, except a pistol or revolver, such as a rifle, shotgun, carbine, etc. Henderson v. State, 75 Fla. 464, 78 So. 427, 428. A pistol or revolver; a pistol or revolver being quite commonly called a “gun.” State v. Christ, 159 Iowa, 474, 177 N. W. 54, 57.

GURGES. Lat. Properly a whirlpool, but in old English law and conveyancing, a deep pit filled with water, distinguished from “stagnum,” which was a shallow pool or pond. Co. Litt. 5; Johnson v. Rayner, 6 Gray (Mass.) 107.

GURGITES. Wears. Jacob.

GUTI. Jutes; one of the three nations who migrated from Germany to Britain at an early period. According to Spelman, they established themselves chiefly in Kent and the Isle of Wight.
GUTTER. The diminutive of a sewer. Callis, Sew. (80) 100. In modern law, an open ditch or conduit designed to allow the passage of water from one point to another in a certain direction, whether for purposes of drainage, irrigation, or otherwise. Warren v. Henly, 31 Iowa, 31; Willis v. State, 27 Neb. 98, 42 N. W. 920.

GWABB MERCHED. Maid's fee. A British word signifying a customary fine payable to lords of some manors on marriage of the tenant's daughters, or otherwise on their committing incontinence. Cowell.

GWALSTOW. A place of execution. Jacob.

GWAYF. Wail, or waived; that which has been stolen and afterwards dropped in the highway for fear of a discovery. Cowell.

GYLEBU. The name of a court which was held every three weeks in the liberty or hundred of Ethew in Warwick. Jacob.

GYLTWITE, or GUILT WIT. Sax. Cesspits for fraud or trespass. Cowell.

GYNARCHY, or GYN/ECDOCRACY. Government by a woman; a state in which women are legally capable of the supreme command; e.g., in Great Britain.


GYRATORY STONE-CRUSHER. A machine with a shaft or crushing means which, instead of rotating, gyrates or moves in a circular course under the control of an eccentric. Traylor Engineering & Mfg. Co. v. Worthington Pump & Machinery Co. (C. C. A.) 1 F. (2d) 833.

GYROVAGI. Wandering monks.

GYVES. Fetters or shackles for the legs.
H. This letter, as an abbreviation, stands for Henry (a king of that name) in the citation of English statutes. In the Year Books, it is used as an abbreviation for Hilary term. In tax assessments and other such official records, "H" may be used as an abbreviation for "house," and the courts will so understand it. Alden v. Newark, 36 N. J. Law, 288; Parker v. Elizabeth, 39 N. J. Law, 693.

H. A. An abbreviation for hoc anno, this year, in this year.

H. B. An abbreviation for house bill, i.e., a bill in the house of representatives, as distinguished from a senate bill.

H. C. An abbreviation for house of commons, or for habeas corpus.

H. L. An abbreviation for house of lords.

H. R. An abbreviation for house of representatives.

H. T. An abbreviation for hoc titulo, this title, under this title; used in references to books.

H. V. An abbreviation for hoc verbo or hoc vobis, this word, under this word; used in references to dictionaries and other works alphabetically arranged.

HABE. or HAVE. Lat. A form of the salutatory expression "Are" (hail) in the titles of the constitutions of the Theodosian and Justinian Codes. Calvin; Spielman.

HABEAS CORPORA JURATORUM. A writ commanding the sheriff to bring up the persons of jurors, and, if need were, to restrain them of their lands and goods, in order to insure or compel their attendance in court on the day of trial of a cause. It issued from the Common Pleas, and served the same purpose as a distinguas juratores in the King's Bench. It was abolished by the C. L. P. Act, 1852, § 104. Brown.

HABEAS CORPUS. Lat. (You have the body.) The name given to a variety of writs, (of which these were anciently the emphatic words,) having for their object to bring a party before a court or judge. In common usage, and whenever these words are used alone, they are understood to mean the habeas corpus ad subjiciendum, (see infra.) Dancy v. Owens, 126 Okl. 37, 258 P. 879, 884; In re McDevitt, 168 N. Y. S. 443, 101 Misc. 588; State v. Jameson, 51 S. D. 540, 215 N. W. 697, 699; Click v. Click, 98 W. Va. 419, 127 S. E. 194, 195; In re Stuart, 138 Wash, 59, 244 P. 116; Moody v. State, 87 Fla. 175, 99 So. 665; U. S. v. Tod, 263 U. S. 149, 44 S. Ct. 54, 57, 68 L. Ed. 221; People v. Windes, 283 Ill. 251, 119 N. E. 297, 298; State v. Konshak, 136 Minn. 331, 162 N. W. 323; Payne v. Graham, 20 Ala. App. 439, 102 So. 729, 731.

HABEAS CORPUS ACT. The English statute of 31 Car. II. c. 2, is the original and prominent habeas corpus act. It was amended and supplemented by St. 56 Geo. III. c. 100. And similar statutes have been enacted in all the United States. This act is justly regarded as the great constitutional guaranty of personal liberty.

HABEAS CORPUS AD DELIBERANDUM ET RECEPIENDUM. A writ which is issued to remove, for trial, a person confined in one county to the county or place where the offense of which he is accused was committed. Bac. Abr. "Habeas Corpus," A; 1 Chit. Crim. Law, 152. Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 97, 2 L. Ed. 554. Thus, it has been granted to remove a person in custody for contempt to take his trial for perjury in another county. 1 Tyrw. 185.

HABEAS CORPUS AD FACIENDUM ET RECEPIENDUM. A writ issuing in civil cases to remove the cause, as also the body of the defendant, from an inferior court to a superior court having jurisdiction, there to be disposed of. It is also called "habeas corpus cum cause." Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 97, 2 L. Ed. 554.

HABEAS CORPUS AD PROSEQUENDUM. A writ which issues when it is necessary to remove a prisoner in order to prosecute in the proper jurisdiction wherein the fact was committed. 3 Bl. Comm. 130.

HABEAS CORPUS AD RESPONDENDUM. A writ which is usually employed in civil cases to remove a person out of the custody of one court into that of another, in order that he may be sued and answer the action in the latter. 2 Selw. Pr. 259; 2 Mod. 198; 3 Bl. Comm. 129; 1 Tidd Pr. 300.

HABEAS CORPUS AD SATISFACIENDUM. In English practice. A writ which issues when a prisoner has had judgment against him in an action, and the plaintiff is desirous to bring him up to some superior court, to charge him with process of execution. 3 Bl. Comm. 129, 130; 3 Steph. Comm. 693; 1 Tidd Pr. 350.

HABEAS CORPUS AD SUBJICIENDUM. A writ directed to the person detaining another, and commanding him to produce the body of the prisoner, (or person detained,) with the day and cause of his caption and detention, ad faciendum, subjiciendum et recipiendum, to do, submit to, and receive whatsoever the judge or court awarding the writ shall consider in that behalf. 3 Bl. Comm. 131; 3
Steph. Comm. 655. This is the well-known remedy for deliverance from illegal confinement, called by Sir William Blackstone the most celebrated writ in the English law, and the great and efficacious writ in all manner of illegal confinement. 3 Bl. Comm. 129.

HAEBAS CORPUS AD TESTIFICANDUM. A writ to bring a witness into court, when he is in custody at the time of a trial, commanding the sheriff to have his body before the court, to testify in the cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 130; 2 Tid. Pr. 809. Ex parte Marmaduke, 91 Mo. 250; 4 S. W. 91, 60 Am. Rep. 250.

HAEBAS CORPUS CUM CAUSA. (You have the body, with the cause.) Another name for the writ of *haebas corpus ad faciendum et recipiendum*, (q. v.) 1 Tidl, Pr. 348, 349.

*Habemus optimum testem, confitentem reum.* 1 Phil. Ev. 397. We have the best witness,—a confessing defendant. "What is taken pro confessio is taken as indubitable truth. The plea of guilty by the party accused shuts out all further inquiry. *Habemus confitentem reum* is demonstration, unless indirect motives can be assigned to it." 2 Hagg. Eccl. 315.


**HABENDUM ET TENENDUM.** In old conveyancing. To have and to hold. Formal words in deeds of land from a very early period. Bract. fol. 176.

**HABENTES HOMINES.** In old English law. Rich men; literally, having men. The same with *festing-men*, (q. v.) Cowell.


**HABERE.** Lat. In the civil law. To have. Sometimes distinguished from *tenere*, (to hold.) and *possidere*, (to possess;) *habere* referring to the right, *tenere* to the fact, and *possidere* to both. Calvin.

**HABERE FACIAS POSSIPTIONEM.** Lat. That you cause to have possession. The name of the process commonly resorted to by the successful party in an action of ejectment, for the purpose of being placed by the sheriff in the actual possession of the land recovered. It is commonly termed simply "*habere facias,"* or "*hab. fa."

**HABERE FACIAS SEISINAM.** L. Lat. That you cause to have seisin. The writ of execution in real actions, directing the sheriff to cause the demandant to have seisin of the lands recovered. It was the proper process for giving seisin of a freehold, as distinguished from a chattel interest in lands.

**HABERE FACIAS VISUM.** Lat. That you cause to have a view. A writ to cause the sheriff to take a view of lands or tenements.

**HABERE LICERE.** Lat. In Roman law. To allow [one] to have [possession.] This phrase denoted the duty of the seller of property to allow the purchaser to have the possession and enjoyment. For a breach of this duty, an *actio ex empto* might be maintained.

**HABERJECTS.** A cloth of a mixed color. Magna Charta, c. 26.

**HABETO TIBI RES TUAS.** Lat. Have or take your effects to yourself. One of the old Roman forms of divorcing a wife. Calvin.

**HABILIS.** Lat. Fit; suitable; active; useful, (of a servant.) Proved; authentic, (of Book of Saints.) Fixed; stable, (of authority of the king.) Du Cange.

**HABIT.** A disposition or condition of the body or mind acquired by custom or a usual repetition of the same act or function. Conner v. Citizens’ St. R. Co., 146 Ind. 430, 45 N. E. 662; State v. Skillilcorn, 104 Iowa, 97, 73 N. W. 503; State v. Robinson, 111 Ala. 482, 20 So. 30; Sikes v. Allen, 2 Mart. N. S. (Lat.) 622; Ludwick v. Com., 18 Pa. 172; Com. v. Whitney, 5 Gray (Mass.) 85. The customary conduct, to pursue which one has acquired a tendency, from frequent repetition of the same acts. Knickerbocker Life Ins. Co. v. Foley, 105 U. S. 350, 26 L. Ed. 1055; National Councl of Knights and Ladies of Security v. Fowler, 66 Okl. 294, 168 P. 914, 915, 6 A. L. R. 591.

**HABIT AND REPUTE.** Applied in Scotch law to a general understanding and belief of something’s having happened: thus, by the law of Scotland, marriage may be established by “habit and repute” where the parties cohabit and are at the same time held and reputed as man and wife. See Bell. The same rule obtains in some of the United States.

**HABITABLE REPAIR.** A covenant by a lessee to “put the premises into habitable repair” binds him to put them into such a state that

Bl. Law Dict. (3d Ed.)
HABITUAL. Ordinarily applied to things done customarily or from force of habit. Moerling v. Falk Co., 155 Wis. 192, 144 N. W. 207, 208. Formed or acquired by or resulting from habit; frequent use or custom. Meggs v. State, 101 Tex. Cr. R. 415, 276 S. W. 262, 263. The "habitual" indulgence in violent and ungovernable temper as a ground for divorce is not synonymous with "frequent." Kellogg v. Kellogg, 93 Fla. 261, 111 So. 637, 638.

HABITUAL CRIMINAL. By statute in several states, one who is convicted of a felony, having been previously convicted of any crime (or twice so convicted), or who is convicted of a misdemeanor and has previously (in New York) been five times convicted of a misdemeanor. Crim. Code N. Y. § 510; Rev. St. Utah, 1898, § 4067 (Comp. Laws 1917, § 7607). In a more general sense, one made subject to police surveillance and arrest on suspicion, on account of his previous criminal record and absence of honest employment.

HABITUAL CRIMINALS ACT. The statute 32 & 33 Vict. c. 90. By this act power was given to apprehend on suspicion convicted persons holding license under the penal servitude acts, 1853, 1857, and 1864. The act was repealed and replaced by the prevention of crimes act, 1871, (34 & 35 Vict. c. 112.)

HABITUAL DRUNKARD. A person given to inebriety or the excessive use of intoxicating drink, who has lost the power or the will, by frequent indulgence, to control his appetite for it. Ludwick v. Com., 18 Pa. 174; Gourlay v. Gourlay, 16 R. I. 705, 19 A. 142: Miskey's Appeal, 107 Pa. 626; Richards v. Richards, 19 Ill. App. 467; McBee v. McBee, 22 Or. 329, 29 P. 887, 29 Am. St. Rep. 613.

Within the meaning of the divorce laws, one who has the habit of indulging in intoxicating drinks so firmly fixed that he becomes drunk whenever the temptation is presented by his being near where liquor is sold. Magahay v. Magahay, 35 Mich. 210. One who has a fixed habit of frequently getting drunk. Page v. Page, 43 Wash. 293, 86 P. 582, 6 L. R. A. (N. S.) 914, 117 Am. St. Rep. 1654; Bill v. Bill, 178 Iowa, 1025, 157 N. W. 158, 159.

One who customarily becomes intoxicated; it is not necessary that such person be intoxicated most of his time or that he shall have lost his will power so that he cannot resist stimulants. Lester v. Sampson (Mo. App.) 190 S. W. 419, 421.

A person who has acquired the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors or taking narcotic drugs to such an extent as to deprive him of reasonable self-control. Interdiction of Gasquet, 138 La. 557, 68 So. 39, 92.

One addicted to the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors to excess, who is commonly or frequently intoxicated and becomes so often as opportunity permits, it being unnecessary that he be intoxicated so often as to incapacitate him from attending to his business for a considerable portion of time. Runke v. Southern Pac. Milling Co., 184 Cal. 714, 155 P. 388, 400, 16 A. L. R. 575.

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In England, defined by the habitual drunkards' act, 1879, (45 & 46 Vict. c. 19,) which authorizes confinement in a retreat, upon the party's own application, as "a person who, not being amenable to any jurisdiction in lunacy, is, notwithstanding, by reason of habitual intemperate drinking of intoxicating liquor, at times dangerous to himself, or herself, or others, or incapable of managing himself or herself, or his or her affairs."

HABITUAL DRUNKENNESS, INTOXICATION, or INTEMPERANCE. The custom or habit of getting drunk; the constant indulgence in such stimulants as wine, brandy, and whisky, whereby intoxication is produced; not the ordinary use, but the habitual use of them; the habit should be actual and confirmed, but need not be continuous, or even of daily occurrence. Williams v. Goss, 43 La. Ann. 868, 9 So. 750; Short v. Morrison, 159 La. 193, 105 So. 256, 288. As a cause for divorce, the fixed habit of frequently getting drunk; it does not necessarily imply continual drunkenness. Moor v. Moor, 211 Ala. 50, 99 So. 316, 318; Holm v. Holm, 44 Utah, 242, 139 P. 937, 938. That degree of intemperance from the use of intoxicating drinks which disqualifies the person a great portion of the time from properly attending to business, or which would reasonably inflict a course of great mental anguish upon the innocent party. Rev. Codes Idaho, § 2632 (Code 1932, § 31-608). It has no reference to the excessive or habitual use of drugs. Hayes v. Hayes, 86 Fla. 539, 98 So. 60, 67; Smith v. Smith, 7 Boyce (Del.) 253, 105 A. 823.


HABLE. L. Fr. In old English law. A port or harbor; a station for ships. St. 27 Hen. VI. c. 3.

HACIENDA. In Spanish law. The public domain; the royal estate; the aggregate wealth of the state. The science of administering the national wealth; public economy. Also an estate or farm belonging to a private person.

HACK STAND. A private hack stand is a station where taxicabs or other vehicles are kept standing to solicit trade from the public indiscriminately at all hours. Borland v. Curto, 121 Misc. 336, 201 N. Y. S. 236, 237.

HACKNEY. Let out for hire, or devoted to common use; as, "hackney coaches," "hackney carriages." State v. Jarvis, 89 Vt. 239, 96 A. 541, 543.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES. Carriages paying for hire in the street. 2 C. 13, 677; Master- son v. Short, 33 Haw. Pr. (N. Y.) 451; 17 & 18 Vict. c. 88; Com. v. Matthews, 122 Mass. 60.

HAD. As used in a statute providing that no suit, action or proceeding to foreclose a mortgage or trust deed shall be had or maintained, "had" means commenced or begun. Friel v. Alewel, 318 Mo. 1, 298 S. W. 762, 764.

HADBOTE. In Saxon law. A recompense or satisfaction for the violation of holy orders, or violence offered to persons in holy orders. Cowell; Blount.

HADD. In Hindu law. A boundary or limit. A statutory punishment defined by law, and not arbitrary. Mosley & Whiteley.

HADERUNGA. In old English law. Hatred; ill will; prejudice, or partiality. Spelman; Cowell.
Respect or distinction of persons. Jacob.

HADGONEL. In old English law. A tax or mulct. Jacob.

HÆC EST CONVENTIO. Lat. This is an agreement. Words with which agreements anciently commenced. Yearb. H. 6 Edw. II. 161.

HÆC EST FINALIS CONCORDIA. L. Lat. This is the final agreement. The words with which the foot of a fine commenced. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.

HÆREDÆ. In Gothic law. A tribunal answering to the English court-leet or hundred court.

HÆREDE ABDUCTO. An ancient writ that lay for the lord, who, having by right the wardship of his tenant under age, could not obtain his person, the same being carried away by another person. Old Nat. Brev. 93.

HÆREDE DELIBERANDO ALTERI QUI HABET CUSTODIUM TERRÆ. An ancient writ, directed to the sheriff, to require one that had the body of an heir, being in ward, to deliver him to the person whose ward he was by reason of his land. Reg. Orig. 161.

HÆREDE RAPTO. An ancient writ that lay for the ravishment of the lord's ward. Reg. Orig. 163.

Hæredem Deus facit, non hom. God makes the heir, not man. Co. Litt. 7b; Bract. 62b.

HÆREDES. Lat. In the civil law. Heirs. The plural of hæres (q. v.).

HÆREDIPETA. Lat. In old English law. A seeker of an inheritance; hence, the next heir to lands. Du Cange.

Hæredipeta suo propinquo vel extranea pericu- loso sese custodi nullus committitur. To the next heir, whether a relation or a stranger, certainly a dangerous guardian, let no one be committed. Co. Litt. 88b.
HÆREDITAS.

In Roman Law

The *hæreditas* was a universal succession by law to any deceased person, whether such person had died testate or intestate, and whether in trust (ex fideicommissis) for another or not. The like succession according to the Praetorian law was *bonorum possessio*. The *hæreditas* was called "jacens," until the hæres took it up, i.e., made his *aditio* hæreditatis; and such hæres, if a *suus hæres*, had the right to abstain, *potestas abstinenti*, and, if an *extraneus hæres*, had the right to consider whether he would accept or decline, *potestas deliberandi,* the reason for this precaution being that (prior to Justinian's enactment to the contrary) a hæres after his *aditio* was liable to the full extent of the debts of the deceased person, and could have no relief therefrom, except in the case of a *damnnum emergens* or *damnosa hæreditas*, i.e., an *hæreditas* which disclosed (after the *aditio*) some enormous unsuspected liability. Brown. The theory was that, though the physical person of the deceased had perished, his legal personality survived and descended unimpaired on his heirs in whom his legal identity was continued.

In Old English Law

An estate transmissible by descent; an inheritance. Co. Litt. 9.

In General

—Hæreditas damnosa. A burdensome inheritance; one which would be a burden instead of a benefit, that is, the debts to be paid by the heir would exceed the assets.

—Hæreditas jacens. In civil law. A prostrate or vacant inheritance. The inheritance left to a voluntary heir was so called as long as he had not manifested, either expressly or by silence, his acceptance or refusal of the inheritance. So long as no one had acquired the inheritance, it was termed "hæreditas jacens;" and this, by a legal fiction, represented the person of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 737. The estate of a person deceased, where the owner left no heirs or legatee to take it, called also "caducus"; an escheated estate. Cod. 10, 10, 1; 4 Kent, Comm. 425. The term has also been used in English law to signify an estate in abeyance; that is, after the ancestor's death, and before assumption of heir. Co. Litt. 342b. An inheritance without legal owner, and therefore open to the first occupant. 2 Bl. Comm. 239.

—Hæreditas logitima. A succession or inheritance devolving by operation of law (intestate succession) rather than by the will of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 654.

—Hæreditas luctuosa. A sad or mournful inheritance or succession; as that of a parent to the estate of a child, which was regarded as disturbing the natural order of mortality (turbato ordine mortalitatis). Cod. 6, 25, 9; 4 Kent, Comm. 397. It was sometimes termed *tristis successio*.

—Hæreditas testamentaria. Testamentary inheritance, that is, succession to an estate under and according to the last will and testament of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 654.

—Hæreditas, alia corporalis, alia incorporealis; corporalis est, qua tanti potest et videri; incorporealis qua tanti non potest nec videri. Co. Litt. 9. An inheritance is either corporeal or incorporeal. Corporeal is that which can be touched and seen; incorporeal, that which can neither be touched nor seen.

—Hæreditas est successio in universum jus quod dicitur fundus habuerit. Co. Litt. 237. Inheritance is the succession to every right which the deceased had.

—Hæreditas nihil aliud est quam successio in universum jus, quod dicitur fundus habuerit. The right of inheritance is nothing else than the faculty of succeeding to all the rights of the deceased. Dig. 30, 17, 62.

—Hæreditas nunquam ascendit. An inheritance never ascends. Glanv. lib. 7, c. 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 211. A maxim of feudal origin, and which invariably prevailed in the law of England down to the passage of the statute 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, § 6, by which it was abrogated. 1 Steph. Comm. 378. See Broom, Max. 527, 528.

—Hæredum appellatione veniant hæreses hære- dum in infinitum. By the title of heirs, come the heirs of heirs to infinity. Co. Litt. 9.

HÆRES.

In Roman Law

The heir, or universal successor in the event of death. The heir is he who actively or passively succeeds to the entire property of the estate-leaver. He is not only the successor to the rights and claims, but also to the estate-leaver's debts, and in relation to his estate is to be regarded as the identical person of the estate-leaver, inasmuch as he represents him in all his active and passive relations to his estate. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 651.

The institution of the *hæres* was the essential characteristic of a testament: if this was not done, the instrument was called a *codicillus*. Mack. C. L. §§ 632, 650.

It should be remarked that the office, powers, and duties of the *hæres*, in Roman law, were much more closely assimilated to those of a modern executor than to those of an heir at law. Hence "heir" is not at all an accurate translation of "hæres," unless it be understood in a special, technical sense.

In Common Law

An heir; he to whom lands, tenements, or hereditaments by the act of God and right of
blood do descend, of some estate of inheritance. Co. Litt. 7b.

In General


-Hæres de facto. In old English law. Heir from fact; that is, from the disseisin or other act of his ancestor, without or against right. An heir in fact, as distinguished from an heir de jure, or by law.

-Hæres ex asse. In the civil law. An heir to the whole estate; a sole heir. Inst. 2, 23, 9.

-Hæres extraneus. In the civil law. A strange or foreign heir; one who was not subject to the power of the testator, or person who made him heir. Qui testamentis juri subjecti non sunt, extranei hæredes appellantur. Inst. 2, 19, 8.

-Hæres factus. In the civil law. An heir made by will; a testamentary heir; the person created universal successor by will. Story, Confl. Laws, § 507; 3 Bl. Comm. 224. Otherwise called "hæres ex testamento," and "hæres institutus." Inst. 2, 8, 7; Id. 2, 14.

-Hæres fideicommissarius. In the civil law. The person for whose benefit an estate was given to another (termed "hæres fiduciarius," q. v.) by will. Inst. 2, 26, 6, 7, 9. Answering nearly to the custod que trust of the English law.

-Hæres fiduciarius. A fiduciary heir, or heir in trust; a person constituted heir by will, in trust for the benefit of another, called the "fideicommissarius."

-Hæres institutus. A testamentary heir; one appointed by the will of the decedent.

-Hæres legítimus. A lawful heir; one pointed out as such by the marriage of his parents.

-Hæres naturae. In the civil law. An heir born; one born heir, as distinguished from one made heir, (hæres factus, q. v.,) an heir at law, or by intestacy, (ab intestato;) the next of kin by blood, in cases of intestacy. Story, Confl. Laws, § 507; 3 Bl. Comm. 224. This is the only form of heirship recognised in the English law. Wms. R. P., 6th Am. ed. 60.

-Hæres necessarius. In the civil law. A necessary or compulsory heir. This name was given to the heir when, being a slave, he was named "heir" in the testament, because on the death of the testator, whether he would or not, he at once became free, and was compelled to assume the heirship. Inst. 2, 19, 1.

-Hæredes proximi. Nearest or next heirs. The children or descendants of the deceased.


-Hæredes remotiores. More remote heirs. The kinsmen other than children or descendants.

-Hæres suus. In the civil law. A man's own heir; a decedent's proper or natural heir. This name was given to the lineal descendants of the deceased. Persons who were in the power of the testator but became sui juris at his death. Inst. 2, 13; 3, 1, 4, 5. Those descendants who were under the power of the deceased at the time of his death, and who are most nearly related to him. Calvin.

-Hæres suis et necessarius. In Roman law. Own and necessary heirs; i. e., the lineal descendants of the estate-leaver. They were called "necessary" heirs, because it was the law that made them heirs, and not the choice of either the decedent or themselves. But since this was also true of slaves (when named "heirs" in the will) the former class were designated "sui et necessarius," by way of distinction, the word "sui" denoting that the necessity arose from their relationship to the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 733.

Hæres est alter ipse, et filius est pars patris. An heir is another self, and a son is part of the father. 3 Coke, 129.

Hæres est aut jure proprietatis aut jure representationis. An heir is either by right of property, or right of representation. 3 Coke, 40b.

Hæres est eadem persona cum anteecessore. An heir is the same person with his ancestor. Co. Litt. 22; Branch, Princ. See Nov. 48, c. 1, § 1.

Hæres est nomen collectivum. "Heir" is a collective name or noun. 1 Vent. 215.

Hæres est nomen juris; filius est nomen naturae. "Heir" is a name of term of law; "son" is a name of nature. Bac. Max. 52, in reg. 11.

Hæres est pars anteecessoris. An heir is a part of the ancestor. So said because the ancestor, during his life, bears in his body (in judgment of law) all his heirs. Co. Litt. 22 b; Schoonmaker v. Sheely, 3 Hill (N. Y.) 165, 167.

Hæres hæredis noii est meus hæres. The heir of my heir is my heir. Wharton, Law Dict.

Hæres legitimus est quem nuptias demontrat. He is a lawful heir whom marriage points out as such; who is born in wedlock. Co. Litt. 7b; Bract. fol. 88; Fleota, lib. 6, c. 1; Broom, Max. 535; Mirror of Just. 70; Dig. 2, 4, 5. (As to the application of the principle when the marriage is subsequent to the birth of the child, see 2 Cl. & F. 571; 8 Bingh. N. C. 385; 5 Wheat. 226, 262, n., 5 L. Ed. 70.)
Hæres minor uno et vigintiannis non respons-
èbit, nisi in casu dotis. Moore, 348. An heir
under twenty-one years of age is not answer-
able, except in the matter of dower.

Hæres non tenetur in Anglia ad debita anteoss-
seris reddenda, nisi per additiones ad hoc
fuit obligatus, praterquam debita regis tan-
tum. Co. Litt. 383. In England, the heir
is not bound to pay his ancestor's debts, unless
he be bound to it by the ancestor, except debts
due to the king. But now, by 3 & 4 Wm. IV.
c. 104, he is liable.

HÆRETARE. In old English law. To give
a right of inheritance, or make the donation
hereditary to the grantee and his heirs.
Cowell.

HÆRETICO COMBURENDO. The statute 2
Hen. IV. c. 15, de hæretico comburendo, was
the first penal law enacted against heresy,
and imposed the penalty of death by burning
against all heretics who relapsed or who re-
 fused to abjure their opinions. It was
repealed by the statute 29 Car. II. c. 9. Brown.
This was also the name of a writ for the pur-
pose indicated. See, also, De Hæretico Com-
burendo.

HAFNE. A haven or port. Cowell.

HAFNE COURTS. Haven courts; courts an-
ciently held in certain ports in England.
Spelman.

HAG. A division of a copple or wood on
which timber was cut annually by the pro-
priety. Ersk. Pr. 222.

HAGA. A house in a city or borough. Scott.


HAGNE. A little hand-gun. St. 33 Hen.
VIII. c. 6.

HAGNEBUT. A hand-gun of a larger de-
scription than the hagne. St. 2 & 3 Edw. VI.
c. 14; 4 & 5 P. & M. c. 2.

HAGUE TRIBUNAL. The Court of Arbitra-
tion established by the Hague Peace Confer-
ence of 1899. The object of the establishment
was to facilitate the immediate recourse to
arbitration for the settlement of interna-
tional differences by providing a permanent
court, "accessible at all times, and acting, in
default of agreement to the contrary between
the parties, in accordance with the rules of
procedure inserted in the present convention."
The court is given jurisdiction over all ar-
bitration cases, provided the parties do not
agree to institute a special tribunal. An in-
ternational Bureau was likewise established
to serve as a registry for the court and to be
the channel of communications relative to the
meetings of the court. The court, although
called "permanent," is really so only in the
fact that there is a permanent list of mem-
bers from among whom the arbitrators in a
given case are selected. At the Second Hague
Conference of 1907, apart from minor changes
made in the court, it was provided that, of
the two arbitrators appointed by each of the
parties, only one should be a national of the
appointing state. 1 Scott, 274-318, 523-464.

HAIA. In old English law. A park Inclosed.
A hedge. Cowell.

HAIIEBOTE. In old English law. A permis-
sion or liberty to take thorns, etc., to make
or repair hedges. Blount.

HAILL. In Scotch law. Whole; the whole.
"All and haim" are common words in convey-
ances. 1 Bell. App. Cas. 499.

HAILWORKFOLK (i.e., holyworkfolk.)
Those who formerly held lands by the serv-
ce of defending or repairing a church or
monument. See, also, Halywercfolk.

HAIMHALDARE. In old Scotch law. To
seek restitution of one's own goods and gear,
and bring the same home again. Skene de
Verb. Sign.

HAIMSUCKEN. In Scotch law. The crime
of assaulting a person in his own house. Bell.
See Hamessecken.

HAIR. A capillary outgrowth from the skin.
It has been held not to include the bristles

HAKH. Truth; the true God; a just or le-
gal prescriptive right or claim; a purquisite
claimable under established usage by village
officers. Wilson, Gloss. Ind.

HAKHDAR. The holder of a right. Moz. &
W. See Hakh.

HALAKAR. The realization of the revenue.
Wilson, Gloss. Ind.; Moz. & W.

HALF. A meoly; one of two equal parts
of anything susceptible of division. Prentiss
Harford Iron Mif. Co. v. Cambridge Min.
Co., 80 Mich. 491; 43 N. W. 351; Cogan v.
Cook, 22 Miffln. 142; Dart v. Barbour, 32 Mich.
272. Used in law in various compound terms,
in substantially the same sense, as follows:

-Half blood. See Blood.

-Half-brother, half-sister. Persons who have
the same father, but different mothers; or the
same mother, but different fathers. Wood v.
Mitcham, 92 N. Y. 379; In re Weiss' Estate, 1

-Half-cent. A copper coin of the United
States, of the value of five mills, and of the
weight of ninety-four grains. The coinage of
these was discontinued in 1857.
HALF

—Half chest. In connection with tea, a "half chest" is a chest containing 75 to 80 pounds, but the weight varies according to the kind of tea. Japan Tea Co. v. Franklin MacVeagh & Co., 142 Minn. 152, 171 N. W. 395, 397.

—Half defense. See Defense.

—Half-dime. A silver (now nickel) coin of the United States, of the value of five cents.

—Half-dollar. A silver coin of the United States, of the value of fifty cents, or one-half the value of a dollar.

—Half-eagle. A gold coin of the United States, of the value of five dollars.

—Half endall or halfen deal. A moiety or half of a thing.


—Half-mark. A noble, or six shillings and eight pence in English money.

—Half-pilota. Compensation for services which a pilot has put himself in readiness to perform, by labor, risk, and cost, and has offered to perform, at half the rate he would have received if the services had actually been performed. Gloucester Ferry Co. v. Pennsylvania, 114 U. S. 198, 5 Sup. Ct. 826, 28 L. Ed. 158.

—Half-proof. In the civil law. Proof by one witness, or a private instrument. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 25; 3 Bl. Comm. 370. Or prima facie proof, which yet was not sufficient to found a sentence or decree.

—Half-seal. That which was formerly used in the English chancery for sealing of commissions to delegates, upon any appeal to the court of delegates, either in ecclesiastical or marine causes. 8 Eliz. c. 3.

—Half section. In American land law. The half of a section of land according to the divisions of the government survey, laid off either by a north-and-south or by an east-and-west line, and containing 320 acres. See Brown v. Hardin, 21 Ark. 324.

—Half-timer. A child who, by the operation of the English factory and education acts, is employed for less than the full time in a factory or workshop, in order that he may attend some "recognized efficient school." See factory and workshop act, 1878, § 23; elementary education act, 1876, § 11.

—Half-tongue. A jury half of one tongue or nationality and half of another. See De Medietate Linguae.

—Half-year. In legal computation. The period of one hundred and eighty-two days; the odd hours being rejected. Co. Litt. 135b; Cro. Jac. 166; Yel. 100; 1 Steph. Comm. 265; Pol. Code Cal. 1903, § 3257.

HALI. A man employed in ploughing. Wilson, Gloss. Ind.; Moz. & W.

HALIFAX LAW. A synonym for lynch law, or the summary (and unauthorized) trial of a person accused of crime and the infliction of death upon him; from the name of the parish of Halifax, in England, where anciently this form of private justice was practised by the free burgheers in the case of persons accused of stealing; also called "gibeet law."

HALIGEMOT, or HALIMOTE. In Saxon law. The meeting of a hall, (convventus aucta.) that is, a lord's court; a court of a manor, or court-baron. Spelman. So called from the hall, where the tenants or freemen met, and justice was administered. Crabb, Eng. Law, 26.

It was sometimes used to designate a convention of citizens in their public hall and was also called folkmote and hallmote. The word hallmote rather signifies the lord's court or a court baron held in a manor in which the differences between the tenants were determined. Cunn. L Dict.; Cowell.

"Furthermore, it seems to have been a common practice for a wealthy abbey to keep a court, known as a hallmote, on each of its manors, while in addition to these manorial courts it kept a central court, a liber curia for all its greater freehold tenants. And we may now and again meet with courts which are distinctly called courts of honors. The rule then was not merely this, that the lord of a manor may hold a court for the manor; but rather this, that a lord may hold a court for his tenants." 1 Poll. & Mtll. 67.

HALIMAS. In English law. The feast of All Saints, on the 1st of November; one of the cross-quarters of the year, was computed from Halimas to Candlemas. Wharton.

HALIWORFOLK. See Halywerfolk.

HALL. A building or room of considerable size, used as a place for the meeting of public assemblies, conventions, courts, etc.; as, the city hall, the town hall.

In English Law

A name given to many manor-houses because the magistrate's court was held in the hall of his mansion; a chief mansion-house. Cowell.

HALL-MARK. An official stamp affixed by the goldsmiths upon articles made of gold or silver as an evidence of genuineness, and hence used to signify any mark of genuineness. "The power of free alienation is the 'hall-mark' of a fee-simple absolute." Rand. Em. Dom. § 206.

HALLAGE. In old English law. A fee or toll due for goods or merchandise vended in a hall. Jacob; 6 Co. 62.
A toll due to the lord of a fair or market, for such commodities as were vended in the common hall of the place. Cowell; Blount.

HALLAZZO. In Spanish law. The finding and taking possession of something which previously had no owner, and which thus becomes the property of the first occupant. Las Partidas, 3, 5, 28; 5, 48, 49; 5, 20, 50.

HALLE-GEMOTE. In Saxon law. Haligemot (q. v.).

HALLMOOT. See Halligemot.

HALLUCINATION. In medical jurisprudence. A trick or deceit of the senses; a morbid error either of the sense of sight or that of hearing, or possibly of the other senses; a psychological state, such as would be produced naturally by an act of sense-perception, attributed confidently, but mistakenly, to something which has no objective existence; as, when the patient imagines that he sees an object when there is none, or hears a voice or other sound when nothing strikes his ear. See Staples v. Wellington, 35 Me. 459; McNett v. Cooper (C. C.) 13 Fed. 590; People v. Krist, 168 N. Y. 19, 60 N. E. 1067.

An error, a blunder, a mistake, a fallacy; and when used in describing the condition of a person does not necessarily carry an imputation of insanity. Foster's Ex'rs v. Dickerson, 64 Vt. 232, 24 A. 253.

The perception by any of the senses of an object which has no existence. The conscious recognition of a sensation of sight, hearing, feeling, taste, or smell which is not due to any impulse received by the perceptive apparatus from without, but arises within the perceptive apparatus itself. A false perception in contradistinction to a delusion or false belief. Wood, Am. Text-Book of Med.

Hallucinations are tricks of the senses, differing from delusions in that hallucinations pass away while delusions remain. Benson v. Washington University, 253 Mo. 541, 158 S. W. 330, 333.

Hallucination does not by itself constitute insanity, though it may be evidence of it or a sign of its approach. It is to be distinguished from “delusion” in that, the latter is a fixed and irrational belief in the existence of a fact or state of facts, not cogizable through the senses, but to be determined by the faculties of reason, memory, judgment, and the like; while hallucination is a belief in the existence of an external object, perceptible by the senses, but having no real existence; or, in so far as a delusion may relate to an external object, it is an irrational belief as to the character, nature, or appearance, of something which really exists and affects the senses. For example, if a man should believe that he saw his right hand in its proper place, after it had been amputated, it would be an hallucination; but if he believed that his right hand was made of glass, it would be a delusion.

In other words, in the case of hallucination, the senses betray the mind, while in the case of delusion, the senses act normally, but their evidence is rejected by the mind on account of the existence of an irrational belief formed independently of them. They are further distinguished by the fact that hallucination may be observed and studied by the subject himself and traced to their causes, or may be corrected by reasoning or argument, while a delusion is an unconscious error, but so fixed and unchanged that the patient cannot be reasoned out of it. Hallucination is also to be distinguished from “illusion,” the latter term being appropriate to describe a perverted or distorted or wholly mistaken impression in the mind, derived from a true act of sense-perception, stimulated by a real external object, but modified by the imagination of the subject; while, in the case of hallucination, as above stated, there is no objective reality to correspond with the imagined perception.

HALMOT. See Halligemot.

HALYMOTE. A holy or ecclesiastical court. A court held in London before the lord mayor and sheriffs, for regulating the bakers.

It was anciently held on Sunday next before St. Thomas' day, and therefore called the “holy mote,” or holy court. Cowell.

HALYWERCFOLK. Sax. In old English law. Tenants who held by the service of repairing or defending a church or monument, whereby they were exempted from feudal and military services. Especially in the county of Durham, those who held by service of defending the corpse of St. Cuthbert. Jacob, Law Dict.

HAM. A place of dwelling; a homestead; a little narrow meadow. Blount. A house or little village. Cowell.

HAMA. In old English law. A hook; an engine with which a house on fire is pulled down. Yel. 60.

A piece of land.

HAMBLING, or HAMELING. In forest law. The boxing or hocking of dogs; an old mode of lamming or disabling dogs. Termes de la Ley. Expeditation (q. v.).

HAMEL, HAMELETA, or HAMELETA. A hamlet.

HAMESECKEN. In Scotch law. The violent entering into a man’s house without license or against the peace, and the seeking and assaulting him there. Skene de Verb. Sign.; 2 Forb. Inst. 139.

The crime of housebreaking or burglary. 4 Bl. Comm. 223. Spelled, also, “hamesucken.”

In Hale’s Pleas of the Crown it is said, “The common genus of offences that comes under the name of hamesucken is that which is usually called house-breaking; which sometimes comes under the common appellation of burglary, whether committed in the day or night to the intent to commit felony; so that house-breaking of this kind is of two natures.” 1 Hale, Pl. Cr. 547; Com. v. Hope, 23 Pick. (Mass.) 4.

See also, Hamsoccup.

HAMFARE. (Sax. From ham, a house.) In Saxon law. An assault made in a house; a breach of the peace in a private house. Cowell. This word by some is said to signify the
freedom of a man's house. Holthouse. See also, Hamsocne.

HAMLET. A small village; a part or member of a vill. It is the diminutive of "ham," a village. Cowell. See Rex v. Morris, 4 Term, 552.

A "village" or "hamlet" in a rural community may be no more than a store, a school, a church, and two or three residences. Rantoul Rural High School Dist. No. 2, Franklin County, v. Davis, 199 P. 1068, 1069, 99 Kan. 155.

HAMMA. A close joining to a house; acroft; a little meadow. Cowell.

HAMMER. Metaphorically, a forced sale or sale at public auction. "To bring to the hammer," to put up for sale at auction. "Sold under the hammer," sold by an officer of the law or by an auctioneer.

HAMSOCNE. In Saxon law. The word is variously spelled hamsocna, hamsocna, hamsonken, hamsocnen, hamsocne. The right of security and privacy in a man's house. Du Cange. The breach of this privilege by forcible entry of a house is breach of the peace. Anc. Laws & Inst. of Eng. Gloss; Du Cange; Bracton, lib. 3, tr. 2, c. 2, § 3. The right to entertain jurisdiction of the offence. Spelman; Du Cange. Immunity from punishment for such offence. Du Cange; Flota, lib. 1, c. 47, § 18. An insult offered in one's own house (insultus factus in domo). Brompton, p. 957; Du Cange.

Among the Anglo-Saxons it was breaking into a house; perhaps the time of the day was not an element. See 3 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 293; 2 Poll. & Mattl. 492. See also, Hamsocne.

HANAPER. A hamper or basket in which were kept the writs of the court of chancery relating to the business of a subject, and their returns; 5 & 6 Vict. c. 113; 10 Ric. II. c. 1; 3 Bl. Comm. 49; equivalent to the Roman fuscus. According to others, the fees accruing on writs, etc., were there kept. Spelman; Du Cange.

HANAPER-OFFICE. An office belonging to the common-law jurisdiction of the court of chancery, so called because all writs relating to the business of a subject, and their returns, were formerly kept in a hamper, in hanaperio. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 103. See Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 363.

HAND. A measure of length equal to four inches, used in measuring the height of horses. A person's signature. Salazar v. Taylor, 18 Colo. 538, 33 Pac. 369; 10 Mod. 103.

As a part of the body, within the purview of Workmen's Compensation Acts, "hand" designates the palm, fingers, and thumb, an organ primarily of prehension or grasping. Loyal v. Michigan Stamping Co., 202 Mich. 85, 167 N. W. 904, 905. But it has elsewhere been said that for the purpose of fixing compensation, the statute treats all parts below the elbow joint as an entirety under the name "hand." Western Const. Co. v. Early, 81 Ind. App. 480, 142 N. E. 396.

In the plural, the term may be synonymous with "possession"; as, the "hands" of an executor, garnishee, etc. Brownwood Gas Co. v. Belser (Tex. Civ. App.) 267 S. W. 605, 607.

In Old English Law

An oath.
For the meaning of the terms "strong hand" and "clean hands," see those titles.

HAND DOWN. To announce or file an opinion in a cause. Used originally and properly of the opinions of appellate courts transmitted to the court below; but in later usage the term is employed more generally with reference to any decision by a court upon a case or point reserved for consideration.

HAND-FASTING. In old English law. Betrothment.

HAND-GRITH. Peace or protection given by the king with his own hand; used in the laws of Henry I. Tomlin; Cowell; Moz. & W.; Stat. Hen. I. c. 13.

HAND MONEY. Money paid in hand to bind a bargain; earnest money, when it is in cash.

HANDBILL. A written or printed notice displayed to inform those concerned of something to be done. Kelly v. Board of Trustees of Evarts Common Graded School Dist., 162 Ky. 612, 172 S. W. 1047, 1048; People v. McLaughlin, 33 Misc. 691, 68 N. Y. S. 1108.

HANDBOROW. In Saxon law. A hand pledge; a name given to the nine pledges in a decennary or friborg; the tenth or chief, being called "handborow." (q. v.). So called as being an inferior pledge to the chief. Spelman.

HANDCUFFS. See Fetters.

HANDHABEND, or HAND-HABENDE. In Saxon law. One having a thing in his hand; that is, a thief found having the stolen goods in his possession. Jurisdiction to try such thief. See Laws of Hen. I. c. 59; Laws of Athelstane § 6; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 38, § 1; Britton p. 72; Du Cange, Handhabenda. See also, Backberend.

HANDLE. To deal in, to buy and sell, as merchandise. Adams Fish Market v. Sterrett, 106 Tex. 362, 172 S. W. 1109. To manage or operate. The term includes the act of placing a truck on a depot platform for the purpose of loading. Wells Fargo & Co. v. Lowery (Tex. Civ. App.) 197 S. W. 605, 606.

HANDSALE. Anciently, among all the northern nations, shaking of hands was held necessary to bind a bargain,—a custom still retained in yealbal contracts. A sale thus made
was called "handsale," (venditio per mutuum manuum complessionem.) In process of time the same word was used to signify the price or earnest which was given immediately after the shaking of hands, or instead thereof. 2 Bl. Comm. 448.

HANDSEL. Handsale, or earnest money.

HANDWRITING. The chirurgery of a person; the cast or form of writing peculiar to a person, including the size, shape, and style of letters, tricks of penmanship, and whatever gives individuality to his writing, distinguishing it from that of other persons. In re Hyland's Will (Sur.) 27 N. Y. S. 963.

Anything written by hand; an instrument written by the hand of a person, or a specimen of his writing.

Handwriting, considered under the law of evidence, includes not only the ordinary writing of one able to write, but also writing done in a disguised hand, or in cipher, and a mark made by one able or unable to write. 9 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 264. See Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 301, 32 Am. Dec. 172.

Typewriting is not "handwriting" within a statute allowing experts' opinions as to who executed a writing. Wolf v. Gail, 176 Cal. 787, 169 P. 1017, 1019.

HANDY MAN. A man of all work. Sovereign Camp, W. O. W., v. Craft, 208 Ala. 467, 94 So. 531, 534.

HANG. In old practice. To remain undetermined. "It has hung long enough; it is time it were made an end of." Holt, C. J., 1 Show. 77.

Thus, the present participle means pending; during the pendency. "If the tenant alien, hanging the possession." Co. Litt. 260a. Remaining undetermined. 1 Show. 77.

HANGED, DRAWN AND QUARTERED. A method of executing traitors in England, said to have been introduced in 1241. The traitor was carried on a sled, or hurdle to the gallows (formerly dragged there to the tail of a horse); hanged till half dead and then cut down; his entrails cut out and burnt; his head cut off and his body to be divided into quarters, which, with his head, were hung in some public place. In practice the executioner usually cut out the heart and held it up to view. See Andrews, Old Time Punishments; 1 Eng. Rep. 87.

HANGING. In criminal law. Suspension by the neck; the mode of capital punishment used in England from time immemorial, and generally adopted in the United States. 4 Bl. Comm. 463.

HANGING IN CHAINS. In atrocity cases it was at one time usual, in England, for the court to direct a murderer, after execution, to be hanged upon a gibbet in chains near the place where the murder was committed, a practice quite contrary to the Mosale law. (Deut. xxxi. 28.) Its legality was declared by acts in 1751 and 1828. Abolished by & & Wm. IV, c. 26. Wharton.

HANGING PAPER. Ordinarily, paper for hanging or hangings, or paper which hangs. Within the meaning of the Tariff Act (19 US CA § 121), paper used for covering walls, ceiling, etc., whether such paper is tinted or decorative or not;—a more inclusive term than "paper hangings," meaning tinted or decorative paper used for the purpose mentioned. Downing & Co. v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 451, 454.


HANGMAN. An executioner. One who executes condemned criminals by hanging.

HANGWITE. In Saxon law. A fine for illegal hanging of a thief, or for allowing him to escape. Immunity from such fine. Du Cange.

HANIG. Some customary labor to be performed. Holthouse.

HANSE. An alliance or confederation among merchants or cities, for the good ordering and protection of the commerce of its members. An imposition upon merchandise. Du Cange.

—Hanse towns. The collective name of certain German cities, including Lübeck, Hamburg, and Bremen, which formed an alliance for the mutual protection and furtherance of their commercial interests, in the twelfth century. The powerful confederacy thus formed was called the "Hanseatic League." The league framed and promulgated a code of maritime law, which was known as the "Laws of the Hanse Towns," or jus Hanseaticum Maritimum.

—Hanse towns, laws of the. The maritime ordinances of the Hanseatic towns, first published in German at Lübeck, in 1597, and in May, 1614, revised and enlarged.

—Hanseatic. Pertaining to a hanse or commercial alliance; but, generally, the union of the Hanse towns is the one referred to, as in the expression the "Hanseatic League." The years 1556 to 1377 marked the zenith of the league's power. The league gradually declined till, in 1699, the last general assembly was held and Lübeck, Hamburg and Bremen were left alone to preserve the name and small inheritance of the "Hanse."

HANGSRAVE. The chief of a company; the head man of a corporation.
HANTELOD, or HANTELODE. In old European law. An arrest, or attachment. Spelman; Du Cange; Toml.; Holthouse.

HAP. To catch. Thus, "hap the rent," "hap the deed-poll," were formerly used.

HAPPINESS. Comfort, consolation, contentment, ease, enjoyment; pleasure, satisfaction. National Surety Co. v. Jarrett, 55 W. Va. 493, 121 S. E. 291, 295. The constitutional right of men to pursue their "happiness" means the right to pursue any lawful business or vocation, in any manner not inconsistent with the equal rights of others, which may increase their prosperity, or develop their faculties, so as to give to them their highest enjoyment. Butchers' Union Co. v. Crescent City Co., 4 S. Ct. 652, 111 U. S. 737, 28 L. Ed. 585; 1 BL. Comm. 41. And see English v. English, 32 N. J. Eq. 750.

HAQUE. In old statutes. A hand-gun, about three-quarters of a yard long.

HARACIUM. In old English law. A race of horses and mares kept for breed; a stud. Spelman.

HARBINGER. In England, an officer of the royal household.

HARBOR, v. To receive clandestinely and without lawful authority a person for the purpose of so concealing him that another having a right to the lawful custody of such person shall be deprived of the same. Jones v. Van Zandt, 5 How. 215, 227, 12 L. Ed. 122. For example, the harboring of a wife or an apprentice in order to deprive the husband or the master of them; or, in a less technical sense, it is the reception of persons improperly. Poll. Torts 276; Wood v. Gale, 10 N. H. 217, 34 Am. Dec. 150; Eells v. People, 4 Scam. (Ill.) 498. It may be aptly used to describe the furnishing of shelter, lodging, or food clandestinely or with concealment, and under certain circumstances, may be equally applicable to those acts divested of any accompanying secrecy. U. S. v. Grant (C. C.) 55 F. 415.

A distinction has been taken in some decisions, between "harbor" and "conceal." A person may be convicted of harboring a slave, although he may not have concealed her. McElhaney v. State, 24 Ala. 71.

As used in U. S. Criminal Code, § 43 (18 USCA § 94), providing for the punishment of one who shall harbor, conceal, protect, or assist any soldier who has deserted from service, "harbor" means to lodge, to care for, after escaping the deserter. Pirpo v. United States (C. C. A.) 261 F. 830, 833.

Under Pen. Code Utah, § 4075, providing that persons who, after knowledge that a felony has been committed, harbor or protect the person charged therewith or convicted thereof, are accessories, the words "harbor and protect" imply more than mere withholding of knowledge as to the whereabouts of the party charged, and necessarily contemplate some affirmative act or acts of concealment or as-

stance rendered to the principal personally. Ex parte Overfield, 39 Nev. 30, 152 P. 528.

To "harbor" a dog involves the idea of protection, and of treating it as living at one's house, and undertaking to control its actions. Hagenau v. Millard, 185 Ws. 544, 156 N. W. 718, 719. See, also, Markwood v. McBroom, 110 Wash. 209, 188 P. 821, 822.

HARBOR. n. A haven, or a space of deep water so sheltered by the adjacent land as to afford a safe anchorage for ships. Rowe v. Smith, 51 Conn. 271, 50 Am. Rep. 16; The Aurora (D. C.) 29 F. 103; People v. Kirsch, 67 Mich. 539, 33 N. W. 157; The Cuzco (D. C.) 225 F. 169, 178. A port or haven for ships; a sheltered place, natural or artificial, on the coast of a sea, lake, or other body of water. State v. Savidge, 55 Wash. 246, 163 P. 738, 740.

"Port" is a word of larger import than "harbor," since it implies the presence of wharves, or at any rate the means and opportunity of receiving and discharging cargo. See 7 M. & G. 679; Martin v. Hilton, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 271; 2 B. & Ald. 490. Thus, we have the "said harbor, basin, and docks of the port of Hull." 2 B. & Ald. 69. But they are generally used as synonymous. Webster, Dict.

HARBOR AUTHORITY. In England a harbor authority is a body of persons, corporate or unincorporate, being proprietors of, or entrusted with the duty of constructing, improving, managing, or lighting, any harbor. St. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 47.


HARD. As applied to liquors, rough; acid; sour. In re Stiller, 175 App. Div. 211, 161 N. Y. S. 504, 507.

HARD CASES. A phrase used to indicate decisions which, to meet a case of hardship to a party, are not entirely consonant with the true principle of the law. It is said of such: Hard cases make bad law. Hard cases must not make bad equity any more than bad law; Moore v. Pierson, 6 Iowa, 279, 71 Am. Dec. 409.

HARD CASES are the quicksands of the law. Metropolitan Nat. Bank v. Campbell Commissio

Hard cases make bad law.

HARD CIDER. Cider which has lost its sweetness from fermentation—fermented cider possessing a stimulating and intoxicating effect, due to its acquisition of a substantial and potent alcoholic content, through fermentation. United States v. Dodson (D. C.) 208 F. 397, 403; Monroe Cider Vinegar &


HARD OF HEARING. A relative term, applied to one that cannot hear as well as one possessing normal faculties of hearing or does not hear as well as the average person. Sharpes v. Jones, 100 W. Va. 662, 131 S. E. 463, 464.

HARDHEIDS. In old Scotch law. Lions; coins formerly of the value of three halfpence. 1 Pitt. Crim. Tr. pt. 1, p. 64, note.

HARDPAN. Any earth not popularly recognized as rock through which it is hard to dig or to make excavation of any sort. It may be: (1) Semiduramated clay, with or without admixture of stony matter; (2) cemented gravel; or (3) clay, with or without admixture of stony matter, which is very tough because of its strong cohesion. Baker v. Multnomah County, 118 Or. 143, 246 P. 352, 355. See, also, Sweeney v. Jackson County, 95 Or. 96, 178 P. 365, 376.

HARDSHIP. The severity with which a proposed construction of the law would bear upon a particular case, founding, sometimes, an argument against such construction, which is otherwise termed the "argument ab inconvenienti." See Hard Cases.

HARIOT. The same as heriot (q. v.) Cowell; Terminis de la Ley. Sometimes spelled Harriot. Wms. Sels. 203.

HARMFUL or HARMLESS ERROR. See Error.

HARMONIC PLANE. The zero adopted by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey of the Department of Commerce upon which its tidal tables, charts, and maps are based. It is an arbitrary plane, and, in Puget Sound, is the lowest plane of the tide recognized by that department. State v. Scott, 89 Wash. 63, 154 P. 165, 168.

HARMONIZE. Though not strictly synonymous with the word "reconcile," it is not improperly used by a court in instructing the jury that it is their duty to "harmonize" conflicting evidence if possible. Holdridge v. Lee, 3 S. D. 134, 52 N. W. 265.

HARMONY. The phrase "in harmony with" is synonymous with "in agreement, conformity, or accordance with." Brown Real Estate Co. v. Lancaster County, 110 Neb. 665, 194 N. W. 897, 898.

HARNASCA. In old European law. The defensive armor of a man; harness. Spelman.

HARNESS. The defensive armor of a soldier or knight. All warlike instruments. In modern poetical sense, a suit of armor. Sometimes, the trappings of a war-horse.

The tackle or furniture of a ship.

HARO, HARRON. Fr. In Norman and early English law. An outcry, or hue and cry after felons and malefactors. Cowell. The original of the clamour de haro comes from the Normans. Moz. & W.

HARIOTT. The old form of "heriot" (q. v.) Williams, Sels. 206.

HART. A stag or male deer of the forest five years old complete.

HARTER ACT. A name commonly applied to the act of congress of February 13, 1893, c. 105. It provides (§ 1) that agreements in a bill of lading relieving the owner, etc., of a vessel sailing between the United States and foreign ports, from liability for negligence or fault in proper loading, stowage, custody, care, or delivery of merchandise, are void (46 USCA § 190); (§ 2) that no bill of lading shall contain any agreement whereby the obligations of the owner to exercise due diligence, properly equip, man, provision and outfit a vessel and make it seaworthy, and whereby the obligations of the master, etc., carefully to handle, store, care for and deliver the cargo, are in any way lessened, weakened or avoided (46 USCA § 191); (§ 3) that if the owner shall exercise due diligence to make such vessel in all respects seaworthy and properly manned, equipped and supplied, neither the vessel nor her owners, etc., shall be liable for loss resulting from faults or errors in navigation or management, nor for losses arising from dangers of the sea, acts of God, or public enemies, or the inherent defect of the thing carried, or insufficiency of package, or seizure under legal process, or any act or omission of the shipper of the goods, or from saving or attempting to save life at sea, or deviation in rendering such service (46 USCA § 192).


HARVESTING EXPENSES. As used in a note given in payment of the purchase price of an interest in a growing crop, containing a condition that the payee should look for payment solely to the proceeds of the crop after all harvesting expenses shall have been fully paid, the term "harvesting expenses" is
not limited to expenses incurred in the cutting and threshing of the crop, but includes expenses for repairs of machinery used in harvesting the crop, the rent of live stock, implements, and the cost of labor. Botta v. Orton, 31 Cal. App. 397, 167 P. 1147, 1148.

HASP AND STAPLE. In old Scotch law. The form of entering an heir in a subject situated within a royal borough. It consisted of the heir’s taking hold of the hasp and staple of the door, (which was the symbol of possession,) with other formalities. Bell: Burrell. A mode of entry in Scotland by which a bailee declared a person heir on evidence brought before himself, at the same time delivering the property over to him by the hasp and staple of the door. Bell; Ersk. Pr. 433.

HASPA. In old English law. The hasp of a door; by which livery of selshin might anciently be made, where there was a house on the premises.

HASTA. Lat. A spear. In the Roman law, a spear was the sign of a public sale of goods or sale by auction. Hence the phrase “hasta subjicere” (to put under the spear) meant to put up at auction. Calvin.

In Feudal Law
A spear. The symbol used in making investiture of a fief. Feud. lib. 2, tit. 2.

HAT MONEY. In maritime law. Primage; a small duty paid to the captain and mariners of a ship.


HATCHWAY. Specifically, an opening in the deck of a boat; hence any similar opening, as in a floor or sidewalk; a trapdoor. Kelly v. Theo. Homm Brewing Co., 140 Minn. 371, 158 N. W. 131, 132. The term is inapplicable to the head of a stairway; Peterson v. Shapiro, 171 Minn. 468, 214 N. W. 299, 270; or to basement ways; State v. Armstrong, 97 Neb. 343, 149 N. W. 786, 788, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 554.

HAUBER. O. Fr. A high lord; a great baron. Spelman.

HAUGH, HOUGH, or HOWGH. Low-lying rich lands, lands which are occasionally overflowed. Encyc. Dict. A green plot in a valley.

HAUL. The use of this word, instead of the statutory word “carry,” in an indictment charging that the defendant “old feloniously steal, take, and haul away” certain personally, will not render the indictment bad, the words being in one sense equivalent. Spitter v. State, 108 Ind. 171, 8 N. E. 911.

HAUR. In old English law. Hatred. Used in the laws of William the Conqueror. Toml.; Leg. Wm. I. c. 16; Blount.

HAUSTUS. Lat. In the civil law. A species of servitude, consisting in the right to draw water from another’s well or spring, in which the iter (right of way to the well or spring,) so far as it is necessary, is tacitly included. Dig. 8, 3, 1; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 318; Fleta, l. 4, c. 27, § 9.


AUTHONER. In old English law. A man armed with a coat of mail. Jacob.

HAVE. Lat. A form of the salutatory expression “Are,” used in the titles of some of the constitutions of the Theodosian and Justinian Codes. See Cod. 7, 62, 9; Id. 9, 2, 11.


“No one, at common law, was said to have or to be in possession of land, unless it were conveyed to him by the livery of selshin, which gave him the corporal investiture and bodily occupation thereof.” Bl. Law Tracta, 13.

HAVE AND HOLD. A common phrase in conveyancing, derived from the habendum et tenendum of the old common law. See Habendum et Tenendum.

HAVEN. A place of a large receipt and safe riding of ships, so situate and secured by the land circumjacent that the vessels thereby ride and anchor safely, and are protected by the adjacent land from dangerous or violent winds; as Milford Haven, Plymouth Haven, and the like. Hale de Jure Mar. par. 2, c. 2: The Cuzco (D. C.) 225 F. 169, 176; 15 East 304, 305. And see Lowndes v. Board of Trustees, 163 U. S. 1, 14 S. Ct. 758, 38 L. Ed. 615; De Longuemere v. New York Ins. Co., 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 125(a); De Lovio v. Bolt, 7 Fed. Cas. 426.

HAW. A small parcel of land so called in Kent; houses. Co. Litt. 5; Cowell.

HAWBERK, or HAWBERT. A coat or shirt of mail; hence, derivatively (in feudal law) one who held a fief on the duty or service of providing himself with such armor and standing ready, thus equipped, for military service.
HAUGH, HOWGH. In old English law. A valley. Co. Litt. 5b.

HAWKER. A trader who goes from place to place, or along the streets of a town, selling the goods which he carries with him. See Hawking.

It is perhaps not essential to the idea, but is generally understood from the word, that a hawker is to be one who not only carries goods for sale, but seeks for purchasers, either by outcry, which some lexicographers conceive as intimated by the derivation of the word, or by attracting notice and attention to them, as goods for sale, by an actual exhibition or exposure of them, by placards or labels, or by a conventional signal, like the sound of a horn for the sale of fish. Com. v. Ober, 12 Cush. (Mass.) 495. And see Graffy v. Rushville, 107 Ind. 603, 8 N. B. 608, 57 Am. Rep. 128; Clements v. Casper, 4 Wyo. 494, 35 P. 472; Hall v. State, 29 Fla. 527, 23 South. 119; Pevey v. Greenberg, 101 N. J. Law, 435, 128 A. 655, 886.

One who goes about a village carrying supplies and giving orders for a non-resident farm is not a hawker or peddler. Village of Cerro Gordo v. Rawlings, 235 Ill. 36, 35 N. E. 1096.

HAWKING. The act of offering goods for sale on the streets by outcry or by attracting the attention of persons by exposing goods in a public place, or by placards, labels, or signals. Pastorino v. City of Detroit, 152 Mich. 231, 235, Ann. Cas. 1916D, 768.

The business of peddling is distinct from that of a manufacturer selling his own products, and those who raise or produce what they sell, such as farmers and butchers, are not peddlers. Ex parte Hogg, 70 Tex. Cr. R. 151, 156 S. W. 931, 932. The occupation of a dairyman, going about delivering the milk from his farm to his regular customers according to their previous orders, is not, within the ordinary meaning of the term, peddling or hawking. State ex rel. Brittain v. Hayes, 143 La. 38, 78 So. 143, 144.

HAY. This term, as used in a statute, does not apply to the stalks, stems, and other residue, left after bean plants have been threshed and the bean kernel or seeds removed. State v. Choate, 41 Idaho, 251, 228 P. 538, 540.

HAY IN STACK. A stack of hay, grain, straw, or the like is a large quantity thereof collected and usually built up in layers in conical, oblong, or rectangular form to a point or ridge at the top so that it will be preserved against the inclemencies of the weather, and a policy covering "hay in stack" does not cover hay in the mow of a barn. Murphy v. Continental Ins. Co., 175 Iowa, 375, 157 N. W. 855, 856, L. R. A. 1917B, 934.

HAY-BOTE. Another name for "hedge-bote," being one of the estovers allowed to a tenant for life or years, namely, material for repairing the necessary hedges or fences of his grounds, or for making necessary farming utensils. 2 Bl. Comm. 35; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 129.

HAUYARD. In old English law. An officer appointed in the lord's court to keep a common herd of cattle of a town; so called because he was to see that they did not break or injure the hedges of inclosed ground. His duty was also to impound trespassing cattle, and to guard against pound-breaches. Kitch. 46; Cowell. Adams v. Nichols, 1 Aikens (Vt.) 319.

HAZAR-ZAMIN. A bail or surety for the personal attendance of another. Moz. & W.

HAZARD. In Old English Law

An unlawful game at dice, those who play at it being called "hazardors." Jacob.

In Modern Law

Any game of chance or wagering. Cheek v. Com., 100 Ky. 1, 37 S. W. 152; Graves v. Ford, 3 B. Mon. (Ky.) 115; Somers v. State, 5 Sneed (Tenn.) 498.


In Insurance Law

The risk, danger, or probability that the event insured against may happen, varying with the circumstances of the particular case. See State Ins. Co. v. Taylor, 14 Colo. 499, 24 P. 333, 20 Am. St. Rep. 281.

In General

—Moral hazard. In fire insurance. The risk or danger of the destruction of the insured property by fire, as measured by the character and interest of the insured owner, his habits as a prudent and careful man or the reverse, his known integrity or his bad reputation, and the amount of loss he would suffer by the destruction of the property or the gain he would make by suffering it to burn and collecting the insurance. See Syndicate Ins. Co. v. Bohn, 65 F. 170, 12 C. C. A. 531, 27 L. R. A. 614; Davenport v. Firemen's Ins. Co. of Newark, N. J., 47 S. D. 426, 109 N. W. 203, 205.

HAZARDOR. In old English law. One who played at a hazard, i. e., an unlawful game of dice. Jacob.

HAZARDOUS. Exposed to or involving danger; perilous; risky.

The terms "hazardous," "extra-hazardous," "specially hazardous," and "not hazardous" are well-understood technical terms in the business of insurance, having distinct and separate meanings. Although what goods are included in each designation may not be so known as to dispense with actual proof, the terms themselves are distinct and known to be so. Russell v. Insurance Co., 50 Minn.
HAZARDOUS CONTRACT. See Contract.

HAZARDOUS INSURANCE. Insurance effected on property which is in unusual or peculiar danger of destruction by fire, or on the life of a man whose occupation exposes him to special or unusual perils.

HAZARDOUS NEGLIGENCE. See Negligence.

He. Properly a pronoun of the masculine gender, but commonly construed in statutes to include both sexes as well as corporations. Dickson v. Strickland, 114 Tex. 176, 265 S. W. 1012, 1021. The use of this pronoun in a written instrument, in referring to a person whose Christian name is designated therein by a mere initial, is not conclusive that the person referred to is a male; Hightower v. State, 14 Ga. App. 246, 80 S. E. 684, 685; it may be shown by parol that the person intended to be a female; Bernhard v. Beecher, 11 P. 802, 71 Cal. 38. Its use in an indictment, referring to a named individual, was held to obviate any necessity for averring that such individual was a human being. Woods v. Commonwealth, 140 Va. 491, 124 S. E. 465, 469.

He who comes into a court of equity must come with clean hands.

He who has committed iniquity shall not have equity. Francis, Max.

He who is silent when conscience requires him to speak shall be debarred from speaking when conscience requires him to be silent.

He who seeks equity must do equity. It is in pursuance of this maxim that equity enforces the right of the wife's equity to a settlement. Snell, Eq. (5th Ed.) 374. See Drake v. Sherman, 67 Ill. App. 449.

He who will have equity done to him must do equity to the same person. 4 Bouv. Inst. 3723.

HEAD. Chief; leading, principal; the upper part or principal source of a stream.

The principal person or chief of any organization, corporation, or firm.

HEAD MONEY. A sum of money reckoned at a fixed amount for each head (person) in a designated class. Particularly (1) a capital or poll tax. (2) A bounty offered by the laws of the United States for each person on board an enemy's ship or vessel, at the commencement of a naval engagement, which shall be sunk or destroyed by a ship or vessel of the United States of equal or inferior force, the same to be divided among the officers and crew in the same manner as prize money. In re Farragut, 7 D. C. 97. A similar reward is offered by the British statutes. (3) The tax or duty imposed by act of congress of Aug. 5, 1822, on owners of steamships and sailing vessels for every immigrant brought into the United States. Head Money Cases, 112 U. S. 520, 5 Sup. Ct. 247, 28 L. Ed. 798. (4) A bounty or reward paid to one who pursues and kills a bandit or outlaw and produces his head as evidence; the offer of such a reward being popularly called "putting a price on his head."


To constitute a "head of a family" there must be at least two persons who live together in the relation of one family, and one of them must be the "head" of that "family." Johns v. Bowden, 68 Ga. 38, 46 So. 155, 156.

To be the head of a family, one must either have a responsibility (i.e., at least a natural or moral obligation) to support, or have parental authority over, another member of the family. Whyte v. Grant, 142 La. 82, 77 So. 443.

To constitute one the "head of a family" so as to be entitled to a homestead exemption, there must be others than himself, who with him form the family and are legally dependent upon him, and whom he is legally obliged to care for. Union Trust Co. v. Cox, 55 Okl. 296, 155 P. 206, 209, L. R. A. 1917C, 256; In re Stearns (D. C.) 284 F. 578; Peerless Pacific Co. v. Burckhard, 99 Wash. 221, 155 P. 1037, 1038, L. R. A. 1917C, 353, Ann. Cas. 1918B, 247; John E. Morrison & Co. v. Murf (Tex. Civ. App.) 212 S. W. 212, 214; In re Bordelon (D. C.) 2 F. (2d) 164; Appeal of Brookland Bank, 112 S. C. 409, 180 S. E. 460 (but see In re Taylor (D. C.) 222 F. 315, 316).

HEAD OF CREEK. This term means the source of the longest branch, unless general reputation has given the appellation to another. Davis v. Bryant, 2 Bibb. (Ky.) 110.
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT. In the constitution and laws of the United States, the heads of departments are the officers at the head of the great executive departments of government (commonly called "the cabinet") such as the secretary of state, secretary of the interior, attorney general, postmaster general, and so on, not including heads of bureaus.


HEAD OF STREAM. The highest point on the stream which furnishes a continuous stream of water, not necessarily the longest fork or prong. Uhl v. Reynolds, 64 S. W. 498, 23 Ky. Law Rep. 759; State v. Coleman, 13 N. J. Law, 104.

HEAD OF WATER. In hydraulic engineering, mining, etc., the effective force of a body or volume of water, expressed in terms of the vertical distance from the level of the water in the pond, reservoir, dam, or other source of supply, to the point where it is to be mechanically applied, or expressed in terms of the pressure of the water per square inch at the latter point. See Shearer v. Middleton, 88 Mich. 521, 50 N. W. 737; Cargill v. Thompson, 57 Minn. 534, 59 N. W. 635.

HEADBOROUGH. In Saxon law. The head or chief officer of a borough; chief of the frankpledge tithing or decennary. This office was afterwards, when the petty constableship was created, united with that office.

HEAD-COURTS. Certain tribunals in Scotland, abolished by 20 Geo. II. c. 50. Ersk. 1, 4, 5.

HEADERS. In mining, a "cap" is a square piece of plank or block wedged between the top of posts and the roof to better hold the roof, and "headers" are longer pieces of plank supported by a prop at each end and supporting a larger area of the roof with fewer posts. Big Branch Coal Co. v. Wrenchle, 160 Ky. 668, 170 S. W. 14, 16.

HEADLAND. In old English law. A narrow piece of unplowed land left at the end of a plowed field for the turning of the plow. Called, also, "bult." 2 Leoni. 70, case 93; 1 Litt. 15.

HEAD-NOTE. A syllabus to a reported case; a summary of the points decided in the case, which is placed at the head or beginning of the report.

HEAD-PENCE. An exaction of 40d. or more, collected by the sheriff of Northumberland from the people of that county twice in every seven years, without account to the king. Abolished by 23 Hen. VI. c. 6, in 1444. Cowell.

HEADRIGHT CERTIFICATE. In the laws of the republic of Texas, a certificate issued under authority of an act of 1839, which provided that every person immigrating to the republic between October 1, 1837, and January 1, 1840, who was the head of a family and actually resided within the government with his or her family should be entitled to a grant of 410 acres of land, to be held under such a certificate for three years, and then conveyed by absolute deed to the settler, if in the mean time he had resided permanently within the republic and performed all the duties required of citizens. Cannon v. Vaughan, 12 Tex. 401; Turner v. Hart, 10 Tex. 441.

HEAD-SILVER. A name sometimes given to a Common Fine (q. v.). By a payment of a certain sum of money to the lord, litigants might try their suits nearer home. Blount.

HEAFODWEARD. In old English law. One of the services to be rendered by a thane, or a geneath or villain, the precise nature of which is unknown. Anc. Eng. Inst.

HEALER. One who heals or cures; specifically, one who professes to cure bodily diseases without medicine or any material means, according to the tenets and practices of so-called "Christian Science," whose beliefs and practices, being founded on their religious convictions, are not per se proof of insanity. In re Brush's Will, 35 Misc. 680, 72 N. Y. S. 425.

HEALGEMOTE. In Saxon law. A court-baron; an ecclesiastical court; Haligemot (q. v.).

HEALING ACT. Another name for a curative act or statute. See Lockhart v. Troy, 48 Ala. 384.

HEALSFANG. In Saxon law. A sort of pillory, by which the head of the culprit was caught between two boards, as feet are caught in a pair of stocks. Cowell. It was very early disused, no mention of it occurring in the laws of the Saxon kings. Anc. Laws & Inst. of Eng. Gloss.; Spelman, Gloss.

HEALTH. Freedom from pain or sickness; the most perfect state of animal life. The natural agreement and concordant disposition of the parts of the living body. Not synonymous with "sanitation." Black v. Lambert (Tex. Civ. App.) 235 S. W. 704, 706. The right to the enjoyment of health is a subdivision of the right of personal security, one of the absolute rights of persons. 1 Bl. Comm. 120, 124. As to injuries affecting health, see 3 Bl. Comm. 122.

Bill of Health
See Bill. Board of Health
See Board.
Health Laws

Laws prescribing sanitary measures, and designed to promote or preserve the health of the community.

Health Officer

The officer charged with the execution and enforcement of health laws. The powers and duties of health officers are regulated by local laws.

Public Health

As one of the objects of the police power of the state, the "public health" means the prevailing healthful or sanitary condition of the general body of people or the community in mass, and the absence of any general or wide-spread disease or cause of mortality. The wholesome sanitary condition of the community at large. State ex rel. Pollock v. Becker, 289 Mo. 660, 233 S. W. 641, 649.

Sound Health

See "Sound."

HEALTHY. Free from disease or bodily ailment, or any state of the system peculiarly susceptible or liable to disease or bodily ailment. Bell v. Jeffreys, 35 N. C. 356.

HEARING.

In Equity Practice

The hearing of the arguments of the counsel for the parties upon the pleadings, or pleadings and proofs; corresponding to the trial of an action at law.

The word has an established meaning as applicable to equity cases. It means the same thing in those cases that the word "trial" does in cases at law. And the words "final hearing" have long been used to designate the trial of an equity case upon the merits, as distinguished from the hearing of any preliminary questions arising in the cause, which are termed "interlocutory." Albery v. Villas, 24 Wis. 171, 1 Am. Rep. 166.

A "hearing" is technically the trial of the case, including the introduction of the evidence, the argument of the solicitors, and the decree of the chancellor. State ex rel. Case v. Sehorn, 283 Mo. 558, 223 S. W. 564, 690; State v. State Road Commission, 100 W. Va. 331, 131 S. E. 7, 8; Chicago Ry. Equipment Co. v. Blair (C. C. A.) 20 F.(2d) 10, 11; McClintock v. Lankford, 145 Ark. 554, 224 S. W. 458, 490; American Grain Separator Co. v. Twin City Separator Co. (C. C. A.) 202 F. 262, 265.

The word contemplates not only the privilege to be present when the matter is being considered, but the right to present one's contentions, and to support the same by proof and argument. State v. Milbollan, 50 N. D. 184, 195 N. W. 232, 235; Crucla v. Behrman, 147 La. 137, 84 So. 523, 525; Hanson v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co., 32 Wyo. 337, 232 P. 1104, 1104.

The word is broad enough to include judicial examination of issue between the parties whether of law or of fact. Keown v. Keown, 231 Mass. 404, 121 N. E. 153, 154.

In Criminal Law

The examination of a prisoner charged with a crime or misdemeanor, and of the witnesses for the accused.

Final Hearing

See Final.

Preliminary Hearing


The hearing given to a person accused of crime, by a magistrate or judge, exercising the functions of a committing magistrate, to ascertain whether there is evidence to warrant and require the commitment and holding to bail of the person accused. See Bish. New Cr. L. §§ 32, 225.

A "preliminary examination" is in no sense a trial for the determination of accused's guilt or innocence, but simply a course of procedure whereby a possible abuse of power may be prevented, and accused discharged or held to answer, as the facts warrant. State v. Langford, 240 S. W. 156, 158, 233 Mo. 456.

HEARSAY. A term applied to that species of testimony given by a witness who relates, not what he knows personally, but what others have told him, or what he has heard said by others. Hopt v. Utah, 110 U. S. 574, 4 Sup. Ct. 202, 28 L. Ed. 262; Morell v. Morell, 167 Ind. 179, 60 N. E. 1092; Stockton v. Williams, 1 Doug. (Mich.) 570; People v. Kraft, 91 Hun. 474, 39 N. Y. Supp. 1084.

Hearsay evidence is that which does not derive its value solely from the credit of the witness, but rests mainly on the veracity and competency of other persons. The very nature of the evidence shows its weakness, and it is admitted only in specified cases from necessity. Code Ga. 1852, § 3770 (Civ. Code 1910, § 5762); 1 Phil. Ev. 185.

Hearsay evidence is second-hand evidence, as distinguished from original evidence; it is the repetition at second-hand of what would be original evidence if given by the person who originally made the statement.

HEARTH MONEY. A tax levied in England by St. 14 Car. II. c. 10, consisting of two shillings on every hearth or stove in the kingdom. It was extremely unpopular, and was abolished by 1 W. & M. St. 1, c. 10. This tax was otherwise called "chimney money."

HEARTH SILVER. In English law. A species of modus or composition for tithes; Anstr. 323, 326; viz.: a prescription for cutting down and using for fuel the tithe of wood. 2 Burn, Eccl. Law 304.

HEAT OF PASSION. In criminal law. A state of violent and uncontrollable rage engendered by a blow or certain other provocation given, which will reduce a homicide from the grade of murder to that of manslaughter. State v. Wiener, 66 Mo. 23; State v. Andrew, B.L. LAW DICT. (30 Ed.)
76 Mo. 101; State v. Bulling, 105 Mo. 204, 15 S. W. 367; State v. Johnson, 250 Mo. 250, 157 S. W. 348, 352; Disney v. State, 72 Fla. 492, 73 So. 598, 601.

It does not mean passion or anger which comes from an old grudge, or no immediate cause or provocation; but passion or anger suddenly aroused at the time by some immediate and reasonable provocation, by words or acts of one at the time. State v. Sexton, 106 Mo. 198, 17 S. W. 189.

The phrase indicates no more than a state of mind different from that of a cool state of the blood. State v. Carlou, 206 Mo. 82, 199 S. W. 332, 334.

HEATSTROKE. Sunstroke; a sudden prostration resulting from exposure to excessive heat, regardless of the source from which the heat emanates. Mather v. London Guarantee & Accident Co., 125 Minn. 186, 145 N. W. 963. A condition of the body produced by great heat. Texas Employers' Ins. Ass'n v. Moore (Tex. Civ. App.) 279 S. W. 516, 518. A depression of the vital powers, due to exposure to excessive heat, and manifesting itself as prostration with syncope, etc. (heat exhaustion), as prostration with insensibility, fever, etc. (true sunstroke), or rarely as acute meningitis; sunstroke or insolation (in the wider sense). Smith v. Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co., 211 Ky. 451, 277 S. W. 806, 807.

HEAVE TO. In maritime parlance and admiralty law. To stop a sailing vessel's headway by bringing her head "into the wind," that is, in the direction from which the wind blows. A steamer is said to be "hove to" when held in such a position that she takes the heaviest seas upon her quarter. The Hugo (D. C.) 57 Fed. 411.

HEBBERMAN. An unlawful fisher in the Thames below London bridge; so called because they generally fished at ebbing tide or water. 4 Hen. VII. c. 15; Jacob.

HEBBERTHEF. In Saxon law. The privilege of having the goods of a thief, and the trial of him, within a certain liberty. Cowell.

HEBBING-WEARS. A device for catching fish in ebbing water. St. 23 Hen. VIII. c. 5.

HEBDOMAD. A week; a space of seven days.

HEBDOMADIUS. A week's man; the canon or prebendary in a cathedral church, who had the peculiar care of the choir and the offices of it for his own week. Cowell.

HEBOTE. The king's edict commanding his subjects into the field.

HEBREW. Not the same as Yiddish, so that an alien, who claimed to be able to read Hebrew, but was examined as to his ability to read Yiddish, was not given a fair hearing, to determine whether he was within the class excluded under Act Feb. 5, 1917, § 2 (S US CA § 190), providing for a literacy test. U. S. v. Tod (C. O. A.) 294 F. 820, 822. See Yiddish.

HECCAGIUM. In feudal law. Rent paid to a lord of the fee for a liberty to use the engines called "hecks."

HECK. An engine to take fish in the river Ouse. 23 Hen. VIII. c. 18.

HEDA. A small haven, wharf, or landing place.

HEDAGIUM. Toll or customary dues at the hith or wharf, for landing goods, etc., from which exemption was granted by the crown to some particular persons and societies. Wharton; Cowell.

HEDGE. See Hedging.

HEDGE-BOTE. An allowance of wood for repairing hedges or fences, which a tenant or lessee has a right to take off the land let or demised to him. 2 Bl. Comm. 35; Livingston v. Ten Broeck, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 15, 8 Am. Dec. 287.

HEDGE-PRIEST. A vagabond priest in olden time.

A hedge-parson: specifically, in Ireland, formerly, a priest who has been admitted to orders directly from a hedge-school, without preparation in theological studies at a regular college. Cent. Dict.


The term "hedge," as used in the milling business, means when the miller enters into a contract for the delivery of flour at a future date, he buys wheat on the stock exchange for future delivery, and when he purchases wheat for actual delivery from the grain elevator to fulfill the contract which he had previously made to furnish flour, he sells the wheat which he has bought on the stock exchange. Bluefield Milling Co. v. Western Union Telegraph Co., 194 W. Va. 190, 129 S. E. 635, 55 A. L. R. 635.
HEEL BLANK. In the nomenclature of the art of building heels, the term "heel blank" or heel base is applied to several heel lifts cemented together, forming the heel of the heel minus the rand and a bottom or finishing lift. Brockton Heel Co. v. International Shoe Co. (D. C.) 19 F. (2d) 145.

HEEL LOG. In the nomenclature of the art of building heels, the term "heel log" is applied to a succession of heel lifts coated with an adhesive, piled one upon the other, to which pressure has been applied, making a log of some indeterminate length. Brockton Heel Co. v. International Shoe Co. (D. C.) 19 F. (2d) 145.

HEEL LOG SECTION. In the nomenclature of the art of building heels, a portion of a heel log of any convenient length. Brockton Heel Co. v. International Shoe Co. (D. C.) 19 F. (2d) 145.

HEELEER. An opprobrious term, meaning in common acceptation a person who is the lackey or hangener of another, and in a political sense an unscrupulous and disreputable person. Winnisboro Cotton Oil Co. v. Carson (Tex. Civ. App.) 135 S. W. 1002, 1008.

HEGEMONY. The leadership of one among several independent confederate states.

HEGIRA. The epoch or account of time used by the Arabsians and the Turks, who begin the Mohammedan era and computation from the day that Mohammed was compelled to escape from Mecca to Medina which happened on the night of Thursday, July 15, A. D. 622, under the reign of the Emperor Heraclius. Townsend, Dict. Dates; Wilson, Gloss. The era begins July 16. The word is sometimes spelled hejira but the former is the ordinary usage. It is derived from kijrah, in one form or another, an oriental term denoting flight, departure.

The flight of Mohammed from Mecca. Webster, Dict.

HEGUMENOS. The leader of the monks in the Greek Church.

HEIFER. A young cow which has not had a calf. State v. Papillon, 139 La. 791, 72 So. 249; 2 East, P. C. 616. And see State v. McMinn, 34 Ark. 162; Mundell v. Hammond, 40 Vt. 645.

HEIR. At Common Law


An heir is primarily a person related to another by blood, who would take the latter's real estate if he died intestate. Morse v. Ballou, 132 Me. 124, 90 A. 1091. This meaning of the word, however, is now largely affected by statute. Newby v. Anderson, 106 Kan. 47, 138 P. 483.


A gift of personality to "heirs" or "lawful heirs" or "heirs at law," whether to one's own heirs or to heirs of another, is to those who would be entitled to take under the statute of distribution. In re Carter's Will, 99 Vt. 480, 134 A. 551, 553, 61 A. L. R. 1095; Shannon v. Shannon, 101 N. J. Eq. 835, 139 A. 173; Everett v. Griffin, 174 N. C. 105, 93 S. E. 474, 475.

As applied to a gift of personal estate, the word "heirs" is not a term of art, and its office as a word of limitation is by waving and dubious analogy only. In re Evans' Will, 234 N. Y. 42, 138 N. E. 233, 234.

Moreover, the term is frequently used in a popular sense to designate a successor to property either by will or by law. Wallace v. Privett, 198 Cal. 746, 247 P. 905, 907. See also. Union Trust Co. v. Shoemaker, 172 Ill. App. 305, decree affirmed 285 Ill. 564, 101 N. E. 1050; Nickerson v. Hoover, 70 Ind. App. 330, 115 N. E. 588, 590.

According to many authorities, heir may be nomem collectivem, as well as a deed as in a will, and operate in both in the same manner as the word heirs. 1 Rolbe, Abr. 233; Ambl. 453; Oro. Eliz. 313; 1 Burr. 38. But see 2 Prent. Est. 9, 10. See also, Heirs.

In the Civil Law

A universal successor in the event of death. He who actively or passively succeeds to the entire property or estate, rights and obligations, of a decedent, and occupies his place.
The term "heir" has a very different significance at common law from what it has in those states and countries which have adopted the civil law. In the latter, the term is indiscriminately applied to all persons who are called to the succession, whether by the act of the party or by operation of law. The person who is created universal successor by a will is called the "testamentary heir;" and the next of kin by blood, in cases of intestacy, called the "heir at law;" or "heir by intestacy." The executor of the common law in many respects corresponds to the testamentary heir of the civil law. Again, the administrator in many respects corresponds with the heir by intestacy. By the common law, executors and administrators have no right except to the personal estate of the deceased; whereas the heir by the civil law is authorized to administer both the personal and real estate. Story, Conf. Laws, §§ 57, 598; 1 Brown, Civ. Law, 344.

The term "heir" has several significations. Sometimes it refers to one who has formally accepted a succession and taken possession thereof; sometimes to one who is called to succeed, but still retains the faculty of accepting or renouncing, and it is frequently used as applied to one who has formally renounced. Mumford v. Bowman, 25 La. Ann. 417.

In Scotch Law

The person who succeeds to the heritage or heritable rights of one deceased. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 75. The word has a more extended significance than in English law, comprehending not only those who succeed to lands, but successors to personal property also. Wharton.

In General


—Heir apparent. An heir whose right of inheritance is indefeasible, provided he outlive the ancestor: as in England the eldest son, or his issue, who must, by the course of the common law, be heir to the father whenever he happens to die. 2 Bl. Comm. 208; 1 Steph. Comm. 358; Jones v. Fleming, 37 Hun (N. Y.) 230. One who, before the death of the ancestor, is next in the line of succession, provided he be heir to the ancestor whenever he happens to die. Reese v. Stires, 57 N. J. Eq. 32, 103 A. 679. See, also, Apparent Heir.

—Heir at law. He who, after his ancestor dies intestate, has a right to all lands, tenements, and hereditaments which belonged to him or of which he was seized. The same as "heir general." Forrest v. Porch, 100 Tenn. 301, 45 S. W. 676; In re Aspden's Estate, 2 Fed. Cas. 42; McKinley v. Stewart, 5 Kan. 394; Tevis v. Tevis, 250 Mo. 19, 167 S. W. 1003, 1006, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 865. The heir; at common law, that person who succeeds to the real estate in case of intestacy. Walker v. Walker, 283 Ill. 11, 118 N. E. 1014, 1019; Wilde v. Bell, 86 Conn. 610, 87 A. 8, 9. In its strict sense and technical import, the person or persons appointed by law to succeed to the estate in case of intestacy. Albright v. Albright, 116 Ohio St. 668, 157 N. E. 760, 762; Black v. Jones, 264 Ill. 548, 106 N. E. 462, 465, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 1173. In a comprehensive and popular sense, one who inherits either real or personal property; Gris v. Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., 100 Conn. 322, 213 A. 907, 908; Yelverton v. Yelverton, 192 N. C. 614, 135 S. E. 632, 635; next of kin: Meeker v. Forbes, 95 A. 887, 888, 84 N. J. Eq. 271; In re Phraher, 109 Misc. 257, 178 N. Y. S. 768, 772.

—Heir beneficiary. In the civil law. One who has accepted the succession under the benefit of an inventory regularly made. Heirs are divided into two classes, according to the manner in which they accept the successions left to them, to-wit, unconditional and beneficiary heirs. Unconditional heirs are those who inherit without any reservation, or without making an inventory, whether their acceptance be express or tacit. Beneficiary heirs are those who have accepted the succession under the benefit of an inventory regularly made. Civ. Code La. art. 883. If the heir apprehend that the succession will be burdened with debts beyond its value, he accepts with benefit of inventory, and in that case he is responsible only for the value of the succession.

—Heir by adoption. An adopted child, "who is in a limited sense made an heir, not by the law, but by the contract evidenced by the deed of adoption." In re Sessions' Estate, 70 Mich. 297, 38 N. W. 249, 14 Am. St. Rep. 500.

—Heir by custom. In English law. One whose right of inheritance depends upon a particular and local custom, such as gavelkind, or borough English. Co. Litt. 140.

—Heir by devise. One to whom lands are devised by will; a devisee of lands. Answering to the heres factus (q. v.) of the civil law.

—Heir collateral. One who is not lineally related to the decedent, but is of collateral kin; e. g., his uncle, cousin, brother, nephew.

—Heir conventional. In the civil law. One who takes a succession by virtue of a contract or settlement enabling him thereto.

—Heir, forced. One who cannot be disinherited. See Forced Heirs.
Heir general. An heir at law. The ordinary heir by blood, succeeding to all the lands. Forrest v. Porch, 106 Tenn. 391, 45 S. W. 676.

Heir institute. In Scotch law. One to whom the right of succession is ascertained by disposition or express deed of the deceased. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 75.

Heir, irregular. In Louisiana. Irregular heirs are those who are neither testamentary nor legal, and who have been established by law to take the succession. See Civ. Code La. art. 878. When there are no direct or collateral relatives surviving the decedent, and the succession consequently devolves upon the surviving husband or wife, or illegitimate children, or the state, it is called an "Irregular succession."

Heir, legal. In the civil law. A legal heir is one who takes the succession by relationship to the decedent and by force of law. This is different from a testamentary or conventional heir, who takes the succession in virtue of the disposition of man. See Civ. Code La. arts. 877, 879. The term is also used in Anglo-American law in substantially the same sense, that is, the person to whom the law would give the decedent's property, real and personal, if he should die intestate. Kaiser v. Kaiser, 3 How. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 105; Waller v. Martin, 106 Tenn. 341, 61 S. W. 73, 82 Am. St. Rep. 882. In legal strictness, the term signifies one who would inherit real estate, but it is also used to indicate one who would take under the statute of distribution. Morse v. Ward, 92 Conn. 408, 103 A. 119, 120; Thompson v. Waits (Tex. Civ. App.) 159 S. W. 82, 83; New York Life Insurance & Trust Co. v. Winthrop, 237 N. Y. 93, 142 N. E. 451, 453, 61 A. L. R. 791.

Heir, male. In Scotch law. An heir institute, who, though not next in blood to the deceased, is his nearest male relation that can succeed to him. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 76. In English law, the nearest male blood-relation of the decedent, unless further limited by the words "of his body," which restrict the inheritance to sons, grandsons, and other male descendants in the right line. See Jordan v. Adams, 6 C. B. (N. S.) 764; Goodtitle v. Herrington, 1 East. 275; Ewan v. Cox, 9 N. J. Law, 14.

Heir of conquest. In Scotch law. One who succeeds to the deceased in conquest, i.e., lands or other heritable rights to which the deceased neither did nor could succeed as heir to his predecessor.

Heir of line. In Scotch law. One who succeeds lineally by right of blood; one who succeeds to the deceased in his heritage; i.e., lands and other heritable rights derived to him by succession as heir to his predecessor. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 8, p. 77.

Heir of provision. In Scotch law. One who succeeds as heir by virtue of a particular provision in a deed or instrument.

Heir of tailzie. In Scotch law. He on whom an estate is settled that would not have fallen to him by legal succession. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 75.


Heir of the body. An heir begotten or borne by the person referred to, or a child of such heir; any lineal descendant of the decedent, excluding a surviving husband or wife, adopted children, and collateral relations; bodily heir. Ratliff v. Ratliffe, 152 Ky. 250, 206 S. W. 478, 479; Black v. Cartmell, 10 B. Mon. (Ky.) 103; Smith v. Pendell, 19 Conn. 112, 48 Am. Dec. 146; Bales v. Johnson, 106 Tenn. 249, 61 S. W. 289; Clarkson v. Hatton, 143 Mo. 47, 44 S. W. 761, 35 L. R. A. 748, 65 Am. St. Rep. 635; Houghton v. Kendall, 7 Allen (Mass.) 72; Roberts v. Ogbourne, 37 Ala. 178. The words "heirs of the body" may be used in either of two senses: In their unrestricted sense, as meaning the persons who from generation to generation become entitled by descent under the entail; and in the sense of heirs at law, or those persons who are descendants of him whom the statute of descent appoints to take intestate estate. Bunn v. Butler, 300 Ill. 289, 133 N. E. 246, 247. Unless the will discloses an intention to the contrary, the term "heirs of the body" is not synonymous with children. Clark v. Cammack, 216 Ala. 346, 113 So. 270, 271; Scruggs v. Mayberry, 135 Tenn. 556, 188 S. W. 207, 211. And ordinarily, such words are words of limitation and not of purchase. Kirby v. Hulett, 171 Ky. 257, 192 S. W. 63, 65; Mylln v. Hurst, 239 Pa. 77, 102 A. 429, 430; Allen v. South Penn Oil Co., 72 W. Va. 155, 77 S. E. 905, 906; contra: Owen v. Trail, 302 Mo. 292, 293 S. W. 690, 701. The words are sometimes deemed equivalent to "issue" or "descendants; Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. v. Bridgham, 42 R. I. 101, 106 A. 149, 152, 5 A. L. R. 185; Hickox v. Klaholt, 291 Ill. 544, 126 N. E. 106, 108; Turner v. Monteiro, 127 Va. 537, 103 S. E. 572, 575, 13 A. L. R. 383; Parrish v. Hodge, 178 N. C. 133, 100 S. E. 256; and sometimes not; in re English's Estate, 270 Pa. 1, 112 A. 913, 914; Harrington v. Freeman, 201 Ky. 135, 255 S. W. 1084.

Heir presumptive. The person who, if the ancestor should die immediately, would, in the present circumstances of things, be his heir, but whose right of inheritance may be defeated by the contingency of some nearer
heir being born; as a brother or nephew, whose presumptive succession may be destroyed by the birth of a child. 2 Bl. Comm. 208; 1 Steph. Comm. 358; Jones v. Fleming, 37 Hun. (N. Y.) 230; Reese v. Stires, 57 N. J. Eq. 32, 103 A. 679, 681. In Louisiana, the presumptive heir is he who is the nearest relative of the deceased capable of inheriting. This quality is given to him before the death of the person from whom he is to inherit, as well as after the opening of the succession, when he has accepted or renounced it. La. Civ. Code, art. 880.

—Heir special. In English law. The issue in tail, who claims per formam doni; by the form of the gift.

—Heir substitute, in a bond. In Scotch law. He to whom a bond is payable expressly in case of the creditor’s decease, or after his death. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 76.

—Heir testamentary. In the civil law. One who is named and appointed heir in the testament of the decedent. This name distinguishes him from a legal heir, (one upon whom the law casts the succession,) and from a conventional heir, (one who takes it by virtue of a previous contract or settlement.)

—Heir unconditional. In the civil law and in Louisiana. One who inherits without any reservation, or without making an inquesty, whether his acceptance be express or tacit. Distinguished from heir beneficiary. La. Civ. Code, art. 882.

—Heirs and assigns. Ordinarily, words of limitation and not of purchase;—the technical expression necessary at common law to express a fee-simple gift, which still has that meaning whenever used, though its use is not necessary. In re Tamargo, 220 N. Y. 225, 115 N. E. 402, 463.

—Joint heirs. Co-heirs. The term is also applied to those who are or will be heirs to both of two designated persons at the death of the survivor of them, the word “joint” being here applied to the ancestors rather than the heirs. See Gardiner v. Fay, 182 Mass. 492, 65 N. E. 825.


—Living heirs. Technically words of description instead of purchase. Johnson v. Coler, 187 Iowa, 734, 174 N. W. 654, 655. Under a will giving the testator’s wife an estate for life, at her death all the property to be equally divided between “our living children or to their living heirs,” the words “living heirs” should be given their technical meaning as including all the legal heirs of the deceased children of testator that died after the death of testator. Potter v. Potter, 306 Ill. 37, 35 N. E. 425, 427.


—Right heir. This term was formerly used, in the case of estates tail, to distinguish the preferred heir, to whom the estate was limited, from the heirs in general, to whom, on the failure of the preferred heir and his line, the remainder over was usually finally limited. With the abolition of estates tail, the term has fallen into disuse, but when still used, in modern law, it has no other meaning than “heir at law.” Brown v. Wadsworth, 108 N. Y. 225, 61 N. E. 250; Ballentine v. Wood, 42 N. J. Eq. 502, 9 A. 582; McCrea’s Estate, 5 Pa. Dist. R. 449.

HEIRDOM. Succession by inheritance.

HEIRESS. A female heir to a person having an estate of inheritance. When there are more than one, they are called “co-heiresses,” or “co-heirs.”

HEIRLOOMS. Such goods and chattels as, contrary to the nature of chattels, shall go by special custom to the heir along with the inheritance, and not to the executor. The termination “loom” (Sax.) signifies a limb or member; so that an heirloom is nothing else but a limb or member of the inheritance. They are generally such things as cannot be taken away without damaging or dismembering the freehold; such as deer in a park, doves in a cote, deeds and charters, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 427.

This word seems to be compounded of heir, and loom, that is, a frame, viz. to weave in. Some derive the word loom from the Saxon loma, or ge-loma, which signifies utensils or vessels generally. However, this may be, the word loom, by time, is
HEIRS. Technically, those persons designated by law to succeed to the estate in case of intestacy. Potter v. Potter, 306 Ill. 37, 137 N. E. 425, 426. A word used in deeds of conveyance, (either solely, or in connection with others,) where it is intended to pass a fee. It is generally a word of limitation, and is not to be construed as a word of purchase unless there are other controlling words showing such intention by the person using it. Peacock v. McClusky, 296 Ill. 87, 129 N. E. 561, 563; Blue v. Travis, 132 Ky. 700, 154 S. W. 15, 16; McMahon v. Schowengerdt (Mo.) 137 S. W. 605, 606; Ryan v. Ryan, 188 Ark. 369, 211 S. W. 576, 1930; 34 Chitty's Est., 245 Pa. 529, 91 A. 939; Hunting v. Jones (Tex. Civ. App.) 133 S. W. 528, 590; In re Barker, 230 N. Y. 364, 130 N. E. 579, 582. See also, Heir.

In the word "heirs" is comprehended the value of heirs in infinitum. Co. Litt. 70, 71; Larue v. La- rew, 146 Va. 134, 135 S. E. 529, 539; Peacock v. Mc- Clusky, 296 Ill. 87, 129 N. E. 561, 563.

In Illinois, and in the United States generally, the word "heirs" may have different meanings, just as under the English law the singular form, "heir," might have different meanings, but, if there is no context, the word "heirs" must be held to indicate the indefinite succession by inheritance. Etta Life Ins. Co. v. Hoppin (C. C. A.) 214 F. 928, 932. Under the terms of particular wills, however, Old Colony Trust Co. v. Jackson, 243 Mass. 543, 137 N. E. 874, 875; Branch v. De Wolf, 38 R. I. 395, 54 A. 887, 889; or under statutes abolishing the rule in Shelley's Case, 138 Mich. 383, 147 N. W. 550, 555, Ann. Cas. 1906A, 802; it may be a word of purchase, and is frequently deemed synonymous with "children." Cuticute v. Mills, 97 Ohio St. 132, 119 N. E. 200, 201; Van Duunen v. Sharrar, 156 Iowa, 1082, 157 N. W. 97, 98; Guy v. Pruitt, 231 Ala. 422, 104 So. 856, 857; Texas Co. v. Maeder (Tex. Civ. App.) 243 S. W. 391, 395; Conover v. Cade, 184 Ind. 504, 142 N. E. 7, 12; Davenport v. Hickey (C. C. A.) 263 F. 833, 834; Gillilant v. Gilliland, 278 Mo. 99, 223 S. W. 346, 351; Walcot v. Robinson, 214 Mass. 172, 100 N. E. 119; Bryd v. Henderson, 139 Miss. 143, 104 So. 100, 102; Driskill v. Carwile, 145 Va. 116, 123 S. E. 773, 774; Slack v. Leberman, 154 N. Y. S. 459, 491, 129 App. Div. 92; Williams v. J. C. Armiger & Bro., 129 Md. 222, 98 A. 542, 544.

A devise or bequest to "heirs" primarily means those who are heirs at the testator's death, and it is only when a contrary intention appears that this presumption fails. In re Bump's Will, 254 N. Y. 61, 136 N. E. 295, 296; Brian v. Taylor, 129 Md. 164, 98 A. 532, 533; In re Frohlem's Estate, 156 Minn. 335, 219 N. W. 788, 789; Schlaifer v. Lee, 117 Miss. 701, 78 So. 700, 702; Dorrance v. Green, 41 R. I. 444, 104 A. 12, 14; Simeon v. Ward, 78 N. E. 533, 103 A. 310, 311.

Heirs at law shall not be disinherited by conjecture, but only by express words or necessary implication. Schoull, Wills § 479.

HEIRSHIP. The quality or condition of being heir, or the relation between the heir and his ancestor. It is a legal right, regulated by law, to be enjoyed subject to the provisions of the statute. Winke v. Olson, 164 Wis. 427, 160 N. W. 104, 109.

HEIRSHIP MOVABLES. In Scotch law. The movables which go to the heir, and not to the executor, that the land may not go to the heir completely dismantled, such as the best of furniture, horses, cows, etc., but not fungibles. Bell; Hope, Minor Pr. 538; Erskine, Inst. 3, 8, 13-17.

HELD. In reference to the decision of a court, decided. Also see Hold.

HELL. The name formerly given to a place under the exchequer chamber, where the king's debtors were confined. Rich. Dict.

HELM. Thatch or straw; a covering for the head in war; a coat of arms bearing a crest; the tilter or handle of the rudder of a ship.

HELOWE-WALL. The end-wall covering and defending the rest of the building. Porch. Antiq. 573.

Helsing. A Saxon brass coin, of the value of a half-penny.

Hemiplegia. In medical jurisprudence. Unilateral paralysis; paralysis of one side of the body, commonly due to a lesion in the brain, but sometimes originating from the spinal cord, as in "Brown-Squard's paralysis," unilateral paralysis with crossed anes- thesia. In the cerebral form, the hemiplegia is sometimes "alternate" or crossed, that is, occurring on the opposite side of the body from the initial lesion.

If the disease comes on rapidly or suddenly, it is called "quick" hemiplegia; if slowly or gradually, "chronic." The former variety is more apt to affect the mental faculties than the latter; but, where hemiplegia is complete, the operations of the mind are generally much impaired. See Baughman v. Baughman, 23 Kan. 438, 4 P. 1063.

Hemoldborn, or Helmelborn. A title to possession. The admission of this old Norse term into the laws of the Conqueror is difficult to be accounted for; it is not found in any Anglo-Saxon law extant. Wharton.

Henceforth. A word of futurity, which, as employed in legal documents, statutes, and the like, always imports a continuity of action or condition from the present time forward, but excludes all the past. Thomson v. American Surety Co., 170 N. Y. 168, 62 N. E. 1073; Opinion of Chief Justice, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 235, note.

Henchman. A page; an attendant; a herald. See Barnes v. State, 88 Md. 347, 41 A. 781. A footman; one who holds himself at the bidding of another. It has come to mean
here a political follower; used in a rather bad sense.

HENEDPENNY. A customary payment of money instead of hens at Christmas; a composition for eggs. Cowell.

HENFARE. A fine for flight on account of murder. Domesday Book.

HENGHEN. In Saxon law. A prison, a goal, or house of correction.

HENGWYTE. Sax. In old English law. An acquittance from a fine for hanging a thief. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 17.

HENRICUS VETUS. Henry the Old, or Elder. King Henry I. is so called in ancient English chronicles and charters, to distinguish him from the subsequent kings of that name. Spelman.

HEORDFETE, or HUDFEST. In Saxon law. A master of a family, keeping house, distinguished from a lower class of freemen, viz., folceras, (folgaris,) who had no habitations of their own, but were house-retainers of their lords.

HEORDPENNY. Peter-pence (q. v.).

HEORDWERCH. In Saxon law. The service of herdsmen, done at the will of their lord.

HEPBURN ACT. The name commonly given to an act of Congress, June 29, 1906, amending §§ 1, 6, 14, 15, 16 and 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act, Feb. 4, 1887, and adding §§ 16a and 24 thereto (49 USCA §§ 1, 6, 11, 14, 15, 16, 16a, 16b).

HEPTARCHY. A government exercised by seven persons, or a nation divided into seven governments. In the year 560, seven different monarchies had been formed in England by the German tribes, namely, that of Kent by the Jutes; those of Sussex, Wessex, and Essex by the Saxons; and those of East Anglia, Bernicia, and Deira by the Angles. To these were added, about the year 586, an eighth, called the "Kingdom of Mercia," also founded by the Angles, and comprehending nearly the whole of the heart of the kingdom. These states formed what has been designated the "Anglo-Saxon Octarchy," or more commonly, though not so correctly, the "Anglo-Saxon Heptarchy," from the custom of speaking of Deira and Bernicia under the single appellation of the "Kingdom of Northumberland." Wharton.

HERALD. In ancient law, a herald was a diplomatic messenger who carried messages between kings or states, and especially proclamations of war, peace, or truce. In English law, a herald is an officer whose duty is to keep genealogical lists and tables, adjust armorial bearings, and regulate the ceremonies at royal coronations and funerals.

HERALDRY. The art, office, or science of heralds. Also an old and obsolete abuse of buying and selling precedence in the paper of causes for hearing.

HERALDS' COLLEGE. In England. An ancient royal corporation, first instituted by Richard III. in 1485. It comprises three kings of arms, six heralds, and four marshals or pursuivants of arms, together with the earl marshal and a secretary. The heralds' books, compiled when progresses were solemnly and regularly made into every part of the kingdom, to inquire into the state of families, and to register such marriages and descents as were verified to them upon oath, are allowed to be good evidence of pedigrees. The heralds' office is still allowed to make grants of arms and to permit change of names. 3 Starkie, Ev. 843; Wharton.

HERBAGE. In English law. An easement or liberty, which consists in the right to pasture cattle on another's ground. Feed for cattle in fields and pastures. Bract. fol. 222; Co. Litt. 48; Shep. Touch. 67. A right to herbage does not include a right to cut grass, or dig potatoes, or pick apples. Simpson v. Coe, 4 N. H. 393.

HERBAGIUM ANTERIUS. The first crop of grass or hay, in opposition to aftermath or second cutting. Paroch. Antig. 459.

HERBENER, or HARBINGER. An officer in the royal house, who goes before and allot the noblemen and those of the household their lodgings; also an innkeeper.

HERBERGAIUM. Lodgings to receive guests in the way of hospitality. Cowell.

HERBERGARE. To harbor; to entertain.

HERBERGATUS. Harbored or entertained in an inn. Cowell.

HERBERY, or HERBURY. An inn. Cowell.

HERCIA. A harrow. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 77.

HERCIARE. To harrow. 4 Inst. 270.

HERCIATURA. In old English law. Harrowing; work with a harrow. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 82, § 2.

HERCISCUNDA. In the civil law. To be divided. Familia heriscunnda, an inheritance to be divided. Actio familia heriscunnda, an action for dividing an inheritance. Erosicunda is more commonly used in the civil law. Dig. 10, 2; Inst. 3, 28, 4; 1d. 4, 6, 20.

HERD, n. An indefinite number, more than a few, of cattle, sheep, horses, or other animals of the larger sorts, assembled and kept together as one drove and under one care and management. Brim v. Jones, 13 Utah, 440, 45 P. 352.

HERD, v. To tend, take care of, manage, and control a herd of cattle or other animals, im-
plying something more than merely driving them from place to place. Phipps v. Grover, 9 Idaho, 415, 75 P. 65; Fry v. Hubner, 35 Or. 194, 57 P. 420.

HERDER. One who herds or has charge of a herd of cattle, in the senses above defined. See Hooker v. McAllister, 12 Wash. 46, 40 P. 617; Underwood v. Birdsell, 6 Mont. 142, 9 P. 922; Rev. Codes N. D. 1889, § 1544a (Comp. Laws 1913, § 2306).

HERDEWICH. A grange or place for cattle or husbandry. Mon. Angl. pt. 3.

HERDWERCH, HEORDWERCH. Herdsmen’s work, or customary labor, done by shepherds and inferior tenants, at the will of the lord. Cowell.


HEREBANNUM. In old English law. A proclamation summoning the army into the field.

A mulct or fine for not joining the army when summoned. Spelman.

A tax or tribute for the support of the army. Du Cange.

HEREBOTE. The royal edict summoning the people to the field. Cowell.

HEREAD. In Spanish law. A piece of land under cultivation; a cultivated farm, real estate; an inheritance or heirship.


HEREDERO. In Spanish law. Heir; he who, by legal or testamentary disposition, succeeds to the property of a deceased person. “Heres censeatur cum defuncto una cademque persona.” Las Partidas, 7, 9, 13. See Emerle v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 529, 2 P. 433.

HEREEDITAGIUM. In Sicilian and Neapolitan law. That which is held by hereditary right; the same with hereditamentum (hereditament) in English law. Spelman.


At common law corporeal hereditaments were physical objects, comprehended under the term land, and were said to lie in livery, while incorporeal hereditaments existed only in contemplation of law, were said to lie in grant and were affiliated with chattel interests. National Supply Co. v. McLeod, 116 Kan. 477, 227 P. 350.

The term includes a few rights unconnected with land, but it is generally used as the widest expression for real property of all kinds, and is therefore employed in conveyances after the words “lands” and “tenements,” to include everything of the nature of reality which they do not cover. Sweet.

Corporal Hereditaments

Substantial permanent objects which may be inherited. The term “land” will include all such. 2 Bl. Comm. 17; Sox v. Miracle, 35 N. D. 458, 160 N. W. 716, 719; Whitlock v. Greacen, 48 N. J. Eq. 356, 21 A. 944; Cary v. Daniels, 5 Mete. (Mass.) 298; Gibbs v. Drew, 16 Fla. 147, 26 Am. Rep. 700.

Incorporeal Hereditaments

Anything, the subject of property, which is inheritable and not tangible or visible. 2 Wood. Lect. 4. A right issuing out of a thing corporate (whether real or personal) or concerning or annexed to or exercisable within the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 20; 1 Wash. Real Prop. 10; Hegem v. Pendennis Club (Ky.) 64 S. W. 465; Whitlock v. Greacen, 48 N. J. Eq. 356, 21 A. 944; Stone v. Stone, 1 N. Y. I. 428. A right growing out of, or concerning, or annexed to, a corporeal thing, but not the substance of the thing itself. Houston v. Cox, 105 Kan. 73, 172 P. 992.

HEREDITARY. That which is the subject of inheritance.

HEREDITARY DISEASE. Physical ailment transmitted or transmissible from parent to child in consequence of the infection of the former or the presence of the disease in his system, and without exposure of the latter to any fresh source of infection or contagion. South Atlantic Life Ins. Co. v. Hurt’s Adm’x, 115 Va. 398, 79 S. E. 401, 404.

HEREDITARY RIGHT TO THE CROWN. The crown of England, by the positive constitution of the kingdom, has ever been descendent; and so continues, in a course peculiar to itself, yet subject to limitation by parliament; but, notwithstanding such limitation, the crown retains its descendent quality, and becomes hereditary in the prince to whom it is limited. 1 Bl. Comm. 191.

HEREDITARY SUCCESSION. Inheritance by law; title by descent; the title whereby a
person, on the death of his ancestor, acquires his estate as his heir at law. Barclay v. Cameron, 25 Tex. 241; In re Donahue's Estate, 36 Cal. 332; Moffett v. Conley, 63 Okl. 3, 163 P. 118, 120.

HEREDITARY. That biological law by which all living beings tend to repeat themselves in their descendants. Previtt v. State, 106 Miss. 82, 63 So. 390, 391, 6 A. L. R. 1476.

HEREFARE. Sax. A going into or with an army; a going out to war, (profecto martialis) an expedition. Spelman.

HEREGEAT. A heriot, (q. v.)

HEREGELD. Sax. In old English law. A tribute or tax levied for the maintenance of an army. Spelman.


HEREMONES. Followers of an army.

HERENACH. An archdeacon. Cowell.

HERES. Heir; an heir. A form of heres, very common in the civil law. See Hieres.

HERESCHIP. In old Scotch law. Theft or robbery. 1 Pite. Crim. Tr. pt. 2, pp. 26, 89.

HERESLITA, HERESSA, HERESSIZ. A hired soldier who departs without license. 4 Inst. 125.

HEResy. In English law. An offense against religion, consisting not in a total denial of Christianity, but of some of its essential doctrines, publicly and obstinately avowed. 4 Bl. Comm. 44, 45. An opinion on divine subjects devised by human reason, openly taught, and obstinately maintained. 1 Hale, P. C. 384. This offense is now subject only to ecclesiastical correction, and is no longer punishable by the secular law. 4 Steph. Comm. 233.

HERETOCH. A general, leader, or commander; also a baron of the realm. Du Fresne.

HERE TOFORE. This word simply denotes time past, in distinction from time present or time future, and has no definite and precise signification beyond this. Andrews v. Thayer, 40 Conn. 157; Miller v. Feather, 176 Ky. 268, 196 S. W. 448, 451; Miller's Mut. Fire Ins. Co. v. City of Austin (Tex. Civ. App.) 210 S. W. 825, 827.

HERE TUM. In old records. A court or yard for drawing up guards or military retinue. Cowell.

HERE ZELD. In Scotch law. A gift or present made or left by a tenant to his lord as a token of reverence. Skene.

HERE GE. In Saxo n law. Offenders who joined in a body of more than thirty-five to commit depredations.

HERIGALDS. In old English law. A sort of garment. Cowell.

HERIOT. In English law. A customary tribute of goods and chattels, payable to the lord of the fee on the decease of the owner of the land.

Heriots are divided into heriot service and heriot custom. The former expression denotes such as are due upon a special reservation in a grant or lease of lands, and therefore amount to little more than a mere rent; the latter arises upon no special reservation whatever, but depend solely upon immemorial usage and custom. 2 Bl. Comm. 422. See Adams v. Morse, 51 Me. 502.

HERISCHLULD. In old English law. A species of military service, or knight's fee. Cowell.

HERISCHULDA. In old Scotch law. A fine or penalty for not obeying the proclamation made for warfare. Skene.

HERISCINDIUM. A division of household goods. Blount.


HERISTAL. The station of an army; the place where a camp is pitched. Spelman.

HERE TACLE. Capable of being taken by descent. A term chiefly used in Scotch law, where it enters into several phrases.

HERE TABL E BOND. A bond for a sum of money to which is added, for further security of the creditor, a conveyance of land or heritage to be held by the creditor as pledge. 1 Ross, Conv. 76; 2 Ross, Conv. 324.

HERE TABL E JURIS DICTI ONS. Grants of criminal jurisdiction formerly bestowed on great families in Scotland, to facilitate the administration of justice. Whishaw. Abolished in effect by St. 20 Geo. II. c. 50. Tolmins.

HERE TABL E OBLIGATION. In Louisiana. An obligation is heritable when the heirs and assigns of one party may enforce the performance against the heirs of the other. Civ. Code La. art. 1907.

HERE TABL E RIGHTS. In Scotch law. Rights of the heir; all rights to land or whatever is connected with land, as mills, fishings, tithes, etc.


HERITAGE. In the Civil Law

Every species of immovable which can be the subject of property; such as lands, houses, orchards, woods, marshes, ponds, etc., in whatever mode they may have been acquired, either by descent or purchase. 3 Toullier, No. 472.
In Scotch Law

Land, and all property connected with land; real estate, as distinguished from movables, or personal estate. Bell.

HERITOR. In Scotch law. A proprietor of land. 1 Kames, Eq. Pref.

HERMANDAD. In Spanish law. A fraternity formed among different towns and villages to prevent the commission of crimes, and to prevent the abuses and vexations to which they were subjected by men in power. Bouyer.

HERMAPHRODITE. In medical jurisprudence. A person of doubtful or double sex; one possessing, really or apparently, and in more or less developed form, some or all of the genital organs of both sexes.

Hermaproditus tam masculo quam feminam comparatur, secundum praeventalem sexus incalculos. An hermaphrodit is to be considered male or female according to the predominance of the exciting sex. Co. Litt. 8; Bract. fol. 6.

HERMENEUPTICS. The science or art of construction and interpretation. By the phrase "legal hermeneutics" is understood the systematic body of rules which are recognized as applicable to the construction and interpretation of legal writings.

HERMER. A great lord. Jacob.

HERMORGENIAN CODE. See Codex Hermogenianus.

HERNESCUS. A heron. Cowell.

HERNESIUM, or HERNASIUM. Household goods; implements of trade or husbandry; the rigging or tackle of a ship. Cowell.

HEROUD, HERAUD. I. Fr. A herald.

HERPAX. A harrow. Spelman.

HERPICATIO. In old English law. A day's work with a harrow. Spelman.

HERRING SILVER. This was a composition in money for the custom of supplying herrings for the provision of a religious house. Wharton.

HERSHIP. The crime, in Scotland, of carrying off cattle by force; it is described as "the masterful driving off of cattle from a proprietor's grounds." Bell.

HERUS. Lat. A master. Servus factit ut herus det, the servant does [the work] in order that the master may give [him the wages agreed on.] Herus dat ut servus faciat, the master gives [or agrees to give, the wages] in consideration of, or with a view to, the servant's doing [the work.] 2 Bl. Comm. 445.

HESIA. An easement. Du Cange.

HEST CORN. In old records. Corn or grain given or devoted to religious persons or purposes. 2 Mon. Angl. 367b; Cowell.

HESTA, or HESTHA. A little loaf of bread. A capon or young cockerel.

HETÆRARCHA. The head of a religious house; the head of a college; the warden of a corporation.

HETÆRIA. In Roman law. A company, society, or college.

HEUVELBORCH. Sax. In old English law. A surety, (warrentus.)

HEYLODE. In old records. A customary burden upon inferior tenants, for mending or repairing hays or hedges.

HEYMECTUS. A hay-net; a net for catching conies. Cowell.

HIBERNAGIUM. The season for sowing winter corn. Cowell.

HIDAGE. An extraordinary tax formerly payable to the crown for every hide of land. This taxation was levied, not in money, but provision of armor, etc. Cowell.

HIDALGO. In Spanish law. A noble; a person entitled to the rights of nobility. By hidalgos are understood men chosen from good situations in life, (de buenos lugares,) and possessed of property, (alga.) White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 1.


HIDE. In old English law. A measure of land, being as much as could be worked with one plow. It is variously estimated at from 60 to 100 acres, but was probably determined by local usage. Another meaning was as much land as would support one family or the dwellers in a mansion-house. Also a house; a dwelling-house. A hide was also employed as a unit of taxation. 1 Poll. & Mal. 347, such tax being called hidegild.


HIDE LANDS. In Saxon law. Lands belonging to a hide; that is, a house or mansion. Spelman.

HIDEL. In old English law. A place of protection; a sanctuary. St. 1 Hen. VII. cc. 5, 6; Cowell.

HIDGILD. A sum of money paid by a villein or servant to save himself from a whipping. Fleta, l. 1, c. 47, § 20.

HIERARCHY. Originally, government by a body of priests. Now, the body of officers in any church or ecclesiastical institution, con-
sidered as forming an ascending series of ranks or degrees of power and authority, with the correlative subjection, each to the one next above. Derivatively, any body of men, taken in their public capacity, and considered as forming a chain of power, as above described.

HIGH. This term, as used in various compound legal phrases, is sometimes merely an addition of dignity, not importing a comparison; but more generally it means exalted, either in rank or location, or occupying a position of superiority, and in a few instances it implies superiority in respect to importance, size, or frequency or publicity of use, e.g., “high seas,” “highway.”


HIGH COMMISSION COURT. See Court of High Commission.

HIGH COURT OF ADMIRALTY. See Court of Admiralty.

HIGH COURT OF DELEGATES. See Court of Delegates.

HIGH COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS. See Court of Errors and Appeals.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. See Supreme Court of Judicature.

HIGH COURT OF PARLIAMENT. See Parliament.

HIGH DEGREE OF CARE AND DILIGENCE. See Care.


HIGHER AND LOWER SCALE. In the practice of the English supreme court of judicature there are two scales regulating the fees of the court and the fees which solicitors are entitled to charge. The lower scale applies (unless the court otherwise orders) to the following cases: All causes and matters assigned by the judicature acts to the king’s bench, or the probate, divorce, and admiralty divisions; all actions of debt, contract, or tort; and in almost all causes and matters assigned by the acts to the chancery division in which the amount in litigation is under £1,000. The higher scale applies in all other causes and matters, and also in actions falling under one of the above classes, but in which the principal relief sought to be obtained is an injunction. Sweet.

HIGHEST PROVED VALUE. In an action of trover the amount which the jury from a consideration of all the evidence, may find to be the highest value of the property during the period between the conversion and the trial. Elder v. Woodruff Hardware & Mfg. Co., 16 Ga. App. 255, 85 S. E. 268.

HIGHNESS. A title of honor given to princes. The kings of England, before the time of James I, were not usually saluted with the title of “Majesty,” but with that of “Highness.” The children of crowned heads generally receive the style of “Highness.” Wharton.


Highway refers to roadway or street which can be used for travel, as distinguished from way upon which road can be or is being constructed. Allen v. Jones, 47 S. D. 565, 201 N. W. 352; Town of Kenwood Park v. Leonard, 177 Iowa, 327, 168 N. W. 656, 659.

There is a difference in the shade of meaning conveyed by two uses of the word. Sometimes it signifies right of free passage, in the abstract, not importing anything about the character or construction of the way. Thus, a river is called a "highway," and it has been not unusual for congress, in granting a privilege of building a bridge, to declare that it shall be a public highway. Again, it has reference to some system of law authorizing the taking a strip of land, and preparing and devoting it to the use of travelers. In this use it imports a roadway upon the soil, constructed under the authority of these laws. Abbott.

Commissioners of Highways

Public officers appointed in the several counties and municipalities, in many states, to take charge of the opening, altering, repair, and vacating of highways within their respective jurisdictions.

Common Highway

A road to be used by the community at large for any purpose of transit or traffic. Ham. N. P. 239; Railway Co. v. State, 23 Fla. 546, 8 So. 158, 11 Am. St. Rep. 395.

Highway Acts, or Laws

The body or system of laws governing the laying out, repair, and use of highways.

Highway Crossing

A place where the track of a railroad crosses the line of a highway.

Highway-rate

In English law. A tax for the maintenance and repair of highways, chargeable upon the same property that is liable to the poor-rate.

Highway Robbery

See Robbery.

Highway Tax

A tax for and applicable to the making and repair of highways. Stone v. Bean, 15 Gray (Mass.) 44.

Public Highway

One under the control of and kept by the public, established by regular proceedings for the purpose, or generally used by the public for twenty years, or dedicated by the owner of the soil and accepted by the proper authorities and for the maintenance of which they are responsible. State v. Gross, 119 N. C. 568, 26 S. E. 91. It includes roads, streets, alleys, lanes, courts, places, trails, and bridges, laid out or erected as such by the public, or, if laid out and erected by others, dedicated or abandoned to the public, or made such in actions for the partition of real property. Pol. Code Cal. § 2618; Patterson v. Munyan, 53 Cal. 128, 29 P. 250.

Royal Highways

There were four royal highways in Yorkshire, three by land and one by water, where the king claimed all forfeitures. Mattl. Donned. Book and Beyond 87.


HIGLER. In English law. A hawkier or peddler. A person who carries from door to door, and sells by retail, small articles of provisions, and the like.

HIGUELA. In Spanish law. A receipt given by an heir of a decedent, settling forth what property he has received from the estate.

HIIS TESTIBUS. Words formerly used in deeds, signifying these being witness. They have been disused since Henry VIII. Co. Litt.; Cowell.


HIKENILD STREET. One of the four great Roman roads of Britain. More commonly called "Tkenilid Street."

HILARY RULES. A collection of orders and forms extensively modifying the pleading and practice in the English superior courts of common law, established in Hilary term, 1834, Stimson.

HILARY TERM. In English law. A term of court, beginning on the 11th and ending on the 31st of January in each year. Superseded (1678) by Hilary sitting, which begin January 11th, and end on the Wednesday before Easter.

HINDENI HOMINES. A society of men. The Saxons ranked men into three classes, and valued them, as to satisfaction for injuries, etc., according to their class. The highest class were valued at 1,200s., and were called "twelf hindmen;" the middle class at 600s., and called "sevındmen;" the lowest at 200s., called "twynhindmen." Their wives were termed "hindas." Brompt. Leg. Alfred. c. 12.

HINDER AND DELAY. To hinder and delay is to do something which is an attempt to defraud, rather than a successful fraud; to put some obstacle in the path, or interpose some time, unjustifiably, before the creditor can realize what is owed out of his debtor's property. See Walker v. Sayers, 5 Bush (Ky.) 582; Burdick v. Post, 12 Barb. (N. Y.) 186; Crow v. Beardsley, 68 Mo. 439; Burnham v. Brennan, 42 N. Y. Super. Ct. 83.

HINDU LAW. The system of native law prevailing among the Gentoos, and administered by the government of British India.
It is not the law of India or of any defined region. It is the law of castes, class, orders and even families which the Hindus carry about with them. 17 L. Q. R. 209. See Bryces, Extension of Law in 1 Sel. Essays in Anglo-American Leg. Hist. 597; Tbert, Government of India; Sir W. Markby (1869); Mulla, Principles of Hindu Law.

HINE, or HIND. In old English law. A husbandry servant.

HINEFARE. In old English law. The loss or departure of a servant from his master. Domesday.

HINEGELD. A ransom for an offense committed by a servant. Cowell.

HIPOTECA. In Spanish law. A mortgage of real property.

HIRCISCUNDA. See Herciscunda.

HIRE, v. To purchase the temporary use of a thing, or to stipulate for the labor or services of another. See Hiring.

To engage in service for a stipulated reward, as to hire a servant for a year, or laborers by the day or month; to engage a man to temporary service for wages. To "employ" is a word of more enlarged signification. A man hired to labor is employed, but a man may be employed in a work who is not hired. McCluskey v. Cromwell, 11 N. Y. 605; Carter-Mullaly Transfer Co. v. Angell (Tex. Civ. App.) 181 S. W. 237, 238; United States v. Blair-Murdock Co. (D. C.) 228 F. 77, 84.

For definitions of the various species of this class of contracts, under their Latin names, see Locutio and following titles.

HIRE, n. Compensation for the use of a thing, or for labor or services. Carr v. State, 50 Ind. 180; Learned-Lether Lumber Co. v. Fowler, 100 Ala. 169, 19 So. 396.

A bailment in compensation is to be given for the use of a thing, or for labor and services about it. 2 Kent 456; Story, Bailm. § 359. The divisions of this species of contract are denoted by Latin names.

HIREMAN. A subject. Du Cange.

HIRER. One who hires a thing, or the labor or services of another person. Turner v. Cross, 83 Tex. 218, 18 S. W. 573, 15 L. R. A. 262.

HIRING. A contract by which one person grants to another either the enjoyment of a thing or the use of the labor and industry, either of himself or his servant, during a certain time, for a stipulated compensation, or by which one contracts for the labor or services of another about a thing bailed to him for a specified purpose. Code Ga. 1882, § 2085 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3476).

Hiring is a contract by which one gives to another the temporary possession and use of property, other than money, for reward, and the latter agrees to return the same to the former at a future time. Civ. Code Cal. § 1923; Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 6079; Comp. Laws S. D. 1929, § 1040.

Synonyms

"Hiring" and "borrowing" are both contracts by which a qualified property may be transferred to the hirer or borrower, and they differ only in this, that hiring is always for a price, stipend, or recompense, while borrowing is merely gratuitous. 2 Bl. Comm. 463; Neel v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 408, 26 S. W. 726.


HIRST, HURST. In old English law. A wood. Co. Litt. 4b.

HIS. This pronoun, generically used, may refer to a person of either sex. Danforth v. Emmons, 124 Me. 156, 128 A. 821, 823; Wilmette v. Brachic, 110 Ill. App. 356, affirmed 209 Ill. 621, 71 N. E. 41. Its use in a written instrument, in referring to a person whose Christian name is designated therein by a mere initial, is not conclusive that the person referred to is a male; it may be shown by parol that the person intended is a female. Bernlaud v. Beecher, 71 Cal. 38, 11 P. 502.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

In English Law

The title of a viceroy, governor general, ambassador, or commander in chief.

In American Law

This title is given to the governor of Massachusetts by the constitution of that state; and it is commonly given, as a title of honor and courtesy, to the governors of the other states and to the president of the United States. It is also customarily used by foreign ministers in addressing the secretary of state in written communications.

HIS HONOR. A title given by the constitution of Massachusetts to the lieutenant governor of that commonwealth. Mass. Const. part 2, c. 2, § 2, art. 1. It is also customarily given to some inferior magistrates, as the mayor of a city.

HIS TESTIBUS. Lat. These being witnesses. The attestation clause in old deeds and charters.

HISSA. A lot or portion; a share of revenue or rent. Wilson's Gloss. Ind.

HITHERTO. In legal use, this term always restricts the matter in connection with which it is employed to a period of time already passed. Mason v. Jones, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 473.
HIWISO 896

HIIWISC. In old English law. A hide of land. According to Maitland (Domesday Book 359), a household.

HLAF ÆTA. Sax. A servant fed at his master's cost.

HLAFORD. Sax. A lord. 1 Spence, Ch. 36.


HLOTHBOTE. In Saxon law. A fine for being present at an unlawful assembly. Spelman.

HLOTHE. In Saxon law. An unlawful assembly from eight to thirty-five, inclusive. Cowell.

HOASTMEN. In English law. An ancient guild or fraternity at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who dealt in sea coal. St. 21 Jac. I, c. 3.

HOBBIT. A measure of weight in use in Wales, equal to 108 pounds, being made up of four Welsh pecks of 42 pounds each. Hughes v. Humphreys, 20 Eng. L. & Eq. 132.

HOBBLERS. In old English law. Light horsemen or bowmen; also certain tenants, bound by their tenure to maintain a little light horse for giving notice of any invasion, or such like peril, towards the seaside. Camden, Brit.

HOC. Lat. This. Hoc intulit, with this expectation. Hoc loco, in this place. Hoc nomin. ne, in this name. Hoc titulo, under this title. Hoc voce, under this word.

HOC PARATUS EST VERIFICARE. Lat. This he is ready to verify.

Hoc quidem perquam durum est, sed ita lex scripta est. Lat. This indeed is exceedingly hard, but so the law is written; such is the written or positive law. An observation quoted by Blackstone as used by Ulpian in the civil law; and applied to cases where courts of equity have no power to abate the rigor of the law. Dig. 40, 9, 12, 1; 3 Bl. Comm. 430.

Hoc servabitur quod initio convenit. This shall be preserved which is useful in the beginning. Dig. 50, 17, 29; Bract. 739.

HOCCUS SALTIS. A hole, hole, or lesser pit of salt. Cowell.

HOCK-TUESDAY MONEY. This was a duty given to the landlord that his tenants and bondmen might solemnize the day on which the English conquered the Danes, being the second Tuesday after Easter week. Cowell.

HOCKETTOR, or HOQUETEUR. A knight of the post; a decayed man; a basket carrier. Cowell.

HODGE-PODGE ACT. A name applied to a statute which comprises a medley of incongruous subjects.

HOG. This word may include a sow; Shubrick v. State, 2 S. C. 21; a pig; Lavender v. State, 60 Ala. 60; Washington v. State, 58 Ala. 355; and may refer to dead as well as a living animal; Whitson v. Cuberston, 7 Ind. 195; Hunt v. State, 55 Ala. 140; Reed v. State, 16 Fla. 504; contra, State v. Hedrick, 272 Mo. 502, 199 S. W. 192, L. R. A. 1918C, 574; and it is synonymous with swine; Rivers v. State, 10 Tex. App. 177.

HOGA. In old English law. A hill or mountain. In old English, a hoca. Grene hoga, Grenehew. Domesday; Spelman.


HOGGUS, or HOGIETUS. A hog or swine. Cowell.

HOHENHYNNE. In Saxon law. A house servant. Any stranger who lodged three nights or more at a man's house in a decennary was called "hohenhynne," and his host became responsible for his acts as for those of his servant.

HOGSHEAD. A measure of a capacity containing the fourth part of a tun, or sixty-three gallons. Cowell. A large cask, of indefinite contents, but usually containing from one hundred to one hundred and forty gallons. Webster.

HOKE DAY (Heck Day). A day of feasting or mirth kept formerly in England on the second or third Tuesday after Easter; Cent. Dict.; or, as a recent writer concludes, the first Sunday after Easter; 28 L. Q. Rev. 283, where it is suggested that it was originally the great spring festival of the pre-Roman British.


2. To be the grantee or tenant of another; to take or have an estate from another. Properly, to have an estate on condition of paying rent, or performing service.
3. To adjudge or decide, spoken of a court, particularly to declare the conclusion of law reached by the court as to the legal effect of the facts disclosed.

4. To maintain or sustain; to be under the necessity or duty of sustaining or proving; as when it is said that a party "holds the affirmative" or negative of an issue in a cause.

5. To bind or obligate; to restrain or constrain; to keep in custody or under an obligation; as in the phrases "hold to bail," "hold for court," "held and firmly bound," etc.

6. To administer; to conduct or preside at; to convolve, open, and direct the operations of; as to hold a court, hold pleas, etc. Smith v. People, 47 N. Y. 334.

7. To prosecute; to direct and bring about officially; to conduct according to law; as to hold an election.

8. To possess; to occupy; to be in possession and administration of; as to hold office.

9. To keep; to retain; to maintain possession of or authority over. Rice v. Fields, 232 S. W. 385, 192 Ky. 161; Corn v. Hyde, 26 N. M. 36, 188 P. 1102, 1103; Dimock State Bank v. Boehnen, 46 S. D. 50, 190 N. W. 485.


—Hold pleas. To hear or try causes. 3 Bl. Comm. 35, 298.

HOLD, n. In old law. Tenure. A word constantly occurring in conjunction with others, as freehold, leasehold, copyhold, etc., but rarely met with in the separate form.


HOLDER IN DUE COURSE. In English law, is "a holder who has taken a bill of exchange (check or note) complete and regular on the face of it, under the following conditions, namely: (a) That he became the holder of it before it was overdue, and without notice that it had been previously dishonored, if such was the fact. (b) That he took the bill (check or note) in good faith and for value, and that at the time it was negotiated to him he had no notice of any defect in the title of the person who negotiated it." Bills of Exchange Act, 1882. (45 & 46 Vict. c. 61, § 29.) And see Sutherland v. Mead, 80 App. Div. 103, 80 N. Y. S. 504; Planters' Bank & Trust Co. v. Felton, 188 N. C. 384, 124 S. E. 549, 551; Potter v. Sager, 98 Misc. 25, 161 N. Y. S. 108, 1069; Lewiston Trust & Safe Deposit Co. v. Shackford, 213 Mass. 302, 106 N. E. 628; Thomas v. Goodrum (Mo. Sup.) 231 S. W. 871, 374.


HOLDING.

In English Law

A piece of land held under a lease or similar tenancy for agricultural, pastoral, or similar purposes.

In Scotch Law

The tenure or nature of the right given by the superior to the vassal. Bell.

In General

—Holding over. See Hold, v.

—Holding up the hand. In criminal practice. A formality observed in the arraignment of prisoners. Held to be not absolutely necessary. 1 W. Bl. 3, 4.

HOLDING COMPANY. A corporation organized to hold the stock of another or other corporations. Such companies become legally possible by virtue of the legislation, which is said to exist in nearly all the states, which authorizes a corporation to hold and own the capital stock of other corporations.

HOLIDAY. A religious festival; a day set apart for commemorating some important event in history; a day of exemption from labor. Webster. A day upon which the usual operations of business are suspended and the courts closed, and, generally, no legal process is served. United Cigar Stores Co. v. Worth-Gyles Grain Co., 212 Ill. App. 28.

Legal Holiday

A day designated by law as exempt from judicial proceedings, service of process, demand and protest of commercial paper, etc.

Public Holiday

A legal holiday.

HOLM. An island in a river or the sea. Spelman. Plain grassy ground upon water sides or in the water. Blount. Low ground intersected with streams. Spelman.
HOLOGRAFO. In Spanish law. A holograph. An instrument (particularly a will) wholly in the handwriting of the person executing it; or which, to be valid, must be so written by his own hand.

HOLOGRAPH. A will or deed written entirely by the testator or grantor with his own hand. Estate of Billings, 64 Cal. 427, 1 P. 701; Harrison v. Weatherby, 180 Ill. 418, 54 N. E. 237.

HOLT. Sax. In old English law. A wood or grove. Spelman; Cowell; Co. Litt. 49.

HOLY ORDERS. In ecclesiastical law. The orders of bishops, (including archbishops,) priests, and deacons in the Church of England. The Roman canonists had the orders of bishop, (in which the pope and archbishops were included,) priest, deacon, subdeacon, psalmist, acolyte, exorcist, reader, ostiarius. 3 Steph. Comm. 55, and note a.

HOMAGE. In feudal law. A service (or the ceremony of rendering it) which a tenant was bound to perform to his lord on receiving investiture of a fee, or succeeding to it as heir, in acknowledgment of the tenure. It is described by Littleton as the most honorable service of reverence that a free tenant might do to his lord. The ceremony was as follows: The tenant, being ungirt and with bare head, knelt before the lord, the latter sitting, and held his hands extended and joined between the hands of the lord, and said: "I become your man (homo) from this day forward, of life and limb and earthly honor, and to you will be faithful and loyal, and bear you faith, for the tenements that I claim to hold of you, saving the faith that I owe unto our sovereign lord the king, so help me God." The tenant then received a kiss from the lord. Homage could be done only to the lord himself. Litt. § 85; Glanv. lib. 9, c. 1; Bract. fols. 77b, 78-80; Wharton.

"Homage" is to be distinguished from "fealty," another incident of feudalism, and which consisted in the solemn oath of fidelity made by the vassal to the lord, whereas homage was merely an acknowledgment of tenure. If the homage was intended to include fealty, it was called "liege homage," but otherwise it was called "simple homage." Brown.

HOMAGE ANCESTRAL. In feudal law. Homage was called by this name where a man and his ancestors had immemorially held of another and his ancestors by the service of homage, which bound the lord to warrant the title, and also to hold the tenant clear of all services to superior lords. If the tenant alienated in fee, his alienee was a tenant by homage, but not by homage ancestral. Litt. § 145; 2 Bl. Comm. 300.

HOMAGE JURY. A jury in a court-baron, consisting of tenants that do homage, who are to inquire and make presentments of the death of tenants, surrenders, admittances, and the like.

HOMAGE LIEGE. That kind of homage which was due to the sovereign alone as supreme lord, and which was done without any saving or exception of the rights of other lords. Spelman.

HOMAGER. One who does or is bound to do homage. Cowell.

HOMAGIO RESPECTUANDO. A writ to the escheator commanding him to deliver seisin of lands to the heir of the king's tenant, notwithstanding his homage not done. Fitzh. New. 269.

HOMAGIUM. L. Lat. Homage (q. v.).

HOMAGIUM LIGIUM. Liege homage; that kind of homage which was due to the sovereign alone as supreme lord, and which was done without any saving or exception of the rights of other lords. Spelman. So called from ligando, (binding,) because it could not be renounced like other kinds of homage.

Homagium, non per procuratores nec per litteras fieri potuit, sed in propria persona tam domini quam tenentis capi debet et fieri. Co. Litt. 68. Homage cannot be done by proxy, nor by letters, but must be paid and received in the proper person, as well of the lord as the tenant.

HOMAGIUM PLANUM. In feudal law. Plain homage; a species of homage which bound him who did it to nothing more than fidelity, without any obligation either of military service or attendance in the courts of his superior. 1 Robertson's Car. V., Appendix, note 8.

HOMAGIUM REDDERE. To renounce homage. This was when a vassal made a solemn declaration of disowning and defying his lord; for which there was a set form and method prescribed by the feudal laws. Bract. l. 2, c. 35, § 35.

HOMAGIUM SIMPLEX. In feudal law. Simple homage; that kind of homage which was merely an acknowledgment of tenure, with a saving of the rights of other lords. Harg. Co. Litt. note 55, lib. 2.

HOMBRE BUENO. In Spanish law. The judge of a district. Also an arbitrator chosen by the parties to a suit. Also a man in good standing; one who is competent to testify in a suit.

HOME. That place in which one in fact resides with the intention of residence, or in which he has so resided, and with regard to which he retains residence or to which he intends to return. Dieley, Cond. L. 81. See Langhammer v. Munter, 80 Md. 518, 31 A. 300, 27 L. R. A. 330; King v. King, 155 Mo. 406, 56 S. W. 594; Dean v. Cannon, 37 W. Va. BL.LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)

HOME OFFICE. The department of state through which the English sovereign administers most of the internal affairs of the kingdom, especially the police, and communicates with the judicial functionaries. As applied to a corporation, its principal office within the state or country where it was incorporated or formed. Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. art. 4716.

HOME PORT. In maritime law, the home port of a vessel is either the port where she is registered or enrolled, or the port at or nearest to which her owner usually resides, or, if there be more than one owner, the port at or nearest to which the husband, or acting and managing owner resides. White's Bank v. Smith, 7 Wall. 651, 19 L. Ed. 211; The Ellen Hoigate (D. C.) 30 F. 125; The Albany, 1 Fed. Cas. 285; Com. v. Ayer & Lord Tie Co., 77 S. W. 688, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 1068. But for some purposes any port where the owner happens at the time to be with his vessel is its home port. Case v. Woolley, 6 Dana (Ky.) 27, 32 Am. Dec. 54; Lever Transp. Co. v. Olinger, 205 Ala. 22, 87 So. 597, 598.

HOME RULE. In constitutional and statutory law, local self-government, or the right thereof. Attorney General v. Lowrey, 151 Mich. 639, 92 N. W. 298. In British politics, a programme or plan (or a more or less definitely formulated demand) for the right of local self-government for Ireland under the lead of an Irish national parliament. Lemaire v. Crockett, 116 Me. 263, 101 A. 302, 303.

HOME, or HOMME. L. Fr. Man; a man.

Home ne sera puny pur suer des briefes en court le roy, soit il a droit ou a tort. A man shall not be punished for suing out writs in the king's court, whether he be right or wrong. 2 Inst. 228.

HOMESOKEN, HOMSOKEN. See Hamesecken.


Business Homestead

In Texas, a place or property (distinct from the home of a family) used and occupied by the head of a family as a place to exercise his calling or business, which is exempt by law. Alexander v. Lovitt (Tex. Civ. App.) 56 S. W. 686; Ford v. Foegard (Tex. Civ. App.) 25 S. W. 448; Spence v. State Nat. Bank of El Paso (Tex. Civ. App.) 294 S. W. 613, 623. A curious misnomer, the word "homestead" in this phrase having lost entirely its original meaning, and being retained apparently only for the sake of its remote and derivative association with the idea of an exemption.

Homestead Corporations

Corporations organized for the purpose of acquiring lands in large tracts, paying off incumbrances thereon, improving and subdividing them into homestead lots or parcels, and distributing them among the shareholders, and for the accumulation of a fund for such purposes. Civ. Code Cal. § 557.

Homestead Entry

See Entry.

Homestead Exemption Laws

Laws passed in most of the states allowing a householder or head of a family to designate a house and land as his homestead, and exempting the same homestead from execution for his general debts.
HOMICIDAL. Pertainning to homicide; relating to homicide, impelling to homicide; as a homicidal mania. (See Insanity.)


Homicide is not necessarily a crime. It is a necessary ingredient of the crimes of murder and manslaughter, but there are other cases in which homicide may be committed without criminal intent and without criminal consequences, as, where it is done in the lawful execution of a judicial sentence, in self-defense, or as the only possible means of arresting an escaping felon. The term “homicide” is neutral; while it describes the act, it pronounces no judgment on its moral or legal quality. See People v. Connors, 35 N. Y. S. 473, 13 Misc. 682.

Classification
Homicide is ordinarily classified as “justifiable,” “excusable,” and “felonious.” For the definitions of these terms, and of some other compound terms, see infra.

Culpable homicide
Described as a crime varying from the very lowest culpability, up to the very verge of murder. Lord Moncrieff, Arkley, 72.

Excusable homicide

The name itself imports some fault, error, or omission, so trivial, however, that the law excuses it from guilt of felony, though in strictness it judges it deserving of some little degree of punishment. 4 Bl. Comm. 123. It is of two sorts,—either per infortunium, by misadventure, or as defendendo, upon a sudden affray. Homicide per infortunium is where a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another; but, if death ensue from any unlawful act, the offense is manslaughter, and not misadventure. Homicide as defendendo is where a man kills another upon a sudden affray, merely in his own defense, or in defense of his wife, child, parent, or servant, and not from any vindictive feeling. 4 Bl. Comm. 123.

Felonious homicide
The wrongful killing of a human being, of any age or either sex, without justification or excuse in law; of which offense there are two degrees, manslaughter and murder. 4 Bl. Comm. 190; 4 Steph. Comm. 111.

Homicide by misadventure
The accidental killing of another, where the slayer is doing a lawful act, unaccompanied by any criminally careless or reckless conduct. State v. Miller, 9 Howst. (Del.) 664, 22 Atl. 137; U. S. v. Mesgher (C. C.) 37 F. 879. The same as “homicide per infortunium.” State v. McVor, 111 A. 615, 617, 1 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 123; State v. Disalvo, 121 A. 651, 663, 2 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 222.

Homicide per infortunium
Homicide by misfortune, or accidental homicide; as where a man doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another; a species of excusable homicide. 4 Bl. Comm. 182; 4 Steph. Comm. 101.

Homicide as defendendo
Homicide in self-defense; the killing of a person in self-defense upon a sudden affray, where the slayer had no other possible (or, at least, probable) means of escaping from his assailant. 4 Bl. Comm. 183-186; 4 Steph. Comm. 103-105. A species of excusable homicide. Id.; 1 Russ. Crimes, 660.

Justifiable homicide
Such as is committed intentionally, but without any evil design, and under such circumstances of necessity or defense that one would be bound to relieve the party from any shadow of blame; as where a sheriff lawfully executes a sentence of death upon a malefactor, or where the killing takes place in the endeavor to prevent the commission of felony which could not be otherwise avoided. Moran v.
People, 183 Ill. 382, 66 N. E. 330; Kilpatrick v. Com., 3 Phila. (Pa.) 238; State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 564, 22 Atl. 137; Richardson v. State, 7 Tex. App. 465. "Justifiable homicide" is the taking of a human being by commandament of the law in execution of public justice; by permission of the law in advance of public justice; in self-defense; or in defense of habitation, property or person, against one who manifestly intends or endeavors, by violence or surprise, to commit a felony on either. Paramore v. State, 161 Ga. 165, 129 S. E. 775, 778.

Negligent homicide.


HOMICIDUM. Lat. Homicide (q. v.).

Homicidium ex justitia, homicide in the administration of justice, or in the execution of the sentence of the law.

Homicidium ex necessitate, homicide from inevitable necessity, as for the protection of one's person or property.

Homicidium ex casu, homicide by accident.

Homicidium ex voluntate, voluntary or willful homicide. Bract. fols. 1209, 121.

HOMINATIO. The mustering of men; the doing of homage.

HOMINE CAPTO IN WITHERNAMMUM. A writ to take him that had taken any bond man or woman, and led him or her out of the country, so that he or she could not be reprieved according to law. Reg. Orig. 79.

HOMINE ELIGENDO. In old English law. A writ directed to a corporation, requiring them to make choice of a man to keep one part of the seal appointed for statutes merchant, when a former is dead, according to the statute of Acton Burnell. Reg. Orig. 178; Wharton.

HOMINE REPLEGIANDO. In English law. A writ which lay to reprieve a man out of prison, or out of the custody of any private person, in the same manner that chattels taken in distress may be reprieved. Brown.

HOMINES. Lat. In feudal law. Men; feudatory tenants who claimed a privilege of having their causes, etc., tried only in their lord's court. Paroch. Antiq. 15.

HOMINES LIGII. Liege men; feudal tenants or vassals, especially those who held immediately of the sovereign. 3 Bl. Comm. 367.

Hominum causa jus constitutum est. Law is established for the benefit of man.

HOMIPLAGIUM. In old English law. The maining of a man. Blount.

HOMME. Fr. Man; a man. The term "man" as sometimes used may include a woman or women. This is expressly stated in Civ. Code La. art. 3556, No. 1.

HOMMES DE FIEF. Fr. In feudal law. Men of the fief; feudal tenants; the peers in the lords' courts. Montesq., Esprit des Lois, liv. 28, c. 27.

HOMMES FEODAUX. Fr. In feudal law. Feudal tenants; the same with hommes de fief (q. v.). Montesq., Esprit des Lois, liv. 28, c. 36.

HOMO. Lat. A man; a human being, male or female; a vassal, or feudal tenant; a retainer, dependent, or servant.

HOMO CHARTULARIUS. A slave unmanned by charter.

HOMO COMMENDATUS. In feudal law. One who surrendered himself into the power of another for the sake of protection or support. See Commendation.

HOMO ECCLESIASTICUS. A church vassal; one who was bound to serve a church, especially to do service of an agricultural character. Spelman.

HOMO EXERCITALIS. A man of the army, (exercitus;) a soldier.

HOMO FEODALIS. A vassal or tenant; one who held a fee, (feodum,) or part of a fee. Spelman.

HOMO FISCALIS, or FISCALINUS. A servant or vassal belonging to the treasury or fiscus.

HOMO FRANCUS. In old English law. A freeman. A Frenchman.


HOMO LIBER. A freeman.

HOMO LIGIUS. A liege man; a subject; a king's vassal. The vassal of a subject.

HOMO NOVUS. In feudal law. A new tenant or vassal; one who was invested with a new fee. Spelman. Also one who, after conviction of a crime, had been pardoned, thus "making a new man of him."

HOMO PERTINENS. In feudal law. A feudal bondman or vassal; one who belonged to the soil, (qui giese ad ecorbitur.)

Homo postes esse habilis et inhabitis diversi temporibus. 5 Coke, 38. A man may be capable and incapable at different times.

HOMO REGIUS. A king's vassal.

HOMO ROMANUS. 'A Roman. An appellation given to the old inhabitants of Gaul and other Roman provinces, and retained in the laws of the barbarous nations. Spelman.
HOMO TRIUM LITTERARUM. A man of the three letters; that is, the three letters, "m," "n," "r," the Latin word *furus* meaning "thief."

Homo vocabulum est nature; persona juris civilis. Man (homo) is a term of nature; person (persona) of civil law. Calvin.

HOMOLOGACION. In Spanish law. The tacit consent and approval inferred by law from the omission of the parties, for the space of ten days, to complain of the sentences of arbitrators, appointment of syndics, or assignees of insolvents, settlements of successions, etc. Also the approval given by the judge of certain acts and agreements for the purpose of rendering them more binding and exentutory. Escriche.

HOMOLOGARE. In the civil law. To confirm or approve; to consent or assent; to confess. Calvin.

HOMOLOGATE. In modern civil law. To approve; to confirm; as a court *homologates* a proceeding. See Homologation. Literally, to use the *same words* with another; to say the like. Viales v. Gardenier, 9 Mart. O. S. (La.) 324. To assent to what another says or writes.

HOMOLOGATION.

In the Civil Law

Approval; confirmation by a court of justice; a judgment which orders the execution of some act. Merl. Répert. The term is also used in Louisiana. Hecker v. Brown, 104 La. 324, 29 So. 232.

In English Law

An estoppel in pais. L. R. 3 App. Cas. 1026.

In Scotch Law

An act by which a person approves of a deed, the effect of which is to render that deed, though in itself defective, binding upon the person by whom it is homologated. Bell. Confirmation of a voidable deed.

HOMONYMIE. A term applied in the civil law to cases where a law was repealed, or laid down in the same terms or to the same effect, more than once. Cases of iteration and repetition. 2 Kent, Comm. 459, note.

HONDBABEND. Sax. Having in hand. See Handhabend.

HONESTE VIVERE. Lat. To live honorably, creditably, or virtuously. One of the three general precepts to which Justinian reduced the whole doctrine of the law, (Inst. 1, 1, 3; Bract. fols. 3, 3, b.) the others being *alterum non lacerare, (not to injure others,) and suum cuique tribuere, (to render to every man his due.)

HONESTUS. Lat. Of good character or standing. *Coram duobus vel pluribus virtus legalibus et honestiis, before two or more lawful and good men. Bract. fol. 61.

HONOR, n. To accept a bill of exchange, or to pay a note, check, or accepted bill, at maturity and according to its tenor. Peterson v. Hubbard, 28 Mich. 199; Clarke v. Cock, 4 East, 72; Lucas v. Groning, 7 Taunt. 168.

Act of honor

When a bill has been protested, and a third person wishes to take it up, or accept it, for the "honor" (credit) of one or more of the parties, the notary draws up an instrument, evidencing the transaction, which is called by this name.

HONOR, n.

In English Law

A seigniory of several manors held under one baron or lord paramount. Also those dignities or privileges, degrees of nobility, knighthood, and other titles, which flow from the crown as the fountain of honor. Wharton.

In American Law

The customary title of courtesy given to judges of the higher courts, and occasionally to some other officers; as "his honor," "your honor."

In General

—Honor courts. Tribunals held within honors or seigniories.

—Office of honor. As used in constitutional and statutory provisions, this term denotes a public office of considerable dignity and importance, to which important public trusts or interests are confided, but which is not compensated by any salary or fees, being thus contrasted with an "office of profit." See Dickson v. People, 17 Ill. 193.

HONORABLE. A title of courtesy given in England to the younger children of earls, and the children of viscounts and barons; and, collectively, to the house of commons. In America, the word is used as a title of courtesy for various classes of officials, but without any clear lines of distinction.

HONORARIUM. In the civil law. An honorary or free gift; a gratuitous payment, as distinguished from hire or compensation for service; a lawyer's or counselor's fee. Dig. 50, 13, 1, 10-12.

An *honorarium* is a voluntary donation, in consideration of services which admit of no compensation in money; in particular, to advocates at law, deemed to practice for honor or influence, and not for fees. McDonald v. Napier, 14 Ga. 69.

HONORARIUM JUS. Lat. In Roman law. The law of the praetors and the edicts of the ediles.

HONORARY. As applied to public offices and other positions of responsibility or trust, this term means either that the office or title is bestowed upon the incumbent as a mark
of honor or compliment, without intending to charge him with the active discharge of the duties of the place, or else that he is to receive no salary or other compensation in money, the honor conferred by the incumbency of the office being his only reward. See Haswell v. New York, 81 N. Y. 258. In other connections, it means attached to or growing out of some honor or dignity or honorable office, or else it imports an obligation or duty growing out of honor or trust only, as distinguished from legal accountability.

HONORARY CANONS. Those without emolument. 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113, § 23.

HONORARY FEUDS. Titles of nobility, descendent to the eldest son, in exclusion of all the rest. 2 Bl. Comm. 56.

HONORARY SERVICES. In feudal law. Special services to be rendered to the king in person, characteristic of the tenure by grand serjeanty; such as to carry his banner, his sword, or the like, or to be his butler, champion, or other officer, at his coronation. Litt. § 153; 2 Bl. Comm. 73.

HONORARY TRUSTEES. Trustees to preserve contingent remainders, so called because they are bound, in honor only, to decide on the most proper and prudential course. Lewin, Trusts, 408.

HONORIS RESPECTUM. By reason of honor or privilege. See Challenge.

HONTFONGENETHEF. In Saxon law. A thief taken with hondhabend; i.e., having the thing stolen in his hand. Cowell.

HONY. L. Fr. Shame; evil; disgrace. Hony soit qui mal y pense, evil be to him who evil thinks.

HOO. In old English law. A hill. Co. Litt. 5b.

HOOKLAND. Land plowed and sown every year.

HOOTCH. Intoxicating liquor illicitly distilled for beverage purposes. State v. Griffith, 279 S. W. 135, 138, 311 Mo. 630; State v. Vesper, 316 Mo. 115, 289 S. W. 862, 863; State v. Wright, 312 Mo. 626, 280 S. W. 705, 706.

HOPCON. In old English law. A valley. Cowell.


HOPE, v. As used in a will, this term is a precatory word, rather than mandatory or dispositive, but it is sufficient, in proper cases, to create a trust in or in respect to the property spoken of. See Cockrill v. Armstrong, 31 Ark. 559; Curd v. Field, 163 Ky. 285, 45 S. W. 92.

HOPPO. A Chinese term for a collector; an overseer of commerce.

HORA. Lat. An hour; the hour.

HORA AURORÆ. In old English law. The morning bell, as ignis estriun or coverfeu (curfew) was the evening bell.

Hora non est multum de substantia negotii, liest in appello de ea aliquando fiat mentio. The hour is not of much consequence as to the substance of business, although in appeal it is sometimes mentioned. 1 Bulst. 52.

HORÆ JURIDICÆ or JUDICÆ. Hours during which the judges sit in court to attend to judicial business.

HORCA. In Spanish law. A gallows; the punishment of hanging. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 19, c. 4, § 1.

HORDA. In old records. A cow in calf.

HORDERA. In old English law. A treasurer. Du Cange.

HORDERIUM. In old English law. A hoard; a treasure, or repository. Cowell.

HORDEUM. In old records. Barley. Hordeum palmate, beer barley, as distinguished from common barley, which was called "hordeum quadragesimale." Blount.

HORN. In old Scotch practice. A kind of trumpet used in denouncing contumacious persons rebels and outlaws, which was done with three blasts of the horn by the king's sargeant. This was called "putting to the horn;" and the party so denounced was said to be "at the horn." Bell. See Horned.

HORN—BOOK. A primer; a book explaining the rudiments of any science or branch of knowledge. The phrase "horn-book law" is a colloquial designation of the rudiments or most familiar principles of law.

HORN TENURE. In old English law. Tenure by cornage; that is, by the service of winding a horn when the Scots or other enemies entered the land, in order to warn the king's subjects. This was a species of grand serjeanty. Litt. § 156; 2 Bl. Comm. 74.

HORN WITH HORN, or HORN UNDER HORN. The promiscuous feeding of bulls and cows or all horned beasts that are allowed to run together upon the same common. Spelman.

HORNGELD. Sax. In old English law. A tax within a forest, paid for horned beasts. Cowell; Blount.

HORNING. In Scotch law. "Letters of hornning" is the name given to a judicial process issuing on the decree of a court, by which the debtor is summoned to perform his obligation in terms of the decree, the consequence
of his failure to do so being liability to arrest and imprisonment. It was the ancient custom to proclaim a debtor who had failed to obey such process a rebel or outlaw, which was done by three blasts of the horn by the king's sergeant in a public place. This was called "putting to the horn," whence the name.

**HORNSWOGGLE.** To triumph over; overcome; beat; bedevil. U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Rochester (Tex. Civ. App.) 281 S. W. 909, 914.

**HORREUM.** Lat. A place for keeping grain; a granary. A place for keeping fruits, wines, and goods generally; a store-house. Calvin; Bract. fol. 48.

**HORS.** L. Fr. Out; out of; without.

**HORS DE SON FEE.** Out of his fee. In old pleading, this was the name of a plea in an action for rent or services, by which the defendant alleged that the land in question was out of the compass of the plaintiff's fee. Mather v. Wood, 12 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 4.

**HORS PRIS.** Except. Literally translated by the Scotch "out taken."

**HORS WEALTH.** In old English law. The wealth, or Briton who had care of the king's horses.

**HORS WEARD.** In old English law. A service or corvée, consisting in watching the horses of the lord. Anc. Inst. Eng.

**HORSE.** An animal of the genus *equus* and species *caballus*. In a narrow and strict sense, the term is applied only to the male, and only to males of four years old or thereabouts, younger horses being called "colts." But even in this sense the term includes both stallions and geldings. In a wider sense, and as generally used in statutes, the word is taken as *nomen generalissimum*, and includes not only horses strictly so called, but also colts, mares and fillies, and males and asses. See Owens v. State, 38 Tex. 557; Ashworth v. Mounsey, L. R. 9 Exch. 187; Pullem v. State, 11 Tex. App. 91; Allison v. Brookshire, 38 Tex. 201; State v. Ingram, 16 Kan. 19; State v. Dunnavant, 3 Brew. (S. C.) 10, 5 Am. Dec. 530; State v. Gooch, 60 Ark. 218, 29 S. W. 640; Davis v. Collier, 13 Ga. 491. Compare Richardson v. Chicago & A. R. Co., 149 Mo. 311, 50 S. W. 782; In re Greer, 129 Minn. 520, 152 N. W. 886; State v. Collins, 53 Mont. 213, 163 P. 102, 103; McCarver v. Griffin, 194 Ala. 634, 64 So. 920, 921, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 1172; Hale v. Commonwealth, 151 Ky. 639, 152 S. W. 773.

**HORSE GUARDS.** The directing power of the military forces of the kingdom of Great Britain. The commander in chief, or general commanding the forces, is at the head of this department. It is subordinate to the war office, but the relations between them are complicated. Wharton.


**Net Horse Power**

Actually available horse power as distinguished from theoretical horse power. Kimberly-Clark Co. v. Patten Paper Co., 153 Wis. 69, 140 N. W. 1066, 1073.

**HORTUS.** Lat. In the civil law. A garden. Dig. 32, 91, 5.

**HOPES.** Lat. A guest. S Coke, 32.

**HOPES GENERALIS.** A great chamberlain.

**HOSPITAL.** An institution for the reception and care of sick, wounded, infirm, or aged persons; generally incorporated, and then of the class of corporations called "eleemosynary" or "charitable." See In re Curtiss (Sur.) 7 N. Y. S. 297.

**Public Hospitals**

Hospitals which appeal to the public for voluntary contributions, or those which are supported by compulsory contributions in the form of a rate.

**HOSPITALLERS.** The knights of a religious order, so called because they built a hospital at Jerusalem, wherein pilgrims were received. All their lands and goods in England were given to the sovereign by 32 Hen. VIII. c. 24.

**HOSPITATOR.** A host or entertainer.

**Hospitator communis.** An innkeeper. S Coke, 32.

**Hospitator magnus.** The marshal of a camp.


**HOSPITIDE.** One that kills his guest or host.

**HOSPITIUM.** An inn; a household. See Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 17.

**HOSPODAR.** A Turkish governor in Moldavia or Wallachia.


**HOSTAGE.** A person who is given into the possession of the enemy, in a public war, his
freedom (or life) to stand as security for the performance of some contract or promise made by the belligerent power giving the hostage with the other.

HOSTELAGIUM. In old records. A right to receive lodging and entertainment, anciently reserved by lords in the houses of their tenants. Cowell.

HOSTELEA. See Hostler.

HOSTES. Lat. Enemies. *Hostes humani generis*, enemies of the human race; *i. e.*, pirates.

*Hostes sunt qui nobis vel quibus nos bellum decernimus; certi pridiores vel praedones sunt.* 7 Coke, 24. Enemies are those with whom we declare war, or who declare it against us; all others are traitors or pirates.

HOSTIA. In old records. The hostbread, or consecrated wafer, in the eucharist. Cowell.

HOSTICIDE. One who kills an enemy.

HOSTILARIA, HOSPITALARIA. A place or room in religious houses used for the reception of guests and strangers.

HOSTILE. Having the character of an enemy; standing in the relation of an enemy. See 1 Kent, Comm. c. 4.

HOSTILE EMBARGO. One laid upon the vessels of an actual or prospective enemy.

HOSTILE POSSESSION. This term, as applied to an occupant of real estate holding adversely, is not construed as implying actual enmity or ill will, but merely means that he claims to hold the possession in the character of an owner, and therefore denies all validity to claims set up by any and all other persons. Ballard v. Hansen, 53 Neb. 561, 51 N. W. 286; Griffin v. Mulley, 137 Pa. 336, 31 A. 664.

HOSTILE WITNESS. A witness who manifests so much hostility or prejudice under examination in chief that the party who has called him, or his representative, is allowed to cross-examine him, *i. e.*, to treat him as though he had been called by the opposite party. Wharton.

HOSTILITY. In the law of nations. A state of open war. “At the breaking out of hostility.” 1 Kent, Comm. 60.

An act of open war. “When hostilities have commenced.” Id. 56.

A hostile character. “Hostility may attach only to the person.” Id.

HOSTLIER. In Norman and old English law, this was the title of the officer in a monastery charged with the entertainment of guests. It was also applied (until about the time of Queen Elizabeth) to an innkeeper, and afterwards, when the keeping of horses at livery became a distinct occupation, to the keeper of a livery stable, and then (under the modern form “ostler”) to the groom in charge of the stables of an inn. Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 20. In the language of railroad ing, an “ostler” or “hostler” at a roundhouse is one whose duty it is to receive locomotives as they come in from the road, care for them in the roundhouse, and have them cleaned and ready for departure when wanted. Railroad Co. v. Massig, 50 Ill. App. 666; Railroad Co. v. Ashling, 34 Ill. App. 105; Grannis v. Railroad Co., 81 Iowa, 444, 46 N. W. 1067; Sovereign Camp, W. O. W., v. Scott (Tex. Civ. App.) 246 S. W. 1107, 1108.

HOT-WATER ORDEAL. In old English law. This was a test, in cases of accusation, by hot water; the party accused and suspected being appointed by the judge to put his arms up to the elbows in seething hot water, which, after sundry prayers and invocations, he did, and was, by the effect which followed, judged guilty or innocent. Wharton.

HOTCHPOT. The blending and mixing property belonging to different persons, in order to divide it equally. 2 Bl. Comm. 190.

Anciently applied to the mixing and blending of lands given to one daughter in frank marriage, with those descending to her and her sisters in fee-simple, for the purpose of dividing the whole equally among them; without which the daughter who held in frank marriage could have no share in the lands in fee-simple. Litt. §§ 267, 268; Co. Litt. 177a; 2 Bl. Comm. 190.

Hotchpot, or the putting in hotchpot, is applied in modern law to the throwing the amount of an advancement made to a particular child, in real or personal estate, into the common stock, for the purpose of a more equal division, or of equalizing the shares of all the children. 2 Kent, Comm. 421, 422. This answers to or resembles the *collatio bonorum*, or *collation* of the civil law. See Law v. Smith, 2 R. I. 249; Ray v. Loper, 65 Mo. 472; Jackson v. Jackson, 28 Miss. 650, 64 Am. Dec. 114; Thompson v. Carmichael, 3 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 120; Page v. Elwell, 2d Colo. 73, 253 P. 1059, 1061; In re Farmers’ Loan & Trust Co., 185 N. Y. 951, 959, 59 Misc. 420; In re Farmers’ Loan & Trust Co., 185 N. Y. 952, 959, 181 App. Div. 642.

HOTEL. An inn; a public house or tavern; a house for entertaining strangers or travelers. St. Louis v. Siegrist, 46 Mo. 594; People v. Jones, 54 Barb. (N. Y.) 316; Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 19.

Synonyms

In law, there is no difference whatever between the terms “hotel,” “inn,” and “tavern,” except that in some states a statutory definition has been given to the word “hotel,” especially with reference to the grant of licenses to sell liquor, as, that it shall contain a certain number of separate rooms.
for the entertainment of guests, or the like. But none of the three terms mentioned will include a boarding house (because that is a place kept for the entertainment of permanent boarders, while a hotel or inn is for travelers and transient guests), nor a lodging house (because the keeper thereof does not furnish food for guests, which is one of the requisites of a hotel or inn), nor a restaurant or eating-house, which furnishes food only and not lodging. See Martin v. State Ins. Co., 44 N. J. Law, 453, 43 Am. Rep. 397; In re Liquor Licenses, 4 Montg. Co. Law Rep'r (Pa.) 78; Kelly v. Eichle Con'r's, 64 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 331; Carpenter v. Tipton, 1 Hill. (N. Y.) 333; Cornwall v. Stephens, 2 Dally (N. Y.) 23; City of Independence v. Richardson, 177 Kan. 655, 223 P. 1044, 1046; Kieffer v. Keough (Tex. Civ. App.) 188 S. W. 44, 46; Stephens v. State, 164 Ark. 90, 261 S. W. 37, 38; Belvedere Hotel Co. v. Williams, 137 Md. 665, 133 A. 335, 337, 18 A. L. R. 622; Cole v. State, 160 Ark. 151, 254 S. W. 478, 477; City of Birmingham v. Bollas, 299 Ala. 512, 96 So. 591, 598; Watt Const. Co. v. Chase, 188 N. Y. S. 589, 593, 197 App. Div. 327; Babv v. Ellsnger (Sup.) 147 N. Y. S. 98, 99; Satterthwait v. Gibba, 288 Pa. 428, 138 A. 862, 864; Huntley v. Stanchfield, 114 Wis. 665, 128 N. W. 984, 985; Dixon v. Robbins, 246 N. Y. 169, 158 N. E. 63; Dobenhay v. Short (Tex. Civ. App.) 139 S. W. 1147; City of Ft. Smith v. Gunter, 106 Ark. 371, 154 S. W. 181, 183; McClaugherty v. Cline, 128 Tenn. 605, 163 S. W. 501.

HOUGH. A valley. Co. Litt. 5b.

HOUR. The twenty-fourth part of a natural day; sixty minutes of time.

—Hour of cause. In Scotch practice. The hour when a court is met. 3 How. State Tr. 603.

—Office hours. See Office.


"House" means, presumptively, a dwelling house; a building divided into floors and apartments, with four walls, a roof, and doors and chimneys; but it does not necessarily mean precisely this. Daniel v. Coulston, 7 Man. & G. 125; Surman v. Darley, 14 Mee's. & W. 183.

It may mean any sort of structure or part thereof, whether used for human habitation or not. Dennis v. State, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 122, 158 S. W. 1006; Earl v. United States (C. C. A.) 4 F.(2d) 522, 523; Davis v. State, 191 Tex. Cr. R. 362, 275 S. W. 1055, 1056; People v. Coffee, 32 Cal. App. 113, 188 P. 213, 214; Tchomac v. State, 11 Tex. Cr. R. 123, 293 S. W. 2062; Walker v. Terrell (Tex. Civ. App.) 169 S. W. 75, 76. "House," is not synonymous with "dwelling house;" while the former is used in a broader and more comprehensive sense than the latter, it has a narrower and more restricted meaning than the word "building." State v. Carley, 46 N. H. 61.

In the devise of a house, the word "house" is synonymous with "messuage," and conveys all that comes within the curtilage. Rogers v. Smith, 4 Pa. 22.


The name "house" is also given to some collections of men other than legislative bodies, to some public institutions, and (colloquially) to mercantile firms or joint-stock companies.

Ancient House
One which has stood long enough to acquire an easement of support against the adjoining land or building. 3 Kent Comm. 457.

Bawdy House
A brothel; a house maintained for purposes of prostitution.

Beer House
See Beer.

Boarding House
See that title.

Duplex House

Dwelling House
See that title.

House-boat
A species of estovers, belonging to a tenant for life or years, consisting in the right to take from the woods of the lessor or owner such timber as may be necessary for making repairs upon the house. See Co. Litt. 41b.

House-burning
See Arson.

House-duty
A tax on inhabited houses imposed by 14 & 15 Vict. c. 36, in lieu of window-duty, which was abolished.

House of Commons
One of the constituent houses of the British parliament, composed of representatives of the counties, cities, and boroughs. The lower house, so called because the commons of the realm, that is, the knights, citizens, and burgesses returned to parliament, representing the whole body of the commons, sit there.

House of Correction
A reformatory. A place for the imprisonment of juvenile offenders, or those who have
commit crimes of lesser magnitude. Ex parte Moon Fook, 72 Cal. 10, 12 P. 504.

House of Delegates
The official title of the lower branch of the legislative assembly of several of the American states, e. g., Maryland and Virginia.

House of Ill Fame
A bawdy-house; a brothel; a dwelling allowed by its chief occupant to be used as a resort of persons desiring unlawful sexual intercourse. McAllister v. Clark, 33 Conn. 91; State v. Smith, 20 Minn. 153, 12 N. W. 524; Posnett v. Marble, 62 Vt. 481, 20 A. 813, 11 L. R. A. 162, 22 Am. St. Rep. 126.

The authorities are conflicting as to whether and in what circumstances a house used solely by one woman for illicit intercourse is a house of ill fame. Fisher v. City of Paragould, 127 Ark. 298, 132 S. W. 219, 220; State v. Fyles, 88 W. Va. 435, 104 S. E. 100, 12 A. L. R. 537; State v. Gardner, 174 Iowa, 748, 156 N. W. 747, 755, L. R. A. 1916D, 767, Ann. Cas. 1917J, 229; State v. Clough, 131 Iowa, 733, 165 N. W. 56, 60.

House of Keys
The name of the lower branch of the legislative assembly or parliament of the Isle of Man, consisting of twenty-four representatives chosen by popular election.

House of Lords
The upper chamber of the British parliament. It comprises the archbishops and bishops, (called "Lords Spiritual," the English peers sitting by virtue of hereditary right, sixteen Scotch peers elected to represent the Scotch peerage under the act of union, and twenty-eight Irish peers elected under similar provisions. The house of lords, as a judicial body, has ultimate appellate jurisdiction, and may sit as a court for the trial of impeachments.

House of Refuge
A prison for juvenile delinquents. A house of correction or reformatory.

House of Representatives
The name of the body forming the more popular and numerous branch of the congress of the United States; also of the similar branch in many of the state legislatures.

House of Worship
A building or place set apart for and devoted to the holding of religious services or exercises or public worship; a church or chapel or place similarly used. Old South Soc. v. Boston, 127 Mass. 379; LeBere v. Detroit, 2 Mich. 589; Washington Heights M. E. Church v. New York, 20 Hun (N. Y.) 297.

Inner House, Outer House
See those titles.

Mansion House
See Mansion.

Public House
An inn or tavern; a house for the entertainment of the public, or for the entertainment of all who come lawfully and pay regularly. 3 Brew. 344; Whatley v. State, 68 So. 401, 402, 12 Ala. App. 201. A place of public resort, particularly for purposes of drinking or gaming. In a more general sense, any house made public by the occupation carried on in it and the implied invitation to the public to enter, such as inns, taverns, drinking saloons, gambling houses, and perhaps also shops and stores. See Cole v. State, 28 Tex. App. 536, 13 S. W. 589, 19 Am. St. Rep. 856; State v. Barns, 25 Tex. 655; Arnold v. State, 29 Ala. 50; Lafferty v. State, 41 Tex. Cr. R. 600, 56 S. W. 623; Bentley v. State, 32 Ala. 599; Brown v. State, 27 Ala. 50.

Tipping House
A place where intoxicating liquors are sold in drams or small quantities to be drunk on the premises, and where men resort for drinking purposes.

HOUSEAGE. A fee paid for housing goods by a carrier, or at a wharf, etc.

HOUSEBREAKING. In criminal law. Breaking and entering a dwelling-house with intent to commit any felony therein. If done by night, it comes under the definition of "burglary."

Under statute housebreaking may consist in "breaking out" of a house after access had been gained without breaking. Lawson v. Commonwealth, 160 Ky. 180, 169 S. W. 557, 588, L. R. A. 1915D, 972.

HOUSEHOLD. A family living together. May v. Smith, 48 Ala. 488; Woodward v. Murray, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 402; Arthur v. Morgan, 112 U. S. 405, 5 S. Ct. 241, 28 L. Ed. 325. Those who dwell under the same roof and compose a family. Webster. A man's family living together constitutes his household, though he may have gone to another state.


HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. See Furniture.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS. These words, in a will, include everything of a permanent nature (i.e., articles of household which are not consumed in their enjoyment) that are used in or purchased or otherwise acquired by a testator for his house. 1 Rep. Leg. 191; Mar.

HOUSEHOLD SERVANTS AND HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYEES. Those employed in the mansion house, and do not embrace those who work out of doors upon the home place, and not regularly employed to do work within the curtilage. Raines v. Osborne, 184 N. C. 599, 114 S. E. 849.

HOUSEHOLD STUFF. This phrase, in a will, includes everything which may be used for the convenience of the house, as tables, chairs, bedding, and the like. But apparel, books, weapons, tools for artificers, cattle, victuals, and choses in action will not pass by those words, unless the context of the will clearly show a contrary intention. 1 Rop. Leg. 206. See Appeal of Hoopes, 60 Pa. 227, 100 Am. Dec. 652.


HOUSEKEEPER. One who is in actual possession of and who occupies a house, as distinguished from a “boarder,” “lodger,” or “guest.” See Bell v. Keach, 90 Ky. 45; Velle v. Koch, 27 Ill. 131. Head of a family. January v. Marler, 274 Mo. 549, 209 S. W. 817; Gammon v. McDowell, 317 Mo. 1386, 298 S. W. 34, 36.

HOVEL. A place used by husbandmen to set their plows, carts, and other farming utensils out of the rain and sun.
A shed; a cottage; a mean house.


HOY. A small coasting vessel, usually sloop-rigged, used in conveying passengers and goods from place to place, or as a tender to larger vessels in port. Webster.

HOYMAN. The master or captain of a hoy.


HUCUSQUE. In old pleading. Hitherto. 2 Mod. 24.

HUDE - GELD. In old English law. An acquittance for an assault upon a trespassing servant. Supposed to be a mistake or misprint in Fleta for “hinegeld.” Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 20. Also the price of one’s skin, or the money paid by a servant to save himself from a whipping. Du Cange.

HUE AND CRY. In old English law. A loud outcry with which felons (such as robbers, burglars, and murderers) were anciently pursued, and which all who heard it were bound to take up, and join in the pursuit, until the malefactor was taken. Bract. folis. 115b, 124; 4 Bl. Comm. 293.
A written proclamation issued on the escape of a felon from prison, requiring all officers and people to assist in retaking him. 3 How. State Tr. 386.

HUEBRAS. In Spanish law. A measure of land equal to as much as a yoke of oxen can plow in one day. 2 White, Recop. (38), 49; Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 443, 9 L. Ed. 1137.

HUI. Under the law of Hawaii. An association of persons in the ownership of land, members of which ordinarily hold the property as tenants in common. De Fries v. Scott (C. C. A.) 288 F. 562, 569.


HUSSERIUM. A ship used to transport horses. Also termed “uffer.”

HUISSIERS. In French law. Marshals; ushers; process-servers; sheriffs’ officers. Ministerial officers attached to the courts, to effect legal service of process required by law in actions, to issue executions, etc., and to maintain order during the sitting of the courts.

HULKA. In old records. A hulk or small vessel. Cowell.

HULKS. A place of punishment for convicts in England, abandoned with the reform in the punishment of convicts which began in England about 1840.

HULL. In a statute, 33 USCA § 319, requiring ships of a certain size to carry lights, etc., it includes the forecastle deck. The Europe, 190 Fed. 475, 111 C. C. A. 307.

HULLUS. In old records. A hill. 2 Mon. Angl. 292; Cowell.

HUMAGIUM. A moist place. Mon. Angl.

HUMANITARIAN DOCTRINE. Another name for the doctrine of the last clear chance. See Last.
HUNDRED. Under the Saxon organization of England, each county or shire comprised an indefinite number of *hundreds*, each hundred containing ten *tithings*, or groups of ten families of freeholders or frankpledges. The hundred was governed by a high constable, and had its own court; but its most remarkable feature was the corporate responsibility of the whole for the crimes or defaults of the individual members. The introduction of this plan of organization into England is commonly ascribed to Alfred, but the idea, as well as the collective liability as of the division, was probably known to the ancient German peoples, as we find the same thing established in the Frankish kingdom under Clothaire, and in Denmark. See 1 Bl. Comm. 115; 4 Bl. Comm. 411.

**HUNDRED COURT.** In English law. A larger court-baron, being held for all the inhabitants of a particular *hundred*, instead of a manor. The free suitors are the judges, and the steward the registrar, as in the case of a court-baron. It is not a court of record, and resembles a court-baron in all respects except that in point of territory it is of greater jurisdiction. These courts have long since fallen into desuetude. 3 Bl. Comm. 34, 35; 3 Steph. Comm. 394, 395.

**HUNDRED GEMOTE.** Among the Saxons, a meeting or court of the freeholders of a hundred, which assembled, originally, twelve times a year, and possessed civil and criminal jurisdiction and ecclesiastical powers. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 7.

**HUNDRED LÁGH.** The law of the hundred, or hundred court; liability to attend the hundred court. Spelman.

**HUNDRED PENNY.** In old English law. A tax collected from the hundred, by the sheriff or lord of the hundred.

**HUNDRED ROLLS.** Rolls embodying the result of investigations made by the commissioners in 1274 as to usurpations of the royal rights. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 48.

**HUNDRED SECTA.** The performance of suit and service at the hundred court.

**HUNDRED SETENA.** In Saxon law. The dwellers or inhabitants of a hundred. Cowell; Blount. Spelman suggests the meaning of *secutena* from Sax. *secut,* a tax.

**HUNDRED-WEIGHT.** A denomination of weight containing, according to the English system, 112 pounds; but in this country, generally, it consists of 100 pounds avoirdupois.

**HUNDREDARIUS.** In old English law. A hundredary or hundredor. A name given to the chief officer of a hundred, as well as to the freeholders who composed it. Spel. voc. "Hundredus."

**HUNDREDARY.** The chief or presiding officer of a hundred.

**HUNREDGES EARLDOR, or HUNREDedes MAN.** The presiding officer in the hundred court. Anc. Inst. Eng.

**HUNREDORS.** In English law. The inhabitants or freeholders of a hundred, anciently the suitors or judges of the hundred court. Persons impaneled or fit to be impaneled upon juries, dwelling within the hundred where the cause of action arose. Comp. Jur. 217. It was formerly necessary to have some of these upon every panel of jurors. 3 Bl. Comm. 339, 340; 4 Steph. Comm. 370.

The term "hundredor" was also used to signify the officer who had the jurisdiction of a hundred, and held the hundred court, and sometimes the bailiff of a hundred. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

**HUNG JURY.** A jury so irreconcilably divided in opinion that they cannot agree upon any verdict.

**HUNGER.** The desire to eat. Hunger is no excuse for larceny; 1 Hale, Pl. Cr. 54; 4 Bla. Com. 31. As to death from hunger, see Death.


**HURDEREVERST.** A domestic; one of a family.

**HURDLE.** In English criminal law. A kind of sledge, on which convicted felons were drawn to the place of execution.

**HURRICANE.** A storm of great violence or intensity, of which the particular characteristic is the high velocity of the wind. There is naturally no exact measure to distinguish between an ordinary storm and a hurricane, but the wind should reach a velocity of at least 50 or 60 miles an hour to be called by the latter name, or, as expressed in some of the cases, it should be sufficient to "throw down buildings." A hurricane is properly a circular storm in the nature of a cyclone. See Pelican Ins. Co. v. Troy Co-op. Ass'n, 77 Tex. 225, 13 S. W. 960; Queen Ins. Co. v. Hudnut Co., 8 Ind. App. 22, 35 N. E. 397; Tyson v. Union Mut. Fire & Storm Co., 2 Montg. Co. Law Reg'r (Pa.) 17.

**HURST, HYRST, HERST, or HIRST.** A wood or grove of trees. Co. Litt. 4b.

**HURT.** In such phrases as "to the hurt of annoyance of another," or "hurt, molested, or restrained in his person or estate," this word is not restricted to physical injuries,

HURTARDUS, or HURTUS. A ram or wether.


HUSBAND. A married man; one who has a lawful wife living. The correlative of "wife." Etymologically, the word signified the "house bond," the man who, according to Saxon ideas and institutions, held around him the family, for whom he was in law responsible.

HUSBAND AND WIFE. One of the great domestic relationships: being that of a man and woman lawfully joined in marriage, by which, at common law, the legal existence of a wife is incorporated with that of her husband.

HUSBAND LAND. In old Scotch law. A quantity of land containing commonly six acres. Skene.

HUSBAND OF A SHIP. See Ship's Husband.

HUSBANDMAN. A farmer; a cultivator or tiller of the ground. The word "farmer" is colloquially used as synonymous with "husbandman," but originally meant a tenant who cultivates leased ground.


HUSBANDRY. Agriculture; cultivation of the soil for food; farming, in the sense of operating land to raise provisions. Simons v. Lovell, 7 Helsk. (Tenn.) 626; McCue v. Tunstead, 65 Cal. 506, 4 Pac. 510.

HUSBREC. In Saxon law. The crime of housebreaking or burglary. Crabb, Eng. Law, 59, 308.

HUSCARLE. In old English law. A house servant or domestic; a man of the household. Spelman.

A king's vassal, thane, or baron; an earl's man or vassal. A term of frequent occurrence in Domesday Book.

HUSFASTNE. He who holds house and land. Bract. l. 8. t. 2. c. 10.

HUSGABLUM. In old records. House rent; or a tax or tribute laid upon a house. Cowell; Blount.

HUSH-MONEY. A colloquial expression to designate a bribe to hinder information; pay to secure silence.

HUSTINGS. Council; court; tribunal. Apparently so called from being held within a building, at a time when other courts were held in the open air. It was a local court. The county court in the city of London bore this name. There were hustings at York, Winchester, Lincoln, and in other places similar to the London hustings. Also the raised place from which candidates for seats in parliament address the constituency, on the occasion of their nomination. Wharton.

In Virginia, some of the local courts are called "hustings," as in the city of Richmond. Smith v. Com., 6 Grat. (Va.) 606. The municipal courts established (in Virginia) in any city of over 5,000 inhabitants were at one time called hustings courts. Cent. Dict.

HUTESIUM ET CLAMOR. Hue and cry. See Hue and Cry.


HWATA, HWATUNG. In old English law. Augury; divination.

HYBERNACIUM. In old English law. The season for sowing winter grain, between Michaelmas and Christmas. The land on which such grain was sown. The grain itself; winter grain or winter corn. Cowell.

HYBRID. A mongrel; an animal formed of the union of different species, or different genera; also (metaphorically) a human being born of the union of persons of different races.

HYD. In old English law. Hide; skin. A measure of land, containing according to some, a hundred acres, which quantity is also assigned to it in the Dialogus de Secacario. It seems, however, that the hide varied in different parts of the kingdom.

HYDAGE. See Hidade.

HYDROMETER. An instrument for measuring the density of fluids. Being immersed in fluids, as in water, brine, beer, brandy, etc., it determines the proportion of their density, or their specific gravity, and thence their quality. See Rev. St. U. S. § 2918 (19 USCA § 300).

HYDROSTATIC TEST. A method of determining whether or not a deceased infant was born alive, involving the removal of the lungs and the placing of them in a vessel of water; if the infant had breathed, the air in the lungs will cause them to float, though they may also float if decomposition has set in and gas has formed in the body. Morgan v. State, 226 S. W. 332, 148 Tenn. 417. Called, also, "docimasia pulmonum."
HYMNS,HIEMS. Lat. In the civil law. Winter. Dig. 43, 20, 4, 34. Written, in some of the old books, "yems." Fleta, lib. 2, c. 73, §§ 16, 18.

HYGIENE. A system of principles or rules designed for the promotion of health. Lunn v. City of Auburn, 85 A. 893, 894, 110 Me. 241.

HYPNOTISM. In medical jurisprudence. A psychic or mental state rendering the patient susceptible to suggestion at the will of another.

The hypnotic state is an abnormal condition of the mind and senses, in the nature of trance, artificial catalepsy, or somnambulism, induced in one person by another, by concentration of the attention, a strong effort of volition, and perhaps the exercise of a telepathic power not as yet fully understood, or by mental suggestion, in which certain mental processes of the subject and to a great extent his will are subjugated and directed by those of the operator.

HYPOBOLUM. In the civil law. The name of the bequest or legacy given by the husband to his wife, at his death, above her dowry.

HYPOCHONDRIA; HYPMANIA. See Insanity.

HYPOSTASIS. In medical jurisprudence. (1) The morbid deposition of a sediment of any kind in the body. (2) A congestion or flushing of the blood vessels, as in varicose veins. Post-mortem hypostasis, a peculiar lividity of the cadaver.

HYPOTHEC. In Scotland, the term "hypothec" is used to signify the landlord's right which, independently of any stipulation, he has over the crop and stocking of his tenant. It gives a security to the landlord over the crop of each year for the rent of that year, and over the cattle and stocking on the farm for the current year's rent, which lasts for three months after the last conventional term for the payment of the rent. Bell.

HYPOTHECA. "Hypotheca" was a term of the Roman law, and denoted a pledge or mortgage. As distinguished from the term "pignus," in the same law, it denoted a mortgage, whether of lands or of goods, in which the subject in pledge remained in the possession of the mortgagor or debtor; whereas in the pignus the mortgagee or creditor was in the possession. Such an hypotheca might be either express or implied; express, where the parties upon the occasion of a loan entered into express agreement to that effect; or implied, as, e. g., in the case of the stock and utensils of a farmer, which were subject to the landlord's right as a creditor for rent; whence the Scotch law of hypothec.

The word has suggested the term "hypothecate," as used in the mercantile and maritime law of England. Thus, under the factor's act, goods are frequently said to be "hypothecated;" and a captain is said to have a right to hypothecate his vessel for necessary repairs. Brown. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 334–359.

HYPOTHECARIA ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An hypothecary action; an action for the enforcement of an hypotheca, or right of mortgage; or to obtain the surrender of the thing mortgaged. Inst. 4, 6, 7; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 356. Adopted in the Civil Code of Louisiana, under the name of "Action hypothecarie," (translated, "action of mortgagor.") See Civ. Code La. arts. 1433–1443; Code Prac. La. art. 61.

HYPOTHECARII CREDITORES. Lat. In the civil law. Hypothecary creditors; those who loaned money on the security of an hypotheca, (q. e.) Calvin.

HYPOTHECARY ACTION. The name of an action allowed under the civil law for the enforcement of the claims of a creditor by the contract of hypotheca. Lovell v. Cragin, 136 U. S. 130, 10 Sup. Ct. 1024, 34 L. Ed. 372.

An hypothecary action is a real action, which the creditor brings against the property which has been hypothecated to him by his debtor, in order to have it seized and sold for the payment of his debt. Code Prac. La. art. 61. In the hypothecary action proper, there is no pursuit of the person; the thing mortgaged is the debtor, and the action is directed against it. In this sense, the action is real. Wisdom v. Parker, 31 La. Ann. 52.

HYPOTHECATE. To pledge a thing without delivering the possession of it to the pledgee. "The master, when abroad, and in the absence of the owner, may hypothecate the ship, freight, and cargo, to raise money requisite for the completion of the voyage." 3 Kent, Comm. 171. See Spect v. Spect, 58 Cal. 437, 26 Pac. 203, 13 L. R. A. 137, 22 Am. St. Rep. 314; Ogden v. Lathrop, 31 N. Y. Super. Ct. 651.

HYPOTHECATION. A term borrowed from the civil law. In so far as it is naturalized in English and American law, it means a contract of mortgage or pledge in which the subject-matter is not delivered into the possession of the pledgee or pawnee; or, conversely, a conventional right existing in one person over specific property of another, which consists in the power to cause a sale of the same, though it be not in his possession, in order that a specific claim of the creditor may be satisfied out of the proceeds.

The term is frequently used in our textbooks and reports, particularly upon the law of bottomry and maritime liens; thus a vessel is said to be hypothecated for the demand of one who has advanced money for supplies.

In the common law, there are but few, if any, cases of hypothecation, in the strict sense of the
HYPOTHESIS. A supposition, assumption, or theory; a theory set up by the prosecution, on a criminal trial, or by the defense, as an explanation of the facts in evidence, and a ground for inferring guilt or innocence, as the case may be, or as indicating a probable or possible motive for the crime.

HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION. A combination of assumed or proved facts and circumstances, stated in such form as to constitute a coherent and specific situation or state of facts, upon which the opinion of an expert is asked, by way of evidence on a trial. Howard v. People, 185 Ill. 552, 57 N. E. 441; People v. Durrant, 116 Cal. 216, 49 P. 88; Cowley v. People, 53 N. Y. 464, 38 Am. Rep. 494; Stearns v. Field, 90 N. Y. 941.

HYPOTHETICAL YEARLY TENANCY. The basis, in England, of rating lands and hereditaments to the poor-rate, and to other rates and taxes that are expressed to be leviable or assessable in like manner as the poor-rate.

HYRNES. In old English law. A parish.

HYSTERIA. A paroxysmal disease or disorder of the nervous system, more common in females than males, not originating in any anatomical lesion, due to psychic rather than physical causes, and attended, in the acute or convulsive form, by extraordinary manifestations of secondary effects of extreme nervousness.

Hysteria is a state in which ideas control the body and produce morbid changes in its functions. Mebius. A special psychic state, characterized by symptoms which can also be produced or reproduced by suggestion, and which can be treated by psychotherapy or persuasion, hysteria and hypnotic states being practically equivalent to each other. Babinski. A purely psychic or mental disorder due to hereditary predisposition. Charcot. A state resulting from a psychic lesion or nervous shock, leading to repression or aberration of the sexual instinct. Freud. Hysteria is much more common in women than in men, and was formerly thought to be due to some disorder of the uterus or sexual system; but it is now known that it may occur in men, in children, and in very aged persons of either sex.

In the convulsive form of hysteria, commonly called “hysterics” or “a fit of hysteria,” there is a nervous storm characterized by loss or abandonment of self-control in the expression of the emotions, particularly grief, by paroxysms of tears or laughter or both together, sensations of constriction as of a ball rising in the throat (globus hystericus), convulsive movements in the chest, pelvis, and abdomen, sometimes leading to a fall with apparent unconsciousness, followed by a relapse into semi-unconsciousness or catalepsy. In the non-convulsive forms, all kinds of organic paralyses may be simulated, as well as muscular contractions and spasms, tremor, loss of sensation (anesthesia) or exaggerated sensation (hyperesthesia), disturbances of respiration, disordered appetite, accelerated pulse, hemorrhages in the skin (stigmato), pain, swelling, or even dislocation of the joints, and great amenable to suggestion.

HYSTERO-EPILEPSY. See Epilepsy.

HYSTEROPOTMOI. Those who, having been thought dead, had, after a long absence in foreign countries, returned safely home; or those who, having been thought dead in battle, had afterwards unexpectedly escaped from their enemies and returned home. These, among the Romans, were not permitted to enter their own houses at the door, but were received at a passage opened in the roof. Enc. Lond.

HYSTEROTOMY. The Cesarcan operation. See Cesarcan Section.

HYTHE. In English law. A port, wharf, or small haven to embark or land merchandise at. Cowell; Blount.
I.


I—CTUS. An abbreviation for "jurisconsultus," one learned in the law; a jurisconsult.

I. E. An abbreviation for "id est," that is; that is to say.

I O U. A memorandum of debt, consisting of these letters, ("I owe you,") a sum of money, and the debtor's signature, is termed an "I O U." Kinney v. Flynn, 2 R. I. 329.

IBERNAGIUM. In old English law. The season for sowing winter corn. Also spelled "hibernagium" and "hybernagium."

IBI semper debet fieri triatio ubi juratores meliorum possunt habere notitiam. 7 Coke, 19. A trial should always be had where the jurors can be the best informed.

IBIDEM. Lat. In the same place; in the same book; on the same page, etc. Abbreviated to "ibid." or "ib."

ICENI. The ancient name for the people of Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire, in England.

ICONA. An image, figure, or representation of a thing. Du Cange.

ICTUS. In old English law. A stroke or blow from a club or stone; a bruise, concussion, or swelling produced by a blow from a club or stone, as distinguished from "plaga," (a wound.) Fleta, lib. 1, c. 41, § 3.

ICTUS ORBIS. In medical jurisprudence. A maim, a bruise, or swelling; any hurt without cutting the skin. When the skin is cut, the injury is called a "wound." Bract. lib. 2, tr. 2, cc. 5, 24.

Id certum est quod certum reddi potest. That is certain which can be made certain. 2 Bl. Comm. 143; 1 Bl. Comm. 78; 4 Kent, Comm. 462; Broom, Max. 624.

Id certum est quod certum reddi potest, sed id magis certum est quod de semetipso est certum. That is certain which can be made certain, but that is more certain which is certain of itself. 9 Coke, 47a.

ID EST. Lat. That is. Commonly abbreviated "k. e."

Id perfectum est quod ex omnibus suis partibus constat. That is perfect which consists of all its parts. 9 Coke, 8.

IDEA. Lat. The same. According to Lord Coke, "ideam" has two significations, sc., idem syllabus seu verba, (the same in syllabus or words,) and idem re et sensu, (the same in substance and in sense.) 10 Coke, 124a.

In Old Practice

The said, or aforesaid; said, aforesaid. Distinguished from "predicatus" in old entries, though having the same general significance. Townsh. Pl. 15, 16.

Idem agentis et patientis esse non potest. Jenk. Cent. 40. The same person cannot be both agent and patient; i. e., the doer and person to whom the thing is done.

Idem est facere, et non prohibere cum possit; et qui non prohibit, cum prohibere possit, in culpae est, (aut jubeat.) 3 Inst. 158. To commit, and not to prohibit when in your power, is the same thing; and he who does not prohibit when he can prohibit is in fault, or does the same as ordering it to be done.

Idem est nihil dicere, et insufficienter dicere. It is the same thing to say nothing, and to say a thing insufficiently. 2 Inst. 178. To say a thing in an insufficient manner is the same as not to say it at all. Applied to the plea of a prisoner. Id.

Idem est non esse, et non apprare. It is the same thing not to be as not to appear. Jenk. Cent. 207. Not to appear is the same thing as not to be. Broom, Max. 165.

Idem est non probari et non esse; non deficit jus, sed probatio. What is not proved and what does not exist are the same; it is not a defect of the law, but of proof.

Idem est soire aut soire debere aut potuisse. To be bound to know or to be able to know is the same as to know.
IDENTATE NOMINIS. In English law. An alicant writ (now obsolete) which lay for one taken and arrested in any personal action, and committed to prison, by mistake for another man of the same name. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 267.

IDENTITY.

In the Law of Evidence

Sameness; the fact that a subject, person, or thing before a court is the same as it is represented, claimed, or charged to be. See Burrill, Circ. Ev. 382, 463, 631, 644.

In Patent Law

Such sameness between two designs, inventions, combinations, etc., as will constitute the one an infringement of the patent granted for the other.

To constitute "identity of invention," and therefore infringement, not only must the result obtained be the same, but, in case the means used for its attainment is a combination of known elements, the elements combined in both cases must be the same, and combined in the same way, so that each shall perform the same function; provided that the differences alleged are not merely colorable according to the rule forbidding the use of known equivalents. Electric Railroad Signal Co. v. Hall Railroad Signal Co., 114 U. S. 87, 5 Sup. Cl. 1099, 59 L. Ed. 96; Latna v. Shaw, 14 Fed. Cas. 1183. "Identity of design" means sameness of appearance, or, in other words, sameness of effect upon the eye.—not the eye of an expert, but of an ordinary intelligent observer. Smith v. Whitman Saddle Co., 148 U. S. 674, 13 Sup. Cl. 708, 37 L. Ed. 608.

IDEO. Lat. Therefore. Calvin.

IDEO CONSIDERATUM EST. Lat. Therefore it is considered. These were the words used at the beginning of the entry of judgment in an action, when the forms were in Latin. They are also used as a name for that portion of the record.

IDEOAT. An old form for idiot (q. v.).

IDES. A division of time among the Romans. In March, May, July, and October, the Ides were on the 15th of the month; in the remaining months, on the 13th. This method of reckoning is still retained in the chancery of Rome, and in the calendar of the breviary. Wharton.

IDICHIRA. Graeco-Lat. In the civil law. An instrument privately executed, as distinguished from such as were executed before a public officer. Cod. 8, 18, 11; Calvin.

IDIODY, IDIOPATHIC INSANITY. See Insanity.

IDIOT. A person who has been without understanding from his nativity, and whom the law, therefore, presumes never likely to attain any. Shelf. Lun. 2. See Insanity. State.

IE. BL. LAW Dict. (3d Ed.)
IGNORANCE. Public disgrace; infamy; reproach; dishonor. Ignominy is the opposite of esteem. Wolff, § 145. See Brown v. Kingsley, 38 Iowa, 220.

IGNORAMUS. Lat. “We are ignorant;” “We ignore it.” Formerly the grand jury used to write this word on bills of indictment when, after having heard the evidence, they thought the accusation against the prisoner was groundless, intimating that, though the facts might possibly be true, the truth did not appear to them; but now they usually write in English the words “Not a true bill,” or “Not found,” if that is their verdict; but they are still said to ignore the bill. Brown.

IGNORANCE. The want or absence of knowledge.

Ignorance of law is want of knowledge or acquaintance with the laws of the land in so far as they apply to the act, relation, duty, or matter under consideration. Ignorance of fact is want of knowledge of some fact or facts constituting or relating to the subject-matter in hand. Marshall v. Coleman, 187 Ill. 556, 58 N. E. 628; Haven v. Foster, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 130, 19 Am. Dec. 533.

Ignorance is not a state of the mind in the sense in which sanity and insanity are. When the mind is ignorant of a fact, its condition still remains sound; the power of thinking, of judging, of willing, is just as complete before communication of the fact as after; the essence or texture, so to speak, of the mind, is not, as in the case of insanity, affected or impaired. Ignorance of a particular fact consists in this: that the mind, although sound and capable of healthy action, has never acted upon the fact in question, because the subject has never been brought to the notice of the perceptive faculties. Moorer v. Boylan, 23 N. J. Law, 274.

Synonyms

“Ignorance” and “error” or “mistake” are not convertible terms. The former is a lack of information or absence of knowledge; the latter, a misapprehension or confusion of information, or a mistaken supposition of the possession of knowledge. Error as to a fact may imply ignorance of the truth; but ignorance does not necessarily imply error. Hutton v. Edgerton, 6 Rich. (S. C.) 489; Culbreath v. Culbreath, 7 Ga. 70, 50 Am. Dec. 375; Langston v. Langston, 147 Ga. 318, 93 S. E. 892, 893.

In General

—Essential ignorance is ignorance in relation to some essential circumstance so intimately connected with the matter in question, and which so influences the parties, that it induces them to act in the business. Poth. Vente, no. 3, 4; 2 Kent, Comm. 367.

—Non-essential or accidental ignorance is that which has not of itself any necessary connection with the business in question, and which is not the true consideration for entering into the contract.

IGNOMINY. In old English law. The finest white bread, formerly called “cocked bread.” Blount.


IGNIS JUDICUM. Lat. The old judicial trial by fire. Blount.

IGNITEGIUM. In old English law. The curfew, or evening bell. Cowell. See Curfew.
IGNORANCE

—Involuntary ignorance is that which does not proceed from choice, and which cannot be overcome by the use of any means of knowledge known to a person and within his power; as the ignorance of a law which has not yet been promulgated.

—Voluntary ignorance exists when a party might, by taking reasonable pains, have acquired the necessary knowledge. For example, every man might acquire a knowledge of the laws which have been promulgated. Doct. & Stud. 1, 46; Plowd. 343.

IGNORANTIA. Lat. Ignorance; want of knowledge. Distinguished from mistake, (error,) or wrong conception. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 178; Dlg. 22, 6. Divided by Lord Coke into ignorantia facti (ignorance of fact) and ignorantia juris (ignorance of law). And the former, he adds, is twofold,—lectionis et linguae (ignorance of reading and ignorance of language). 2 Coke, 3b.

Ignorantia eorum quae quis scire tenetur non excusat. Ignorance of those things which one is bound to know excuses not. Hale, P. C. 42; Broom, Max. 267.

Ignorantia facti excusat. Ignorance of fact excuses or is a ground of relief. 2 Coke, 3a. Acts done and contracts made under mistake or ignorance of a material fact are voidable and receivable in law and equity. 2 Kent, Comm. 491, and notes.

Ignorantia facti excusat, ignorantia juris non excusat. Ignorance of the fact excuses; ignorance of the law excuses not. Every man must be taken to be cognizant of the law; otherwise there is no saying to what extent the excuse of ignorance may not be carried. 1 Coke, 177; Broom, Max. 253.

Ignorantia juris quod quisque tenetur seire, seminem excusat. Ignorance of the for a law, which every one is bound to know, excuses no man. A mistake in point of law is, in criminal cases, no sort of defense. 4 Bl. Comm. 27; 4 Steph. Comm. 81; Broom, Max. 253; 7 Car. & P. 456. And, in civil cases, ignorance of the law, with a full knowledge of the facts, furnishes no ground, either in law or equity, to rescind agreements, or reclaim money paid, or set aside solemn acts of the parties. 2 Kent, Comm. 491, and note.

Ignorantia juris sui non prejudicat juris. Ignorance of one’s right does not prejudice the right. Loft, 552.

Ignorantia legis seminem excusat. Ignorance of law excuses no one. 4 Bouv. Inst. no. 3528; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 111; 7 Watts, 374.

IGNORATIO ELENCI. Lat. A term of logic, sometimes applied to pleadings and to arguments on appeal, which signifies a mistake of the question, that is, the mistake of one who, failing to discern the real question which he is to meet and answer, addresses his allegations or arguments to a collateral matter or something beside the point. See Case upon the Statute for Distribution, Wythe (Va.) 309.

Ignoratissimus artis, ignorantur et ars. Where the terms of an art are unknown, the art itself is unknown also. Co. Litt. 2a.

IGNORE. To be ignorant of, or unacquainted with.

To disregard willfully; to refuse to recognize; to decline to take notice of. See Cleburne County v. Morton, 69 Ark. 48, 60 S. W. 307.

To reject as groundless, false or unsupported by evidence; as when a grand jury ignores a bill of indictment.

Ignoscit ut ei sanguinem suum qualiter re-dequant voluit. The law holds him excused from obligation who chose to redeem his blood (or life) upon any terms. Whatever a man may do under the fear of losing his life or limbs will not be held binding upon him in law. 1 Bl. Comm. 131.

IKBAL. Acceptance (of a bond, etc.). Wilson’s Gloss. Ind.


IKENILD STREET. One of the four great Roman roads in Britain; supposed to be so called from the Icen.

IKRAH. Compulsion; especially constraint exercised by one person over another to do an illegal act, or to act contrary to his inclination. Wilson’s Gloss. Ind.

IKRAR. Agreement, assent, or ratification. Wilson’s Gloss. Ind.

IKRAR NAMA. A deed of assent and acknowledgment. Wilson’s Gloss. Ind.

ILL. In old pleading. Bad; defective in law; null; naught; the opposite of good or valid.

ILL FAME. Evil repute; notorious bad character. Houses of prostitution, gaming houses, and other such disorderly places are called “houses of ill fame,” and a person who frequents them is a person of ill fame. See Boles v. State, 46 Ala. 296.

ILLATA ET INVICTA. Lat. Things brought into the house for use by the tenant were so called, and were liable to the jus hypothecae of Roman law, just as they are to the landlord’s right of distress at common law.

ILLEGAL. Not authorized by law; illicit; unlawful; contrary to law.
Sometimes this term means merely that which lacks authority of or support from law; but more frequently it imports a violation. Etymologically, the word seems to convey the negative meaning only. But in ordinary use it has a stronger, stronger or significant; the idea of censure or condemnation for breaking law is usually presented. But the law implied in illegal is not necessarily an express statute. Things are called "illegal" for a violation of common-law principles. And the term does not apply to acts spoken of as immoral or wicked; it implies only a breach of the law. See State v. Haynorth, 3 Sneed (Tenn.) 65; Tiedt v. Carstensen, 61 Iowa, 334, 16 N. W. 214; Chadbourn v. Newcastle, 48 N. H. 199; People v. Kolly, 1 Abb. Proc. N. Y. (N. Y.) 457; Ex parte Sewart, 2 Tex. App. 80; State v. American Surety Co. of New York, 25 Idaho, 632, 345 P. 1097, 1344, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 209; Grahl v. United States (C. C. A.) 194 F. 487, 489; United States v. Koopmans (D. C.) 290 F. 545, 546; Ryan v. Hutchinson, 151 Iowa, 575, 145 N. W. 433; Brez v. El Reno State Bank, 73 Okl. 383, 177 P. 362, 383; Uhlmann v. King, 37 Or. 681, 58 P. 437; Dawson v. Hamilton, 264 Mo. 103, 174 S. W. 425, 438; United States v. Mulvey (C. C. A.) 232 F. 513, 519; Staake v. Routledge, 111 Tex. 484, 241 S. W. 994, 998; Meridian Life Ins. Co. v. Dean, 132 Ala. 127, 52 So. 90, 92; United States v. Shanahan (D. C.) 232 F. 108, 117; United States v. All (D. C.) 7 F. (2d) 728, 730; Lazardowitz v. Kanan, 205 N. Y. S. 510, 612, 122 Misc. 202.

**ILLEGAL CONDITIONS.** All those that are impossible, or contrary to law, immoral, or repugnant to the nature of the transaction.

**ILLEGAL CONTRACT.** An agreement to do any act forbidden by the law, or to omit to do any act enjoined by the law. Billingsley v. Clelland, 41 W. Va. 243, 23 S. E. 816.

**ILLEGAL INTEREST.** Usury; interest at a higher rate than the law allows. Farrons v. Babcock, 40 Neb. 119, 85 N. W. 725.

**ILLEGAL TRADE.** Such traffic or commerce as is carried on in violation of the municipal law, or contrary to the law of nations. See Illicit.


**ILLEGITIMACY.** The condition before the law, or the social status, of a bastard; the state or condition of one whose parents were not intermarried at the time of his birth. Miller v. Miller, 18 Hun (N. Y.) 509; Brown v. Belmonte, 3 Kan. 52.

**ILLEGITIMATE.** That which is contrary to law; it is usually applied to bastards, or children born out of lawful wedlock.

The Louisiana Code divided illegitimate children into two classes: (1) Those born from two persons who, at the moment when such children were conceived, could have lawfully intermarried; and (2) those who are born from persons to whose marriage there existed at the time some legal impediment. Both classes, however, could be acknowledged and take by devise. Compton v. Prescott, 12 Rob. (La.) 56.

**ILLEVABLE.** Not leuable; that cannot or ought not to be levied. Cowell.

**ILLICENTIATUS.** In old English law. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 5, § 12.

**ILLICIT.** Not permitted or allowed; prohibited; unlawful; as an illicit trade; illicit intercourse. State v. Miller, 60 VT. 90, 12 A. 526; City of Shreveport v. Manron, 134 La. 490, 64 So. 383, 392; State v. Williams, 135 La. 692, 65 So. 598, 599; Hewitt v. State, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 243, 158 S. W. 1120, 1124.

**ILLICIT CONNECTION.** Unlawful sexual intercourse. State v. King, 9 S. D. 628, 70 N. W. 1046.

**ILLICIT COHABITATION.** The living together as man and wife of two persons who are not lawfully married, with the implication that they habitually practice cohabitation. See Rex v. Kalasota, 4 Hawall, 41; Thomas v. United States (D. C.) 14 F. (2d) 228, 229.

**ILLICIT DISTILLERY.** One carried on without a compliance with the provisions of the laws of the United States relating to the taxation of spirituous liquors. U. S. v. Johnson (C. C.) 26 F. 684.

**ILLICIT TRAFFIC.** Policies of marine insurance usually contain a covenant of warranty against "illicit trade," meaning thereby trade which is forbidden, or declared unlawful, by the laws of the country where the cargo is to be delivered. "It is not the same with 'contraband trade,' although the words are sometimes used as synonymous. Illicit or prohibited trade is one which cannot be carried on without a distinct violation of some positive law of the country where the transaction is to take place." 1 Pars. Mar. Ins. 614.

**ILLICITE.** Lat. Unlawfully. This word has a technical meaning, and is requisite in an indictment where the act charged is unlawful; as in the case of a riot. 2 Hawk. P. C. c. 25, § 96.

**ILLICITUM COLLEGIUM.** Lat. An illegal corporation.

**ILLITERATE.** Unlettered; ignorant; unlearned. Generally used of one who cannot read and write. See In re Succession of Carrol, 28 La. Ann. 388.

ILLOCABLE. Incapable of being placed out or hired.

ILLUD. Lat. That.

Illud, quod alias licetum non est, necessitas facit licenum; et necessitas inducit privilegium quodjura privata. Bac. Max. That which is otherwise not permitted, necessity permits; and necessity makes a privilege as to private rights.

Illud, quod alteri usitur, exungitur, neque amplius per sa vacare illet. Godol. Ecc. Law. 169. That which is united to another is extinguished, nor can it be any more independent.

ILLUSION. In medical jurisprudence. An image or impression in the mind, excited by some external object addressing itself to one or more of the senses, but which, instead of corresponding with the reality, is perverted, distorted, or wholly mistaken, the error being attributable to the imagination of the observer, not to any defect in the organs of sense. See Hallucination, and see "Delusion," under Insanity.

ILLUSORY. Decieving by false appearances; nominal, as distinguished from substantial.

ILLUSORY APPOINTMENT. Formerly the appointment of a merely nominal share of the property to one of the objects of a power, in order to escape the rule that an exclusive appointment could not be made unless it was authorized by the instrument creating the power, was considered illusory and void in equity. But this rule has been abolished in England. (1 Wm. IV. c. 46; 37 & 38 Vict. c. 37.) Sweet. See Ingraham v. Meade, 3 Wall. Jr. 32, 13 Fed. Cas. 50.

ILLUSORY APPOINTMENT ACT. The statute 1 Wm. IV. c. 46. This statute enacts that no appointment made after its passing, (July 16, 1830,) in exercise of a power to appoint property, real or personal, among several objects, shall be invalid, or impeached in equity, on the ground that an unsubstantial, illusory, or nominal share only was thereby appointed, or left unappointed, to devolve upon any one or more of the objects of such power; but that the appointment shall be valid in equity, as at law. See, too, 37 & 38 Vict. c. 37. Wharton.

ILLUSTRIOUS. The prefix to the title of a prince of the blood in England.

IMAGINE. In English law. In cases of treason the law makes it a crime to imagine the death of the king. But, in order to complete the crime, this act of the mind must be demonstrated by some overt act. The terms "imagining" and "compassing" are in this connection synonymous. 4 Bl. Comm. 78.

IMAN, IMAM, or IMAUM. A Mohammedan prince having supreme spiritual as well as temporal power; a regular priest of the mosque.

IMBARGO. An old form of "embargo," (q. v.) St. 18 Car. II. c. 5.

IMBASING OF MONEY. The act of mixing the specie with an alloy below the standard of sterling. 1 Hale, P. C. 102.

IMBECILITY. See Insanity.

IMBEZZLE. An occasional or obsolete form of "embezzle" (q. v.).

IMBLADARE. In old English law. To plant or sow grain. Bract. fol. 1769.

IMBRAVERY. See Bravery.

IMBROCU. A brook, gutter, or water-passage. Cowell.

IMITATION. The making of one thing in the similitude or likeness of another; as, counterfeit coin is said to be made "in imitation" of the genuine. An imitation of a trademark is that which so far resembles the genuine trade-mark as to be likely to induce the belief that it is genuine, whether by the use of words or letters similar in appearance or in sound, or by any sign, device, or other means. Pen. Code N. Y. § 598; Wagner v. Duly, 67 Hun. 477, 22 N. Y. S. 403; State v. Harris, 27 N. C. 294. The test of "colorable imitation" is, not whether a difference may be recognized between the names of two competing articles when placed side by side, but whether the difference will be recognized by the purchaser with no opportunity for comparison. The Best Foods v. Hemphill Packing Co. (D. C.) 5 F.(2d) 355, 357.

IMMATERIAL. Not material, essential, or necessary; not important or pertinent; not decisive.

IMMATERIAL AVERTMENT. An averment alleging with needless particularity or unnecessary circumstances what is material and necessary, and which might properly have been stated more generally, and without such circumstances and particulars; or, in other words, a statement of unnecessary particulars in connection with and as descriptive of what
IMMEMORIAL.
Beyond human memory; time out of mind.

IMMEMORIAL POSSESSION. In Louisiana. Possession of which no man living has seen the beginning, and the existence of which he has learned from his elders. Civ. Code La. art. 766.

IMMEMORIAL USAGE. A practice which has existed time out of mind; custom; prescription. Miller v. Garlock, 8 Barb. (N. Y.) 154.

IMMEUBLES. Fr. These are, in French law, the immovables of English law. Things are immeubles from any one of three causes: (1) From their own nature, e. g., lands and houses; (2) from their destination, e. g., animals and instruments of agriculture when supplied by the landlord; or (3) by the object to which they are annexed, e. g., easements. Brown.

IMMIGRATION. The coming into a country of foreigners for purposes of permanent residence. The correlative term “emigration” denotes the act of such persons in leaving their former country.


IMMEDIATE DANGER. In relation to homicide in self-defense, this term means immediate danger, such as must be instantly met, such as cannot be guarded against by calling for the assistance of others or the protection of the law. U. S. v. Outerbridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 890; State v. West, 45 La. Ann. 14, 12 So. 7; State v. Smith, 43 Or. 109, 71 P. 973. Or, as otherwise defined, such an appearance of threatened and impending injury as would put a reasonable and prudent man to his instant defense. State v. Fontenot, 50 La. Ann. 537, 28 So. 634, 69 Am. St. Rep. 455; Shorter v. People, 2 N. Y. 201, 51 Am. Dec. 288; Owen v. State, 17 Ala. App. 29, 81 So. 365.

Such danger as must be instantly met—which cannot be guarded against by calling on others for assistance. Palmer v. Midland Valley R. Co., 118 Kan. 597, 235 P. 853, 854.

IMMINENTLY DANGEROUS ARTICLE. One that is reasonably certain to place life or limb in peril. Employers’ Liability Assur. Corporation v. Columbus McKinnon Chain Co. (D. C.) 18 F.(2d) 123.

IMMISCERE. Lat. In the civil law. To mix or mingle with; to meddle with; to join with. Calvin.

IMMITTERE. Lat.

In the Civil Law
To put or let into, as a beam into a wall. Calvin; Dig. 50, 17, 242, 1.

In Old English Law
To put cattle on a common. Fleta, Lib. 4, c. 29, § 7.

IMMOBILIA SITUM SEQUUNTUR. Immoveable things follow their site or position; are governed by the law of the place where they are fixed. 2 Kent, Comm. 67.

IMMOBILIS. Lat. Immovable. Immobilia or res immobiles, immovable things, such as lands and buildings. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 160.

IMMODERATE. Exceeding just, usual, or suitable bounds. United States v. Oglesby Grocery Co. (D. C.) 264 F. 691, 695.

IMMORAL. Contrary to good morals; inconsistent with the rules and principles of morality; imitable to public welfare according to the standards of a given community, as expressed in law or otherwise. Exchange Nat. Bank of Fitzgerald v. Henderson, 139 Ga. 290, 77 S. E. 36, 37, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 549; State v. Reed, 53 Mont. 292, 163 P. 477, 479, Ann. Cas. 1917E, 783.

IMMORAL CONSIDERATION. One contrary to good morals, and therefore invalid. Contracts based upon an immoral consideration are generally void.

IMMORAL CONTRACTS. Contracts founded upon considerations contra bonos mores are void.

IMMORALITY. That which is contra bonos mores. See Immoral.

IMMOVABLES. In the civil law. Property which, from its nature, destination, or the object to which it is applied, cannot move itself, or be removed.

Immoveable things are, in general, such as cannot either move themselves or be removed from one place to another. But this definition, strictly speaking, is applicable only to such things as are immovable by their own nature, and not to such as are so only by the disposition of the law. Civ. Code La. art. 462; Mt. Carmel Fruit Co. v. Webster, 140 Cal. 183, 75 P. 226; Sullivan v. Richardson, 33 Fl. 1, 14 So. 692; Simmons v. Tremont Lumber Co., 51 So. 263, 264, 144 La. 719; Jones v. Conrad, 154 La. 890, 95 So. 397, 388; Breaux v. Guancheau, 3 La. App. 451, 452; Scott v. Brennan, 3 La. App. 452, 453.


IMPAIRING THE OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTS. A law which impairs the obligation of a contract is one which renders the contract in itself less valuable or less enforceable, whether by changing its terms and stipulations, its legal qualities and conditions, or by regulating the remedy for its enforcement. Rutland v. Copes, 15 Rich. Law, 54, 105; Edwards v. Kearney, 96 U. S. 595, 600, 24 L. Ed. 738; City of Indianapolis v. Robison, 186 Ind. 669, 117 N. E. 861; Union Gas & Oil Co. v. Diles, 200 Ky. 188, 254 S. W. 205, 207.

To “impare the obligation of a contract” within Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10, is to weaken it, lessen its value, or make it worse in any respect or in any degree, and any law which changes the intention and legal effect of the parties, giving to one a greater and to the other a less interest or benefit, or which imposes conditions not included in the contract or dispenses with the performance of those included, impairs the obligation of the contract. O’Connor v. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., 97 Conn. 5, 115 A. 484, 486.

A statute “impairs the obligation of a contract” when by its terms it nullifies or materially changes existing contract obligations. Oil Fork Development Co. v. Huddleston, 202 Ky. 261, 259 S. W. 334, 335; Adams v. Greene, 182 Ky. 504, 256 S. W. 758, 762.

The word “impair” means, according to the standard writers in our language, simply “to diminish; to injure; to make worse,” etc. It is remarkable that in framing the provision of the federal Constitution providing that no law should be passed, “impairing the obligation of any contract,” the convention did not use the term “lessen” or “decrease” or “destroy,” but one more comprehensive, which prohibited making worse in any respect a contract legitimate in its creation. The object, then, of its provision, may have been to establish an important principle, and that was the entire invalidity of contracts. Blair v. Williams, 14 Ky. (4 Litt.) 34, 35; Lepage v. Brashears, 14 Ky. (4 Litt.) 47, 66.

See 2 Story, Const. §§ 1374-1399; 1 Kent, Comm. 413-422; Pom. Const. Law; Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 720 et seq.

IMPALAR. To impound. Du Cange.

IM PANEL. In English Practice

To impanel a jury signifies the entering by the sheriff upon a piece of parchment, termed a “panel,” the names of the jurors who have been summoned to appear in court on a certain day to form a jury of the country to hear such matters as may be brought before them. Brown.

In American Practice

Besides the meaning above given, “impanel” signifies the act of the clerk of the court in making up a list of the jurors who have been selected for the trial of a particular cause. All the steps of ascertaining who shall be the proper jurors to sit in the trial of a particular case up to the final formation. People v. Poole, 284 Ill. 39, 119 N. E. 916; State v. Superior Court of Whatcom County, 52 Wash. 284, 144 P. 32, 33; Karnes v. Commonwealth, 125 Va. 758, 109 S. E. 562, 563, 4 A. L. R. 1509.

Imp paneling has nothing to do with drawing, selecting, or swearing jurors, but means simply making the list of those who have been selected. Porter v. People, 7 How. Frat. (N. Y.) 441.

IMPARGARE. In old English law. To impound. Reg. Orig. 92b.

To shut up, or confine in prison. Indacti sunt in carcerem et imparcati, they were carried to prison and shut up. Bract. fol. 124.

IMPARGEMENTUM. The right of impounding cattle.

IMPARL. To have license to settle a litigation amicably; to obtain delay for adjustment.

IMPARLANCE. In early practice, imparlance meant time given to either of the parties to an action to answer the pleading of the other. It thus amounted to a continuance of the action to a further day. Literally the term signified leave given to the parties to talk together; i. e., with a view to settling their differences amicably. But in modern practice it denotes a time given to the defendant to plead.

A general importance is the entry of a general prayer and allowance of time to plead till the next term, without reserving to the defendant the benefit of any exception; so that after such an imparlance the defendant cannot object to the jurisdiction of the court, or plead any matter in abatement. This kind of imparlance is always from one term to another. Cohy v. Knapp, 13 N. H. 157; Mack v. Lewis, 67 Vt. 383, 31 Atl. 888.

A general special imparlance contains a saving of all exceptions whatsoever, so that the defendant after this may plead not only in abatement, but he may also plead a plea which affects the jurisdiction of the court, as privilege. He cannot, however, plead a tender, and that he was always ready to pay, be-
cause by craving time, he admits that he is not ready, and so falsifies his plea.

A special impediment reserves to the defendant all exceptions to the writ, bill, or count; and therefore after it the defendant may plead in abatement, though not to the jurisdiction of the court. 1 Tidd, Pr. 463, 465.

IMPARLANCE. I. Fr. In ecclesiastical law. One who is inducted and in possession of a benefice. Parson imparsonee, (persona impersonata.) Cowell; Dyer, 40.

IMPARTIAL. Favoring neither; disinterested; treating all alike; unbiased; equitable, fair, and just. Tegeler v. State, 9 Okl. Cr. 138, 130 P. 1164, 1165; Sunderland v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 19 F.(2d) 202, 216. The provision of the Bill of Rights requiring that the accused shall have a fair trial by an impartial jury, means that the jury must be not partial, not favoring one party more than another, unprejudiced, disinterested, equitable, and just, and that the merits of the case shall not be prejudged. Duncan v. State, 79 Tex. Cr. R. 206, 154 S. W. 105, 106.

IMPATRONIZATION. In ecclesiastical law. The act of putting into full possession of a benefice.

IMPEACH. To accuse; to charge a liability upon; to sue. To dispute, disparage, deny, or contradict; as, to impeach a judgment or decree; or as used in the rule that a jury cannot "impeach their verdict." See Wolfgang v. Schoepke, 123 Wls. 19, 100 N. W. 1096.

To proceed against a public officer for crime or misfeasance, before a previous trial, by the presentation of a written accusation called "articles of impeachment."

In the Law of Evidence

To call in question the veracity of a witness, by means of evidence adduced for that purpose.

IMPEACHMENT. A criminal proceeding against a public officer, before a quasi political court, instituted by a written accusation called "articles of impeachment," for example, a written accusation by the house of representatives of the United States to the senate of the United States against an officer.

"Impeachment" of the Governor, under the meaning of section 16, art. 6, of the Constitution, is the adoption of articles of impeachment by the House of Representatives, and the presentation thereof to the Senate, and the indication by that body that the same are accepted for the purpose of permitting prosecution thereof, and the impeachment of the Governor operates to suspend him; the duties and emoluments of the office automatically devolving upon the Lieutenant Governor for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed by the acquittal of the Governor of the charges preferred against him.


In England, a prosecution by the house of commons before the house of lords of a commoner for treason, or other high crimes and misdemeanors, or of a peer for any crime.

In Evidence

The adducing of proof that a witness is unworthy of belief.

In General

Articles of impeachment. The formal written allegation of the causes for an impeachment, answering the same purpose as an indictment in an ordinary criminal proceeding.

Collateral impeachment. The collateral impeachment of a judgment or decree is an attempt made to destroy or evade its effect as an estoppel, by reopening the merits of the cause or showing reasons why the judgment should not have been given or should not have a conclusive effect, in any collateral proceeding, that is, in any action or proceeding other than that in which the judgment was given, or other than an appeal, certiorari, or other, direct proceeding to review it.

Impeachment of annuity. A term sometimes used in English law to denote anything that operates as a hindrance, impediment or obstruction of the making of the profits out of which the annuity is to arise. Pitt v. Williams, 4 Adol. & El. 583.

Impeachment of waste. Liability for waste committed; or a demand or suit for compensation for waste committed upon lands or tenements by a tenant thereof who, having only a leasehold or particular estate, had no right to commit waste. See 2 Bl. Comm. 283; Sanderson v. Jones, 6 Fla. 450, 63 Am. Dec. 217.


IMPECHIARE. To impeach, to accuse, or prosecute for felony or treason.

IMPEDE. To obstruct; hinder; check; delay. Erie R. Co. v. Board of Public Utility Com'rs, 80 N. J. Law, 57, 98 A. 13, 19.

IMPEDIATUS. Disabled from mischief by expeditation (q. v.). Cowell.
IMPEDIENS. In old practice. One who hinders; an impedient. The defendant or defendant in a fine was sometimes so called. Cowell; Blount.

IMPEDIMENTO. In Spanish law. A prohibition to contract marriage, established by law between certain persons.

IMPEDEMENTS. Disabilities, or hindrances to the making of contracts, such as coverture, infancy, want of reason, etc.

In the Civil Law,

Bars to marriage.

Absolute impediments are those which prevent the person subject to them from marrying at all, without either the nullity of marriage or its being punishable. Diriment impediments are those which render a marriage void; as where one of the contracting parties is unable to marry by reason of a prior undissolved marriage. Prohibitive impediments are those which do not render the marriage null, but subject the parties to a punishment. Relative impediments are those which regard only certain persons with respect to each other; as between two particular persons who are related within the prohibited degrees. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 44, 45.


IMPENSE. Lat. In the civil law. Expenses; outlays. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 163; Calvin. Divided into necessary, (necessarie,) useful, (utiles,) and tasteful or ornamental, (voluptuarior.) Dig. 50, 16, 70. See Id. 25, 1.

IMPETRARE

IMPETURE. The right to command, which includes the right to employ the force of the state to enforce the laws. This is one of the principal attributes of the power of the executive. 1 Toullier, no. 58.

IMPERSONALITAS. Lat. Impersonality. A mode of expression where no reference is made to any person, such as the expression "ut distur," (as is said.) Co. Litt. 332b.

Impersonalitas non concludit nec ligat. Co. Litt. 332b. Impersonality neither concludes nor binds.

IMPERTINENCE. Irrelevancy; the fault of not properly pertaining to the issue or proceeding. The introduction of any matters into a bill, answer, or other pleading or proceeding in a suit, which are not properly before the court for decision, at any particular stage of the suit. Story, Eq. Pl. § 266; Harrison v. Perea, 168 U. S. 311, 18 Sup. Ct. 129, 42 L. Ed. 478.

In Practice

A question propounded to a witness, or evidence offered or sought to be elicited, is called "impertinent" when it has no logical bearing upon the issue, is not necessarily connected with it, or does not belong to the matter in hand. On the distinction between pertinency and relevancy, we may quote the following remark of Dr. Wharton: "Relevancy is that which conduces to the proof of a pertinent hypothesis; a pertinent hypothesis being one which, if sustained, would logically influence the issue." 1 Whart. Ev. § 20.

IMPERTINENT.

In Equity Pleading

That which does not belong to a pleading, interrogatory, or other proceeding; out of place; superfluous; irrelevant. Chew v. Eagan, 87 N. J. Eq. 80, 99 A. 611; Huffman v. State, 183 Ind. 698, 109 N. E. 401, 402.

At Law

A term applied to matter not necessary to constitute the cause of action or ground of defense. Cwmp. 689; 5 East, 275; Tucker v. Randall, 2 Mass. 283. It constitutes surplusage, (which see.)

IMPESCARE. In old records. To impeach or accuse. Impescatus, impeached. Blount.

IMPETITIO VASTI. Impeachment of waste, (q. v.)

IMPETRARE. In old English practice. To obtain by request, as a writ or privilege. Bract. fols. 57, 172b. This application of the
IMPETRATION. In old English law. The obtaining anything by petition or entreaty. Particularly, the obtaining of a benefice from Rome by solicitation, which benefited belonged to the disposal of the king or other lay patron. Webster; Cowell.

IMPIER. Umpire, (q. v.)

IMPIERMENT. Impairing or prejudicing. Jacob.


IMPIGNORATION. The act of pawning or putting to pledge.

Impius et crudelis judicandus est qui libertati non favet. He is to be judged impious and cruel who does not favor liberty. Co. Litt. 124.

IMPLICATARE. Lat. To impale; to sue.

IMPLEAD. In practice. To sue or prosecute by due course of law. People v. Clarke, 9 N. Y. 368.

IMPLEADED. Sued or prosecuted; used particularly in the titles of causes where there are several defendants; as "A. B., implicated with C. D."

IMPLEMENTS. Such things as are used or employed for a trade, or furniture of a house. Cooledge v. Choate, 11 Metc. (Mass.) 82.


IMPLICATA. A term used in mercantile law, derived from the Italian. In order to avoid the risk of making fruitless voyages, merchants have been in the habit of receiving small adventures, on freight, at so much per cent., to which they are entitled at all events, even if the adventure be lost; and this is called "implicata." Wharton.

IMPLICATION. Intendment or inference, as distinguished from the actual expression of a thing in words. In a will, an estate may pass by mere implication, without any express words to direct its course. 2 Bl. Comm. 331.

An inference of something not directly declared, but arising from what is admitted or expressed. In construing a will conjecture must not be taken for implication; but necessary implication means, not natural necessity, but so strong a probability of intention that an intention contrary to that which is imputed to the testator cannot be supposed. 1 Ves. & B. 466.

"Implication" is also used in the sense of "inference;" i. e., where the existence of an intention is inferred from acts not done for the sole purpose of communicating it, but for some other purpose. Sweet.

Necessary implication

In construing a will, necessary implication means not natural necessity, but so strong a probability of intention that an intention contrary to that which is imputed to the testator cannot be supposed. Wilkinson v. Adam, 1 Ves. & B. 466; Gilchrist v. Craddock, 67 Kan. 348, 62 P. 897; Whitefield v. Garra, 194 N. C. 24, 45 S. E. 954.

IMPLIED. This word is used in law as contrasted with "express;" i. e., where the intention in regard to the subject-matter is not manifested by explicit and direct words, but is gathered by implication or necessary deduction from the circumstances, the general language, or the conduct of the parties.


IMPORTED. This word, in general, has the same meaning in the tariff laws that its etymology shows, in porto, to carry in. To "import" is to bear or carry into. An "imported" article is one brought or carried into a country from abroad. The Conqueror, 49 Fed. 86. See Imports.

IMPORTS. Importations; goods or other property imported or brought into the country from a foreign country.

IMPORTUNITY. Pressing solicitation; urgent request; application for a claim or favor which is urged with troublesome frequency or pertinacity. Webster.

IMPOSE. To levy or exact as by authority; to lay as a burden, tax, duty or charge. State v. Nickerson, 97 Neb. 837, 151 N. W. 981, 982; National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis v. Allen (C. C. A.) 228 F. 472, 477.

IMPOSITION. An impost; tax; contribution. Paterson v. Society, 24 N. J. Law, 400;
IMPOSSIBILITY. That which, in the constitution and course of nature or the law, no man can do or perform. See Klauber v. San Diego Street-Car. Co., 95 Cal. 353, 30 Pac. 555; Reid v. Alaska Packing Co., 43 Or. 429, 73 Pac. 337.

Impossibility is of the following several sorts:

An act is physically impossible when it is contrary to the course of nature. Such an impossibility may be either absolute, i.e., impossible in any case, (e. g., for A. to reach the moon,) or relative, (sometimes called "impossibility in fact," i.e., arising from the circumstances of the case, (e. g., for A. to make a payment to B., he being a deceased person.)

To the latter class belongs what is sometimes called "practical impossibility," which exists when the act can be done, but only at an excessive or unreasonable cost. An act is legally or judiciously impossible when a rule of law makes it impossible to do it: e. g., for A. to make a valid will before his majority. This class of acts must not be confounded with those which are possible, although forbidden by law, as to commit a theft. An act is logically impossible when it is contrary to the nature of the transaction, as where A. gives property to B. expressly for his own benefit, on condition that he transfers it to C. Sweet.

Impossibilium nulla obligatio est. There is no obligation to do impossible things. Dig. 50, 17, 185; Broom, Max. 249.

IMPOSSIBLE CONTRACTS. An impossible contract is one which the law will not hold binding upon the parties, because of the natural or legal impossibility of the performance by one party of that which is the consideration for the promise of the other. 7 Wait, Act. & Def. 124.

Impossible contracts, which will be deemed void in the eye of the law, or of which the performance will be excused, are such contracts as cannot be performed, either because of the nature of the obligation undertaken, or because of some supervening event which renders the performance of the obligation either physically or legally impossible. 10 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 176.


Impost is a tax received by the prince for such merchandises as are brought into any havens within his dominions from foreign nations. It may in some sort be distinguished from customs, because customs are rather that profit the prince maketh of wares shipped out; yet they are frequently confounded. Cowell.

IMPOTENCE. In medical jurisprudence, inability to copulate. Properly used of the male; but it has also been used synonymously with "sterility." Griffeth v. Griffeth, 162 Ill. 368, 44 N. E. 820; Payne v. Payne, 46 Minn. 467, 49 N. W. 230, 24 Am. St. Rep. 249; Kempf v. Kempf, 34 Mo. 213; Turney v. Avery, 92 N. J. Eq. 473, 113 A. 710; Kirschbaum v. Kirschbaum, 32 N. J. Eq. 7, 111 A. 697, 699; Carmichael v. Carmichael, 106 Or. 198, 211 P. 916, 918; Smith v. Smith, 206 Mo. App. 646, 229 S. W. 398; Hehnemann v. Hehnemann, 245 P. 1082, 1083, 118 Or. 178.

Impotentia excusat legem. Co. Litt. 29. The impossibility of doing what is required by the law excuses from the performance.

IMPOTENTIAM, PROPERTY PROPTER. A qualified property, which may subsist in animals ferae naturae on account of their inability, as where hawks, herons, or other birds build in a person's trees, or conies, etc., make their nests or burrows in a person's land, and have young there, such person has a qualified property in them till they can fly or run away, and then such property expires. 2 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 8.


To take into the custody of the law or of a court. Thus, a court will sometimes impound a suspicious document produced at a trial.

IMPRESRIPTIBILITY. The state or quality of being incapable of prescription; not of such a character that a right to it can be gained by prescription.

IMPRESRIPTIBLE RIGHTS. Such rights as a person may use or not, at pleasure, since they cannot be lost to him by the claims of another founded on prescription.

IMPRESSION, CASE OF FIRST. One without a precedent; one presenting a wholly new state of facts; one involving a question never before determined.

IMPRESSMENT. A power possessed by the English crown of taking persons or property to aid in the defense of the country, with or without the consent of the persons concerned. It is usually exercised to obtain hands for the royal ships in time of war, by taking seamen engaged in merchant vessels, (1 Bl. Comm. 429; Maud & P. Shipp. 123;) but in former times impressment of merchant
ships was also practiced. The admiralty issues protections against impression in certain cases, either under statutes passed in favor of certain callings (e.g., persons employed in the Greenland fisheries) or voluntarily. Sweet.

**IMPREST MONEY.** Money paid on enlisting or impressing soldiers or sailors.

**IMPRETIALIS.** Lat. Beyond price; invaluable.

**IMPRIMATUR.** Lat. Let it be printed. A license or allowance, granted by the constituted authorities, giving permission to print and publish a book. This allowance was formerly necessary, in England, before any book could lawfully be printed, and in some other countries is still required.

**IMPRIMERE.** To press upon; to impress or press; to imprint or print.

**IMPRIMERY.** In some of the ancient English statutes this word is used to signify a printing-office, the art of printing, a print or impression.

**IMPRIMIS.** Lat. In the first place; first of all.

**IMPRISON.** To put in a prison; to put in a place of confinement.

To confine a person, or restrain his liberty, in any way.

**IMPRISONMENT.** The act of putting or confining a man in prison; the restraint of a man's personal liberty; coercion exercised upon a person to prevent the free exercise of his powers of locomotion. State v. Shaw, 73 Vt. 149, 50 A. 506; In re Langslow, 167 N. Y. 314, 60 N. E. 550; In re Langan (C. C.) 123 F. 134; Steere v. Field, 22 Fed. Cas. 1221.

It is not a necessary part of the definition that the confinement should be in a place usually appropriated to that purpose; it may be in a locality used only for the specific occasion; or it may take place without the actual application of any physical agencies of restraint, (such as locks or bars,) but by verbal compulsion and the display of available force. See Pike v. Hanson, 9 N. H. 491.

Any forcible detention of a man's person, or control over his movements, is imprisonment. Lawson v. Business, 3 Har. (Del.) 419.

**False imprisonment.**


The term is also used as the name of the action which lies for this species of injury. 3 Bl. Comm. 138; Butrey v. Wilbrite, 208 Ala. 572, 94 So. 585.

**IMPRISTI.** Adherents; followers. Those who side with or take the part of another, either in his defense or otherwise.

**IMPROBABLE.** Unlikely to be true, or to occur, not to be readily believed. New York Life Ins. Co. v. Holick, 59 Colo. 416, 151 P. 916, 923.

**IMPROBATION.** In Scotch law. An action brought for the purpose of having some instrument declared false and forged. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 161. The verb "improve" (q. v.) was used in the same sense.


**IMPROPER FEUDS.** These were derivative feuds; as, for instance, those that were originally bartered and sold to the feodary for a price, or were held upon base or less honorable services, or upon a rent in lieu of military service or were themselves inalienable, without mutual license, or descended indifferently to males or females. Wharton.

**IMPROPER INFLUENCE.** Undue influence, (q. v.) And see Millican v. Milliance, 24 Tex. 446.

**IMPROPER NAVIGATION.** Anything improperly done with the ship or part of the ship in the course of the voyage. L. R. S C. P. 503. See, also, 53 Law J. P. D. 65.

**IMPROPRIATION.** In ecclesiastical law. The annexing an ecclesiastical benefice to the use of a lay person, whether individual or corporate, in the same way as appropriation is the annexing of any such benefice to the proper and perpetual use of some spiritual corporation, whether sole or aggregate, to enjoy forever. Brown.

**IMPROPRIATE RECTOR.** In ecclesiastical law. Commonly signifies a lay rector as opposed to a spiritual rector; just as im-
propriate tithes are tithes in the hands of a lay owner, as opposed to appropriate tithes, which are tithes in the hands of a spiritual owner. Brown.

**IMPROVE.** In Scotch law. To disprove; to invalidate or impeach; to prove false or forged. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 162.

To improve a lease means to grant a lease of unusual duration to encourage a tenant, when the soil is exhausted, etc. Bell; Stair, Inst. p. 676, § 23.

To mollerorate, make better, mend, repair, as to "improve" a street by grading, parking, curbing, paving, etc. Des Moines City Ry. v. City of Des Moines, 205 Iowa, 405, 216 N. W. 254, 257; Woods v. Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., 205 Ala. 256, 87 So. 651, 654, 27 A. L. R. 834; Royal v. City of Des Moines, 105 Iowa, 23, 101 N. W. 377, 383.

**IMPROVED.** Improved land is such as has been reclaimed, is used for the purpose of husbandry, and is cultivated as such, whether the appropriation is for tillage, meadow, or pasture. "Improve" is synonymous with "cultivate." Clark v. Phelps, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 190.

**IMPROVEMENT.** A valuable addition made to property (usually real estate) or an amelioration in its condition, amounting to more than mere repairs or replacement of waste, costing labor or capital, and intended to enhance its value, beauty or utility or to adapt it for new or further purposes. Spencer v. Tobey, 22 Barb. (N. Y.) 269; Allen v. McKay, 120 Cal. 322, 52 P. 828; Simpson v. Robinson, 37 Ark. 132; Lanier v. Lovett, 22 Ark. 54, 213 P. 391, 394; O'Neill v. Lyric Amusement Co., 119 Ark. 454, 178 S. W. 406, 408; Realty Dock & Improvement Corp. v. Anderson, 174 Cal. 672, 164 P. 4, 7; Behrens v. Kruse, 121 Minn. 479, 140 N. W. 114, 117; Gale v. Hopkins, 165 Minn. 177, 206 N. W. 164, 165; Anderson v. Sutton, 301 Mo. 50, 254 S. W. 854, 857; People v. Clark, 296 Ill. 46, 129 N. E. 553, 558; McCormick v. Allegheny County, 263 Pa. 146, 106 A. 203; Meyer v. City St. Improvement Co., 164 Cal. 645, 130 P. 215, 216; Kohn v. City of Missoula, 50 Mont. 75, 144 P. 1087, 1090; South Park Comrs v. Wood, 270 Ill. 263, 110 N. E. 349, 354; McGovern v. Inhabitants of City of Trenton, 34 N. J. Law. 297, 80 A. 538, 540; City of Oswego v. Batemen, 20 N. M. 77, 146 P. 590, 594; L. R. A. 1917D, 365, Ann. Cas. 1918D, 426.

In American Law Land

An act by which a locator or settler expresses his intention to cultivate or clear certain land; an act expressive of the actual possession of land; as by erecting a cabin, planting a corn-field, deadening trees in a forest; or by merely marking trees, or even by piling up a brush-heap. Burrrl. And see


An "improvement," under our land system, does not mean a general enhancement of the value of the tract from the occupant's operations. It has a more limited meaning, which has in view the population of our forests, and the increase of agricultural products. All works which are directed to the creation of homes for families, or are substantial steps towards bringing lands into cultivation, have in their results the special character of "improvements," and, under the land laws of the United States and of the several states, are encouraged. Sometimes their minimum extent is defined as requisite to convey rights. In other cases not. But the test which runs through all the cases is always this: Are they real, and made bona fide, in accordance with the policy of the law, or are they only colorable, and made for the purpose of fraud and speculation? Simpson v. Robinson, 37 Ark. 137.

In the Law of Patents

An addition to, or modification of, a previous invention or discovery, intended or claimed to increase its utility or value. See 2 Kent, Comm. 366-372. And see Geiser Mfg. Co. v. Frick Co. (C. C.) 92 F. 191; Joliet Mfg. Co. v. Dice, 105 Ill. 650; Schwarzwelder v. Detroit (C. C.) 77 F. 891; Reese's Appeal, 132 Pa. 392, 15 A. 807; Rheem v. Holliday, 16 Pa. 352; Allison Bros. Co. v. Allison, 144 N. Y. 21, 38 N. E. 850; Volk v. Volk Mfg. Co., 101 Conn. 594, 128 A. 547, 549. It includes two necessary ideas: the idea of a complete and practical operative art or instrument and the idea of some change in such art or instrument not affecting its essential character but enabling it to produce its appropriate results in a more perfect or economical manner. Rob. Pat. § 210.

In General

—Local improvement. By common usage, especially as evidenced by the practice of courts and text-writers, the term "local improvements" is employed as signifying improvements made in a particular locality, by which the real property adjoining or near such locality is specially benefited, such as the improvement of highways, grading, paving, curbing, laying sewers, etc. Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Decatur, 164 Ill. 173, 38 N. E. 626; Rogers v. St. Paul, 22 Minn. 507; Crane v. Silkoom Springs, 67 Ark. 30, 55 S. W. 965; New York L. Ins. Co. v. Prest (C. C.) 71 F. 816; In re Western Ave., 33 Wash. 472, 101 P. 381, 394; Ewart v. Village of Western Springs, 150 Ill. 315, 34 N. E. 475; Ryder's Estate v. City of Alton, 175 Ill. 94, 51 N. E. 821; Smith v. City of Seattle, 25 Wash. 390, 65 P. 612; Cook v. Slocum, 27 Minn. 599, 8 N. W. 755; Walters v. City of Tampa, 88 Fla. 177, 101 So. 227, 228.

**IMPROVEMENTS.** A term used in leases, of doubtful meaning. It would seem to apply principally to buildings, though generally it extends to the amelioration of every description of property, whether real or personal;
but, when contained in any document, its meaning is generally explained by other words. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 174.

IMPROVIDENCE, as used in a statute excluding one found incompetent to execute the duties of an administrator by reason of improvidence, means that want of care and foresight in the management of property which would be likely to render the estate and effects of the intestate unsafe, and liable to be lost or diminished in value, in case the administration should be committed to the improvident person. Coope v. Lowerre, 1 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 45; In re Flood's Will, 236 N. Y. 408, 140 N. E. 936, 937; Nichols v. Smith, 186 Ala. 557, 65 So. 30, 31; In re Brinckmann's Estate, 152 N. Y. S. 542, 543, 89 Misc. 41; In re Fulper's Estate, 99 N. J. Eq. 293, 132 A. 834, 843.

IMPROVIDENTLY. A judgment, decree, rule, injunction, etc., when given or rendered without adequate consideration by the court or without proper information as to all the circumstances affecting it, or based upon a mistaken assumption or misleading information or advice, is sometimes said to have been "improvidently" given or issued.

IMPRUIARE. In old records. To Improve land. Improvisamentum, the improvement so made of it. Cowell.

IMPUBES. Lat. In the civil law. A minor under the age of puberty; a male under fourteen years of age; a female under twelve. Calvin; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 138.

IMPULSE. As to "irresistible" or "uncontrollable" impulse, see Insanity.

Impunitas continum affectum tribuit delinquendi. 4 Coke, 45. Impunity confirms the disposition to commit crime.

Impunities semper ad deteriorem invitata. 5 Coke, 100. Impunity always invites to greater crimes.

IMPURITY. Exemption or protection from penalty or punishment. Dillon v. Rogers, 36 Tex. 153.

IMPUTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Legal liability.

IMPUTATION OF PAYMENT. In the civil law. The application of a payment made by a debtor to his creditor.

IMPUTED. As used in legal phrases, this words means attributed vicariously; that is, an act, fact, or quality is said to be "imputed" to a person when it is ascribed or charged to him, not because he is personally cognizant or it or responsible for it, but because another person is, over whom he has control or for whose acts or knowledge he is responsible.

IMPUTED KNOWLEDGE. This phrase is sometimes used as equivalent to "implied notice," i.e., knowledge attributed or charged to a person (often contrary to the fact) because the facts in question were open to his discovery and it was his duty to inform himself as to them. See Roche v. Llewellyn Iron Works Co., 146 Cal. 563, 74 P. 147.

IMPUTED NEGLIGENCE. Negligence which is not directly attributable to the person himself, but which is the negligence of a person who is in privity with him, and with whose fault he is chargeable. Smith v. Railroad Co., 4 App. Div. 493, 38 N. Y. S. 666.

IMPUTED NOTICE. Information as to a given fact or circumstance charged or attributed to a person, and affecting his rights or conduct, on the ground that actual notice was given to some person whose duty was to report it to the person to be affected, as, his agent or his attorney of record.

IN. In the law of real estate, this preposition has always been used to denote the fact of seisin, title, or possession, and apparently serves as an elliptical expression for some such phrase as "in possession," or as an abbreviation for "entitled" or "invested with title." Thus, in the old books, a tenant is said to be "in by lease of his lessor." Litt. § 82.

An elastic preposition in other cases, expressing relation of presence, existence, situation, inclusion, action, etc.; also meaning for, in and about, on, within, etc., according to context. Hill v. Wilson, 108 Or. 621, 216 P. 751, 756; Grainger & Co. v. Johnson (C. C. A.) 286 F. 833, 834, 33 A. L. R. 315; Schaefer v. Houck, 163 App. Div. 283, 171 N. Y. S. 147; Schmohl v. Travelers' Ins. Co. (Mo. App.) 189 S. W. 597, 609; Turner v. Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York, 274 Mo. 200, 202 S. W. 1075, 1080, L. R. A. 1915E, 381; Mississippi Cent. R. Co. v. Peco, 109 Miss. 667, 68 So. 926, 927; Ex parte Perry, 71 Fla. 250, 71 So. 174, 176; City of Blytheville v. Webb, 172 Ark. 874, 290 S. W. 589, 590.

IN ACTION. Attainable or recoverable by action; not in possession. A term applied to property of which a party has not the possession, but only a right to recover it by action. Things in action are rights of personal things, which nevertheless are not in possession. See Choise in Action.

IN ADVERSUM. Against an adverse, unwilling, or resisting party. "A decree not by consent, but in adversum." 3 Story, 318.

In adiecu lapis male positus non est renovandus. 11 Coke, 69. A stone badly placed in buildings is not to be removed.

IN AEQUALI MANU. In equal hand. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 2.

IN AEQUALI JURE. In equal right; on an equality in point of right.
IN EQUALI MANU. In equal hand; held equally or indifferently between two parties. Where an instrument was deposited by the parties to it in the hands of a third person, to keep on certain conditions, it was said to be held in _aequali manu_. Reg. Orig. 28.

IN ALIENO SOLO. In another's land. 2 Steph. Comm. 20.

IN ALIO LOCO. In another place.

IN ALTA PRODITIO NULUS POTEST OSE SESSUM SED PRINCIPALIS SOLOMmodo. 3 Inst. 128. In high treason no one can be an accessory but only principal.

IN ALTERNATIVIS ELECTIO EST DEBITORIS. In alternatives the debtor has the election.

IN AMBIGUA Voca legis ex potius accipienda est significatio quam vitio cariet, prassi nem conetiam voluntas legis ex hoc colligil possit. In an ambiguous expression of law, that signification is to be preferred which is consonant with equity, especially when the spirit of the law can be collected from that. Dig. 1, 3, 19; Broom, Max. 576.

In _ambiguis casibus semper praesumitur pro rege_. In doubtful cases the presumption is always in favor of the king.

In _ambiguis orationibus maxime sententia spectanda est ejus qui eam prolatilisset_. In ambiguous expressions, the intention of the person using them is chiefly to be regarded. Dig. 50, 17, 96; Broom, Max. 567.

IN AMBIGUO. In doubt.

In _ambiguo sermone non utrumque dicimus sed id duxtaxat quod volumus_. When the language we use is ambiguous, we do not use it in a double sense, but in the sense in which we mean it. Dig. 34. 5, 3; 2 De G. M. & G. 313.

In _Anglia non est interregnum_. In England there is no interregnum. Jenk. Cent. 205; Broom, Max. 50.

IN APERTA LUCE. In open daylight; in the day-time. 9 Coke, 65b.

IN APICIBUS JURIS. Among the subtleties or extreme doctrines of the law. 1 Kames, Eq. 190. See Apex Juris.

IN ARBITRIUM JUDICIS. At the pleasure of the judge.

IN ARCTA ET SALVA CUSTODIA. In close and safe custody. 3 Bl. Comm. 415.

IN ARTICULO. In a moment; immediately. Cod. 1, 34, 2.

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IN ARTICULO MORTIS. In the article of death; at the point of death. Jackson v. Vredenbergh, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 159.

In _atrocellurus delictis punitur affectus locet non sequatur effectus_. 2 Rolle R. 82. In more atrocious crimes the intent is punished, though an effect does not follow.

IN AUTRE DROIT. L. Fr. In another's right. As representing another. An executor, administrator, or trustee sues in _autre droit_.

IN BANCO. In bank; in the bench. A term applied to proceedings in the court in bank, as distinguished from the proceedings at _nisi prius_. Also, in the English court of common bench.

IN BEING. In existence or life at a given moment of time, as, in the phrase "life or living in being" in the rule against perpetuities. An unborn child may, in some circumstances be considered as "in being." Phillips v. Herron, 55 Ohio St. 478, 43 N. E. 729; Hone v. Van Schalck, 3 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 503.

IN BLANK. A term applied to the indorsement of a bill or note where it consists merely of the indorser's name, without restriction to any particular indorsee. 2 Steph. Comm. 164.

IN BONIS. Among the goods or property; in actual possession. Inst. 4, 2, 2. In _bonis defuncti_, among the goods of the deceased.

IN BULK. As a whole; as an entirety, without division into items or physical separation in packages or parcels. Standard Oil Co. v. Conn., 119 Ky. 75, 22 S. W. 1022; Fitz-Henry v. Munter, 33 Wash. 629, 74 P. 1008; State v. Smith, 114 Mo. 150, 21 S. W. 498; Feldstein v. Fusco, 205 App. Div. 806, 201 N. Y. S. 4, 5; Marlow v. Ringer, 70 Wn. 568, 91 S. E. 386, 388, L. R. A. 1917D, 619; Mott v. Reeves, 125 Misc. 511, 211 N. Y. S. 375, 380; Flise Rubber Co. v. Hayes Motor Car Co., 131 Ark. 248, 199 S. W. 96; In re Lipman (D. C.) 201 F. 169, 173.

IN CAMARA. In chambers; in private. A cause is said to be heard in _camera_ either when the hearing is had before the judge in his private room or when all spectators are excluded from the court-room.

IN CAPITA. To the heads; by heads or polls. Persons succeed to an inheritance in _capita_ when they individually take equal shares. So challenges to individual jurors are challenges in _capita_, as distinguished from challenges to the array.

IN CAPITE. In chief. 2 Bl. Comm. 60. Tenure in _capite_ was a holding directly from the king.

In casu extremae necessitatis omnia sunt communia. Hale, P. C. 54. In cases of extreme necessity, everything is in common.

IN CASU PROVISO. In a (or the) case provided. In tali casu editum et proviso, in such case made and provided. Townsh. Pl. 164, 165.

IN CAUSA. In the cause, as distinguished from in initialibus (a. r.). A term in Scotch practice. 1 Brown, Ch. 252.

IN CHIEF. Principal; primary; directly obtained. A term applied to the evidence obtained from a witness upon his examination in court by the party producing him. Tenure in chief, or in capite, is a holding directly of the king or chief lord.

In civilibus ministerium exouiat, in criminalibus non item. In civil matters agency (or service) excuses, but not so in criminal matters. Lofft, 228; Tray. Lat. Max. 243.

In claris non est locus conjecturis. In things obvious there is no room for conjecture.

IN COMMENDAM. In commendation; as a commended living. 1 Bl. Comm. 393. See Commenda.

A term applied in Louisiana to a limited partnership, answering to the French "en commandite." Civil Code La. art. 2510.

In commodato hae pactio, ne dolus praeestetur, rata non est. In the contract of loan, a stipulation not to be liable for fraud is not valid. Dig. 13, 7, 17, pr.

IN COMMON. Shared in respect to title, use, or enjoyment, without apportionment or division into individual parts; held by several for the equal advantage, use, or enjoyment of all. See Hewit v. Jewell, 50 Iowa, 37, 12 N. W. 738; Chambers v. Harrington, 111 U. S. 350, 4 S. Ct. 428, 28 L. Ed. 452; Walker v. Dunshee, 38 Pa. 439.

IN COMMUNI. In common. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 4, § 2.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH. In association with. Blaisdell v. Inhabitants of Town of York, 110 Me. 500, 87 A. 361, 370.

In conjunctivis, opertot utramque partem esse veram. In conjunctives It is necessary that each part be true. Wing, Max. 13, max. 8. In a condition consisting of divers parts in the copulative, both parts must be performed.

IN CONSIDERATIONE INDE. In consideration thereof. 3 Salk. 64, pl. 5.

IN CONSIDERATIONE LEGIS. In consideration or contemplation of law; in abeyance. Dyer, 1022.

IN CONSIDERATIONE PRÆMISSORUM. In consideration of the premises. 1 Strange, 335.

IN CONSIMILI CASU. See Consimili Casu.

In consimili casu, consimile debet esse remedium. Hardr. 65. In similar cases the remedy should be similar.

IN CONSPECTU EJUS. In his sight or view. 12 Mod. 95.

In consuetudinis, non diuturnitas temporis sed soliditas rationis est consideranda. In customs, not length of time, but solidity of reason, is to be considered. Co. Litt. 141a. The antiquity of a custom is to be less regarded than its reasonableness.

IN CONTINENTI. Immediately; without any interval or intermission. Calvin. Sometimes written as one word "incontinenti."

In contractibus, benigna; in testamentis, benignior; in restitutionibus, benignissima interpretatio facienda est. Co. Litt. 112. In contracts, the interpretation is to be liberal; in wills, more liberal; in restitutions, most liberal.

In contractibus, rei vertitas potius quam scriptura perspicui debet. In contracts, the truth of the matter ought to be regarded rather than the writing. Cod. 4, 22, 1.

In contractibus, tacite insuet [veniant] quae sunt moris et consuetudinis. In contracts, matters of custom and usage are tacitly implied. A contract is understood to contain the customary clauses, although they are not expressed. Story, Bills, § 143; 3 Kent, Comm. 260, note; Broom, Max. 842.

In contrahenda venditione, ambiguum pactum contra venditorem interpretandum est. In the contract of sale, an ambiguous agreement is to be interpreted against the seller. Dig. 50, 11, 172. See id. 18, 1, 21.

In conventio inibus, contrahentium voluntas potius quam verba spectati placuit. In agreements, the intention of the contracting parties, rather than the words used, should be regarded. Broom, Max. 551; Jackson v. Wilkinson, 17 Johns. (N. Y.) 150.

IN CORPORE. In body or substance; in a material thing or object.

IN CRASSINO. On the morrow. In crassino Animarum, on the morrow of All Souls. 1 Bl. Comm. 802.

In criminalibus, probationes debent esse luce clariores. In criminal cases, the proofs ought to be clearer than light. 3 Inst. 210.

In criminalibus, sufficit generalis malitia intentionis, cum facto parts gradus. In criminal matters or cases, a general malice of intention

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is sufficient, [if united] with an act of equal or corresponding degree. Buc. Max. p. 63, reg. 15; Broom, Max. 323.

IN CRIMINALIBUS, voluntas reputabitur pro facto. In criminal acts, the will will be taken for the deed. 3 Inst. 106.

IN CUIJUS REI TESTIMONIUM. In testimony whereof. The initial words of the concluding clause of ancient deeds in Latin, literally translated in the English forms.

IN CUSTODIA LEGIS. In the custody or keeping of the law. 2 Steph. Comm. 74.

IN DELICTO. In fault. See in Pari Delicto, etc.

IN DIEM. For a day; for the space of a day. Calvin.

In disjunctivis sufficit alteram partem esse veram. In disjunctives it is sufficient that either part be true. Where a condition is in the disjunctive, it is sufficient if either part be performed. Wing. Max. 13, max. 9; Broom, Max. 582; 7 East. 272.

IN DOMINICO. In demesne. In domino suo ut de feodo, in his demesne as of fee.

IN DORSO. On the back. 2 Bl. Comm. 488; 2 Steph. Comm. 164. In doro recordi, on the back of the record. 5 Coke, 43. Hence the English indorse, indorsement, etc.

In dubiis, benigniora preferenda sunt. In doubtful cases, the more favorable views are to be preferred; the more liberal interpretation is to be followed. Dig. 50, 17, 56; 2 Kent, Comm. 557.

In dubiis, magis dignum est acclamandum. Branch, Princ. In doubtful cases, the more worthy is to be accepted.

In dubiis, non prae sumitur pro teste. In cases of doubt, the presumption is not in favor of a will. Branch, Princ. See Cro. Car. 51.

IN DUBIO. In doubt; in a state of uncertainty, or in a doubtful case.

In dubio, hae legis constructio quam verba ostendant. In a case of doubt, that is the construction of the law which the words indicate. Branch, Princ.

In dubio, pars minor est sequenda. In doubt, the milder course is to be followed.

In dubio, pro lege fori. In a doubtful case, the law of the forum is to be preferred. "A false maxim." Meili, Int. L. 151.

IN DUBIO, sequendum quod tutius est. In doubt, the safer course is to be adopted.

IN DUPLO. In double. Damna in duplo, double damages. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 10, § 1.

IN EADEM CAUSA. In the same state or condition. Calvin.

IN EMULATIONEM VICINI. In envy or hatred of a neighbor. Where an act is done, or action brought, solely to hurt or distress another, it is said to be in emulationem vicinii. 1 Kames, Eq. 58.

In eo quod plus sit, semper inest et minus. In the greater is always included the less also. Dig. 50, 17, 110.

IN EQUITY. In a court of equity, as distinguished from a court of law; in the purview, consideration, or contemplation of equity; according to the doctrines of equity.

IN ESSE. In being. Actually existing. Distinguished from in posse, which means "that which is not, but may be." A child before birth is in posse; after birth, in esse.

IN EST DE JURE. (Lat.) It is implied of right or by law.

IN EVIDENCE. Included in the evidence already adduced. The "facts in evidence" are such as have already been proved in the cause.

IN EXCABMIO. In exchange. Formal words in old deeds of exchange.

IN EXECUTION AND PURSUANCE OF. Words used to express the fact that the instrument is intended to carry into effect some other instrument, as in case of a deed in execution of a power. They are said to be synonymous with "to effect the object of;" U. S. v. Nunemacher, 7 Biss. 129, Fed. Cas. No. 15,903.

IN EXITU. In issue. De materia in exitu, of the matter in issue. 12 Mod. 372.

In expositione instrumentorum, mala grammatica, quod fieri potest, vitanda est. In the construction of instruments, bad grammar is to be avoided as much as possible. 6 Coke, 39; 2 Pars. Cont. 26.

IN EXTENSIO. In extension; at full length; from beginning to end, leaving out nothing.

IN FACIE CURÆ. In the face of the court. Dyer, 28.

IN FACIE ECCLESIAE. In the face of the church. A term applied in the law of England to marriages, which are required to be solemnized in a parish church or public chapel, unless by dispensation or license. 1 Bl. Comm. 459; 2 Steph. Comm. 288, 289. Applied in Bracton to the old mode of conferring dower. Bract. fol. 92; 2 Bl. Comm. 133.

IN FACIENDO. In doing; in feasance; in the performance of an act. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1308.

IN FACT. Actual, real; as distinguished from implied or inferred. Resulting from the acts of parties, instead of from the act or intention of law.

IN FACTO. In fact; in deed. In factu dicit, in fact says. 1 Salk. 22, pl. 1.

In facto quod se habet ad bonum et malum, magis de bene quam de male lex intendit. In an act or deed which admits of being considered as both good and bad, the law intends more from the good than from the bad; the law makes the more favorable construction. Co. Litt. 786.


IN FAVOREM LIBERTATIS. In favor of liberty.

IN FAVOREM VITÆ. In favor of life.

In favorum vitae, libertatis, et innocentia, omnia presumuntur. In favor of life, liberty, and innocence, every presumption is made. Lofft. 125.

IN FEODO. In fee. Bract. fol. 207; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 64, § 15. Seisitus in feodo, seised in fee. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 7, § 1.

In fictione juris semper aequitas existit. In the fiction of law there is always equity; a legal fiction is always consistent with equity. 11 Coke, 51a; Broom, Max. 127, 130.

IN FIERI. In being made; in process of formation or development; hence, incomplete or inchoate. Legal proceedings are described as in fieri until judgment is entered.

IN FINE. Lat. At the end. Used, in references, to indicate that the passage cited is at the end of a book, chapter, section, etc.

IN FORMA PAUPERIS. In the character or manner of a pauper. Describes permission given to a poor person to sue without liability for costs.

IN FORO. In a (or the) forum, court, or tribunal.

IN FORO CONSCIENTIAE. In the tribunal of conscience; conscientiously; considered from a moral, rather than a legal, point of view.

IN FORO CONTENTIOSO. In the forum of contention or litigation.

IN FORO ECCLESIASTICO. In an ecclesiastical forum; in the ecclesiastical court. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 57, § 13.

IN FORO SECULARI. In a secular forum or court. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 57, § 14; 1 Bl. Comm. 20.

IN FRAUDEM CREDITORUM. In fraud of creditors; with intent to defraud creditors. Inst. 1, 6, pr. 3.

IN FRAUDEM LEGIS. In fraud of the law. 3 Bl. Comm. 94. With the intent or view of evading the law. Jackson v. Jackson, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 424, 432.

IN FULL. Relating to the whole or full amount; as a receipt in full. Complete; giving all details. Bard v. Wood, 3 Metc. (Mass.) 75.

IN FULL LIFE. Continuing in both physical and civil existence; that is, neither actually dead nor civiliter mortuis.

IN FUTURO. In future; at a future time; the opposite of in praesenti. 2 Bl. Comm. 166, 175.

IN GENERALI PASSAGIO. In the general passage; that is, on the journey to Palestine with the general company or body of Crusaders. This term was of frequent occurrence in the old law of essoins, as a means of accounting for the absence of the party, and was distinguished from simplex passagium, which meant that he was performing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land alone.


IN GENERE. In kind; in the same genus or class; the same in quantity and quality, but not individually the same. In the Roman law, things which may be given or restored in genere are distinguished from such as must be given or restored in specie; that is, identically. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 161.

IN GREMIO LEGIS. In the bosom of the law; in the protection of the law; in aberrance. 1 Coke, 131a; T. Raym. 319; Hooper v. Farmers' Union Warehouse Co., 21 Ala. App. 91, 105 So. 723, 726.
IN GROSS. In a large quantity or sum; without division or particulars; by wholesale. Green v. Taylor, 10 Fed. Cas. No. 1.126.

At large; not annexed to or dependent upon another thing. Common in gross is such as is neither appendant nor appurtenant to land, but is annexed to a man’s person. 2 Bl. Comm. 34.

IN HAC PARTE. In this behalf; on this side.

IN HOC VERBA. In these words; in the same words.

In his enim quae sunt favorabilia animae, quamvis sunt damnosus rebus, fiat aliquando extensio statuti. In things that are favorable to the spirit, though injurious to property, an extension of the statute should sometimes be made. 10 Coke, 101.

In his qua de jure communi omnibus conceduntur, consuetudo aliqua patris vel loci non est allegenda. 11 Coke, 83. In those things which by common right are conceded to all, the custom of a particular district or place is not to be alleged.

IN IOC. In this; in respect to this.

IN IISDEM TERMINIS. In the same terms. 9 East, 487.

IN INDIVIDUO. In the distinct, identical, or individual form; in specie. Story, Bailm. § 97.

IN INFINITUM. Infinitely; indefinitely. Imports indefinite succession or continuance.

IN INITIALIBUS. In the preliminaries. A term in Scotch practice, applied to the preliminary examination of a witness as to the following points: Whether he knows the parties, or bears ill will to either of them, or has received any reward or promise of reward for what he may say, or can lose or gain by the cause, or has been told by any person what to say. If the witness answer these questions satisfactorily, he is then examined in causa, in the cause. Bell, Dict. “Evidence.”

IN INITIO. In or at the beginning. In initio litis, at the beginning, or in the first stage of the suit. Bract. fol. 490.

IN INTEGRUM. To the original or former state. Calvin.

IN INVIDIA. To excite a prejudice.

IN INVITUM. Against an unwilling party; against one not assenting. A term applied to proceedings against an adverse party, to which he does not consent.

IN IPSIS FAUCIBUS. In the very throat or entrance. In ipsis faucibus of a port, actually entering a port. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 233, 234.

IN ITINERE. In eyre; on a journey or circuit. In old English law, the justices in itinere (or in eyre) were those who made a circuit through the kingdom once in seven years for the purposes of trying causes. 3 Bl. Comm. 58.

In course of transportation; on the way; not delivered to the vendee. In this sense the phrase is equivalent to “in transitu.”

IN JUDGMENT. In a court of justice; in a seat of judgment. Lord Hale is called “one of the greatest and best men who ever sat in judgment.” 1 East, 306.

In judiciis, minori aetate succurratur. In courts or judicial proceedings, infancy is aided or favored. Jenk. Cent. 46, case 89.

IN JUDICIO. In Roman law. In the course of an actual trial; before a judge, (judec.) A cause, during its preparatory stages, conducted before the praetor, was said to be in jure; in its second stage, after it had been sent to a judec for trial, it was said to be in judicio.

In judicio non ereditur nisi juris. Cro. Car. 64. In a trial, credence is given only to those who are sworn.

IN JURE. In law; according to law. In the Roman practice, the procedure in an action was divided into two stages. The first was said to be in jure; it took place before the praetor, and included the formal and introductory part and the settlement of questions of law. The second stage was committed to the judec, and comprised the investigation and trial of the facts; this was said to be in judicio.

IN JURE ALTERIUS. In another's right. Hale, Anal. § 26.

In jure, non remota causa sed proxima spectatur. Bac. Max. reg. 1. In law, the proximate, and not the remote, cause is regarded.

IN JURE PROPRIO. In one's own right. Hale, Anal. § 26.

IN JUS VOCARE. To call, cite, or summon to court. Inst. 4, 16, 3; Calvin. In jus vocando, summoning to court. 3 Bl. Comm. 279.

IN KIND. In the same kind, class, or genus. A loan is returned “in kind” when not the identical article, but one corresponding and equivalent to it, is given to the lender. See In Genere.

IN LAW. In the intendment, contemplation, or inference of the law; implied or inferred
by law; existing in law or by force of law. See In Fact.

IN LECTO MORTALI. On the deathbed.
Fleta, lib. 5, c. 28, § 12.

IN LIBERAR ELEMOSINA. In free alms. Land given for a charitable motive was said to be so given. See Franklalmi.


IN LIMINE. On or at the threshold; at the very beginning; preliminarily.

IN LITEM. For a suit; to the suit. Greenl. Ev. § 348.

IN LOCO. In place; in lieu; instead; in the place or stead. Townsh. Pl. 38.


In majore summa continentur minor. 5 Coke, 115. In the greater sum is contained the less.

IN MAJOREM CAUTELAM. For greater security. 1 Strange, 165, arg.

IN MALAM PARTEM. In a bad sense, so as to wear an evil appearance.

In maleficiis voluntas spectatur, non exitus. In evil deeds regard must be had to the intention, and not to the result. Dig. 48, S. 14; Broom, Max. 324.

In maleficio, ratihabitio mandate comparatur. In a case of malefeasance, ratification is equivalent to command. Dig. 50, 17, 152, 2.

In maxima potentia minima licentia. In the greatest power there is the least freedom. Hob. 159.

IN MEDIAS RES. Into the heart of the subject, without preface or introduction.

IN MEDIO. Intermediate. A term applied, in Scotch practice, to a fund held between parties litigant.

In mercibus illicitis non sit commercium. There should be no commerce in illicit or prohibited goods. 3 Kent, Comm. 262, note.

IN MERCY. To be in mercy is to be at the discretion of the king, lord, or judge in respect to the imposition of a fine or other punishment.

IN MISERICORDIA. The entry on the record where a party was in mercy was, "Idea in misericordia," etc. Sometimes "misericordia" means the being quit of all amercements.

IN MITIORI SENSI. In the milder sense; in the less aggravated acceptance. In actions of slander, it was formerly the rule that, if the words alleged would admit of two constructions, they should be taken in the less injurious and defamatory sense, or in mitiori sensu.

IN MODUM ASSISE. In the manner or form of an assize. Bract. fol. 182b. In modum furatae, in manner of a jury. Id. fol. 181b.

IN MORA. In default; literally, in delay. In the civil law, a borrower who omits or refuses to return the thing loaned at the proper time is said to be in mora. Story, Bailm. §§ 254, 259.

In Scotch Law
A creditor who has begun without completing diligence necessary for attaching the property of his debtor is said to be in mora. Bell.

IN MORTUA MANU. Property owned by religious societies was said to be held in mortua manu, or in mortmain, since religious men were mortuari mortui. 1 Bl. Comm. 479; Tayl. Gloss.

IN NOMINE DEI, AMEN. In the name of God, Amen. A solemn introduction, accidently used in wills and many other instruments. The translation is often used in wills at the present day.

IN NOTIS. In the notes.

In novo caso, novum remedium apponendum est. 2 Inst. 3. A new remedy is to be applied to a new case.

IN NUBISUS. In the clouds; in abeyance; in custody of law. In nubibus, in morre, in terrae, vel in custodia legis, in the air, sea, or earth, or in the custody of the law. Tayl. Gloss. In case of abeyance, the inheritance is figuratively said to rest in nubibus, or in premio legie.

IN NULLIUS BONIS. Among the goods or property of no person; belonging to no per-
son, as treasure-trove and wreck were anciently considered.

**IN Nullo EST ERRATUM.** In nothing is there error. The name of the common plea or fulsader in error, denying the existence of error in the record or proceedings; which is in the nature of a demurrer, and at once refers the matter of law arising thereon to the judgment of the court. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1173; Booth v. Com., 7 Metc. (Mass.) 285, 287.

In obscura voluntate manumittentis, favendum est libertati. Where the expression of the will of one who seeks to manumit a slave is ambiguous, liberty is to be favored. Dig. 50, 17, 170.

In obscuris, inspici solere quod verisimilior est, aut quod plurumque fieri solet. In obscure cases, we usually look at what is most probable, or what most commonly happens. Dig. 50, 17, 114.

In obscuris, quod minimum est sequitur. In obscure or doubtful cases, we follow that which is the least. Dig. 50, 17, 9; 2 Kent, Comm. 557.


In odium spoliatoris omnia prae summaritur. To the prejudice (in condemnation) of a despoiler all things are presumed; every presumption is made against a wrong-doer. 1 Vern. 452.

In omni actione ubi duo concurrent distri- tiones, videolect, in rem et in personam, illa distrietio tenenda est quae magis timetur et magis ligat. In every action where two distresses concur, that is, in rem and in personam, that is to be chosen which is most dreaded, and which binds most firmly. Bract. fol. 372; Fleta, l. 6, c. 14, § 28.

In omni re nasitur res quae ipsam rem ex- terminat. In everything there arises a thing which destroys the thing itself. Everything contains the element of its own destruction. 2 Inst. 15.

**IN OMNIBUS.** In all things; on all points. "A case parallel in omnibus." 10 Mod. 104.

In omnibus contractibus, sive nominatis sive inominatis, permutatio continetur. In all contracts, whether nominate or inominate, an exchange [of value, i.e., a consideration] is implied. Gratian, lib. 2, § 12; 2 Bl. Comm. 444, note.

In omnibus obligationibus in quibus dies non ponitur, praeenti die debetur. In all obligations in which a date is not put, the debt is due on the present day; the liability accrues immediately. Dig. 50, 17, 14.

In omnibus [fere] penialibus judiciis, et aetati et imprudentiae suceurritur. In nearly all penal judgments, immaturity of age and imbecility of mind are favored. Dig. 50, 17, 108; Broom, Max. 314.

In omnibus quidem, maxime tamen in jure, equitas spectanda sit. In all things, but especially in law, equity is to be regarded. Dig. 50, 17, 90; Story, Bailm. § 257.

**IN PACATO SOLO.** In a country which is at peace.

**IN PAGE DEI ET REGIS.** In the peace of God and the king. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 6. Formal words in old appeals of murder.

**IN PAIS.** This phrase, as applied to a legal transaction, primarily means that it has taken place without legal proceedings. Thus a widow was said to make a request in paes for her dowry when she simply applied to the heir without issuing a writ. (Co. Litt. 32b.) So conveyances are divided into those by matter of record and those by matter in paes. In some cases, however, "matters in paes" are opposed not only to "matters of record," but also to "matters in writing," i.e., deeds, as where estoppel by deed is distinguished form estoppel by matter in paes. (Id. 352a.) Swete. See, also, Pais.

**IN PAPER.** A term formerly applied to the proceedings in a cause before the record was made up. 3 Bl. Comm. 406; 2 Burrows, 1098. Probably from the circumstance of the record being always on parchment. The opposite of "on record." 1 Burrows, 322.

**IN PARI CAUSA.** In an equal cause. In a cause where the parties on each side have equal rights.

In pari causa possessor potior haberi debet. In an equal cause he who has the possession should be preferred. Dig. 50, 17, 128, 1.

**IN PARI DELICTO.** In equal fault; equally culpable or criminal; in a case of equal fault or guilt. See Rozell v. Vansyckle, 11 Wash. 79, 39 Pac. 270; Middletown Home Telephone Co. v. Louisville & N. R. Co., 234 S. W. 107, 214 Ky. 822.

A person who is in pari delicto with another differs from a participes criminis in this, that the former term always includes the latter, but the latter does not always include the former. 3 East, 361.

In pari delicto potior est condito possidentis, [defendentis,] In a case of equal or mutual fault [between two parties] the condition of the party in possession [or defending] is the better one. 2 Burrows, 926. Where each party is equally in fault, the law favors him who is actually in possession. Broom, Max. 290, 729. Where the fault is mutual, the law will leave the case as it finds it. Story, Ag. § 195;
IN PARI MATERIA


IN PATIENDO. In suffering, permitting, or allowing.

INPECTORE JUDICIS. In the breast of the judge. Latch, 180. A phrase applied to a judgment.

IN PEJOREM PARTEM. In the worst part; on the worst side. Latch, 159, 160.

IN PERPETUAM REI MEMORIAM. In perpetual memory of a matter; for preserving a record of a matter. Applied to depositions taken in order to preserve the testimony of the deponent.


IN PERPETUUM REI TESTIMONIUM. In perpetual testimony of a matter; for the purpose of declaring and settling a thing forever. 1 Bl. Comm. 56.

IN PERSON. A party, plaintiff or defendant, who sues out a writ or other process, or appears to conduct his case in court himself, instead of through a solicitor or counsel, is said to act and appear in person.

IN PERSONAM, IN REM. In the Roman law, from which they are taken, the expressions "in rem" and "in personam" were always opposed to one another, an act or proceeding in personam being one done or directed against or with reference to a specific person, while an act or proceeding in rem was one done or directed with reference to no specific person, and consequently against or with reference to all whom it might concern, or "all the world." The phrases were especially applied to actions; an actio in personam being the remedy where a claim against a specific person arose out of an obligation, whether ex contractu or ex malefactori, while an actio in rem was one brought for the assertion of a right of property, easement, status, etc., against one who denied or infringed it. See Inst. 4, 6, 1; Gaius, 4, 1, 1-10; 5 Sav. Syst. 13, et seq.; Dig. 2, 4, 7, 8; Id. 4, 2, 9, 1.

From this use of the terms, they have come to be applied to signify the antithesis of "available against a particular person," and "available against the world at large." Thus, jura in personam are rights primarily available against specific persons; jura in rem, rights only available against the world at large. Hook v. Hoffman, 147 F. 722, 727, 16 Ariz. 540; The Kongoli (D. C.) 252 F. 267, 269; Austin v. Royal League, 147 N. E. 106, 109, 316 Ill. 158; Williamson v. Williamson, 209 S. W. 503, 504, 183 Ky. 435, 3 A. L. R. 709; Beck v. Natalie Oil Co., 78 So. 450, 143 La. 153.

So a judgment or decree is said to be in rem when it binds third persons. Such is the sentence of a court of admiralty on a question of prize, or a decree of nullity or dissolution of marriage, or a decree of a court in a foreign country as to the status of a person domiciled there.

Lastly, the terms are sometimes used to signify that a judicial proceeding operates on a thing or a person. Thus, it is said of the court of chancery that it acts in personam, and not in rem, meaning that its decrees operate by compelling defendants to do what they are ordered to do, and not by producing the effect directly. Sweet. See Cross v. Armstrong, 44 Ohio St. 613, 10 N. E. 160; Cunningham v. Shanklin, 60 Cal. 125; Hill v. Henry, 66 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl. 555.

Judgment in Personam

See that title.

In personam actio est, qua cum eo agimus qui obligatus est nobis ad faciendum aliqvid vel damnum. The action in personam is that by which we sue him who is under obligation to us to do something or give something. Dig. 44, 7, 25; Bract. 101b.

IN PIOS USUS. For pious uses; for religious purposes. 2 Bl. Comm. 505.

IN PLACE. In mining law, rock or mineralized matter is "in place" when remaining as nature placed it, that is, unsevered from the circumjacent rock, or which is fixed solid and immovable in the form of a vein or lode. See Williams v. Gibson, 84 Ala. 228, 4 South. 350, 5 Am. St. Rep. 368; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 44; Tabor v. Dexier, 23 Fed. Cas. 615; Leadville Co. v. Fitzgerald, 15 Fed. Cas. 99; Jones v. Prospect Mountain Tunnel Co., 21 Nev. 389, 31 Pac. 645; Duffield v. San Francisco Chemical Co. (C. C. A.) 205 F. 480, 483.

IN PLENO COMITATU. In full county court. 3 Bl. Comm. 36.

IN PLENO LUMINE. In public; in common knowledge; in the light of day.

IN penalis causis benignius interpretandum est. In penal causes or cases, the more favorable interpretation should be adopted. Dig. 50, 17, (157), 155, 2; Plowd. 866, 124; 2 Hale, P. C. 365.

IN POSSE. In possibility; not in actual existence. See In Esse.

IN POTESTATE PARENTIS. In the power of a parent. Inst. 1, 8, pr.; Id. 1, 9; 2 Bl. Comm. 498.

IN PRÆEMISSORUM FIDEM. In confirmation or attestation of the premises. A notarial phrase.

In preparatoria ad judicium favour actori. 2 Inst. 57. In things preceding judgment the plaintiff is favored.


In præsenti majoris potestatis, minor potestas cessat. In the presence of the superior power, the inferior power ceases. Jone. Cent. 214, c. 53. The less authority is merged in the greater. Broom, Max. 111.

IN PRENDER. L. Pr. In taking. A term applied to such incorporeal hereditaments as a party entitled to them was to take for himself; such as common. 2 Steph. Comm. 23; 3 Bl. Comm. 15. See In Render.

In pretio eptionis et venditionis, naturaliter licet ceperaturibus se circumvenire. In the price of buying and selling, it is naturally allowed to the contracting parties to overreach each other. 1 Story, Cont. 606.

IN PRIMIS. In the first place. A phrase used in argument.

IN PRINCIPIO. At the beginning.

IN PROMPTU. In readiness; at hand. Usually written impromptu.

In pròpria causa nemo judex. No one can be judge in his own cause. 12 Code, 13.

IN PROPRIA PERSONA. In one's own proper person.

It is a rule in pleading that plea to the jurisdiction of the court must be plead in pròpria persona, because if pleaded by attorney they admit the jurisdiction, as an attorney is an officer of the court, and he is presumed to plead after having obtained leave, which admits the jurisdiction. Lawes, Pl. 91.

In quo quis delinquit, in eo de jure est puniendus. In whatever thing one offends, in that he rightfully to be punished. Co. Litt. 233b; Wing. Max. 204, max. 58. The punishment shall have relation to the nature of the offense.

IN RE. In the affair; in the matter of; concerning; re. This is the usual method of entitling a judicial proceeding in which there are not adversary parties, but merely some res concerning which judicial action is to be taken, such as a bankrupt's estate, an estate in the probate court, a proposed public highway, etc. It is also sometimes used as a designation of a proceeding where one party makes an application on his own behalf, but such proceedings are more usually entitled "Ex parte —— ."

In re communi melior est conditio prohibentis. In common property the condition of the one prohibiting is the better. In other words, either co-owner has a right of veto against the acts of the other. Gulf Refining Co. of Louisiana v. Carroll, 82 So. 277, 279, 145 La. 299.

In re communi neminem dominorum jure facere quicumque, invite altero, posse. One co-proprietor can exercise no authority over the common property against the will of the other, Dig. 10, 3, 28. In other words, either co-owner has a right of veto against the acts of the other. Gulf Refining Co. of Louisiana v. Carroll, 82 So. 277, 279, 145 La. 299.

In re communi potior est conditio prohibentis. In a partnership the condition of one who forbids is the more favorable.

In re dubia, benigneorem interpretationem sequi, non minus justius est quam tui tus. In a doubtful matter, to follow the more liberal interpretation is not less just than the safer course. Dig. 59, 17, 192, 1.

In re dubia, magis infolio quam affirmatio intelligenda. In a doubtful matter, the denial or negative is to be understood, [or regarded,] rather than the affirmative. Godb. 37.

In re lupanari, testes lupanarem admissentur. In a matter concerning a brothel, prostitutes are admitted as witnesses. Van Epps v. Van Epps, 6 Barb. (N. Y.) 320, 324.

In re pari potiorum causas esse prohibentis constat. In a thing equally shared [by several] it is clear that the party refusing to permit the use of it] has the better cause. Dig. 10, 3, 28. A maxim applied to partnerships, where one partner has a right to withhold his assent to the acts of his copartner. 3 Kent, Comm. 45.
IN REBUS

In re propria iniquum admodum est aliqui licentiam tribue rece sententia. It is extremely unjust that any one should be judge in his own cause.

IN REBUS (Lat.). In things, cases, or matters.

In rebus manifestis, errat qui authoritatis legum allegat; quia perspicue vera non sunt probara. In clear cases, he mistakes who cites legal authorities; for obvious truths are not to be proved. 5 Coke, 67a. Applied to cases too plain to require the support of authority; "because," says the report, "he who endeavors to prove them obscures them."

In rebus quum sunt favorabilia animae, quamvis sunt dannosa rebus, fiat aliquando extensio statuti. 10 Coke, 101. In things that are favorable to the spirit, though injurious to things, an extension of a statute should sometimes be made.

IN REGARD TO. Concerning; relating to; in respect of; with respect to; about. Hart v. Hart, 181 Iowa, 527, 164 N. W. 849, 850.

IN REM. A technical term used to designate proceedings or actions instituted against the thing, in contradistinction to personal actions, which are said to be in personam. See In Personam.

It is true that, in a strict sense, a proceeding in rem is one taken directly against property, and has for its object the disposition of property, without reference to the title of individual claimants; but, in a larger and more general sense, the terms are applied to actions between parties, where the direct object is to reach and dispose of property owned by them, or of some interest therein. Such are cases commenced by attachment against the property of debtors, or instituted to partition real estate, foreclose a mortgage, or enforce a lien. So far as they affect property in this state, they are substantially proceedings in rem in the broader sense which we have mentioned. Pennoyer v. Neff, 93 U. S. 734, 24 L. Ed. 566. Continental Gas Co. v. Arnold, 167 F. 653, 617, 66 Okl. 132, L. R. A. 1915F, 511; Graniss v. Ordean, 34 S. Ct. 739, 762, 254 U. S. 355, 58 L. Ed. 1363.

In the strict sense of the term, a proceeding "in rem" is one which is taken directly against property or one which is brought to enforce a right in the thing itself. Austin v. Royal League, 315 Ill. 198, 147 N. E. 196, 169.

A divorce suit is a "suit in rem," the essential characteristic of which is found in the power of the state through the decree or judgment of its court to dispose of the subject-matter of the suit, the res, in accordance with the object of the suit, whether that subject-matter be physical property or the status of one or both of the parties litigant, which decree operates immediately and absolutely upon the status of the suitor which is the res in the suit without the necessity of execution, attachment, or contempt proceedings to enforce it. Lister v. Lister, 66 N. J. Eq. 30, 97 A. 190, 173.

A proceeding "in rem" is in effect a proceeding against the owner, as well as a proceeding against the goods, for it is his breach of the law which has to be proven to establish the forfeiture, and it is his property which is sought to be forfeited. Mack v. Westbrook, 146 Ga. 660, 98 S. E. 336, 342.

Judgment in Rem

See that title.

Quasi in Rem

A term applied to proceedings which are not strictly and purely in rem, but are brought against the defendant personally, though the real object is to deal with particular property or subject property to the discharge of claims asserted; for example, foreign attachment, or proceedings to foreclose a mortgage, remove a cloud from title, or effect a partition. See Freeman v. Alderson, 119 U. S. 187, 7 S. Ct. 165, 30 L. Ed. 572; Hill v. Henry, 66 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 A. 555.

In rem actio est per quam rem nostram quae ab alio possidetur petimus, et semper adversus eum est qui rem possidet. The action in rem is that by which we seek our property which is possessed by another, and is always against him who possesses the property. Dig. 44, 7, 25; Bract. fol. 192.

IN RENDER. A thing is said to lie in render when it must be rendered or given by the tenant; as rent. It is said to lie in prender when it consists in the right in the lord or other person to take something. See In Prender.

In republica maxime conservanda sunt jura belli. In a state the laws of war are to be especially upheld. 2 Inst. 58.

IN RERUM NATURA. In the nature of things; in the realm of actuality; in existence. In a dilatory plea, an allegation that the plaintiff is not in rerum natura is equivalent to averring that the person named is fictitious. 3 Bl. Comm. 303.

In civil law, this phrase is applied to things. Inst. 2, 20, 7. It is a broader term than in rebus humanis; e. g. before quickening, an infant is in rerum natura, but not in rebus humanis; after quickening, he is in rebus humanis as well as in rerum natura. Calvinus, Lex.

In restitutionem, non in pronom hares succedit. The heir succeeds to the restitution, not to the penalty. An heir may be compelled to make restitution of a sum unlawfully appropriated by the ancestor, but is not answerable criminally, as for a penalty. 2 Inst. 198.

In restitutionibus benignissima interpretabatur facienda est. Co. Litt. 112. The most benign interpretation is to be made in restitutiones.

In satisfactionibus non permititur amplius fieri quam semel factum est. In payments, more must not be received than has been received once for all. 9 Coke, 53.
IN SCRINIO JUDICIS. In the writing-case of the judge; among the judge’s papers. “That is a thing that rests in scrinio judicis, and does not appear in the body of the decree.” Hardr. 51.

IN SEPARALI. In several; in severality. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 54, § 29.

IN SIMILI MATERIA. Dealing with the same or a kindred subject-matter.

IN SIMPLICI PEREGRINATONE. In simple pilgrimage. Bract. fol. 338. A phrase in the old law of essoins. See In Generali Passaggio.

IN SOLIDO. In the civil law. For the whole; as a whole. An obligation in solido is one where each of the several obligors is liable for the whole; that is, it is joint and several. Henderson v. Wadsworth, 115 U. S. 224, 6 S. Ct. 140, 29 L. Ed. 377. Possession in solido is exclusive possession.

When several persons obligate themselves to the obligee by the terms “in solido,” or use any other expressions which clearly show that they intend that each one shall be separately bound to perform the whole of the obligation, it is called an “obligation in solido” on the part of the obligors. Civ. Code La. art. 2082.

IN SOLIDUM. For the whole. Si plures sint fidejussores, quoque crunt numero, singuli in solidum tenentur, if there be several sureties, however numerous they may be, they are individually bound for the whole debt. Inst. 3, 21, 4. In parte sive in solidum, for a part or for the whole. Id. 4, 1, 16. See Id. 4, 6, 20; Id. 4, 7, 2.

IN SOLO. In the soil or ground. In solo atieno, in another’s ground. In solo proprio, in one’s own ground. 2 Steph. Comm. 20.

IN SPECIE. Specific; specifically. Thus, to decree performance in specie is to decree specific performance.

In kind; in the same or like form. A thing is said to exist in specie when it retains its existence as a distinct individual of a particular class.

IN STATU QUO. In the condition in which it was. See Status Quo. McReynolds v. Harrigfeld, 26 Idaho, 26, 140 P. 1096, 1098; Carpenter v. Mason, 181 Wis. 114, 183 N. W. 973, 974; Rickman v. Houx, 102 Iowa, 340, 184 N. W. 657, 661; Edwards v. Miller, 102 Ohio 189, 228 P. 1105, 1107.

In stipulationibus cum quaritur quid actum sit verba contra stipulatorum interpretanda sunt. In the construction of agreements words are interpreted against the person using them. Thus, the construction of the stipulatio is against the stipulator, and the construction of the promissio against the promissor. Dig. 45, 1, 38, 18; Broom, Max. 599.

In stipulationibus id tempus spectatur quo contrahimus. In stipulations, the time when we contract is regarded. Dig. 50, 17, 144, 1.

IN STIRPES. In the law of intestate succession. According to the roots or stocks; by representation; as distinguished from succession per capita. See Per Stirpes; Per Capita.

IN SUBSIDIUM. In aid.

In suo quique negotio hebetior est quam in alieno. Every one is more dull in his own business than in another’s.

IN TANTUM. In so much; so much; so far; so greatly. Reg. Orig. 97, 106.

IN TERMINIS TERMINANTIbus. In terms of determination; exactly in point. 11 Coke, 406. In express or determinate terms. 1 Leon. 93.

IN TERROREM. In terror or warning; by way of threat. Applied to legacies given upon condition that the recipient shall not dispute the validity or the dispositions of the will; such a condition being usually regarded as a mere threat.

IN TERROREM POPULI. Lat. To the terror of the people. A technical phrase necessary in indictments for riots. 4 Car. & P. 373.

In testamentis plenius testatoris intentionem scrutatur. In wills we more especially seek the intention of the testator. 3 Bulst. 103; Broom, Max. 555.

In testamentis plenius voluntates testamenti interpretabatur. Dig. 50, 17, 12. In wills the intention of testators is more especially regarded. “That is to say,” says Mr. Broom, (Max., 598,) “a will will receive a more liberal construction than its strict meaning, if alone considered, would permit.”

In testamentis ratio tacita non debet considerari, sed verba solum spectari debent; adeo per divinationem mentis a verbis recedere durum est. In wills an unexpressed meaning ought not to be considered, but the words alone ought to be looked to; so hard is it to recede from the words by guessing at the intention.

IN TESTIMONIUM. Lat. In witness; in evidence whereof.

IN THE FIELD. Any place, on land or water, apart from permanent cantonments or fortifications where military operations are being conducted. Ex parte Gerlach (D. C.) 247 F. 616, 617; Ex parte Jochen (D. C.) 257 F. 298, 295; Ex parte Mikell (D. C.) 263 F. 817, 810; Hines v. Mikell (C. C. A.) 259 F.
IN THE PEACE OF THE STATE. In definition of murder as unlawful and felonious killing of human being "in the peace of the state," the quoted phrase means the same as "in the king's peace" under the English common law, and negatives the idea that deceased was actually engaged in waging war against the state. State v. Cornelle, 96 So. 813, 817, 153 La. 929.

IN TOTIDEM VERBIS. In so many words; in precisely the same words; word for word.

IN TOTO. In the whole; wholly; completely; as the award is void in toto.

In toto et para continetur. In the whole the part also is contained. Dig. 50, 17, 113.

In traditionibus scriptorum, non quod dictum est, sed quod gestum est, insipieitur. In the delivery of writings, not what is said, but what is done, is looked to. 9 Coke, 137a.

IN TRAJECUT. In the passage over; on the voyage over. See Sir William Scott, 3 C. Rob. Adm. 141.

IN TRANSITU. In transit; on the way or passage; while passing from one person or place to another. 2 Kent, Comm. 540-552; More v. Lott, 13 Nev. 383; Amory Mfg. Co. v. Gulf, etc., R. Co., 89 Tex. 419, 37 S. W. 856, 59 Am. St. Rep. 65. On the voyage. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 338.

IN UTROQUE JURE. In both laws; i. e., the civil and canon law.

IN VACUO. Without object; without concomitants or coherence.

IN VADIO. In gage or pledge. 2 Bl. Comm. 157.

IN VENTRE SA MERE. L. Fr. In his mother's womb; spoken of an unborn child.

In veram quantitatem fidejussor tenetatur, nisi pro certa quantitate necessitat. Let the surety be holden for the true quantity, unless he agree for a certain quantity, Bean v. Parker, 17 Mass. 597.

In verbis, non verba, sed res et ratio, quaerenda est. Jenk. Cent. 132. In the construction of words, not the mere words, but the thing and the meaning, are to be inquired after.

IN VINCULIS. In chains; in actual custody. Gilb. Forum Rom. 97.

Applied also, figuratively, to the condition of a person who is compelled to submit to terms which oppression and his necessities impose on him. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 302.

IN VIRIDIB OBSERVANTIA. Present to the minds of men, and in full force and operation, in vocibus videndum non a quo sed ad quid sumatur. In discourses, it is to be considered not from what, but to what, it is advanced. Ellesmere, Postn. 62.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. The initial words of the concluding clause in deeds: "In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands," etc. A translation of the Latin phrase "in causis rei testimonium."

INADEQUATE. Insufficient; disproportionate; lacking in effectiveness or in conformity to a prescribed standard or measure.

INADEQUATE DAMAGES. See Damages.

INADEQUATE PRICE. A term applied to indicate the want of a sufficient consideration for a thing sold, or such a price as would ordinarily be entirely incommensurate with its intrinsic value. State v. Purcell, 131 Mo. 312, 33 S. W. 13; Stephens v. Osbourne, 107 Tenn. 572, 64 S. W. 963, 89 Am. St. Rep. 507.

INADEQUATE REMEDY AT LAW. Within the meaning of the rule that equity will not entertain a suit if there is an adequate remedy at law, this does not mean that there must be a failure to collect money or damages at law, but the remedy is considered inadequate if it is, in its nature and character, unfitted or not adapted to the end in view, as, for instance, when the relief sought is preventive rather than compensatory. Crileckshank v. Bidwell, 176 U. S. 73, 20 S. Ct. 259, 44 L. Ed. 377; Safe Deposit & Trust Co. v. Anniston (C. C.) 96 F. 663; Crawford County v. Laburn, 110 Iowa, 355, 51 N. W. 590.

INADEMISSIBLE. That which, under the established rules of law, cannot be admitted or received; e. g., parol evidence to contradict a written contract.

290, 294; Boise Valley Traction Co. v. Boise City, 57 Idaho, 20, 214 P. 1037, 1038.

IN/ÆDIFICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Building on another's land with one's own materials, or on one's own land with another's materials.

INALIENABLE. Not subject to alienation; the characteristic of those things which cannot be bought or sold or transferred from one person to another, such as rivers and public highways, and certain personal rights; e. g., liberty.

INAUGURATION. The act of installing or inducting into office with formal ceremonies, as the coronation of a sovereign, the inauguration of a president or governor, or the consecration of a prelate. A word applied by the Romans to the ceremony of dedicating a temple, or raising a man to the priesthood, after the augurs had been consulted.

INBLAURA. In old records. Profit or product of ground. Cowell.

INBOARD. In maritime law, and particularly with reference to the stowage of cargo, this term is contrasted with "outboard." It does not necessarily mean under deck, but is applied to a cargo so piled or stowed that it does not project over the "board" (side or rail) of the vessel. See Allen v. St. Louis Ins. Co., 46 N. Y. Super. Ct. 181.

INBORH. In Saxon law. A security, pledge, or hypotheca, consisting of the chattels of a person unable to obtain a personal "borg," or surety.

INBOROW. A forecourt or gate-house. A certain barony was inborow and outborow between England and Scotland. Cowell.

INBOUND COMMON. An uninclosed common, marked out, however, by boundaries.


Legal incapacity

This expression implies that the person in view has the right vested in him, but is prevented by some impediment from exercising it; as in the case of minors, feme covert, lunatics, etc. An administrator has no right until letters are issued to him. Therefore he cannot benefit (as respects the time before obtaining letters) by a saving clause in a statute of limitations in favor of persons under a legal incapacity to sue. Gates v. Brattle, 1 Root (Conn.) 237.

Total incapacity

In Workmen's Compensation Acts, such disqualification from performing the usual tasks of a workman that he cannot procure and retain employment.

Western Indemnity Co. v. Corder (Tex. Civ. App.) 240 S. W. 315, 317; Georgia Casualty Co. v. Glenn (Tex. Civ. App.) 272 S. W. 601, 603; Moore v. Peet Bros. Mfg. Co., 162 P. 296, 296, 99 Kan. 443. Incapacity for work is total not only so long as the injured employee is unable to do any work of any character, but also while he remains unable, as a result of his injury, either to resume his former occupation or to procure remunerative employment at a different occupation suitable to his impaired capacity. Such period of total incapacity may be followed by a period of partial incapacity, during which the injured employee is able both to procure and to perform work at some occupation suitable to his then-existing capacity, but less remunerative than the work in which he was engaged at the time of his injury. That situation constitutes "partial incapacity." Austin Bros. Bridge Co. v. Whitmire, 121 S. E. 345, 346, 31 Ga. App. 560. Synonymous with "total disability." Consolidation Coal Co. v. Crip- lip, 290 S. W. 270, 273, 217 Ky. 371. See Disability.

INCARCERATION. Imprisonment; confinement in a jail or penitentiary. This term is seldom used in law, though found occasionally in statutes. When so used, it appears always to mean confinement by competent public authority or under due legal process, whereas "imprisonment" may be effected by a private person without warrant of law, and if unjustifiable is called "false imprisonment." No occurrence of such a phrase as "false incarceration" has been noted. See Imprisonment.

INCASTELLARE. To make a building serve as a castle. Jacob.

INCAUSTUM, or ENCAUSTUM. Ink. Fleta, l. 2, c. 27, § 5.

Incautia factum pro non facto habetur. A thing done unwarily (or unadvisedly) will be taken as not done. Dig. 28, 4, 1.

INCIENDIARY. A house-burner; one guilty of arson; one who maliciously and willfully sets another person's building on fire.

Incendium sono alieno non exuit debiorem. Cod. 4, 2, 11. A fire does not release a debtor from his debt.

INCEPTION. Commencement; opening; initiation. The beginning of the operation of a contract or will, or of a note, mortgage, lien, etc.; the beginning of a cause or suit in court.

INCEPTION

Incerta pro nullis habentur. Uncertain things are held for nothing. Dav. Ir. K. B. 33.

Incerta quantitas vitiat actum. 1 Rolfe R. 465. An uncertain quantity vitiates the act.

INCERTE PERSONE. Uncertain persons, as posthumous heirs, a corporation, the poor, a juristic person, or persons who cannot be ascertainment until after the execution of a will. Sohm. Inst. Rom. L. 104, 458.

INCEST. The crime of sexual intercourse or cohabitation between a man and woman who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law. People v. Stratton, 141 Cal. 601, 75 P. 166; State v. Herges, 55 Minn. 484, 57 N. W. 205; Dinkey v. Com., 17 P. 129, 55 Am. Dec. 542; Taylor v. State, 110 Ga. 150, 35 S. E. 161; State v. Sauls, 190 N. C. 810, 130 S. E. 848, 849; Sgles v. State, 35 Okl. Cr. 340, 250 P. 938, 940.


INCESTUOUS ADULTERY. The elements of this offense are that defendant, being married to one person, has had sexual intercourse with another related to the defendant within the prohibited degrees. Cook v. State, 11 Ga. 53, 56 Am. Dec. 410.

INCESTUOUS BASTARDS. Incestuous bastards are those who are produced by the illegal connection of two persons who are relations within the degrees prohibited by law. Civ. Code La. art. 153.

INCH. A measure of length, containing one-twelfth part of a foot; originally supposed equal to three barleycorns.

—Inch of candle. A mode of sale at one time in use among merchants. A notice is first given upon the exchange, or other public place, as to the time of sale. The goods to be sold are divided into lots, printed papers of which, and the conditions of sale, are published. When the sale takes place, a small piece of candle, about an inch long is kept burning, and the last bidder, when the candle goes out, is entitled to the lot or parcel for which he bids. Wharton.

—Inch of water. The unit for the measurement of a volume of water or of hydraulic power, being the quantity of water which, under a given constant head or pressure, will escape through an orifice one inch square (or a circular orifice having a diameter of one inch) in a vertical plane. Jackson Milling Co. v. Chandos, 82 Wis. 437, 52 N. W. 759.

—Miner's inch. The quantity of water which will escape from a ditch or reservoir through an orifice in its side one inch square, the center of the orifice being six inches below the constant level of the water, equivalent to about 1.6 cubic feet of water per minute. Defined by statute in Colorado as "an inch-
square orifice under a five-inch pressure, a five-inch pressure being from the top of the orifice of the box put into the banks of the ditch to the surface of water." Mills' Ann. St. Colo. § 4643 (Comp. Laws 1921, § 4111). See Longmire v. Smith, 23 Wash. 439, 67 P. 246, 58 L. R. A. 308. The standard miner's inch of water, as fixed by St. Cal. 1901, p. 600, is the equivalent of 1/2 cubic foot of water per minute measured through any aperture or orifice, making it equivalent to one-thirtieth of a second foot. Lillis v. Silver Creek & Pancoche Land & Water Co., 32 Cal. App. 603, 103 P. 1040, 1043.

INCHARTARE. To give, or grant, and assure anything by a written instrument.


INCHOATE DOWER. A wife's interest in the lands of her husband during his life, which may become a right of dower upon his death. Guerin v. Moore, 25 Minn. 465; Dinkman v. Dingman, 39 Ohio St. 178; Smith v. Shaw, 150 Mass. 297, 22 N. E. 924.

INCHOATE INSTRUMENT. Instruments which the law requires to be registered or recorded are said to be "inchoate" prior to registration, in that they are then good only between the parties and privies and as to persons having notice. Wilkins v. McCorkle, 112 Tenn. 658, 50 S. W. 834.

INCHOATE INTEREST. An interest in real estate which is not a present interest, but which may ripen into a vested estate, if not barred, extinguished, or divested. Rupe v. Hadley, 113 Ind. 416, 16 N. E. 391; Bever v. North, 107 Ind. 547, 8 N. E. 576; Warford v. Noble (C. C.) 2 Fed. 204.

INCIDENT. This word, used as a noun, denotes anything which inseparably belongs to, or is connected with, or inherent in, another thing, called the "principal." In this sense, a court-baron is incident to a manor. Also, less strictly, it denotes anything which is usually connected with another, or connected for some purposes, though not inseparably. Thus, the right of alienation is incident to an estate in fee-simple, though separable in equity. See Cromwell v. Phipps (Sur.) 1 N. Y. S. 278; Mount Carmel Fruit Co. v. Webster, 140 Cal. 153, 73 P. 826.

INCIDENTAL. Depending upon orappertaining to something else as primary; something necessary, appertaining to, or depending upon another which is termed the principal;
something incidental to the main purpose. The Robin Goodfellow (D. C.) 20 F.(2d) 924, 925.

The term "incidental powers," within the rule that a corporation possesses only those powers which its charter confers upon it, either expressly or as incidental to its existence, means such powers as are directly and immediately appropriate to the execution of the powers expressly granted and exist only to enable the corporation to carry out the purpose of its creation. State ex rel. Harvey v. Missouri Athletic Club, 179 S. W. 904, 906, 261 Mo. 676, L. R. A. 1915C, 876, Ann. Cas. 1916D, 531; State ex rel. Barrett v. First Nat. Bank, 248 S. W. 619, 628, 267 Mo. 397, 39 A. L. R. 918.

INCIDEREE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To fall into. Calvin.

To fall out; to happen; to come to pass. Calvin.

To fall upon or under; to become subject or liable to. Incedere in lege, to incur the penalty of a law. Brissuius.

INCILE. Lat. In the civil law. A trench. A place sunk by the side of a stream, so called because it is cut (incidatur) into or through the stone or earth. Dig. 43, 21, 1, 5. The term seems to have included ditches (fossæ) and wells, (putæ.)

INCINERATION. Burning to ashes; destruction of a substance by fire, as, the corpse of a murdered person.

INCIPITUR. Lat. It is begun; it begins. In old practice, when the pleadings in an action at law, instead of being recited at large on the issue-roll, were set out merely by their commencements, this was described as entering the incipitur; i.e., the beginning.

INCISED WOUND. In medical jurisprudence. A cut or incision on a human body; a wound made by a cutting instrument, such as a razor. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 688; Whart. & S. Med. Jur. § 508.


INCIVILE. Lat. Irregular; improper; out of the due course of law.

Incivile est, nisi tota lego perspecta, una aliqua partícula ejus proposita, judicare, vel respondere. It is improper, without looking at the whole of a law, to give judgment or advice, upon a view of any one clause of it. Dig. 1, 3, 24.

INCIVILE est, nisi tota sententia inspecta, de aliqua parte judicare. It is irregular, or legally improper, to pass an opinion upon any part of a sentence, without examining the whole. Hob. 171a.

INCIVISM. Unfriendliness to the state or government of which one is a citizen.

INCLAUSA. In old records. A home close or inclosure near the house. Paroch. Antiq. 31; Cowell.


INCLOSE. In English law. Inclosure is the act of freeing land from rights of common, commnionable rights, and generally all rights which obstruct cultivation and the productive employment of labor on the soil.


INCLOSURE ACTS. English statutes regulating the subject of inclosure. The most notable was that of 1801.

INCLOSURE COMMISSION ACT, 1845. The statute 8 and 9 Vict. c. 118, establishing a board of commissioners for England and Wales and empowering them, on the application of persons interested to the amount of one-third of the value of the land, and provided the consent of persons interested to the amount of two-thirds of the land and of the lord of the manor (in case the land be waste of a manor) be ultimately obtained, to inquire into the case and to report to parliament as to the expediency of making the inclosure. 1 Steph. Com. 655.

INCLUDE. (Lat. includere, to shut in, keep within). To confine within, attain, shut up, contain, inclose, comprise, comprehend, embrace, involve. Including may, according to context, express an enlargement and have the meaning of and or in addition to, or merely specify a particular thing already included within general words theretofore used. Miller v. Johnston, 173 N. C. 62, 91 S. E. 595,
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Inclusio unius est exclusio alterius. The inclusion of one is the exclusion of another. The certain designation of one person is an absolute exclusion of all others. 11 Coke, 589.

INCLUSIVE. Embraced; comprehended; comprehending the stated limits or extremes. Opposed to "exclusive."

INCLUSIVE SURVEY. In land law, one which includes within its boundaries prior claims excepted from the computation of the area within such boundaries and excepted in the grant. Stockton v. Morris, 39 W. Va. 452, 19 S. E. 551.

INCOLA. Lat. In the civil law. An inhabitant; a dweller or resident. Properly, one who has transferred his domicile to any country.


INCOME. The return in money from one's business, labor, or capital invested; gains, profit, or private revenue. Braun's Appeal, 105 Pa. 415; People v. Davenport, 30 Hun (N. Y.) 177; In re Slocum, 189 N. Y. 153, 62 N. E. 130; Waring v. Savannah, 60 Ga. 99.

"Income" is the gain which proceeds from labor, business, or property; commercial revenue, or receipts of any kind, including wages or salaries, the proceeds of agriculture or commerce, the rent of houses, or the return on investments; or the amount of money coming to a person or corporation within a specified time, whether as payment for services, interest, or profit from investment, its usual synonym being "gain," "profit," "revenue." Trefry v. Putnam, 116 N. E. 904, 907, 227 Mass. 522, L. R. A. 1917P, 606. Something derived from property, labor, skill, ingenuity, or sound judgment, or from two or more in combination, or from some other productive source. Stony Brook R. Corporation v. Boston & M. R. R., 296 Mass. 379, 157 N. E. 307, 610, 52 A. L. R. 700. An increase of wealth, out of which money may be taken to satisfy the imposition laid thereon. Brown v. Long, 242 Mass. 242, 136 N. E. 138, 189.

"Income" is the gain derived from capital, from labor, or from both combined; something of exchangeable value, proceeding from the property, several from the capital, however invested or employed, and received or drawn by the recipient for his separate use, benefit, and disposal. Elsmere v. Macomber, 40 S. Ct. 159, 322 U. S. 188, 64 L. Ed. 521, 9 A. L. R. 1570; Goodrich v. Edwards, 41 S. Ct. 350, 255 U. S. 527, 63 L. Ed. 758; Noel v. Parrott (C. C.) 15 F.(2d) 659, 672. Money or that which is convertible into money. State v. Wisconsin Tax Commission, 187 Wis. 529, 204 N. W. 481, 482.

"Income" means that which comes in or is received from any business or investment of capital, without reference to the outgoing expenditures; while "profit" generally means the gain which is made upon any business or investment, all receipts and payments being taken into account. "Income," when applied to the affairs of individuals, expresses the same idea that "revenue" does when applied to the affairs of a state or nation. People v. Niagara County, 4 Hill (N. Y.) 25; Bates v. Porter, 74 Cal. 224, 15 P. 732.

"Income" is used in common parlance and in law in contradistinction to "capital." 31 C. J. 357. Income, when not derived from personal exertion, is something produced by capital without impairing such capital, the property being left intact, and nothing can be called income which takes away from the property owner. Sargent Land Co. v. Von Batten- bach (D. C.) 297 F. 423, 430. Income is something which has grown out of or issued from capital, leaving the capital unimpaired and intact. Gavit v. Irwin (D. C.) 276 F. 643, 645.

INCOME TAX. A tax on the yearly profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices. 2 Steph. Comm. 573. Levi v. Louisville, 97 Ky. 394, 30 S. W. 973, 28 L. R. A. 480; Parker v. Insurance Co., 42 La. Ann. 428, 7 So. 590. An income tax is not levied upon property, funds, or profits, but upon the right of an individual or corporation to receive income or profits. Paine v. City of Oshkosh, 190 Wis. 69, 208 N. W. 790, 791. Under various constitutional and statutory provisions, a tax on incomes is sometimes said to be an excise tax and not a tax on property, Hattiesburg Grocery Co. v. Robertson, 126 Miss. 34, 88 So. 4, 5, 25 A. L. R. 748, nor on business, but a tax on the proceeds arising therefrom, Young v. Illinois Athletic Club, 310 Ill. 75, 141 N. E. 389, 371, 30 A. L. R. 985. But in other cases an income tax is said to be a property and not a personal or excise tax; In re Pozzi (D. C.) 6 F.(2d) 324, 326; Commonwealth v. P. Horillard Co., 120 Va. 74, 105 S. E. 685, 684; Kennedy v. Commissioner of Corporations & Taxation, 266 Mass. 428, 152 N. E. 747, 748 (but see In re Opinion of the Justices, 77 N. H. 611, 33 A. 311, 313). An "excise tax" is an indirect charge for the privilege of following an occupation or trade, or carrying on a business; while an "income tax" is a direct tax imposed upon income, and is as directly imposed as is a tax on land. United States v. Philadelphia, B. & W. R. Co. (D. C.) 262 F. 188, 190.

Incommodum non solvit argumentum. An inconvenience does not destroy an argument.

INCOMMUNICATION. In Spanish law. The condition of a prisoner who is not permitted to see or to speak with any person

As applied to evidence, the word “incompetent” means not proper to be received; inadmissible, as distinguished from that which the court should admit for the consideration of the jury, though they may not find it worthy of credence.

In New York, the word “incompetency” is used to designate the condition or legal status of a person who is unable or unfit to manage his own affairs by reason of insanity, imbecility, or feeble-mindedness, and for whom, therefore, a committee may be appointed; and such a person is designated an “incompetent.” See Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. § 2320 et seq. (Civil Practice Act, § 1356); In re Curtis, 134 App. Div. 547, 119 N. Y. Supp. 556; In re Fox, 138 App. Div. 43, 122 N. Y. Supp. 859.

In French Law

Inability or insufficiency of a judge to try a cause brought before him, proceeding from lack of jurisdiction.

INCONCLUSIVE. That which may be disproved or rebutted; not shutting out further proof or consideration. Applied to evidence and presumptions.

INCONSISTENT. Mutually repugnant or contradictory; contrary, the one to the other, so that both cannot stand, but the acceptance or establishment of the one implies the abrogation or abandonment of the other; as, in speaking of “inconsistent defenses” or the repeal by a statute of “all laws inconsistent herewith.” See In re Hickory Tree Road, 43 Pa. 142; Irwin v. Holbrook, 32 Wash. 340, 73 P. 361; Swan v. U. S., 3 Wyo. 151, 9 P. 931; Borough of Oakland v. Board of Conservation and Development, 98 N. J. Law, 99, 118 A. 787, 788; Commonwealth v. Staunton Mut. Telephone Co., 134 Va. 291, 114 S. E. 600, 603.

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INCONVENIENCE. In the rule that statutes should be so construed as to avoid "inconvenience," this means, as applied to the public, the sacrifice or jeopardizing of important public interests or hampering the legitimate activities of government or the transaction of public business, and, as applied to individuals, serious hardship or injustice. See Black, Interp. Laws, 102; Betts v. U.S., 132 F. 237, 65 C. C. A. 452.

INCOPOLITUS. A proctor or vicar. Incororporal things are not acquired by war. 6 Maule & S. 104.

INCORPORAMUS. We incorporate. One of the words by which a corporation may be created in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 473; 3 Steph. Comm. 173.

INCORPORATE. To create a corporation; to confer a corporate franchise upon determinate persons. To declare that another document shall be taken as part of the document in which the declaration is made as much as if it were set out at length therein. Railroad Co. v. Cupp, 8 Ind. App. 388, 35 N. E. 703.

INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY. A society of attorneys and solicitors whose function it is to carry out the acts of parliament and orders of court with reference to attired clerks; to keep an alphabetical roll of solicitors; to issue certificates to persons duly admitted and enrolled, and to exercise a general control over the conduct of solicitors in practice, and to bring cases of misconduct before the judges. 3 Steph. Comm. 217.

INCORPORATION. The act or process of forming or creating a corporation; the formation of a legal or political body, with the quality of perpetual existence and succession, unless limited by the act of incorporation. The method of making one document of any kind become a part of another separate document by referring to the former in the latter, and declaring that the former shall be taken and considered as a part of the latter the same as if it were fully set out therein. This is more fully described as "incorporation by reference." If the one document is copied at length in the other, it is called "actual incorporation."

In the civil law. The union of one domain to another.

INCORPORREAL. Without body; not of material nature; the opposite of "corporeal." (q. v.).

INCORPORREAL CHATTELS. A class of incorporeal rights growing out of or incident to things personal; such as patent-rights and copyrights. 2 Steph. Comm. 72. See Boreel v. New York, 2 Sandf. (N. Y.) 559.

INCORPORREAL HEREDITAMENTS. See Hereditaments.

INCORPORREAL PROPERTY. In the civil law. That which consists in legal right merely. The same as choses in action at common law.

INCORPORREAL THINGS. In the civil law. Things which can neither be seen nor touched, such as consist in rights only, such as the mind alone can perceive. Inst. 2, 2; Civ. Code La. art. 460; Sullivan v. Richardson, 33 Fla. 1, 14 So. 692.

INCORRIGIBLE. Incapable of being corrected, amended, or improved; with respect to juvenile offenders, unmanageable by parents or guardians. People v. Purcell, 70 Colo. 309, 201 P. 881; In re Hook, 95 Vt. 497, 115 A. 730, 733, 19 A. L. R. 610; Ex parte Roach, 87 Tex. Cr. 370, 221 S. W. 975, 976.

INCORRIGIBLE ROGUE. A species of rogue or offender, described in the statutes 5 Geo. IV. c. 88, and 1 & 2 Vict. c. 38. 4 Steph. Comm. 309.

INCORRUPTIBLE. That which cannot be affected by immoral or debasing influences, such as bribery or the hope of gain or advancement.


INCREASE, AFFIDAVIT OF. Affidavit of payment of increased costs, produced on taxation.

INCREASE, COSTS OF. In English law. It was formerly a practice with the jury to award to the successful party in an action the nominal sum of 40s. only for his costs; and the court assessed by their own officer the actual amount of the successful party's costs; and the amount assessed, over and above the nominal sum awarded by the jury, was thence called "costs of increase." Lush, Com. Law Pr. 775. The practice has now wholly ceased. Rapal. & Law.

INCREMENTUM. Lat. Increase or improvement, opposed to decrementum or abatement.

INCRIMINATE. To charge with crime; to expose to an accusation or charge of crime; to involve oneself or another in a criminal prosecution or the danger thereof; as, in the rule that a witness is not bound to give testimony which would tend to incriminate him.

INCRIMINATING CIRCUMSTANCE. A fact or circumstance, collateral to the fact of the commission of a crime, which tends to show either that such a crime has been committed or that some particular person committed it. Davis v. State, 51 Neb. 301, 70 N. W. 984.

INCRIMINATORY STATEMENT. A statement which tends to establish guilt of the accused or from which, with other facts, his guilt may be inferred, or which tends to dispone some defense. Shellman v. State, 157 Ga. 788, 122 S. E. 205, 207.

INCRUENCY. An unlawful gaining upon the right or possession of another. See Encroachment.

INculpate. To impute blame or guilt; to accuse; to involve in guilt or crime.

INculpatory. In the law of evidence. Going or tending to establish guilt; intended to establish guilt; criminating. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 231, 232.

INCUMBENT. A person who is in present possession of an office; one who is legally authorized to discharge the duties of an office. State v. McColister, 11 Ohio, 50; State v. Blakemore, 104 Mo. 340, 15 S. W. 960.

In ecclesiastical law, the term signifies a clergyman who is in possession of a benefice.

INCUMBER. To incumber land is to make it subject to a charge or liability; e. g., by mortgaging it. Incumbrances include not only mortgages and other voluntary charges, but also liens, lentes pendentes, registered judgments, and writs of execution, etc. Sweet. See Newhall v. Insurance Co., 52 Me. 181.


The term "incumbrance" is sometimes used to denote a burden or charge on personal property as e. g., a chattel mortgage on a stock of goods. Hartford Fire Ins. Co. v. Jones, 31 Ariz. 8, 250 P. 248, 251.

INCUMBRANCER. The holder of an incumbrance, e. g., a mortgage, on the estate of another. De Voe v. Rundle, 23 Wash. 694, 74 P. 836; Shaeffer v. Weed, 8 Ill. 514; Newhall v. Insurance Co., 52 Me. 181.

INCUMBRANCES, COVENANT AGAINST. See Covenant.

INCUR. To have liabilities cast upon one by act or operation of law, as distinguished from contract, where the party acts affirmatively. Crandall v. Bryan, 15 How. Pr. (N. Y.) 56; Beckman v. Van Dolson, 70 Hun, 288, 24 N. Y. S. 414; Ashe v. Young, 68 Tex. 123, 3 S. W. 454; Weinberg Co. v. Hellie, 72 Cal. App. 769, 239 P. 258, 259; Boise Development Co. v. City of Boise, 26 Idaho, 347, 143 P. 531, 534.

INCURABLE DISEASE. Any disease which has reached an incurable stage in the patient afflicted therewith, according to general state
of knowledge of the medical profession. Freeman v. State Board of Medical Examiners, 54 Okt. 351, 154 P. 56, 57, L. R. A. 1916D, 486; State Board of Medical Examiners v. Jordan, 92 Wash. 234, 152 P. 982, 985.

INCURRAMENTUM. L. Lat. The liability to a fine, penalty, or amercement. Cowell.

INDE. Lat. Thence; thenceforth; thereof; thereupon; for that cause.

Inde data leges ne fortior omnia possit. Laws are made to prevent the stronger from having the power to do everything. Dav. Ir. K. B. 36.


INDEBITATUS ASSUMPIT. Lat. Being indebted he promised or undertook. That form of the action of assumpsit in which the declaration alleges a debt or obligation to be due from the defendant, and then avers that, in consideration thereof, he promised to pay or discharge the same.

This form of action is brought to recover in damages the amount of the debt or demand and upon the trial the jury will, according to evidence, give verdict for whole or part of that sum; 2 Illa. Com. 156; Selv. N. P. 68; whereas debt and covenant proceed directly for the debt, and damages are given only for the detention of the debt.

INDEBITI SOLUTIO. Lat. In the civil and Scotch law. A payment of what is not due. When made through ignorance or by mistake, the amount paid might be recovered back by an action termed "conditio indebiti." (Dig. 12, 6) Bell.

INDEBITUM. In the civil law. Not due or owing. (Dig. 12, 6) Calvlin.

INDEBTEDNESS. The state of being in debt, without regard to the ability or inability of the party to pay the same. See 1 Story, Eq. Jur. 343; 2 Hill, Abr. 421; McCrea v. First Nat. Bank, 162 Minn. 655, 208 N. W. 220; Jewell v. Nuhn, 173 Iowa, 112, 155 N. W. 74, 177, Ann. Cas. 1918D, 358.


Strictly the word implies an absolute or complete liability. McCrea v. First Nat. Bank, 162 Minn. 455, 208 N. W. 220; West Florida Grocery Co. v. Teutonia Fire Ins. Co., 74 Fla. 280, 77 So. 269, 211, L. R. A. 1915B, 988. A contingent liability, such as that of a surety before the principal has made default, does not constitute indebtedness. On the other hand, the money need not be immediately payable. Obligations yet to become due constitute indebtedness, as well as those already due. St. Louis Perpetual Ins. Co. v. Goodfellow, 9 Mo. 148. And in a broad sense and in common understanding the word may mean anything that is due and owing. Jones v. Heinzle, 75 Ind. App. 431, 139 N. E. 815, 816; City of Perry v. Johnson, 106 Okt. 32, 238 P. 679, 680.

Involuntary Indebtedness

Of a county, a liability imposed by law, which the county is not privileged to evade or postpone. Dexter Horton Trust & Savings Bank v. Clearwater County (D. C.) 235 F. 743, 755; Wingate v. Clatsop County, 71 Or. 94, 142 P. 561, 502.

Voluntary Indebtedness

One which a county is at liberty to evade or postpone until means are provided for the payment of the expenses incident thereto; opposed to involuntary indebtedness. Dexter Horton Trust & Savings Bank v. Clearwater County (D. C.) 235 F. 743, 755; Wingate v. Clatsop County, 71 Or. 94, 142 P. 561, 502.

INDECENCY. An act against good behavior and a just delicacy. Timmons v. U. S., 35 F. 205, 30 C. C. A. 74; McJunkins v. State, 10 Ind. 141; Ardery v. State, 50 Ind. 328.

This is scarcely a technical term of the law, and is not susceptible of exact definition or description in its juridical uses. The question whether or not a given act, publication, etc., is indecent is for the court and jury in the particular case.

INDECENT. Offensive to common propriety; offending against modesty or delicacy; grossly vulgar; obscene; lewd; Hutcheson v. State, 24 Ga. App. 57, 98 S. E. 715; Darnell v. State, 72 Tex. Cr. R. 271, 161 S. W. 971; State v. Pape, 90 Conn. 98, 96 A. 313, 314; United States v. Davidson (D. C.) 244 F. 523, 526.


—Indecent exhibition. Any exhibition contra bonos morts, as the taking a dead body for the purpose of dissection or public exhibition. 2 T. R. 734.

—Indecent exposure. Exposure to sight to any private part of the body in a lewd or indecent manner in a public place. It is an indictable offense at common law, and by statute in many of the states. State v. Baugness, 106 Iowa, 107, 76 N. W. 508. See, further, Exposure.

—Indecent liberties. In the statutory offense of "taking indecent liberties with the person of a female child," this phrase means such liberties as the common sense of society would regard as indecent and improper. According to some authorities, it involves an assault or attempt at sexual intercourse, (State v. Kunz, 90 Minn. 536, 97 N. W. 151); but according to others, it is not necessary that the liberties or familiarities should have
related to the private parts of the child, (People v. Hicks, 98 Mich. 96, 50 N. W. 1102.)

—Indecent publications. Such as are offensive to modesty and delicacy; obscene; lewd; tending to the corruption of morals. Dunlop v. U. S., 165 U. S. 486, 17 S. Ct. 375, 41 L. Ed. 789; U. S. v. Britton (Com. C.) 17 F. 733; People v. Muller, 96 N. Y. 498, 48 Am. Rep. 635.

—Public indecency. This phrase has no fixed legal meaning, is vague and indefinite, and cannot, in itself, imply a definite offense. The courts, by a kind of judicial legislation, in England and the United States, have usually limited the operation of the term to public displays of the naked person, the publication, sale, or exhibition of obscene books and prints, or the exhibition of a monster,—acts which have a direct bearing on public morals, and affect the body of society. The Indiana statute punishing public indecency, without defining it, can be construed only as that term is used at common law, where it is limited to indecencies in conduct, and does not extend to indecent words. McJunkins v. State, 10 Ind. 140.

INDECIMABLE. In old English law. That which is not titheable, or liable to pay tithe. 2 Inst. 400.

INDEFEASIBLE. That which cannot be defeated, revoked, or made void. This term is usually applied to an estate or right which cannot be defeated.


INDEFINITE FAILURE OF ISSUE. A failure of issue not merely at the death of the party whose issue are referred to, but at any subsequent period, however remote. 1 Steph. Comm. 562. A failure of issue whenever it shall happen, sooner or later, without any fixed, certain, or definite period within which it must happen. 4 Kent, Comm. 274. Anderson v. Jackson, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 399, 8 Am. Dec. 330; Downing v. Wherrin, 19 N. H. 84, 40 Am. Dec. 139; Huxford v. Milligan, 50 Ind. 546.

INDEFINITE NUMBER. A number which may be increased or diminished at pleasure.

INDEFINITE PAYMENT. In Scotch law. Payment without specification. Indefinite payment is where a debtor, owing several debts to one creditor, makes a payment to the creditor, without specifying to which of the debts he means the payment to be applied. See Bell.

Indefinitum supplet locum universalis. The undefined or general supplies the place of the whole. Branch, Princ. 4 Co. 77.

INDEMNIFICATUS. Lat. Indemnified. See Indemnify.


Also to make good; to compensate; to make reimbursement to one of a loss already incurred by him. Cousins v. Paxton & Gallagher Co., 122 Iowa, 465, 98 N. W. 277; Weller v. James, 15 Minn. 467 (Gill. 376), 2 Am. Rep. 150; Frye v. Bath Gas Co., 97 Me. 241, 54 A. 385, 39 L. R. A. 441, 94 Am. St. Rep. 500; City of Springfield v. Clement, 205 Mo. App. 114, 225 S. W. 120, 125; U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Williams, 149 Md. 269, 269 A. 660, 664.

INDEMNIS. Lat. Without hurt, harm, or damage; harmless.

INDEMNITEE. The person who, in a contract of indemnity, is to be indemnified or protected by the other. Hasbrouck v. Carr, 19 N. M. 586, 145 P. 133, 136.

INDEMNITOR. The person who is bound, by an indemnity contract, to indemnify or protect the other. Hasbrouck v. Carr, 19 N. M. 586, 145 P. 133, 136.

INDEMNITY. A collateral contract or assurance, by which one person engages to secure another against an anticipated loss or to prevent him from being damned by the legal consequences of an act or forbearance on the part of one of the parties or of some third person. See Civ. Code Cal. § 2772; Davis v. Phoenix Ins. Co., 111 Cal. 409, 43 P. 1113; Vandiver v. Pollak, 107 Ala. 547, 19 So. 130, 54 Am. St. Rep. 118; Henderson-Achert Lithographic Co. v. John Shillito Co., 94 Ohio St. 236, 60 N. E. 256, 55 Am. St. Rep. 745; Wollhausen v. Trimpert, 83 Conn. 239, 105 A. 687, 688; U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Bank of Hattiesburg, 128 Miss. 605, 91 So. 344, 346; Belk v. Capital Fire Ins. Co., 102 Neb. 702, 169 N. W. 262, 263; National Bank of Tifton v. Smith, 142 Ga. 663, 83 S. E. 528, 528, L. R. A. 1915B, 1116. Thus, insurance is a contract of indemnity. So an indemnifying bond is given to a sheriff who fears to proceed under an execution where the property is claimed by a stranger.

The term is also used to denote a compensation given to make the person whole from a loss already sustained; as where the government gives indemnity for private property
A legislative act, assuring a general dispensation from punishment or exemption from prosecution to persons involved in offenses, omissions of official duty, or acts in excess of authority, is called an indemnity; strictly it is an act of indemnity.

INDEMNITY AGAINST LIABILITY. A contract to indemnify when liability of person indemnified arises, irrespective of whether person indemnified has suffered actual loss. Indemnity against loss, on the other hand, does not render indemnitor liable until person indemnified makes payment or sustains loss. City of Topeka v. Ritchie, 102 Kan. 384, 170 P. 1069, 1004; North v. Joseph W. North & Son, 93 N. J. Law, 438, 108 A. 244, 245; Fenton v. Poston, 114 Wash. 217, 195 P. 31, 33.

INDEMNITY BOND. A bond for the payment of a penal sum conditioned to be void if the obligor shall indemnify and save harmless the obligee against some anticipated loss.

INDEMNITY CONTRACT. A contract between two parties whereby the one undertakes and agrees to indemnify the other against loss or damage arising from some contemplated act on the part of the indemnitor, or from some responsibility assumed by the indemnitee, or from the claim or demand of a third person, that is, to make good to him such pecuniary damage as he may suffer. See Wicker v. Hoppock, 6 Wall. 99, 18 L. Ed. 752.

INDEMNITY LANDS. Lands granted to railroads, in aid of their construction, being portions of the public domain, to be selected in lieu of other parcels embraced within the original grant, but which were lost to the railroad by previous disposition or by reservation for other purposes. See Wisconsin Cent. R. Co. v. Price County, 133 U. S. 486, 10 S. Ct. 341, 33 L. Ed. 687; Barney v. Wisconsin & St. P. R. Co., 117 U. S. 225, 6 S. Ct. 651, 29 L. Ed. 658; Altschul v. Clark, 99 Or. 315, 66 P. 901.

INDEMNITY POLICY. As distinguished from general liability policy, a policy on which no action can be maintained except to indemnify for money actually paid. Most v. Massachusetts Bonding & Ins. Co. (Mo. App.) 196 S. W. 1064, 1065.


INDENIZATION. The act of making a denizen, or of naturalizing.


INDENT, v. To cut in a serrated or waving line. In old conveyancing, if a deed was made by more parties than one, it was usual to make as many copies of it as there were parties, and each was cut or indented (either in acute angles, like the teeth of a saw, or in a waving line) at the top or side, to tally or correspond with the others, and the deed so made was called an "indenture." Anciently, both parts were written on the same piece of parchment, with some word or letters written between them through which the parchment was cut, but afterwards, the word or letters being omitted, indenting came into use, the idea of which was that the genuineness of each part might be proved by its fitting into the angles cut in the other. But at length even this was discontinued, and at present the term serves only to give name to the species of deed executed by two or more parties, as opposed to a deed-poll, (q. v.) 2 Bl. Comm. 295.

To bind by indentures; to apprentice; as to indent a young man to a shoe-maker. Webster.

INDENTURE. A deed to which two or more persons are parties, and in which these enter into reciprocal and corresponding grants or obligations towards each other; whereas a deed-poll is properly one in which only the party making it executes it, or binds himself by it as a deed, though the grantors or grantees therein may be several in number. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 311; Scott v. Mills, 10 N. Y. St. Rep. 358; Bowen v. Beck, 94 N. Y. 58, 46 Am. Rep. 124; Hopewell Tp. v. Anwell Tp., 6 N. J. Law. 175. See Indent, v.

INDENTURE OF A FINE. Indentures made and engrossed at the chirographer's office and delivered to the cognizer and the cognizee, usually beginning with the words: "Hec est finalis concordia." And then reciting the whole proceedings at length. 2 Bla. Com. 351.

INDENTURE OF APPRENTICESHIP. A contract in two parts, by which a person, generally a minor, is bound to serve another in his trade, art, or occupation for a stated time, on condition of being instructed in the same.

INDEPENDENCE. The state or condition of being free from dependence, subjection, or control. A state of perfect irresponsibility. Political independence is the attribute of a nation or state which is entirely autonomous, and not subject to the government, control, or dictation of any exterior power.

INDEPENDENT. Not dependent; not subject to control, restriction, modification, or limitation from a given outside source.

INDEPENDENT ADVICE. Preliminary benefit of conferring fully and privately upon
the subject of intended will with a person competent to inform testator correctly as to its effect, who is so disassociated from the interest of the beneficiary named therein as to be in a position to advise with the testator impartially and confidentially as to the consequences to those naturally entitled to the testator's bounty. In re Kuhn's Will, 241 P. 1087, 120 Kan. 13.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACT. See Contract.


It is very generally held that the right of control as to the mode of doing the work contracted for is the principal consideration in determining whether one employed is an "independent contractor" or servant. Thompson v. Tweas, 90 Conn. 444, 97 A. 328, 330, L. R. A. 1916B, 506. If the employee is merely subject to the control or direction of the employer with respect to the result to be obtained, he is an independent contractor; if he is subject to the control of the employer as to the means to be employed, he is not an independent contractor. Gulf Refining Co. v. Wilkinson, 94 Fla. 664, 114 So. 503; Marsh v. Bernal, 200 Mass. 225, 157 N. E. 347, 349; Texas Employers' Ins. Ass'n v. Owen (Tex. Com. App.) 298 S. W. 512, 513; Wooten v. Dragon Consol. Mining Co., 54 Utah, 159, 181 P. 593, 597; Franklin Coal & Coke Co. v. Industrial Commission, 206 Ill. 329, 129 N. E. 811, 813; Clark's Case, 124 Me. 37, 126 A. 18, 19; Campagna v. Ziskind, 287 Pa. 403, 135 A. 124, 125.

It is the reservation of the right of control of essential details, whether express or implied, rather than the actual exercise of the right that distinguishes the relationship of responsible "principal" from that of the employer of an "independent contractor." Gulf Refining Co. of Louisiana v. Huffman & Weakley, 155 Tenn., 588, 297 S. W. 199, 201; Williams v. National Register Co., 157 Ky. 856, 164 S. W. 112, 115; St. Louis, I. M. & S. Ry. Co. v. Cooper, 111 Ark. 91, 183 S. W. 190, 161; Moody v. Industrial Accident Commisison (Cal. App.) 260 F. 987, 970; Aubuchon v. Security Const. Co. (Mo. App.) 291 S. W. 187, 189.

INDEPENDENT COVENANT. See Covenant.

Indipendente se habet assecuratio a viaggio navis. The voyage insured is an independent or distinct thing from the voyage of the ship. 3 Kent, Comm. 318, note.

INDETERMINATE. That which is uncertain, or not particularly designated; as if I sell you one hundred bushels of wheat, without stating what wheat. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 950.

INDETERMINATE OBLIGATION. See Obligation.

INDEX. A book containing references, alphabetically arranged, to the contents of a series or collection of volumes; or an addition to a single volume or set of volumes containing such references to its contents.

Index animi sermo. Language is the exponent of the intention. The language of a statute or instrument is the best guide to the intention. Broom, Max. 622.

INDIAN COUNTRY. "Indian country," as the term is used in the federal statutes, is a country to which the Indians retained the right of use and occupancy, involving under certain restrictions freedom of action and of enjoyment in their capacity as a distinct people, and ceases to be such when their title is extinguished, unless by virtue of some reservation expressed at the time and clearly appearing. United States v. Myers (C. C. A.) 206 F. 387, 394; Schap v. United States (C. C. A.) 210 F. 853, 855; Royal Brewing Co. v. Missouri, K. & T. Ry. Co. (D. C.) 217 F. 146, 148. This term does not necessarily import territory owned and occupied by Indians, but it means all those portions of the United States designated by this name in the legislation of congress. Waters v. Campbell, 4 Savy. 121, Fed. Cas. No. 17,264; In re Jackson (C. C.) 40 F. 373.

INDIAN DEPREDATIONS ACTS. As early as May 12, 1796, an act was passed by congress, providing an eventual indemnification to citizens of the United States for depredations committed by Indians in taking or destroying their property; 1 St. L. 472. Other acts of a similar character were passed from time to time. By the act of March 3, 1891, congress conferred on the court of claims jurisdiction of claims for property taken and destroyed by Indians.

INDIAN TRIBE. A separate and distinct community or body of the aboriginal Indian


INDICARE. Lat. In the civil law. To show or discover. To fix or tell the price of a thing. Calvin. To inform against; to accuse.

INDICATIF. An abolished writ by which a prosecution was in some cases removed from a court-christian to the queen's bench. Enc. Lond.

INDICATION. In the law of evidence. A sign or token; a fact pointing to some inference or conclusion. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 251, 252, 263, 275.

INDICATIVE EVIDENCE. This is not evidence properly so called, but the mere suggestion of evidence proper, which may possibly be procured if the suggestion is followed up. Brown.

INDICAVIT. In English practice. A writ of prohibition that lies for a patron of a church, whose clerk is sued in the spiritual court by the clerk of another patron, for titles amounting to a fourth part of the value of the living. 3 Bl. Comm. 81; 3 Steph. Comm. 711. So termed from the emphatic word of the Latin form. Reg. Orig. 350, 36.

INDICIA. Signs; Indications. Circumstances which point to the existence of a given fact as probable, but not certain. For example, "indicia of partnership" are any circumstances which would induce the belief that a given person was in reality, though not ostensibly, a member of a given firm. The term is much used in the civil law in a sense nearly or entirely synonymous with circumstantial evidence. It denotes facts which give rise to inferences, rather than the inferences themselves.

INDICIAM. In the civil law. A sign or mark. A species of proof, answering very nearly to the circumstantial evidence of the common law. Best, Pres. p. 13, § 11, note; Wills, Circ. Ev. 34.

INDICT. See Indictment.

INDICTABLE. Proper or necessary to be prosecuted by process of indictment. Indictable offenses embrace common-law offenses or statutory offenses the punishments for which are infamous. Lakes v. Goodloe, 195 Ky. 240, 242 S. W. 632, 639.

INDICTED. Charged in an indictment with a criminal offense. See Indictment.

INDICTEE. A person indicted.

INDICTIO. In old public law. A declaration; a proclamation. Indictio bellii, a declaration or induction of war. An indictment.

INDICTION, CYCLE OF. A mode of computing time by the space of fifteen years, instituted by Constantine the Great; originally the period for the payment of certain taxes. Some of the charters of King Edgar and Henry III are dated by indictments. Wharton.


A presentment differs from an indictment in that it is an accusation made by a grand jury of their own motion, either upon their own observation and knowledge, or upon evidence before them; while an indictment is preferred at the suit of the government, and is usually framed in the first instance by the prosecuting officer of the government, and by him laid before the grand jury, to be found or ignored. An information resembles in its form and substance an indictment, but is filed at the mere discretion of the proper law officer of the government, without the intervention or approval of a grand jury. 2 Story, Const. §§ 1784, 1786; People ex rel. MacSherry v. Enright, 194 N. Y. S. 248, 251, 112 Misc. 563; State ex rel. Pleasant v. Baker, 133 La. 219, 33 So. 403, 404; People v. Foster, 159 Cal. 112, 24 P. 667, 670.

The distinction between a "special presentment" and a bill of indictment, even under the old practice, according to Bishop, Criminal Procedure § 138, was very thin; and even this distinction has been abolished in practice for many years in Georgia. The solicitor is not now required to frame an indictment on a "special presentment," but the "special presentment" of the grand jury is returned into court, and upon it the defendant is arraigned and tried. In other words, it has the same force and effect as a bill of indictment. The only formal difference between the two is that a prosecutor prefers a bill of indictment and a "special presentment" has no prosecutor, but, in theory, originates with the grand jury. Even this difference between a bill of indictment and a "special presentment" no longer exists, and the finding of the grand jury is prepared by the solicitor-general and called a bill of indictment, or a "special presentment," at his will. Head v. State, 28 Ga. App. 331, 232 S. E. 84.
In Scotch Law

The form of process by which a criminal is brought to trial at the instance of the lord advocate. Where a private party is a principal prosecutor, he brings his charge in what is termed the "form of criminal letters."

In General

—Joint indictment. When several offenders are joined in the same indictment, such an indictment is called a "joint indictment"; as when principals in the first and second degree, and accessories before and after the fact, are all joined in the same indictment. 2 Hale, P. C. 173; Brown.

Indictment de felony est contra pacem domini regis, coronam et dignitatem suam, in generet non in individu; quia in Anglia non est interregnum. Jenk. Cent. 205. Indictment for felony is against the peace of our lord the king, his crown and dignity in general, and not against his individual person; because in England there is no interregnum.

INDICTOR. He who causes another to be indicted. The latter is sometimes called the "indictee."

INDIFFERENT. Impartial; unbiased; disinterested. People v. Vermilyea, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 122; Fox v. Hills, 1 Comm. 307.

INDIGENA. In old English law. A subject born; one born within the realm, or naturalized by act of parliament. Co. Litt. 86. The opposite of "alienigena," (q. v.).

INDIGENT. In a general sense, one who is needy and poor, or one who has not sufficient property to furnish him a living nor anyone able to support him to whom he is entitled to look for support. See Storrs Agricultural School v. Whitney, 54 Conn. 342, 8 A. 141; Juneau County v. Wood County, 100 Wis. 330, 85 N. W. 387; City of Lynchburg v. Slaughter, 75 Va. 62. The laws of some of the states distinguish between "paupers" and "indigent persons," the latter being persons who have no property or source of income sufficient for their support aside from their own labor, though self-supporting when able to work and in employment. See In re Hybart, 119 N. C. 359, 12 S. E. 963; People v. Schoharie County, 121 N. Y. 345, 24 N. E. 530; Rev. St. Mo. 1509, § 4894 (Mo. St. Ann. § 5894).


INDIGNITY. In the law of divorce, a species of cruelty addressed to the mind, sensibilities, self-respect, or personal honor of the subject, rather than to the body, and defined as "unmerited contemptuous conduct towards another; any action towards another which manifests contempt for him; contumely, incivility, or injury accompanied with insult." Coble v. Coble, 55 N. C. 328; Erwin v. Erwin, 57 N. C. 84; Hooper v. Hooper, 19 Mo. 357; Goodman v. Goodman, 80 Mo. App. 283; 1 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 826; O'Hern v. O'Hern, 206 Mo. App. 651, 228 S. W. 533, 536.

For indignities to be a cause of divorce, there must be series of them or course of conduct as distinguished from isolated indignity. Wheat v. Wheat (Mo. App.) 279 S. W. 755, 759.

The phrase "indignities to the person," as used in statutes, has reference to bodily indignities, as distinguished from such as may be offered to the mind, sensibilities, or reputation. Cheatham v. Cheatham, 10 Mo. 296; Butler v. Butler, 1 Pars. Eq. Cas. (Pa.) 329; Kurtz v. Kurtz, 38 Ark. 123. But compare Miller v. Miller, 78 N. C. 105.

INDIRECT. A term almost always used in law in opposition to "direct," though not the only antithesis of the latter word, as the terms "collateral" and "cross" are sometimes used in contrast with "direct."


INDISPENSABLE. That which cannot be spared, omitted, or dispensed with.

INDISPENSABLE EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

INDISPENSABLE PARTIES. In a suit in equity, those who not only have an interest in the subject-matter of the controversy, but an interest of such a nature that a final decree cannot be made without either affecting their interests or leaving the controversy in such a condition that its final determination may be wholly inconsistent with equity and good conscience. Shields v. Barrow, 17 How. 139, 15 L. Ed. 158; Kendig v. Dean, 97 U. S. 425, 24 L. Ed. 1061; Maflow v. Hinde, 12 Wheat. 193, 6 L. Ed. 590.

INDISTANTER. Forthwith; without delay.

INDITEE. L. Fr. In old English law. A person indicted. Mirr. c. 1. § 3; 9 Coke, pref.

INDIVIDUAL. As a noun, this term denotes a single person as distinguished from a group or class, and also, very commonly, a private or natural person as distinguished from a partnership, corporation, or association; but it is said that this restrictive signification is not necessarily inherent in the word, and that it may, in proper cases, include artificial persons. See Bank of U. S. v. State, 12 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 460; State v. Bell Telephone Co., 36 Ohio St. 510, 58 Am. Rep. 583; Pennsylvania R. Co. v. Canal Comrs, 21 Pa. 20; In re New Era Novelty Co. (D. C.) 241 F. 295, 299.
As an adjective, "individual" means pertaining or belonging to, or characteristic of, one single person, either in opposition to a firm, association, or corporation, or considered in his relation thereto.

INDIVIDUAL ASSETS. In the law of partnership, property belonging to a member of a partnership as his separate and private fortune, apart from the assets or property belonging to the firm as such or the partner's interest therein.

INDIVIDUAL DEBTS. Such as are due from a member of a partnership in his private or personal capacity, as distinguished from those due from the firm or partnership. Goddard v. Hapgood, 25 Vt. 369, 60 Am. Dec. 272.

INDIVIDUAL SYSTEM OF LOCATION. A term formerly used in Pennsylvania to designate the location of public lands by surveys, in which the land called for by each warrant was separately surveyed. Ferguson v. Bloom, 144 Pa. 549, 23 A. 49.

INDIVIDUALLY. Separately and personally, as distinguished from jointly or officially, and as opposed to collective or associate action or common interest. Southern Distributing Co. v. Carraway, 189 N. C. 420, 127 S. E. 427, 428; Revere Oil Co. v. Bank of Chiliicoto (Tex. Civ. App.) 255 S. W. 219, 220.

INDIVIDUUM. Lat. In the civil law. That cannot be divided. Calvin.

INDIVISIBLE. Not susceptible of division or apportionment; inseparable; entire. Thus, a contract, covenant, consideration, etc., may be divisible or indivisible; e. g., separable or entire. Garon v. Credit Foncier Canadien, 37 R. I. 273, 92 A. 561, 564. See, also, Contract.

INDIVISUM. Lat. That which two or more persons hold in common without partition; undivided.

INDORSAT. In old Scotch law. Indorsed. 2 Plce. Crim. Tr. 41.

INDORSE. To write a name on the back of a paper or document. Bills of exchange and promissory notes are indorsed by a party's writing his name on the back. Hartwell v. Henmenway, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 117.

"Indorse" is a technical term, having sufficient legal certainty without words of more particular description. Brooks v. Edson, 7 Vt. 351.

INDORSEE. The person to whom a bill of exchange, promissory note, bill of lading, etc., is assigned by Indorsement.

INDORSEE IN DUE COURSE. An indorssee in due course is one who, in good faith, in the ordinary course of business, and for value, before its apparent maturity or presumptive dishonor, and without knowledge of its actual dishonor, acquires a negotiable instrument duly indorsed to him, or indorsed generally, or payable to the bearer. More v. Finger, 128 Cal. 315, 60 P. 693.

INDORSMENT. The act of a payee, drawee, accommodation indorser, or holder of a bill, note, check, or other negotiable instrument, in writing his name upon the back of the same, with or without further or qualifying words, whereby the property in the same is assigned and transferred to another.

That which is so written upon the back of a negotiable instrument. State v. Hearn, 115 Ohio St. 340, 154 N. E. 244, 245; Kramer v. Spradlin, 148 Ga. 805, 95 S. E. 487, 488.

In the law of negotiable instruments, a new and substantive contract by which title to the instrument is transferred and by which indorser becomes a party to the instrument and is liable, on certain conditions for its payment. Johnson v. Belecke, 64 Utah, 43, 228 P. 189, 191; Routlver v. Williams, 52 N. D. 793, 204 N. W. 678, 680. In this respect indorsement differs from a common-law assignment. Jones County Trust & Savings Bank v. Kurt, 192-Iowa, 965, 182 N. W. 409, 413.

One who writes his name upon a negotiable instrument, otherwise than as a maker or acceptor, and delivers it, with his name thereon, to another person, is called an "indorser," and his act is called "indorsement".

The word "indorsement" is also used with reference to writings, insurance policies, certificates of stock, etc. The term as used in the Uniform Stock Transfer Act contemplates a writing passing or attempting to pass title or an interest. Stoltz v. Carroll, 99 Ohio St. 280, 124 N. E. 226, 231. As applied to a writ or warrant "indorsement" is an entry made on the back thereof. Gondas v. Gondas, 99 N. J. Eq. 473, 134 A. 615, 617.

Accommodation Indorsement

In the law of negotiable instruments, one made by a third person without any consideration, but merely for the benefit of the holder of the instrument, or to enable the maker to obtain money or credit on it. Unless otherwise explained, it is understood to be a loan of the indorser's credit without restriction. Citizens' Bank v. Platt, 135 Mich. 237, 97 N. W. 894; Peale v. Addicks, 174 Pa. 545, 34 Atl. 201; Cozens v. Middleton, 118 Pa. 523, 12 Atl. 505; Young v. Exchange Bank of Kentucky, 132 Ky. 283, 113 S. W. 444, 445, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 146.

Bank indorsement

One made by the mere writing of the indorser's name on the back of the note or bill, without mention of the name of any person in whose favor the indorsement is made, but with the implied understanding that any lawful holder may fill in his own name above the indorsement if he so chooses. See Thornton v. Moody, 11 Mo. 296; Scollan v. Rollins, 179 Mass. 346, 60 N. E. 985, 88 Am. St. Rep. 385; Malone v. Garver, 3 Neb. (Unof.) 719, 96 N. W. 726; Northern Trading Co. v. Drexel State Bank of Chicago, 57 N. D. 521, 184 N. W. 151, 154; Autohausheide v. Moeller, 221 Mo. App. 442, 381 S. W. 955, 957.
Conditional indorsement

One by which the indorser annexes some condition (other than the failure of prior parties to pay) to his liability. The condition may be either precedent or subsequent. 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 697.

Full indorsement

One by which the indorser orders the money to be paid to some particular person by name; it differs from a blank indorsement, which consists merely in the name of the indorser written on the back of the instrument. Kilpatrick v. Heath, 3 Brev. (S. C.) 82; Lee v. Chillicothe Branch of State Bank, 15 Fed. Cas. 153.

Irregular indorsement

One made by a third person before delivery of the note to the payee; an indorsement in blank by a third person above the name of the payee, or when the payee does not indorse at all. Carter v. Lien, 125 Ala. 282, 28 South. 74; Bank of Bellows Falls v. Dorset Marble Co., 61 Vt. 195, 17 Atl. 48; Metropolitan Bank v. Muller, 59 Am. Ann. 1278, 24 South. 256, 69 Am. St. Rep. 475.

Proper indorsement

Such indorsement as the law merchant requires to authorize payment to the holder of the instrument. Security State Bank v. State Bank of Brantford, N. D., 21 N. D. 454, 104 N. W. 223, 225.

Qualified indorsement

One which restrains or limits, or qualifies or enlarges, the liability of the indorser, in any manner different from what the law generally imports as his true liability, deductible from the nature of the instrument. Chitty, Bills, 261; Slover Bank v. Welpman (Mo. App.) 284 S. W. 177, 180. A transfer of a bill of exchange or promissory note to an indorsee, without any liability to the indorser. The words usually employed for this purpose are "sana reaurs," without recourse. 1 Bouv. Inst. No. 1138.

Regular indorsement

An indorsement in blank by a third person under the name of the payee or after delivery of the note to him. Bank of Bellows Falls v. Dorset Marble Co., 61 Vt. 186, 17 Atl. 48.

Restrictive indorsement

One which stops the negotiability of the instrument, or which contains such a definite direction as to the payment as to preclude the indorsee from making any further transfer of the instrument. Drew v. Jacock, 6 N. C. 128; Lee v. Chillicothe Branch Bank, 15 Fed. Cas. 153; People's Bank v. Jefferson County Sav. Bank, 196 Ala. 534, 17 South. 723, 54 Ann. St. Reg. 59. Defined by statute in some states as an indorsement which either prohibits the further negotiation of the instrument, or constitutes the indorsee the agent of the indorser, or vies the title in the indorsee in trust for or to the use of some other person. Negotiable Instruments Law N. D. § 36 (Comp. Laws 1913, § 691); Babes' Ann. St. Ohio 1804, § 8172 (Gen. Code, § 814).

Special indorsement


Special indorsement of writ

In English practice. The writ of summons in an action may, under Order ili. 8, be indorsed with the particulars of the amount sought to be recovered in the action, after giving credit for any payment or set-off; and this special indorsement (as it is called) of the writ is applicable in all actions where the plaintiff seeks merely to recover a debt or liquidated demand in money payable by the defendant, with or without interest, arising upon a contract, express or implied, as, for instance, on a bill of exchange, promissory note, check, or other simple contract debt, or on a bond or contract under seal for payment of a liquidated amount of money, or on a statute where the sum sought to be recovered is a fixed sum of money or in the nature of a debt, or on a guaranty, whether under seal or not. Brown.

INDORSE. He who indorses; i. e., being the payee or holder, writes his name on the back of a bill of exchange, etc.

INDUBITABLE PROOF. Evidence which is not only found credible, but is of such weight and directness as to make out the facts alleged beyond a doubt. Hart v. Carroll, 85 Pa. 511; Jerome v. McClure, 195 Pa. 245, 45 A. 933.

INDUCEMENT.

In Contracts

The benefit or advantage which the promisor is to receive from a contract is the inducement for making it. Collins v. Harris, 130 Wash. 394, 227 P. 506, 509; State Bank of Ardock v. Burke, 53 N. D. 777, 208 N. W. 115, 117; E. F. Spears & Sons v. Winkle, 186 Ky. 585, 217 S. W. 691, 692.

In Criminal Evidence

Motive; that which leads or tempts to the commission of crime. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 283.

In Pleading


INDUC/E.

In International Law

A truce; a suspension of hostilities; an agreement during war to abstain for a time from warlike acts.
In Old Maritime Law

A period of twenty days after the safe arrival of a vessel under bottomry, to dispose of the cargo, and raise the money to pay the creditor, with interest.

In Old English Practice

Delay or indulgence allowed a party to an action; further time to appear in a cause. Bract. fol. 352b; Fleta, lib. 4, c. 5, § 8.

In Scotch Practice

Time allowed for the performance of an act. Time to appear to a citation. Time to collect evidence or prepare a defense.

—Indecem legales. In Scotch law. The days between the citation of the defendant and the day of appearance; the days between the test day and day of return of the writ.

INDUCT. To put in enjoyment or possession, especially to introduce into possession of an office or benefice, with customary ceremonies, to bring in, initiate, to be put formally in possession, inaugurate or install. State ex rel. Slattery v. Raupp, 303 Mo. 654, 263 S. W. 834, 835.

INDUCTIO. Lat. In the civil law. Obliteration, by drawing the pen or stylus over the writing. Dig. 28, 4; Calvin.

INDUCTION. In ecclesiastical law. The ceremony by which an incumbent who has been instituted to a benefice is vested with full possession of all the profits belonging to the church, so that he becomes seized of the temporalities of the church, and is then complete incumbent. It is performed by virtue of a mandate of induction directed by the bishop to the arch-deacon, who either performs it in person, or directs his precept to one or more other clergymen to do it. Philim. Ecc. Law, 477.

INDULGENCE. In the Roman Catholic Church. A remission of the punishment due to sins, granted by the pope or church, and supposed to save the sinner from purgatory. Its abuse led to the Reformation in Germany. Wharton. Forbearance, (q. v.)

INDULTO.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A dispensation granted by the pope to do or obtain something contrary to the common law.

In Spanish Law

The condonation or remission of the punishment imposed on a criminal for his offense. This power is exclusively vested in the king.

INDUMENT. Endowment, (q. v.)

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES. Societies formed in England for carrying on any labor, trade, or handicraft, whether wholesale or retail, including the buying and selling of land and also (but subject to certain restrictions) the business of banking.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS. Schools (established by voluntary contribution) in which industrial training is provided, and in which children are lodged, clothed, and fed, as well as taught.

INDUSTRIAL TRACK. One connecting with main line track and used and equipped for moving freight in carloads to or from one or more industries thereby reached and served, in incidental services such as loading, unloading, or storing, and in incidental switching or yard movements. Gulf, C. & S. F. R. Co. v. Texas & P. R. Co. (C. C. A.) 4 F.(2d) 904, 906, 907; Miller Engineering Co. v. Louisiana Ry. & Nav. Co., 144 La. 758, 81 So. 314, 317.

INDUSTRIAM, PER. Lat. A qualified property in animals fera naturae may be acquired per industriam, i.e., by a man’s reclaiming and making them tame by art, industry, and education; or by so confining them within his own immediate power that they cannot escape and use their natural liberty. 2 Steph. Comm. 5.

INDUSTRY. Any department or branch of art, occupation, or business conducted as a means of livelihood or for profit; especially, one which employs much labor and capital and is a distinct branch of trade. Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. Co. v. State, 83 Okl. 161, 201 P. 260, 264; City of Rochester v. Rochester Girls’ Home (Sup.) 194 N. Y. S. 236, 237.

INEBRIATE. A person addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors; an habitual drunkard.

Any person who habitually, whether continuously or periodically, indulges in the use of intoxicating liquors to such an extent as to stupefy his mind, and to render him incompetent to transact ordinary business with safety to his estate, shall be deemed an inebriate, within the meaning of this chapter: provided, the habit of so indulging in such use shall have been at the time of inquisition of at least one year’s standing. Code N. C. 1933, § 1671 (C. S. § 2364). And see In re Anderson, 122 N. C. 245, 43 S. E. 649; State v. Ryan, 70 Wis. 678, 36 N. W. 522; Interdiction of Gasquet, 53 So. 88, 89 La. 527.

INE, CODE OF. A code of the West Saxons dating from 638 to 695. Adopted by Alfred, probably with alterations. Seebohm, Tribal Customs, 386.

INELIGIBILITY. Disqualification or incapacity to be elected to an office. Thus, an alien or naturalized citizen is ineligible to be elected president of the United States. Carroll v. Green, 143 Ind. 362, 47 N. E. 223; State v. Murray, 23 Wis. 69, 9 Am. Rep. 489.

This incapacity arises from various causes; and a person may be incapable of being elected to one office who may be elected to anoth-
er; the incapacity may also be perpetual or temporary.

INELEGIBLE. Disqualified to be elected to an office; also disqualified to hold an office if elected or appointed to it. State v. Murray, 28 Wis. 99, 9 Am. Rep. 489.

Inesse potest donatione, modus, conditio sive causa; ut modus est; si conditio; quia causa. In a gift there may be manner, condition, and cause; as [si] introduces a manner; if [si], a condition; because [quia], a cause. Dyer, 138.

INET DE JURE. Lat. It is implied of right; it is implied by law.

INEVITABLE. Incapable of being avoided; fortuitous; transcending the power of human care, foresight, or exertion to avoid or prevent, and therefore suspending legal relations so far as to excuse from the performance of contract obligations, or from liability for consequent loss.

INEVITABLE ACCIDENT. An unavoidable accident; one produced by an irresistible physical cause; an accident which cannot be prevented by human skill or foresight, but results from natural causes, such as lightning or storms, perils of the sea, inundations or earthquakes, or sudden death or illness. By irresistible force is meant an interpolation of human agency, from its nature and power absolutely uncontrollable. Brousseau v. The Hudson, 11 La. Ann. 428; State v. Lewis, 107 N. C. 967, 12 S. E. 437, 11 L. R. A. 105; Russell v. Fagan, 7 Howst. (Del.) 389, 8 A. 258; Hall v. Cheney, 36 N. H. 50; Newport News & M. V. Co. v. U. S., 61 F. 458, 9 C. C. A. 579; The R. L. Mabey, 14 Wall. 215, 20 L. Ed. 851; The Lockilbo, 3 W. Rob. 318; Early v. Hampton, 15 Ga. App. 95, 82 S. E. 639, 671; El Paso Printing Co. v. Glick (Tex. Civ. App.) 246 S. W. 1076, 1078; Leland v. Empire Engineering Co., 135 Md. 208, 108 A. 570, 575. Inevitable accident occurs when a vessel is pursuing a lawful avocation in a lawful manner, using the proper precautions against danger, and an accident occurs. The highest degree of caution that can be used is not required. It is enough that it is reasonable under the circumstances; such as is usual in similar cases, and has been found by long experience to be sufficient to answer the end in view,—the safety of life and property. The Grace Grider, 7 Wall. 196, 29 L. Ed. 113. Inevitable accident is only when the disaster happens from natural causes, without negligence or fault on either side, and when both parties have endeavored, by every means in their power, with due care and caution, and with a proper display of nautical skill, to prevent the occurrence of the accident. Sampson v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cl. 491; The Herm (C. C. A.) 287 F. 373, 374; The Old Reliable (C. C. A.) 269 F. 725, 729; The Fullerton (C. C. A.) 211 F. 833, 836; The Lackawanna (C. C. A.) 210 F. 262, 264.

INEWARDUS. A guard; a watchman. Domesday.

INFALISTATUS. In old English law. Exposed upon the sands, or seashore. A species of punishment mentioned in Hengham. Cowell.

INFAMIA. Lat. Infamy; ignominym or disgrace.

By infamia juris is meant infamy established by law as the consequence of crime; infamia facti is where the party is supposed to be guilty of such crime, but it has not been judicially proved. Comm. v. Green, 17 Mass. 52, 54.

INFAMIS. Lat. In Roman law. A person whose right of reputation was diminished (involving the loss of some of the rights of citizenship) either on account of his infamous avocation or because of conviction for crime. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135.

INFAMOUS CRIME. See Crime.

INFAMOUS PUNISHMENT. See Punishment.

INFAMY. A qualification of a man's legal status produced by his conviction of an infamous crime and the consequent loss of honor and credit, which, at common law, rendered him incompetent as a witness, and by statute in some jurisdictions entails other disabilities. McCaffery v. Gurer, 50 Pa. 116; Ex parte Wilson, 114 U. S. 417, 5 S. Ct. 935, 29 L. Ed. 89; State v. Clark, 60 Kan. 450, 56 P. 767.

INFANCY. Minority; the state of a person who is under the age of legal majority,—at common law, twenty-one years. According to the sense in which this term is used, it may denote the condition of the person merely with reference to his years, or the contractual disabilities which non-age entails, or his status with regard to other powers or relations. Keating v. Railroad Co., 94 Mich. 219, 53 N. W. 1053; Anonymous, 1 Salk. 44; Code Miss. 1892, § 1505 (Code 1930, § 1373).

Natural Infancy
A period of non-responsible life, which ends with the seventh year. Wharton.

INFANGENTHEF. In old English law. A privilege of lords of certain manors to judge any thief taken within their fee. See Out-fangthef.

INFANS. Lat. In the civil law. A child under the age of seven years; so called "quasi impos fandii;" (as not having the facility of speech.) Cod. Theodos, 8, 18, 8.

infans non multum a furioso distat. An infant does not differ much from a lunatic.
INFANT. A person within age, not of age, or not of full age; a person under the age of twenty-one years; a minor. Co. Litt. 171b; 1 Bl. Comm. 463-466; 2 Kent, Comm. 233. Beavers v. Southern Ry. Co., 212 Ala. 600, 103 So. 887, 889; Audsley v. Hale, 303 Mo. 451, 261 S. W. 117, 123.

INFANTIA. Lat. In the civil law. The period of infancy between birth and the age of seven years. Calvin.

INFANTICIDE. The murder or killing of an infant soon after its birth. The fact of the birth distinguishes this act from feticide or "procuring abortion," which terms denote the destruction of the fetus in the womb. See, also, Prolicide.

INFANTS' MARRIAGE ACT. The statute 18 & 19 Vict. c. 43. By virtue of this act every infant, if a male, of twenty, or, if a female, of seventeen years,—section 4,—upon or in contemplation of marriage, may, with the sanction of the chancery division of the high court, make a valid settlement or contract for a settlement of property. Wharton.

INFANZON. In Spanish law. A person of noble birth, who exercises within his domains and inheritance no other rights and privileges than those conceded to him. Escrlache.

INFECTION. In medical jurisprudence. The transmission of disease or disease germs from one person to another, either directly by contact with morbidly affected surfaces, or more remotely through inhalation, absorption of food or liquid tainted with excremental matter, contact with contaminated clothing or bedding, or other agencies.

A distinction is sometimes made between "infection" and "contagion," by restricting the latter term to the communication of disease by direct contact. See Grayson v. Lynch, 185 U. S. 468; 16 Sup. Ct. 1054, 41 L. Ed. 220; Wirth v. State, 63 Wis. 51, 22 N. W. 569; Stryker v. Crane, 33 Neb. 690, 50 N. W. 1133. But "infection" is the wider term and in proper use includes "contagion," and is frequently extended so as to include the local inauguration of disease from other than human sources, as from miasmas, poisonous plants, etc. In another, and perhaps more accurate sense, contagion is the entrance or lodgment of pathogenic germs in the system as a result of direct contact; infection is their fixation in the system or the inauguration of disease as a consequence. In this meaning, infection does not always result from contagion, and on the other hand it may result from the introduction of disease germs into the system otherwise than by contagion.

J Auto-infection

The communication of disease from one part of the body to another by mechanical transmission of virus from a diseased to a healthy part.

Infectious Disease

One capable of being transmitted or communicated by means of infection.

INFECT. In Scotch law. To give seisin or possession of lands; to invest or enfeoff. 1 St. 6, Eq. 215.

INFEMENT. In Old Scotch Law

Investiture or infeudation, including both charter and seisin. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 110.

In Later Law


Saisine, or the instrument of possession. Bell.

INFENSARE CURIAM. Lat. An expression applied to a court when it suggested to an advocate something which he had omitted through mistake or ignorance. Spelman.

INFEOFFMENT. The act or instrument of feoffment. In Scotland it is synonymous with "saisine," meaning the instrument of possession. Formerly it was synonymous with "investiture." Bell.

INFERENCE. In the law of evidence. A truth or proposition drawn from another which is supposed or admitted to be true. A process of reasoning by which a fact or proposition sought to be established is deduced as a logical consequence from other facts, or a state of facts, already proved or admitted. Gates v. Hughes, 44 Wis. 333; Whitehouse v. Bolster, 95 Me. 458, 50 A. 249; Joske v. Irvine, 91 Tex. 374, 44 S. W. 1058.


A "presumption" and an "inference" are not the same thing, a presumption being a deduction which the law requires a trier of facts to make, an inference being a deduction which the trier may or may not make, according to his own conclusions; a presumption is mandatory, an inference, permissive. Gross v. Pennsylvania Fiber Leather Co., 30 A. 1018, 1014, 30 Vt. 297; Joyce v. Missouri & Kansas Telephone Co. (Mo. App.) 211 S. W. 900, 901; State v. Godlasky, 47 S. D. 36, 155 N. W. 882, 883; Stumpf v. Montgomery, 101 Okl. 257, 256 P. 65, 68, 32 A. L. R. 1490.


INFERENTIAL FACTS. See Fact.

INFERIOR. One who, in relation to another, has less power and is below him; one
who is bound to obey another. He who makes the law is the superior; he who is bound to obey it, the inferior. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 8.

INFERIOR COURT. This term may denote any court subordinate to the chief appellate tribunal in the particular judicial system; but it is commonly used as the designation of a court of special, limited, or statutory jurisdiction, whose record must show the existence and attaching of jurisdiction in any given case, in order to give presumptive validity to its judgment. See Ex parte Cuddy, 131 U. S. 250, 9 S. Ct. 703, 33 L. Ed. 154; Kempe v. Kennedy, 5 Cranch, 185, 3 L. Ed. 70; Grignon v. Astor, 2 How. 841, 11 L. Ed. 283; Swift v. Wayne Circuit Judges, 64 Mich. 479, 31 N. W. 434; Cole v. Marvin, 98 Or. 175, 193 P. 828, 830.

The English courts of judicature are classed generally under two heads,—the superior courts and the inferior courts; the former division comprising the courts at Westminster, the latter comprising all the other courts in general, many of which, however, are far from being of inferior importance in the common acceptance of the word. Brown.

INFEOUDATION. The placing in possession of a freehold estate; also the granting of tithes to laymen.

INFICIARI. Lat. In the civil law. To deny; to deny one's liability; to refuse to pay a debt or restore a pledge; to deny the allegation of a plaintiff; to deny the charge of an accuser. Calvin.

INFICIATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Denial; the denial of a debt or liability; the denial of the claim or allegation of a party plaintiff. Calvin.

INFIDEL. One who does not believe in the existence of a God who will reward or punish in this world or that which is to come. Hale v. Everett, 53 N. H. 54, 16 Am. Rep. 82; Jackson v. Gridley, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 163; Hehrn v. Bridenst, 37 Miss. 226. One who professes no religion that can bind his conscience to speak the truth. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 368. One who does not recognize the inspiration or obligation of the Holy Scriptures, or generally recognized features of the Christian religion. Gibson v. Ins. Co., 37 N. Y. 350.

INFIDELIS.

In Old English Law
An infidel or heathen.

In Feudal Law
One who violated fealty.

INFIDELITAS. In feudal law. Infidelity; faithlessness to one's feudal oath. Spelman.

INFIDUCIARE. In old European law. To pledge property. Spelman.

INFINT. Sax. An assault made on a person inhabiting the same dwelling.

Infinitum in iure reprobatur. That which is endless is repudiated in law. 12 Coke, 24. Applied to litigation.

INFIRM. Weak, feeble. The testimony of an "infirm" witness may be taken de bene esse in some circumstances. See 1 P. Wms. 117.

INFIRMATIVE. In the law of evidence. Having the quality of diminishing force; having a tendency to weaken or render infirm. 3 Bentl. Jud. Ev. 14; Best, Pres. § 217. Exculpatory is used by some authors as synonymous. See Wilks, Circ. Ev. 120; Best, Pres. § 217.

INFIRMATIVE CONSIDERATION. In the law of evidence. A consideration, supposition, or hypothesis of which the criminative facts of a case admit, and which tends to weaken the inference or presumption of guilt deducible from them. Burril, Circ. Ev. 153–155.

INFIRMATIVE FACT. In the law of evidence. A fact set up, proved, or even supposed, in opposition to the criminative facts of a case, the tendency of which is to weaken the force of the inference of guilt deducible from them. 3 Bentl. Jud. Ev. 14; Best, Pres. § 217, et seq.

INFIRMATIVE HYPOTHESIS. A term sometimes used in criminal evidence to denote an hypothesis or theory of the case which assumes the defendant's innocence, and explains the criminative evidence in a manner consistent with that assumption.

INFIRMITY. In an application for insurance an ailment or disease of a substantial character, which apparently in some material degree impairs the physical condition and health of the applicant and increases the chance of his death or sickness and which if known, would have been likely to deter the insurance company from issuing the policy. Eastern Dist. Piece Dye Works v. Travelers' Ins. Co., 234 N. Y. 441, 138 N. E. 401, 404, 26 A. L. R. 1665; Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York v. Dodge (C. C. A.) 11 F.(2d) 456, 459; Travelers' Ins. Co. v. Pomerantz, 248 N. Y. 63, 138 N. E. 21, 22.

INFLUENCE. See Undue Influence.

INFORMAL. Deficient in legal form; artificially drawn up.

INFORMATION.

In Practice

An accusation exhibited against a person for some criminal offense, without an indictment. 4 Bl. Comm. 338.


The word is also frequently used in the law in its sense of communicated knowledge. Masline v. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co., 95 Conn. 702, 112 A. 659, 640. And affidavits are frequently made, and pleadings and other documents verified, on “information and belief.”

In French Law

The act or instrument which contains the depositions of witnesses against the accused. Poth. Proc. Civil, § 2, art. 5.

In General


INFORMATUS NON SUM. In practice. I am not informed. A formal answer made by the defendant's attorney in court to the effect that he has not been advised of any defense to be made to the action. Thereupon judgment by default passes.

INFORMER. A person who informs or prefers an accusation against another, whom he suspects of the violation of some penal statute.

Common Informer

A common prosecutor. A person who habitually ferrets out crimes and offenses and lays information thereof before the ministers of justice, in order to set a prosecution on foot, not because of his office or any special duty in the matter, but for the sake of the share of the fine or penalty which the law allots to the informer in certain cases. Also used in a less invidious sense, as designating persons who were authorized and empowered to bring action for penalties. U. S. v. Stocking (D. C.) 87 F. 861; In re Barker, 56 Vt. 20.

INFORTIATUM. The name given by the glossators to the second of the three parts or volumes into which the Pandects were divided. It commences with the third title of the twenty-fourth book and ends with the thirty-eighth book. The glossators at Bologna had at first only two parts, the first called “Digestum Vetus,” (the old Digest,) and the last called “Digestum Novum,” (the New Digest.) When they afterwards received the middle or second part, they separated from the Digestum Novum the beginning it had then, and added it to the second part, from which enlargement the latter received the name “Infortiatum.” Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 110.

INFORTUNIUM, HOMICIDE PER. Where a man doing a lawful act, without intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another.

INFRA. (Lat.) Below, under, beneath, underneath. The opposite of supra, above. Thus, we say, primo gradu est—supra, pater, mater, infra, filius, filia: in the first degree of kindred in the ascending line, above is the father and the mother, below, in the descending line, son and daughter. Inst. 3. 6. 1.

In another sense, this word signifies within: as, infra corpus civitatis, within the body of the country; infra prasidia, within the guards. So of time, during: infra furorcm, during the madness. This use is not classical. The use of infra for intra seems to have sprung up among the barbarians after the fall of the Roman empire.

INFRA ETATEM. Under age; not of age. Applied to minors.

INFRA ANNOS NUBILES. Under marriageable years; not yet of marriageable age.

INFRA ANNUM. Under or within a year. Bract. fol. 7.

INFRA ANNUM LUCTÔS. (Within the year of mourning.) The phrase is used in reference to the marriage of a widow within a year after her husband's death, which was prohibited by the civil law.

INFRA BRACHIA. Within her arms. Used of a husband de jure, as well as de facto. 2
Inst. 317. Also *inter brachia*. Bract. fol. 1486. It was in this sense that a woman could only have an appeal for murder of her husband *inter brachia sua*.

**INFRA CIVITATEM.** Within the state. 1 Camp. 23, 24.

**INFRA CORPUS COMITATUS.** Within the body (territorial limits) of a county. In English law, waters which are *infra corpus comitatus* are exempt from the jurisdiction of the admiralty. Waring v. Clarke, 5 How. 441, 451, 12 L. Ed. 226.

**INFRA DIGNITATEM CURIAE.** Beneath the dignity of the court; unworthy of the consideration of the court. Where a bill in equity is brought upon a matter too trivial to deserve the attention of the court, it is demurrable, as being *infra dignitatem curiae*. Smets v. Williams, 4 Paige, Ch. (N. Y.) 364.

**INFRA FUOREM.** During madness; while in a state of insanity. Bract. fol. 190.

**INFRA HOSPITIUM.** Within the inn. When a traveler's baggage comes *infra hospitium*, i.e., in the care and under the custody of the innkeeper, the latter's liability attaches.

**INFRA JURISDICTIONEM.** Within the jurisdiction. 2 Strange, 827.

**INFRA LIGEANTIAM REGIS.** Within the king's ligeance. Comb. 212.

**INFRA METAS.** Within the bounds or limits. *Infra metas forestae*, within the bounds of the forest. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 41, § 12. *Infra metas hospitii*, within the limits of the household; within the verge. Id. lib. 2, c. 2, § 2.

**INFRA PRISEIDA.** Within the protection; within the defenses. In international law, when a prize, or other captured property, is brought into a port of the captors, or within their lines, or otherwise under their complete custody, so that the chance of rescue is lost, it is said to be *infra præsidia*.

**INFRA QUATUOR MARIA.** Within the four seas; within the kingdom of England; within the jurisdiction.

**INFRA QUATUOR PARIETES.** Within four walls. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 100, § 1080.

**INFRA REGNUM.** Within the realm.

**INFRA SEX ANNOS.** Within six years. Used in the Latin form of the plea of the statute of limitations.

**INFRA TRIDUUM.** Within three days. Formal words in old appeals. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 6; Id. c. 35, § 3.

**INFRACHTION.** A breach, violation, or infringement; as of a law, a contract, a right or duty. In French law, this term is used as a general designation of all punishable actions.

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**INFRAINGEMENT.** A breaking into; a trespass or encroachment upon; a violation of a law, regulation, contract, or right. Used especially of invasions of the rights secured by patents, copyrights, and trademarks. Good-year Shoe Machinery Co. v. Jackson, 112 Fed. 146, 50 C. C. A. 159, 55 L. R. A. 692; Thomson-Houston Electric Co. v. Ohio Brass Co., 80 F. 721, 26 C. C. A. 107.

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Infringement of copyright. A copy, more or less servile, of a copyrighted work. Mere likeness is insufficient, and an original treatment of a subject, open alike to treatment by the copyright holder and others does not constitute infringement. Pellegrini v. Allegreni

INFRINGER. One who appropriates another's patented invention. Stebler v. Riverside Heights Orange Growers' Ass'n (C. C. A.) 295 F. 735, 739.

INFUGARE. Lat. To put to flight.

INFULA. A coif, or a cassock. Jacob.

INFUSION. In medical jurisprudence. The process of steeping in liquor; an operation by which the medicinal qualities of a substance may be extracted by a liquor without boiling. Also the product of this operation. "Infusion" and "decoction," though not identical, are ejusdem generis in law. 3 Camp. 74. See Decoction.

A pharmaceutical operation, which consists in pouring a hot or cold fluid upon a substance whose medical properties it is desired to extract. The product of this operation.

INGE. Meadow, or pasture. Jacob.

INGENIUM. (1) Artifice, trick, fraud; (2) an engine or device. Spelman. (3) A net or hook. (4) A machine, Spelman, Gloss, especially for warlike purposes; also, for navigation of a ship. Du Cange.

INGENUITAS. Lat. Freedom; liberty; the state or condition of one who is free. Also liberty given to a servant by manumission.

INGENUITAS REGNI. In old English law. The freemen, yeomanry, or commonalty of the kingdom. Cowell. Applied sometimes also to the barons.


INGENUUS. In Roman law. A person who, immediately that he was born, was a free person. He was opposed to libertinus, or libertus, who, having been born a slave, was afterwards manumitted or made free. It is not the same as the English law term "generous," which denoted a person not merely free, but of good family. There were no distinctions among ingenui; but among libertinii there were (prior to Justinian's abolition of the distinctions) three varieties, namely: Those of the highest rank, called "Cives Romani;" those of the second rank, called "Latinii Juniani;" and those of the lowest rank, called "Dediticii." Brown.

INGRATITUDE. In Roman law, ingratitude was accounted a sufficient cause for revoking a gift or recalling the liberty of a freedman. Such is also the law of France, with respect to the first case. But the English law has left the matter entirely to the moral sense.

INGRESS, EGRESS, AND REGRESS. These words express the right of a lessee to enter, go upon, and return from the lands in question.

INGRESSU. In English law. An ancient writ of entry, by which the plaintiff or complainant sought an entry into his lands. Abolished in 1833.

INGRESSUS. In old English law. Ingress; entry. The relief paid by an heir to the lord was sometimes so called. Cowell.

INGROSSATOR. An engrosser. Ingrossator magni rotuli, engrosser of the great roll; afterwards called "clerk of the pipe." Spelman; Cowell.

INGROSSING. The act of making a fair and perfect copy of any document from a rough draft of it, in order that it may be executed or put to its final purpose.


INHABIT. Synonymous with dwell, live, sojourn, stay, rest. MacLeod v. Stella, 43 Idaho, 64, 249 P. 254, 256.

INHABITANT. One who resides actually and permanently in a given place, and has his domicile there. Ex parte Shaw, 145 U. S. 444, 12 S. Ct. 965, 36 L. Ed. 768; The Pizarro, 2 Wheat. 245, 4 L. Ed. 226.

"The words "inhabitant," 'citizen,' and 'resident,' as employed in different constitutions to define the qualifications of electors, mean substantially the same thing; and one is an inhabitant, resident, or citizen at the place where he has his domicile or home." Cooley, Const. Lim. *600. But the terms "resident" and "inhabitant" have also been held not synonymous, the latter implying a more fixed and

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permanent abode than the former, and importing privileges and duties to which a mere resident would not be subject. Tazewell County v. Davenport, 49 Ill. 197; State, to Use of Knox County Collector, v. Bunce, 187 Mo. App. 667, 173 S. W. 101, 102.

When relating to municipal rights, powers, or duties, the word inhabitant is almost universally used as signifying precisely the same as domiciled; Borland v. City of Boston, 123 Mass. 88, 42 Am. Rep. 421.

**INHABITED HOUSE DUTY.** A tax assessed in England on inhabited dwelling houses, according to their annual value, (St. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 30; 52 & 53 Vict. c. 14, § 11,) which is payable by the occupier, the landlord being deemed the occupier where the house is let to several persons, (St. 48 Geo. III. c. 55, Schedule B.) Houses occupied solely for business purposes are exempt from duty, although a care-taker may dwell therein, and houses partially occupied for business purposes are to that extent exempt. Sweet.

**INHERE.** To exist in and inseparable from something else; to stick fast. Majestic Theater Co. v. Lutz, 210 Ky. 92, 275 S. W. 16, 29.

**INHERENT POWER.** An authority possessed without its being derived from another. A right, ability, or faculty of doing a thing, without receiving that right, ability, or faculty from another. See, also, "Power."

**INHERETRIX.** The old term for "heirless." Co. Litt. 13a.

**INHERIT.** To take by inheritance; to take as heir on death of ancestor; to take by descent from ancestor; to take or receive, as right or title, by law from ancestor at his decease. Condren v. Marlin, 113 Okl. 259, 241 P. 526, 287; Warren v. Prescott, 84 Me. 482, 24 A. 948, 17 L. R. A. 435, 30 Am. St. Rep. 370; McArthur v. Scott, 113 U. S. 340, 5 S. Ct. 652, 28 L. Ed. 1015. "To inherit to" a person is a common expression in the books. 2 Bl. Comm. 254, 255; 3 Coke, 41.

The word is also used in its popular sense, as the equivalent of to take or receive. Manchester v. Loomis, 191 Iowa, 554, 151 N. W. 415, 442; Manchester v. Loomis, 197 Iowa, 1049, 195 N. W. 955, 967.

**INHERITABLE BLOOD.** Blood which has the purity (freedom from attainder) and legitimacy necessary to give its possessor the character of a lawful heir; that which is capable of being the medium for the transmission of an inheritance.


Such an estate in lands or tenements or other things as may be inherited by the heir. Termes de la Ley.

An estate or property which a man has by descent, as heir to another, or which he may transmit to another, as his heir. Litt. § 9.

A perpetuity in lands or tenements to a man and his heirs. Cowell; Blount.

The method by which children or relatives take property from another at his death. Pridy v. Green (Tex. Civ. App.) 220 S. W. 243, 248; Horner v. Webster, 33 N. J. Law, 413.

Though "inheritance" in its restricted sense means something obtained through laws of descent and distribution from an intestate, in its popular use it includes property obtained by devise or descent. Pacheco v. Fernandez (Tex. Civ. App.) 277 S. W. 197, 198.

"Inheritance" is also used in the old books where "hereditament" is now commonly employed. Thus, Coke divides inheritances into corporeal and incorporeal, into real, personal, and mixed, and into entire and several.

In the Civil Law

The succession of the heir to all the rights and property of the estate-leaver. It is either testamentary, where the heir is created by will, or ab intestato, where it arises merely by operation of law. Heinec. § 481.

In General

—Estate of inheritance. See Estate.

—Inheritance act. The English statute of 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, by which the law of inheritance or descent was considerably modified. 1 Steph. Comm. 359, 500.

INHIBITION.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A writ issuing from a superior ecclesiastical court, forbidding an inferior judge to proceed further in a cause pending before him. In this sense it is closely analogous to the writ of prohibition at common law. Also the command of a bishop or ecclesiastical judge that a clergyman shall cease from taking any duty.

In English Law

The name of a writ which forbids a judge from further proceeding in a cause depending before him; it is in the nature of a prohibition. *Termes de la Loy*; Fitzh. N. B. 39.

In Scotch Law

A species of diligence or process by which a debtor is prohibited from contracting any debt which may become a burden on his heritable property, in competition with the creditor at whose instance the inhibition is taken out; and from granting any deed of alienation, etc., to the prejudice of the creditor. Brande.

In the Civil Law

A prohibition which the law makes or a judge ordains to an individual. *Halifax, Civil Law*, p. 126.

INHIBITION AGAINST A WIFE. In Scotch law. A writ in the sovereign's name, passing the signet, which prohibits all and sundry from having transactions with a wife or giving her credit. Bell; Ersk. Inst. I, 6, 26.

INLOC. In old records. A nook or corner of a common or fallow field, inclosed and cultivated. Kennett, *Par. Antiq.* 297, 298; Cowell.


INHUMAN TREATMENT. In the law of divorce. Such barbarous cruelty or severity as endangers the life or health of the party to whom it is addressed, or creates a well-founded apprehension of such danger. Whaley v. Whaley, 68 Iowa, 647, 27 N. W. 809; Cole v. Cole, 23 Iowa, 433; Evans v. Evans, 82 Iowa, 462, 48 N. W. 809; Thompson v. Thompson, 186 Iowa, 1066, 173 N. W. 55, 5 A. L. R. 710. The phrase commonly employed in statutes is "cruel and inhuman treatment," from which it may be inferred that "inhumanity" is an extreme or aggravated "cruelty."

Iniquissima pax est antepenulta justissimae bello. The most unjust peace is to be preferred to the justest war. *Root v. Stuyvesant*, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 257, 305.

INIQUITY. In Scotch practice. A technical expression applied to the decision of an inferior judge who has decided contrary to law; he is said to have committed iniquity. Bell.

Iniquum est alios permettere, allos inhibere mercatum. It is inequitable to permit some to trade and to prohibit others. *3 Inst. 181.*

Iniquum est aliquem rel sui esse Judicem. It is wrong for a man to be a judge in his own cause. *Branch, Princ.*; 12 Coke, 113.

Iniquum est ingenuis hominibus non esse liberam rerum taxarium alienationem. It is unjust that freemen should not have the free disposal of their own property. *Co. Litt. 222a*; *4 Kent Comm. 131*; *Hob. 87.*

INITIAL. That which begins or stands at the beginning. The first letter of a man's name. See El bersen v. Richards, 42 N. J. Law, 70.

INITIAL CARRIER. In the law of ballaments. The carrier who first receives the goods and begins the process of their transportation, afterwards delivering them to another carrier for the further prosecution or completion of their journey. See *Beard v. Railway Co.*, 79 Iowa, 527, 41 N. W. 803.

But it has also been defined as the one contracting with the shpper, and not necessarily the one whose line constitutes the first link in transportation. *Kaspe v. Minneapol*s, St. F. & S. M. Ry. Co., 33 N. D. 591, 156 N. W. 1019, 1033.

INITIALIA TESTIMONII. In Scotch law. Preliminaries of testimony. The preliminary examination of a witness, before examining him in chief, answering to the *voir dire* of the English law, though taking a somewhat wider range. *Wharton.*

INITIATE. Commenced; inchoate. *Curtesy initiate* is the interest which a husband has in the wife's lands after a child is born who may inherit, but before the wife dies.


INITIATIVE. The right of a specified number of the electorate to unite in proposing laws to the legislative body, which, after due consideration, must submit the same to the vote of the people for their approval or disapproval.

In French law. The name given to the important prerogative conferred by the *charte constitutionelle*, article 16, on the king to propose through his ministers projects of laws. *1 Toullier*, no. 39.

INJUNCTION. A prohibitive writ issued by a court of equity, at the suit of a party complainant, directed to a party defendant in the action, or to a party made a defendant for that purpose, forbidding the latter to do...
some act, or to permit his servants or agents to do some act, which he is threatening or attempting to commit, or restraining him in the continuance thereof, such act being unjust and inequitable, injurious to the plaintiff, and not such as can be adequately redressed by an action at law. U. S. v. Haggerty (C. C.) 116 F. 515; Dupre v. Anderson, 45 La. Ann. 1134, 13 So. 745; City of Alma v. Loehr, 42 Kan. 368, 22 P. 424; Consolidated Coal & Coke Co. v. Beale (D. C.) 252 F. 394, 395.

An injunction is a writ or order requiring a person to refrain from a particular act. It may be granted by the court in which the action is brought, or by a judge thereof, and when made by a judge it may be enforced as an order of the court. Copeland v. Proc. Cal. § 525.

Final injunction

A final injunction is one granted when the rights of the parties are determined; it may be made mandatory, (commanding acts to be done,) and is distinguished from a preliminary injunction, which is confined to the purpose and office of simple prevention or restraining. Southern Pac. R. Co. v. Oakland (C. C.) 58 F. 54.

Interlocutory injunction

An "interlocutory injunction" is one granted prior to the final hearing and determination of the matter in issue, and which is to continue until answer, or until the final hearing, or until the further order of the court. Gas & Electric Securities Co. v. Manhattan & Queens Traction Corporation (C. C. A.) 226 F. 625, 623; Pack v. Carter (C. C. A.) 223 F. 633, 640.

Mandatory injunction

One which (1) commands the defendant to do some positive act; or particular thing; (2) prohibits him from refusing (or persisting in a refusal) to do or permit some act to which the plaintiff has a legal right; or (3) restrains the defendant from permitting him previous wrongful act to continue operative, thus virtually compelling him to undo it, as by removing obstructions or erections, and restoring the plaintiff or the place or the subject-matter to the former condition. Bailey v. Schnittrus, 45 N. J. Eq. 178, 18 Atl. 680; Parsons v. Marve (C. C.) 25 F. 921; People v. McKane, 78 Hun, 154, 29 N. Y. Supp. 585; Proctor v. Stuart, 4 Okl. 679, 46 P. 603.

Permanency of injunction

One intended to remain in force until the final determination of the particular suit. Riggins v. Thompson, 96 Tex. 154, 71 S. W. 14.

Perpetual injunction

Opposed to an injunction as interlocutory; an injunction which finally disposes of the suit, and is indefinite in point of time. Riggins v. Thompson, 96 Tex. 154, 71 S. W. 14; De Flores v. Raynolds (C. C.) 8 F. 433.

Preliminary injunction

An injunction granted at the institution of a suit, to restrain the defendant from doing or continuing some act, the right to which is in dispute, and which may either be discharged or made perpetual, according to the result of the controversy, as soon as the rights of the parties are determined. Darlington Oil Co. v. Pec Dec Oil Co., 62 S. C. 196, 40 S. E. 129.


Preventive injunction

One which prohibits the defendant from doing a particular act or commands him to refrain from it. Leawasaki Woolen Mills v. Spray Water Power & Land Co., 183 N. C. 511, 112 S. E. 24, 25.

Provisional injunction

Another name for a preliminary or temporary injunction, or an injunction pendente lite.

Special injunction

An injunction obtained only on motion and petition, usually with notice to the other party. Aldrich v. Kirkland, 6 Rich. Law (S. C.) 340. An injunction by which parties are restrained from committing waste, damage, or injury to property. 4 Steph. Comm. 22, note a.

Temporary injunction

A preliminary or provisional injunction, or one granted pendente lite, as opposed to a final or perpetual injunction. Jesse French Piano Co. v. Porter, 134 Ala. 302, 32 So. 678, 92 Am. St. Rep. 31.

INJURE. To violate the legal right of another or inflict an actionable wrong. Krom v. Antigo Gas Co., 154 Wis. 528, 143 N. W. 163, 164.

As applied to a building, "injure" means to materially impair or destroy any part of the existing structure. F. W. Woolworth Co. v. Nelson, 204 Ala. 172, 85 So. 449, 451, 13 A. L. R. 820.


INJURIA. Lat. Injury; wrong; the privation or violation of right. 3 Bl. Comm. 2; J. A. & C. E. Bennett v. Winston-Salem Southbound R. Co., 170 N. C. 389, 87 S. E. 133, 134, L. R. A. 1010D, 1074.

INJURIA ABSQUE DAMNO. Injury or wrong without damage. A wrong done, but from which no loss or damage results, and which, therefore, will not sustain an action.

Injuria fit e cui convicium dictum est, vel de eo factum carmen famosum. An injury is done to him of whom a reproachful thing is said, or concerning whom an infamous song is made. 9 Coke, 60.

Injuria illata judici, in legem tenenti regis, videtur ipsi regi illata maxime si sit in exercentem officium. 3 Inst. 1. An injury offered to a judge, or person representing the king, is considered as offered to the king himself, especially if it be done in the exercise of his office.
INJURIA ABSQUE DAMNO

Injuria non excusat injuriam. One wrong does not justify another. Broom, Max. 395. See 6 El. & Bl. 47.


Injuria propria non cadet in beneficium facientes. One's own wrong shall not fall to the advantage of him that does it. A man will not be allowed to derive benefit from his own wrongful act. Branch, Princ.

Injuria servi dominum pertingit. The master is liable for injury done by his servant. Lofti, 229.

INJURIOUS WORDS. In Louisiana, Slander, or libelous words. Civil Code La. art. 3501.


In the Civil Law

A delict committed in contempt or outrage of any one, whereby his body, his dignity, or his reputation is maliciously injured. Voel, Com. ad Pand. 47, t. 10, no. 1.

The words "damage," "loss," and "injury" are used interchangeably, and, within legislative meaning and judicial interpretation, import the same thing. In re City of Pittsburgh, 50 A. 528, 531, 245 Pa. 582, 52 L. R. A. (N. S.) 323.

The term "injury," used to describe an error for which a reversal may be had, means an error which affects the result. Ryan v. State, 8 Okl. Cr. 623, 129 P. 685, 687.

In General

—Absolute injuries. Injuries to those rights which a person possesses as being a member of society.

—Accidental injury. A bodily injury by accident. Ideal Fuel Co. v. Industrial Commission, 288 Ill. 493, 131 N. E. 649, 650. Within the Workmen's Compensation Act, one which occurs in the course of the employment, unexpectedly, and without the affirmative act or design of the employer; it being something which is unforeseen and not expected by the person to whom it happens. Jakub v. Industrial Commission, 288 Ill. 87, 123 N. E. 263, 264. Any injury to an employee in the course of his employment due to any occurrence referable to a definite time, and of the happening of which he can give notice to his employer, regardless of whether the injury is a visible hurt from external force, or disease or infection induced by sudden and catastrophic exposure. Lerner v. Rump Bros., 209 N. Y. 698, 701, 212 App. Div. 747. The term is to receive a broad and liberal construction with a view to compensating injured employees where injury resulted through some accidental means, was unexpected and undesigned and may be the result of mere mischance or miscalculation as to effect of voluntary action. Thomas v. Ford Motor Co., 114 Ohio 3, 242 P. 765, 766. It includes an accident causing injury to the physical structure of the body, notwithstanding a natural weakness predisposing to injury. Wilkins v. Ben's Home Oil Co., 165 Minn. 41, 207 N. W. 183. The words indicate, not so much the existence of an accident, but rather the idea that the injury was unexpected or unintended. Victory Sparkler & Specialty Co. v. Francks, 147 Md. 368, 128 A. 635, 636, 44 A. L. R. 393.


—Irreparable injury. This phrase does not mean such an injury as is beyond the possibility of repair, or beyond possible compensation in damages, or necessarily great damage, but includes an injury, whether great or small, which ought not to be submitted to, on the one hand, or inflicted, on the other; and which, because it is so large or so small, or is of such constant and frequent occurrence, or because no certain pecuniary standard exists for the measurement of damages, cannot receive reasonable redress in a court of law. Sanderlin v. Baxter, 76 Va. 306, 44 Am. Rep. 165; Farley v. Gate City Gaslight Co., 105 Ga. 323, 31 S. E. 198; Wahle v. Reinbach, 76 Ill. 322; Camp v. Dixon, 112 Ga. 572, 38 S. E. 71, 52 L. R. A. 755; Summers v. Parkersburg Mill Co., 77 W. Va. 563, 88 S. E. 1020, 1021; Ahrent v. Sprague, 139 Ark. 416, 214 S. W. 68, 69; Acme Cement Plaster Co. v. American Cement Plaster Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 167 S. W. 133, 185; Del Monte Live Stock Co. v. Ryan, 24 Colo. App. 540, 132 P. 1050; Wines v. Fleschmann, 110 Or. 554, 223 P. 922, 925.


—Personal injury. A hurt or damage done to a man's person, such as a cut or bruise, a broken limb, or the like, as distinguished from an injury to his property or his reputation. The phrase is chiefly used in connection with actions of tort for negligence. Norris v. Grove, 100 Mich. 256, 58 N. W. 1006; State v. Clayborne, 14 Wash. 622, 45 P. 308; Terre Haute El. Ry. Co. v. Lauer, 21 Ind. App. 466, 52 N. E. 703. But the term is also used (chiefly in statutes) in a much wider sense, and as including any injury which is an invasion of personal rights, and in this signification it may include such injuries as libel or slander, criminal conversation with a wife, seduction of a daughter, and mental suffering. See Delamater v. Russell, 4 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 234; Garrison v. Burden, 40 Ala. 516; McDonald v. Brown, 23 R. I. 546, 51 A. 213, 55 L. R. A. 768, 31 Am. St. Rep. 659; Morton v. Western Union Tel. Co., 130 N. C. 298, 41 S. E. 481; Williams v. Williams, 29 Colo. 51, 37 P. 614; Hood v. Sudderth, 111 N. C. 215, 18 S. E. 397. In Workmen's Compensation Acts, "personal injury" means any harm or damage to the health of an employee, however caused, whether by accident, disease, or otherwise, which arises in the course of and out of his employment, and incapacitates him in whole or in part. Hines v. Norwalk Lock Co., 100 Conn. 533, 124 A. 17, 20; McCarthy v. Globe Automatic Sprinkler Co., 188 N. Y. S. 118, 120, 198 App. Div. 619; Lane v. Horn & Hardart Baking Co., 261 Pa. 329, 104 A. 615, 616, 13 A. L. R. 968; Travelers' Ins. Co. v. Smith (Tex. Civ. App.) 266 S. W. 574, 575; Hanson v. Dickinson, 188 Iowa, 728, 726 N. W. 823, 824. A disease of mind or body which arises in the course of employment with nothing more is not within the Massachusetts act, but it must come from or by an injury, although that injury need not be a single definite act, but may extend over a continuous period of time. In re Maggelet, 228 Mass. 57, 116 N. E. 972, 973, L. R. A. 1918F, 864; Fimten's Case, 255 Mass. 585, 127 N. E. 424, 425. And see In re Madden, 222 Mass. 467, 111 N. E. 379, 383, L. R. A. 1916D, 1000; Taylor v. Swift & Co., 114 Kan. 431, 219 P. 516, 519. A "personal injury," as that term is used in the Workmen's Compensation Act, refers not to some break in some part of the body, or some wound thereon, or the like, but rather to the consequence or disability that results therefrom. Indian Creek Coal & Mining Co. v. Calvert, 68 Ind. App. 474, 119 N. E. 519, 525.

—Permanent injury. An injury that, according to every reasonable possibility, will continue throughout the remainder of one's life, Alabama Great Southern R. Co. v. Taylor, 198 Ala. 37, 71 So. 676, 678.

—Private injuries. Infringements of the private or civil rights belonging to individuals considered as individuals.

—Public injuries. Breaches and violations of rights and duties which affect the whole community as a community.

—Real injury. A real injury is inflicted by any act by which a person's honor or dignity is affected.

—Relative injuries. Injuries to those rights which a person possesses in relation to the person who is immediately affected by the wrongful act done.

—Reparable injury. The general principle is that an injury, the damage from which is merely in the nature of pecuniary loss, and can be exactly and fully repaired by compensation in money, is a "reparable injury" for which a bond of sufficient amount and properly secured may afford an adequate indemnity. Barrow v. Duplantis, 148 La. 149, 88 So. 718, 723.

—Verbal injury. A verbal injury, when directed against a private person, consists in the uttering contemptuous words, which tend to injure his reputation by making him little or ridiculous.

INJUSTICE. The withholding or denial of justice. In law, almost invariably applied to the act, fault, or omission of a court, as distinguished from that of an individual. See Holton v. Oleott, 58 N. H. 398; In re Moulton, 50 N. H. 532.

"Fraud" is deception practised by the party; "injustice" is the fault or error of the court. They are not equivalent words in substance, or in a statute authorizing a new trial on a showing of fraud or injustice. Fraud is always the result of contrivance and deception; injustice may be done by the negligence, mistake, or omission of the court itself. Silvey v. U. S., 7 Ct. Cl. 324.

Injustum est, nisi tota lege inspecta, de una aliqua ejus partica proposita judicare vel respondere. 8 Coke, 1175. It is unjust to decide or respond as to any particular part of a law without examining the whole of the law.

INLAGARE. In old English law. To restore to protection of law. To restore a man from the condition of outlawry. Opposed to utlagare. Bract. lib. 3, tr. 2, c. 14, § 1; Du Cange.

INLAGATION. Restoration to the protection of law. Restoration from a condition of outlawry.

INLAGH. A person within the law's protection; contrary to utlagh, an outlaw. Cowell.
INLAND. Within a country, state or territory; within the same country.

In old English law, inland was used for the demesne (q. v.) of a manor; that part which lay next or most convenient for the lord's mansion-house, as within the view thereof, and which, therefore, he kept in his own hands for support of his family and for hospitality; in distinction from outland or wilderness, which was the portion let out to tenants.

Cowell; Kennedy; Spelman.

INLAND BILL OF EXCHANGE. A bill of which both the drawer and drawee reside within the same state or country. Otherwise called a "domestic bill," and distinguished from a "foreign bill." Backer v. Finley, 2 Port. 589, 7 L. Ed. 528; Lonsdale v. Brown, 15 Fed. Cas. 857; Strawbridge v. Robinson, 10 Ill. 472, 50 Am. Dec. 420. See Bill.

INLAND NAVIGATION. Within the meaning of the legislation of Congress upon the subject, this phrase means navigation upon the rivers of the country, but not upon the great lakes. Moore v. American Transp. Co., 24 How. 38, 16 L. Ed. 674; The War Eagle, 6 Blis. 364, Fed. Cas. No. 17,173; The Garden City (D. Ct.) 26 F. 775.

INLAND TRADE. Trade wholly carried on at home; as distinguished from commerce, (which see.)

INLAND WATERS. Such waters as canals, lakes, rivers, water-courses, inlets and bays, exclusive of the open sea, though the water in question may open or empty into the ocean. United States v. Steam Vessels of War, 108 U. S. 607, 1 S. Ct. 539, 27 L. Ed. 256; The Cotton Plant, 10 Wall. 581, 19 L. Ed. 983; Cogswell v. Chubb, 1 App. Div. 98, 36 N. Y. S. 1076.

INLANTAL, INLANTALE. Demesne or inland, opposed to "aentalis," or land tenant.

Cowell.


INLAW. To place under the protection of the law. "Swearing obedience to the king in a leet, which doth inlaw the subject." Bacon.

INLEASED. In old English law. Entangled, or ensnared. 2 Inst. 247; Cowell; Blount.

INLIGARE. In old European law. To confederate; to join in a league, (in ligam coire.) Spelman.

INMIGRATE. In old European law. To confederate; to join in a league, (in ligam coire.) Spelman.

INMATE. A person who lodges or dwells in the same house with another, occupying different rooms, but using the same door for passing in and out of the house. Webster; Jacob.


A house which is held out to the public as a place where transient persons who come will be received and entertained as guests for compensation; as a public house for entertainment for all who choose to visit it. State v. Norval Hotel Co., 108 Ohio St. 361, 133 N. E. 75, 76, 19 A. L. R. 637.

Under the term "inn" the law includes all taverns, hotels, and houses of public general entertainment for guests. Code Ga. 1882, § 2114 (Clav. Code 1910, § 3505). The words "inn," "tavern," and "hotel" are used synonymously to designate what is ordinarily and popularly known as an "inn" or "tavern," or place for the entertainment of travelers, and where all their wants can be supplied. A restaurant where meals only are furnished is not an inn or tavern. People v. Jones, 34 Barb. (N. Y.) 311; Carpenter v. Taylor, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 183.

An inn is distinguished from a private boarding-house mainly in this: that the keeper of the latter is at liberty to choose his guests, while the inn-keeper is obliged to entertain and furnish all travelers of good conduct and means of payment with what they may have occasion for, as such travelers, while on their way. Pinkerton v. Woodward, 33 Cal. 557, 91 Am. Dec. 687. Another distinction is that in a boarding-house the guest is under an express contract for a certain time at a certain rate, whereas, in an inn the guest is entertained from day to day upon an implied contract. Willard v. Reinhardt, 2 B. D. Smith (N. Y.) 48. A lodging house does not become an "inn" because a register is kept. Roberts v. Case Hotel Co., 175 N. Y. S. 123, 127, 166 Misc. 461.

Common Inn

A house for the entertainment of travelers and passengers, in which lodging and necessary accommodations are provided for them and for their horses and attendants. Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 15. The word "common," in this connection, does not appear to add anything to the common-law definition of an inn, except in so far as it lays stress on the fact that the house is for the entertainment of the general public or for all suitable persons who apply for accommodations.

INNAMIUM. In old English law. A pledge.

INNAVIGABILITY. In insurance law. The condition of being nonnavigable, (q. v.) The foreign writers distinguish "innavigability" from "shipwreck." 3 Kent, Comm. 323, and note. The term is also applied to the condition of streams which are not large enough, or deep enough, or are otherwise unsuited, for navigation.
INNAVIGABLE. As applied to streams, not capable of or suitable for navigation; impassable by ships or vessels.

As applied to vessels in the law of marine insurance, it means unfit for navigation; so damaged by misadventures at sea as to be no longer capable of making a voyage. See 3 Kent, Comm. 323, note.

INNER BARRISTER. A serjeant or king's counsel, in England, who is admitted to plead within the bar.

INNER HOUSE. The name given to the chambers in which the first and second divisions of the court of session in Scotland hold their sittings. See Outer House.

INNINGS. In old records. Lands recovered from the sea by draining and banking. Cowell.

INNKEEPER. One who keeps an inn or house for the lodging and entertainment of travelers. The keeper of a common inn for the lodging and entertainment of travelers and passengers, their horses and attendants, for a reasonable compensation. Story, Bailm. § 475. One who keeps a tavern or coffee-house in which lodging is provided. 2 Steph. Comm. 133. See Inn.

One who receives as guests all who choose to visit his house, without any previous agreement as to the time of their stay, or the terms. His liability as innkeeper ceases when his guest pays his bill, and leaves the house with the declared intention of not returning, notwithstanding the guest leaves his baggage behind him. Wintemute v. Clark, 5 Sand. (N. Y.) 242.

The words "innkeeper" and "hotel keeper" are synonymous, but each is distinct from a "boarding house keeper," in that the innkeeper has no right to select his guests, but must receive every one applying for accommodation who conducts himself in a proper manner, etc., while the keeper of a boarding house is one who maintains a house for the accommodation of those who enter under contract for entertainment at a certain rate for a certain period at an agreed compensation. McClaughrity v. Cline, 185 Tenn. 690, 193 S. W. 501. One who entertains strangers occasionally, although he may receive compensation for it, is not an innkeeper. State v. Matthews, 19 N. C. 424; Bonner v. Welborn, 7 Ga. 236; 1 Moir. 133.

INNOCENCE. The absence of guilt.

INNOCENT. Free from guilt; acting in good faith and without knowledge of incriminatory circumstances, or of defects or objections.

INNOCENT AGENT. In criminal law. One who, being ignorant of any unlawful intent on the part of his principal, is merely the instrument of the guilty party in committing an offense; one who does an unlawful act at the solicitation or request of another, but who, from defect of understanding or ignorance of the inculpatory facts, incurs no legal guilt. Smith v. State, 21 Tex. App. 107, 17 S. W. 552; State v. Carr, 28 Or. 359, 42 P. 215.

INNOCENT CONVEYANCES. A technical term of the English law of conveyancing, used to designate such conveyances as may be made by a leasehold tenant without working a forfeiture. These are said to be lease and re-lease, bargain and sale, and, in case of a life-tenant, a covenant to stand seized. See 1 Chit. Pr. 243.

INNOCENT PURCHASER. One who, by an honest contract or agreement, purchases property or acquires an interest therein, without knowledge, or means of knowledge sufficient to charge him in law with knowledge, of any infirmity in the title of the seller. Hanchett v. Kimbark (Ill.) 2 N. E. 517; Gerson v. Pool, 31 Ark. 90; Stephens v. Olson, 62 Minn. 286, 64 N. W. 898; King Cattle Co. v. Joseph, 135 Minn. 481, 196 N. W. 785, 800; Burdg v. Scott, 111 Kan. 610, 208 P. 668, 673; Lapsitz v. Rice (Tex. Civ. App.) 233 S. W. 594, 596; Degenhart v. Cartier, 58 Mont. 249, 192 P. 259, 296.

INNOCENT TRESPASS. A trespass to land, committed, not recklessly, but through inadvertence or mistake, or in good faith, under an honest belief that the trespasser was acting within his legal rights. Elk Garden Big vein Mining Co. v. Gerstel, 131 S. E. 152, 153, 100 W. Va. 472.

INNOCENT TRESPASSER. One who enters another's land unlawfully, but inadvertently or unintentionally, or in the honest, reasonable belief of his own right so to do, and removes sand or other material therefrom, is an "innocent trespasser." American Sand & Gravel Co. v. Spencer, 55 Ind. App. 523, 103 N. E. 426, 427.

INNOCENT WOMAN. One who has never had illicit intercourse with a man. State v. Cline, 170 N. C. 731, 67 S. E. 106, 107.

INNOMINATE. In the civil law. Not named or classed; belonging to no specific class; ranking under a general head. A term applied to those contracts for which no certain or precise remedy was appointed, but a general action on the case only. Dig. 2, 1, 4, 7, 2; Id. 19, 4, 5.

INNOMINATE CONTRACTS, literally, are the "unclassified" contracts of Roman law. They are contracts which are neither re, verbis, litteris, nor consensu simply, but some mixture of or variation upon two or more of such contracts. They are principally the contracts of permutatio, de estimato, precarium, and transactio. Brown.

INNONIA. In old English law. A close or inclosure, (clauesum, inclesuera.) Spelman.

INNOTESCIMUS. Lat. We make known. A term formerly applied to letters patent,
INNOVATION. In Scotch law. The exchange of one obligation for another, so as to make the second obligation come in the place of the first, and be the only subsisting obligation against the debtor. Bell. The same with "novation," (q. v.)

INNOXIARE. In Old English law. To purge one of a fault and make him innocent.

INNS OF CHANCERY. So called because anciently inhabited by such clerks as chiefly studied the framing of writs, which regularly belonged to the curators, who were officers of the court of chancery. There are nine of them,—Clement’s, Clifford’s, and Lyon’s Inn; Furnival’s, Thavies’s, and Symond’s Inn; New Inn; and Barnard’s and Staples’ Inn. These were formerly preparatory colleges for students, and many entered them before they were admitted into the inns of court. They consist chiefly of solicitors, and possess corporate property, hall, chambers, etc., but perform no public functions like the inns of court. Wharton.

INNS OF COURT. These are certain private unincorporated associations, in the nature of collegiate houses, located in London, and invested with the exclusive privilege of calling men to the bar; that is, conferring the rank or degree of a barrister. They were founded probably about the beginning of the fourteenth century. The principal inns of court are the Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Lincoln’s Inn, and Gray’s Inn. *The two former originally belonged to the Knights Templar; the two latter to the earls of Lincoln and Gray respectively.* These bodies now have a “common council of legal education,” for giving lectures and holding examinations. The inns of chancery, distinguishable from the foregoing, but generally classed with them under the general name, are the buildings known as “Clifford’s Inn,” “Clement’s Inn,” “New Inn,” “Staples’ Inn,” and “Barnard’s Inn.” They were formerly a sort of collegiate houses in which law students learned the elements of law before being admitted into the inns of court, but they have long ceased to occupy that position.

INNUENDO. This Latin word (commonly translated “meaning”) was the technical beginning of that clause in a declaration or indictment for slander or libel in which the meaning of the alleged libelous words was explained, or the application of the language charged to the plaintiff was pointed out. Hence it gave its name to the whole clause; and this usage is still retained, although an equivalent English word is now substituted. Thus, it may be charged that the defendant said “he (meaning the said plaintiff) is a perjurer.”


The word is also used, (though more rarely) in other species of pleadings, to introduce an explanation of a preceding word, charge, or averment.

It is said to mean no more than the words “id est,” “scilicet,” or “meaning,” or “as referred to,” as explanatory of a subject-matter sufficiently expressed before: as “such a one, meaning the defendant,” or “such a subject, meaning the subject in question.” Comp. 1683. It is only explanatory of some matter already expressed. It serves to point out where there is precedent matter, but never for a new charge. It may apply what is already expressed, but cannot add to or enlarge or change the sense of the previous words. I Chit. Pl. 422. See Grand v. Anglo Cal. 58, 54 P. 350; Naulty v. Bulletin Co. 206 Pa. 123, 55 A. 852; Cheetham v. Tillotson 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 438; Quinn v. Prudential Ins. Co., 116 Iowa, 522, 90 N. W. 349; Dickson v. State, 34 Tex. Cr. R. 1, 50 S. W. 807, 53 Am. St. Rep. 604; Ace-Herald Pub. Co. v. Waterman, 158 Ala. 272, 66 So. 16, 19, Am. Cas. 1916B, 900; Sturdivant v. Duke, 155 Ky. 100, 159 S. W. 621, 48 L. R. A. (N. S.) 615; Wisker v. Nichols, 165 Iowa, 15, 143 N. W. 1124, 1024; Ventresca v. Kissner, 105 Conn. 575, 136 A. 90, 92; Kee v. Armstrong, Byrd & Co., 75 Okl. 84, 182 P. 494, 495, 5 A. L. R. 1349.


Its office is to set a meaning upon words or language of doubtful or ambiguous import which alone would not be actionable. Ball v. National Newspaper Ass’n, 188 Mo. App. 463, 192 S. W. 129, 134.
INOFFICIUM. In the civil law. Inofficius; contrary to natural duty or affection. Used of a will of a parent which disinherited a child without just cause, or that of a child which disinherited a parent, and which could be contested by querela inofficii testamenti. Dig. 2, 5, 3, 13; Paulus, lib. 4, tit. 5, § 1.

INOFFICIOUS TESTAMENT. A will not in accordance with the testator’s natural affection and moral duties. Williams, Ex’rs (7th Ed.) 38; Stein v. Wilinski, 4 Redf. Sur. (N. Y.) 450; In re Willford’s Will (N. J.) 51 A. 502. But particularly, in the civil law, a will which deprives the heirs of that portion of the estate to which the will entitles them, and of which they cannot legally be disinherited. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 714; Civ. Code La. art. 3556, subd. 16. A testament contrary to the natural duty of the parent, because it totally disinherited the child, without expressly giving the reason therefor.

INOFICIICIOCIDAD. In Spanish law. Every thing done contrary to a duty or obligation assumed, as well as in opposition to the piety and affection dictated by nature: inofficium dicitur id omne quod contra pietatis officium factum est. The term applies especially to testaments, donations, dower, etc., which may be either revoked or reduced when they affect injuriously the rights of creditors or heirs.

INOPS CONSILII. Lat. Destitute of counsel; without legal counsel. A term applied to the acts or condition of one acting without legal advice, as a testator drafting his own will.

INORDINATUS. An intestate.

INPENNY and OUTPENNY. In old English law. A customary payment of a penny on entering into and going out of a tenancy, (pro exitu de tenura, et pro ingressu.) Spelman.

INQUEST. A body of men appointed by law to inquire into certain matters. The grand jury is sometimes called the “grand inquest.”

The judicial inquiry made by a jury summoned for the purpose is called an “inquest.” The finding of such men, upon an investigation, is also called an “inquest.” People v. Coombs, 36 App. Div. 284, 55 N. Y. S. 276; Davis v. Bibb County, 116 Ga. 22, 42 S. E. 403.

The inquiry by a coroner, termed a “coroner’s inquest,” into the manner of the death of any one who has been slain, or has died suddenly or in prison.

This name is also given to a species of proceeding under the New York practice, allowable where the defendant in a civil action has not filed an affidavit of merits nor verified his answer. In such case the issue may be taken up, out of its regular order, on plaintiff’s motion, and tried without the admission of any affirmative defense.

An inquest is a trial of an issue of fact where the plaintiff alone introduces testimony. The defendant is entitled to appear at the taking of the inquest, and to cross-examine the plaintiff’s witnesses; and if he do appear, the inquest must be taken before a jury, unless a jury be expressly waived by him. Haines v. Davis, 6 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 113.

The term “inquest,” as applied to Surrogates’ Courts, is a term of larger signification than as applied to proceedings at common law, and includes the exercise of the surrogate’s function to determine all the circumstances concerning the genuineness of a will offered for probate, and the validity of its execution, without reference to whether there is a contest or not; his judicial power arising only after he has determined that the will is genuine and validly executed. In re Hermann’s Will, 145 N. Y. S. 291, 297, 83 Misc. 283.

In General

—Coroner’s inquest. See Coroner.

—inquest of lunacy. See Lunacy,

—inquest, arrest of. See Arrest.

—inquest of office. In English practice. An inquiry made by the king (or the queen’s) officer, his sheriff, coroner, or escheator, stirrute officii, or by writ sent to them for that purpose, or by commissioners specially appointed, concerning any matter that entitles the king to the possession of lands or tenements, goods or chattels; as to inquire whether the king’s tenant for life died seised, whereby the reversion accrues to the king; whether A., who held immediately of the crown, died without heir, in which case the lands belong to the king by escheat; whether B. be attainted of treason, whereby his estate is forfeited to the crown; whether C., who has purchased land, be an alien, which is another cause of forfeiture, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 258. These inquests of office were more frequent in practice during the continuance of the military tenures than at present; and were devised by law as an authentic means to give the king his right by solemn matter of record. Id. 258, 259; 4 Steph. Comm. 40, 41. Sometimes simply termed “office,” as in the phrase “office found” (q. v.). See Atlantic & P. R. Co. v. Mingus, 165 U. S. 413, 17 S. Ct. 348, 41 L. Ed. 770; Baker v. Shy, 9 Heisk., (Tenn.) 89.

—inquest of sheriffs. An inquest which directs a general inquiry as to the methods in which the sheriffs had been conducting the local government of the country (1170). 1 Holdsw. H. E. L. 21.

INQUILINUS. In Roman law. A tenant; one who hires and occupies another’s house; but particularly, a tenant of a hired house in a city, as distinguished from colonus, the
hiring of a house or estate in the country. Calvin.

INQUIREndo. An authority given to some official person to institute an inquiry concerning the crown's interests.

INQUIRY, WRIT OF. A writ sued out by a plaintiff in a case where the defendant has let the proceedings go by default, and an interlocutory judgment has been given for damages generally, where the damages do not admit of calculation. It issues to the sheriff of the county in which the venue is laid, and commands him to inquire, by a jury of twelve men, concerning the amount of damages. The sheriff thereupon tries the cause in his sheriff's court, and some amount must always be returned to the court. But the return of the inquest merely informs the court, which may, if it choose, in all cases assess damages and thereupon give final judgment. 2 Archb. Pr., Waterman ed. 952; 3 Bla. Com. 398; 3 Chitty, Stat. 495, 497.

INQUISITIO. In old English law. An inquisition or inquest. Inquisitio post mortem, an inquisition after death. An inquest of office held, during the continuance of the military tenures, upon the death of every one of the king's tenants, to inquire of what lands he died seised, who was his heir, and of what age, in order to entitle the king to his marriage, wardship, relief, prizer salien, or other advantages, as the circumstances of the case might turn out. 3 Bl. Comm. 253. Inquisitio patriae, the inquisition of the country; the ordinary jury, as distinguished from the grand assize. Bract. fol. 159.

INQUISITION. In practice. An inquiry or inquest; particularly, an investigation of certain facts made by a sheriff, together with a jury impaneled by him for the purpose. The instrument of writing on which their decision is made is also called an inquisition.


INQUISITION AFTER DEATH. See Inquisitio.

INQUISITIO OF LUNACY. See Lunacy.

INQUISITOR. A designation of sheriffs, coroners super visum corporis, and the like, who have power to inquire into certain matters.

In Ecclesiastical Law

The name of an officer who is authorized to inquire into heresies, and the like, and to punish them. A judge.

INROLL. A form of "enroll," used in the old books. 3 Rep. Ch. 63, 73; 2 East, 410.

INROLLMENT. See Enrollment.
The concept of insanity is a complex one, rooted in the distinction between lucid intervals and recurrent periods of mental instability. In the legal definition, an individual is considered insane if they are unable to distinguish right from wrong or are unable to think clearly, often due to a mental disorder. This concept is crucial in determining the culpability of a defendant in legal proceedings.

**Synonyms**

_Lunacy._ Lunacy, at the common law, was a term used to describe the state of one who, by sickness, grief, or other accident, has wholly lost his memory and understanding. Co. Litt. 246b, 247a; Com. v. Haskell, 2 Brewst. (Pa.) 496. It is distinguished from idiocy, an idiot being one who from his birth has had no memory or understanding, while lunacy implies the possession and subsequent loss of mental powers. Bicknell v. Spear, 35 Misc. Rep. 359, 77 N. Y. S. 920. On the other hand, lunacy is a total deprivation or suspension of the ordinary powers of the mind, and is to be distinguished from imbecility, where there is a more or less advanced decay and feebleness of the intellectual faculties. In re Vananken, 10 N. J. Eq. 186, 195; Odell v. Buck, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 142. As to all other forms of insanity, lunacy was originally distinguished by the occurrence of lucid intervals, and hence might be described as a periodical or recurrent insanity. In re Anderson, 182 N. C. 243, 43 S. E. 949; Hiett v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 563, 15 S. E. 146. But while these distinctions are still observed in some jurisdictions, they are more generally disregarded; so that, at present, in inquisitions of lunacy and other such proceedings, the term “lunacy” has almost everywhere come to be synonymous with “insanity,” Smith v. Hickanbottom, 57 Iowa, 733, 11 N. W. 664, 607, and is used as a general description of all forms of derangement or mental unsoundness, this rule being established by statute in many states and by judicial decisions in others. In re Clark, 175 N. Y. 139, 67 N. E. 212; Smith v. Hickanbottom, 57 Iowa, 733, 11 N. W. 664; Cason v. Owens, 100 Ga. 142, 28 S. E. 75; In re Hilt, 31 N. J. Eq. 203.

Cases of arrested mental development would come within the definition of lunacy, that is, where the patient was born with a normal brain, but the cessation of mental growth occurred in infancy or so near it that he never acquired any greater intelligence or discretion than belongs to a normally healthy child. Such a subject might be scientifically denominated an “idiot,” but not legally, for in law the latter term is applicable only to congenital amentia. The term “lucid interval” means not an apparent tranquility or seeming repose, or cessation of the violent symptoms of the disorder, or a simple diminution or remission of the disease, but a temporary cure—an intermission so clearly marked that it perfectly resembles a return of health; and it must be such a restoration of the faculties as enables the patient beyond doubt to comprehend the nature of his acts and transact his affairs as usual; and it must be continued for a length of time sufficient to give certainty to the temporary restoration of reason. Godden v. Burke, 35 La. Ann. 100, 173; Ricketts v. Jolliff, 62 Miss. 440; Ekin v. McCracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 504; Frazer v. Frazer, 2 Del. Ch. 260.

**Idiocy** is congenital amentia, that is, a want of reason and intelligence existing from birth and due to structural defect or malformation of the brain. It is a congenital obliteration of the chief mental powers, and is defined in law as that condition in which the patient has never had, from his birth, even the least glimmering of reason; for a man is not legally an “idiot” if he can tell his parents, his age, or other like common matters. This is not the condition of a deranged mind, but that of a total absence of mind, so that, while idiocy is generally classed under the general designation of “insanity,” it is rather to be regarded as a natural defect than as a disease or as the result of a disease. It differs from “lunacy,” because there are no lucid intervals or periods of ordinary intelligence. See In re Beaumont, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 53, 29 Am. Dec. 33; Clark v. Robinson, 83 Ill. 502; Crosswell v. People, 13 Mich. 427, 57 Am. Dec. 774; Hiett v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 563, 15 S. E. 146; Thompson v. Thompson, 21 Barb. (N. Y.) 128; In re Owings, 1 Blund. (Md.) 386, 17 Am. Dec. 311; Francke v. His Wife, 29 La. Ann. 304; Hall v. Unger, 11 Fed. Cas. 261; Bicknell v. Spear, 35 Misc. Rep. 359, 77 N. Y. S. 920.

**Imbecility._** A more or less advanced decay and feebleness of the intellectual faculties; that weakness of mind which, without depriving the person entirely of the use of his reason, leaves only the faculty of conceiving the most common and ordinary ideas and such as relate almost always to physical wants and habits. It varies in shades and degrees from merely excessive folly and eccentricity to an almost total vacuity of mind or amentia, and the test of legal capacity, in this condition, is the stage to which the weakness of mind has advanced, as measured by the degree of reason, judgment, and memory remaining. It may proceed from paresis or general paralysis, from senile decay, or from the advanced stages of any of the ordinary forms of insanity; and the term is rather descriptive of the consequences of insanity than of any particular type of the disease. See Calderon v. Martin, 50 La. Ann. 1153, 23 South. 909; Delafeld v. Parish, 1 Redf. (N. Y.) 115; Campbell v. Campbell, 130 Ill. 496, 22 N. E. 620, 6 L. R. A. 167; Messenger v. Bliss, 35 Ohio St. 592.

Mere imbecility or weakness of mind, however great, is not "insanity." There must be a total want of understanding. Johnson v. Willard, 110 Neb. 830, 195 N. W. 485, 487.
An "insane delusion" is an idea or belief which springs spontaneously from a diseased or perverted mind without reason or without foundation in fact. It is distinguishable from a belief which is founded upon prejudice or aversion, no matter how unreasonable or unfounded the prejudice or aversion may be, and if it is the product of a reasoning mind, no matter how slight the evidence on which it is based, it cannot be classed as an insane delusion. Coffey v. Miller, 160 Ky. 415, 169 S. W. 852, 854, Ann. Cas. 1910C, 30; In re Barham's Estate, 240 Mich. 383, 215 N. W. 261, 390.

As to the distinctions between "Delusion" and "Illusion" and "Hallucination," see those titles.

Forms and Varieties of Insanity

Without attempting a scientific classification of the numerous types and forms of insanity, (as to which it may be said that there is as yet no final agreement among psychologists and athletes either as to analysis or nomenclature,) definitions and explanations will here be appended of the compound and descriptive terms most commonly met with in medical jurisprudence. And, first, as to the origins or causes of the disease:

Choreic insanity is insanity arising from chorea, the latter being a nervous disease, more commonly attacking children than adults, characterized by irregular and involuntary twitchings of the muscles of the limbs and face, popularly called "St. Vitus' dance."

Congenital insanity is that which exists from the birth of the patient, and is (in law) properly called "idiocy." See supra.

Cretinism is a form of imperfect or arrested mental development, which may amount to idiocy, with physical degeneracy or deformity or lack of development; endemic in Switzerland and some other parts of Europe, but the term is applied to similar states occurring elsewhere.

Delirium tremens. A disease of the nervous system, induced by the excessive and protracted use of intoxicating liquors, Ætna Life Ins. Co. v. Deming, 123 Ind. 384, 24 N. B. 36, 87, usually occurring in habitual drinkers after a few days' total abstinence from liquors, but sometimes resulting directly and immediately from drunkenness, Erwin v. State, 10 Tex. App. 700, 702; Knickerocker Life Ins. Co. v. Foley, 105 U. S. 350, 354, 26 L. Ed. 1085; Evers v. State, 31 Tex. Cr. R. 315, 20 S. W. 744, 745, 18 L. R. A. 421, 37 Am. St. Rep. 811; and affecting the brain so as to produce incoherence and lack of continuity in the intellectual processes, a suspension or perversion of the power of volition, and delusions, particularly of a terrifying nature, but not generally prompting to violence except in the effort to escape from imaginary dangers.
It is recognized in law as a form of insanity, and may be of such a nature or intensity as to render the patient legally incapacitated of committing a crime. United States v. McGlue, 1 Curt. 1, 26 Fed. Cas. 1063; Insurance Co. v. Doctor, 129 Ind. 384, 24 N. E. 86; Maconehev v. State, 5 Ohio St. 77; Erwln v. State, 10 Tex. App. 700; Carter v. State, 12 Tex. 500, 62 Am. Dec. 539. In some states the insanity of alcoholic intoxication is classed as “temporary,” where induced by the voluntary recent use of ardent spirits and carried to such a degree that the person becomes incapable of judging the consequences of the immoral aspect of his acts, and “settled,” where the condition is that of delirium tremens. Settled Insanity, in this sense, excuses from civil or criminal responsibility; temporary insanity does not. The ground of the distinction is that the former is a remote effect of imbibing alcoholic liquors and is not voluntarily incurred, while the latter is a direct result voluntarily sought for. Evers v. State, 37 Ark. 518, 2 S. W. 744, 13 L. A. 421, 37 Am. St. Rep. 811; Maconehey v. State, 5 Ohio St. 77; Carter v. State, 12 Tex. 500, 506, 62 Am. Dec. 539; State v. Kidwell, 62 W. Va. 496, 59 S. E. 494, 495, 13 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1024.

—Folie brightique. A French term sometimes used to designate an access of insanity resulting from nephritis or “Bright’s disease.” See In re McKeans’ Will, 31 Misc. 700, 66 N. Y. S. 44.

—Idiopathic insanity is such as results from a disease of the brain itself, lesions of the cortex, cerebral anemia, etc.

—Paranoid. “Paranoid” is a form of mental distress known as delusional insanity, and a person afflicted with it has delusions which dominate, but do not destroy, the mental capacity, and, though sane as to other subjects, as to the delusion and its direct consequences the person is insane. Mounger v. Gandy, 110 Misc. 133, 69 So. 817, 818.

—Pellagraous insanity. Insanity caused by or derived from pellagra, which is an endemic disease of southern Europe, (though not confined to that region,) characterized by erythema, digestive derangement, and nervous affections. (Cent. Dict.)

It is sometimes characterized as logical perversion, and is said to have “misplaced the antiquated term monomania, which not only implied that the delusion was restricted to one subject, but was otherwise insufficient and misleading;” 2 Clewenger, Med. Jur. 328. The memory, emotions, judgment, and conceptions are in most cases unimpaired, though each of these mental divisions may be involved; id. It is characterized by systematized delusions, the term taking the place of “monomania,” or “partial insanity;” Taylor v. McClintock, 57 Ark. 243, 122 S. W. 405.

—Polyneuritic insanity is insanity arising from an inflammation of the nerves, of the kind called “polyneuritis” or “multiple neuritis” because it involves several nerves at the same time. This is often preceded by tuberculosis and almost always by alcoholism, and is characterized specially by delusions and falsification of the memory. It is otherwise called “Korssakoff’s disease.” (Kraepelin.)

—Puerperal insanity is mental derangement occurring in women at the time of child-birth or immediately after: it is also called “colampsia parturientium.”

—Syphilitic insanity is paresis or progressive imbecility resulting from the infection of syphilis. It is sometimes called (as being a sequence or result of that disease) “melus-syphilis” or “parasyphilis.”

—Tabetic dementia. A form of mental derangement or insanity complicated with “tabes dorsalis” or locomotor ataxia, which generally precedes, or sometimes follows, the mental attack. As to insanity resulting from cerebral embolism, see Emolism: from epilepsy, see Epilepsy. As to chronic alcoholism as a form of insanity, see Alcoholism.

—Traumatic insanity is such as results from a wound or injury, particularly to the head or brain, such as fracture of the skull or concusion of the brain.

General Descriptive and Clinical Terms

—Affective insanity. A modern comprehensive term descriptive of all those forms of insanity which affect or relate to the feelings and emotions and hence to the ethical and social relations of the individual.

—Circular insanity. Another name for maniacal-depressive insanity, which see.

—“Emotional insanity” or mania transitoria applies to the case of one in the possession of his ordinary reasoning faculties who allows his passions to convert him into a temporary maniac. Mutual L. Ins. Co. v. Terry, 15 Wall. 689, 682, 21 L. Ed. 296.

In a criminal case the law rejects the doctrine of what is called emotional insanity, which begins on the eve of the criminal act, and leaves off when it is committed. People v. Kernaghan, 22 Cal. 679, 14 P. 566, 568; Graves v. State, 45 N. J. Law (18 Vroom) 347, 350, 46 Am. Rep. 778.

—Habitual insanity. Such insanity as is, in its nature, continuous and chronic. Wright v. Market Bank (Tenn. Ch. App.) 60 S. W. 623, 524.

—Folie circulaire. The French name for circular insanity or maniacal-depressive insanity.

—General paralysis. Dementia paralytica or Paresis.

—Involuntary insanity. That which sometimes accompanies the “involution” of the
physical structure and physiology of the individual, the reverse of their "evolution," hence practically equivalent to the imbecility of old age or senile dementia.

—Katatonia. A form of insanity distinguished by periods of acute mania and melancholia and especially by cataleptic states or conditions; the "insanity of rigidity." (Kahlbaum.) A type of insanity characterized particularly by "stereotypism," an instinctive inclination to purposeless repetition of the same expressions of the will, and "negativism," a senseless resistance against every outward influence. (Kraepelin.)

—Legal insanity. Legal insanity is a disorder of the intellect, and is distinguished from "moral insanity," which is a disorder of the feelings and propensities. In re Forman's Will, 54 Barb. 274, 291; Bensberg v. Washington University, 251 Mo. 641, 158 S. W. 330, 336. A disease of the brain, rendering a person incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong with respect to the offense charged. State v. Privitt, 175 Mo. 207, 75 S. W. 457, 459.

—Maniacal-depressive insanity. A form of insanity characterized by alternating periods of high maniacal excitement and of depressed and stuporous conditions in the nature of or resembling melancholia, often occurring as a series or cycle of isolated attacks, with more or less complete restoration to health in the intervals. (Kraepelin.) This is otherwise called "circular insanity" or "circular stupor."

—Moral insanity. A morbid perversion of the feelings, affections, or propensities, but without any illusions or derangement of the intellectual faculties; irresistible impulse or an incapacity to resist the prompting of the passions, though accompanied by the power of discerning the moral or immoral character of the act. Moral insanity is not admitted as a bar to civil or criminal responsibility for the patient's acts, unless there is also shown to be intellectual disturbance, as manifested by insane delusions or the other recognized criteria of legal insanity. Leach v. State, 22 Tex. App. 279, 3 S. W. 539, 58 Am. Rep. 638; In re Forman's Will, 54 Barb. (N. Y.) 291; State v. Leechman, 2 S. D. 171, 49 N. W. 3; Taylor v. McClintock, 87 Ark. 243, 112 S. W. 405, 412; Bensberg v. Washington University, 251 Mo. 641, 158 S. W. 330, 336.

In a very few of the states where moral insanity is recognized as a defense, it means an incapacity of resistance, as where there was an entire destruction of the freedom of the will, although the person perceived the moral or immoral character of the act. State v. Leechman, 49 N. W. 3, 5, 2 S. D. 171.

—Psychoneurosis. Mental disease without recognizable anatomical lesion, and without evidence and history of preceding chronic mental degeneration. Under this head come melancholia, mania, primary acute dementia, and mania hallucinatoia. Cent. Dict. "Neurosis," in its broadest sense, may include any disease or disorder of the mind, and hence all the forms of insanity proper. But the term "psychoneurosis" is now employed by Freud and other European specialists to describe that class of exaggerated individual peculiarities or idiosyncrasies of thought towards special objects or topics which are absent from the perfectly normal mind, and which yet have so little influence upon the patient's conduct or his general modes of thought that they cannot properly be described as "insanity" or as any form of "mania," especially because ordinarily unaccompanied by any kind of delusions. At most, they lie on the debatable border-line between sanity and insanity. These idiosyncrasies or obsessions may arise from superstition, from a real incident in the patient's past history upon which he has brooded until it has assumed an unreal importance or significance, or from general neurasthenic conditions. Such, for example, are a terrified shrinking from certain kinds of animals, unreasonable dread of being shut up in some enclosed place or of being alone in a crowd, excessive fear of being poisoned, groundless conviction of irredeemable sinfulness, and countless other prepossessions, which may range from mere weak-minded superstition to actual monomania.

—Partial insanity, as a legal term, may mean either monomania (see infra) or an intermediate stage in the development of mental derangement. In the former sense, it does not relieve the patient from responsibility for his acts, except where instigated directly by his particular delusion or obsession. Com. v. Mosier, 4 Pa. 264; Com. v. Barner, 199 Pa. 335, 49 A. 60; Trich v. Trich, 165 Pa. 585, 30 A. 1035. In the latter sense, it denotes a clouding or weakening of the mind inconsistent with some measure of memory, reason, and judgment. But the term, in this sense, does not convey any very definite meaning, since it may range from mere feeblemindedness to almost the last stages of imbecility. Appeal of Dunham, 27 Conn. 205; State v. Jones, 50 N. H. 339, 333, 9 Am. Rep. 242.

—Recurrent insanity. Insanity which returns from time to time, hence equivalent to "lunacy" (see supra) in its common-law sense, as a mental disorder broken by lucid intervals. There is no presumption that vital and exceptional attacks of insanity are continuous. Leach v. State, 22 Tex. App. 279, 3 S. W. 538, 58 Am. Rep. 638.

—Settled insanity. The term applied to delirium tremens, which is a kind of insanity produced by alcoholism, caused by the breaking down of the person's system by long-contin-
ued or habitual drunkenness, and brought on by abstinence from drink. It is thus termed, to distinguish it from "temporary Insanity," or drunkenness directly resulting from drink. Evers v. State, 20 S. W. 744, 748, 31 Tex. Cr. R. 318, 18 L. R. A. 421, 37 Am. St. Rep. 811.

Temporary delusion. The word implies unsoundness or derangement of mind or intellect, not a mere temporary or slight delusion, which might be occasioned by fever or accident. Karow v. New York Continental Ins. Co., 15 N. W. 27, 31, 57 Wis. 56, 48 Am. Rep. 17.

Other Forms of Insanity

Amenia, dementia, and mania. The classification of Insanity into these three types or forms, though once common, has of late given way to a more scientific nomenclature, based chiefly on the origin or cause of the disease in the particular patient and its clinical history. These terms, however, are still occasionally encountered in medical jurisprudence, and the names of some of their subdivisions are in constant use.

Amenia. A total lack of intelligence, reason, or mental capacity. Sometimes so used as to cover imbecility or dotage, or even as applicable to all forms of Insanity; but properly restricted to a lack of mental capacity due to original defective organization of the brain (idiocy) or arrested cerebral development, as distinguished from the degeneration of intellectual faculties which once were normal.

Dementia. A form of Insanity resulting from degeneration or disorder of the brain (ideopathic or traumatic, but not congenital) and characterized by general mental weakness and decrepitude, forgetfulness, loss of coherence, and total inability to reason, but not accompanied by delusions or uncontrollable impulses. Pyott v. Pyott, 90 Ill. App. 221; Hall v. Unger, 2 Abb. U. S. 510, Fed. Cas. No. 5,949; Dennett v. Dennett, 44 N. H. 531, 84 Am. Dec. 87; People v. Lake, 2 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 218. By some writers dementia is classed as a terminal stage of various forms of insanity, and hence may follow mania, for example, as its final condition. Among the sub-divisions of dementia should be noticed the following: Acute primary dementia is a form of temporary dementia, though often extreme in its intensity, and occurring in young people or adolescents, accompanied by general physical debility or exhaustion and induced by conditions likely to produce that state, as malnutrition, overwork, dissipation, or too rapid growth. Dementia parralytica is a progressive form of insanity, beginning with slight degeneration of the physical, intellectual, and moral powers, and leading to complete loss of mentality, or imbecility, with general paralysis. Also called paresis, paretic dementia, or cthrosis of the brain, or (popularly) "softening of the brain." Dementia praecox. A term applicable either to the early stages of dementia or to the dementia of adolescence, but more commonly applied to the latter. It is often (but not invariably) attributable to onanism or self-abuse, and is characterized by mental and moral stupidity, absence of any strong feeling of the impressions of life or interest in its events, blunting or obscuration of the moral sense, weakness of judgment, flightiness of thought, senseless laughter without mirth, automatic obedience, and apathetic despondency. (Kraepelin.) Senile dementia. Dementia occurring in persons of advanced age, and characterized by slowness and weakness of the mental processes and general physical degeneration, verging on or passing into imbecility, indicating the breaking down of the mental powers in advance of bodily decay. Ewalt v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 563, 15 S. E. 146; Pyott v. Pyott, 191 Ill. 280, 61 N. E. 88; McDaniel v. McCoy, 68 Mich. 332, 36 N. W. 84; Hamon v. Hamon, 150 Mo. 885, 79 S. W. 422; Graham v. Dettman, 91 N. E. 61, 62, 244 Ill. 124; Hibbard v. Baker, 104 N. W. 390, 400, 141 Mich. 124. Toxie dementia. Weakness of mind or feeble cerebral activity, approaching imbecility, resulting from continued administration or use of slow poisons or of the mere active poisons in repeated small doses, as in cases of lead poisoning and in some cases of addiction to such drugs as opium or alcohol.

Dementia praecox paranoid. "Dementia praecox paranoid" is a medical term indicating that form of dementia in which the patient exhibits ideas of persecution and has delusions. Rasmussen v. George Benz & Sons, 210 N. W. 75, 76, 168 Minn. 319.

Dipsomania. An irresistible impulse to indulge in intoxication, either alcohol or other drugs—opiums. This mania, or dipsomania, is classed as one of the minor forms of Insanity. Repeated intoxication for a number of years, which is entirely voluntary, is not dipsomania. One having the power to refrain from the use of intoxicants, and who becomes intoxicated voluntarily, is not affected with dipsomania. Ballard v. State, 23 N. W. 271, 273, 19 Neb. 609; State v. Riedell, 9 Houst. (Del.) 470, 14 Atl. 550; Ballard v. State, 19 Neb. 609, 28 N. W. 271; State v. Potts, 6 S. E. 657, 659, 100 N. C. 457.

Erotomania. A form of mania similar to nymphomania, except that the present term is applied to patients of both sexes, and that (according to some authorities) it is applicable to all cases of excessive sexual craving irrespective of origin; while nymphomania is restricted to cases where the disease is caused by a local disorder of the sexual organs reacting on the brain. In erotomania, there is often an absence of any lesion of the intellectual powers. See Krafft-Ebing, Psychi-
pathia Sexualis. Chaddock’s ed. And it is to be observed that the term “eroto mania” is now often used, especially by French writers, to describe a morbid propensity for “falling in love” or an exaggerated and excited condition of amateness or love-sickness, which may affect the general physical health, but is not necessarily correlated with any sexual craving, and which, though it may unnaturally color the imagination and distort the subject’s view of life and affairs, does not at all amount to insanity, and should not be so considered when it leads to crimes of violence, as in the common case of a rejected lover who kills his mistress.

—Fit of mania. A fit of mania includes a temporary depression or aberration of the mind, which sometimes accompanies or follows intoxication, and is often accompanied by delusions, hallucinations, and illusions. Gun ter v. State, 3 South. 600, 607, 85 Ala. 96.

—Homicidal mania. A form of mania in which the morbid state of the mind manifests itself in an irresistible inclination or impulse to commit homicide, prompted usually by an insane delusion either as to the necessity of self-defense or the averting of injuries, or as to the patient being the appointed instrument of a superhuman justice. Com v. Sayre, 5 Whl. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 426; Com v. Mosler, 4 Pa. 266.

—Hypomania. A mild or slightly developed form or type of mania.


—Mania. That form of insanity in which the patient is subject to hallucinations and illusions, accompanied by a high state of general mental excitement, sometimes amounting to fury. See Hall v. Unger, 2 Abb. U. S. 510, 11 Fed. Cas. 261; People v. Lake, 2 Park er Cr. R. (N. Y.) 218; Smith v. Smith, 47 Miss. 211; In re Gannon’s Will, 2 Misc. 529, 21 N. Y. Supp. 500; Dyar v. Dyar, 131 S. E. 535, 541, 161 Ga. 615; State ex rel. Bevan v. Williams, 315 Mo. 863, 291 S. W. 451, 452. In the case first above cited, the following description is given by Justice Field: “Mania is that form of insanity where the mental derangement is accompanied with more or less of excitement. Sometimes the excitement amounts to a fury. The individual in such cases is subject to hallucinations and illusions. He is impressed with the reality of events which have never occurred, and of things which do not exist, and acts more or less in conformity with his belief in these particulars. The mania may be general, and affe ct all or most of the operations of the mind; or it may be partial, and be confined to particular subjects. In the latter case it is generally termed ‘monomania.’” In a more popular but less scientific sense, “mania” denotes a morbid or unnatural or excessive craving, issuing in impulses of such fixity and intensity that they cannot be resisted by the patient in the enfeebled state of the will and blurred moral concepts which accompany the disease. It is used in this sense in such compounds as “homicidal mania,” “dipsomania,” and the like.


—Mania transitoria. The term applies to the case of one in the possession of his ordinary reasoning faculties, who allows his passions to convert him into a temporary maniac. Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Terry, 82 U. S. (15 Wall.) 580, 583, 21 L. Ed. 236.

—Melancholia. Melancholia is a form of insanity the characteristics of which are extreme mental depression, with delusions and hallucinations, the latter relating especially to the financial or social position of the patient or to impending or threatened dangers to his person, property, or reputation, or issuing in distorted conceptions of his relations to society or his family or of his rights and duties in general. Connecticut Mut. L. Ins. Co. v. Groom, 86 Pa. 92, 27 Am. Rep. 689; State v. Reidell, 9 Hoost. (Del.) 470, 14 Atl. 551; People v. Crist, 168 N. Y. 19, 60 N. E. 1057; In re Dobbeer’s Estate, 86 Pac. 695, 703, 149 Cal. 227, 9 Ann. Cas. 795. Hypochondria or hypochondriasis. A form of melancholia in which the patient has exaggerated or causeless fears concerning his health or suffers from imaginary disease. Toxiphobia. Morbid dread of being poisoned; a form of insanity manifesting itself by an excessive and unfounded apprehension of death by poison.

—Megalomania. The so-called “delirium of grandeur” or “folie de grandeur”; a form of mania in which the besetting delusion of the patient is that he is some person of great celebrity or exalted rank, historical or contemporary.

—Methomania. An irresistible craving for alcoholic or other intoxicating liquors, manifested by the periodical recurrence of drunken debauches. State v. Savage, 89 Ala. 1, 7 South. 188, 7 L. R. A. 426.
Monomania. "Monomania" is a perversion of the understanding in regard to a single object or a small number of objects, with the predominance of mental excitement, as distinguished from "mania," which means a condition in which the perversion of the understanding embraces all kinds of objects, and is accompanied with general mental excitement. Appeal of Dunham, 27 Conn. 192, 206; State v. John, 30 N. C. 330, 337, 49 Am. Dec. 396; Schutt v. Ransom, 79 Ind. 458, 464; Freed v. Brown, 55 Ind. 310, 317; People v. Luke, 2 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 215, 218; Hall v. United States (U. S.) 11 Fed. Cas. 261, 263. A perversion or derangement of the reason or understanding with reference to a single subject or small class of subjects, with considerable mental excitement and delusions, while, as to all matters outside the range of the peculiar infirmity, the intellectual faculties remain unimpaired and function normally. Hopps v. People, 31 Ill. 390, 83 Am. Dec. 281; In re Black's Estate, Myr. Prob. (Cal.) 27; Owing's Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 388, 17 Am. Dec. 311; Merritt v. State, 39 Tex. Cr. R. 70, 45 S. W. 21; In re Gannon's Will, 2 Misc. 329, 21 N. Y. Supp. 960; Bohler v. Hicks, 45 S. E. 306, 307, 120 Ga. 800.

 Necrophilism. A form of affectionate insanity manifesting itself in an unnatural and revolting fondness for corpses, the patient desiring to be in their presence, to caress them, to examine them, or sometimes to mutilate them, and even (in a form of sexual perversion) to violate them.

 Nymphomania. A form of mania characterized by a morbid, excessive, and uncontrollable craving for sexual intercourse. This term is applied only to women. The term for a corresponding mania in men is "satyriscus."

 Olkei mania, a form of insanity manifesting itself in a morbid state of the domestic affections, as an unreasonable dislike of wife or child without cause or provocation. Ekin v. McCracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 540.

 Paranoia. Monomania in general, or the obsession of a delusion or system of delusions which dominate without destroying the mental capacity, leaving the patient sane as to all matters outside their particular range, though subject to perverted ideas, false beliefs, and uncontrollable impulses within that range; and particularly, the form of monomania where the delusion is as to wrongs, injuries, or persecution inflicted upon the patient and his consequently justifiable resentment or revenge. Winters v. State, 61 N. J. Law, 613, 41 Atl. 220; People v. Brown, 158 N. Y. 558, 33 N. E. 529; Flanagan v. State, 103 Ga. 619, 30 S. E. 550. Paranoia is called by Kraepelin "progressive systematized insanity," because the delusions of being wronged or of persecution and of excessive self-esteem develop quite slowly, without inde-
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An insane person cannot be legally charged with a criminal intent; State v. Brown, 36 Utah 46, 102 P. 641, 24 L. R. A. (N. S.) 545.

In Coleman's case, in New York it was held that the "test of the responsibility for criminal acts, when insanity is asserted, is the capacity of the accused to distinguish between right and wrong at the time and with respect to the act which is the subject of inquiry." 1 N. Y. Cr. Rep. 1. With variations of expression this is the prevailing doctrine of the American courts; Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Terry, 15 Wall. 500, 21 L. Ed. 296; People v. Pico, 62 Cal. 50; State v. Windsor, 5 Harr. (Del.) 522; State v. Dunby, 1 Houst. Cr. Cas. (Del.) 166; State v. West, 1 Houst. Cr. Cas. (Del.) 371; Humphreys v. State, 45 Ga. 190; Com. v. Heath, 11 Gray (Mass.) 303; Cunningham v. State, 56 Miss. 236, 21 Am. Rep. 360; People v. Finley, 38 Mich. 482; State v. Shippey, 10 Minn. 223 (Gill. 178), 88 Am. Dec. 70; State v. Erb, 74 Mo. 199; State v. Kотовsky, 74 Mo. 247; Hawe v. State, 11 Neb. 537, 10 N. W. 452, 38 Am. Rep. 375; State v. Spencer, 21 N. J. L. 196; State v. Brandon, 53 N. C. 463; Thomas v. State, 40 Tex. 60; Dove v. State, 3 Helsly. (Tenn.) 518; Dunn v. People, 100 Ill. 635; State v. Alexander, 30 S. C. 74, 8 S. E. 440, 14 Am. St. Rep. 579; Com. v. Winnemore, 1 Brewst. (Pa.) 356; Com. v. Mosler, 4 Pa. 264; U. S. v. Shults, 6 McLean, 121, Fed. Cas. No. 16,286; Walker v. People, 88 N. Y. 86; Loefner v. State, 10 Ohio St. 559; Parker v. State, 91 Tex. Cr. R. 68, 238 S. W. 943, 946; People v. Williams, 184 Cal. 590, 194 P. 1019, 1020; Roe v. State, 17 Okl. Cr. 587, 191 P. 1048, 1051; State v. Alle, 82 W. Va. 601, 96 S. E. 1011, 1014; Perkins v. United States (C. C. A.) 223 F. 408, 415. The capacity to distinguish between right and wrong has been held not to be a safe test in all cases; State v. Felter, 25 Iowa, 67, per Dillon, C. J.; Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Terry, 15 Wall. 650, 21 L. Ed. 236. See also Brown v. Com., 75 Pa. 122.

Insane delusion is of no avail as a defense unless, if true, the facts supposed to exist would have excused the crime. Thurman v. State, 32 Neb. 224, 49 N. W. 338; People v. Taylor, 138 N. Y. 398, 34 N. E. 275; Smith v. State, 55 Ark. 259, 18 S. W. 237; Bolling v. State, 54 Ark. 588, 16 S. W. 653; State v. Gut, 13 Minn. 341 (Gill. 315); Boyard v. State, 30 Miss. 600; State v. Hutting, 21 Mo. 464; Gibson, C. J., In Com. v. Mosler, 4 Pa. 264; State v. Simms, 71 Mo. 638.

Irresistible impulse to commit a crime is defined as that uncontrollable impulse produced by a disease of the mind, when that disease is sufficient to override judgment and obliterate the sense of right as to the acts done, and deprives the accused of power to choose between them. 36 W. Va. 729, 15 S. E. 982, 15 L. R. A. 224. It was recognized as a defense in Stevens v. State, 31 Ind. 485, 98 Am. Dec. 684; Blackburn v. State, 23 Ohio St. 146; Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Terry, 15 Wall. 580, 21 L. Ed. 236; but it is held that no impulse, however irresistible, is a defense, where there is a knowledge as to the particular act between right and wrong; State v. Brandon, 53 N. C. 463; State v. Miller, 111 Mo. 542, 20 S. W. 243; Lovegrove v. State, 31 Tex. Cr. R. 491, 21 S. W. 191; People v. Clendenin, 91 Cal. 35, 27 P. 418; Thomas v. State, 71 Miss. 315, 15 So. 237; Patterson v. State, 86 Ga. 70, 12 S. E. 174; Wilcox v. State, 94 Tenn. 106, 28 S. W. 312; Talmy Med. Jur. 720; and that it was a crime morally, and punishable by the laws of the country; State v. Alexander, 39 S. C. 74, 8 S. E. 440, 14 Am. St. Rep. 579; Williams v. State, 50 Ark. 311, 9 S. W. 57; Newman v. State, 90 Tex. Cr. R. 303, 269 S. W. 440, 442; Wade v. State, 18 Ala. App. 322, 92 So. 97, 99.

Mere frenzy or ungovernable passion which controls the will and motives is not insanity sufficient to excuse crime. Garner v. State, 112 Miss. 317, 73 So. 50, 51.


Testamentary capacity includes an intelligent understanding of the testator's property, its extent and items, and of the nature of the act he is about to perform, together with a clear understanding and purpose as to the manner of its distribution and the persons who are to receive it. Lacking these, he is not mentally competent. The presence of insane delusions is not inconsistent with testamentary capacity, if they are of such a nature that they cannot reasonably be supposed to have affected the dispositions made by the will; and the same is true of the various forms of monomania and of all kinds of eccentricity and personal idiosyncrasy. But

As a ground for avoiding or annulling a contract or conveyance, insanity does not mean a total deprivation of reason, but an inability, from defect of perception, memory, and judgment, to do the act in question or to understand its nature and consequences. Frazier v. Frazier, 2 Del. Ch. 290; Durrett v. McWhorter, 161 Ga. 173, 129 S. E. 870, 874. The insanity must have entered into and induced the particular contract or conveyance; it must appear that it was not the act of the free and untrammeled mind, and that on account of the diseased condition of the mind the person entered into a contract or made a conveyance which he would not have made if he had been in the possession of his reason. Dewey v. Alligre, 37 Neb. 6, 55 N. W. 276, 49 Am. St. Rep. 468; Dennett v. Dennett, 44 N. H. 537, 54 Am. Dec. 97.

Insanity sufficient to justify the annulment of a marriage means such a want of understanding at the time of the marriage as to render the party incapable of ascertaining to the contract of marriage. The morbid propensity to steal, called "kleptomania," does not answer this description. Lewis v. Lewis, 44 Minn. 124, 46 N. W. 323, 9 L. R. A. 505, 20 Am. St. Rep. 539. The marriage of a person insane was held void in Inhabitants of Middleborough v. Inhabitants of Rochester, 12 Mass. 363; Gathings v. Williams, 27 N. C. 487, 44 Am. Dec. 49; Powell v. Powell, 18 Kan. 371, 26 Am. Rep. 774; Wightman v. Wightman, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 343; L. R. I. P. & D. 365; Waymire v. Jetmore, 22 Ohio St. 271; True v. Ranney, 21 N. H. 52, 53 Am. Dec. 164. A marriage contracted while one party was insane from delirium tremens was held void; Clement v. Mattison, 3 Rich. (S. C.) 53; but mere weakness of mind not amounting to derangement is not sufficient; Rawdon v. Rawdon, 28 Ala. 565; Crump v. Morgan, 58 N. C. 91, 40 Am. Dec. 447; and for that merely, or intoxication, a court has no power to declare a marriage null and void; Elsey v. Elsey, 1 Houst. (Del.) 308. The same degree of mental capacity which enables a person to make a valid deed or will is sufficient to enable him to marry; Inhabitants of Atkinson v. Inhabitants of Medford, 46 Me. 510.


One is "insane," so as to make self-destruction an accident, within the meaning of an insurance policy compensating death by accident, where he is so mentally diseased as to be incapable of understanding the nature of the right and unable to distinguish between right and wrong. London Guarantee & Accident Co. v. Officer, 78 Colo. 441, 242 P. 989, 991.

As a ground for restraining the personal liberty of the patient, it may be said in general that the form of insanity from which he suffers should be such as to make his going at large a source of danger to himself or to others, though this matter is largely regulated by statute, and in many places the law permits the commitment to insane asylums and hospitals of persons whose insanity does not manifest itself in homicidal or other destructive forms of mania, but who are incapable of caring for themselves and their property or who are simply fit subjects for treatment in hospitals and other institutions specially designed for the care of such patients. See, for example, Gen. St. Kan. 1901, § 6750 (Rev. St. 1923, § 78—1203).

To constitute insanity such as will authorize the appointment of a guardian or conservator for the patient, there must be such a deprivation of reason and judgment as to render him incapable of understanding and acting with discretion in the ordinary affairs of life; a want of sufficient mental capacity to transact ordinary business and to take care of and manage his property and affairs. See Snyder v. Snyder, 142 Ill. 60, 31 N. E. 303; In re Wetmore's Guardianship, 6 Wash. 271, 33 P. 615.

Insanity as a plea or proceeding to avoid the effect of the statute of limitations means practically the same thing as in relation to the appointment of a guardian. On the one hand, it does not require a total deprivation of reason or absence of understanding. On the other hand, it does not include mere weakness of mind short of insanity. It means such a degree of derangement as renders the subject incapable of understanding the nature of the particular affair and his rights and remedies in regard to it and incapable of taking discreet and intelligent action. See
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Burnham v. Mitchell, 34 Wls. 134. The time of sanity required in order to allow the statute to begin to run is such as will enable the party to examine his affairs and institute an action, and is for the jury; Clark’s Executor v.Trail’s Adm’rs, 1 Metc. (Ky.) 35.
There are a few other legal rights or relations into which the question of insanity enters, such as the capacity of a witness or of a voter; but they are governed by the same general principles. The test is capacity to understand and appreciate the nature of the particular act and to exercise intelligence in its performance. A witness must understand the nature and purpose of an oath and have enough intelligence and memory to relate correctly the facts within his knowledge. So a voter must understand the nature of the act to be performed and be able to make an intelligent choice of candidates. In either case, eccentricity, “crankiness,” feeble-mindedness not amounting to imbecility, or insane delusions which do not affect the matter in hand, do not disqualify. See District of Columbia v. Arnes, 107 U. S. 521, 2 S. Ct. 840, 27 L. Ed. 615; Clark v. Robinson, 88 Ill. 502.
Insanus est qui, abjecta ratione, omnia cum impetu et furore facit. He is insane who, reason being thrown away, does everything with violence and rage. 4 Coke, 128.
INSCRIBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To subscribe an accusation. To bind one’s self, in case of failure to prove an accusation, to suffer the same punishment which the accused would have suffered had he been proved guilty. Calvin.
INSCRIPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A written accusation in which the accuser undertakes to suffer the punishment appropriate to the offense charged, if the accused is able to clear himself of the accusation. Calvin; Cod. 9, 1, 10; Id. 9, 2, 16, 17.
INSCRIPTION.
In Evidence
Anything written or engraved upon a metallic or other solid substance, intended for great durability; as upon a tombstone, pillar, tablet, medal, ring, etc.
In Civil Law
An engagement which a person who makes a solemn accusation of a crime against another enters into that he will suffer the same punishment, if he has accused the other falsely, which would have been inflicted upon him had he been guilty. Code, 9. 1. 10; 9. 2. 16 and 17.
In Modern Civil Law
The entry of a mortgage, lien, or other document at large in a book of public records; corresponding to “recording” or “registration.”
INSCRIPTIONES. The name given by the old English law to any written instrument by which anything was granted. Blount.
INSECT POWDER. “Insect powder” is a dry powder used to kill or expel insects; an insecticide or insectifuge. Parke, Davis & Co. v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 255 F. 933, 935.
INSENSIBLE. In pleading. Unintelligible; without sense or meaning, from the omission of material words, etc. Steph. Pl. 377. See Union Sewer Pipe Co. v. Olson, 82 Minn. 187, 84 N. W. 756.
INSETENA. In old records. An inditch; an interior ditch; one made within another, for greater security. Spelman.
INSIDIATORES VIARUM. Lat. Highwaymen; persons who lie in wait in order to commit some felony or other misdemeanor.
INSIGNIA. Ensigns or arms; distinctive marks; badges; indica; characteristics.
INSILIARIUS. An evil counsellor. Cowell.
INSILIOUM. Evil advice or counsel. Cowell.
INSIMUL. Lat. Together; jointly. Townsh. Pl. 44.
INSIMUL COMPUTASSENT. They accounted together. The name of the count in assumptit upon an account stated; it being averred that the parties had settled their accounts together, and defendant engaged to pay plaintiff the balance. Fraley v. Bispham, 10 Pa. 325, 51 Am. Dec. 468; Loventhal v. Morris, 103 Ala. 322, 15 So. 672.
INSIMUL TENUIT. One species of the writ of formedom brought against a stranger by a co-partner on the possession of the ancestor, etc. Jacob.
INSINUACION. In Spanish law. The presentation of a public document to a competent judge, in order to obtain his approbation and sanction of the same, and thereby give it judicial authenticity. Escribe.
INSINUARE. Lat. In the civil law. To put into; to deposit a writing in court, answering nearly to the modern expression “to file.” Si non mandatum actis insinuatum est, if the power or authority be not deposited among the records of the court. Inst. 4. 11. 3.
To declare or acknowledge before a judicial officer; to give an act an official form.
INSINUATION. In the civil law. The transcription of an act on the public registers like
our recording of deeds. It was not necessary in any other alienation but that appropriated to the purpose of donation. Inst. 2, 7, 2.

INSINUATION OF A WILL. In the civil law. The first production of a will, or the leaving it with the registrar, in order to its probate. Cowell; Blount.

INSOLUTION. In medical jurisprudence. Sunstroke or heat-stroke; heat prostration.


Independent of statute, It may generally be said that insolvency, when applied to a person, firm, or corporation engaged in trade, means inability to pay debts as they become due in the usual course of business. Parker v. First Nat. Bank, 96 Okl. 70, 220 P. 59; Bushman v. Bushman, 311 Mo. 551, 279 S. W. 122, 126; Manning v. Middle States Oil Corporation, 15 Del. Ch. 321, 137 A. 73, 81; Steele v. Allen, 240 Mass. 394, 134 N. E. 401, 402, 20 A. L. R. 1203; Oklahoma Moline Plow Co. v. Smith, 41 Okl. 498. 139 P. 285, 287; Woodman v. Butterfield, 116 Me. 241, 104 A. 25, 29.

The mere fact that a corporation or an individual is unable to pay his debts upon a particular day does not constitute "insolvency." Wiggins Co. v. McMinnville Motor Car Co., 111 Or. 123, 225 F. 314, 317, and a bank is not "insolvent" if its assets are sufficient to meet its obligations within a reasonable time, although it did not have cash sufficient for its daily needs. Dunlap v. Seattle Nat. Bank, 101 F. 364, 368, 26 Wash. 568.

A man may be fully able to pay his debts, if he will, and yet if the eye of the law he is insolvent, if his property is so situated that it cannot be reached by process of law, and subjected, without his consent, to the payment of his debts. Pelham v. Chattahoochee Grocery Co., 156 Ala. 500, 47 So. 172.

Under Bankr. Act July 1, 1898, c. 541, § 1, cl. 15, 30 Stat. 545 (11 USCA § 1), and section 3a, cl. 4, as amended by Act Feb. 5, 1903, c. 487, § 2, 32 Stat. 797 (11 USCA § 21), a person shall be deemed insolvent within the provisions of the act whenever the aggregate of his property shall not at a fair valuation be sufficient in amount to pay his debts. In re Wm. S. Butler Co. (C. C. A.) 207 F. 705, 709; Anderson v. Myers (C. C. A.) 290 F. 101, 103; Mountain States Power Co. v. A. L. Jordan Lumber Co. (C. C. A.) 233 F. 502, 507.

As to the distinction between bankruptcy and insolvency, see Bankruptcy.

—Insolvency laws. Insolvency laws are generally statutory provisions by which the property of the debtor is surrendered for his debts; and upon this condition, and the assent of a certain proportion of his creditors, he is discharged from all further liabilities; Bartlet v. Prince, 9 Mass. 451; Otis v. Warren, 16 Mass. 53; 2 Kent 321; Ingr. Insolv. 9. Insolvency, according to some of the state statutes, may be of two kinds, voluntary and involuntary. Voluntary insolvency is the case in which the debtor institutes the proceedings, and is desirous of availing himself of the insolvency laws, and petitions for that purpose whereas involuntary insolvency is where the proceedings are instituted by the creditors in insitum, and so the debtor forced into insolvency.

—Insolvency fund. In English law. A fund, consisting of moneys and securities, which, at the time of the passing of the bankruptcy act, 1861, stood, in the Bank of England, to the credit of the commissioners of the insolvent debtors' court, and was, by the twenty-sixth section of that act, directed to be carried by the bank to the account of the accountant in bankruptcy. Provision has now been made for its transfer to the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt. Robs. Bankr. 29, 56.

—Open insolvency. The condition of one who has no property, within the reach of the law, applicable to the payment of any debt. Hardesty v. Kinworthy, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 305; Somerby v. Brown, 73 Ind. 556.

INSOLVENT. (Lat. in, privative, solvere, to pay). The condition of a person who is unable to pay his debts; 2 Bla. Com. 285, 471; Brouwer v. Harbeck, 9 N. Y. 589.

One who cannot or does not pay; one who is unable to pay his debts; one who is not solvent; one who has not means or property sufficient to pay his debts. See Insolvency.

IN SOLVENT

Other definitions

One who is unable to pay his debts as they fall due in the usual course of trade or business; 2 Kent 389; 1 M. & S. 338; Lee v. Kilbourn, 3 Gray (Mass.) 600; Mitchell v. Bradstreet Co., 116 Mo. 220, 22 S. W. 335, 724, 20 L. R. A. 138, 58 Am. St. Rep. 599; although his assets in value exceed the amount of his liability; In re Ramanathan, 119 Calif. 488, 52 P. 290; or the embarrassment is only temporary: Langham v. Lanier, 7 Tex. Civ. App. 4, 36 S. W. 255; but it is held that mere inability to pay debts promptly as they nature is not conclusive; Mensing v. Achison (Tex. Civ. App.) 26 S. W. 500; and that one who has sufficient property subject to legal process to satisfy all legal demands is not insolvent; Smith v. Collins, 94 Ala. 394, 10 South. 324. A corporation is insolvent when its assets are insufficient for the payment of its debts, and it has ceased to do business, or has taken, or is in the act of taking, a step which will practically incapacitate it from conducting the corporate enterprise with reasonable prospect of success, or its embarrassments are such that early suspension and failure must ensue; Corey v. Wadsworth, 99 Ala. 68, 11 So. 529, 23 L. R. A. 618, 42 Am. St. Rep. 23. A bank is insolvent when the cash value of its assets realizable in a reasonable time is not equal to its liabilities exclusive of stock liabilities; Ellis v. State, 358 Wis. 515, 219 N. W. 1110, 20 L. R. A. (N. S.) 444, 313 Am. St. Rep. 1022.

INSOLVENT LAW. See Insolveney Laws.

INSPECT. To look, to view or oversee for the purpose of ascertaining the quality or condition of the thing. U. S. v. A. Bentley & Sons Co. (D. C.) 203 F. 229, 239.

INSPECTOR. A prosecutor or adversary.

INSPECTION. "Inspection" means more than perusal, and means a critical examination, close or careful scrutiny, a strict or trying examination, or an investigation. In re Becker, 102 N. Y. S. 754, 756, 200 App. Div. 178.

The examination or testing of food, fluids, or other articles made subject by law to such examination, to ascertain their fitness for use or commerce. People v. Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (C. C.) 10 F. 361; Id., 107 U. S. 59, 2 S. Ct. 87, 27 L. Ed. 383; Turner v. Maryland, 107 U. S. 38, 2 S. Ct. 44, 27 L. Ed. 370.

The examination by a private person of public records and documents; or of the books and papers of his opponent in an action, for the purpose of better preparing his own case for trial.

Reasonable Inspection

A "reasonable inspection," as relates to duty of employer to provide employee with proper instruments with which to work, does not mean such an inspection as would necessarily or infallibly disclose a defect if one existed, but only such inspection as reasonably prudent man, in the exercise of ordinary care, would make. Alabama & V. R. Co. v. Fountain, 145 Miss. 515, 111 So. 253, 154.

INSPECTION LAWS. Laws authorizing and directing the inspection and examination of various kinds of merchandise intended for sale, especially food, with a view to ascertaining its fitness for use, and excluding unwholesome or unmarketable goods from sale, and directing the appointment of official inspectors for that purpose. See Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10, cl. 2; Story, Const. § 1017, et seq. Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 202, 6 L. Ed. 23; Clintsman v. Northrop, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 45; Fatatoss Quano Co. v. Board of Agriculture, 171 U. S. 345, 18 Sup. Ct. 602, 41 L. Ed. 191; Turner v. State, 55 Md. 263.

INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS. This phrase refers to the right of a party, in a civil action, to inspect and make copies of documents which are essential or material to the maintenance of his cause, and which are either in the custody of an officer of the law or in the possession of the adversary party.

INSPECTION, TRIAL BY. A mode of trial formerly in use in England, by which the judges of a court decided a point in dispute, upon the testimony of their own senses, without the intervention of a jury. This took place in cases where the fact upon which issue was taken must, from its nature, be evident to the court from ocular demonstration, or other irrefragable proof; and was adopted for the greater expedition of a cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 331.

INSPECTOR. The name given to certain officers whose duties are to examine and inspect things over which they have jurisdiction.

Officers whose duty it is to examine the quality of certain articles of merchandise, food, weights and measures, etc.

INSPECTORSHIP, DEED OF. In English law. An instrument entered into between an insolvent debtor and his creditors, appointing one or more persons to inspect and oversee the winding up of such insolvent's affairs on behalf of the creditors.

INSPEXIMUS (Lat.). We have seen. A word sometimes used in letters patent, reciting a grant, inspeiximus such former grant, and so reciting it verbatim; it then grants such further privileges as are thought convenient, 5 Co. 51.

INSTALL. To place in a seat, give a place to, set, place, or instate in an office, rank, or order, etc. State ex rel. Slattery v. Raupp, 303 Mo. 684, 263 S. W. 384, 385.

INSTALLATION. The ceremony of Inducting or investing with any charge, office, or rank, as the placing a bishop into his see, a dean or prebendary into his stall or seat, or a knight into his order. Wharton.

The act by which an officer is put in public possession of the place he is to fill. The president of the United States, or a governor, is
Installed into office, by being sworn agreeably to the constitution and laws.

Installation of machinery means to place in position where it will reasonably accomplish purposes for which it is set up. Long v. Ulmer Machinery Co., 77 Cal. App. 246 P. 113, 116.

INSTALLMENTS. Different portions of the same debt payable at different successive periods as agreed. Brown.

INSTANCE.

In Pleading and Practice

Satisfaction, properly of an earnest or urgent kind. An act is often said to be done at a party’s “special instance and request.” Miller v. Mutual Grocery Co., 214 Ala. 62, 106 So. 396.

“Instance” does not imply the same degree of obligation to obey as does “command.” Feore v. Trammel, 213 Ala. 293, 104 So. 506, 513.

In the Civil and French Law

A general term, designating all sorts of actions and judicial demands. Dig. 44, 7, 58.

In Ecclesiastical Law

Causes of instance are those proceeded in at the solicitation of some party, as opposed to causes of office, which run in the name of the judge. Halifax, Civil Law, p. 186.

In Scotch Law

That which may be insisted on at one diet or course of probation. Wharton.

INSTANCE COURT. In English law. That division or department of the court of admiralty which exercises all the ordinary admiralty jurisdiction, with the single exception of prize cases, the latter belonging to the branch called the “Prize Court.” The term is sometimes used in American law for purposes of explanation, but has no proper application to admiralty courts in the United States, where the powers of both instance and prize courts are conferred without any distinction. 3 Kent, Comm. 355, 373; The Betsey, 3 Dall. 6, 1 L. Ed. 455; The Emmanuel, 1 Gall. 563, Fed. Cas. No. 4,479.

INSTANCIA. In Spanish law. The institution and prosecution of a suit from its commencement until definitive judgment. The first instance, “prima instancia,” is the prosecution of the suit before the judge competent to take cognizance of it at its inception; the second instance, “segunda instancia,” is the exercise of the same action before the court of appellate jurisdiction; and the third instance, “tercera instancia,” is the prosecution of the same suit, either by an application of revision before the appellate tribunal that has already decided the cause, or before some higher tribunal, having jurisdiction of the same. Escrivans.

Instans est finis unius temporis et principium alterius. An instant is the end of one time and the beginning of another. Co. Litt. 185.

INSTANT. Present, current, as instant case. Webster, Dict.

INSTANTANEOUS. Añ “instantaneous” crime is one which is fully consummated or completed in and by a single act (such as arson or murder) as distinguished from one which involves a series or repetition of acts. See U. S. v. Owen (D. C.) 52 Fed. 537.

A death resulting within a few moments from a continuing injury is “instantaneous” within a statute respecting right of action for death. Reach v. City of St. Joseph, 122 Mich. 206, 158 N. W. 345, 1046.

INSTANter. Immediately; instantly; forthwith; without delay. Trial instanter was had where a prisoner between attainment and execution pleaded that he was not the same who was attained.

When a party is ordered to plead instanter, he must plead the same day. The term is usually understood to mean within twenty-four hours. Rex v. Johnson, 6 East, 583; Smith v. Little, 53 Ill. App. 160; State v. Cleverenger, 20 Mo. App. 627; Fentress v. State, 16 Tex. App. 83; Champlin v. Champlin, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 329.

INSTANTLY. Immediately; directly; without delay; at once.

INSTAR. Lat. Likeness; the likeness, size, or equivalent of a thing. Instar dentium, like teeth. 2 Bl. Comm. 205. Instar omnium, equivalent or tantamount to all. Id. 146; 3 Bl. Comm. 231.

INSTAURUM. In old English deeds. A stock or store of cattle, and other things; the whole stock upon a farm, including cattle, wagons, plows, and all other implements of husbandry. 1 Mon. Angli. 546b; Plota, lib. 2, c. 72, § 7. Terra instaurata, land ready stocked.

INSTIGATION. Incitation; urging; solicitation. The act by which one incites another to do something, as to commit some crime or to commence a suit. State v. Frazer, 148 Mo. 148, 49 S. W. 1017.

INSTIRpare. To plant or establish.

INSTITOR. Lat. In the civil law. A clerk in a store; an agent.

INSTITORIA ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The name of an action given to those who had contracted with an institor (q. v.) to compel the principal to performance. Inst. 4, 7, 2; Dig. 14, 3, 1; Story, Ag. § 428.

INSTITORIAL POWER. The charge given to a clerk to manage a shop or store. 1 Bell, Comm. 506, 507.

INSTITUTE. q. To inaugurate or commence; as to institute an action. Com. v. Duane, 1

To set up, to originate, to introduce. Brown v. City of Portland, 97 Or. 600, 190 P. 722, 724.

To nominate, constitute, or appoint; as to institute an heir by testament. Dig. 23, 5, 65.

**INSTITUTE, n.**

**In the Civil Law**

A person named in the will as heir, but with a direction that he shall pass over the estate to another designated person, called the "substitute."

**In Scotch Law**

The person to whom an estate is first given by destination or limitation; the others, or the heirs of tailzie, are called "substitutes."

**INSTITUTES.** A name sometimes given to text-books containing the elementary principles of jurisprudence, arranged in an orderly and systematic manner. For example, the Institutes of Justinian, of Galus, of Lord Coke.

**Institutes of Galus.** An elementary work of the Roman jurist Galus; important as having formed the foundation of the Institutes of Justinian, (q. v.) These Institutes were discovered by Niebuhr in 1816, in a codex rescriptus of the library of the cathedral chapter at Verona, and were first published at Berlin in 1820. Two editions have since appeared. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 54.

**Institutes of Justinian.** One of the four component parts or principal divisions of the Corpus Juris Civilis, being an elementary treatise on the Roman law, in four books. This work was compiled from earlier sources, (resting principally on the Institutes of Galus,) by a commission composed of Tribonian and two others, by command and under direction of the emperor Justinian, and was first published November 21, A. D. 533.

**Institutes of Lord Coke.** The name of four volumes by Lord Coke, published A. D. 1628. The first is an extensive comment upon a treatise on tenures, compiled by Littleton, a judge of the common pleas, temp. Edward IV. This comment is a rich mine of valuable common-law learning; collected and heaped together from the ancient reports and Year Books, but greatly defective in method. It is usually cited by the name of "Co. Litt." or as "1 Inst." The second volume is a comment upon old acts of parliament, without systematic order; the third a more methodical treatise on the pleas of the crown; and the fourth an account of the several species of courts. These are cited as 2, 3, or 4 "Inst.," without any author's name. Wharton.

---Theophilus' Institutes. A paraphrase of Justinian, made, it is believed, soon after A. D. 533. This paraphrase maintained itself as a manual of law until the eighth or tenth century. This text was used in the time of Hexabiblos of Harenepilus, the last of the Greek jurists. It is also conjectured that Theophilus was not the editor of his own paraphrase, but that it was drawn up by some of his pupils after his explanations and lectures, inasmuch as it contains certain barbarous phrases, and the texts of the manuscripts vary greatly from each other.

**INSTITUTIO HÆREDIS.** Lat. In Roman law. The appointment of the hæres in the will. It corresponds very nearly to the nomination of an executor in English law. Without such an appointment the will was void at law, but the praetor (i. e., equity) would, under certain circumstances, carry out the intentions of the testator. Brown.

**INSTITUTION.** The commencement or inauguration of anything. The first establishment of a law, rule, rite, etc. Any custom, system, organization, etc., firmly established. An elementary rule or principle.


The term "institution" is sometimes used as descriptive of an establishment or place where the business or operations of a society or association is carried on; at other times it is used to designate the organized body. Benjamin Ross Institute v. Mears. 92 Ohio St. 352, 110 N. E. 924, 925, 927, L. R. A. 1916D, 1178; Bartling v. Walt. 96 Neb. 352, 149 N. W. 507, 509.

**In Practice**

The commencement of an action or prosecution; as, A. B. has instituted a suit against C. D. to recover damages for trespass.

**In Political Law**

A law, rite, or ceremony enjoined by authority as a permanent rule of conduct or of government. Webster.

An organized society, established either by law or the authority of individuals, for promoting any object, public or social. Dodge v. Williams, 48 Wis. 70, 1 N. W. 92, 50 N. W. 1103; State v. Edmondson, 88 Ohio St. 625, 106 N. E. 41, 44.

A system or body of usages, laws, or regulations, of extensive and recurring operation, containing within itself an organism by which it effects its own independent action, continuance, and generally its own further development. Its object is to generate, effect, regulate, or sanction a succession of acts, transactions, or productions of a peculiar kind or
class. We are likewise in the habit of calling single laws or usages "institutions," if their operation is of vital importance and vast scope, and if their continuance is in a high degree independent of any interfering power. Lieb. Civil Lib. 300.

In Corporation Law

An organization or foundation, for the exercise of some public purpose or function; as an asylum or a university. By the term "institution" in this sense is to be understood an establishment or organization which is permanent in its nature, as distinguished from an enterprise or undertaking which is transient and temporary. Humphries v. Little Sisters of the Poor, 29 Ohio St. 206; Indianapolis v. Sturdevant, 24 Ind. 391.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A kind of investiture of the spiritual part of the benefice, as induction is of the temporal; for by institution the care of the souls of the parish is committed to the charge of the clerk. Brown.

In Civil Law

The appointment of an heir; the act by which a testator nominates one or more persons to succeed him in all his rights active and passive. Halifax, Anal. 39; Poitier, Tr. des Donations testamentaires, c. 2, s. 1, § 1; La Clv. Code, art. 1508 (Civil Code, art. 1605); Dig. 23. 5; 1, 1; 23. 6. 1, 2, § 4.

In Jurisprudence

The plural form of this word ("institutions") is sometimes used as the equivalent of "institutes," to denote an elementary textbook of the law.

In General

—Public Institution. One which is created and exists by law or public authority, e. g., an asylum, charity, college, university, schoolhouse, etc. Henderson v. Shreveport Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., 124 La. 39, 63 So. 616, 618, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 448.

INSTITUTIONES. Lat. Works containing the elements of any science; institutions or institutes. One of Justinian’s principal law collections, and a similar work of the Roman jurist Galus, are so entitled. See Institutes.

INSTRUCT. To convey information as a client to an attorney, or as an attorney to a counsel; to authorize one to appear as advocate; to give a case in charge to the jury.

INSTRUCTION.

In French Criminal Law

The first process of a criminal prosecution. It includes the examination of the accused, the preliminary interrogation of witnesses, collateral investigations, the gathering of evidence, the reduction of the whole to order, and the preparation of a document containing a detailed statement of the case, to serve as a brief for the prosecuting officers, and to furnish material for the indictment.

—Juges d'instruction. In French law. Officers subject to the procureur impérial or général, who receive in cases of criminal offenses the complaints of the parties injured, and who summon and examine witnesses upon oath, and, after communication with the procureur impérial, draw up the forms of accusation. They have also the right, subject to the approval of the same superior officer, to admit the accused to bail. They are appointed for three years, but are re-eligible for a further period of office. They are usually chosen from among the regular judges. Brown.

In Common Law

Order given by a principal to his agent in relation to the business of his agency.

In Practice

A detailed statement of the facts and circumstances constituting a cause of action made by a client to his attorney for the purpose of enabling the latter to draw a proper declaration or procure it to be done by a pleader.

In Trial Practice

A direction given by the judge to the jury concerning the law of the case; a statement made by the judge to the jury informing them of the law applicable to the case in general or some aspect of it; an exposition of the rules or principles of law applicable to the case or some branch or phase of it, which the jury are bound to accept and apply. Lehman v. Hawks, 121 Ind. 541, 23 N. E. 670; Boggs v. U. S., 10 Okl. 424, 56 P. 598; Lawler v. McPheters, 73 Ind. 579; Davis v. State, 155 Ark. 245, 244 S. W. 750, 752; Hanson v. Kent & Purdy Paint Co., 36 Okl. 383, 129 P. 7.

The generally accepted meaning of the word instruction, when applied to courts, means a direction that is to be obeyed. State v. Downing, 23 Idaho, 540, 130 P. 461, 462.

—Peremptory instruction. An instruction given by a court to a jury which the latter must obey implicitly; as an instruction to return a verdict for the defendant, or for the plaintiff, as the case may be.

INSTRUMENT. A written document; a formal or legal document in writing, such as a contract, deed, will, bond, or lease. State v. Phillips, 157 Ind. 481, 62 N. E. 12; Cardenas v. Miller, 108 Cal. 250, 39 P. 783; 49 Am. St. Rep. 84; Benson v. McMahon, 127 U. S. 457, 8 S. Ct. 1240, 32 L. Ed. 234; Abbott v. Campbell, 89 Neb. 371, 95 N. W. 592.

Anything reduced to writing, a document of a formal or solemn character, a writing given as a means of affording evidence. Smith v. Smith (Ind. App.) 110 N. E. 1013, 1014.
A document or writing which gives formal expression to a legal act or agreement, for the purpose of creating, securing, modifying, or terminating a right; a writing executed and delivered as the evidence of an act or agreement.

In the law of evidence. Anything which may be presented as evidence to the senses of the adjudicating tribunal. 1 Whart. Ev. § 615.

**INSTRUMENT OF APPEAL.** The document by which an appeal is brought in an English matrimonial cause from the president of the probate, divorce, and admiralty division to the full court. It is analogous to a petition. Browne, Div. 322.

**INSTRUMENT OF EVIDENCE.** Instruments of evidence are the media through which the evidence of facts, either disputed or required to be proved, is conveyed to the mind of a judicial tribunal; and they comprise persons and living things as well as writings. Best, Ev. § 123, 1 Whart. Ev. § 615.

**INSTRUMENT OF SAINSE.** An instrument in Scotland by which the delivery of "sainsie" (i.e., seisin, or the feudal possession of land) is attested. It is subscribed by a grantee, in the presence of witnesses, and is executed in pursuance of a "precept of sainsie," whereby the "grantor of the deed" desires "any notary public to whom these presents may be presented" to give sainsie to the intended grantee or grantees. It must be entered and recorded in the registers of sainsies. Mozley & Whitley.

**INSTRUMENTA.** Lat. That kind of evidence which consists of writings not under seal; as court-rolls, accounts, and the like. 3 Co. Litt. 487.


**INSUBORDINATION.** "Insubordination" is the state of being insubordinate; disobedience to constituted authority. United States v. Krafft (C. C. A.) 249 F. 919, 925, L. R. A. 1915F, 492.

Refusal to obey some order which a superior officer is entitled to give and have obeyed. Garvin v. Chambers, 195 Cal. 212, 232 P. 696, 701; Sheehan v. Board of Police Com'rs of City and County of San Francisco, 197 Cal. 70, 239 P. 844, 847.

"Insubordination" by a servant imports a willful disregard of express or implied directions of the employer and refusal to obey reasonable orders. MacIntosh v. Abbot, 231 Mass. 180, 120 N. E. 383.


**INSUCKEN MULTURES.** A quantity of corn paid by those who are thirled to a mill. See Thrillage.

**INSUFFICIENCY.** In equity pleading. The legal inadequacy of an answer in equity which does not fully and specifically reply to some one or more of the material allegations, charges, or interrogatories set forth in the bill. White v. Joy, 13 N. Y. 89; Houghton v. Townsend, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 446; Hill v. Fair Haven & W. R. Co., 75 Conn. 177, 52 A. 725.

**INSULA.** Lat. An island; a house not connected with other houses, but separated by a surrounding space of ground. Calvin.


**INSUPER.** Lat. Moreover; over and above. An old exchequer term, applied to a charge made upon a person in his account. Blount.


Such an interest as will make the loss of the property of pecuniary damage to the insured; a right, benefit, or advantage arising out of the property or dependent thereon, or any liability in respect thereof, or any relation thereto or concern therein, of such a nature that it might be so affected by the contemplated peril as to directly dammify the insured. 2 Joyce, Ins. §§ 887, 888. German Ins. Co. v. Hyman, 54 Neb. 704, 52 N. W. 401, 402; Getchell v. Mercantile & Manufacturers' Mut. Fire Ins. Co., 109 Me. 274, 88 A. 801, 802, 42 L. R. A. (N. S.) 133, Ann. Cas. 1913C, 738; Plum Trees Lime Co. v. Keeler, 92 Conn. 1, 101 A. 500, 311, Ann. Cas. 1918B, 531; Banner Laundry Co. v. Great Eastern Casualty Co., 148 Minn. 29, 180 N. W. 997, 999; Tischendorf v. Lynn Mut. Fire Ins. Co., 190 Wis. 35, 208 N. W. 917, 919, 45 A. L. R. 556.

Every interest in property, or any relation thereunto, or liability in respect thereof, of such a nature that a contemplated peril might directly dammify the insured, is an insurable interest. Civil Code Cal. § 2546; Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 4450 (Comp. Laws 1913, § 6466); Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 1802 (Rev. Code 1919, § 1374); Civ. Code Mont. 1885, § 2400 (Rev. Code 1921, § 4670).
In the case of life insurance, a reasonable expectation of pecuniary benefit from the continued life of another; also, a reasonable ground, founded upon the relation of the parties to each other, either pecuniary or of blood or affinity, to expect some benefit or advantage from the continuance of the life of the assured. Insurance Co. v. Schaefer, 94 U. S. 460, 24 L. Ed. 251; Warnock v. Davis, 104 U. S. 779, 26 L. Ed. 924; Rombach v. Insurance Co., 35 La. Ann. 234, 48 Am. Rep. 239; State v. Willett, 171 Ind. 296, 86 N. E. 68, 71, 23 L. R. A. (N. S.) 197; Brett v. Warnick, 44 Or. 511, 75 P. 1081, 1084, 102 Am. St. Rep. 639; First Nat. Bank of Lockney v. Livesay (Tex.) 37 S.W.(2d) 765, 767; National Life & Accident Ins. Co. v. Ball, 157 Miss. 163, 127 So. 268; Colgrove v. Love, 343 Ill. 360, 175 N. E. 569, 372.

INSURANCE. A contract whereby, for a stipulated consideration, one party undertakes to compensate the other for loss on a specified subject by specified perils. The party agreeing to make the compensation is usually called the "insurer" or "underwriter;" the other, the "insured" or "assured;" the agreed consideration, the "premium;" the written contract, a "policy;" the events insured against, "risks" or "perils;" and the subject, right, or interest to be protected, the "insurable interest." 1 Phil. Ins. §§ 1-5.


Classification

—Accident insurance is that form of insurance which undertakes to indemnify the assured against expense, loss of time, and suffering resulting from accidents causing him physical injury, usually by payment at a fixed rate per week while the consequent disability lasts, and sometimes including the payment of a fixed sum to his heirs in case of his death by accident within the term of the policy. See Employers' Liability Assur. Corp. v. Merrill, 156 Mass. 404, 29 N. E. 529.

—Burglary insurance. Insurance against loss of property by the depredations of burglars and thieves.

—Casualty insurance. This term is generally used as equivalent to "accident" insurance.


—Commercial insurance is a term applied to indemnity agreements, in the form of insurance bonds or policies, whereby parties to commercial contracts are to a designated extent guarantied against loss by reason of a breach of contractual obligations on the part of the other contracting party; to this class belong policies of contract credit and title insurance. Cowles v. Guaranty Co., 32 Wash. 120, 72 Pac. 1032, 89 Am. St. Rep. 383.

—Employers' insurance. Employers' insurance policies are of two sorts, the "liability" contract, which obligates the insurer to pay the loss without first requiring that the assured do so, and the "indemnity" contract, which obligates the insurer to reimburse only after the employer has paid the debt to the injured employee. Davies v. Maryland Casualty Co., 154 P. 1118, 1117, 89 Wash. 571, L. R. A. 1916D, 395, 398.

—Employer's liability insurance. In this form of insurance the risk insured against is the liability of the assured to make compensation or pay damages for an accident, injury, or death occurring to a servant or other employee in the course of his employment, either at common law or under statutes imposing such liability on employers.

—Fidelity insurance is that form of insurance in which the insurer undertakes to guaranty the fidelity of an officer, agent, or employee of the assured, or rather to indemnify the latter for losses caused by dishonesty or a want of fidelity on the part of such a person. See People v. Rose, 174 Ill. 310, 51 N. E. 246, 44 L. R. A. 124.

—Fire insurance. A contract of insurance by which the underwriter, in consideration of the premium, undertakes to indemnify the insured against all losses in his houses, buildings, furniture, ships in port, or merchandise, by means of accidental fire happening within a prescribed period. 3 Kent. Comm. 370; Mutual Ins. Co. v. Allen, 138 Mass. 27, 52 Am. Rep. 245; Durham v. Fire & Marine Ins. Co. (C. C.) 22 Fed. 470.

—Fraternal insurance. The form of life or accidental insurance furnished by a fraternal benevolent association, consisting in the undertaking to pay to a member, or his heirs in case of death, a stipulated sum of money, out of funds raised for that purpose by the payment of dues or assessments by all the members of the association.

—Guaranty or fidelity insurance is a contract whereby one, for a consideration, agrees to
Indemnify another against loss arising from the want of integrity or fidelity of employees and persons holding positions of trust, or embezzlements by them, or against the insolven-
cy of debtors, losses in trade, loss by non-payment of notes, or against breaches of contract.
See People v. Rose, 174 Ill. 310, 51 N. E. 246, 44 L. R. A. 124; Cowles v. United States Fi-
delity & Guaranty Co., 32 Wash. 120, 72 Pac. 1052; People v. Potts, 106 N. E. 524, 526, 264
Ill. 522; Employers' Liability Assur. Corpora-
American Hotel Co., 191 N. W. 321, 327, 109
Neb. 317; John Church Co. v. Aetna Indem-

—Industrial insurance. Small policies issued in consideration of weekly premium payments.
Life & Casualty Ins. Co. v. King, 195 S. W. 555, 588, 137 Tenn. 685.

—Life insurance. That kind of insurance in which the risk contemplated is the death of a
particular person; upon which event (if it occurs within a prescribed term, or, according to the contract, whenever it occurs) the insurer engages to pay a stipulated sum to the legal representatives of such person, or to a third person having an insurable inter-
est in the life of such person.

—Live-stock insurance. Insurance upon the lives, health, and good condition of domestic
animals of the useful kinds, such as horses and cows.

—Marine insurance. A contract whereby, for a consideration stipulated to be paid by one interested in a ship, freight, or cargo, subject to the risks of marine navigation, another undertakes to indemnify him against some or all of those risks during a certain period or voyage. 1 Phil. Ins. 1. A contract whereby one party, for a stipulated premi-
um, undertakes to indemnify the other against certain perils or sea-risks to which his ship, freight, and cargo, or some of them, may be exposed during a certain voyage, or a fixed period of time. 3 Kent, Comm. 253.
Marine insurance is an insurance against risks connected with navigation, to which a ship, cargo, freight, roights, or other insurable interest in movable property may be exposed during a certain voyage or a fixed period of time. Clv. Code Cal. § 2655. A contract of marine insurance is one by which a person or corporation, for a stipulated premi-

—Old line life insurance. Insurance on a level or flat rate plan where, for a fixed premium payable without condition at stated intervals, a certain sum is to be paid upon death with-
out condition. Mattera v. Central Life Ins.
Co., 215 S. W. 750, 751, 202 Mo. App. 293;
McPike v. Supreme Ruling of the Fraternal

—Plate-glass insurance. Insurance against
loss from the accidental breaking of plate-
glass in windows, doors, show-cases, etc.

—Steam boiler insurance. Insurance against
the destruction of steam boilers by their ex-
losion, sometimes including indemnity against injuries to other property resulting from
such explosion.

—Title insurance. Insurance against loss or
damage resulting from defects or failure of
title to a particular parcel of realty, or from
the enforcement of liens existing against it
at the time of the insurance. This form of insurance is taken out by a purchaser of the property or one loaning money on mortgage, and is furnished by companies specially or-
ganized for the purpose, and which keep com-
plete sets of abstracts or duplicates of the
records, employ expert title-examiners, and
prepare conveyances and transfers of all
sorts. A "certificate of title" furnished by such a company is merely the formally ex-
pressed professional opinion of the compa-
y's examiner that the title is complete and
perfect (or otherwise, as stated), and the com-
pany is liable only for a want of care, skill, or
diligence on the part of its examiner; where-
as an "insurance of title" warrants the valid-
ity of the title in any and all events. It is not
always easy to distinguish between such ins-
urance and a "guaranty of title" given by such a company, except that in the former
case the maximum limit of liability is fixed
by the policy, while in the latter case the undertaking is to make good any and all loss
resulting from defect or failure of the title.

—Tornado insurance. Insurance against In-
juries to crops, timber, houses, farm build-
ings, and other property from the effects of
thunderstorms, hurricanes, and cyclones.

Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

—Additional insurance. To constitute prohib-
lited "additional insurance" both policies must be on same subject-matter and on same in-
terest therein. Gower v. Fidelity-Phenix
Fire Ins. Co. of New York, 220 Mo. App. 1112,
296 S. W. 257, 260; Hackett v. Cash, 72 So.
52, 54, 196 Ala. 403; Hurst Home Ins. Co. v.
Deatley, 194 S. W. 910, 911, 175 Ky. 728, L.
R. A. 1917E, 750.

—Assessment life insurance policy. A con-
tract by which payments to insured are not
unalterably fixed, but dependent on collection
of assessments necessary to pay amounts ins-
ured, while an "old-line policy" unalterably
fixes premiums and definitely and unchange-
ably fixes insurer's liability. Clark v. Metropo-
litan Life Ins. Co., 135 A. 387, 388, 126
Me. 7.

--Double insurance. See Double.

--General and special insurance. In marine insurance a general insurance is effected when the perils insured against are such as the law would imply from the nature of the contract considered in itself and supposing none to be specified in the policy; in the case of special insurance, further perils (in addition to implied perils) are expressed in the policy. Vandenhuevel v. United Ins. Co., 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 127.

--Insurance adjuster. One undertaking to ascertain and report the actual loss to the subject-matter of insurance due to the peril insured against. Laws Wash. 1911, p. 163, § 2.

--Insurance agent. An agent employed by an insurance company to solicit risks and effect insurance. Agents of insurance companies are called "general agents" when clothed with the general oversight of the companies' business in a state or large section of country, and "local agents" when their functions are limited and confined to some particular locality. See McKinney v. Alton, 41 Ill. App. 512; State v. Accident Ass'n, 67 Wis. 624, 31 N. W. 229; Civ. Code Ga. 1886, § 2064 (Civ. Code 1910, § 2443).


--Insurance commissioner. A public officer in several of the states, whose duty is to supervise the business of insurance as conducted in the state by foreign and domestic companies, for the protection and benefit of policy-holders, and especially to issue licenses, make perodical examinations into the condition of such companies, or receive, file, and publish periodical statements of their business as furnished by them.

--Insurance company. A corporation or association whose business is to make contracts of insurance. They are either mutual companies or stock companies. A "mutual" insurance company is one whose fund for the payment of losses consists not of capital subscribed or furnished by outside parties, but of premiums mutually contributed by the parties insured, or in other words, one in which all persons insured become members of the association and contribute either cash or assessable premium notes, or both, to a common fund, out of which each is entitled to indemnity in case of loss. Mygatt v. Insurance Co., 21 N. Y. 65; Insurance Co. v. Hoge, 21 How. 35, 16 L. Ed. 61; Given v. Retew, 162 Pa. 688, 29 A. 703. A "stock" company is one organized according to the usual form of business corporations, having a capital stock divided into shares, which, with current income and accumulated surplus, constitutes the fund for the payment of losses, policy-holders paying fixed premiums and not being members of the association unless they also happen to be stockholders.

--Insurance policy. See Policy.


--Mutual insurance. That form of insurance in which each person insured becomes a member of the company, and the members reciprocally engage to indemnify each other against losses, any loss being met by an assessment laid upon all the members. A mutual life insurance association is one in which the individual member is at once an insurer of his fellow members and in turn is insured by them. Filley v. Illinois Life Ins. Co., 93 Kan. 193, 144 P. 257, 259, L. R. A. 1915D, 134.

--Over-insurance. Insurance effected upon property, either in one or several companies, to an amount which, separately or in the aggregate, exceeds the actual value of the property.

--Reinsurance. Insurance of an insurer: a contract by which an insurer procures a third person (usually another insurance company) to insure him against loss or liability by reason of the original insurance. Civ. Code Cal. § 2946; Insurance Co. v. Insurance Co., 38 Ohio St. 15, 43 Am. Rep. 413.

--Specific insurance. That provided by a policy under the terms of which the insurance in the event of loss is to be distributed among the several items of property, a specific amount to each item. Wilson & Co. v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co., 300 Mo. 1, 254 S. W. 266, 282.

INSURE. To engage to indemnify a person against pecuniary loss from specified perils. To act as an insurer. U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Williams, 148 Md. 290, 129 A. 660, 664.


INSURER. The underwriter or insurance company with whom a contract of insurance is made.

The person who undertakes to indemnify another by a contract of insurance is called the "insurer," and the person indemnified is called the "insured." Civil Code Cal. § 2538.

INSURGENT. One who participates in an insurrection; one who opposes the execution of law by force of arms, or who rises in revolt against the constituted authorities.

A distinction is often taken between "insurgent" and "rebel," in this: that the former term is not necessarily to be taken in a bad sense, inasmuch as an insurrection, though extralegal, may be just and timely in itself; as where it is undertaken for the overthrow of tyranny or the reform of gross abuses. According to Webster, an insurrection is an incipient or early stage of a rebellion.

INSURRECTION. A rebellion, or rising of citizens or subjects in resistance to their government. See Insurgent.

Insurrection shall consist in any combined resistance to the lawful authority of the state, with intent to the denial thereof, when the same is manifested, or intended to be manifested, by acts of violence. Code Ga. 1852, § 4315 (Pen. Code 1910, § 55). And see Allegeny County v. Gibson, 90 Pa. 417, 35 Am. Rep. 670; Boon v. Ætna Ins. Co., 40 Conn. 584; In re Charge to Grand Jury (D. C.) 62 Fed. 830.

INTAKERS. In old English law. A kind of thieves inhabiting Redesdale, on the extreme northern border of England; so called because they took in or received such booties of cattle and other things as their accomplices, who were called "outpartners," brought in to them from the borders of Scotland. Spelman; Cowell.

INTAKES. Temporary inclosures made by customary tenants of a manor under a special custom authorizing them to inclose part of the waste until one or more crops have been raised on it. Elton, Common, 277.


INTEGR. Lat. Whole; untouched. Res integra means a question which is new and undecided. 2 Kent, Comm. 177.

INTEGRITY. As occasionally used in statutes prescribing the qualifications of public officers, trustees, etc., this term means soundness of moral principle and character, as shown by one person dealing with others in the making and performance of contracts, and fidelity and honesty in the discharge of trusts; it is synonymous with "probity," "honesty," and "uprightness." In re Baquier's Estate, 88 Cal. 302, 26 Pac. 178; In re Gordon's Estate, 142 Cal. 125, 75 Pac. 672.

INTELLIGIBILITY. In pleading. The statement of matters of fact directly (excluding the necessity of inference or argument to arrive at the meaning) and in such appropriate terms, so arranged, as to be comprehensible by a person of common or ordinary understanding. See Merrill v. Everett, 38 Conn. 48; Davis v. Trump, 43 W. Va. 191, 27 S. E. 397, 64 Am. St. Rep. 849; Jennings v. State, 7 Tex. App. 398; Ash v. Purnell (Com. Pl.) 11 N. Y. Supp. 54.

INTEMPERANCE. Habitual intemperance is that degree of intemperance from the use of intoxicating drinks which disqualifies the person a great portion of the time from properly attending to business, or which would reasonably inflict a course of great mental anguish upon an innocent party. Civ. Code Cal. § 106. And see Mowry v. Home L. Ins. Co., 9 R. I. 853; Zeigler v. Com. (Pa.) 14 Atl. 238; Tatum v. State, 65 Ala. 149; Elkins v. Buschner (Pa.) 15 Atl. 104; State v. Latham, 174 Ala. 281, 61 So. 353; Deadwyler v. Grand Lodge K. of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, 131 S. C. 355, 129 S. E. 437; State v. Pratt, 192
INTENTION

INTEND. To design, resolve, purpose. To apply a rule of law in the nature of presumption; to discern and follow the probabilities of like cases.

INTENDANT. One who has the charge, management, or direction of some office, department, or public business.

INTENDED TO BE RECORDED. This phrase is frequently used in conveyances, when reciting some other conveyance which has not yet been recorded, but which forms a link in the chain of title. In Pennsylvania, it has been construed to be a covenant, on the part of the grantor, to procure the deed to be recorded in a reasonable time. Penn v. Preston, 2 Rawle (Pa.) 14.


INTENDENTE. In Spanish law. The immediate agent of the minister of finance, or the chief and principal director of the different branches of the revenue, appointed in the various departments in each of the provinces into which the Spanish monarchy is divided. Escruche.

INTENTMENT OF LAW. The true meaning, the correct understanding or intention of the law; a presumption or inference made by the courts. Co. Litt. 78.

Common Intendment

The natural and usual sense; the common meaning or understanding; the plain meaning of any writing as apparent on its face without straining or distorting the construction.

INTENT.

1. In Criminal Law and the Law of Evidence

Purpose; formulated design; a resolve to do or forbear a particular act; aim; determination. In its literal sense, the stretching of the mind or will towards a particular object.

"Intent" expresses mental action at its most advanced point, or as it actually accompanies an outward, corporal act which has been determined on. Intent shows the presence of will in the act which consummutes a crime. It is the exercise of intelligent will, the mind being fully aware of the nature and consequences of the act which is about to be done, and with such knowledge, and with full liberty of action, willing and electing to do it. Burritt, Circ. Ev. 214, and notes.

—General intent. An intention, purpose, or design, either without specific plan or particular object, or without reference to such plan or object.

2. Meaning; etc.

Meaning: purpose; signification; intendment; applied to words or language. See Certainty.

—Common intent. The natural sense given to words.

INTENTIO. Lat.

In the Civil Law

The formal complaint or claim of a plaintiff before the praetor.

In Old English Law

A count or declaration in a real action, (narratio.) Bract. lib. 4, tr. 2, c. 2; Fleta, lib. 3, c. 7; Du Cange.

Intentio caca mala. A blind or obscure meaning is bad or ineffectual. 2 Bulst. 179. Said of a testator's intention.

Intentio inservire debet legis, non leges intentioni. The intention [of a party] ought to be subservient to [or in accordance with] the laws, not the laws to the intention. Co. Litt. 314a, 314b.

Intentio mea impost nomen operi meo. Hob. 123. My intent gives a name to my act.

INTENTION. Meaning; will; purpose; design. "The intention of the testator, to be collected from the whole will, is to govern, provided it be not unlawful or inconsistent with the rules of law." 4 Kent, Comm. 534.

"Intention," when used with reference to the construction of wills and other documents, means the sense and meaning of it, as gathered from the words used therein. Parol evidence is not ordinarily admissible to explain this. When used with reference to civil and criminal responsibility, a person who contemplates any result, as not unlikely to follow from a deliberate act of his own, may be said to intend that result, whether he desire it or not. Thus, if a man should, for a wager, discharge a gun among a multitude of people, and any should be killed, he would be deemed guilty of intending the death of such person; for every man is presumed to intend the natural consequence of his own actions. Intention is often confounded with motive, as when we speak of a man's "good intentions." Mosley & Whitely.
INTENTIONE. A writ that lay against him who entered into lands after the death of a tenant in dower, or for life, etc., and held out to him in reversion or remainder. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 203.

INTER. Lat. Among; between.

INTER ALIA. Among other things. A term anciently used in pleading, especially in reciting statutes, where the whole statute was not set forth at length. Inter alia enactatum fuit, among other things it was enacted. See Plovwd. 65.

Inter alias causas acquisitionis, magna, celebris, et famosa est causa donationis. Among other methods of acquiring property, a great, much-used, and celebrated method is that of gift. Bract. fol. 11.

INTER ALIOS. Between other persons; between those who are strangers to a matter in question.

Inter alios res gestas alius non posse prejudicium facere saepe constitutum est. It has been often settled that things which took place between other parties cannot prejudice. Code 7, 60, 1, 2.

INTER APICES JURIS. Among the subtleties of the law. See Apex Juris.

Inter arma silent leges. In time of war the laws are silent. Cicero, pro Milone. It applies as between the state and its external enemies; and also in cases of civil disturbance where extrajudicial force may supersede the ordinary process of law. Salmon, Jurispr. 641.

INTER BRACHIA. Between her arms. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 35, §§ 1, 2.

INTER CÆTEROS. Among others; in a general clause; not by name, (nominatim). A term applied in the civil law to clauses of disinheritance in a will. Inst. 2, 13, 1; Id. 2, 13, 3.

INTER CANEM ET LUPUM. (Lat. Between the dog and the wolf.) The twilight; because then the dog seeks his rest, and the wolf his prey. 3 Inst. 63.

INTER CONJUGES. Between husband and wife.

INTER CONJUNCTAS PERSONAS. Between conjoint persons. By the act 1821, c. 18, all conveyances or alienations between conjoint persons, unless granted for onerous causes, are declared, as in a question with creditors, to be null and of no avail. Conjoint persons are those standing in a certain degree of relationship to each other; such, for example, as brothers, sisters, sons, uncles, etc. These were formerly excluded as witnesses, on account of their relationship; but this, as a ground of exclusion, has been abolished. Tray. Lat. Max.

INTER FAUCES TERRÆ. (Between the jaws of the land.) A term used to describe a roadstead or arm of the sea enclosed between promontories or projecting headlands.

INTER PARES. Between peers; between those who stand on a level or equality, as respects diligence, opportunity, responsibility, etc.

INTER PARTES. Between parties. Instruments in which two persons unite, each making conveyance to, or engagement with, the other, are called “papers inter partes.” Smith v. Emery, 12 N. J. Law, 60.

Judgment Inter Partes

See Judgment in Personam.

INTER QUATUOR PARIES. Between four walls. Fleta, lib. 6, c. 55, § 4.

INTER REGALIA. In English law. Among the things belonging to the sovereign. Among these are rights of salmon fishing, mines of gold and silver, forests, forfeitures, casualties of superiority, etc., which are called “regalia majores,” and may be conveyed to a subject. The regalia majores include the several branches of the royal prerogative, which are inseparable from the person of the sovereign. Tray. Lat. Max.

INTER RUSTICOS. Among the illiterate or unlearned.

INTER SE, INTER SESE. Among themselves. Story, Partn. § 405.

INTER VIRUM ET UXOREM. Between husband and wife.

INTER VIVOS. Between the living; from one living person to another. Where property passes by conveyance, the transaction is said to be inter vivos, to distinguish it from a case of succession or devise. So an ordinary gift from one person to another is called a “gift inter vivos,” to distinguish it from a donation made in contemplation of death, (mortis causa.)

INTERCALARE. Lat. In the civil law. To introduce or insert among or between others; to introduce a day or month into the calendar; to intercalate. Dig. 50, 16, 98, pr.

INTERCEDERE. Lat. In the civil law. To become bound for another’s debt.

INTERCHANGEABLY. By way of exchange or interchange. This term properly denotes the method of signing deeds, leases, contracts, etc., executed in duplicate, where each party signs the copy which he delivers to the other. Roosevelt v. Smith, 17 Misc. Rep. 323, 40 N. Y. S. 381.

INTERCOMMON. To enjoy a common mutually or promiscuously with the inhabitants or
tenants of a contiguous township, viii, or manor. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 271, § 290.

INTERCOMMUNING. Letters of intercommuning were letters from the Scotch privy council passing (on their act) in the king’s name, charging the lieges not to reset, supply, or intercommune with the persons thereby denounced; or to furnish them with meat, drink, house, harbor, or any other thing useful or comfortable; or to have any intercourse with them whatever,—under pain of being reputed art and part in their crimes, and dealt with accordingly; and desiring all sheriffs, bailies, etc., to apprehend and commit such rebels to prison. Bell.

INTERCOURSE. Communication; literally, a running or passing between persons or places; commerce. As applied to two persons, the word standing alone, and without a descriptive or qualifying word, does not import sexual connection. People v. Howard, 143 Cal. 316, 76 P. 1116.

INTERDICT. In Roman Law

A decree of the praetor by means of which, in certain cases determined by the edict, he himself directly commanded what should be done or omitted, particularly in causes involving the right of possession or a quasi possession. In the modern civil law, interdicts are regarded precisely the same as actions, though they give rise to a summary proceeding. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 258.

Interdicts are either prohibitory, restorative, or exhibitory; the first being a prohibition, the second a decree for restoring possession lost by force, the third a decree for the exhibiting of accounts, etc. Heinec. § 1296.

An interdict was distinguished from an “actio,” (actio) properly so called, by the circumstance that the praetor himself decided in the first instance, (praetor judex,) in the application of the placentia, without previously appointing a judex, by issuing a decree commanding what should be done, or left undone. Gaius, 4, 139. It might be adopted as a remedy in various cases where a regular action could not be maintained, and hence interdicts were at one time more extensively used by the praetor than the actiones themselves. Afterwards, however, they fell into disuse, and in the time of Justinian were generally dispensed with. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 258; Inst. 4, 15, 8.

In Ecclesiastical Law

An ecclesiastical censure, by which divine services are prohibited to be administered either to particular persons or in particular places.

In Scotch Law

An order of the court of session or of an inferior court, pronounced to cause, for stopping any act or proceedings complained of as illegal or wrongful. It may be resorted to as a remedy against any encroachment either on property or possession, and is a protection against any unlawful proceeding. Bell.

INTERDICTION.

In French Law

Every person who, on account of insanity, has become incapable of controlling his own interests, can be put under the control of a guardian, who shall administer his affairs with the same effect as he might himself. Such a person is said to be “interdict,” and his status is described as “interdiction.” Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 562.

In The Civil Law

A judicial decree, by which a person is deprived of the exercise of his civil rights.

In French-Canadian Law

A proceeding instituted for the purpose of obtaining a curator of the person and property, and includes the calling of a family council and a petition to the court or its prothonotary, followed by a hearing. In re Method’s Will, 98 A. 830, 810, 87 N. J. Eq. 256.

In International Law

An “interdict of commercial intercourse” between two countries is a governmental prohibition of commercial intercourse, intended to bring about an entire cessation for the time being of all trade whatever. See The Edward, 1 Wheat. 272, 4 L. Ed. 86.

In General

Interdiction of fire and water. Banishment by an order that no man should supply the person banished with fire or water, the two necessaries of life.

INTERDICTUM SALVIANUM. Lat. In Roman law. The Salvinian interdict. A process which lay for the owner of a farm to obtain possession of the goods of his tenant who had pledged them to him for the rent of the land. Inst. 4, 15, 3.

Interdum evenit ut expection quae prima facie justa videtur, tamen inquie nocet. It sometimes happens that a plea which seems prima facie just, nevertheless is injurious and unequal. Inst. 4, 14, 1, 2.

INTERESSE. Lat. Interest. The interest of money; also an interest in lands.

Interesse termini. An interest in a term. That species of interest or property which a lessee for years acquires in the lands demised to him, before he has actually become possessed of those lands; as distinguished from that property or interest vested in him by the demise, and also reduced into possession by an actual entry upon the lands and the assumption of ownership therein, and which is then termed an “estate for years.” Brown.

Pro interesse suo. For his own interest; according to, or to the extent of, his individual
interest. Used (in practice) to describe the intervention of a party who comes into a suit for the purpose of protecting interests of his own which may be involved in the dispute between the principal parties or which may be affected by the settlement of their contention.

INTEREST.

In Property

The most general term that can be employed to denote a property in lands or chattels. In its application to lands or things real, it is frequently used in connection with the terms “estate,” “right,” and “title,” and, according to Lord Coke, it properly includes them all. Co. Litt. 345b. See Ragsdale v. Mays, 65 Tex. 257; Hurst v. Hurst, 7 W. Va. 297; New York v. Stone, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 142; State v. McKellogg, 40 Mo. 185; Loventhal v. Home Ins. Co., 112 Ala. 116, 20 So. 419, 33 L. R. A. 258, 57 Am. St. Rep. 17.

More particularly it means a right to have the advantage accruing from anything; any right in the nature of property, but less than title; a partial or undivided right; a title to a share.

The terms “interest” and “title” are not synonymous. A mortgagor in possession, and a purchaser holding under a deed defectively executed, have, both of them, absolute as well as insurable interests in the property, though neither of them has the legal title. Hough v. City F. Ins. Co., 22 Conn. 20, 76 Am. Dec. 551.

—Absolute or conditional. That is an absolute interest in property which is so completely vested in the individual that he can by no contingency be deprived of it without his own consent. So, too, he is the owner of such absolute interest who must necessarily sustain the loss if the property is destroyed. The terms “interest” and “title” are not synonymous. A mortgagor in possession, and a purchaser holding under a deed defectively executed, have, both of them, absolute, as well as insurable, interests in the property, though neither of them has the legal title. “Absolute” is here synonymous with “vested,” and is used in contradistinction to contingent or conditional. Hough v. City F. Ins. Co., 29 Conn. 10, 76 Am. Dec. 551; Garver v. Hawkeye Ins. Co., 69 Iowa, 202, 29 N. W. 553; Washington F. Ins. Co. v. Kelly, 52 Md. 421, 431, 3 Am. Rep. 148; Elliott v. Ashland Mut. F. Ins. Co., 117 Pa. 548, 12 A. 676, 2 Am. St. Rep. 768; Williams v. Buffalo German Ins. Co. (C. C.) 17 F. 69.

In Insurance

—Interest or no interest. These words, inserted in an insurance policy, mean that the question whether the insured has or has not an insurable interest in the subject-matter is waived, and the policy is to be good irrespective of such interest. The effect of such a clause is to make it a wager policy.

—Interest policy. In insurance. One which actually, or prima facie, covers a substantial and insurable interest; as opposed to a wager policy.

In English Law

—Interest suit. An action in the probate branch of the high court of justice, in which the question in dispute is as to which party is entitled to a grant of letters of administration of the estate of a deceased person. Wharton.

In General

—Joint Interest. One owned by several persons in equal shares by a title created by a single will or transfer, when expressly declared in the will or transfer to be a joint tenancy, or when granted or devised to executors or trustees as joint tenants. Civ. Code Cal. § 653.

In The Law Of Evidence


A relation to the matter in controversy, or to the issue of the suit, in the nature of a prospective gain or loss, which actually does, or presumably might, create a bias or prejudice in the mind, inclining the person to favor one side or the other.

For Money

Interest is the compensation allowed by law or fixed by the parties for the use or forbearance or detention of money. Civ. Code Cal. § 1915; Williams v. Scott, 83 Ind. 408; Kelsey v. Murphy, 30 Pa. 341; Williams v. American Bank, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 317; Beach v. Peabody, 188 Ill. 75, 58 N. E. 680.

—Classification—Conventional Interest is interest at the rate agreed upon and fixed by the parties themselves, as distinguished from that which the law would prescribe in the absence of an explicit agreement. Fowler v. Smith, 2 Cal. 568; Vernon’s Ann. Civ. St. art. 5069.

—Legal interest. That rate of interest prescribed by the laws of the particular state or country as the highest which may be lawfully contracted for or exacted, and which must be paid in all cases where the law allows interest without the assent of the debtor. Towslee v. Durkee, 12 Wis. 483; American, etc., Ass’n v. Harn (Tex. Civ. App.) 62 S. W. 76; Beals v. Amador County, 35 Cal. 633.

—Simple interest is that which is paid for the principal or sum lent, at a certain rate or allowance, made by law or agreement of parties.

—Compound interest is interest upon interest, where accrued interest is added to the principal sum, and the whole treated as a new principal, for the calculation of the interest for the next period.
INTERLINEATION

—Ex-interest. In the language of stock exchanges, a bond or other interest-bearing security is said to be sold "ex-interest" when the vendor reserves to himself the interest already accrued and payable (if any) or the interest accruing up to the next interest day.

—Interest, maritime. See Maritime Interest.

—Interest upon interest. Compound interest.


Interest reipublicæ ne sua quis male utatur. It concerns the state that persons do not misuse their property. 6 Coke, 36a.

Interest reipublicæ quod homines conserventur. It concerns the state that [the lives of] men be preserved. 12 Coke, 62.

Interest reipublicæ res judicatas non resoindi. It concerns the state that things adjudicated be not rescinded. 2 Inst. 360. It is matter of public concern that solemn adjudications of the courts should not be disturbed. See Best, Ev. p. 41, § 44.

Interest reipublicæ suprema hominum testamenta rata haberi. It concerns the state that men's last wills be held valid, [or allowed to stand.] Co. Litt. 230b.

Interest reipublicæ ut carceres sint in tuto. It concerns the state that prisons be safe places of confinement. 2 Inst. 589.

Interest (imprimis) reipublicæ ut pax in regno conservetur, et quacunque pauci adversantur provide declinetur. It especially concerns the state that peace be preserved in the kingdom, and that whatever things are against peace be prudently avoided. 2 Inst. 158.

Interest reipublicæ ut quilibet re sua bene utatur. It is the concern of the state that every one uses his property properly.

Interest reipublicæ ut sit finis litium. It concerns the state that there be an end of lawsuits. Co. Litt. 303. It is for the general welfare that a period be put to litigation. Broom, Max. 331, 343.


INTERFERENCE. In patent law, this term designates a collision between rights claimed or granted; that is, where a person claims a patent for the whole or any integral part of the ground already covered by an existing patent or by a pending application. Milton v. Kingsley, 7 App. D. C. 640; Dederick v. Fox (C. C.) 56 F. 717; Nathan Mfg. Co. v. Craig (C. C.) 49 F. 370.

Strictly speaking, an "interference" is declared to exist by the patent office whenever it is decided by the properly constituted authority in that bureau that two pending applications (or a patent and a pending application), in their claims or cessions, cover the same discovery or invention, so as to render necessary an investigation into the question of priority of invention between the two applications or the application and the patent, as the case may be. Lowrey v. Cowles Electric Smelting, etc., Co. (C. C.) 68 P. 372.

INTERIM. Lat. In the mean time; meanwhile. An assignee ad interim is one appointed between the time of bankruptcy and appointment of the regular assignee. 2 Bell, Comm. 355.

INTERIM COMMITTITUR. "In the mean time, let him be committed." An order of court (or the docket-entry noting it) by which a prisoner is committed to prison and directed to be kept there until some further action can be taken, or until the time arrives for the execution of his sentence.

INTERIM CURATOR. In English law. A person appointed by justices of the peace to take care of the property of a felon convict, until the appointment by the crown of an administrator or administrators for the same purpose. Mozley & Whitley.

INTERIM FACTOR. In Scotch law. A judicial officer elected or appointed under the bankruptcy law to take charge of and preserve the estate until a fit person shall be elected trustee. 2 Bell, Comm. 357.

INTERIM OFFICER. One appointed to fill the office during a temporary vacancy, or during an interval caused by the absence or incapacity of the regular incumbent.

INTERIM ORDER. One made in the mean time, and until something is done.

INTERIM RECEIPT. A receipt for money paid by way of premium for a contract of insurance for which application is made. If the risk is rejected, the money is refunded, less the pro rata premium.

INTERLACUARE. In old practice. To link together, or interchangeably. Writs were called "interlataeata" where several were issued against several parties residing in different counties, each party being summoned by a separate writ to warrant the tenant, together with the other warrantors. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 4, § 2.

INTERLINEATION. The act of writing between the lines of an instrument; also what is written between lines. Morris v. Vanderen, 1 Dall. 67, 1 L. Ed. 38; Russell v. Eubanks, 84 Mo. 88.
INTERLOCUTOR. In Scotch practice. An order or decree of court; an order made in open court. 2 Swint. 362; Arkley, 32.

INTERLOCUTOR OF RELEVANCY. In Scotch practice. A decree as to the relevancy of a libel or indictment in a criminal case. 2 Aliis. Crim. Pr. 373.

INTERLOCUTORY. Provisional; temporary; not final. Something intervening between the commencement and the end of a suit which decides some point or matter, but is not a final decision of the whole controversy. Mora v. Sun Mut. Ins. Co., 13 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 310.

As to interlocutory “Costs,” “Decree,” “Judgment,” “Order,” and “Sentence,” see those titles.

INTERLOPERS. Persons who run into business to which they have no right, or who interfere wrongfully; persons who enter a country or place to trade without license. Webster.

INTERMARRIAGE. In the popular sense, this term denotes the contracting of a marriage relation between two persons considered as members of different nations, tribes, families, etc., as, between the sovereigns of two different countries, between an American and an alien, between Indians of different tribes, between the scions of different clans or families. But, in law, it is sometimes used (and with propriety) to emphasize the mutuality of the marriage contract and as importing a reciprocal engagement by which each of the parties “marries” the other. Thus, in a pleading, instead of averring that “the plaintiff was married to the defendant,” it would be proper to allege that “the parties intermarried” at such a time and place.

INTERMEDIATE. To interfere with property or the conduct of business affairs officiously or without right or title. McQueen v. Babcock, 41 Barb. (N. Y.) 339; In re Shinn’s Estate, 166 Pa. 121, 30 A. 1026, 45 Am. St. Rep. 656. Not a technical legal term, but sometimes used with reference to the acts of an executor de son tort or a negotiorum gctor in the civil law.

INTERMEDIARY. In modern civil law. A broker; one who is employed to negotiate a matter between two parties, and who for that reason is considered as the mandatory (agent) of both. Civ. Code La. art. 3016.

INTERMEDIATE. Intervening; interposed during the progress of a suit, proceeding, business, etc., or between its beginning and end.

INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNT. In probate law. An account of an executor, administrator, or guardian filed subsequent to his first or initial account and before his final account. Specifically in New York, an account filed with the surrogate for the purpose of disclosing the acts of the person accounting and the state or condition of the fund in his hands, and not made the subject of a judicial settlement. Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. 1880, § 2514, subd. 9 (Surrogate’s Court Act, § 314, subd. 9).


INTERMEDIATE TOLL. Toll for travel on a toll road, paid or to be collected from persons who pass thereon at points between the toll gates, such persons not passing by, through, or around the toll gates. Hollingsworth v. State, 29 Ohio St. 552.

INTERMITTENT EASEMENT. See Easement.

INTERMIXTURE OF GOODS. Confusion of goods; the confusing or mingling together of goods belonging to different owners in such a way that the property of neither owner can be separately identified or extracted from the mass. See Smith v. Sanborn, 6 Gray (Mass.) 134. And see Confusion of Goods.

INTERN. To restrict or shut up a person, as a political prisoner, within a limited territory.

INTERNAL. Relating to the interior; comprised within boundary lines; of interior concern or interest; domestic, as opposed to foreign.

INTERNAL COMMERCE. See Commerce.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS. With reference to governmental policy and constitutional provisions restricting taxation or the contracting of public debts, this term means works of general public utility or advantage, designed to promote facility of intercommunication, trade, and commerce, the transportation of persons and property, or the development of the natural resources of the state, such as railroads, public highways, turnpikes, and canals, bridges, the improvement of rivers

INTERNAL POLICE. A term sometimes applied to the police power, or power to enact laws in the interest of the public safety, health, and morality, which is inherent in the legislative authority of each state, is to be exercised with reference only to its domestic affairs and its own citizens, and is not surrendered to the federal government. See Cheboygan Lumber Co. v. Delta Transp. Co., 100 Mich. 16, 55 N. W. 650.

INTERNAL REVENUE. In the legislation and fiscal administration of the United States, revenue raised by the imposition of taxes and excises on domestic products or manufactures, and on domestic business and occupations, inheritance taxes, and stamp taxes; as broadly distinguished from "customs duties," i. e., duties or taxes on foreign commerce or on goods imported. See Rev. St. U. S. tit. 35, § 3140 et seq.

INTERNAL WATERS. Such as lie wholly within the body of the particular state or country. The Garden City (D. C.) 29 F. 779.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE. See Commerce.

INTERNATIONAL LAW. The law which regulates the intercourse of nations; the law of nations. 1 Kent, Comm. 1, 4. The customary law which determines the rights and regulates the intercourse of independent states in peace and war. 1 Widm. Int. Law. 1.
is ignorant which of them has a right to it, and fears he may be prejudiced by their proceeding against him to recover it, he may file a bill in equity against them, the object of which is to make them litigate their title between themselves, instead of litigating it with him, and such a bill is called a "bill of interpleader." Brown. Hall v. San Jacinto State Bank (Tex. Civ. App.) 235 S. W. 500, 509; Alton & Peters v. Merritt, 145 Minn. 426, 177 N. W. 770, 771; Goggin v. Mutual Aid Union (Mo. App.) 213 S. W. 522, 523; Jax Ice & Cold Storage Co. v. South Florida Farmers Co., 91 Fla. 593, 100 So. 212, 218, 48 A. L. R. 597; Gorham v. Hall, 172 Ark. 744, 200 S. W. 357, 358.

By the statute 1 & 2 Wm. IV, c. 58, summary proceedings at law were provided for the same purpose, in actions of assumpsit, debt, detinue, and trover. And the same remedy is known, in one form or the other, in most or all of the United States.

Under the Pennsylvania practice, when goods levied upon by the sheriff are claimed by a third party, the sheriff takes a rule of interpleader on the parties, upon which, when made absolute, a feudum issue is framed, and the title to the goods is tested. The goods, pending the proceedings, remain in the custody of the defendant upon the execution of a forthcoming bond. Bouvier.

INTERPOLATE. To insert words in a complete document.

INTERPOLATION. The act of interpolating; the words interpolated.

INTERPRET. To construe; to seek out the meaning of language; to translate orally from one tongue to another.

Interpretare et concordare leges legibus, est optimus interpretandi modus. To interpret, and [in such a way as] to harmonize laws with laws, is the best mode of interpretation. 8 Coke, 169a.

Interpretatio chartarum benigne facienda est, ut res magis valeat quam pereat. The interpretation of deeds is to be liberal, that the thing may rather have effect than fail. Broom, Max. 543.

Interpretatio fienda est ut res magis valeat quam pereat. Jenk. Cent. 198. Such an interpretation is to be adopted that the thing may rather stand than fall.

Interpretatio fallis in ambiguus semper fienda est ut evitetur inconveniens et absurdum. In cases of ambiguity, such an interpretation should always be made that what is inconvenient and absurd may be avoided. 4 Inst. 328.


The discovery and representation of the true meaning of any signs used to convey ideas. Lieb. Herm.

"Construction" is a term of wider scope than "interpretation;" for, while the latter is concerned only with ascertaining the sense and meaning of the subject-matter, the former may also be directed to explaining the legal effects and consequences of the instrument in question. Hence interpretation precedes construction, but stops at the written text. Interpretation and construction of written instruments are not the same. A rule of construction is one which either governs the effect of an ascertained intention, or points out what the court should do in the absence of express or implied intention, while a rule of interpretation is one which governs the ascertainment of the meaning of the maker of the instrument. In re Union Trust Co., 151 N. Y. S. 246, 249, 89 Misc. 69.

Close interpretation (interpretatio restricta) is adopted if just reasons, connected with the formation and character of the text, induce us to take the words in their narrowest meaning. This species of interpretation has generally been called "literal," but the term is inadmissible. Lieb. Herm. 54. Extensive interpretation (interpretatio ex tensiva, called, also, "liberal interpretation") adopts a more comprehensive signification of the word. Id. 53.

Extravagant interpretation (interpretatio excedens) is that which substitutes a meaning evidently beyond the true one. It is therefore not genuine interpretation. Id. 59.

Free or unrestricted interpretation (interpretatio soluta) proceeds simply on the general principles of interpretation in good faith, not bound by any specific or superior principle. Id. 59.

Limited or restricted interpretation (interpretatio limitata) is when we are influenced by other principles than the strictly hermeneutic ones. Id. 60.

Predestined interpretation (interpretatio prae destinata) takes place if the interpreter, tending under a strong bias of mind, makes the text subservient to his preconceived views or desires. This includes artful interpretation, (interpretatio iniuria,) by which the interpreter seeks to give a meaning to the text other than the one he knows to have been intended. Id. 60.

It is said to be either "legal," which rests on the same authority as the law itself, or "doctrinal," which rests upon its intrinsic reasonableness. Legal interpretation may be either "authentic," when it is expressly
provided by the legislator, or "usual," when it is derived from unwritten practice. Doctrinal interpretation may turn on the meaning of words and sentences, when it is called "grammatical," or on the intention of the legislator, when it is described as "logical." When logical interpretation stretches the words of a statute to cover its obvious meaning, it is called "extensive:" when, on the other hand, it avoids giving full meaning to the words, in order not to go beyond the intention of the legislator, it is called "restrictive." Holl. Jur. 344.

As to strict and liberal interpretation, see Construction.

In the civil law, authentic interpretation of laws is that given by the legislator himself, which is obligatory on the courts. Customary interpretation (also called "usual") is that which arises from successive or concurrent decisions of the court on the same subject-matter, having regard to the spirit of the law, jurisprudence, usages, and equity; as distinguished from "authentic" interpretation, which is that given by the legislator himself. Houston v. Robertson, 2 Tex. 26.

INTERPRETATION CLAUSE. A section of a statute which defines the meaning of certain words occurring frequently in the other sections.

INTERPRETER. A person sworn at a trial to interpret the evidence of a foreigner or a deaf and dumb person to the court. Amory v. Fellows, 5 Mass. 228; People v. Lem Deo, 132 Cal. 190, 64 P. 269.

INTERREX. An interval between reigns. The period which elapses between the death of a sovereign and the election of another. The vacancy which occurs when there is no government.

INTERROGATOIRE. In French law. An act which contains the interrogatories made by the judge to the person accused, on the facts which are the object of the accusation, and the answers of the accused. Poth. Proc. Crim. c. 4, art. 2, § 1.

INTERROGATORIES. A set or series of written questions drawn up for the purpose of being propounded to a party in equity, a garnishee, or a witness whose testimony is taken on deposition; a series of formal written questions used in the judicial examination of a party or a witness. In taking evidence on depositions, the interrogatories are usually prepared and settled by counsel, and reduced to writing in advance of the examination.

Interrogatories are either direct or cross, the former being those which are put on behalf of the party calling a witness; the latter are those which are interposed by the adverse party.

INTERRUPTION. Interruption. A term used both in the civil and common law of prescription. Calvin.

Interruptio multiplex non tollit praeceptum semel obtentam. 2 Inst. 654. Frequent interruption does not take away a prescription once secured.

INTERRUPTION. The occurrence of some act or fact, during the period of prescription, which is sufficient to arrest the running of the statute of limitations. It is said to be either "natural" or "civil," the former being caused by the act of the party; the latter by the legal effect or operation of some fact or circumstance. Innerarity v. Mills, 1 Alg. 674; Carr v. Foster, 3 Q. B. 538; Flight v. Thomas, 2 Adol. & El. 701.

Interruption of the possession is where the right is not enjoyed or exercised continuously; interruption of the right is where the person having of claiming the right ceases the exercise of it in such a manner as to show that he does not claim to be entitled to exercise it.

In Scotch Law

The true proprietor's claiming his right during the course of prescription. Bell.

INTERSECTION. The point of intersection of two roads is the point where their middle lines intersect. In re Springfield Road, 73 Pa. 127.


INTERSTATE. Between two or more states; between places or persons in different states; concerning or affecting two or more states politically or territorially.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE. Traffic, intercourse, commercial trading, or the transportation of persons or property between or among the several states of the Union, or from or between points in one state and points in another state; commerce between two states, or between places lying in different states. Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 194, 6 L. Ed. 23; Wabash, etc. R. Co. v. I-
INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT. The act of congress of February 4, 1887 (49 USCA § 1 et seq.), designed to regulate commerce between the states, and particularly the transportation of persons and property, by carriers, between interstate points, prescribing that charges for such transportation shall be reasonable and just, prohibiting unjust discrimination, rebates, draw-backs, preferences, pooling of freights, etc., requiring schedules of rates to be published, establishing a commission to carry out the measures enacted, and prescribing the powers and duties of such commission and the procedure before it.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION. A commission created by the interstate commerce act (q. v.) to carry out the measures therein enacted, composed of five persons, appointed by the President, empowered to inquire into the business of the carriers affected, to enforce the law, to receive, investigate, and determine complaints made to them of any violation of the act, make annual reports, hold stated sessions, etc.

INTERSTATE EXTRADITION. The declaration and surrender, according to due legal proceedings, of a person who, having committed a crime in one of the states of the Union, has fled into another state to evade justice or escape prosecution.

INTERSTATE LAW. That branch of private international law which affords rules and principles for the determination of controversies between citizens of different states in respect to mutual rights or obligations, in so far as the same are affected by the diversity of their citizenship or by diversity in the laws or institutions of the several states.

INTERVENER. An interener is a person who voluntarily interposes in an action or other proceeding with the leave of the court.

INTERVENING AGENCY. To render an original wrong a remote cause, an "intervening agency," must be independent of such wrong, adequate to produce the injury, so interrupting the natural sequence of events as to produce a result different from what would have been produced, and one that could not have been reasonably expected from the original wrong. Lemos v. Madden, 28 Wyo. 1, 200 P. 791, 795.

INTERVENING CAUSE. The "intervening cause," which will relieve of liability for an injury, is an independent cause which intervenes between the original wrongful act or omission and the injury, turns aside the natural sequence of events, and produces a result which would not otherwise have followed and which could not have been reasonably anticipated. Hartman v. Atchison, T. & S. F. Ry. Co., 94 Kan. 214, 146 P. 335, 336, L. R. A. 1915D. 563. An "intervening cause" is a new and independent force which breaks the causal connection between the original wrongful act and the wrongful injury; the independent act being the immediate cause, in which case damages are not recoverable because the original wrongful act is not the proximate cause. Davenport v. McAllan, 88 N. J. Law, 633, 66 A. 321. An "intervening efficient cause" is a new and independent force which breaks the causal connection between the original wrongful act and injury, and itself becomes direct and immediate cause of injury. Phillipsbaum v. Lake Erie & W. R. Co., 315 Ill. 131, 145 N. E. 806, 808.

INTERVENING DAMAGES. See Damages.

INTERVENTION. In International Law

Intervention is such an interference between two or more states as may (according to the event) result in a resort to force; while mediation always is, and is intended to be and to continue, peaceful only. Intervention between a sovereign and his own subjects is not justified by anything in international law; but a remonstrance may be addressed to the sovereign in a proper case. Brown.

In English Ecclesiastical Law

The proceeding of a third person, who, not being originally a party to the suit or proceeding, but claiming an interest in the subject-matter in dispute, in order the better to protect such interest, interposes his claim.

In the Civil Law

The act by which a third party demands to be received as a party in a suit pending between other persons.

The intervention is made either for the purpose of being joined to the plaintiff, and to claim the same thing he does, or some other thing connected with it; or to join the defendant, and with him to oppose the claim of the plaintiff, which it is his interest to defeat.


In Practice

A proceeding in a suit or action by which a third person is permitted by the court to make himself a party, either joining the plaintiff in claiming what is sought by the complaint, or uniting with the defendant in resisting the claims of the plaintiff, or demanding something adversely to both of them.


INTESTABILIS. Lat. A witness incompetent to testify. Calvin.

INTESTABLE. One who has not testamentary capacity; e. g., an infant, lunatic, or person civilly dead.

INTESTACY. The state or condition of dying without having made a valid will, or without having disposed by will of a part of his property. In re Shestack's Estate, 267 Pa. 115, 110 A. 166; Brown v. Mugway, 15 N. J. Law, 331.

INTESTATE. Without making a will. A person is said to die intestate when he dies without making a will, or dies without leaving anything to testify what his wishes were with respect to the disposal of his property after his death. The word is also often used to signify the person himself. Thus, in speaking of the property of a person who died intestate, it is common to say "the intestate's property," i. e., the property of the person dying in an intestate condition. Brown. See In re Cameron's Estate, 47 App. Div. 129, 62 N. Y. Supp. 187; Messmann v. Ebenberger, 46 App. Div. 46, 61 N. Y. Supp. 556; Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. 1899, § 2514, subd. 1 (Surrogate's Court Act, § 314, subd. 1).

Besides the strict meaning of the word as above given, there is also a sense in which intestacy may be partial; that is, where a man leaves a will which does not dispose of his whole estate, he is said to "die intestate" as to the property so omitted.

INTESTATE LAWS. Statutes which provide and prescribe the devolution of estates of persons who die without disposing of their estates by law, will or testament. Fullbright v. Boardman, 150 Ga. 162, 125 S. E. 44, 46, 37 A. L. R. 532; In re Rogers' Estate (Mo. Sup.) 250 S. W. 578, 578; Ford v. United States (C. C. A.) 205 F. 130, 134.

INTESTATE SUCCESSION. A succession is called "intestate" when the deceased has left no will, or when his will has been revoked or annulled as irregular. Therefore the heirs to whom a succession has fallen by the effects of law only are called "heirs ab intestato." Clv. Code La. art. 1030.

INTESTATO. Lat. In the civil law. In testate; without a will. Calvin.

INTESTATUS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. An intestate; one who dies without a will. Dig. 50, 17, 7.

Intestatus decedit, qui aut omnino testamentum non fecit; aut non jure fecit; aut id quod feecerat ruptum irritumum factum est; aut nemo ex eo haeres exstitit. A person dies intestate who either has made no testament at all or has made one not legally valid; or if the testament he has made be revoked, or made useless; or if no one becomes heir under it. Inst. 3, 1, pr.


INTIMATION.

In the Civil Law

A notification to a party that some step in a legal proceeding is asked or will be taken. Particularly, a notice given by the party taking an appeal, to the other party, that the court above will hear the appeal.

In Scotch Law

A formal written notice, drawn by a notary, to be served on a party against whom a stranger has acquired a right or claim; e. g., the assignee of a debt must serve such a notice on the debtor, otherwise a payment to the original creditor will be good.

In English Law

INTIMIDATION. Unlawful coercion; duress; putting in fear. Michaels v. Hillman,
INTIMIDATION


Every person commits a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine or imprisonment, who wrongfully uses violence to or intimidates any other person, or his wife or children, with a view to compel him to abstain from doing, or to do, any act which he has a legal right to do, or abstain from doing. (St. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 86, § 7.) This enactment is chiefly directed against outrages by trade-unions. Sweet. There are similar statutes in many of the United States. See Payne v. Railroad Co., 13 Lea (Tenn.) 514, 49 Am. Rep. 666; Embry v. Com., 79 Ky. 441.

INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS. This, by statute in several of the states, is made a criminal offense. Under an early Pennsylvania act, it was held that, to constitute the offense of intimidation of voters, there must be a preconceived intention for the purpose of intimidating the officers or interrupting the election. Respublica v. Gibbes, 3 Tafts (Pa.) 429.

INTITLE. An old form of "entitle." 6 Mod. 304.

INTOL and UTTL. In old records. Toll or custom paid for things imported and exported, or bought in and sold out. Cowell.

INTOLERABLE CRUELTY. In the law of divorce, this term denotes extreme cruelty, cruel and inhuman treatment, barbarous, savage, and inhuman conduct, and is equivalent to the phrase "ultra vires." Shaw v. Shaw, 17 Conn. 193; Morehouse v. Morehouse, 70 Conn. 420, 39 Atl. 516; Blain v. Blain, 45 Vt. 544.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Any liquor used as a beverage, and which, when used in sufficient quantities, ordinarily or commonly produces entire or partial intoxication; any liquor intended for use as a beverage or capable of being so used, which contains alcohol, either obtained by fermentation or by the additional process of distillation, in such proportion that it will produce intoxication when imbued in such quantities as may practically be drunk. Intoxicating Liquor Cases, 25 Kan. 767, 37 Am. Rep. 284; Cowan's v. Taylor, 21 N. Y. 173; People v. Hawley, 3 Mich. 339; State v. Oliver, 29 W. Va. 451, 63 Am. Rep. 79; Sebastian v. State, 44 Tex. Cr. R. 508, 72 S. W. 550; Worley v. Spurgeon, 38 Iowa, 463. See, also, Alcoholic Liquors.

INTOXICATION. The state of being poisoned; the condition produced by the administration or introduction into the human system of a poison. But in its popular use this term is restricted to alcoholic intoxication, that is, drunkenness or inebriety, or the mental and physical condition induced by drinking excessive quantities of alcoholic liquors, and this is its meaning as used in statutes, indictments, etc. See Supp. v. State, 113 Ga. 382, 42 S. E. 410; State v. Pierce, 65 Iowa, 85, 21 N. W. 195; Wadorsworth v. Dunn, 98 Ala. 610, 15 S. 472; Ring v. Ring, 112 Ga. 854, 28 S. E. 230; State v. Kelley, 47 Vt. 296; Com. v. Whitney, 11 Cush. (Mass.) 477.

INTRA. Lat. In; near; within. "Intra" or "inter" has taken the place of "in" in many of the more modern Latin phrases.

INTRA ANNI SPATIUM. Within the space of a year. Cod. 5, 9, 2. Intra annale tempus. Id. 6, 30, 19.

INTRA FIDEM. Within belief; credible. Calvin.

INTRA LUCTUS TEMPS. Within the time of mourning. Cod. 9, 1, auth.

INTRA M Cena. Within the walls (of a house). A term applied to domestic or mental servants. 1 Bl. Comm. 425.

INTRA PARIES. Between walls; among friends; out of court; without litigation. Calvin.

INTRA PRÆSIDIA. Within the defenses. See Intra Praesidia.

INTRA QUATUOR MARIA. Within the four seas. Steph. Touch. 378.

INTRA Vires. An act is said to be intra vires ("within the power") of a person or corporation when it is within the scope of his or its powers or authority. It is the opposite of ultra vires. (q. e.) Pittsburgh, etc., R. Co. v. Dodd, 115 Ky. 170, 72 S. W. 827.

INTRALIMINAL. In mining law, the term "intraliminal rights" denotes the right to mine, take, and possess all such bodies or deposits of ore as lie within the four planes formed by the vertical extension downward of the boundary lines of the claim; as distinguished from "extraliminal," or more commonly "extralateral," rights. See Jefferson Min. Co. v. Anchoria-Elendill Mill & Min. Co., 22 Colo. 176, 75 Pac. 1073, 64 L. R. A. 925.

INTRAMURAL. Within the walls. The powers of a municipal corporation are "intramural" and "extramural": the one being the powers exercised within the corporate limits, and the other being those exercised without. State v. Port of Astoria, 154 P. 309, 404, 79 Or. 1.

INTRARE MARISCUM. L. Lat. To drain a marsh or low ground, and convert it into herbage or pasture.

INTRASTATE COMMERCE. See Commerce.
INTRUSEUM SERVITIUM. Lat. Common and ordinary duties with the lord’s court.

INTRODUCTION. The part of a writing which sets forth preliminary matter, or facts tending to explain the subject.

INTROMISSION. In Scotch Law
The assumption of authority over another’s property, either legally or illegally. The irregular meddling with the effects of a deceased person, which subjects the party to the whole debts of the deceased, is called “citics intromission.” Kames, Eq. b. 3, c. 5, § 2.

Necessary Intromission
That kind of intromission or interference where a husband or wife continues in possesssion of the other’s goods after their decease, for preservation. Wharton.

In English Law
Dealings in stock, goods, or cash of a principal coming into the hands of his agent, to be accounted for by the agent to his principal. Stewart v. McKean, 29 Eng. Law & Eq. 391.

INRONISATION. In French ecclesiastical law. Enthronement. The installation of a bishop in his episcopal see.


INTRUSION. A species of injury by ouster or amotion of possession from the freehold, being an entry of a stranger, after a particular estate of freehold is determined, before him in remainder or reversion. Hulluck v. Scovill, 9 Ill. 170; Boylan v. Delinzer, 45 N. J. Eq. 485, 18 Atl. 121.

The name of a writ brought by the owner of a free-simle, etc., against an intruder. New Nat. Brev. 453. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 57.

INTRUST. To confer a trust upon; to deliver to another something in trust or to commit something to another with a certain confidence regarding his care, use or disposal of it. State v. Ugland, 187 N. W. 237, 239, 48 N. D. 841.

INTUITUS. Lat. A view; regard; contemplation. Diverse intuitus, (q. v.,) with a different view.

INUNDATION. The overflow of waters by coming out of their bed.

Inundations may arise from three causes: from public necessity, as in defence of a place it may be necessary to dam the current of a stream, which will cause an inundation to the upper lands; they may be occasioned by an invincible force, as by the accidental fall of a rock in the stream, or by a natural flood or freshet; or they may result from the erection of works on the stream. In the first case, the injury caused by the inundation is to be compensated as other injuries done in war; in the second, as there was no fault of any one, the loss is to be borne by the unfortunate owner of the estate; in the last, when the riparian proprietor is injured by such works as alter the level of the water where it enters or where it leaves the property on which they are erected, the person injured may recover damages for the injury thus caused to his property by the inundation; § 9 Co. 50; 1 R. & Ald. 238; Summer v. Tileston, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 196; Bailey v. City of New York, 3 Hill (N. Y.) 531, 38 Am. Dec. 669; Tiltonson v. Smith, 32 N. H. 80, 64 Am. Dec. 355; Merritt v. Parker, 11 N. J. Law, 469; Williams v. Gale, 3 Har. & J. (Md.) 231; Ohio & M. R. Co. v. Nuetzel, 42 Ill. App. 198. See Dam; Backwater; Irrigation; Waters; Water Courses.


INUREMENT. Use; user; service to the use or benefit of a person. Dickerson v. Colgrove, 100 U. S. 639, 25 L. Ed. 615.

inutilis labor et sine fructu non est effectus legis. Useless and fruitless labor is not the effect of law. Co. Litt. 127b. The law forbids such recoveries whose ends are vain, chargeable, and unprofitable. Id.; Wing. Max. p. 110, max. 38.

INVIDIARE. To pledge or mortgage lands.

INVIDIATIO. A pledge or mortgage.

INVIDIATUS. One who is under pledge; one who has had sureties or pledges given for him. Speelman.


INVASIONES. The Inquisition of serjeanties and knights' fees. Cowell.

INVECTA ET ILLATA. Lat. In the civil law. Things carried in and brought in. Articles brought into a hired tenement by the hirer or tenant, and which became or were pledged to the lessor as security for the rent. Dig. 2, 14, 4, pr. The phrase is adopted in Scotch law. See Bell.

Inveniens libellum famesum et non corrumpens punctur. He who finds a libel and does not destroy it is punished. Moore, 813.

INVENT. To find out something new; to devise, contrive, and produce something not previously known or existing, by the exercise of independent investigation and experiment; particularly applied to machines, mechanical appliances, compositions, and patentable inventions of every sort. To create. E. W. Bliss Co. v. United States, 39 S. Ct. 42, 43, 248 U. S. 37, 63 L. Ed. 112.

INVENTIO.

In The Civil Law
Finding; one of the modes of acquiring title to property by occupancy. Helnecc. lib. 2, tit. 1, § 350.

In Old English Law
A thing found; as goods or treasure-trove. Cowell. The plural, "inventiones," is also used.

INVENTION. In patent law. The act or operation of finding out something new; the process of contriving and producing something not previously known or existing, by the exercise of independent investigation and experiment. Also the article or contrivance or composition so invented. See Lederstorf v. Flint, 15 Fed. Cas. 280; Smith v. Nichols, 21 Wall. 118, 22 L. Ed. 566; Hollister v. Manufacturing Co., 113 U. S. 72, 5 Sup. Ct. 717, 28 L. Ed. 901; Murphy Mfg. Co. v. Excelsior Car Roof Co. (C. C.) 70 Fed. 495.


A concept or thing evolved from the mind. "Invention" is not a revelation of something which existed and was unknown, but the creation of something which did not exist before, and possessing elements of novelty and utility in kind and measure different from, and greater than, what the art might expect from skilled workers. Pyrene Mfg. Co. v. Boyce (C. C. A.) 282 F. 480, 481.

"An invention, in the sense of the patent law, means the finding out—the contriving, the creating of something which did not exist, and which was not known before, and which can be made useful and advantageous in the pursuits of life, or which can add to the enjoyment of mankind." Conover v. Roach, 4 Pish. 12, Fed. Cas. No. 3,125.

"Not every improvement is invention; but to entitle a thing to protection it must be the product of some exercise of the inventive faculties, and it must involve something more than what is obvious to persons skilled in the art to which it relates." Rosenwasser v. Berry (C. C.) 22 F. 841.

"Invention" involves the exercise of the creative mind. Aeolian Co. v. Wannaker (D. C.) 221 F. 665, 668.

Inventive skill has been defined as that intuitive faculty of the mind put forth in the search for new results, or new methods, creating what had not before existed, or bringing to light what lay hidden from vision; it differs from a suggestion of that common experience which arose spontaneously and by a necessity of human reasoning in the minds of those who had become acquainted with the circumstances with which they had to deal. Hollister v. Mfg. Co., 125 U. S. 72, 5 Sup. Ct. 717, 28 L. Ed. 901.

Invention, in the nature of improvements, is the double mental act of discerning, in existing machines, processes or articles, some deficiency, and pointing out the means of overcoming it. General Electric Co. v. Electo Co., 174 F. 246, 98 C. C. A. 154.

An "invention" differs from a "discovery." The former term is properly applicable to the contrivance and production of something that did not before exist; while discovery denotes the bringing into knowledge and use of something which, although it existed, was before unknown. Thus, we speak of the "discovery" of the properties of light, electricity, etc., while the telescope and the electric motor are the results of the process of "invention."

INVENTOR. One who finds out or contrives some new thing; one who devises some new art, manufacture, mechanical appliance, or process; one who invents a patentable contrivance. See Sparkman v. Higgins, 22 Fed. Cas. 879; Henderson v. Tompkins (C. C.) 60 Fed. 764.

INVENTORY. A detailed list of articles of property; a list or schedule of property, containing a designation or description of each specific article; an itemized list of the various articles constituting a collection, estate, stock in trade, etc., with their estimated or actual values. In law, the term is particularly applied to such a list made by an executor, administrator, or assignee in bankruptcy. See Silver Beaver Min. Co. v. Lowry, 5 Mont. 615; 6 Pac. 62; Lloyd v. Wyckoff, 11 N. J. Law, 224; Roberts, etc., Co. v. Sun Mut. L. Ins. Co. 19 Tex. Civ. App. 338, 48 S. W. 559; Southern F. Ins. Co. v. Knight, 111 Ga. 622, 36 S. E. 821, 52 L. R. A. 70, 78 Am. St. Rep. 216.

INVENTUS. Lat. Found. Thesaurus inventus, treasure-trove. Non est inventus, [he] is not found.

INERITARE. To make proof of a thing. Jacob.

INVEST. To loan money upon securities of a more or less permanent nature, or to place it in business ventures or real estate, or otherwise lay it out, so that it may produce a revenue or income. Drake v. Crane, 157 Mo. 85, 20 S. W. 900, 27 L. R. A. 653; Stramann
INVESTIGATION. To follow up step by step by patient inquiry or observation; to trace or track mentally; to search into; to examine and inquire into with care and accuracy; to find out by careful inquisition; examination; the taking of evidence; a legal inquiry. Lukert v. Eldridge, 49 Mont. 46, 139 P. 699, 1001; People ex rel. Fennell v. Wilmot, 127 Misc. 791, 217 N. Y. S. 477, 479; In re McLaughlin, 124 Misc. 766, 210 N. Y. S. 68, 71; Application of Gilchrist, 130 Misc. 456, 224 N. Y. S. 210, 219.

INVESTITIVE FACT. The fact by means of which a right comes into existence; e. g., a grant of a monopoly, the death of one's ancestor. Holl. Jur. 132.

INVESTITURE. A ceremony which accompanied the grant of lands in the feudal ages, and consisted in the open and notorius delivery of possession in the presence of the other vassals, which perpetuated among them the ars of their new acquisition at the time when the art of writing was very little known; and thus the evidence of the property was reposed in the memory of the neighborhood, who, in case of disputed title, were afterwards called upon to decide upon it. Brown.

In Ecclesiastical Law
Investiture is one of the formalities by which the election of a bishop is confirmed by the archbishop. See Phillim. Ecc. Law, 42, et seq.

INVIOLABILITY. The attribute of being secured against violation. The persons of ambassadors are inviolable.

INVITATION. In the law of negligence, and with reference to trespasses on reality, invitation is the act of one who solicits or inclines others to enter upon, remain in, or make use of, his property or structures thereon, or who so arranges the property or the means of access to it or of transit over it as to induce the reasonable belief that he expects and intends that others shall come upon it or pass over it. See Sweeney v. Old Colony & N. R. Co., 10 Allen (Mass.) 373, 57 Am. Dec. 644; Wilson v. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co., 18 R. I. 491, 29 A. 258; Wright v. Boston & A. R. Co., 142 Mass. 300, 7 N. E. 566.

Thus the proprietor of a store, theatre or amusement park "invites" the public to come upon his premises for such purposes as are connected with its intended use. Again, the fact that safety gates at a railroad crossing, which should be closed in case of danger, are left standing open, is an "invitation" to the traveler on the highway to cross. Roberts v. Delaware & H. Canal Co., 177 Pa. 155, 35 Atl. 728. So, bringing a passenger train on a railroad to a full stop at a regular station is an "invitation to alight."

License distinguished
A license is a passive permission on the part of the owner or occupier, with reference to other persons entering upon or using them, while an invitation implies a request, solicitation or desire that they should do so. An invitation may be inferred where there is a common interest or mutual advantage; while a license will be inferred where the object is the mere pleasure or benefit of the person using it. Bennett v. Louisville & Nashville R. Co., 113 U. S. 660, 28 L. Ed. 235; Wolden v. Philadelphia, W. & B. R. Co., 2 Pennawel (Del.) 1, 43 Atl. 158. An owner owes to a licensee no duty as to the condition of the premises (unless imposed by statute) save that he should not knowingly let him run upon a hidden peril or wilfully cause him harm; while to one invited he is under the obligation to maintain the premises in a reasonably safe and secure condition. Beecher v. Daniels, 18 R. I. 563, 29 Atl. 6, 27 R. A. 522, 49 Am. St. Rep. 799.

Express and implied
An invitation may be express, when the owner or occupier of the land by words invites another to come upon it or make use of it or of something thereon; or it may be implied when such owner or occupier by acts or conduct leads another to believe that the land or something thereon was intended to be used as he uses them, and that such use is not only acquiesced in by the owner or occupier, but is in accordance with the intention or design for which the way or place or thing was adapted and prepared and allowed to be used. Turrell v. New York, S. & W. R. Co., 61 N. J. Law, 314, 40 Atl. 614; Purcy v. New York Cent. R. Co., 67 N. J. Law, 570, 51 Atl. 535; Leptien v. Gaddis, 72 Misc. 200, 16 So. 213, 20 L. R. A. 698, 45 Am. St. Rep. 547; Plummer v. Dill, 156 Mass. 425, 31 N. E. 128, 32 Am. St. Rep. 465; Griswold v. Cole & Co. Co., 51 W. Va. 318, 41 S. E. 216; Allen v. Yaxoo & M. V. R. Co., 111 Misc. 257, 71 So. 356, 368; Robinson v. Leighton, 122 Me. 239, 43 A. 530, 30 A. L. R. 1296; Mianuskev v. Terminal R. Ass'n of St. Louis, 288 Ill. 547, 122 N. E. 78, 81; Johnson v. Atlas Supply Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 131 S. W. 31, 33; Frear v. Manchester Tract. Light & Power Co., 33 N. H. 64, 139 A. 86, 89, 61 A. L. R. 1250; Petree v. Davidson-Paxon-Stokes Co., 20 Ga.App. 496, 118 S. E. 697, 688; Railroad Co. v. O'Malley, 107 Ill. App. 600; Smith v. Sunday Creek River Co., 74 W. Va. 609, 32 S. E. 668, 699; City of Shawnee v. Drake, 69 Ohio, 209, 171 P. 727, 729, L. R. A. 1913D, 509; Nolan v. Metropolitan St. Ry. Co., 250 Mo. 502, 157 S. W. 657, 641; St. Louis & S. F. R. Co. v. Stacy, 77 Okl. 196, 171 P. 707, 674; Wilmes v. Chicago Great Western Ry. Co., 175 Iowa, 101, 185 N. W. 577, 580, L. R. A. 1917P, 204; Gasch v. Rounds, 83 Wash. 317, 160 P. 982, 964; Coburn v. Village of Swanton, 95 Vt. 229, 115 A. 153, 156; Bush v. Reed Lumber Co., 63 Cal. App. 426, 218 P. 615, 630; Pollock v. Mianuskev & St. L. R. Co., 44 S. D. 249, 185 N. W. 859, 862.

INVITED ERROR. See Error.

INVITO. Lat. Being unwilling. Against or without the assent or consent.

Ab invito
By or from an unwilling party. A transfer ab invito is a compulsory transfer.

Invito debitor
Against the will of the debtor.

Invito domino
The owner being unwilling; against the will of the owner; without the owner's consent. In order to constitute larceny, the property must be taken invito domino.

Invito beneficium non datur. A benefit is not conferred on one who is unwilling to receive it; that is to say, no one can be compelled to accept a benefit. Dig. 50, 17, 69; Broom, Max. 699, note.


A list or account of goods or merchandise sent or shipped by a merchant to his correspondent, factor, or consignee, containing the particular marks of each description of goods, the value, charges, and other particulars. Jac. Sea Laws, 362.

A writing made on behalf of an importer, specifying the merchandise imported, and its true cost or value. And. Rev. Law, § 294.

INVOICE BOOK. A book in which invoices are copied.


INVoluntary. Without will or power of choice; opposed to volition or desire. Curry v. Federal Life Ins. Co., 221 Mo. App. 626, 287 S. W. 1053, 1056. An involuntary act is that which is performed with constraint (q. v.) or with repugnance, or without the will to do it. An action is involuntary, then, which is performed under duress. Wolff Inst. Nat. § 5.

INVoluntary DEPOSIT. In the law of bailments, one made by the accidental leaving or placing of personal property in the possession of another, without negligence on the part of the owner, or, in cases of fire, shipwreck, inundation, riot, insurrection, or the like extraordinary emergencies, by the owner of personal property committing it out of necessity to the care of any person. Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 1354 (Rev. Codes 1919, § 971).

INVoluntary DISCONTINUANCE. In practice. A discontinuance is involuntary where, in consequence of technical omission, misleading, or the like, the suit is regarded as out of court, as where the parties undertake to refer a suit that is not referable, or omit to enter proper continuances. Hunt v. Griffin, 49 Miss. 748.

INVoluntary MANSlaughter. The unintentional killing of a person by one engaged in an unlawful, but not felonious act. 4 Steph. Comm. 52.

INVoluntary PAYMENT. One obtained by fraud, oppression, or extortion, or to avoid the use of force to coerce it, or to obtain the release of the person or property from detention. Parcher v. Marathon County, 52 Wls. 388, 9 N. W. 23, 38 Am. Rep. 745; Wolfe v. Marshal, 52 Mo. 168; Corkle v. Maxwell, 6 Fed. Cas. 555.

INVoluntary SERVITUDE. The condition of one who is compelled by force, coercion, or imprisonment, and against his will, to labor for another, whether he is paid or not. See State v. West, 42 Minn. 147, 43 N. W. 543; Ex parte Wilson, 5 S. Ct. 535, 114 U. S. 417, 29 L. Ed. 89; Thompson v. Benton, 117 Mo. 53, 22 S. W. 863, 20 L. R. A. 462, 38 Am. St. Rep. 639; In re Slaughterhouse Cases, 16 Wall. 69, 21 L. Ed. 334; Robertson v. Baldwin, 17 S. Ct. 326, 165 U. S. 275, 41 L. Ed. 715.

As to involuntary "Bankruptcy," "Indebtedness," "Nonsuit," and "Trust," see those titles.

IOTA. The minutest quantity possible. Iota is the smallest Greek letter. The word "jot" is derived therefrom.
IRREGULARITY

A clear example of an irrecusable obligation is the obligation imposed on every man not to strike another without some lawful excuse. A recusuable obligation is based upon some act of a person bound, which is a condition precedent to the genesis of the obligation. These terms were first suggested by Prof. Wigmore in 3 Harr. Law Rev. 500. See Harr. Contr. 6.

IRREGULAR. Not according to rule; improper or insufficient, by reason of departure from the prescribed course.
As to irregular "Deposit," "Indorsement," "Process," and "Succession," see those titles.

IRREGULARITY. The doing or not doing that, in the conduct of a suit at law, which, conformably with the practice of the court, ought or ought not to be done. Doe ex dem. Cooper v. Harter, 2 Ind. 252. Violation or nonobservance of established rules and practices. The want of adherence to some prescribed rule or mode of proceeding; consisting either in omitting to do something that is necessary for the due and orderly conducting of a suit, or doing it in an unreasonable time or improper manner. Coulter v. Board of Comrs of Bernalillo County, 22 N. M. 24, 158 P. 1068; Ex parte Davis, 115 Or. 638, 247 P. 809, 811; Ex parte Lyon, 17 Okl. Cr. 518, 191 P. 606, 607; Mitter v. Black Diamond Coal Co., 29 Wyo. 439, 206 P. 152, 153; Tidd, Pr. 612. And see McCalm v. Des Moines, 174 U. S. 129, 19 S. Ct. 644, 43 L. Ed. 936; Emeric v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 529, 2 P. 415; Hall v. Munger, 5 Lans. (N. Y.) 113; Corn. Exch. Bank v. Byre, 119 N. Y. 414, 22 N. E. 805; Saltor v. Hilgen, 40 Wls. 365; Turrill v. Walker, 4 Mich. 183. "Irregularity" is the technical term for every defect in practical proceedings, or the mode of conducting an action or defense, as distinguishable from defects in pleadings. 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 509.

The term is not synonymous with Illegality. City of Tampa v. Palmer, 89 Fla. 544, 150 So. 115, 117. "Irregularity" is a want of adherence to some prescribed rule or mode of proceeding, while "Illegality" denotes a radical defect. United States v. Solomon (D. C.) 231 F. 461, 463; U. S. v. Richmond (C. C. A.) 17 F. (2d) 26, 33. "Illegality" in the assessment of a tax is a substantial defect contrary to law and leaving the proceeding with nothing to stand on, while an "irregularity" is a formal defect contrary only to the practice authorized by law, and relating rather to the manner of doing the act than to the act itself. Buntzen v. Rock Springs Grazing Assn., 29 Wyo. 461, 215 P. 244, 254.

Under statutes authorizing the modification or setting aside of judgments, "irregularity" is some departure from the prescribed procedure in the trial, or in the determination of the action, not evidenced by a ruling or an order. Duncan v. Wilkins, 103 Okl. 221, 239 P. 501, 502; American Nat. Bank of Tucumcari v. Tarpley, 31 N. M. 667, 250 P. 18, 20. But under a statute providing for relief against an irregularity in obtaining a judgment, the term has no fixed legal meaning, and in every instance the question is one of fact, dependent upon the circum-
IRREGULARITY


The "irregularity" which, under a South Carolina statute, will not vitiate the formation of a corporation, refers to a deviation from minor statutory provisions. Meyer v. Brunson, 104 S. C. 34, 88 S. E. 369, 369.

Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, as used in a California statute pertaining to new trials, relates to matters occurring during the trial, and not after it. Diamond v. Superior Court of California in and for City and County of San Francisco, 189 Cal. 732, 210 P. 36, 37.

In Canon Law

Any impediment which prevents a man from taking holy orders.

In General

—Legal irregularity. An irregularity occurring in the course of some legal proceeding. A defect or informality which in the technical view of the law, is to be accounted an irregularity.

IRRELEVANCY. The absence of the quality of relevancy, as in evidence or pleadings. The quality or state of being inapplicable or impertinent to a fact or argument.

Irrelevancy, in an answer, consists in statements which are not material to the decision of the case; such as do not form or tender any material issue. People v. McCumber, 18 N. Y. 321, 72 Am. Dec. 515; Walker v. Hewitt, 11 How. Franc. (N. Y.) 368; Carpenter v. Bell, 1 Rob. (N. Y.) 715; Smith v. Smith, 39 S. C. 54, 27 S. E. 445. See, also, Irrelevant.

IRRELEVANT. Not relevant; not relating or applicable to the matter in issue; not supporting the issue. Crump v. Lanham, 67 Okl. 33, 168 P. 43, 44. Evidence is irrelevant where it has no tendency to prove or disprove any issue involved. Malone v. State, 16 Ala. App. 185, 76 So. 469, 470.

IRRELEVANT ALLEGATION. One which has no substantial relation to the controversy between the parties to the suit, and which cannot affect the decision of the court. Wayte v. Bowker Chemical Co., 196 App. Div. 665, 187 N. Y. S. 278, 277; the test of any allegation being whether it tends to constitute a cause of action or a defense, Isaacs v. Solomon, 139 App. Div. 673, 144 N. Y. S. 878, 877. An allegation is irrelevant, where the issue made by its denial has no effect upon the cause of action or no connection with the allegation. Germofert Mfg. Co. v. Castles, 97 S. C. 359, 81 S. E. 665, 666. In this connection, "redundant" is almost a synonym for "irrelevant." Plank v. Hopkins, 35 S. D. 243, 151 N. W. 1017, 1019.

IRRELEVANT ANSWER. See Answer.

IRREMOVABILITY. The status of a pauper in England, who cannot be legally removed from the parish or union in which he is receiving relief, notwithstanding that he has not acquired a settlement there. 3 Steph. Comm. 60. Thus a pauper who has resided in a parish during the whole of the preceding year is irremovable, in view of Stat. 28 and 29 Vict. c. 79, § 8.

IREPARABLE DAMAGES. See Damages.

IREPARABLE INJURY. See Injury.

IREPLEVIALE. That cannot be repleived or delivered on sureties. Spelled, also, "irrepleivable." Co. Litt. 145; 13 Edw. I. c. 2.

IRRESISTIBLE FORCE. A term applied to such an interposition of human agency as is, from its nature and power, absolutely uncontrollable; as the inroads of a hostile army. Story, Bailm. § 25.

IRRESISTIBLE IMPULSE. Used chiefly in criminal law, this term means an impulse to commit an unlawful or criminal act which cannot be resisted or overcome by the patient because insanity or mental disease has destroyed the freedom of his will and his power of self-control and of choice as to his actions. See McCarty v. Com., 114 Ky. 620, 71 S. W. 638; State v. Knight, 95 Me. 467, 50 A. 276, 55 L. R. A. 873; Leache v. State, 22 Tex. App. 279, 3 S. W. 339, 58 Am. Rep. 638; State v. Peel, 23 Mont. 358, 59 P. 169, 75 Am. St. Rep. 529. And see Insanity.

IREVOCABLE. Which cannot be revoked or recalled.

IREVOCABLE LETTER. A confirmed irrevocable letter of credit, irrevocable letter, or a confirmed credit is a contract to pay on compliance with its terms, and needs no formal acknowledgment or acceptance other than is therein stated. Lamborn v. National Park Bank of New York, 240 N. Y. 529, 148 N. E. 664, 665.

IRRIGATION. The operation of watering lands for agricultural purposes by artificial means. In its primary sense, a sprinkling or watering; specifically, the application of water to lands for the raising of agricultural crops and other products of the soil. Platte Water Co. v. Irrigation Co., 12 Colo. 529, 21 P. 711; City and County of Denver v. Brown, 56 Colo. 216, 138 P. 44, 49.

IRRIGATION COMPANY. A private corporation, authorized and regulated by statute in several states, having for its object to acquire exclusive rights to the water of certain streams or other sources of supply, and to convey it by means of ditches or canals through a region where it can be beneficially used for agricultural purposes, and either dividing the water among stockholders, or making contracts with consumers, or furnishing a supply to all who apply at fixed rates.

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IRRIGATION DISTRICT. A public and quasi-municipal corporation authorized by law in several states, comprising a defined region or area of land which is susceptible of one mode of irrigation from a common source and by the same system of works. These districts are created by proceedings in the nature of an election under the supervision of a court, and are authorized to purchase or condemn the lands and waters necessary for the system of irrigation proposed and to construct necessary canals and other works, and the water is apportioned ratably among the landowners of the district. See Colburn v. Wilson, 23 Idaho 337, 130 P. 381; Indian Cove Irr. Dist. v. Prideaux, 25 Idaho, 112, 136 P. 618, 621, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 1218; Nampa & Meridian Irr. Dist. v. Briggs, 27 Idaho, 84, 147 P. 75, 52.

IRRITANCY. In Scotch law. The happening of a condition or event by which a charter, contract, or other deed, to which a clause irritant is annexed, becomes void.

IRRITANT. In Scotch law. Avoiding or making void; as an irritant clause. See Irritancy.

IRRITANT CLAUSE. In Scotch law. A provision by which certain prohibited acts specified in a deed are, if committed, declared to be null and void. A resolutive clause dissolves and puts an end to the right of a proprietor on his committing the acts so declared void.

IRROGARE. Lat. In the civil law. To impose or set upon, as a fine. Calvin. To inflict, as a punishment. To make or ordain, as a law.

IRROTULATIO. L. Lat. An enrolling; a record.

IS. This word, although normally referring to the present, Cunningham v. Moyer, 91 Okl. 44, 215 P. 758, 759; Jenkins v. First Nat. Bank, 73 Mont. 110, 236 P. 1085, 1087; often has a future meaning, but is not synonymous with "shall have been." State v. Jorgenson, 25 N. D. 539, 142 N. W. 450, 462, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 67.

IS QUI COGNOSCIT. Lat. The cognizor in a fine. Is cui cognoscitur, the cognizor.

ISH. In Scotch law. The period of the termination of a tack or lease. 1 Bligh, 522.


An island that arises in the bed of a stream usually first presents itself as a sand bar; Cox v. Arnold, 120 Mo. 337, 31 S. W. 592, 50 Am. St. Rep. 458; Glassell v. Hansen, 155 Cal. 547, 97 P. 944; Holman v. Hodges, 123 Iowa, 714, 84 N. W. 490, 58 L. R. A. 673, 41 Am. St. Rep. 367; a bar, before it will sup-

port vegetation of any kind, may become valuable for fishing, hunting, as a shooting park, for the harvest of loci, for pumping sand, etc. If further deposits of sand upon it would make it more valuable, the law of accretions shall still apply; Fowler v. Wood, 73 Kan. 511, 85 P. 783, 6 L. R. A. (N. S.) 122, 117 Am. St. Rep. 534.

Land in a navigable stream which is surrounded by water only in times of high water is not an island within the rule that the state takes title to newly formed islands in navigable streams. Payne v. Hall, 192 Iowa, 790, 185 N. W. 912, 915.

ISOLATED TRANSACTION. This term, in connection with the rule that single or isolated transactions do not violate a statute prohibiting foreign corporations from doing business within a state without first filing a copy of their charter, may be inapplicable to a single transaction consummated in furtherance of a corporation's business, where it is shown that the corporation in question is a foreign corporation, with its principal office in a town in a sister state near the state line, and that it has solicited business generally in tributary territory within the adjoining state. Dahl Implement & Lumber Co. v. Campbell, 45 N. D. 239, 178 N. W. 197, 198.

ISSINT. A Law French term, meaning "thus," "so," giving its name to part of a plea in debt. A term formerly used to introduce a statement, that special matter already pleaded amounts to a denial.

An example of this form of plea, which is sometimes called the special general issue, occurs in Bauer v. Rodh, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 82.

ISSUABLE. In practice. Leading or tending to, or producing, an issue; relating to an issue or issues. See Colquitt v. Mercer, 44 Ga. 433.

ISSUABLE DEFENSE. A technical expression meaning a plea to the merits, properly setting forth a legal defense, as distinguished from a plea in abatement, or any plea going only to delay the case. Adamson v. Reagh, 143 Ga. 306, 84 S. E. 963.

ISSUABLE PLEA. A plea to the merits; a traversable plea. A plea such that the adverse party can join issue upon it and go to trial. It is true a plea in abatement is a plea, and, if it be properly pleaded, issues may be found on it. In the ordinary meaning of the word "plea," and of the word "issuable," such pleas may be called "issuable pleas," but, when these two words are used together, "issuable plea," or "issuable defense," they have a technical meaning, to-wit, pleas to the merits. Colquitt v. Mercer, 44 Ga. 494.

ISSUABLE TERMS. In the former practice of the English courts, Hilary term and Trinity term were called "issuable terms," because the issues to be tried at the assizes were made up at those terms. 3 Bl. Comm. 353. But the distinction is superseded by the provisions of the judicature acts of 1873 and 1875.
ISSUE, v. To send forth; to emit; to promulgate; as, an officer issues orders, processes issues from a court. To put into circulation; as, the treasury issues notes. To send out, to send out officially; to deliver, for use, or authoritatively; to go forth as authoritative or binding. Stokes v. Paschall (Tex. Civ. App.) 243 S. W. 611, 614.

A writ is "issued" when it is delivered to an officer, with the intent to have it served. Wilkins v. Worthen, 62 Ark. 401, 36 S. W. 273; Michigan Ins. Bk. v. Eldred, 120 U. S. 683, 9 Sup. Ct. 660, 23 L. Ed. 1080; Webster v. Sharpe, 116 N. C. 466, 21 S. E. 312; Ferguson v. Estes & Alexander (Tex. Civ. App.) 214 S. W. 465, 466.


In financial parlance the term "issue" seems to have two phases of meaning. "Date of issue" when applied to notes, bonds, etc., of a series, usually means the arbitrary date fixed as the beginning of the term for which they run, without reference to the precise time when convenience or the state of the market may permit of their sale or delivery. When the bonds are delivered to the purchaser, or they are "due" to him, which is the other meaning of the term. Turner v. Roseberry Irr. Dist., 33 Idaho, 766, 186 P. 465, 467. See, also, Anderson v. Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York, 164 Cal. 712, 150 P. 730, 737, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 493.

ISSUE, n. The act of issuing, sending forth, emitting or promulgating; the giving a thing its first inception; as the issue of an order or a writ.

In Pleading

A single, certain, and material point, deduced by the pleadings of the parties, which is affirmed on the one side and denied on the other. Whitney v. Borough of Jersey Shore, 266 Pa. 537, 109 A. 767, 769; Village of Oak Park v. Eldred, 265 Ill. 605, 107 N. E. 145, 146. A single certain and material point arising out of the allegations of the parties, and it should generally be made up of an affirmative and a negative. Cowen v. Houch Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 249 F. 285, 287; Simmons v. Hagner, 140 Md. 248, 117 A. 788, 790. A fact put in controversy by the pleadings. Shea v. Hillsborough Mills, 78 N. E. 577, 96 A. 293, 294. The disputed point or question to which the parties in an action have narrowed their several allegations, and upon which they are desirous of obtaining the decision of the proper tribunal. When the plaintiff and defendant have arrived at some specific point or matter affirmed on the one side, and denied on the other, they are said to be at issue. See Knaggs v. Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. (C. C. A.) 287 F. 314, 316; First Nat. Bank v. District Court of Hardin County, 195 Iowa, 561, 157 N. W. 457, 458. (But as used in a rule of court, a case is not "at issue" where nothing but a demurrer has been filed, presenting no issue except a question of law as to the sufficiency of the complaint. Arnett v. Hardwick, 27 Ariz. 170, 221 P. 922, 923.) The question so set apart is called the "issue," and is designated, according to its nature, as an "issue in fact" or an "issue in law." Brown v. Martin City of Columbus, 101 Ohio St. 1, 127 N. E. 411, 412.

Issues arise upon the pleadings, when a fact or conclusion of law is maintained by the one party and controverted by the other. They are of two kinds: (1) Of law; and (2) of fact. Rev. Code Iowa 1839, § 276 (Code 1931, § 11250; Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 588; Comp. St. Wyo. 1910, § 4451 (Rev. Stat. 1913, § 89-1202); Berclair v. University City (Mo. App.) 190 S. W. 650, 652; General Electric Co. v. Sapulpa & I. Ry. Co., 49 Okl. 375, 153 P. 189, 193.

The entry of the pleadings. 1 Chitty, Pl. 650.

Issues are classified and distinguished as follows:

General and special. The former is a plea which traverses and denies, briefly and in general and summary terms, the whole declaration, indictment, or complaint, without trenching new or special matter. See Stephe. Pl. 155; Tilden v. E. A. Stevenson & Co. (Del. Super.) 132 A. 739, 740; McAllister v. State, 94 Md. 290, 50 A. 1046; Standard Loan & Acc. Ins. Co. v. Thornton, 97 Tenn. 1, 40 S. W. 136. Examples of the general issue are "not guilty," "non assumpsit," "nil debet," "non est factum." The latter is formed when the defendant chooses one single material point, which he traverses, and rests his whole case upon its determination.

Material and immaterial. They are so described according as they do or do not bring up some material point or question which, when determined by the verdict, will dispose of the whole merits of the case, and leave no uncertainty as to the judgment. Pearson v. Pearson, 104 Misc. 675, 173 N. Y. S. 563, 565.

Formal and informal. The former species of issue is one framed in strict accordance with the technical rules of pleading. The latter arises when the material allegations of the declaration are traversed, but in an artificial or untechnical mode. In the latter case, the defect is cured by verdict, by the statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 20.

A collateral issue is an issue taken upon
materk *sido* from the intrinsic merits of the action, as upon a plea in abatement; or *sido* from the direct and regular order of the pleadings, as on a demurrer. 2 Archib. Pr. K. B. 1, 6, bk. 2, pts. 1, 2; Strickland v. Maddox, 4 Ga. 394. The term "collateral" is also applied in England to an issue raised upon a plea of diversity of person, pleaded by a criminal who has been tried and convicted, in bar of execution, viz., that he is not the same person who was attainted, and the like. 4 Bl. Comm. 396. Matters collateral to the main issue are those which do not constitute an essential element of the offense embraced within the charge. State v. English, 308 Mo. 695, 274 S. W. 470, 474.

**Real or feigned.** A real or actual issue is one formed in a regular manner in a regular suit for the purpose of determining an actual controversy. A feigned issue is one made up by direction of the court, upon a supposed case, for the purpose of obtaining the verdict of a jury upon some question of fact collaterally involved in the cause. Such issues are generally ordered by a court of equity, to ascertain the truth of a disputed fact. They are also used in courts of law, by the consent of the parties, to determine some disputed rights without the formality of pleading; and by this practice much time and expense are saved in the decides of a cause. 3 Bla. Comm. 452. The name is a misnomer, Inasmuch as the issue itself is upon a real, material point in question between the parties, and the circumstances only are fictitious.

**Common issue** is the name given to the issue raised by the plea of non est factum to an action for breach of covenant.

This is so called because it denies the deed only, and not the breach, and does not put the whole declaration in issue, and because there is no general issue to this form of action. 1 Chit., Pl. 462; Gould, Pl. c. 4, pt. 1, § 7.

**In Real Law.**


In this sense, the word includes not only a child or children, but all other descendants in whatever degree; and it is so construed generally in deeds. But, when used in wills, it is, of course, subject to the rule of construction that the intention of the testator, as ascertained from the will, is to have effect, rather than the technical meaning of the language used by him; and hence issue may, in such a construction, be restricted to children, or to descendants living at the death of the testator, where such an intention clearly appears. Abbott v. Sibley v. Perry, 7 Ves. Jun. 223, 235; Ralph v. Car- nick, 11 Ch. D. 872, 883; Darmore v. Darragh (Tex. Civ. App.) 231 S. W. 472, 475; Danksam v. Lockwood, 103 Conn. 54, 130 A. 91, 94; Tantum v. Campbell, 83 N. J. Eq. 361, 91 A. 120, 122; Davenport v. Hickson (C. C. A.) 251 F. 983, 985; Decson v. St. Louis Union Trust Co., 271 Mo. 669, 197 S. W. 261, 266; Carlisle v. Carlisle, 243 Pa. 116, 93 A. 873, 874; Hel- bridg v. Engles-Howe Realty Co., 179 N. Y. 407, 102 S. E. 619; Newcomb v. Newcomb, 197 Ky. 803, 248 S. W. 198, 200; Horner v. Haase, 177 Iowa, 116, 133 N. W. 545, 548; In re Ryman's Estate, 224 N. Y. 605, 607, 130 Misc. 814.

The word "issue" in a will is generally a word of limitation; see Packer's Estate, 246 Pa. 139, 92 A. 70, 74; Baxter v. Early, 131 S. C. 374, 127 S. E. 607; Bonncastle v. Lilly, 153 Ky. 834, 156 S. W. 874, 1 L. R. A. 1468, 1927; and when so used, is sometimes said to be equivalent to "heirs of the body"; Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. v. Bridgman, 42 R. I. 161, 106 A. 149, 153, 5 A. L. R. 185; Parrish v. Hodges, 173 N. C. 123, 100 S. E. 255; Middletown Trust Co. v. Gaffey, 96 Conn. 61, 112 A. 693, 695. But it has been pointed out in other cases that this word is not as strong a word of limitation as the words "heirs of the body." Adams v. Verner, 102 S. C. 7, 86 S. E. 211, 214; City Nat. Bank v. Siocum (C. C. A.) 272 F. 11, 115; and yields readily to a context indicating its use as a word of purchase, Stout v. Good, 245 Pa. 383, 91 A. 613, 615; Eversmeier v. Mc- Collum, 171 Ark. 117, 117 S. W. 576, 582; Ford v. McBrayer, 171 N. C. 420, 88 S. E. 736, 737; Yarrington v. Freeman, 201 Ky. 185, 255 S. W. 1354.


**In Business Law.**

A class or series of bonds, debentures, etc., comprising all that are emitted at one and the same time.

**ISSUE IN FACT.** In pleading. An issue taken upon or consisting of a matter of fact, the fact only, and not the law, being disputed, and which is to be tried by a jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 214, 315; Co. Litt. 126a; 3 Steph. Comm. 572. An issue which arises upon a denial in the answer of a material allegation of the complaint or in the reply of a material allegation in the answer. Rev. Codes, Mont. § 6798 (Rev. Code 1921, § 9395). See, also, Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 590; Comp. St. Wyo. 1910, § 4452 (Rev. St. 1931, § 89-1203). The "issues of fact" which, if presented by the pleadings and supported by evidence, must be
submitted to the jury, where requested, are only the independent ultimate facts which go to make up plaintiff's cause of action and defendant's ground of defense. Texas City Transp. Co. v. Winters (Tex. Com. App.) 222 S. W. 541, 542.

ISSUE IN LAW. In pleading. An issue upon matter of law, or consisting of matter of law, being produced by a demurrer on the one side, and a joinder in demurrer on the other. 3 Bl. Comm. 314; 3 Steph. Comm. 572, 580. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 589. The term "issue" may be so used as to include one of law raised by demurrer to the complaint, as well as one raised by answer. Fruth v. Dolt, 39 S. D. 371, 164 N. W. 270, 271.

ISSUE ROLL. In English practice. A roll upon which the issue in actions at law was formerly required to be entered, the roll being entitled of the term in which the issue was joined. 2 Tidd. Pr. 733. It was not, however, the practice to enter the issue at full length, if triable by the trial, until after the trial, but only to make an incipit or on the roll. Id. 734. It was abolished by the rules of Hilary Term, 1834. Moz. & W. Dict.

ISSUES. In English law. The goods and profits of the lands of a defendant against whom a writ of distinguishing or distress infinite has been issued, taken by virtue of such writ. 3 Bl. Comm. 280; 1 Chit. Criminal Law. 351.

ISSUES AND PROFITS, as applied to real estate, comprehend every available return therefrom, whether it arise above or below the surface. Minner v. Minner, 84 W. Va. 679, 100 S. E. 569, 510.

ISSUES ON SHERIFFS. Fines and amercements inflicted on sheriffs for neglects and defaults, levied out of the issues and profits of their lands. Toml.

ISTIMRAR. Continuance; perpetuity; especially a farm or lease granted in perpetuity by government or a zamindar (q. v.). Wilson's Gloss. Ind.

ISTIMRADAR. The holder of a perpetual lease. Moz. & W.

ITA EST. Lat. So it is; so it stands. In modern civil law, this phrase is a form of attestation added to exximptions from a notary's register when the same are made by the successor in office of the notary who made the original entries.

ITA LEX SCRIPTA EST. Lat. So the law is written. Digg. 40, 9, 12; Allen v. Cook, 26 Barb. (N. Y.) 374, 380; Hemphill's Appeal, 18 Pa. 306. See Monson v. Chester, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 389. The law must be obeyed notwithstanding the apparent rigor of its application. 3 Bl. Comm. 439. We must be content with the law as it stands, without inquiring into its reasons. 1 Bl. Comm. 32.

ITA QUOD. Lat.

In Old Practice

So that. Formal words in writs. Ita quod habeas corpus, so that you have the body. 2 Mod. 180.

The name of the stipulation in a submission to arbitration which begins with the words "so as [ita quod] the award be made of and upon the premises."

In Old Conveyancing

So that. An expression which, when used in a deed, formerly made an estate upon condition. Lit. § 329. Sheppard enumerates it among the three words that are most proper to make an estate conditional. Shep. Touch. 121, 122.

ITA SEMPER AGRITIO UT VALERE DISPOSITIO. 6 Coke, 76. Let the interpretation be always such that the disposition may prevail.


Ita utere tuo ut alienum non iudex. Use your own property and your own rights in such a way that you will not hurt your neighbor, or prevent him from enjoying his. Frequently written, "Sic utere tuo," etc., (q. v.)

ITEM. Also; likewise; in like manner; again; a second time. This word was formerly used to mark the beginning of a new paragraph or division after the first, whence it is derived the common application of it to denote a separate or distinct particular of an account or bill. See Horwitz v. Norris, 89 Pa. 282; Baldwin v. Morgan, 73 Miss. 276, 18 So. 919; Callaghan v. Boyce, 17 Ariz. 433, 153 P. 773, 752; Innis, Pearce & Co. v. G. H. Poppenberg, Inc., 210 N. Y. S. 761, 762, 213 App. Div. 789.

An article; a single detail of any kind. Board of Education of Prince George's County v. County Com't of Prince George's County, 131 Md. 688, 102 A. 1007, 1010. A separate entry in an account or a schedule, or a separate particular in an enumeration of a total. People v. Brady, 277 Ill. 124, 115 N. E. 204, 206.

The word is sometimes used as a verb. "The whole [costs] in this case that was thus homed to counsel." Dumb. p. 194, case 253.

ITEMIZE. To set down by items. People v. Lowden, 280 Ill. 618, 121 N. E. 188. To state each item or article separately. Hartford Fire Ins. Co. v. Walker (Tex. Civ. App.) 153
ITER. Lat.

In the Civil Law

A way; a right of way belonging as a servitude to an estate in the country, (prædium rusticum.) The right of way was of three kinds: (1) iter, a right to walk, or ride on horseback, or in a litter; (2) actus, a right to drive a beast or vehicle; (3) via, a full right of way, comprising right to walk or ride, or drive beast or carriage. Henec. § 408. Or, as some think, they were distinguished by the width of the objects which could be rightfully carried over the way; e. g., via, 8 feet; actus, 4 feet, etc. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 290; Bract. fol. 232; 4 Bell, H. L. Sc. 306.

In old English Law

A journey, especially a circuit made by a justice in eyre, or itinerant justice, to try causes according to his own mission. Du Cange; Bract. lib. 3, cc. 11, 12, 13.

In Maritime Law

A way or route. The route or direction of a voyage; the route or way that is taken to make the voyage assured. Distinguished from the voyage itself.

ITER est jus eundem, ambulandi hominum; non etiam jumentum agendi vel vehiculum. A way is the right of going or walking, and does not include the right of driving a beast of burden or a carriage. Co. Litt. 58a; Inst. 2, 3, pr.; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 318.

ITERATIO. Lat. Repetition. In the Roman law, a bonitary owner might liberate a slave, and the quiritary owner's repetition (iteratio) of the process effected a complete manumission. Brown.

ITINERA. Eyres, or circuits. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 52.

ITINERANT. Wandering; traveling; applied to justices who make circuits. Also applied in various statutory and municipal laws (in the sense of traveling from place to place) to certain classes of merchants, traders, and salesmen. See Shiff v. State, 84 Ala. 454, 4 So. 419; Twining v. Elgin, 33 Ill. App. 337; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 605, c. 65, § 1 (Gen. Laws, c. 101, § 1); West v. Mt. Sterling (Ky.) 65 S. W. 122.

ITINERANT VENDOR. This term is variously defined in statutes; e. g., a person engaged in transient business either in one locality or in traveling from place to place selling goods, who, for the purpose of carrying on such business, sells goods at retail from a car. Rev. St. Me. c. 45, § 15 (Rev. St. 1880, c. 46, § 25). See, also, Laws Mont. 1911, c. 110, § 1; St. Cal. 1906, p. 284, § 3.

ITS. This term does not necessarily import legal ownership, but may signify merely possession, or the temporary use of. See Campbell v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 124 Minn. 245, 144 N. W. 772, 775.

IULE. In old English law. Christmas.

This letter is sometimes used for "I," as the initial letter of "Institutio.;" in references to the Institutes of Justinian.

JAC. An abbreviation for "Jacobus," the Latin form of the names James; used principally in citing statutes enacted in the reigns of the English kings of that name; e. g., "St. 1 Jac. II." Used also in citing the second part of Croke's reports; thus, "Cro. Jac." denotes "Croke's reports of cases in the time of James I."

JACENS L. Lying in abeyance, as in the phrase "hereditas jacens," which is an inheritance or estate lying vacant or in abeyance prior to the ascertaining of the heir or his assumption of the succession.

JACENS HEREDITAS. See Hereditas Jacens.

JACET IN ORE. Lat. In old English law. It lies in the mouth. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, § 49.

JACK. A kind of defensive coat-armor worn by horsemen in war; not made of solid iron, but of many plates fastened together. Some tenants were bound by their tenure to find it upon invasion. Cowell.


JACOBUS. A gold coin an inch and three-eighths in diameter, in value about twenty-five shillings, so called from James I., in whose reign it was first coined. It was also called broad, laurel, and broad-piece. Its value is sometimes at twenty-four shillings, but Macaulay speaks of a salary of eight thousand Jacobuses as equivalent to ten thousand pounds sterling. Hist. Eng. ch. xv.

JACTITATION. Boasting of something which is challenged by another. Moz. & W. A false boasting; a false claim; assertions repeated to the prejudice of another's right.

The species of defamation or dispraise of another's title to a real estate known at common law as "slander of title" comes under the head of jactitation, and in some jurisdications (as in Louisiana) a remedy for this injury is provided under the name of "action of jactitation."

The action in jactitation of title is governed by the rules prescribed by the Code of Practice, under the title, "Possessory Actions," and differs materially from the common-law action of slander of title. Bill v. Saunders, 139 La. 1037, 72 So. 727, 729.

—Jactitation of a right to a church sitting appears to be the boasting by a man that he has a right or title to a pew or sitting in a church to which he has legally no title.

—Jactitation of marriage. In English ecclesiastical law. The boasting or giving out by a party that he or she is married to some other, whereby a common reputation of their matrimony may ensue. To defeat that result, the person may be put to a proof of the actual marriage, failing which proof, he or she is put to silence about it. 3 Bl. Comm. 93. The Scotch suit of a declarator of putting to silence is equivalent to jactitation of marriage.

—Jactitation of tithes is the boasting by a man that he is entitled to certain tithes, to which he has legally no title. See Reg. Ecc. L. 482.

In Medical Jurisprudence


JACTIVUS. Lost by default; tossed away. Cowell.

JACTURA. In the civil law. A throwing of goods overboard in a storm; jettison. Loss from such a cause. Calvin.

JACTUS. A throwing goods overboard to lighten or save the vessel, in which case the goods so sacrificed are a proper subject for general average. Dig. 14, 2, "de leges Rhodii de Jactu." And see Barnard v. Adams, 10 How. 303, 13 L. Ed. 417.

JACTUS LAPILLI. The throwing down of a stone. One of the modes, under the civil law, of interrupting prescription. Where one person was building on another's ground, and in this way acquiring a right by usucapio, the true owner challenged the intrusion and interrupted the prescriptive right by throwing down one of the stones of the building before witnesses called for the purpose. Tray. Lat. Max.

JAIL. A gaol; a prison; a building designated by law, or regularly used, for the confinement of persons held in lawful custody. State v. Bryan, 89 N. C. 534. See Gaol.
A "jail" is therefore distinguishable both in law and in common understanding from a temporary place of detention, like a police station or lockup. People ex rel. Murphy v. Holcomb, 111 Misc. 456, 151 N. Y. S. 770, 782.

While the primary function of a "jail" is a place of detention for persons committed thereto, under sentence of a court, it is also the proper and usual place where persons under arrest or awaiting trial are kept until they appear in court and the charge disposed of. Grab v. Lucas, 156 Wis. 804, 144 N. W. 504, 506.

JAIL DELIVERY. See Gaol.

JAIL LIBERTIES. See Gaol.

JAILER. A keeper or warden of a prison or jail. Leffman v. Schuler, 317 Mo. 671, 266 S. W. 808, 814.

JAKE. A low colloquialism applied to liquor reputed to be composed of a mixture of Jamaica ginger and some other beverage or beverages. Skelton v. State, 31 Okl. Cr. 343, 239 P. 189, 190.

JAMB. A side post or side of a doorway, window, opening, or fire place; a side or vertical piece of any opening or aperture in a wall which helps to bear an overhead member. Superior Skylight Co. v. Zerbe Const. Co. (D. C.) 5 F. (2d) 982, 983.

JAMBEAUX. In old English and feudal law. Leg-armor. Blount.

JAMMA, JUMMA. In Hindu law. Total amount; collection; assembly. The total of a territorial assignment.

JAMMABUNDY, JUMMABUNDY. In Hindu law. A written schedule of the whole of an assessment.

JAMMUNDLING. See Jamunlingi.

JAMPNUM. Furze, or grass, or ground where furze grows; as distinguished from "arable," "pasture," or the like. Co. Litt. 54.

JAMUNLINGI, JAMUNDLINGI. Freemen who delivered themselves and property to the protection of a more powerful person, in order to avoid military service and other burdens. Spelman. Also a species of serfs among the Germans. Du Cange. The same as commendati.

JANITOR. In old English Law


In Modern Law

A person employed to take charge of rooms or buildings, to see that they are kept clean and in order, to lock and unlock them, and generally to care for them. Fagan v. New York, 84 N. X. 352; Kramer v. Industrial Acc. Commission of State of California, 31 Cal. App. 673, 161 P. 278.

JAQUES. In old English law. Small money.

JAVELIN-MEN. Yeomen retained by the sheriff to escort the judge of assize.


JEDBURGH JUSTICE. Summary justice inflicted upon a marauder or felon without a regular trial, equivalent to "lynch law." So called from a Scotch town, near the English border, where raiders and cattle lifters were often summarily hung. Also written "Jeddart" or "Jedwood" justice.

JEMAN. In old records. Yeoman. Cowell; Blount.

JENNY. With names of animals, often used to denote a female; also short for "Jenny ass," "jenny wren," etc. Likewise short for "spinning jenny." Webster, Dict.; O'Keefe v. Richardson, 17 Ala. App. 87, 81 So. 595, 596.

JEFOAILE. L. Fr. I have failed; I am in error. An error or oversight in pleading.

Certain statutes are called "statutes of amendments and jeofailes" because, where a pleader perceives any slip in the form of his proceedings, and acknowledges the error, (jeofaile,) he is at liberty, by those statutes, to amend it. The amendment, however, is seldom made; but the benefit is attained by the court's overlooking the exception. 3 Bl. Comm. 407; 1 Saund. p. 228, no. 1.

Jeofaile is when the parties to any suit in pleading have proceeded so far that they have joined issue which shall be tried or is tried by a jury or inquest, and this pleading or issue is so badly pleaded or joined that it will be error if they proceed. Then some of the said parties may, by their counsel, show it to the court, as well after verdict given and before judgment as before the jury is charged. And the counsel shall say: "This inquest ye ought not to take." And if it be after verdict, then he may say: "To judgment you ought not to go." And, because such niceties occasioned many delays in suits, divers statutes are made to redress them. Ternes de la Ley.

JEOPARDY. Danger; hazard; peril.

The danger of conviction and punishment which the defendant in a criminal action incurs when a valid indictment has been found, and a petit jury has been impaneled and sworn to try the case and give a verdict in a court of competent jurisdiction. State v. Nelson, 26 Ind. 388; State v. Emery, 59 Vt. 84, 7 A. 129; People v. Terrill, 132 Cal. 497, 64 P. 894; Mitchell v. State, 42 Ohio St. 388; Grogan v. State, 44 Ala. 3; Ex parte Glenn (C. C.) 111 F. 258; State v.

The peril in which a prisoner is put when he is regularly charged with a crime before a tribunal properly organized and competent to try him. Com. v. Fitzpatrick, 121 Pa. 109, 15 A. 466, 1 L. R. A. 463, 6 Am. St. Rep. 787; Peavey v. State, 153 Ga. 119, 111 S. E. 430.

The situation of a defendant when the jury is impaneled and sworn and the issues presented on a valid indictment or information in a court of competent jurisdiction. State v. Thompson, 58 Utah, 291, 199 P. 161, 163, 28 A. L. R. 697.

The condition of a person when he is put upon trial, before a court of competent jurisdiction, upon an indictment or information which is sufficient in form and substance to sustain a conviction, and a jury has been charged with his delivery. Allen v. State, 13 Okl. Cr. 533, 105 P. 745, 748, L. R. A. 1917E, 1055; Runyon v. Morrow, 192 Ky. 785, 234 S. W. 804, 806, 19 A. L. R. 632; State v. Runyon, 100 W. Va. 447, 151 S. E. 460, 467.

The terms “jeopardy of life and liberty for the same offense,” “jeopardy of life or limb,” “jeopardy for the same offense,” “in jeopardy of punishment,” and other similar provisions used in the various Constitutions, are to be construed as meaning substantially the same thing. Stout v. State, 26 Okl. 794, 129 P. 559, 568, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 854, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 662.

JERGUEUR. In English law. An officer of the custom-house who oversees the waiters. Techm. Dict.

JERK. A sudden movement or lurch;—“lurch” being used, however, with specific reference to sidewise movements. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. of Texas v. Farris (Tex. Civ. App.) 168 S. W. 463.

JESSE. A large brass candlestick, usually hung in the middle of a church or choir. Cowell.


JETSAM. Goods which, by the act of the owner, have been voluntarily cast overboard from a vessel, in a storm or other emergency, to lighten the ship. 1 C. B. 113.

Jetsam is where goods are cast into the sea, and there sink and remain under water. 1 Bl. Comm. 292.

The sense of “goods thrown overboard and sunk at sea” is an error arising apparently in the attempt to distinguish “jetsam” from “flotsam,” the latter being properly wreckage of a ship or its cargo found floating on the sea. Webster, Dict.

JETTISON. The act of throwing overboard from a vessel part of the cargo, in case of extreme danger, to lighten the ship.

Also, the thing or things so cast out; Jet- sam. Gray v. Wahn, 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 254, 7 Am. Dec. 642; Butler v. Wildman, 3 Barn. & Ald. 326; Barnard v. Adams, 10 How. 303, 13 L. Ed. 417.

A carrier by water may, when in case of extreme peril it is necessary for the safety of the ship or cargo, throw overboard, or otherwise sacrifice, any or all of the cargo or appurtenances of the ship. Throwing property overboard for such purpose is called “jettison,” and the loss incurred thereby is called a “general average loss.” Civil Code Cal. § 214; Civil Code Dak. § 1245 (Comp. Laws 1913, N. D. § 2226; Rev. Code 1919, S. D. § 1147).

JETTY. A projection of stone or other material serving as a protection against the waves. Storm v. Town of Wrightsville Beach, 139 N. C. 679, 128 S. E. 17, 19.

JEUX DE BOURSE. Fr. In French law. Speculation in the public funds or in stocks; gambling speculations on the stock exchange; dealings in “options” and “futures.”

A kind of gambling or speculation, which consists of sales and purchases which bind neither of the parties to deliver the things which are the object of the sale, and which are settled by paying the difference in the value of the things sold between the day of the sale and that appointed for delivery of such things. 1 Pardeus, Droit Comm. n. 162.

JEWEL. An ornament of the person, such as ear-rings, pearls, diamonds, etc. prepared to be worn. See Com. v. Stephens, 14 Pick. (Mass.) 373; Robbins v. Robertson (C. C.) 33 F. 710; Cavendish v. Cavendish, 1 Brown Ch. 405; Ramaley v. Leland, 43 N. Y. 541, 3 Am. Rep. 728; Gle v. Libby, 36 Barb. (N. Y.) 77. An ornament made of precious metal or a precious stone. Wagner v. Congress Square Hotel Co., 115 Me. 190, 98 A. 660, 692.


JEWISH SABBATH. A period which begins at sundown Friday night and ends at sundown Saturday night, and does not conform to a full statutory day according to the Christian calendar. Cohen v. Webb, 175 Ky. 1, 192 S. W. 828, 829.

JIGGER BOSS. In mining parlance, a “pusher” or kind of foreman engaged for the purpose of encouraging or hastening the men. Ryan v. Manhattan Big Four Mining Co., 38 Nev. 92, 145 P. 907, 908.

JITNEY. A self-propelled vehicle, other than a street car, traversing the public streets between certain definite points or terminal, and, as a common carrier, conveying passengers at a five-cent or some small fare, between such terminal and intermediate points, and so held out, advertised, or announced. City of Memphis v. State, 137 Tenn. 8, 179 S. W. 621, 634, 19 L. R. A. 1916B, 1151, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 1056. A motor vehicle carrying passengers for fare. Pt. Lee, etc., Transp. Co. v. Borough of Edgewater, 99 N. J. Eq. 800, 133 A. 424, 425. Also called "jitney bus." Huston v. City of Des Moines, 175 Iowa, 455, 156 N. W. 883, 888.
JOINER. Joining or coupling together; uniting two or more constituents or elements in one; uniting with another person in some legal step or proceeding; union; concurrence.

JOINDER in demurrer. When a defendant in an action tenders an issue of law, (called a "demurrer," the plaintiff, if he means to maintain his action, must accept it, and this acceptance of the defendant's tender, signed by the plaintiff in a set form of words, is called a "joinder in demurrer." Brown; Co. Litt. 71 b; Thompson v. Gouldoek, 10 Rich. (S. C.) 49.

JOINDER in issue. In pleading. A formula by which one of the parties to a suit joins in or accepts an issue in fact tendered by the opposite party. Steph. Pl. 57, 236. More commonly termed a "similler." (q. v.)

JOINDER in pleading. Accepting the issue, and mode of trial tendered, either by demurrer, error, or issue, in fact, by the opposite party.

JOINDER of actions. This expression signifies the uniting of two or more demands or rights of action in one action; the statement of more than one cause of action in a declaration.

JOINDER of error. In proceedings on a writ of error in criminal cases, the joinder of error is a written denial of the errors alleged in the assignment of errors. It answers to a joinder of issue in an action.

JOINDER of issue. The act by which the parties to a cause arrive at that stage of it in their pleadings, that one asserts a fact to be so, and the other denies it.

JOINDER of offenses. The uniting of several distinct charges of crime in the same indictment or prosecution.

JOINDER of parties. The uniting of two or more persons as co-plaintiffs or as co-defendants in one suit.

 Misjoinder. The improper joining together of parties to a suit, as plaintiffs or defendants, or of different causes of action. Burstall v. Beyfus, 53 Law. J. Ch. 567; Phenix Iron Foundry v. Lockwood, 21 R. I. 556, 45 A. 546. Misjoinder of actions is the joining several demands which the law does not permit to be joined, to enforce by one proceeding several distinct, substantive rights of recovery. Gould, Pl. c. 4, § 89; Archb. Civ. Pl. 61; Wade, Abridgment. In equity, it is the joinder of different and distinct claims against one defendant; Adams, Eq. 500; 7 Sim. 241; Newland v. Rogers, 3 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 452.

Misjoinder of parties is the joining, as plaintiffs or defendants, parties who have not a joint interest. Billy v. McGill, 113 Okl. 153, 240 P. 119, 121; Gagle v. Besser, 162 Iowa, 227, 144 N. W. 3, 4.

Misjoinder in a criminal prosecution is the charging in separate counts of separate and distinct offenses arising out of wholly different transactions having no connection or relation with each other. Optner v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 18 F. (2d) 11, 13.
Nonjoinder. The omission to join some person as party to a suit, whether as plaintiff or defendant, who ought to have been so joined, according to the rules of pleading and practice. Bardock Iron & Steel Co. v. Tenenbaum, 156 Va. 163, 118 S. E. 502, 505.

JOINT. United; combined; undivided; done by or against two or more unitedly; shared by or between two or more. The term is used to express a common property interest enjoyed or a common liability incurred by two or more persons. Thus, it is one in which the obligors (being two or more in number) bind themselves jointly but not severally, and which must therefore be prosecuted in a joint action against them all;—distinguished from "joint and several" obligation.

A place of meeting or resort for persons engaged in evil and secret practices of any kind, as a tramps' joint, an "opium joint," or, generally speaking, a rendezvous for persons of evil habits and practices. State v. Shoaf, 179 N. C. 744, 102 S. E. 705, 706, 9 A. L. R. 426.

In masonry, the permanent meeting surface of two bodies, as stones or bricks, held together by cement or otherwise, and, in paving blocks, the space between the side faces of the blocks brought together or nearly in touch. Central Union Stock Yards Co. v. Uvalde Asphalt Paving Co., 82 N. J. Eq. 246, 87 A. 235, 239.


JOINT ACTION. An action brought by two or more as plaintiffs or against two or more as defendants.

JOINT AND SEVERAL. A liability is said to be joint and several when the creditor may sue one or more of the parties to such liability separately, or all of them together at his option. Dicey, Parties 230. A joint and several bond or note is one in which the obligors or makers bind themselves both jointly and individually to the obligee or payee, so that all may be sued together for its enforcement, or the creditor may select one or more as the object of his suit. See Mitchell v. Darricott, 5 Brev. (S. C.) 145; Rice v. Gove, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 185, 33 Am. Dec. 724.

JOINT CAUSE OF ACTION. This term, as used in Equity rule 26 (201 F. v. 118 C. C. A. v [28 USCA § 723]), does not mean a technical legal privity, such as a joint contract; but the rule will be satisfied where there is a single question of law and fact common to all the complainants, as where in a suit to quiet title they claim separate parcels of land under a common source of title. Commodores Point Terminal Co. v. Hudson (D. C.) 283 F. 150, 171.


JOINT DEBTORS' ACTS. Statutes enacted in many of the states, which provide that judgment may be given for or against one or more of several plaintiffs, and for or against one or more of several defendants, and that, "in an action against several defendants, the court may, in its discretion, render judgment against one or more of them, leaving the action to proceed against the others, whenever a several judgment is proper." The name is also given to statutes providing that where an action is instituted against two or more defendants upon an alleged joint liability, and some of them are served with process, but jurisdiction is not obtained over the others, the plaintiff may still proceed to trial against those who are before the court, and, if he recovers, may have judgment against all of the defendants whom he shows to be jointly liable. 1 Black, Judgm. §§ 208, 235. And see Hall v. Lanning, 91 U. S. 168, 23 L. Ed. 271.

JOINT INDUSTRY OF HUSBAND AND WIFE. This phrase, as applied in Oklahoma statutes to property passing by descent, means the industry of a husband and wife each, in his or her recognized sphere of marital activity, and not that both must pursue jointly the same business or calling. In re Stone’s Estate, 86 Okl. 33, 206 P. 246, 247. See also, Chamberlain v. Chamberlain, 121 Okl. 145, 247 P. 684, 687.

JOINT LIVES. This expression is used to designate the duration of an estate or right which is granted to two or more persons to be enjoyed so long as they both (or all) shall live. As soon as one dies, the interest determines. See Higley v. Allen, 3 Mo. App. 524.


JOINTLY. Unitedly, combined or joined together in unity of interest or liability. Soderberg v. Atlantic Lighterage Corporation (D. C.) 15 F.(2d) 209. In a joint manner; in concert; not separately; in conjunction. In re Haddock’s Will, 170 App. Div. 28, 155 N. Y. S. 630, 632; Reclamation Dist. v. Parvin, 67 Cal. 501, 8 Pac. 43; Gold & Stock Tel. Co. v. Commercial Tel. Co. (C. C.) 23 Fed. 342; Case v. Owen, 139 Ind. 22, 38 N. E. 395, 47 Am. St. Rep. 253. Participated in or used by two or more, held or shared in common. Wunderlich v. Blythe, 86 N. J. Eq. 125, 125 A. 386, 388. These are the nontechnical meanings of the word, which it frequently has in wills, as opposed to its technical significance creating a joint tenancy. Oberheiser v. Lackey, 207 N. Y. 229, 100 N. E. 738, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 229.

Persons are “jointly bound” in a bond or note when both or all must be sued in one action for its enforcement, not either one at the election of the creditor.

JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY. See Joint and Several.

JOINTRESS, JOINTURESS. A woman who has an estate settled on her by her husband, to hold during her life, if she survive him. Co. Litt. 46.

JOINTURE. A freehold estate in lands or tenements secured to the wife, and to take effect on the decease of the husband, and to continue during her life at the least, unless she be herself the cause of its determination. Vance v. Vance, 21 Me. 359.


A jointure strictly signifies a joint estate limited to both husband and wife, and such was its original form; but, in its more usual form, it is a sole estate limited to the wife only, expectant upon a life estate in the husband. 2 Bl. Comm. 137; 1 Steph. Comm. 255.

In England, before the time of Henry VIII, in order to protect a wife who was deprived of dower by conveyances to use, it was the usual custom of the husband before marriage to take an estate from his footees and limit it to himself and his intended wife for their lives in joint tenancy or jointure to protect the wife in case of his death, and St. 27 Henry VIII prohibited the widow from having both dower and jointure, which has been continued as part of law by Acts Va. 1755, c. 65 (1 Hening’s St. at Large, p. 163), Rev. Code 1819, c. 107, and Code 1849, c. 110 (Code 1890, § 8171 et seq.). Jacobs v. Jacobs, 100 W. Va. 555, 131 S. E. 445, 453.

JOKER. In political usage, a clause in legislation that is ambiguous or apparently inmaterial, inserted to render it inoperative or uncertain without arousing opposition at the time of passage. Benett v. Commercial Advertiser Ass’n, 230 N. Y. 125, 129 N. E. 343, 344.

JONCARIA, or JUNCARIA. In old English law. Land where rushes grow. Co. Litt. 55a.

JORNALE. In old English law. As much land as could be plowed in one day. Spelman.

JOSH. To ridicule or tease, or make fun of in a joke, to lure or tease by misrepresenting the facts. State v. Powers, 181 Iowa, 452, 164 N. W. 850, 861.

JOUR. A French word, signifying “day.” It is used in our old law-books; as “tout jours,” forever. It is also frequently employed in the composition of words: as, journal, a day-book; journey-man, a man who works by the day; journeys account.

JOUR EN BANC. A day in banc. Distinquished from “jour en pays,” (a day in the country,) otherwise called “jour en nist prius.”

JOUR IN COURT. In old practice. Day in court; day to appear in court; appearance day. “Every process gives the defendant a day in court.” Hale, Anal. § 8.

JOURNAL. A daily book; a book in which entries are made or events recorded from day to day. In maritime law, the journal (otherwise called “log” or “log-book”) is a book kept on every vessel, which contains a brief record of the events and occurrences of each day of a voyage, with the nautical observations,
course of the ship, account of the weather, etc. In the system of double-entry bookkeeping, the journal is an account-book into which are transcribed, daily or at other intervals, the items entered upon the day-book, for more convenient posting into the ledger. In the usage of legislative bodies, the journal is a daily record of the proceedings of either house. It is kept by the clerk, and in it are entered the appointments and actions of committees, introduction of bills, motions, votes, resolutions, etc., in the order of their occurrence. See Oakland Pav. Co. v. Hilton, 69 Cal. 479, 11 Pac. 3; Montgomery Beer Bottling Works v. Gaston, 126 Ala. 425, 28 South. 497, 51 L. R. A. 396, 85 Am. St. Rep. 42; Martin v. Com., 107 Pa. 190.

The daily printed pamphlets which contain the record of the proceedings of each house of the Legislature are the "Journals" of the respective houses. Amos v. Moseley, 74 Fla. 655, 77 So. 618, 621, L. R. A. 1918C, 482.

A "journal" is a permanent record, and the daily minutes kept by the secretary of the Senate or the journal clerk from which the permanent record is finally made up, does not constitute a part of the journal. Niven v. Road Improvement Dist. No. 14 of Jefferson County, 132 Ark. 240, 206 S. W. 997, 998.

JOURNEY. Originally, a day's travel. The word is now applied to a travel by land from place to place, without restriction of time. But, when thus applied, it is employed to designate a travel which is without the ordinary habits, business, or duties of the person, to a distance from his home, and beyond the circle of his friends or acquaintances. Gholson v. State, 53 Ala. 521, 25 Am. Rep. 652.

JOURNEY-HOPPERS. In English law. Registrars of yarn. 3 Hen. VI. c. 5.

JOURNEYMAN. A workman hired by the day, or other given time. Hart v. Aldridge, 1 Cwap. 56; Butler v. Clark, 46 Ga. 463.

JOURNEYS ACCOUNT. In English practice. A new writ which the plaintiff was permitted to sue out within a reasonable time after the abatement, without his fault, of the first writ. This time was computed with reference to the number of days which the plaintiff must spend in journeying to reach the court: hence the name of journeys account, that is, journeys accompagnes or counted. Co. Litt. fol. 9 b; English v. T. H. Rogers Lumber Co., 45 Okl. 238, 173 P. 1046, 1048.

This mode of proceeding has fallen into disuse, the practice now being to permit that writ to be quashed, and to sue out another. See Terms de la Ley; Bacon, Abr. Abatement (Q); 14 Viner, Abr. 568; 4 Com. Dig. 74; 7 M. & G. 762; Richards v. Ins. Co., 8 Cranch, 84, 3 L. Ed. 486.

JUBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To order, direct, or command. Calvin. The word jubeo (I order), in a will, was called a "word of direction," as distinguished from "preratory words." Cod. 6, 43, 2. To assure or promise. To decree or pass a law.

JUBILACION. In Spanish law. The privilege of a public officer to be retired, on account of infirmity or disability, retaining the rank and pay of his office (or part of the same) after twenty years of public service, and on reaching the age of fifty.

JUDÆUS, JUDEUS. Lat. A Jew.

JUDEX. Lat. In Roman Law

A private person appointed by the pretor, with the consent of the parties, to try and decide a cause or action commenced before him. He received from the pretor a written formula instructing him as to the legal principles according to which the action was to be judged. Calvin. Hence the proceedings before him were said to be in judicio, as those the pretor were said to be in jure.

A judge who conducted the trial from beginning to end; magistratus.

The practice of calling in judices was disused before Justinian's time: therefore, in the Code, Institutes, and Novels, judex means judge in its modern sense. Helnecius, Elem. Jur. Civ. § 1357. The term judex is used with very different significations at different periods of Roman law.

In Later and Modern Civil Law

A judge in the modern sense of the term.

In Old English Law

A juror. A judge, in modern sense, especially—as opposed to justiciarius, i. e., a common-law judge—to denote an ecclesiastical judge. Bract. fol. 401, 402.

JUDEX A QUO. In modern civil law. The judge from whom, as judex ad quem is the judge to whom, an appeal is made or taken. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 34.

JUDEX AD QUEM. A judge to whom an appeal is taken.


JUDEX ANTE Oculos aqutatem semper habere debit. A judge ought always to have equity before his eyes. Jenk. Cent. p. 53.
Judea bonus nihil ex arbitrio suo factat, nec proposito domestico voluntatis, sed juxta leges et jura pronuntiavit. A good judge should do nothing of his own arbitrary will, nor on the dictate of his personal inclination, but should decide according to law and justice. 7 Coke, 27a.

Judea damnatur cum nocens absolvitur. The judge is condemned when a guilty person escapes punishment.

JUDEX DATUS. In Roman law. A judge given, that is, assigned or appointed, by the prætor to try a cause.

Judea debet judicare secundum allegata et probata. The judge ought to decide according to the allegations and the proofs.

JUDEX DELEGATUS. A delegated judge; a special judge.

Judea est lex loquens. A judge is the law speaking, [the mouth of the law.] 7 Coke, 4a.

JUDEX FISCALIS. A fiscal judge; one having cognizance of matters relating to the fiscus, (q. v.).

Judea habere debet duos saeques,—salem sapientia, ne sit insipidus; et salem conscientia, ne sit diabolus. A judge should have two salts,—the salt of wisdom, lest he be insipid (or foolish); and the salt of conscience, lest he be devilish. 3 Inst. 147; Bart. Max. 189.

Judea non potest esse testis in propria causa. A judge cannot be a witness in his own cause, 4 Inst. 279.

Judea non potest injustiam sibi datam punire. A judge cannot punish a wrong done to himself. See 12 Coke, 114.

Judea non reddit plus quam quod potens ipse requirit. A judge does not give more than what the complaining party himself demands. 2 Inst. 286.

JUDEX ORDINARIUS. In the civil law. An ordinary judge; one who had the right of hearing and determining causes as a matter of his own proper jurisdiction, (ex proprio jurisdictione,) and not by virtue of a delegated authority. Calvin. According to Blackstone judicia ordinaria determined only questions of fact. 3 Bl. Comm. 315.

JUDEX PEDANEUS. In Roman law. Inferior judge; deputy judge. The judge who was commissioned by the prætor to hear a cause was so called, from the low seat which he anciently occupied at the foot of the prætor's tribunal.

JUDEX QUESITIONIS. A magistrate who decided the law of a criminal case, when the prætor himself did not sit as a magistrate. Morey, Rom. L. 88. The director of the criminal court under the presidency of the prætor. Harper's Lat. Dict.; Clc. Brut. 76, 264.

JUDEX SELECTUS. A select or selected judea or judge. The judges in civil suits selected by the prætor. Harper's Lat. Dict.; Cvic. Verr. 2, 2, 13, § 32. These judices selecti were used in civil causes, and between them and modern jurors many points of resemblance have been noticed; 3 Bla. Comm. 366.

JUDEX. An officer so named in his commission, who presides in some court; a public officer, appointed to preside and to administer the law in a court of justice; the chief member of a court, and charged with the control of proceedings and the decision of questions of law or discretion. Todd v. U. S., 155 U. S. 278, 15 S. Ct. 889, 39 L. Ed. 952; Foot v. Stiles, 57 N. Y. 405; In re Lawyers' Tax Cases, 8 Heisk. (Tenn.) 650; In re Carter's Estate, 254 Pa. 518, 99 A. 58, 61; State v. Le Blond, 108 Ohio St. 126, 140 N. E. 510, 512. "Judge" and "Justice" (q. e.) are often used in substantially the same sense.

The term is sometimes held to include all officers appointed to decide litigated questions while acting in that capacity, including justices of the peace, and even jurors who are judges of the facts; Com. v. Dallas, 4 Dall. 229, 1 L. Ed. 312; Reapublica v. Dal- las, 2 Yeatts (Pa.) 299; Webster v. Boyer, 81 Or. 465, 159 P. 1166, Ann. Cas. 1918D, 985; but see, contra, Alcorn v. Fellows, 102 Conn. 22, 127 A. 911, 915; Voll- mer v. Board of Comrs' of Dubois County, 63 Ind. App. 149, 101 N. E. 321, 322. In ordinary legal use, however, the term is limited to the sense of the first of the definitions here given. People v. Wilson, 15 Ill. 280; and it has been held that a surrogate is not a "judge" within a statute providing for additional compensation to a judge for his services in drawing jurors, People ex rel. Noble v. Mitchel, 170 App. Div. 379, 155 N. Y. S. 690, 692; nor are United States commissioners judges, although they act at times in a quasi judicial capacity and exercise the power of a court, in so far as an act of Congress has conferred specific authority or imposed the performance of a special duty, United States v. Jones (D. C.) 230 F. 262, 264.

—Judge advocate. An officer of a court-martial, whose duty is to swear in the other members of the court, to advise the court, and to act as the public prosecutor; but he is also so far the counsel for the prisoner as to be bound to protect him from the necessity of answering criminating questions, and to object to leading questions when propounded to other witnesses.

—Judge advocate general. The adviser of the government in reference to court-martial and other matters of military law. In England, he is generally a member of the house of commons and of the government for the time being.

—Judge de facto. One who holds and exercises the office of a judge under color of lawful authority and by a title valid on its face, though he has not full right to the office, as where he was appointed under an unconstitutional statute, or by an usurper of the appointing power, or has not taken the

—Judge-made law. A phrase used to indicate judicial decisions which construe away the meaning of statutes, or find meanings in them the legislature never intended. It is sometimes used as meaning, simply, the law established by judicial precedent. Cooley, Const. Lim., 4th ed. 70, note.

—Judge ordinary. By St. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 85, § 9, the judge of the court of probate was made judge of the court for divorce and matrimonial causes created by that act, under the name of the "judge ordinary." In Scotland, the title "judge ordinary" is applied to all those judges, whether supreme or inferior, who, by the nature of their office, have a fixed and determinate jurisdiction in all actions of the same general nature, as contradistinguished from the old Scotch privy council, or from those judges to whom some special matter is committed; such as commissioners for taking proofs, and messengers at arms. Bell.

—Judge's certificate. In English practice. A certificate, signed by the judge who presided at the trial of a cause, that the party applying is entitled to costs. In some cases, this is a necessary preliminary to the taxing of costs for such party. A statement of the opinion of the court, signed by the judges, upon a question of law submitted to them by the chancellor for their decision. See 3 Bl. Comm. 453.

—Judge's minutes, or notes. Memoranda usually taken by a judge, while a trial is proceeding, of the testimony of witnesses, of documents offered or admitted in evidence, of offers of evidence, and whether it has been received or rejected, and the like matters.

—Judge's order. An order may be by a judge at chambers, or out of court.

JUDGER. A Cheshire juryman. Jacob.


The conclusion of law upon facts found, or admitted by the parties, or upon their default in the course of the suit. Tidd, Pr. 330; Truett v. Legg, 32 Mo. 147; Siddall v. Jansen, 143 Ill. 597, 32 N. E. 354; Farmers' Elevator Co. of Bereford v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, Md., 41 S. D. 614, 172 N. W. 519, 520.


The decision or sentence of the law, given by a court of justice or other competent tribunal, as the result of proceedings instituted therein for the redress of an injury. 3 Bla. Com. 385; Etzna Ins. Co. v. Swift, 12 Minn. 437 (Gill 328).

The sentence of the law pronounced by the court upon the matter appearing from the previous proceedings in the suit. It is the conclusion that naturally follows from the premises of law and fact. Branch v. Branch, 5 Fla. 430; In re Sedgeley Ave., 88 Pa. 513.

The determination or sentence of the law, pronounced by a competent judge or court, as the result of an action or proceeding instituted in such court, affirming that, upon the matters submitted for its decision, a legal duty or liability does or does not exist. 1 Bla. Judgm. § 1; Gunter v. Earnest, 68 Ark. 150, 56 S. W. 876; Danner v. Walker-Smith Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 154 S. W. 295, 298; State v. Richards, 94 Ohio St. 287, 114 N. E. 263, 265.


The term "judgment" is also used to denote the reason which the court gives for its decision; but this is more properly denominated an "opinion."

Judgment and decree, as used in some statutes, are synonymous. Finnell v. Finnell, 113 Okl. 295, 230 P. 912, 913; Kline v. Murray, 79 Mont. 590, 257 P. 485, 487; Weeden v. Weeden, 118 Ohio St. 524, 156 N. E. 906, 909.

Classification

Judgments in civil actions, considered as to the persons upon whom, or the property upon which, they operate, are either judgments
in rem or judgments in personam; as to which see those titles.

With reference to the stage of the cause at the time they are rendered, judgments are further classified as follows: 1. Final or interlocutory. A final judgment is one which puts an end to an action at law by declaring that the plaintiff either has or has not entitled himself to recover the remedy he suing for. 3 Bl. Comm. 595; Frank P. Miller Paper Co. v. Keystone Coal & Coke Co., 275 Pa. 40, 118 A. 565, 566. So distinguished from interlocutory judgments, which merely establish the right of the plaintiff to recover, in general terms. Id. 397. A judgment which determines a particular cause. Bostwick v. Brinkerhoff, 106 U. S. 3, 1 S. Ct. 15, 27 L. Ed. 73; Klever v. Seawall, 65 F. 377, 12 C. C. A. 653; Pfeiffer v. Crane, 80 Ind. 487; Nelson v. Brown, 59 Vt. 601, 10 A. 721. A judgment which cannot be appealed from, which is final, and conclusive upon the matter adjudicated. Snell v. Cotton Gin Mfg. Co., 24 Pick. (Mass.) 309; Foster v. Neilson, 2 Pet. 294, 7 L. Ed. 415; Forgy v. Conrad, 6 How. 201, 12 L. Ed. 404; State v. Harmon, 87 Ohio St. 364, 101 N. E. 256, 285. A judgment which disposes of the subject-matter of the controversy or determines the litigation as to all parties on its merits. Lamberton v. McCarthy, 80 Idaho, 707, 188 P. 11; Dolen v. Muncle Sand Co., 110 Kan. 142, 202 P. 816; Wilson v. Board of County Comrs of Tillamook County, 54 Or. 268, 104 P. 754; Sanders v. May, 173 N. C. 47, 91 S. E. 526, 527; Peabody Coal Co. v. Industrial Commission, 287 Ill. 407, 122 N. E. 843, 845; France & Canada S. S. Co. v. French Republic (C. C. A.) 235 F. 290, 291; Baxter v. Bevil Phillips & Co. (D. C.) 210 F. 309, 311; Judson Lumber Co. v. Patterson, 88 Fla. 100, 96 So. 727, 728; Williams v. Howard, 192 Ky. 356, 233 S. W. 735, 754; Sheppy v. Stevens (C. C. A.) 200 F. 946; Miller v. Farmers’ State Bank & Trust Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 241 S. W. 540, 543. A judgment which terminates all litigation on the same right. The term “final judgment,” in the judiciary act of 1789, § 25, includes both species of judgments as just defined. 1 Kent, Comm. 316; Weston v. Charleston, 2 Pet. 494, 7 L. Ed. 461; Forgy v. Conrad, 6 How. 201, 209, 12 L. Ed. 404. A judgment which is not final is called “interlocutory;” that is, an interlocutory judgment is one which determines some preliminary or subordinate point or plea, or subverts some step, question, or default arising in the progress of the cause, but does not adjudicate the ultimate rights of the parties, or finally put the case out of court. Thus, a judgment or order passed upon any provisional or accessory claim or contention is, in general, merely interlocutory, although it may finally dispose of that particular matter. 1 Black, Judgm. § 21; Hartfort Fire Ins. Co. v. McDonald, 177 Ky. 538, 198 S. W. 225, 226; Frank P. Miller Paper Co. v. Keystone Coal Co. v. Keystone Coal & Coke Co., 275 Pa. 40, 118 A. 565, 566; Kinney v. Tri-State Telephone Co. (Tex. Com. App.) 222 S. W. 227, 230.

2. Judgments of quod recuperet, respondent de oyster, and quod computet (see Definitions, infra). When an issue in fact, or an issue in law arising on a peremptory plea, is determined for the plaintiff, the judgment is “that the plaintiff do recover,” etc., which is called a judgment quod recuperet; Steph. Pl 126. When the issue in law arises on a dilatory plea, and is determined for the plaintiff, the judgment is only that the defendant “do answer over,” called a judgment of respondent de oyster. In an action of account, judgment for the plaintiff is that the defendant “do account,” quod computet. Of these, the last two, quod computet and quod respondent de oyster, are interlocutory only; the first, quod recuperet, is either final or interlocutory, according as the quantum of damages is or is not ascertained at the rendition of the judgment.

3. Judgment in error (see Definitions, infra), is either in affirmance of the former judgment; in recall of it for error in fact; in reversal of it for error in law; that the plaintiff be barred of his writ of error, where a plea of release of errors or of the statute of limitations is found for the defendant; or that there be a venire facias de novo, which is an award of a new trial.

With regard to the jurisdiction in which they are rendered, judgments are either domestic or foreign (see Definitions, infra). Judgments, considered with respect to the method of obtaining them, may be thus classified.

1. When the result is obtained by the trial of an issue of fact. Judgments upon facts found are the following: Judgment of null vel record (q. v.) occurs when some pleading denies the existence of a record and issue is joined thereon; the record being produced is compared by the court with the statement in the pleading which alleges it; and if they correspond, the party asserting its existence obtains judgment; if they do not correspond, the other party obtains judgment of null vel record (no such record).

Judgment upon verdict (q. v.) is the most usual of the judgments upon facts found, and is for the party obtaining the verdict.

Judgment non obstante veredicto originally, at common law, was a judgment entered for plaintiff “notwithstanding the verdict” for defendant; which could be done only, after verdict and before judgment, where it appeared that defendant’s plea confessed the cause of action and set up matters in avoidance which, although verified by the verdict, were insufficient to constitute a defense or bar to the action. But either by statutory enactment or because of relaxation of the early common-law rule, the generally prevailing rule now is that either plaintiff or defendant may have a judgment non obstante veredicto in proper cases. 33 C. J. 1178, § 112.
A judgment of \textit{repleader} is given when issue is joined on an immaterial point, or one on which the court cannot give a judgment which will determine the right. On the award of a repleader, the parties must recommence their pleadings at the point where the immaterial issue originated. This judgment is interlocutory, \textit{quod partes replacetem}.  

2. When the facts are admitted by the parties, leaving only issues of law to be determined, which judgments are as follows:

Judgment upon a demurrer against the party demurring concludes him, because by demurring, a party admits the facts alleged in the pleadings of his adversary, and relies on their insufficiency in law. See Demurrer.

Judgment on a case stated. It sometimes happens that though the adverse parties are agreed as to the facts, and only differ as to the law arising out of them, still these facts do not so clearly appear on the pleadings as to enable them to obtain the opinion of the court by way of demurrer; for on demurring the court can look at nothing whatever except the pleadings. In such circumstances the statute 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 42, § 25, which has been imitated in most of the states, allows them after issue joined, and on obtaining the consent of a single judge, to state the facts in a special case for the opinion of the court, and agree that a judgment shall be entered for the plaintiff or defendant by confession or \textit{nolle prosequi} immediately after the decision of the case; and judgment is entered accordingly, called judgment on a case stated.

Judgment on a general verdict subject to a special case and judgment on a special verdict. Sometimes at the trial the parties find that they agree on the facts, and the only question is one of law. In such case a verdict \textit{pro forma} is taken, which is a species of admission by the parties, and is general, where the jury find for the plaintiff generally, but subject to the opinion of the court on a special case, or special, where they state the facts as they find them, concluding that the opinion of the court shall decide in whose favor the verdict shall be, and that they assess the damages accordingly. The judgments in these cases are called respectively, judgment on a general verdict subject to a special case, and judgment on a special verdict. See Case Stated; Point Reserved; Verdict.

3. Besides these, a judgment may be based upon the admissions or confessions of one only of the parties.

Such judgments when for defendant upon the admissions of the plaintiff are:

Judgment of \textit{nolle prosequi}, when, after appearance and before judgment, the plaintiff says he "will not further prosecute his suit." Steph. Pl., Andr. Ed. § 97.

Judgment of \textit{retraeit} is one where, after appearance and before judgment, the plaintiff voluntarily enters upon the record that he "withdraws his suit," whereupon judgment is rendered against him. The difference between a \textit{retraeit} and a \textit{nolle prosequi} is that a \textit{retraeit} is a bar to any future action for the same cause; while a \textit{nolle prosequi} is not, unless made after judgment. Similarly, a \textit{retraeit} differs from a \textit{nonsuit}.

A plaintiff sometimes, when he finds he has misconceived his action, obtains leave from the court to \textit{discontinue}, on which there is a judgment against him and he has to pay costs; but he may commence a new action for the same cause.

A \textit{stet processus} is entered where it is agreed by leave of the court that all further proceedings shall be stayed; though in form a judgment for the defendant, it is generally, like discontinuance, in point of fact for the benefit of the plaintiff, and entered on his application, as, for instance, when the defendant has become insolvent. It does not carry costs.

Judgments for the plaintiff upon facts admitted by the defendant are:

Judgment by cognovit actionem, cognovit or confession, where, instead of entering a plea, the defendant chooses to acknowledge the rightfulness of the plaintiff's action.

Judgment by confession \textit{relatio verificatione} is rendered where, after pleading and before trial, he both confesses the plaintiff's cause of action to be just, and true and withdraws or abandons his plea or other allegations. Upon this, judgment is entered against him without proceeding to trial.

Analogous to this is the judgment confessed by \textit{warrant of attorney}: this is an authority given by the debtor to an attorney named by the creditor, empowering him to confess judgment either by \textit{cognovit actionem}, \textit{nil dicit}, or \textit{non sum informatus}. This differs from a \textit{cognovit} in that an action must be commenced before a \textit{cognovit} can be given, but not before the execution of a warrant of attorney.

4. A judgment may be rendered on the default of a party. Such judgments against the defendant are: Judgment by default; judgment by \textit{non sum informatus}; judgment \textit{nil dicit} (See Definitions, infra).

Judgments rendered on plaintiff's default are: Judgment of \textit{non pro.} (from \textit{non prosequitur}) and judgment of \textit{nonsuit} (from \textit{non sequitur}, or \textit{ne suit pas}) (See Definitions, infra).

Nature, Form and Effect

The various forms of judgment are designated by the following terms:

An \textit{alternative judgment} is one that by its terms might be satisfied by doing either of several acts at the election of the party or parties against whom the judgment is rendered and from whom performance is by the judgment required. Henderson \textit{v.} Arkansas, 71 Okl. 253, 176 P. 751, 754.

\textit{Judgment of assets in futuro}, is one against an executor or heir, who holds at the time no property on which it can operate. See judgment \textit{quando accidit}, infra.

\textit{Judgment of cession} \textit{brevi or billa} (that \textit{BL. LAW DICT. (3D ED.)})
the writ or bill be quashed) is a judgment rendered in favor of a party pleading in abatement to a writ or action.  Steph. Pl. 130, 131.

A conditional judgment is one whose force depends upon the performance of certain acts to be done in the future by one of the parties; as, one which may become of no effect if the defendant appears and pleads according to its terms, or one which orders the sale of mortgaged property in a foreclosure proceeding unless the mortgagor shall pay the amount decreed within the time limited. Mahoney v. Loan Ass'n (C. C.) 70 Fed. 513; Simmon v. Jones, 118 N. C. 472, 24 S. E. 114.

Judgment by confession is where a defendant gives the plaintiff a cognosce or written confession of the action (or "confession of judgment," as it is frequently called) by virtue of which the plaintiff enters judgment.

Consent judgment. One entered upon the consent of the parties and in pursuance of their agreement as to what the terms of the judgment shall be. Henry v. Hilliard, 120 N. C. 479, 27 S. E. 130; Karnes v. Black, 185 Ky. 410, 215 S. W. 191, 193. Consent judgments are, in effect, merely contracts acknowledged in open court and ordered to be recorded, but as such they bind the parties as fully as do other judgments. Prince v. Frost-Johnson Lumber Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 250 S. W. 755, 759; Belcher v. Cobb, 169 N. C. 658, 66 S. E. 600, 602; Keach v. Keach, 217 Ky. 725, 290 S. W. 705, 711.

Contradictory judgment is a judgment which has been given after the parties have been heard, either in support of their claims or in their defense. Cox's Ex'rs v. Thomas, 11 La. 366. It is used in Louisiana to distinguish such judgments from those rendered by default.

Judgment de melioribus damnis (of, or for, the better damages). Where, in an action against several persons for a joint tort, the jury by mistake sever the damages by giving heavier damages against one defendant than against the others, the plaintiff may cure the defect by taking judgment for the greater damages (de melioribus dannis) against that defendant, and entering a nolle prosequi (q. v.) against the others. Sweet.

Judgment by default is a judgment rendered in consequence of the non-appearance of the defendant. Beard v. Sovereign Lodge, W. O. W., 184 N. C. 154, 113 S. E. 561; In re Smith, 38 Idaho, 746, 225 P. 495, 496; Brane v. Nolen, 139 Va. 413, 124 S. E. 299, 301. The term is also applied to judgments entered under statutes or rules of court, for want of affidavit of defense, plea, answer, and the like, or for failure to take some required step in the cause.

A dormant judgment is one which has not been satisfied or extinguished by lapse of time, but which has remained so long unexecuted that execution cannot now be issued upon it without first reviving the judgment. Draper v. Nixon, 90 Ala. 496, 8 So. 458. General Electric Co. v. Hard (C. C.) 171 F. 984; Burlington State Bank v. Marlin Nat. Bank (Tex. Civ. App.) 207 S. W. 954, 956. Or one which has lost its lien on land from the failure to issue execution on it or take other steps to enforce it within the time limited by statute. 1 Black, Judgm. (2d Ed.) § 462.

Judgment of dismissed. See the title Dismissal.

Domestic judgment. A judgment is domestic in the courts of the same state or country where it was originally rendered; in other states or countries it is called foreign. The federal court sitting for the state is a domestic court, and its judgments within the scope of its jurisdiction are domestic judgments. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Tally, 203 Ala. 570, 88 So. 114, 117. See foreign judgment, infra.

Judgment in error is a judgment rendered by a court of error on a record sent up from an inferior court.

Final judgment is one which puts an end to a suit.

A foreign judgment is one rendered by the courts of a state or country politically and judicially distinct from that where the judgment or its effect is brought in question. One pronounced by a tribunal of a foreign country, or of a sister state. Karns v. Kunkle, 2 Minn. 315 (Gil. 298); Gulick v. Loder, 13 N. J. Law, 98, 28 Am. Dec. 711; Grover & B. Sewing Mach. Co. v. Radcliffe, 157 U. S. 287, 11 S. Ct. 92, 34 L. Ed. 670.

Interlocutory judgment is one given in the progress of a cause upon some plea, proceeding, or default which is only intermediate and does not finally determine or complete the suit. 3 Bl. Comm. 396.

Judgment on the merits is one rendered after argument and investigation, and when it is determined which party is in the right, as distinguished from a judgment rendered upon some preliminary or merely technical point, or by default and without trial.

Judgment of nil capiat per brevi or per bil Ian (that he take nothing by his writ, or by his bill) is a judgment in favor of the defendant upon an issue raised upon a declaration or peremptory plea.

Judgment by nil dicti is one rendered for plaintiff when defendant "says nothing," that is, when he neglects to plead to plaintiff's declaration within the proper time. Judgment taken against party who withdraws his answer is judgment nil dicti, which amounts to confession of cause of action stated, and carries with it, more strongly than judgment by default, admission of justice of plaintiff's case. Howe v. Central State Bank of Coleman (Tex. Civ. App.) 297 S. W. 692, 694. Judgment rendered on plea of guilty is not "judgment nil dicti," which is substantially identical with default judgment. Stevens v. State, 100 Vt. 214, 156 A. 887.

Judgment nisi. At common law, this was a judgment entered on the return of the nisi prius record, which, according to the terms of the postea indorsed thereon was to become absolute unless otherwise ordered by the court.
within the first four days of the next succeeding term. See U. S. v. Winstead (D. C.) 12 Fed. 51; Young v. McPherson, 3 N. J. Law, 897.

Judgment of nole prosequi is one entered against plaintiff when, after appearance and before judgment, he declares that he will not further prosecute his suit.

Judgment non obstante veredicto in its broadest sense is a judgment rendered in favor of one party notwithstanding the finding of a verdict in favor of the other party, 33 C. J. 1177, § 111. See Classification, supra.

Judgment of non pros. (non prosequitur he does not follow up, or proceeds) is one given against the plaintiff for a neglect to take any of those steps which it is incumbent on him to take in due time.

Judgment by non sum informatus (I am not informed) is one which is rendered when, instead of entering a plea, the defendant's attorney says he is not informed of any answer to be given to the action. Steph. Pl. 130.

Judgment nunc pro tunc, is one entered on a day subsequent to the time at which it should have been entered, as of the latter date. See Nunc pro Tunc.

Judgment of nonsuit is of two kinds — voluntary and involuntary. When plaintiff abandons his case, and consents that judgment go against him for costs, it is voluntary. But when he, being called, neglects to appear, or when he has given no evidence on which a jury could find a verdict, it is involuntary. Proem. Judgm. § 6.

Judgment pro retorno habendo is a judgment that the party have a return of the goods.

Judgment quando acciderint (when they shall come in). If on the plea of glene administravit in an action against an executor or administrator, or on the plea of riens per descent in an action against an heir, the plaintiff, instead of taking issue on the plea, take judgment of assets quando acciderint, in this case, if assets afterwards come to the hands of the executor or heir, the plaintiff must first sue out a scire facias, before he can have execution. If, upon this scire facias, assets be found for part, the plaintiff may have judgment to recover so much immediately, and the residue of the assets in futuro. 1 Sld. 448.

Judgment quod computet is a judgment in an action of account-render that the defendant do account.

Judgment quod partitio flat is the interlocutory judgment in a writ of partition, that partition be made.

Judgment quod partes replicant (that the parties do repel) is a judgment for repel- lent, and is given if an issue is formed on so immaterial a point that the court cannot know for whom to give judgment. The parties must then reconstruct their pleadings.

Judgment quod recuperet is a judgment in favor of the plaintiff (that he do recover), rendered when he has prevailed upon an issue in fact or an issue in law other than one arising on a dilatory plea. Steph. Pl. 126.

Judgment of respondat ositer is a judgment given against the defendant, requiring him to "answer over," after he has failed to establish a dilatory plea upon which an issue in law has been raised.

Judgment of retrorsum is one rendered where, after appearance and before verdict, the plaintiff voluntarily goes into court and enters on the record that he "withdraws his suit." It is an open, voluntary renunciation of his claim in court, and by it he forever loses his action.

A stet processus is a judgment entered where it is agreed by leave of court that all further proceedings shall be stayed.

Other Compound Terms

—Deficiency judgment. See Deficiency.


—Judgment creditor. One who is entitled to enforce a judgment by execution, (q. v.). The owner of an unsatisfied judgment.

—Judgment debt. A debt, whether on simple contract or by specialty, for the recovery of which judgment has been entered up, either upon a cognovit or upon a warrant of attorney or as the result of a successful action. Brown.

—Judgment debtor. A person against whom judgment has been recovered, and which remains unsatisfied. The term has been construed to include a judgment debtor's successors in interest, Bateman v. Kellogg, 59 Cal. App. 441, 211 P. 46, 51; but see, contra, Northwest Trust & Safe Deposit Co. v. Butcher, 98 Wash. 153, 167 P. 46, 47.

—Judgment debtor summons. Under the English bankruptcy act, 1861, §§ 78-85, these summons might be issued against both traders and non-traders, and, in default of payment of, or security or agreed composition for, the debt, the debtors might be adjudicated bankrupt. This act was repealed by 32 & 33 Vict. c. 83, § 20. The 32 & 33 Vict. c. 71, however, (bankruptcy act, 1869) provides (section 7) for the granting of a "debtor's summons," at the instance of creditors, and, in the event of failure to pay or compound, a petition for adjudication may be presented, unless in the events provided for by that section. Wharton.

—Judgment docket. A list or docket of the judgments entered in a given court, methodically kept by the clerk or other proper officer, open to public inspection, and intended to afford official notice to interested parties of the existence or lien of judgments.

—Judgment lien. A lien binding the real estate of a judgment debtor, in favor of the
holder of the judgment, and giving the latter a right to levy on the land for the satisfaction of his judgment to the exclusion of other adverse interests subsequent to the judgment. Ashton v. Slater, 19 Minn. 351 (Gil. 300); Shirk v. Thomas, 121 Ind. 147, 22 N. E. 979, 16 Am. St. Rep. 381.

—Judgment note. A promissory note, embodying an authorization to any attorney, or to a designated attorney, or to the holder, or the clerk of the court, to enter an appearance for the maker and confess a judgment against him for a sum therein named, upon default of payment of the note. Sweeney v. Thicks- tun, 77 Pa. 131.

—Judgment paper. In English practice. A sheet of paper containing an incipitur of the pleadings in an action at law, upon which final judgment is signed by the master. 2 Tidd, Pr. 930.


—Judgment record. In English practice. A parchment roll, on which are transcribed the whole proceedings in the cause, deposited and filed of record in the treasury of the court, after signing of judgment. 3 Steph. Comm. 632. In American practice, the record is signed, filed, and docketed by the clerk.

—Judgment recovered. A plea by a defendant that the plaintiff has already recovered that which he seeks to obtain by his action. This was formerly a species of sham plea, often put in for the purpose of delaying a plaintiff's action.

—Judgment roll. In English practice. A roll of parchments containing the entries of the proceedings in an action at law to the entry of judgment inclusive, and which is filed in the treasury of the court. 1 Arch. Pr. K. B. 227, 228; 2 Tidd, Pr. 951; Pettis v. Johnston, 78 Ohio 277, 190 P. 681, 700. A record made of the issue roll (q. v.), which, after final judgment has been given in the cause, assumes this name. Steph. Pl. Andr. ed. § 97; 3 Chitty, Stat. 514; Freem. Judg. § 75. The Judicature Act of 1875 requires every judgment to be entered in a book by the proper officer. It has been abolished, as such, in New Jersey; Jennings v. Philadelphia & R. Co. (C. C.) 23 F. 569, 571. There is said to be hopeless confusion in the cases as to what constitutes the judgment roll. All the cases agree that the complaint, the summons and, most of them, the return on the summons, the affidavit for publication in case of constructive service, and papers of that sort are included therein; Terry v. Gibson, 22 Colo. App. 273, 128 P. 1127, 1128, citing many cases, and also 1 Gr. Evid. 511, and Freem. Judg. § 78; Crouch v. H. L. Miller & Co., 169 Cal. 341, 146 P. 880; In re Broome's Estate, 169 Cal. 304, 147 P. 270, 271; Powell v. Mohr, 68 Cal. App. 639, 230 P. 27, 29; State Bank of Dakota v. Weaber, 125 Okl. 186, 256 P. 50, 52; Inashima v. Wardall, 128 Wash. 617, 224 P. 379, 382; Madsen v. Hodson, 69 Utah, 527, 256 P. 792, 793. See the title Roll.

—Junior judgment. One which was rendered or entered after the rendition or entry of another judgment, on a different claim, against the same defendant.

—Money judgment. One which adjudges the payment of a sum of money, as distinguished from one directing an act to be done or property to be restored or transferred. Fuller v. Aylesworth, 75 P. 694, 21 C. C. A. 505; Pendleton v. Cline, 85 Cal. 142, 24 P. 659.

—Personal judgment. One imposing on the defendant a personal liability to pay it, and which may therefore be satisfied out of any of his property which is within the reach of process, as distinguished from one which may be satisfied only out of a particular fund or the proceeds of particular property. Thus, in a mortgage foreclosure suit, there may be a personal judgment against the mortgagee for any deficiency that may remain after the sale of the mortgaged premises. See Bardwell v. Collins, 44 Minn. 97, 46 N. W. 315, 9 L. R. A. 152, 20 Am. St. Rep. 547.

—Pocket judgment. A statute-merchant which was enforceable at any time after non-payment on the day assigned, without further proceedings. Wharton.

JUDGMENT IN PERSONAM OR INTER PARTES. A judgment against a particular person, as distinguished from a judgment against a thing or a right or status. Judgments of the former class, though conclusive even against strangers, as to the fact of their rendition and the resultant legal consequences, are not binding as to the issues involved, except upon the parties and their privies, while judgments of the latter class are conclusive upon all the world. City of Huntsville v. Goodenrath, 13 Ala. App. 579, 88 So. 676, 680. See the title Judgment In Rem.

Decrees of divorce of other states recovered upon service by publication are not judgments in personam. Ball v. Cross, 206 Misc. 194, 174 N. Y. S. 253, 260.

JUDGMENT IN REM. An adjudication, pronounced upon the status of some particular subject-matter, by a tribunal having competent authority for that purpose. It differs from a judgment in personam, in this: that the latter judgment is in form, as well as substance, between the parties claiming the right; and that it is so inter partes appears by the record itself. It is binding only upon the parties appearing to be such by the record, and those claiming by them. A judgment in
The judgment in rem is founded on a proceeding instituted, not against the person, as such, but against or upon the thing or subject-matter itself, whose state or condition is to be determined. It is a proceeding to determine the state or condition of the thing itself; and the judgment is a solemn declaration upon the status of the thing, and it ipso facto renders it what it declares it to be. Woodruff v. Taylor, 20 Vt. 73. And see Martin v. King, 72 Ala. 360; Lord v. Chadbourne, 42 Me. 429, 66 Am. Dec. 290; Hine v. Hussey, 45 Ala. 496; Cross v. Armstrong, 44 Ohio St. 613, 10 N. E. 160; City of Huntsville v. Goodenrath, 13 Ala. App. 679, 68 So. 676, 680; Wilson v. Smart, 324 Ill. 276, 155 N. E. 285, 291.

Various definitions have been given of a judgment in rem, but all are criticised as either incomplete or comprehending too much. It is generally said to be a judgment declaratory of the status of some subject-matter, whether this be a person or a thing. Thus, the probate of a will fixes the status of the document as a will. The personal rights and interests which follow from mere incidents of the status or character of the paper, and do not appear on the face of the judgment. A decree establishing or dissolving a marriage is a judgment in rem, because it fixes the status of the person. A judgment of forfeiture, by the proper tribunals, against specific articles or goods, for a violation of the revenue laws, is a judgment in rem; but it is objected that the customary definition does not fit such a case, because there is no fixing of the status of anything, the whole effect being a seizure, whatever the thing may be. In the foregoing instances, and many others, the judgment is conclusive against all the world, without reference to actual presence or participation in the proceedings. If the expression "strictly in rem" may be applied to any class of cases, it should be confined to such as these. "A very able writer says: "The distinguishing characteristic of judgments in rem is that, wherever their obligation is recognized and enforced as against any person, it is equally recognized and enforced as against all persons." It seems to us that the true definition of a judgment in rem is "an adjudication" against some person or thing, or upon the status of some subject-matter; which, wherever and whenever binding upon any person, is equally binding upon all persons." Bartero v. Real Estate Savings Bank, 10 Mo. App. 78.

An adjudication in bankruptcy is a "judgment in rem," binding against all the world, in so far as it determines the defendant to be a bankrupt and his property subject to administration in bankruptcy. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland v. Queens County Trust Co., 228 N. Y. 225, 123 N. E. 570, 572.

In Pennoyer v. Neff, the court said: "It is true that, in a strict sense, a proceeding in rem is one taken directly against property, and has for its object the disposition of property, without reference to the title of individual claimants; but, in a larger and more general sense, the terms are applied to actions between parties, where the direct object is to reach and dispose of property owned by them, or of some interest therein. Such are cases commenced by attachment against the property of debtors, or instituted to partition real estate, foreclose a mortgage, or enforce a lien. So far as they affect property in this state, they are substantially proceedings in rem in the broader sense which we have mentioned." 55 U. S. 734, 24 L. Ed. 655. A judgment against a railway company in favor of an assignee of claims for labor performed for a subcontractor, which forecloses a statutory lien on the property of the company for debt, and orders a sale of the property, cannot be construed as a judgment in rem. Austin & N. W. R. Co. v. Rucker, 50 Tex. 387.

Judicandum est legibus, non exemplis. Judgment is to be given according to the laws, not according to examples or precedents. 4 Coke, 336; 4 Bl. Comm. 405.

JUDICARE. Lat. In the civil and English law. To judge; to decide or determine judicially; to give judgment or sentence.

JUDICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Judging; the pronouncing of sentence after hearing a cause. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8, no. 7.

JUDICATORES TERRARUM. Lat. Certain tenants in the county palatine of Chester, who were bound by their tenures to perform judicial functions. In case of an erroneous judgment being given by them, the party aggrieved might obtain a writ of error out of Chancery, directing them to reform it. They then had a month to consider of the matter. If they declined to reform their judgment, the matter came on writ of error before the king's bench; and if the court of king's bench held the judgment to be erroneous they forfeited £100 to the crown by custom. Jenk. Cent. 71.

JUDICATURE. The state or profession of those officers who are employed in administering justice; the judiciary.

A judicatory, tribunal, or court of justice. Jurisdiction; the right of judicial action; the scope or extent of jurisdiction.

JUDICATURE ACTS (ENGLAND). The acts under which the present system of courts in England was organized and is continued. The statutes of 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66, and 38 & 39 Vict. c. 77, which went into force November 1, 1875, with amendments in 1877, 40 & 41 Vict. c. 9; 1879, 42 & 43 Vict. c. 78; and 1881, 44 & 45 Vict. c. 68, made most important changes in the organization of, and methods of procedure in, the superior courts of England, consolidating them together so as to constitute one supreme court of judicature, consisting of two divisions,—her majesty's high court of justice, having chiefly original jurisdiction; and her majesty's court of appeal, whose jurisdiction is chiefly appellate.

JUDICATURE ACTS (IRELAND). The act of 40 & 41 Vict. c. 57, which went into operation Jan. 1, 1875, established a supreme court of judicature in Ireland, under which acts and subsequent ones a system essentially similar in its constitution to that in England is in force.

JUDICES. Lat. Judges. See Judex.
Judicem non tenentur exprimere causam sententiae sua. Judges are not bound to explain the reason of their sentence. Jenk. Cent. 75.

JUDICES ORDINARII. Lat. Plural of iudex ordinarius. See Judex.

JUDICES PEDANEI. Lat. Plural of iudex pedaneus. See Judex.

JUDICES SELECTI. Lat. Plural of iudex selectus. See Judex.

Judicis officium suum excedenti non paretur. A judge exceeding his office (or jurisdiction) is not to be obeyed. Jenk. Cent. p. 139, case 84. Said of void judgments.

Judicis satis pena est, quod Deum habet ultorem. It is punishment enough for a judge that he has God as his avenger. 1 Leon. 295.

JUDICIA; JUDICIA PUBLICA. Lat. In Roman law. Judicial proceedings; trials. JUDICIA publica, criminal trials. Dig. 48, 1. See, also, Judicium.

Judicia in curia regis non adhibentur, sed stent in rebus suo quaesuoque per errorem aut attonitiam adnulenter. Judgments in the king's court are not to be annulled, but to remain in force until annulled by error or attainant. 2 Inst. 539.

Judicia in deliberationibus crebro maturom, in accelerato processu nunquam. Judgments frequently become matured by deliberations, never by hurried process or precipitation. 3 Inst. 210.

Judicia posteriora sunt in lege fortiora. The later decisions are the stronger in law. 8 Coke, 97.

Judicia sunt tanquam juris dicta, et pro veritate accepintur. Judgments are, as it were, the sayings of the law, and are received as truth. 2 Inst. 537.

JUDICIAL. Belonging to the office of a judge; as judicial authority. Relating to or connected with the administration of justice; as a judicial officer. Having the character of judgment or formal legal procedure; as a judicial act. Proceeding from a court of justice; as a judicial writ, a judicial determination. Involving the exercise of judgment or discretion; as distinguished from ministerial.

—Judicial act. An act performed by a court or magistrate touching the rights of parties or property brought before it or him by voluntary appearance, or by the prior action of ministerial officers; in short by ministerial acts. Flournoy v. Jeffersonville, 17 Ind. 173, 79 Am. Dec. 488; Union Pac. R. Co. v. U. S., 99 U. S. 709, 761, 25 L. Ed. 496; United States v. Ward (C. C. A.) 257 F. 372, 377; Board of Comrs of Atoka County v. Cypert, 65 Okl. 166, 198 P. 195, 198. An act requiring the exercise of some judicial discretion, as distinguished from a ministerial act, which requires none. Ex parte Kellogg, 6 VT. 510; Mills v. Brooklyn, 32 N. Y. 497; Reclamation Dist. v. Hamilton, 112 Cal. 603, 44 Pac. 1074; Perry v. Tynen, 26 Barb. (N. Y.) 140. A judicial act involves the exercise of judgment or discretion. But where the law enjoins a duty, prescribing and defining the time, manner, and occasion of its performance, with such certainty that nothing remains for judgment or discretion, the duty and act is each ministerial. In re Courthouse of Okmulgee County, 58 Okl. 668, 161 P. 290, 290; Boynton v. Brown (Tex. Civ. App.) 161 S. W. 693, 695. The act of an administrative or ministerial officer does not become judicial simply because it requires some discretion and judgment, but becomes judicial only when there is opportunity to be heard, and the production and weighing of evidence and a decision thereon. People ex rel. Argus Co. v. Hugo, 101 Misc. 48, 168 N. Y. S. 25, 27; Sweeney v. Young, 82 N. H. 159, 131 A. 155, 157, 42 A. L. R. 757. The distinction between a judicial and a legislative act is that the one determines what the law is, and what the rights of parties are, with reference to transactions already had; the other provides what the law shall be in future cases arising under it. Williams v. City of Norman, 85 Okl. 290, 199 P. 144, 145; State v. Ramirez, 54 Idaho, 623, 203 P. 279, 282, 29 A. L. R. 297.

—Judicial action. Action of a court upon a cause, by hearing it, and determining what shall be adjudged or decreed between the parties, and with which is the right of the case. Rhode Island v. Massachusetts, 12 Pet. 718, 9 L. Ed. 1233; Kerosene Lamp Heater Co. v. Monitor Oil Stove Co., 41 Ohio St. 238. When an inferior officer or board is charged with an administrative act, the performance of which depends upon and requires the existence or ascertainment of facts, the investigation and determination of such facts is so-called judicial action. Austin v. Eddy, 43 S. D. 640, 172 N. W. 517, 518.

—Judicial admission. See Admissions.

—Judicial authority. The power and authority appertaining to the office of a judge; jurisdiction; the official right to hear and determine questions in controversy.

—Judicial business. Such as involves the exercise of judicial power, or the application of the mind and authority of a court to some contested matter, or the conduct of judicial proceedings, as distinguished from such ministerial and other acts, incident to the progress of a cause, as may be performed by the parties, counsel, or officers of the court without application to the court or Judge. See Hessen v. Smith, 138 Cal. 216, 71 Pac. 180, 94 Am. St. Rep. 39; Merchants' Nat. Bank v. Jaffray, 38 Neb. 218, 54 N. W. 258, 19 L. R. A. 316; State v. California Min. Co., 13 Nev. 214,
Judicial circuit. As used in a state constitution, a term referring to the subdivisions of the state to each of which one judge shall be assigned to exercise therein the judicial power conferred by the constitution upon circuit courts. State v. Butler, 70 Fla. 102, 99 So. 771, 779.

Judicial committee of the privy council. In English law. A tribunal established in 1833, composed of members of the privy council, being Judges or retired judges, which acts as the king's adviser in matters of law referred to it, and exercises a certain appellate jurisdiction, though its power in this respect was curtailed by the judicature act of 1873. It consists of the Lord Chancellor, the six Lords of Appeal, if Privy Councillors, and such other members of the Privy Council as have held any high judicial office in the United Kingdom, India, or the colonies. It is the court of final appeal from the ecclesiastical courts, from the courts of India, the colonies, dominions, etc., the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, administering all the different systems of law of the countries under its appellate jurisdiction, and exercising a notable influence on the tenor and course of law in some of those jurisdictions, especially Indian law.

Judicial confession. In the law of evidence. A confession of guilt, made by a prisoner before a magistrate, or in court, in the due course of legal proceedings. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 216; White v. State, 49 Ala. 348; U. S. v. Williams, 28 Fed. Cas. 643; State v. Lamb, 28 Mo. 215; Speer v. State, 4 Tex. App. 479. See the title Confession. For extra-judicial confession, see, also, the title Extra-judicial.

Judicial convention. An agreement entered into in consequence of an order of court; as, for example, entering into a bond on taking out a writ of sequestration. Penniman v. Barrymore, 6 Mart. N. S. (La.) 494.

Judicial decision. An opinion or determination of the judges in causes before them, particularly in appellate courts. Lo Blanc v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 73 Misc. 463, 19 South. 211.


Judicial district. One of the circuits or precincts into which a state is commonly divided for judicial purposes, a court of general original jurisdiction being usually provided in each of such districts, and the boundaries of the district marking the territorial limits of its authority; or the district may include two or more counties, having separate and independent county courts, but in that case they are presided over by the same judge. See Ex parte Gardner, 22 Nev. 280, 39 Pac. 570; Lindsley v. Coahoma County Sup'ts, 69 Miss. 815, 11 South. 336; Com. v. Hqar, 121 Mass. 377; Consolidated Flour Mills Co. v. Muegge, 127 Okt. 285, 290 P. 745, 753.

Judicial duty. Within the meaning of the Missouri Constitution, such a duty as legitimately pertains to an officer in the department designated by the Constitution as judicial. State v. Kelly, 27 N. M. 412, 202 P. 524, 529, 21 A. L. R. 136; State v. Hathaway, 115 Mo. 36, 21 S. W. 1081.

Judicial function. The exercise of the judicial faculty or office. The capacity to act in the specific way which appertains to the judicial power, as one of the powers of government. The term is used to describe generally those modes of action which appertain to the judiciary as a department of organized government, and through and by means of which it accomplishes its purposes and exercises its peculiar powers. See State v. Kelly, 27 N. M. 412, 202 P. 524, 528, 21 A. L. R. 156; Suckow v. Board of Medical Examiners, 182 Cal. 247, 187 P. 965, 966; Lyon v. City of Payette, 38 Idaho, 705, 224 P. 793, 794; People v. Hershey, 69 Colo. 492, 196 P. 180, 181, 14 A. L. R. 631; State v. Railroad Com'r's of Florida, 70 Fla. 526, 84 So. 445, 445; Sauskelonis v. Herting, 89 Conn. 298, 94 A. 368, 369; Apartment Hotel Financing Corporation v. Will, 69 Cal. App. 276, 231 P. 349, 350. While ordinarily a case or judicial controversy within the meaning of Const. art. 3, § 2, results in a judgment requiring award of process of execution to carry it into effect, such relief is not an indispensable adjunct to the exercise of the "judicial function." Fidelity Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City v. Swope, 274 U. S. 123, 47 S. Ct. 611, 614, 71 L. Ed. 956.

Judicial legislation. See judge-made law under the title Judge.

Judicial oath. See the title Oath.

Judicial office. A term used in 34 & 35 Vict. c. 91, to define qualifications of additional members of the judicial committee of the Privy Council. Judicial offices are those which relate to the administration of justice; Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 569; and which should be exercised by persons of sufficient skill and experience in the duties which appertain to them. A general term including courts of record and courts not of record. Buckley v. Holmes, 259 Pa. 175, 162 A. 497, 500.

Judicial officer. A person in whom is vested authority to decide causes or exercise powers appropriate to a court. Settle v. Van Evrea, 49 N. Y. 284; People v. Wells, 2 Cal. 208; Reid v. Hood, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 170, 10 Am. Dec. 582. A surrogate is a "judicial officer." In re Spingarn's Estate, 96 Misc. 141, 150 N. Y. S. 605, 608; Prendergast v. Cohalan, 101 Misc. 712, 166 N. Y. S. 263, 264. A work-
men's compensation commissioner has been held not to be a "judicial officer"; Appeal of Hotel Bond Co., 80 Conn. 143, 93 A. 245, 248; while a prosecuting attorney, invested with important discretionary power in a motion for a nolle prosequi, and whose removal the Constitution guards against as it does against the removal of a judge, has been held to be a "judicial officer," State v. Ellis, 184 Ind. 307, 112 N. E. 98, 100; but see, contra, as to a solicitor, State v. Crowder, 193 N. C. 130, 136 S. E. 337, 338. Notaries, in taking depositions, act judicially and as "judicial officers." Ex parte Noell (Mo. App.) 293 S. W. 488, 491.

—Judicial power. The authority vested in courts and judges, as distinguished from the executive and legislative power. Gilbert v. Priest, 65 Barb. (N. Y.) 448; In re Walker, 68 App. Div. 196, 74 N. Y. Supp. 94; State v. Denny, 118 Ind. 352, 21 N. E. 222, 4 L. R. A. 79; U. S. v. Kendall, 26 Fed. Cas. 753. The power of a court to decide and pronounce a judgment and carry it into effect between persons and parties who bring a case before it for decision. Miller, Const. U. S. 314; Stuart v. Norviel, 26 Ariz. 493, 266 P. 908, 909; Shaw v. North-Butte Mining Co., 55 Mont. 322, 170 P. 499, 501; State v. Cox, 87 Ohio St. 313, 101 N. E. 135, 137. The power that adjudicates upon the rights of persons or property, and to that end declares, construes, and applies the law. In re Hustigser, 130 Minn. 474, 133 N. W. 869, 870; Hutchins v. City of Des Moines, 157 N. W. 881; Stolle v. Mitchell, 369 Ill. 314, 141 N. E. 136, 137; People v. Hawkins, 324 Ill. 255, 153 N. E. 335, 341; Mitchell v. Lowden, 288 Ill. 327, 125 N. E. 566, 572. The power to hear, consider, and determine controversies between litigants as to their personal or property rights, and must be regularly invoked at the instigation of one of the litigants. State v. Mohler, 98 Kan. 465, 158 P. 408, 410; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Dodd, 105 Miss. 23, 61 So. 743, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 565; Devine v. Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., 270 Ill. 504, 110 N. E. 750, 752, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 887. A power involving exercise of judgment and discretion in determination of questions of right in specific cases affecting interests of person or property, as distinguished from ministerial power involving no discretion. Stanton v. State Tax Commission, 114 Ohio St. 638, 151 N. E. 760, 761; Ward v. Board of Com'r's of Okfuskee County, 114 Okl. 246, 246 P. 376, 378. It is the settled law in this country that the judicial power extends to and includes the determination of the constitutionality and validity of legislative acts in cases coming before the courts; Cohen v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 264, 5 L. Ed. 237; Marbury v. Madison, 1 Cranch, 137, 2 L. Ed. 60; although the propriety of this conclusion is still sometimes challenged.

—Judicial proceeding. A general term for proceedings relating to, practiced in, or proceeding from, a court of justice; or the course prescribed to be taken in various cases for the determination of a controversy or for legal redress or relief. See Hereford v. People, 197 Ill. 222, 64 N. E. 310; Martin v. Simpkins, 20 Colo. 483, 38 Pac. 1062; Mullen v. Reed, 64 Conn. 240, 29 Atl. 478, 24 L. R. A. 664, 42 Am. St. Rep. 174; Aldrich v. Kinney, 4 Conn. 386, 10 Am. Dec. 151. A proceeding in a legally constituted court. Garrett v. State, 18 Ga. App. 360, 89 S. E. 380. A proceeding wherein there are parties, who have opportunity to be heard, and wherein the tribunal proceeds either to a determination of facts upon evidence or of law upon proved or conceded facts. Mitchel v. Cropsey, 177 App. Div. 663, 164 N. Y. S. 336, 339. Any proceeding for the purpose of obtaining such remedy as the law allows; and, when a court is authorized to hear and determine a question of fact or a mixed question of law or fact upon the evidence to be produced before it and to render a decision affecting the material rights of one or more persons, such proceeding is "judicial." Trelor v. Harris, 60 Ind. App. 59, 117 N. E. 975, 978.

—Judicial question. One proper for the determination of a court of justice, as distinguished from such questions as belong to the decision of the legislative or executive departments of government and with which the courts will not interfere, called "political" or "legislative" questions. See Patton v. Chattanooga, 108 Tenn. 187, 65 S. W. 414.


—Judicial separation. A separation of man and wife by decree of court, less complete than an absolute divorce; otherwise called a "limited divorce."

—Judicial statistics. In English law. Statistics, published by authority, of the civil and criminal business of the United Kingdom, and matters appertaining thereto. Annual reports are published separately for England and Wales, for Ireland, and for Scotland.

—Quasi judicial. A term applied to the action, discretion, etc., of public administrative officers, who are required to investigate facts, or ascertain the existence of facts, and draw conclusions from them, as a basis for their official action, and to exercise discretion of a judicial nature. See Bair v. Struck, 29 Mont. 45, 74 Pac. 69, 63 L. R. A. 481; Mitchell v. Clay County, 69 Neb. 779, 96 N. W. 678; De Weese v. Smith (C. C.) 97 Fed. 317; Oakman v. City of Evelyn, 163 Minn. 100, 203 N. W. 514, 517; Hoyt v. Hughes County, 32 S. D. 117, 142 N. W. 471, 473; State v. Ross, 31 Wyo 500, 223 P. 636, 641; Ex parte Bentine,
JUDICIA!


JUDICIARY, adj. Pertaining or relating to the courts of justice, to the Judicial department of government, or to the administration of justice.

JUDICIARY, n. That branch of government invested with the Judicial power; the system of courts in a country; the body of judges; the bench.

JUDICIARY ACT. The name commonly given to the act of congress of September 24, 1789, (1 St. at Large, 73,) by which the system of federal courts was organized, and their powers and jurisdiction defined.

Judicialis postrioribus fides est adhibenda. Faith or credit is to be given to the later judgments. 13 Coke, 14.

JUDICIO SISTI. Lat. A caution, or security, given in Scotch courts for the defendant to abide judgment within the jurisdiction. Stim. Law Gloss.

Judicis est in pronunciando sequi regulam, exceptione non probata. The judge in his decision ought to follow the rule, when the exception is not proved.

Judicis est judicio secundum allegata et probata. Dyer, 12. It is the duty of a judge to decide according to facts alleged and proved.

Judicis est jus dicere, non dare. It is the province of a judge to declare the law, not to give it. Loft. Append. 42.

Judicia officium est opus dei in die suo per se. It is the duty of a judge to finish the work of each day within that day. Dyer, 12.

Judicia officium est ut res, ita tempora rerum, quaerere. It is the duty of a judge to inquire into the times of things, as well as into things themselves. Co. Litt. 171.

JUDICIA! Lat. Judicial authority or jurisdiction; a court or tribunal; a judicial hearing or other proceeding; a verdict or judgment; a proceeding before a judex or judge. State v. Whitford, 54 Wis. 150, 11 N. W. 424.

Judicium a non suo judice datum nullius est momenti. 10 Coke, 70. A judgment given by one who is not the proper judge is of no force.


JUDICIO DEI. In old English and European law. The judgment of God; otherwise called “divinum judicium,” the “divine judgment.” A term particularly applied to the ordeals by fire or hot iron and water, and also to the trials by the cross, the eucharist, and the corseled, and the duellum or trial by battle, (q. v.,) it being supposed that the interposition of heaven was directly manifest, in these cases, in behalf of the innocent. Spelman; Burrill.

Judicium est quasi juris diutum. Judgment is, as it were, a declaration of law.

Judicium non debet esse illusorium; suum effectum habere debet. A judgment ought not to be illusory; it ought to have its proper effect. 2 Inst. 341.

JUDICIO PARLUM. In old English law. Judgment of the peers; judgment of one’s peers; trial by jury. Magna Charta, c. 29.

Judicium redditor in invitum. Co. Litt. 248b. Judgment is given against one, whether he will or not.

Judicium (semper) pro veritate accepitur. A judgment is always taken for truth, [that is, as long as it stands in force it cannot be contradicted.] 2 Inst. 380; Co. Litt. 396, 168a.

JUG. In old English law. A watery place. Domescday; Cowell.

JUGE. In French law. A judge.

JUGE DE PAIX. An inferior judicial functionary, appointed to decide summarily controversies of minor importance, especially such as turn mainly on questions of fact. He has also the functions of a police magistrate. Ferrière.

JUGE D'INSTRUCTION. See Instruction.

JUGERUM. An acre. Co. Litt. 5b. As much as a yoke (jugum) of oxen could plow in one day.

JUGULATOR. In old records. A cutthroat or murderer. Cowell.

JUGUM. Lat. In the civil law. A yoke; a measure of land; as much land as a yoke of oxen could plow in a day. Nov. 17, c. 8.

JUGUM TERRÆ. In old English law. A yoke of land; half a plow-land. Domescday; Co. Litt. 5a; Cowell.

JUICIO. In Spanish law. A trial or suit. White, New Recop. b. 8, tit. 4, c. 1.
JUICIO DE APEO. The decree of a competent tribunal directing the determining and marking the boundaries of lands or estates.

JUICIO DE CONCURSO DE ACREEDORES. The judgment granted for a debtor who has various creditors, or for such creditors, to the effect that their claims be satisfied according to their respective form and rank, when the debtor's estate is not sufficient to discharge them all in full. Escribiche.


JUMENTA. In the civil law. Beasts of burden; animals used for carrying burdens. This word did not include "oxen." Dig. 32, 65, 5.

JUMP BAIL. To abscond, withdraw, or secretly one's self, in violation of the obligation of a bail-bond. The expression is colloquial, and is applied only to the act of the principal.

JUNCARIA. In old English law. The soil where rushes grow. Co. Litt. 5a; Cowell.


JUNGERE DUCELLUM. In old English law. To join the duellum; to engage in the combat. Plata, lib. 1, c. 21, § 10.

JUNIOR. Younger. This has been held to be no part of a man's name, but an addition by use, and a convenient distinction between a father and son of the same name. Cobb v. Lucas, 15 Pick. (Mass.) 9; People v. Collins, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 552; Padgett v. Lawrence, 10 Paige (N. Y.) 177, 40 Am. Dec. 222; Fentiss v. Blake, 34 Vt. 490; Maxwell v. State, 65 So. 732, 734, 11 Ala. App. 53.


JUNIOR RIGHT. A custom prevalent in some parts of England (also at some places on the continent) by which an estate descended to the youngest son in preference to his older brothers; the same as "Borough-English."

JUNIPERUS SABINA. In medical jurisprudence. This plant is commonly called "savín."

JUNK. Worn out and discarded material in general that may be turned to some use; especially old rope, chain, iron, copper, parts of machinery and bottles gathered or bought up by tradesmen called junk dealers; hence rubbish of any kind; odds and ends. Melnick v. City of Atlanta, 24 S. E. 1015, 1016, 147 Ga. 525; City of Shreveport v. Schultz, 98 So. 411, 412, 154 La. 899; City of St. Louis v. Baskowitz, 201 S. W. 870, 878, 273 Mo. 543; People v. Riverside Scrap Iron & Metal Co., 168 N. W. 424, 202 Mich. 469; Smolensky v. City of Chicago, 118 N. E. 410, 411, 252 Ill. 131; State v. Shapiro, 101 A. 703, 706, 131 Md. 168, Ann. Cas. 1915E, 196; Pelsner v. City of Chicago, 149 N. E. 18, 19, 318 Ill. 131.

JUNK-SHOP. A shop where old cordage and ships' tackle, old iron, rags, bottles, paper, etc., are kept and sold. A place where odds and ends are purchased and sold. Charleston City Council v. Goldsmith, 12 Rich. Law (S. C.) 470.

JUNTA, or JUNTO. A select council for taking cognizance of affairs of great consequence requiring secrecy; a cabal or faction. This was a popular nickname applied to the Whig ministry in England, between 1693-1696. They clung to each other for mutual protection against the attacks of the so-called "Reactionist Stuart Party."

JURA. Lat. Plural of "jus." Rights; laws. 1 Bl. Comm. 123. See Jus.

Jura ecclesiastica limitata sunt infra limites separatos. Ecclesiastical laws are limited within separate bounds. 3 Bulst. 53.

Jura eodem modo destituuntur quo constituuntur. Laws are abrogated by the same means [authority] by which they are made. Broom, Max. 878.

JURA FISCALIA. In English law. Fiscal rights; rights of the exchequer. 3 Bl. Comm. 45.

JURA IN RE. In the civil law. Rights in a thing; rights which, being separated from the dominium, or right of property, exist independently of it, and are enjoyed by some other person than him who has the dominium. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 237.

JURA MAJESTATIS. Rights of sovereignty or majesty; a term used in the civil law to designate certain rights which belong to each and every sovereignty and which are deemed essential to its existence. Gilmer v. Lime Point, 18 Cal. 250.

JURA MIXTI DOMINII. In old English law. Rights of mixed dominion. The king's right or power of jurisdiction was so termed. Hale, Anal. § 6.

Jura natura sunt immutabilia. The laws of nature are unchangeable. Branch, Princ.

JURA PERSONARUM. Rights of persons; the rights of persons. Rights which concern and are annexed to the persons of men. 1 Bl. Comm. 122.

JURA PRÆDIORUM. In the civil law. The rights of estates. Dig. 50, 16, 86.

Jura publica anteferenda privatis. Public rights are to be preferred to private. Co. Litt. 130a. Applied to protections.
JURA REGALIA

Jura publica ex privato \[privatis\] promiscue decidi non debent. Public rights ought not to be decided promiscuously with private.
Co. Litt. 130a, 181b.

JURA REGALIA. In English law. Royal rights or privileges. 1 Bl. Comm. 117, 119; 3 Bl. Comm. 44.

JURA REGIA. In English law. Royal rights; the prerogatives of the crown.
Crabb, Com. Law, 174.

Jura regis speciaria non conceduntur per generalia verba. The special rights of the king are not granted by general words. Jenk. Cent. p. 103.

JURA RERUM. Rights of things; the rights of things; rights which a man may acquire over external objects or things, unconnected with his person. 1 Bl. Comm. 122; 2 Bl. Comm. 1.

Jura sanguinis nulla jure civili dirimi possunt. The right of blood and kindred cannot be destroyed by any civil law.
Dig. 50, 17, 9; Bac. Max. reg. 11; Broom, Max. 533; Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Allen (Mass.) 662.

JURA SUMMI IMPERII. Rights of supreme dominion; rights of sovereignty. 1 Bl. Comm. 49; 1 Kent, Comm. 211.

JURAL. 1. Pertaining to natural or positive right, or to the doctrines of rights and obligations; as "jural relations."
2. Of or pertaining to jurisprudence; juristic; juridical.
3. Recognized or sanctioned by positive law; embraced within, or covered by, the rules and enactments of positive law. Thus, the "jurial sphere" is to be distinguished from the "moral sphere;" the latter denoting the whole scope or range of ethics or the science of conduct, the former embracing only such portions of the same as have been made the subject of legal sanction or recognition.
4. Founded in law; organized upon the basis of a fundamental law, and existing for the recognition and protection of rights. Thus, the term "jurial society" is used as the synonym of "state" or "organized political community."

JURAMENTÆ CORPORALES. Lat. Corporal oaths, q. v.

JURAMENTUM. Lat. In the civil law. An oath.

JURAMENTUM CALUMNIÆ. In the civil and canon law. The oath of calumny. An oath imposed upon both parties to a suit, as a preliminary to its trial, to the effect that they are not influenced by malice or any sinister motives in prosecuting or defending the same, but by a belief in the justice of their cause. It was also required of the attorneys and proctors.

JURAMENTUM CORPORALIS. A corporal oath. See Oath.

Juramentum est indivisibile; et non est admittendum in parte verum et in parte falsum. An oath is indivisible; it is not to be held partly true and partly false. 4 Inst. 274.

JURAMENTUM IN LITEM. In the civil law. An assessment oath; an oath, taken by the plaintiff in an action, that the extent of the damages he has suffered, estimated in money, amounts to a certain sum, which oath, in certain cases, is accepted in lieu of other proof.
Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 376.

JURAMENTUM JUDICIALE. In the civil law. An oath which the judge, of his own accord, defers to either of the parties. It is of two kinds: First, that which the judge defers for the decision of the cause, and which is understood by the general name "juramentum judiciale," and is sometimes called "suppletory oath," juramentum suppletorium; second, that which the judge defers in order to fix and determine the amount of the condemnation which he ought to pronounce, and which is called "juramentum in iitem." Poth. Obl. p. 4, c. 3, § 3, art. 3.

JURAMENTUM NECESSARIUM. In Roman law. A compulsory oath. A disclosure under oath, which the prato compelled one of the parties to a suit to make, when the other, applying for such an appeal, agreed to abide by what his adversary should swear.
1 Whart. Ev. § 458; Dig. 12, 2, 5, 2.

JURAMENTUM VOLUNTARIUM. In Roman law. A voluntary oath. A species of appeal to conscience, by which one of the parties to a suit, instead of proving his case, offered to abide by what his adversary should answer under oath.
1 Whart. Ev. § 458; Dig. 12, 2, 34, 6.

JURARE. Lat. To swear; to take an oath.

Jurare est Deum in testem vocare, et estactus divini cultus. 3 Inst. 165. To swear is to call God to witness, and is an act of religion.

Jurat. The clause written at the foot of an affidavit, stating when, where, and before whom such affidavit was sworn.

JURATA. In old English law. A jury of twelve men sworn. Especially, a jury of the common law, as distinguished from the assize.
The jury clause in a nisi prius record, so called from the emphatic words of the old forms: "Jure: pleonastur in respectu," the jury is put in respite.
Townsh. Pl. 487.
Also a jurat, (which see.)
JURATION. The act of swearing; the administration of an oath.

Jurato creditur in judicio. He who makes oath is to be believed in judgment. 3 Inst. 79.

JURATOR. A juror; a compurgator, (q. v.).


Juratores sunt jucunda facti. Jenk. Cent. 61. Juries are the judges of fact.

JURATORY CAUTION. In Scotch law. A description of caution (security) sometimes offered in a suspension or advocacy where the complainant is not in circumstances to offer any better. Bell.

JURATS. In English law. Officers in the nature of aldermen, sworn for the government of many corporations. The twelve assistants of the bailiff in Jersey are called "jurats."

JURE. Lat. By right; in right; by the law.

JURE BELLI. By the right or law of war. 1 Kent, Comm. 123; 1 C. Rob. Adm. 289.

JURE CIVILI. By the civil law. Inst. 1, 3, 4; 1 Bl. Comm. 423.

JURE CORONÆ. In right of the crown.

JURE DIVINO. By divine right. 1 Bl. Comm. 191.

JURE ECCLESIELÆ. In right of the church. 1 Bl. Comm. 401.

JURE EMPHYTEUTICO. By the right or law of emphyteusis. 3 Bl. Comm. 232. See Emphyteusis.

JURE GENTIUM. By the law of nations. Inst. 1, 3, 4; 1 Bl. Comm. 423.

Jure naturæ aquum est neminem cum alterius detrimento et injuria fieri necupletiorem. By the law of nature it is not just that any one should be enriched, by the detriment or injury of another. Dig. 50, 17, 206.

JURE PROPINQUITATIS. By right of propinquity or nearness. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 1019, § 2298.

JURE REPRESENTATIONIS. By right of representation; in the right of another person. 2 Bl. Comm. 224, 517; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 1019, § 2398.

JURE UXORIS. In right of a wife. 3 Bl. Comm. 216.

Juri non est consonum quod aliquis accessorius in curia regis convincatur antequam aliquis de facto fuerit attinetur. It is not consonant to justice that any accessory should be convict-
ed in the king's court before any one has been attainted of the fact. 2 Inst. 188.

JURIDICAL. Relating to administration of justice, or office of a judge.

Regular; done in conformity to the laws of the country and the practice which is there observed.

JURIDICUS. Lat. Relating to the courts or to the administration of justice; judicial; lawful. Dies juridicus, a lawful day for the transaction of business in court; a day on which the courts are open.

JURIS. Lat. Of right; of law.


JURIS ET DE JURE. Of law and of right. A presumption juris et de jure, or an irrefutable presumption, is one which the law will not suffer to be rebutted by any counter-evidence, but establishes as conclusive; while a presumption juris tantum is one which holds good in the absence of evidence to the contrary, but may be rebutted.

JURIS ET SEISINÆ CONJUNCTIO. The union of seisin or possession and the right of possession, forming a complete title. 2 Bl. Comm. 199, 311.

Juris ignorantia est cum jus nostrum ignoramus. It is ignorance of the law when we do not know our own rights. Haven v. Foster, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 130, 19 Am. Dec. 353.

JURIS POSITIVI. Of positive law; a regulation or requirement of positive law, as distinguished from natural or divine law. 1 Bl. Comm. 439; 2 Steph. Comm. 258.

Juris praecpta sunt hae: Honeste vivere; alterum non iudicare; suum cuique tribuere. These are the precepts of the law: To live honorably; to hurt nobody; to render to every one his due. Inst. 1, 1, 3; 1 Bl. Comm. 40.

JURIS PRIVATI. Of private right; subjects of private property. Hale, Anal. § 23.

JURIS PUBLICI. Of common right; of common or public use; such things as, at least in their own use, are common to all the king's subjects; as common highways, common bridges, common rivers, and common ports. Hale, Anal. § 23.

JURIS UTRUM. In English law. An abolished writ which lay for the parson of a church whose predecessor had alienated the lands and tenements thereof. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 48.

JURISCONSULT. A jurist; a person skilled in the science of law, particularly of international or public law.
The power and authority constitutionally conferred upon a judge or magistrate to take cognizance of and determine causes according to law, and to carry his sentence into execution.

The authority of a court as distinguished from the other departments; judicial power considered with reference to its scope and extent as respects the questions and persons subject to it; power given by law to hear and decide controversies. Abbott.

Jurisdiction is the power to hear and determine the subject-matter in controversy between parties to the suit; to adjudicate or exercise any judicial power over them. Rhode Island v. Massachusetts, 12 Pet. 627, 717, 9 L. Ed. 1233.

Jurisdiction is the power to hear and determine a cause; the authority by which judicial officers take cognizance of and decide causes. Brownsville v. Basse, 43 Tex. 446.

Appellate Jurisdiction

The power and authority to take cognizance of a cause and proceed to its determination, not in its initial stages, but only after it has been finally decided by an inferior court, i.e., the power of review and determination on appeal, writ of error, certiorari, or other similar process.

Concurrent Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of several different tribunals, each authorized to deal with the same subject-matter at the choice of the suitor. State v. Slimott, 80 Me. 41, 35 A. 1007; Rogers v. Bonnett, 2 Okl. 563, 37 P. 1075; Hercules Iron Works v. Railroad Co., 141 Ill. 401, 30 N. E. 1050; In re Nichols' Will, 64 Okl. 241, 166 P. 1087, 1090; Cashman v. Vickers, 69 Mont. 516, 223 P. 897, 898.

Contested Jurisdiction

In English ecclesiastical law. That branch of the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts which is exercised upon adversary or contentious (opposed, litigated) proceedings.

Co-ordinate Jurisdiction

That which is possessed by courts of equal rank, degree, or authority, equally competent to deal with the matter in question, whether belonging to the same or different systems; concurrent jurisdiction.

Criminal Jurisdiction

That which exists for the trial and punishment of criminal offenses; the authority by which judicial officers take cognizance of and decide criminal cases. Ellison v. State, 125 Ind. 492, 24 N. E. 739; In re City of Buffalo, 139 N. Y. 422, 34 N. E. 1103.

Equity Jurisdiction

In a general sense, the jurisdiction belonging to a court of equity, but more particularly the aggregate of those cases, controversies, and occasions which form proper subjects for the exercise of the powers of a chancery court. See Anderson v. Carr, 65 Hun, 179, 19 N. Y. S. 992; People v. McKane, 78 Hun, 154, 28 N. Y. S. 981.

Foreign Jurisdiction

Any jurisdiction foreign to that of the forum. Also the exercise by a state or nation of jurisdiction beyond its own territory, the right being acquired by treaty or otherwise.

General Jurisdiction

Such as extends to all controversies that may be brought before a court within the legal bounds of rights and remedies; as opposed to special or limited jurisdiction, which covers only a particular class of cases, or cases where the amount in controversy is below a prescribed sum, or which is subject to specific exceptions. The terms "general" and "special," applied to jurisdiction, indicate the difference between a legal authority extending to the whole of a particular subject and one limited to a part; and, when applied to the terms of court, the occasion upon which these powers can be respectively exercised. Gracie v. Freeland, 1 N. Y. 292.
Limited Jurisdiction
This term is ambiguous, and the books sometimes use it without due precision. It is sometimes carelessly employed instead of "special." The true distinction between courts is between such as possess a general and such as have only a special jurisdiction for a particular purpose, or are clothed with special powers for the performance. Obert v. Harnell, 18 N. J. Law, 73.

Original Jurisdiction
Jurisdiction in the first instance; jurisdiction to take cognizance of a cause at its inception, try it, and pass judgment upon the law and facts. Distinguished from appellate jurisdiction.

Probate Jurisdiction
Such jurisdiction as ordinarily pertains to probate, orphans', or surrogates' courts, including the establishment of wills, the administration of estates, the supervising of the guardianship of infants, the allotment of dower, etc. See Richardson v. Green, 61 P. 423, 9 C. C. A. 563; Chadwick v. Chadwick, 6 Mont. 566, 13 P. 385.

Special Jurisdiction
A court authorized to take cognizance of only some few kinds of causes or proceedings expressly designated by statute is called a "court of special jurisdiction."

Summary Jurisdiction
The jurisdiction of a court to give a judgment or make an order itself forthwith; e. g., to commit to prison for contempt; to punish malpractice in a solicitor; or, in the case of justices of the peace, a jurisdiction to convict an offender themselves instead of committing him for trial by a jury. Wharton.

Territorial Jurisdiction
Jurisdiction considered as limited to cases arising or persons residing within a defined territory, as a county, a judicial district, etc. The authority of any court is limited by the boundaries thus fixed. See Phillips v. Thralls, 26 Kan. 781.

Voluntary Jurisdiction
In English law. A jurisdiction exercised by certain ecclesiastical courts, in matters where there is no opposition. 3 Bl. Comm. 86. The opposite of contentious jurisdiction, (q. v.) In Scotch law. One exercised in matters admitting of no opposition or question, and therefore cognizable by any judge, and in any place, and on any lawful day. Bell.

Jurisdiction Clause
In equity practice. That part of a bill which is intended to give jurisdiction of the suit to the court, by a general averment that the acts complained of are contrary to equity, and tend to the injury of the complainant, and that he has no remedy, or not a complete remedy, without the assistance of a court of equity, is called the "jurisdiction clause." Mitt. Eq. Pl. 43.

JURISDICTIOINAL. Pertaining or relating to jurisdiction; conferring jurisdiction; showing or disclosing jurisdiction; defining or limiting jurisdiction; essential to jurisdiction.

—Jurisdictional facts. See Fact.

JURISINCEPTOR. Lat. A student of the civil law.

JURISPERITUS. Lat. Skilled or learned in the law.

JURISPRUDENCE. The philosophy of law, or the science which treats of the principles of positive law and legal relations.

"The term is wrongly applied to actual systems of law, or to current views of law, or to suggestions for its amendment, but is the name of a science. This science is a formal, or analytical, rather than a material, one. It is the science of actual or positive law. It is wrongly divided into 'general' and 'particular,' or into 'philosophical' and 'historical.' It may therefore be defined as the formal science of positive law." Holl. Jur. 32.

In the proper sense of the word, "jurisprudence" is the science of law, namely, that science which has for its function to ascertain the principles on which legal rules are based, so as not only to classify those rules in their proper order, and show the relation in which they stand to one another, but also to settle the manner in which new or doubtful cases should be brought under the appropriate rules. Jurisprudence is more a formal than a material science. It has no direct concern with questions of moral or political policy, for they fall under the province of ethics and legislation; but, when a new or doubtful case arises to which two different rules seem, when taken literally, to be equally applicable, it may be, and often is, the function of jurisprudence to consider the ultimate effect which would be produced if each rule were applied to an indefinite number of similar cases, and to choose that rule which, when so applied, will produce the greatest advantage to the community. Sweat.

Comparative Jurisprudence
The study of the principles of legal science by the comparison of various systems of law.

Equity Jurisprudence
That portion of remedial justice which is exclusively administered by courts of equity as distinguished from courts of common law. Jackson v. Nimmo, 3 Lea (Tenn.) 609. More generally speaking, the science which treats of the rules, principles, and maxims which govern the decisions of a court of equity, the cases and controversies which are considered proper subjects for its cognizance, and the nature and form of the remedies which it grants.

Medical Jurisprudence
The science which applies the principles and practice of the different branches of medi-
cine to the elucidation of doubtful questions in a court of justice. Otherwise called "forensic medicine," (q. v.). A sort of mixed science, which may be considered as common ground to the practitioners both of law and physic. 1 Steph. Comm. 8.

JURISPRUDENTIA. Lat. In the civil and common law. Jurisprudence, or legal science.

Jurisprudentia est divinarum atque humanarum rerum notitia, justi atque injusti scien
tia. Jurisprudence is the knowledge of things divine and human, the science of what is right and what is wrong. Dig. 1, 1, 10, 2; Inst. 1, 1, 1. This definition is adopted by Bracton, word for word. Bract. fol. 8.

Jurisprudentia legis communis Anglica est scien
tia socialis et copiosa. The jurisprudence of the common law of England is a science social and comprehensive. 7 Coke, 25a.

JURIST. One who is versed or skilled in law; answering to the Latin "jurisperitus," (q. v.).

One who is skilled in the civil law, or law of nations. The term is now usually applied to those who have distinguished themselves by their writings on legal subjects.

JURISTIC. Pertaining or belonging to, or characteristic of, jurisprudence, or a jurist, or the legal profession.

JURISTIC ACT. One designed to have a legal effect, and capable thereof.

An act of a private individual directed to the origin, termination, or alteration of a right. Webster, Dict., citing T. E. Holland.

JUREMUND. In old English law. A jour
ey; a day's traveling. Cowell.

JURO. In Spanish law. A certain perpetual pension, granted by the king on the public revenues, and more especially on the salt-works, by favor either in consideration of meritorious services, or in return for money loaned the government, or obtained by it through forced loans. Escriche.

JUROR. One member of a jury. The term is not inflexible, and besides a person who has been accepted and sworn to try a cause "juror" may also mean a person selected for jury service. Green v. Smither (Ky.) 189 S. W. 1056; People v. Newmark, 312 Ill. 623, 144 N. E. 335, 340. Sometimes, one who takes an oath; as in the term "non-juror," a person who refuses certain oaths.

JUROR'S BOOK. A list of persons qualified to serve on juries.

JURY. In practice. A certain number of men, selected according to law, and sworn (jurati) to inquire of certain matters of fact, and declare the truth upon evidence to be laid before them. This definition embraces the various subdivisions of juries; as grand jury, petit jury, common jury, special jury, coroner's jury, sheriff's jury, (q. v.)

A jury is a body of men sometimes selected from the citizens of a particular district, and invested with power to present or indict a person for a public offense, or to try a question of fact. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 190.

The terms "jury" and "trial by jury," as used in the constitution, mean twelve competent men, disinterested and impartial, not of kin, nor personal dependents of either of the parties, having their homes within the jurisdictional limits of the court, drawn and selected by officers free from all bias in favor of or against either party, duly impaneled and sworn to render a true verdict according to the law and the evidence. State v. McClinton, 21 Nev. 20.

Classification

—Common jury. In practice. The ordinary kind of jury by which issues of fact are generally tried, as distinguished from a special jury, (q. v.).

—Foreign jury. A jury obtained from a county other than that in which issue was joined.

—Grand jury. A jury of inquiry who are summoned and returned by the sheriff to each session of the criminal courts, and whose duty is to receive complaints and accusations in criminal cases, hear the evidence adduced on the part of the state, and find bills of indictment in cases where they are satisfied a trial ought to be had. They are first sworn, and instructed by the court. This is called a "grand jury" because it comprises a greater number of jurors than the ordinary trial jury or "petit jury." At common law, a grand jury consisted of not less than twelve nor more than twenty-three men, and this is still the rule in many of the states; though in some the number is otherwise fixed by statute; thus in Oregon and Utah, the grand jury is composed of seven men; in South Dakota, not less than six nor more than eight; in Texas, twelve; in Idaho, sixteen; in Washington, twelve to seventeen; in North Dakota, sixteen to twenty-three; in California, nineteen; in New Mexico, twenty-one. See Ex parte Ball, 121 U. S. 1, 7 S. Ct. 781, 30 L. Ed. 489; In re Gardiner, 31 Misc. 384, 64 N. Y. S. 760; Finley v. State, 61 Ala. 204; People v. Duff, 65 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 365; English v. State, 31 Fla. 340, 12 So. 659; Jones v. McClaughry, 169 Iowa, 281, 151 N. W. 210, 216.

—Mixed jury. A bilingual jury; a jury of the half-tongue. See De Medietate Lingue. Also a jury composed partly of negroes and partly of white men.

—Petit jury. The ordinary jury of twelve men for the trial of a civil or criminal action. So called to distinguish it from the grand jury. A petit jury is a body of twelve men impaneled and sworn in a district court, to try and determine, by a true and unanimous verdict, any question or issue of fact, in any civil or criminal action or proceeding, according to
law and the evidence as given them in the court. Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 71, § 1 (Minn. St. 1927, § 9456).

—Pix jury. See Pix.

—Special jury. A jury ordered by the court, on the motion of either party, in cases of unusual importance or intricacy. Called, from the manner in which it is constituted, a "struck jury." 3 Bl. Comm. 337. A jury composed of persons above the rank of ordinary freeholders; usually summoned to try questions of greater importance than those usually submitted to common juries. Brown.


Other Compound Terms

—Jury-box. The place in court (strictly an enclosed place) where the jury sit during the trial of a cause. 1 Archib. Pr. K. B. 208; 1 Burrill, Pr. 455.

—Jury commissioner. An officer charged with the duty of selecting the names to be put into the jury wheel, or of drawing the panel of jurors for a particular term of court.

—Jury-list. A paper containing the names of jurors impaneled to try a cause, or it contains the names of all the jurors summoned to attend court.

—Jury of matrons. In common-law practice. A jury of twelve matrons or discreet women, impaneled upon a writ de ventre inspiciendo, or where a female prisoner, being under sentence of death, pleaded her pregnancy as a ground for staying execution. In the latter case, such jury inquired into the truth of the plea.

—Jury process. The process by which a jury is summoned in a cause, and by which their attendance is enforced.

—Jury wheel. A machine containing the names of persons qualified to serve as grand and petit jurors, from which, in an order determined by the hazard of its revolutions, are drawn a sufficient number of such names to make up the panels for a given term of court.

JURYMAN. A juror; one who is impaneled on a jury.

JURYWOMAN. One member of a jury of matrons, (q. v.).

JUS ABSTINENDI. The right of renunciation; the right of an heir, under the Roman law, to renounce or decline the inheritance, as, for example, where his acceptance, in consequence of the necessity of paying the debts,
would make it a burden to him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 733.

JUS ABUTENDI. The right to abuse. By this phrase is understood the right to do exactly as one likes with property, or having full dominion over property. 3 Toullier, no. 86.

JUS ACCRESCENDI. The right of survivorship. The right of the survivor or survivors of two or more joint tenants to the tenancy or estate, upon the death of one or more of the joint tenants. In re Caprin's Estate, 89 Misc. 101, 151 N. Y. S. 385, 386.

Jus accecessendi inter mercatores, pro beneficio commercii, locum non habet. The right of survivorship has no place between merchants, for the benefit of commerce. Co. Litt. 182a; 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1207; Broom, Max. 455. There is no survivorship in cases of partnership, as there is in joint-tenancy. Story, Partn. § 30.

Jus accecessendi praefertur oneribus. The right of survivorship is preferred to incumbrances. Co. Litt. 135a. Hence no dower or curtesy can be claimed out of a joint estate. 1 Steph. Comm. 316.

Jus accecessendi praefertur ultimae voluntati. The right of survivorship is preferred to the last will. Co. Litt. 185b. A devise of one's share of a joint estate, by will, is no severance of the jointure; for no testament takes effect till after the death of the testator, and by such death the right of the survivor (which accrued at the original creation of the estate, and has therefore a priority to the other) is already vested. 2 Bl. Comm. 189; 3 Steph. Comm. 316.

JUS ACTUS. In Roman Law

A rural servitude giving to a person a passage for carriages, or for cattle.

JUS AD REM. A term of the civil law, meaning "a right to a thing;" that is, a right exercisable by one person over a particular article of property in virtue of a contract or obligation incurred by another person in respect to it, and which is enforceable only against or through such other person. It is thus distinguished from jus in re, which is a complete and absolute dominion over a thing available against all persons.

The disposition of modern writers is to use the term "jus ad rem" as descriptive of a right without possession, and "jus in re" as descriptive of a right accompanied by possession. Or, in a somewhat wider sense, the former denotes an inchoate or incomplete right to a thing; the latter, a complete and perfect right to a thing. See The Carlos F. Roses, 20 S. Ct. 563, 177 U. S. 655, 44 L. Ed. 929; The Young Mechanic, 50 Fed. Cas. 873.

In Cason Law

A right to a thing. An inchoate and imperfect right, such as is gained by nomination and institution; as distinguished from jus in re, or complete and full right, such as is acquired by corporal possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 312.

JUS ELIANUM. A body of laws drawn up by Sextus Ælius, and consisting of three parts, wherein were explained, respectively: (1) The laws of the Twelve Tables; (2) the interpretation of and decisions upon such laws; and (3) the forms of procedure. In date, it was subsequent to the jus Flaccianum, (q. v.) Brown.

JUS ÆQUUM. Equitable law. A term used by the Romans to express the adaptation of the law to the circumstances of the individual case as opposed to jus strictum (q. v.).

JUS ÆSNECIÆ. The right of primogeniture, (q. v.).

JUS ALBINATUS. The droit d'aubaine, (q. v.) See Albinatus Jus.

JUS ANGARIÆ. See Angaria; Angary, Right of.

JUS ANGLO-RUM. The laws and customs of the West Saxons, in the time of the Hep- tarchy, by which the people were for a long time governed, and which were preferred before all others. Wharton.

JUS AQUÆDUCTUS. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which gives to the owner of land the right to bring down water through or from the land of another.

JUS AQUÆ HAUSTUS. In Roman Law

A rural servitude giving to a person a right of watering cattle on another's field, or of drawing water from another's well.

JUS BANCI. In old English law. The right of bench. The right or privilege of having an elevated and separate seat of judgment, anciently allowed only to the king's judges, who hence were said to administer high justice, (summam administrant justitiam.) Blount.

JUS BELLi. The law of war. The law of nations as applied to a state of war, defining in particular the rights and duties of the beligerent powers themselves, and of neutral nations.

The right of war; that which may be done without injustice with regard to an enemy. Gro. de Jure B. lib. 1, c. 1, § 3.

JUS BELLUM DICENDI. The right of pro-claiming war.

JUS CANONICUM. The canon law.

JUS CIVILE. Civil law. The system of law peculiar to one state or people. Inst. 1, 2, 1. Particularly, in Roman law, the civil law of the Roman people, as distinguished from BL. LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)
the jus gentium. The term is also applied to the body of law called, emphatically, the "civil law."

The jus civile and the jus gentium are distinguished in this way. All people ruled by statutes and customs use a law partly peculiar to themselves, partly common to all men. The law each people has settled for itself is peculiar to the state itself, and is called "jus civile," as being peculiar to that very state. The law, again, that natural reason has settled among all men,—the law that is guarded among all peoples quite alike,—is called the "jus gentium," and all nations use it as it law. The Roman people, therefore, use a law that is partly peculiar to itself, partly common to all men. Hunter, Rom. Law, 33.

But this is not the only, or even the general, use of the words. What the Roman jurists had chiefly in view, when they spoke of "jus civile," was not local as opposed to cosmopolitan law, but the old law of the city as contrasted with the newer law introduced by the praeceptor, (jus prae-eratium, jus honorarium,) largely, no doubt, the jus gentium corresponds with the jus praeceptorium; but the correspondence is not perfect. Id. 39.

Jus civile est quod sibi populus constituit. The civil law is what a people establishes for itself. Inst. 1, 2, 1; Jackson v. Jackson, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 424, 426.

JUS CIVITATUS. The right of citizenship; the freedom of the city of Rome. It differs from jus quiritium, which comprehended all the privileges of a free native of Rome. The difference is much the same as between "denization" and "naturalization" with us. Wharton.

JUS CLOACÆ. In the civil law. The right of sewerage or drainage. An easement consisting in the right of having a sewer, or of conducting surface water, through the house or over the ground of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317.

JUS COMMUNE.

In the Civil Law

Common right; the common and natural rule of right, as opposed to jus singular, (q. v.) Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 198.

In English Law

The common law, answering to the Saxon "folk-right." 1 Bl. Comm. 67.

Jus constitui oportet in suo loco et plurimum accidunt non quae ex insania. Laws ought to be made with a view to those cases which happen most frequently, and not to those which are of rare or accidental occurrence. Dig. 1, 3, 3; Broom, Max. 45.

JUS CORONÆ. In English law. The right of the crown, or to the crown: the right of succession to the throne. 1 Bl. Comm. 191; 2 Steph. Comm. 434.

JUS CUDENDÆ MONETÆ. In old English law. The right of coinng money. 2 How. State Tr. 118.

JUS CURIALITATIS. In English law. The right of courtesy. Spelman.

JUS DARE. To give or to make the law; the function and prerogative of the legislative department.

JUS DELIBERANDI. In the civil law. The right of deliberating. A term granted by the proper officer at the request of him who is called to the inheritance, (the heir,) within which he has the right to investigate its condition and to consider whether he will accept or reject it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 742; Civ. Code La. art. 1026 (Civ. Code, art. 1083).

Jus descedit et non terra. A right descends, not the land. Co. Litt. 345.

JUS DEVOLUTUM. The right of the church of presenting a minister to a vacant parish, in case the patron shall neglect to exercise his right within the time limited by law.

JUS DICERE. To declare the law; to say what the law is. The province of a court or judge. 2 Eden, 29; 3 P. Wms. 485.

Jus dicere, et non jus dare. To declare the law, not to make it. 7 Term 696; Arg. Barry v. Mandell, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 563, 568; 7 Exch. 543; 2 Eden 29; 4 C. B. 560, 561; Broom, Max. 140.

JUS DISPONENDI. The right of disposing. An expression used either generally to signify the right of alienation, as when we speak of depriving a married woman of the jus disponendi over her separate estate, or specially in the law relating to sales of goods, where it is often a question whether the vendor of goods has the intention of reserving to himself the jus disponendi; i. e., of preventing the ownership from passing to the purchaser, notwithstanding that he (the vendor) has parted with the possession of the goods. Sweet.

JUS DISTRAHENDI. The right of sale of goods pledged in case of non-payment. See Pledge; Distress.

JUS DIVIDENDI. The right of disposing of property by will. Du Cange.

JUS DUPLICATUM. A double right; the right of possession united with the right of property; otherwise called "droit-droit." 2 Bl. Comm. 199.

JUS EDICERE, JUS EDICENDI. The right to issue edicts. It belonged to all the higher magistrates, but special interest is attached to the praeceptor edicts in connection with the history of Roman law. See Praetor.

Jus est ars boni et aqui. Law is the science of what is good and just. Dig. 1, 1, 1; Bract. fol. 2b.

Jus est norma recti; et quicquid est contra normam recti est injuria. Law is a rule of
right; and whatever is contrary to the rule of right is an injury. 3 Buist. 318.


Jus ex injuria non oritur. A right does (or can) not rise out of a wrong. Broom, Max. 738, note; a Bing. 639.

JUS EX NON SCRIPTO. Law constituted by custom or such usage as indicates the tacit consent of the community.

JUS FALCANDI. In old English law. The right of mowing or cutting. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 27, § 1.

JUS FECIALE. In Roman law. The law of arms, or of heralds. A rudimentary species of international law founded on the rites and religious ceremonies of the different peoples.

JUS FIDUCIARIUM. In the civil law. A right in trust; as distinguished from jus legittimun, a legal right. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

JUS FLAVIANUM. In old Roman law. A body of laws drawn up by Cneus Flavius, a clerk of Appius Claudius, from the materials to which he had access. It was a popularization of the laws. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 59.

JUS FLUMINUM. In the civil law. The right to the use of rivers. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 6.

JUS FODIENDI. In the civil and old English law. A right of digging on another’s land. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Bract. fol. 222.

JUS FUTURUM. In the civil law. A future right; an inchoate, incipient, or expectant right, not yet fully vested. It may be either "jus defatum," when the subsequent acquisition or vesting of it depends merely on the will of the person in whom it is to vest, or "jus nondum defatum," when it depends on the future occurrence of other circumstances or conditions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 191.

JUS GENTIUM. The law of nations. That law which natural reason has established among all men is equally observed among all nations, and is called the "law of nations," as being the law which all nations use. Inst. 1, 2, 1; Dig. 1, 1, 9; 1 Bl. Comm. 43; 1 Kent, Comm. 7; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 126.

Although this phrase had a meaning in the Roman law which may be rendered by our expression "law of nations," it must not be understood as equivalent to what we now call "international law," its scope being much wider. It was originally a system of law, or more properly equity, gathered by the early Roman lawyers and magistrates from the common ingredients in the customs of the old Italian tribes,—those being the nations, gentes, whom they had opportunities of observing,—to be used in cases where the jus civille did not apply; that is, in cases between foreigners or between a Roman citizen and a foreigner. The principle upon which they proceeded was that any rule of law which was common to all the nations they knew of must be intrinsically consonant to right reason, and therefore fundamentally valid and just. From this it was an easy transition to the converse principle, viz., that any rule which instinctively commended itself to their sense of justice and reason must be a part of the jus gentium. And so the latter term came eventually to be about synonymous with "equity," (as the Romans understood it,) or the system of praetorian law.

Modern jurisists frequently employ the term "jus gentium privatum" to denote private international law, or that subject which is otherwise styled the "conflict of laws," and "jus gentium publicum" for public international law, or the system of rules governing the intercourse of nations with each other as persons.

JUS GLADI. The right of the sword; the executory power of the law; the right, power, or prerogative of punishing for crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 177.

JUS HABENDI. The right to have a thing. The right to be put in actual possession of property. Lewin, Trusts, 585.

JUS HABENDI ET RETINENDI. A right to have and to retain the profits, tithes, and offerings, etc., of a rectory or parsonage.

JUS HÆREDITATIS. The right of inheritance.

JUS HAURIENDI. In the civil and old English law. The right of drawing water. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 27, § 1.

JUS HONORARIUM. The body of Roman law, which was made up of edicts of the supreme magistrates, particularly the praetors.

JUS HONORUM. In Roman Law. The right of holding offices. See Jus Suffragii.

JUS IMAGINIS. In Roman law. The right to use or display pictures or statues of ancestors; somewhat analogous to the right, in English law, to bear a coat of arms.

JUS IMMUNITATIS. In the civil law. The law of immunity or exemption from the burden of public office. Dig. 60, 6.

JUS IN PERSONAM. A right against a person; a right which gives its possessor a power to oblige another person to give or procure, to do or not to do, something.

JUS IN RE. In the civil law. A right in a thing. A right existing in a person with respect to an article or subject of property, inherent in his relation to it, implying complete ownership with possession, and available against all the world. See Jus ad Rem.
JUS IN RE ALIENA. An easement on servitude, or right in, or arising out of, the property of another.

Jus in re inhaerit ossibus usufructuarli. A right in the thing cleaves to the person of the usufructuary.

JUS IN RE PROPRIA. The right of enjoyment which is incident to full ownership or property, and is often used to denote the full ownership or property itself. It is distinguished from *jus in re aliena*, which is a mere easement or right in or over the property of another.

JUS INCognITUM. An unknown law. This term is applied by the civilians to obsolete laws. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 33.

JUS INDIVIDUUM. An individual or indivisible right; a right incapable of division. 36 Eng. Law & Eq. 25.

JUS ITALICUM. A term of the Roman law descriptive of the aggregate of rights, privileges, and franchises possessed by the cities and inhabitants of Italy, outside of the city of Rome, and afterwards extended to some of the colonies and provinces of the empire, consisting principally in the right to have a free constitution, to be exempt from the land tax, and to have the title to the land regarded as Quiritarian property. See Gibbon, Rom. Emp. c. xvii; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 43.

JUS ITINERIS.

In Roman Law

A rural servitude giving to a person the right to pass over an adjoining field, on foot or horseback.

*Jus jurandi forma verbis differt, re convenit; hunc enim sensum habere debet: ut Deus invectur.* Grot. de Jur. B., l. 2, c. 13, § 10. The form of taking an oath differs in language, agrees in meaning; for it ought to have this sense: that the Deity is invoked.

JUS LATII. In Roman law. The right of Latium or of the Latins. The principal privilege of the Latins seems to have been the use of their own laws, and their being subject to the edicts of the praetor, and that they had occasional access to the freedom of Rome, and a participation in her sacred rites. Butl. Hor. Jur. 41.

JUS LATIUM. In Roman law. A rule of law applicable to magistrates in Latium. It was either *majus Latium* or *minus Latium*—the *majus Latium* raising to the dignity of Roman citizen not only the magistrate himself, but also his wife and children; the *minus Latium* raising to that dignity only the magistrate himself. Brown.

JUS LEGITIMUM. A legal right. In the civil law. A right which was enforceable in the ordinary course of law. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

JUS LIBERORUM.

In Roman Law

The privilege conferred upon a woman who had three or four children. In order that she should be able to take all the property given her by will, she must have had this privilege conferred upon her. Sohn, Inst. Rom. L. § 86. In the time of Hadrian, a decree was made conferring upon a mother, as such, who, being an *ingenua*, had the *jus trium liberorum*, or a being an *libertina*, the *jus quattuor liberorum*, a civil law right to succeed her intestate children; id. § 98.

Another author defines this privilege as one by which exemption was given from all troublesome offices. Brown, L. Dict.

JUS MARITI. The right of a husband; especially the right which a husband acquires to his wife's movable estate by virtue of the marriage. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 1, p. 63.

JUS MERUM. In old English law. Mere or bare right; the mere right of property in lands, without either possession or even the right of possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 197; Bract. fol. 23.

JUS MORIBUS CONSTITUTUM. See Jus Ex Non Scripto.

JUS NATURÆ. The law of nature. See Jus Naturale.

JUS NATURALE. The natural law, or law of nature; law, or legal principles, supposed to be discoverable by the light of nature or abstract reasoning, or to be taught by nature to all nations and men alike; or law supposed to govern men and peoples in a state of nature, i.e., in advance of organized governments or enacted laws. This conceit originated with the philosophical jurists of Rome, and was gradually extended until the phrase came to denote a supposed basis or substratum common to all systems of positive law, and hence to be found, in greater or less purity, in the laws of all nations. And, conversely, they held that if any rule or principle of law was observed in common by all peoples with whose systems they were acquainted, it must be a part of the *jus naturale*, or derived from it. Thus the phrases "*jus naturale*" and "*jus gentium*" came to be used interchangeably.

*Jus naturale est quod apud homines eandem habet potentiam.* Natural right is that which has the same force among all mankind. 7 Coke, 12.

JUS NAVIGANDI. The right of navigating or navigation; the right of commerce by
ships or by sea. Locc. de Jure Mar. llb. 1, c. 3.

**JUS NECIS.** In Roman law. The right of death, or of putting to death. A right which a father anciently had over his children.

**Jus non habenti tute non paretur.** One who has no right cannot be safely obeyed. Hob. 146.

**Jus non patitur ut idem bis solvatur.** Law does not suffer that the same thing be twice paid.

**JUS NON SACRUM.**

In Roman Law

That portion of the *jus publicum* which regulated the duties of magistrates.

Non-sacred law; that which dealt with the duties of civil magistrates, the preservation of public order, and the rights and duties of persons in their relation to the state. Morey, Rom. L. 223. It was analogous to that which would now be called the police power.

**JUS NON SCRIPTUM.** The unwritten law. 1 Bl. Comm. 64.

**JUS OFFERENDI.** In Roman law, the right of subrogation, that is, the right of succeeding to the lien and priority of an elder creditor on tendering or paying into court the amount due to him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 355.

**JUS ONERIS FERENDI.** An urban servitude in the Roman Law, the owner of which had the right of supporting and building upon the house wall of the state.

**JUS PAPIRIANUM.** The civil law of Papirius. The title of the earliest collection of Roman *leges curiatus*, said to have been made in the time of Tarquin, the last of the kings, by a *pontifex maximus* of the name of Sextus or Publius Papirius. Very few fragments of this collection now remain, and the authenticity of these has been doubted. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 21.

**JUS PASCENDI.** In the civil and old English law. The right of pasturing cattle. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Bract. fols. 339, 222.

**JUS PATRONATUS.** In English ecclesiastical law. The right of patronage; the right of presenting a clerk to a benefice. Blount. A commission from the bishop, where two presentations are offered upon the same avoindance, directed usually to his chancellor and others of competent learning, who are to summon a jury of six clergymen and six laymen to inquire into and examine who is the rightful patron. 3 Bl. Comm. 246; 3 Steph. Comm. 517.

**JUS PERSONARUM.** Rights of persons. Those rights which, in the civil law, belong to persons as such, or in their different characters and relations; as parents and children, masters and servants, etc.

**JUS PENITENDI.** In Roman law, the right of rescission or revocation of an executory contract on failure of the other party to fulfill his part of the agreement. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 444.

**JUS PORTUS.** In maritime law. The right of port or harbor.

**JUS POSSESSIONIS.** The right of possession.

**JUS POSSIDENDI.** The right of possessing, which is the legal consequence of ownership. It is to be distinguished from the *jus possessionis* (q. v.), which is a right to possess which may exist without ownership.

**JUS POSTLIMINII.**

In the Civil Law

The right of postliminy; the right or claim of a person who had been restored to the possession of a thing, or to a former condition, to be considered as though he had never been deprived of it. Dig. 49, 15, 5; 3 Bl. Comm. 107, 210.

In International Law

The right by which property taken by an enemy, and recaptured or rescued from him by the fellow-subjects or allies of the original owner, is restored to the latter upon certain terms. 1 Kent, Comm. 108.

**JUS PRÆSENS.** In the civil law. A present or vested right; a right already completely acquired. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 191.

**JUS PRÆTORIUM.** In the civil law. The discretion of the预制or, as distinct from the *leges*, or standing laws. 3 Bl. Comm. 49. That kind of law which the pretors introduced for the purpose of aiding, supplying, or correcting the civil law for the public benefit. Dig. 1, 1, 7. Called, also, "*jus honorarium,"* (q. v.)

**JUS PRECARIUM.** In the civil law. A right to a thing held for another, for which there was no remedy by legal action, but only by entreaty or request. 2 Bl. Comm. 323.

**JUS PRESENTATIONIS.** The right of presentation.

**JUS PRIVATUM.** Private law: the law regulating the rights, conduct, and affairs of individuals, as distinguished from "public" law, which relates to the constitution and functions of government and the administration of criminal justice. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 124. Also private ownership, or the
right, title, or dominion of a private owner, as distinguished from "jus publicum," which denotes public ownership, or the ownership of property by the government, either as a matter of territorial sovereignty or in trust for the benefit and advantage of the general public. In this sense, a state may have a double right in given property, e. g., lands covered by navigable waters within its boundaries, including both "jus publicum," a sovereign or political title, and "jus privatum," a proprietary ownership. See Oakland v. Oakland Water Front Co., 118 Cal. 160, 50 P. 277.

JUS PROICIENDI. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which consists in the right to build a projection, such as a balcony or gallery, from one's house in the open space belonging to one's neighbor, but without resting on his house. Dig. 50, 16, 242; Id. 8, 2, 2; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317.

JUS PROPRIETATIS. The right of property, as distinguished from the jus possessianis, or right of possession. B. C. Hol. 3. Called by Bracton "jus meruim," the mere right. Id.; 2 Bl. Comm. 197; 3 Bl. Comm. 19, 178.

JUS PROTECTENDI. In the civil law. The name of a servitude. It is a right by which a part of the roof or tiling of one house is made to extend over the adjoining house. Dig. 50, 16, 242, 1; Id. 8, 2, 25; Id. 8, 5, 8, 5.

JUS PROTINIOESES. The right of pre-emption of a landlord in case the tenant wishes to dispose of his rights as a perpetual lessee. Sohm, Inst. Rom. L. § 57. Pactum protimeses was the right of pre-emption to the seller; i.e. in case the buyer should sell, he must sell to the former seller. Hunter, Rom. L. 503.

JUS PROVINCIARUM. A franchise conferred upon provincials much more limited than that conferred upon the people of Italy.

It has been described as "equivalent to the jus Italicum minus the freedom from land taxation which the latter right involved. In short, the provincials possessed no status as Roman citizens; and even their capacity of ownership in their own land was qualified by their tributary obligations to Rome. The civil incapacity of the provincials had reference, however, merely to their exclusion from the strictly legal rights sanctioned by the jus cive." Morey, Rom. L. 55.

JUS PUBLICUM. Public law, or the law relating to the constitution and functions of government and its officers and the administration of criminal justice. Also public ownership, or the paramount or sovereign territorial right or title of the state or government. See Jus Privatum.

Jus publicum et privatum quod ex naturalibus praeventis aut gentium aut civilibus est col-
It had originated by enactment or by custom, in contradistinction to such parts of the law of custom as were not committed to writing. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 126. After stating that the Roman law was written and unwritten just as it was among the Greeks, Justinian adds: “The written part consists of laws, plebiscita, senatus-consulta, enactments of emperors, edicts of magistrates, and answers of jurisprudents.” Sand. Inst. Just. 1, 2, 3. See Jus Ex Non Scripto.

In English Law
Written law, or statute law, otherwise called “lex scripta,” as distinguished from the common law, “lex non scripta.” 1 Bl. Comm. 62.

JUS SINGULARE. In the civil law. A peculiar or individual rule, differing from the jus commune, or common rule of right, and established for some special reason. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

JUS SOLI. The law of the place of one’s birth as contrasted with jus sanguinis, the law of the place of one’s descent or parentage. It is of feudal origin. Hershey, Int. L. 237.

JUS SPATIANDI. A right of way over land by the public by uses merely for the purposes of recreation and instruction. It is usually limited to the cases of highways, parks, and squares. The public were denied any right in the grounds containing the ancient druidical monuments at Stonehenge; Attorney-General v. Antrobus, (1905) 2 Ch. 188. See 19 Harv. L. Rev. 55. See Du Cange, Glossarium, for a definition under the word spatiaire.

JUS STAPULÆ. In old European law. The law of staple; the right of staple. A right or privilege of certain towns of stopping imported merchandise, and compelling it to be offered for sale in their own markets. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 10.

JUS STILLICIDII VEL FLUMINIS RECIPIENDI.
In Roman Law
An urban servitude giving the owner a right to project his roof over the land of another or to open a house drain upon it.

JUS STRICTUM. Strict law; law interpreted without any modification, and in its utmost rigor.

JUS SUFFRAGII.
In Roman Law
The right of voting. This and the jus honorum (q. v.) were the publice rights of the Roman citizen.

Jus superveniens auctorì acescíst successorì. A right growing to a possessor accresc to the successor. Halk. Lat. Max. 76.

JUS TERTII. The right of a third party. A tenant, bailee, etc., who pleads that the title is in some person other than his landlord, bailor, etc., is said to set up a jus tertii. Dempsey Oil & Gas Co. v. Citizens’ Nat. Bank, 110 Okl. 93, 235 P. 1104, 1107.

Jus testamentorum pertinet ordinarium. Y. B. 4 Hen. VII., 135. The right of testaments belongs to the ordinary.

JUS TIGNI IMMITTENDI.
In Roman Law
An urban servitude which gave the right of inserting a beam into the wall of another.

JUS TRIPERTITUM. In Roman law. A name applied to the Roman law of wills, in the time of Justinian, on account of its threefold derivation, viz., from the praetorian edict, from the civil law, and from the imperial constitutions. Maine, Anc. Law, 207.

Jus triplex est, — proprietatis, possessionis, et possibilitatis. Right is threefold,—of property, of possession, and of possibility.

JUS TRIVIUM LIBERORUM. In Roman law. A right or privilege allowed to the parent of three or more children. 2 Kent, Comm. 85; 2 Bl. Comm. 247. These privileges were an exemption from the trouble of guardianship, priority in bearing offices, and a treble proportion of corn. Adams, Rom. Ant. (Am. Ed.) 227.

JUS UTENDI. The right to use property without destroying its substance. It is employed in contradistinction to the jus abutendi. 3 Toullier, no. 83.

JUS VENANDI ET PISCANDI. The right of hunting and fishing.

Jus vendit quod usus approbat. Ellesm. Postn. 35. The law dispenses what use has approved.

Jusjurandi forma verbis differt, re convenit; hunc enim sensum habere debet, ut Deus invocetur. The form of taking an oath differs in language, agrees in meaning: for it ought to have this sense, that the Deity is invoked. Grotius, b. 2, c. 13, s. 10.

JUSJURANDUM. Lat. An oath.

Jusjurandum inter alios factum nec nocere nec prodesse debet. An oath made between others ought neither to hurt nor profit. 4 Inst. 279.

JUS VITÆ NECISIQUE.
In Roman Law
The right of life and death. Originally a father, or his pater-familias if he was himself in domestic subjection, could decide— not arbitrarily, but judicially—whether or not to rear his child; and while this right
became subject to certain restrictions, yet when the child had grown up, the father, in the exercise of his domestic jurisdiction, might visit his son’s misconduct, both in private and public life, with such punishment as he thought fit, even banishment, slavery, or death. In the early Empire these rights became relaxed, and they disappeared in the Justinian law. Multiple, Roman Law, 28, 346, 417. See Patria Potestas.


"The words 'just' and 'justly' do not always mean 'just' and 'justly' in a moral sense, but they do not infrequently, in their connection with other words in a sentence, bear a very different signification. It is evident, however, that the word 'just' in the statute (requiring an affidavit for an attachment to state that plaintiff's claim is just) means 'just' in a moral sense; and from its isolation, being made a separate subdivision of the section, it is intended to mean 'morally just' in the most emphatic terms. The claim must be morally just, as well as legally just, in order to entitle a party to an attachment.' Robin v. Burton, 5 Kan. 396.

JUST BEYOND. Will directing erection of chapel "just beyond" the basin means barely beyond, scarcely beyond, or closely beyond, with the least practical space between it and the basin. Carroll v. Cave Hill Cemetery Co., 172 Ky. 204, 189 S. W. 186, 189.


JUST COMPENSATION. As used in the constitutional provision that private property shall not be taken for public use without "just compensation," this phrase means a full and fair equivalent for the loss sustained by the taking for public use. It may be more or it may be less than the mere money value of the property actually taken. The exercise of the power being necessary for the public good, and all property being held subject to its exercise when and as the public good requires it, it would be unjust to the public that it should be required to pay the owner more than a fair indemnity for the loss he sustains by the appropriation of his property for the general good. On the other hand, it would be equally unjust to the owner if he should receive less than a fair indemnity for such loss. To arrive at this fair indemnity, the interests of the public and of the owner, and all the circumstances of the particular appropriation, should be taken into consideration. Lewis, Em. Don. § 462. And see Butler Hard Rubber Co. v. Newark, 61 N. J. Law, 32, 40 A. 224; Trinity College v. Hartford, 32 Conn. 452; Bauman v. Rosa, 187 U. S. 548, 17 S. Ct. 936, 42 L. Ed. 270; Putnam v. Douglas County, 6 Or. 332, 25 Am. Rep. 527; Laflin v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 33 F. 417; Newman v. Metropolitan Ed. R. Co., 118 N. Y. 623, 23 N. E. 901, 7 L. R. A. 289; Monongahela Nav. Co. v. U. S., 148 U. S. 312, 13 S. Ct. 622, 37 L. Ed. 463; Railway Co. v. Stickney, 150 Ill. 332, 37 N. E. 1098, 26 L. R. A. 773; Chase v. Portland, 86 Me. 367, 29 A. 1104; Spring Valley Waterworks v. Drinkhouse, 22 Cal. 336, 28 P. 683.

JUST DEBS. As used in a will or a statute, this term means legal, valid, and incontestable obligations, not including such as are barred by the statute of limitations or voidable at the election of the party. See Burke v. Jones, 2 Ves. & B. 275; Martin v. Gage, 9 N. Y. 401; Peck v. Botsford, 7 Conn. 176, 18 Am. Dec. 92; Collamore v. Wilder, 19 Kan. 82; Smith v. Mayo, 9 Mass. 63, 6 Am. Dec. 28; People v. Tax Com'r's, 99 N. Y. 154, 1 N. E. 401.

JUST TITLE. By the term "just title," in cases of prescription, we do not understand that which the possessor may have derived from the true owner, for then no true prescription would be necessary, but a title which the possessor may have received from any person whom he honestly believed to be the real owner, provided the title were such as to transfer the ownership of the property. Civ. Code La. art. 3484; Davis v. Gaines, 104 U. S. 400, 26 L. Ed. 757; Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 254; Kennedy v. Townsley, 16 Ala. 248; Johnson v. Sugar, 163 La. 755, 112 So. 721, 722; B. Fernandez & Bros. v. Ayllon, 266 U. S. 144, 45 S. Ct. 52, 69 L. Ed. 209. One good against all the world. Virginia & West Virginia Coal Co. v. Charles (C. C. A.) 254 F. 379, 387.

JUST VALUE. In taxation, the fair, honest, and reasonable value of property, without exaggeration or depreciation; its actual market value. State v. Smith, 153 Ind. 543, 63 N. E. 214, 63 L. R. A. 116; Winnipiseogee Lake, etc., v. Co. of Gilford, 67 N. H. 514, 35 A. 945.

JUSTA. In the civil law. A just cause; a lawful ground; a legal transaction of some kind. Mackell's Rom. Law, § 283.
JUSTICE. n. In old English practice. To do justice; to see justice done; to summon one to do justice.

JUSTICE, n. In Jurisprudence

The constant and perpetual disposition to render every man his due. Inst. 1, 1, pr.; 2 Inst. 58. See Borden v. State, 11 Ark. 528, 44 Am. Dec. 217; Duncan v. Magette, 25 Tex. 253; The John E. Mulford (D. C.) 18 F. 455. The conformity of our actions and our will to the law. Toull. Droit Civil Fr. tit. préf. no. 5; Livingston Oil Corporation v. Henson, 90 Okl. 76, 215 P. 1057, 1059.

In the most extensive sense of the word it differs little from "virtue:" for it includes within itself the whole circle of virtues. Yet the common distinction between them is that that which, considered positively and in itself, is called "virtue," when considered relatively and with respect to others has the name of "justice." But "justice," being in itself a part of "virtue," is confined to things simply good or evil, and consists in a man's taking such a proportion of them as he ought. Bouvier.

Commutative justice is that which should govern contracts. It consists in rendering to every man the exact measure of his dues, without regard to his personal worth or merits, i.e., placing all men on an equality. Distributive justice is that which should govern the distribution of rewards and punishments. It assigns to each the rewards which his personal merit or services deserve, or the proper punishment for his crimes. It does not consider all men as equally deserving or equally blameworthy, but discriminates between them, observing a just proportion and comparison. This distinction originated with Aristotle. (Eth. Nic. V.) See Pombl. Eq. 3; Toull. Droit Civil Fr. tit. préf. no. 7.

In Norman French

Amenable to justice. Kelham.

In Feudal Law

Jurisdiction; judicial cognizance of causes or offenses.

High justice was the jurisdiction or right of trying crimes of every kind, even the highest. This was a privilege claimed and exercised by the great lords or barons of the middle ages. 1 Robertson's Car. V., appendix, note 23. Low justice was jurisdiction of petty offenses.

In Common Law

The title given in England to the judges of the king's bench and the common pleas, and in America to the judges of the supreme court of the United States and of the appellate courts of many of the states. It is said that this word in its Latin form (justitia) was properly applicable only to the judges of common-law courts, while the term "judge" designated the judges of ecclesiastical and other courts. See Leg. Hen. I. §§ 24, 63; Co. Litt. 71b.

The same title is also applied to some of the judicial officers of the lowest rank and jurisdiction, such as police justices and justices of the peace.

In General

—Justice ayres (or aires). In Scotch law. Circuits made by the judges of the Justiciary courts, through the country, for the distribution of justice. Bell.

—Justice in eyre. From the old French word "évre," i.e., a journey. Those justices who in ancient times were sent by commission into various counties, to hear more especially such causes as were termed "pleas of the crown," were called "justices in eyre." They differed from justices in oyer and terminer, inasmuch as the latter were sent to one place, and for the purpose of trying only a limited number of special causes; whereas the justices in eyre were sent through the various counties, with a more indefinite and general commission. In some respects they resembled our present justices of assize, although their authority and manner of proceeding differed much from them. Brown.

—Justice sent. In English law. The principal court of the forest, held before the chief justice in eyre, or chief itinerant judge or his deputy; to hear and determine all trespasses within the forest, and all claims of franchises, liberties, and privileges, and all pleas and causes whatsoever therein arising. 3 Bl. Comm. 72; 4 Inst. 291; 3 Steph. Comm. 440.

—Justices of appeal. The title given to the ordinary judges of the English court of appeal. The first of such ordinary judges are the two former lords justices of appeal in chancery, and one other judge appointed by the crown by letters patent. Jud. Act 1875, § 4 (28 USCA § 79).

—Justices of assize. These justices, or, as they are sometimes called, "justices of nisi prius," are judges of the superior English courts, who go on circuit into the various counties of England and Wales for the purpose of disposing of such causes as are ready for trial at the assizes. See Assize.

—Justices of gaol delivery. Those justices who are sent with a commission to hear and determine all causes appertaining to persons, who, for any offense, have been cast into gaol. Part of their authority was to punish those who let to malnurse those prisoners who were not bailable by law, and they seem formerly to have been sent into the country upon this exclusive occasion, but afterwards had the same authority given them as the justices of assize. Brown.

—Justices of laborers. In old English law. Justices appointed to redress the frowardness
of laboring men, who would either be idle or have unreasonable wages. Blount.

—Justices of nisi prius. In English law. This title is now usually coupled with that of justices of assize; the judges of the superior courts acting on their circuits in both these capacities. 3 Bl. Comm. 58, 59.

—Justices of over and terminer. Certain persons appointed by the king's commission, among whom were usually two judges of the courts at Westminster, and who went twice in every year to every county of the kingdom, (except London and Middlesex,) and, at what was usually called the “assizes,” heard and determined all treasons, felonies, and misdemeanors. Brown.

—Justices of the bench. The justices of the court of common bench or common pleas.

—Justices of the forest. In old English law. Officers who had jurisdiction over all offenses committed within the forest against vert or venison. The court wherein these justices sat and determined such causes was called the “justice seat of the forest.” They were also sometimes called the “justices in eyre of the forest.” Brown.

—Justices of the hundred. Hundredors; lords of the hundreds; they who had the jurisdiction of hundreds and held the hundred courts.

—Justices of the Jews. Justices appointed by Richard I. to carry into effect the laws and orders which he had made for regulating the money contracts of the Jews. Brown.

—Justices of the pavilion. In old English law. Judges of a prepowder court, of a most transcendent jurisdiction, anciently authorized by the bishop of Winchester, at a fair held on St. Giles' Hills near that city. Cowell; Blount.

—Justices of the quorum. See Quorum.

—Justices of trail-baston. In old English law. A kind of justices appointed by King Edward I. upon occasion of great disorders in the realm, during his absence in the Scotch and French wars. They were a kind of justices in eyre, with great powers adapted to the emergency, and which they exercised in a summary manner. Cowell; Blount.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

In American Law

A judicial officer of inferior rank holding a court not of record, and having (usually) civil jurisdiction of a limited nature, for the trial of minor cases, to an extent prescribed by statute, and for the conservation of the peace and the preliminary hearing of criminal complaints and the commitment of offenders. See Wenzler v. People, 58 N. Y.

JUSTICIARY COURT


In English Law

Judges of record appointed by the crown to be justices within a certain district, (e. g., a county or borough,) for the conservation of the peace, and for the execution of divers things, comprehended within their commission and within divers statutes, committed to their charge. Stone, J. Pr. 2.

JUSTICEMENTS. An old general term for all things appertaining to justice.

JUSTICER. The old form of justice. Blount.

JUSTICE'S COURTS. Inferior tribunals, not of record, with limited jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, held by justices of the peace. There are courts so called in many of the states. See Searl v. Shanks, 9 N. D. 204, 82 N. W. 731; Brownfield v. Thompson, 96 Mo. App. 340, 70 S. W. 378.

JUSTICESHIP. Rank or office of a Justice.

JUSTICIA BLE. Proper to be examined in courts of justice.

JUSTICIAR. In old English law. A judge or justice. One of several persons learned in the law, who sat in the antia regis, and formed a kind of court of appeal in cases of difficulty.

High Justiciar


JUSTICIARI ITINERANTES. In English law. Justices in eyre, who formerly went from county to county to administer justice. They were so called to distinguish them from justices residing at Westminster, who were called “justicii residentes.” Co. Litt. 293.

JUSTICIARII RESIDENTES. In English law. Justices or judges who usually resided in Westminster. They were so called to distinguish them from justices in eyre. Co. Litt. 293.

JUSTICIARY. An old name for a judge or justice. The word is formed on the analogy of the Latin “justiciarius” and French “justicier,” and is a variant of justiciar (q. v.).

JUSTICIARY COURT. The chief criminal court of Scotland, consisting of five lords of session, added to the justice general and justice clerk; of whom the justice general, and, in his absence, the justice clerk, is president. This court has a jurisdiction over all crimes, and over the whole of Scotland. Bell.
JUSTICIATUS. Judicature; prerogative.

JUSTICIES. In English law. A writ directed to the sheriff, empowering him, for the sake of dispatch, to try an action in his county court for a larger amount than he has the ordinary power to do. It is so called because it is a commission to the sheriff to do the party justice, the word itself meaning, "You may do justice to ——." 3 Bl. Comm. 36; 4 Inst. 266.

JUSTIFIABLE. Rightful; warranted or sanctioned by law; that which can be shown to be sustained by law; as justifiable homicide. See Homicide.

JUSTIFICATION. A maintaining or showing a sufficient reason in court why the defendant did what he is called upon to answer, particularly in an action of libel. A defense of justification is a defense showing the libel to be true, or in an action of assault showing the violence to have been necessary. See Steph. Pl. 184. A sufficient lawful reason why a person did or did not do the thing charged. Mercardo v. State, 80 Tex. Cr. R. 559, 218 S. W. 491, 492; State v. Rish, 104 S. C. 250, 88 S. E. 531, 534.

In Practice

The proceeding by which bail establish their ability to perform the undertaking of the bond or recognizance.

JUSTIFICATORS. A kind of compurgators, (q. v.), or those who by oath justified the innocence or oaths of others; as in the case of wager of law.

JUSTIFYING BAIL consists in proving the sufficiency of bail or sureties in point of property, etc.

The production of bail in court, by those justify themselves against the exception of the plaintiff.

JUSTINIANIST. A civilian; one who studies the civil law.

JUSTITIA. Lat. Justice. A jurisdiction, or the office of a judge.

Justitia debet esse libera, quia nihil iniquius veniam justitiae; piena, quia justitia non debet claudicare; et deleris, quia dilatio est quaedam negatio. Justice ought to be free, because nothing is more iniquitous than venal justice; full, because justice ought not to halt; and speedy, because delay is a kind of denial. 2 Inst. 56.

Justitia est constans et perpetua voluntas jus suum cuique tribuendi. Justice is a steady and unceasing disposition to render to every man his due. Inst. 1, 1, pr.; Dig. 1, 1, 10.

Justitia est duplex, viz., severe puniones et vere pravienlens. 3 Inst. Epl. Justice is double; punishing severely, and truly preventing.

Justitia est virtus excellens et Altissimo coplaxens. 4 Inst. 58. Justice is excellent virtue and pleasing to the Most High.

Justitia firmatur solium. 3 Inst. 140. By justice the throne is established.

Justitia nemini neganda est. Jenk. Cent. 175. Justice is to be denied to none.

Justitia non est neganda non differenda. Jenk. Cent. 93. Justice is neither to be denied nor delayed.

Justitia non novit patrem nec matrem; solam veritatem spectat justitia. Justice knows not father nor mother; justice looks at truth alone. 1 Bulst. 199.

JUSTITIA PIEPOUDROUS. Speedy justice. Bract. 333b.

JUSTITIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A suspension or intermission of the administration of justice in courts; vacation time. Calvin.

JUSTIZA. In Spanish law. The name anciently given to a high judicial magistrate, or supreme judge, who was the ultimate interpreter of the laws, and possessed other high powers.

JUSTS, OR JOUSTS. Exercises between martial men and persons of honor, with spears, on horseback; different from tournaments, which were military exercises between many men in troops. 24 Hen. VIII. c. 13.

Justum non est aliquem antenatum mortuum facere bastardum, qui pro tota vita sua pro legitimo habitur. It is not just to make a bastard after his death one elder born who all his life has been accounted legitimate. 8 Coke, 101.

JUVENILE COURTS. Courts having special jurisdiction, of a paternal nature, over delinquent and neglected children.

JUXTA. Lat. Near; following; according to.

JUXTA CONVENTIONEM. According to the covenant. Fleta lib. 4, c. 16, § 6.

JUXTA FORMAM STATUTI. According to the form of the statute.

JUXTA RATAM. At or after the rate. Dyer, 82.

JUXTA TENOREM SEQUENTEM. According to the tenor following. 2 Salk. 417. A phrase used in the old books when the very words themselves referred to were set forth. Id.; 1 Ld. Raym. 415.

JUGADO. In Spanish law. The judiciary; the body of judges; the judges who concur in a decree.
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KATATONIA. See Insanity.

KAY. A quay, or key.

KAYAGE. See Cayugum.

KAZY. A Mohammed judge or magistrate in the East Indies, appointed originally by the court at Delhi, to administer justice according to their written law. Under the British authorities their judicial functions ceased, and their duties were confined to the preparation and attestation of deeds, and the superintendence and legalization of marriage and other ceremonies among the Mohammedans. Wharton.

KEELAGE. The right to demand money for the privilege of anchoring a vessel in a harbor; also the money so paid.

KEELHALE, KEELHAUL. To drag a person under the keel of a ship by means of ropes from the yard-arms, a punishment formerly practiced in the British navy. Enc. Lond.

KEELS. This word is applied, in England, to vessels employed in the carriage of coals. Jacob.

KEEP, n. A strong tower or hold in the middle of any castle or fortification, wherein the besieged make their last efforts of defense, was formerly, in England, called a "keep;" and the inner pile within the castle of Dover, erected by King Henry II., about the year 1153, was termed the "King's Keep;" so at Windsor, etc. It seems to be something of the same nature with what is called abroad a "citadel." Jacob.


To maintain, carry on, conduct, or manage; as, to "keep" a liquor saloon, bawdy house, gaming table, nuisance, inn, or hotel. State v. Irvin, 117 Iowa, 464, 91 N. W. 760; People v. Rice, 163 Mich. 350, 61 N. W. 510; State v. Miller, 68 Conn. 373, 36 A. 795; State v. Cox, 32 Vt. 474.

To maintain, tend, harbor, feed, and shelter; as, to "keep" a dangerous animal, to "keep" a horse at livery. Allen v. Ham, 63 Me. 536; Skinner v. Caughcy, 84 Minn. 375, 67 N. W. 203.

To maintain continuously and methodically for the purposes of a record; as, to "keep" books. See Backus v. Richardson, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 483; Hammond v. Niagara Fire Ins.
Co. 22 Kan. 551, 142 P. 936, 937. Thus to "keep" records of court means, not only to preserve the manual possession of the records, books, and papers, but to correctly transcribe therein the proceedings of the court. Myers v. Colquitt (Tex. Civ. App.) 175 S. W. 993, 997.

To maintain continuously and without stoppage or variation; as, when a vessel is said to "keep her course," that is, continue in motion in the same general direction in which she was previously sailing. See The Britannia, 153 U. S. 130, 14 S. Ct. 755, 38 L. Ed. 650; to maintain, to cause to continue without essential change of condition. Arden v. Boone (Tex. Com. App.) 221 S. W. 265, 266.

The word "kept" in policies providing that gasoline shall not be "kept, used, or allowed" on premises implies some degree of permanence of storage thereof. Bouchard v. Dirigo Mut. Fire Ins. Co. 113 Me. 185, 190, 191 A. 899, 193 A. 1915D, 187; D. I. Felsenthal Co. v. Northern Assur. Co., Limited, of London, 284 Ill. 342, 120 N. E. 268, 271, 1 A. L. R. 602; Home Ins. Co. of New York v. Bridges, 172 Ky. 161, 192 S. W. 6, 7, 1 L. R. A. 1917C, 261; while "keeping in possession" contraband liquors means to have habitually in its possession the State v. Barna, 133 S. C. 230, 130 S. E. 641, 642; and in the National Prohibition Act providing that "any ... place where intoxicating liquor is manufactured, sold, kept or bartered, in violation of this title, ... is hereby declared to be a common nuisance," the word "kept," read in connection with the context, means kept for sale or barter or other commercial purposes. U. S. v. Ward (C. C. A.) 6 F.(2d) 182, 184; Burner v. Commonwealth, 160 Va. 508, 156 S. E. 324, 325; U. S. v. One Cadillac Touring Car (D. C.) 274 F. 470, 473; Singer v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 288 F. 696, 699.

In General

—Keep down interest. The expression "keeping down interest" is familiar in legal instruments, and means the payment of interest periodically as it becomes due; but it does not include the payment of all arrears of interest which may have become due on any security from the time when it was executed. 4 El. & Bl. BI. 119.

—Keep house. The English bankrupt laws use the phrase "keeping house" to denote an act of bankruptcy. It is committed when a trader absents himself from his place of business and retires to his private residence to evade the importance of creditors. The usual evidence of "keeping house" is refusal to see a creditor who has called on the debtor at his house for money. Robs. Bankr. 119.

—Keep in repair. When a lessee is bound to keep the premises in repair, he must have them in repair at all times during the term; and, if they are at any time out of repair, he is guilty of a breach of the covenant. 1 Barn. & Ald. 585.

—Keep open. To allow general access to one's shop, for purposes of traffic, is a violation of a statute forbidding him to "keep open" his shop on the Lord's day, although the outer entrances are closed. Com. v. Harrison, 11 Gray (Mass.) 308.

To "keep open," in the sense of such a law, implies a readiness to carry on the usual business in the store, shop, saloon, etc. Lynch v. People, 16 Mich. 472.

KEEPER. A custodian, manager, or superintend; one who has the care, custody, or management of any thing or place. Schults v. State, 32 Ohio St. 281; State v. Rosum, 8 N. D. 548, 80 N. W. 481; Fishell v. Morris, 57 Conn. 547, 18 A. 717, 6 L. R. A. 82; McCoy v. Zane, 65 Mo. 15; Stevens v. People, 67 Ill. 590; Janssen v. Voss, 189 Wis. 222, 207 N. W. 279, 280.

KEEPER OF A BAWDY-HOUSE. A person who has control, proprietorship, or management of the house in question. Jones v. State, 10 Okl. Cr. 79, 133 P. 1134, 1135; Gregg v. People, 65 Colo. 390, 176 P. 483, 485.

KEEPER OF THE FOREST. In old English law. An officer (called also chief warden of the forest) who had the principal government of all things relating to the forest, and the control of all officers belonging to the same. Cowell; Blount.

KEEPER OF THE GREAT SEAL. In English law. A high officer of state, through whose hands pass all charters, grants, and commissions of the king under the great seal. He is styled "lord keeper of the great seal," and this office and that of lord chancellor are united under one person; for the authority of the lord keeper and that of the lord chancellor were, by St. 5 Eliz. c. 18, declared to be exactly the same; and, like the lord chancellor, the lord keeper at the present day is created by the mere delivery of the king's great seal into his custody. Brown.

KEEPER OF THE KING'S CONSCIENCE. A name sometimes applied to the chancellor of England, as being formerly an ecclesiastic and presiding over the royal chapel. 3 Bl. Comm. 48.

KEEPER OF THE PRIVY SEAL. In English law. An officer through whose hands pass all charters signed by the king before they come to the great seal. He is a privy councillor, and was anciently called "clerk of the privy seal," but is now generally called the "lord privy seal." Brown.


KEEPING BOOKS. Preserving an intelligent record of a merchant's or tradesman's affairs with such reasonable accuracy and care as may properly be expected from a man in that business.
KEEPING TERM.

In English Law

A duty performed by students of law, consisting in eating a sufficient number of dinners in hall to make the term count for the purpose of being called to the bar. Moz. & W.

KEEPING THE PEACE. Avoiding a breach of the peace; dissuading or preventing others from breaking the peace.


But when the conveyance, “with the kelp-shore” by the metes and bounds given, manifestly excluded the land between high and low water mark, it was held to be excluded, and patrol proof could not be received of the intention to include it; 10 Ir. C. L. 150.

KENILWORTH EDICT. An edict or award between Henry III, and those who had been in arms against him; so called because made at Kenilworth Castle, in Warwickshire, anno 51 Hen. III, A. D. 1266. It contained a composition of those who had forfeited their estates in that rebellion, which composition was five years' rent of the estates forfeited. Wharton.

KENNING TO THE TERCE. In Scotch law. The ascertainment by a sheriff of the just proportion of the husband's lands which belongs to the widow in virtue of her terce or third. An assignment of dower by sheriff. Erskine, Inst. 11. 9. 50; Bell, Dict.

KENTLAGE. In maritime law. A permanent ballast, consisting usually of pigs of iron, salt in a particular form, or other weighty material, which, on account of its superior cleanliness, and the small space occupied by it, is frequently preferred to ordinary ballast. Abb. Shipp. 5.

KENTREF. The division of a county; a hundred in Wales. See Cantred.

KENTUCKY RESOLUTIONS. A series of resolutions drawn up by Jefferson, and adopted by the legislature of Kentucky in 1789, protesting against the “alien and sedition laws,” declaring their illegality, announcing the strict constructionist theory of the federal government, and declaring “nullification” to be “the rightful remedy.”


KERHERE. A customary cart-way; also a commutation for a customary carriage-duty. Cowell.

KERNELLATUS. Fortified or embattled. Co. Litt. 5a.

KERNES. In English law. Idlers; vagabonds.


KEY. A wharf for the loading and unloading of merchandise from vessels. More commonly spelled “quay.”

An instrument for fastening and opening a lock.

This appears as an English word as early as the time of Erason, in the phrase “cone of keys,” being applied to women at a certain age, to denote the capacity of having charge of household affairs. Bract. fol. 890. See Cone and Key.

KEYAGE. A toll paid for loading and unloading merchandise at a key or wharf. Howan v. Portland, 8 B. Mon. (Ky.) 253.

KEYS, in the Isle of Man, are the twenty-four chief commoners, who form the local legislature. 1 Steph. Comm. 90.

In Old English Law

A guardian, warden, or keeper.


KHALSA. In Hindu law. An office of government in which the business of the revenue department was transacted under the Moham medan government, and during the early period of British rule. Khalsa lands are lands, the revenue of which is paid into the exchequer. Wharton.

KIDDER. In English law. An engrosser of corn to enhance its price. Also a buckster.

KIDDLE. In old English law. A dam or open weir in a river, with a loop or narrow cut in it, accommodated for the laying of engines to catch fish. 2 Inst. 38; Blount.

KIDNAPPING. At common law the forcible abduction or stealing away of a man, woman, or child from his own country, and sending him into another. It is an offense punishable at the common law by fine and imprisonment. 4 Bl. Comm. 219; Furlong v. German American Press Ass'n (Mo. Sup.) 189 S. W. 385, 389; State v. Hoyle, 114 Wash. 290, 194 P. 976, 977.

In American law, this word is most often applied to the abduction of children, and the
intent to send the person kidnapped out of the country does not constitute a necessary part of the offense. The term includes false imprisonment plus the removal of the person to some other place. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 671. See State v. Rollins, 8 N. H. 507; State v. Sutton, 116 Ind. 527, 19 N. E. 692; Dehn v. Mandeville, 68 Hun, 335, 22 N. Y. Supp. 984; People v. De Leon, 109 N. Y. 226, 16 N. E. 46, 4 Am. St. Rep. 444; People v. Fick, 50 Cal. 144, 26 P. 759; Furlong v. German-American Press Ass'n (Mo. Sup.) 189 S. W. 385, 389; People v. Harrison, 261 Ill. 517, 104 N. E. 253, 265.

KILDERKIN. A measure of eighteen gallons.

KILKETH. An ancient servile payment made by tenants in husbandry. Cowell.


Killing by Misadventure

Accidental killing of a person where the slayer is doing a lawful act, unaccompanied by any criminal carelessness or reckless conduct. State v. Dean, 2 W. W. Harp. (Del.) 290, 122 A. 448, 449.

KILL, n. A Dutch word, signifying a channel or bed of the river, and hence the river or stream itself. It is found used in this sense in descriptions of land in old conveyances. French v. Carhart, 1 N. Y. 96.

KILLYTH-STALLION. A custom by which lords of manors were bound to provide a stallion for the use of their tenants' mares. Spelman.

KIN. Relation or relationship by blood or consanguinity. "The nearness of kin is computed according to the civil law." 2 Kent, Com. 413. See Keniston v. Mayhew, 169 Mass. 163, 47 N. E. 612; Hibbard v. Odell, 16 Wis. 635; Lushby v. Cobb, 50 Miss. 715, 32 So. 6; State v. Bielman, 80 Wash. 460, 150 P. 1104. As to "next of kin," see Next.

Kinskote

In Saxon law. A composition or satisfaction paid for killing a kinsman. Spelman.

Kinsfolk

Relations; those who are of the same family.

Kinsman

A man of the same race or family. Wood v. Mitcham, 92 N. Y. 370.
KING'S AT-ARMS. The principal herald of England was of old designated "king of the heralds," a title which seems to have been exchanged for "king-at-arms" about the reign of Henry IV. The kings-at-arms at present existing in England are three,—Garter, Clarenceux, and Norroy, besides Bath, who is not a member of the college. Scotland is placed under an officer called "Lyon King-at-Arms," and Ireland is the province of one named "Ulster." Wharton.

KING'S BENCH. The supreme court of common law in England, being so called because the king used formerly to sit there in person, the style of the court being "coram ipso rege." It was called the "queen's bench" in the reign of a queen, and during the protectorate of Cromwell it was styled the "upper bench." It consisted of a chief justice and three puisne justices, who were by their office the sovereign conservators of the peace and supreme conservators of the land. It was a remnant of the aula regis, and was not originally fixed to any certain place, but might follow the king's person, though for some centuries past it usually sat at Westminster. It had a very extended jurisdiction both in criminal and civil causes; the former in what was called the "crown side" or "crown office," the latter in the "plea side," of the court. Its civil jurisdiction was gradually enlarged until it embraced all species of personal actions. Since the judicature acts, this court constitutes the "king's bench division" of the "high court of justice." See 3 Bl. Comm. 41-43.

KING'S CHAMBERS. Those portions of the seas, adjacent to the coasts of Great Britain, which are inclosed within headlands so as to be cut off from the open sea by imaginary straight lines drawn from one promontory to another.

KING'S CORONER AND ATTORNEY. An officer of the court of king's bench, usually called "the master of the crown office," whose duty it is to file informations at the suit of a private subject by direction of the court. 4 Bl. Comm. 308, 309; 4 Steph. Comm. 374, 378.

KING'S COUNSEL. Barristers or serjeants who have been called within the bar and selected to be the king's counsel. They answer in some measure to the advocati faci, or advocates of the revenue, among the Romans. They must not be employed against the crown without special leave, which is, however, always granted, at a cost of about nine pounds. 3 Bl. Comm. 27.

KING'S EVIDENCE. When several persons are charged with a crime, and one of them gives evidence against his accomplices, on the promise of being granted a pardon, he is said to be admitted king's or (in America) state's evidence. 4 Steph. Comm. 385; Sweet.

KING'S PROCTOR. A proctor or solicitor representing the crown in the former practice of the courts of probate and divorce. In petitions for dissolution of marriage, or for declarations of nullity of marriage, the king's proctor may, under the direction of the attorney general, and by leave of the court, intervene in the suit for the purpose of proving collusion between the parties. Mozley & Whiteley.

KING'S REMEMBRANCER. An officer of the central office of the English supreme court. Formerly he was an officer of the exchequer, and had important duties to perform in protecting the rights of the crown; e.g., by instituting proceedings for the recovery of land by writs of intrusion, etc., and for the recovery of legacy and succession duties; but of late years administrative changes have lessened the duties of the office. Sweet.

He was at the head of the department which had charge of all revenue suits, and of matters pertaining to the office of sheriff. He attended as the officer of the king's bench when the lord mayor made his appearance on November 9th, and as representing the old court of exchequer when the city of London did suit and service in discharge of quit-rents for certain lands anciently held under the crown. He presided at the Trial of the Pyx, the assaying and weighing of the coins of the realm. See Remembrances of Sir F. Pollock.

KINGDOM. A country where an officer called a "king" exercises the powers of government, whether the same be absolute or limited. Wolff, Inst. Nat. § 394. In some kingdoms, the executive officer may be a woman, who is called a "queen."

KINSMAN. See Kin.

KINTAL, or KINTLE. A hundred pounds in weight. See Quintal.

KINTLIDGE. A ship's ballast. See Kettle.

KIPPER-TIME. In old English law. The space of time between the 3d of May and the Epiphany, in which fishing for salmon in the Thames, between Gravesend and Henley-on-Thames, was forbidden. Rot. Parl. 50 Edw. III.

KIRBY'S QUEST. In English law. An ancient record remaining with the remembrancer of the exchequer, being an inquisition or survey of all the lands in England, taken in the reign of Edward I. by John de Kirby, his treasurer. Blount; Cowell.

KIRK. In Scotch law. A church; the church; the established church of Scotland.

KIRK-MOTE. A meeting of parishioners on church affairs.
KIRK-OFFICER. The beadle of a church in Scotland.

KIRK-SESSION. A parochial church court in Scotland, consisting of the ministers and elders of each parish.

KISSING THE BOOK. The ceremony of touching the lips to a copy of the Bible, used in administering oaths. It is the external symbol of the witness' acknowledgment of the obligation of the oath.

KIST. In Hindu law. A stated payment; installment of rent.

KLEPTOMANIA. In medical jurisprudence. A form (or symptom) of mania, consisting in an irresistible propensity to steal.

It is said to be often shown in cases of women, laboring under their peculiar diseases or of those far advanced in pregnancy. A sharp distinction is made between kleptomania and the tendency to steal so commonly observed in the well defined forms of insanity; the former is a defective mental characteristic approaching the confines of insanity on one subject alone, while the individual, on all other subjects, is perfectly sane. It differs from shoplifting in that the shoplifter steals for a purpose, and only those articles which are of value, while the kleptomaniac takes goods of any description, often of no use to herself and with no motive for their possession; 4 Am. Lawy. 533. See Insanity.

KNACKER. One who slaughters useless or diseased animals or deals in such. Cent. Dict. A regular occupation in London and other large cities, regulated by act of parliament August 18, 1811.

KNAVE. A rascal; a false, tricky, or deceitful person. The word originally meant a boy, attendant, or servant, but long-continued usage has given it its present signification.

KNAVESHIP. A portion of grain given to a mill-servant from tenants who were bound to grind their grain at such mill.

KNEEL. To bend the knees in worship without resting on them is to kneel. 36 L. J. Ecc. 10.

KNIGHT. In English law. The next personal dignity after the nobility. Of knights there are several orders and degrees. The first in rank are knights of the Garter, instituted by Richard I. and improved by Edward III. in 1344; next follows a knight banneret; then come knights of the Bath, instituted by Henry IV., and revived by George I.; and they were so called from a ceremony of bathing the night before their creation. The last order are knights bachelors, who, though the lowest, are yet the most ancient, order of knighthood; for we find that King Alfred conferred this order upon his son Athelstan. 1 Bl. Comm. 403.

Knighthood. The rank, order, character, or dignity of a knight.

Knights bachelors. In English law. The most ancient, though lowest, order of knighthood. 1 Bl. Comm. 404.

Knights banneret. In English law. Those created by the sovereign in person on the field of battle. They rank, generally, after knights of the Garter. 1 Bl. Comm. 463.

Knights of St. Michael and St. George. An English order of knighthood, instituted in 1818.

Knights of St. Patrick. Instituted in Ireland by George III., A. D. 1763. They have no rank in England.

Knights of the Bath. An order supposed to have been instituted by Henry IV., and revived by George I. in 1725 to consist of the sovereign, a grand master and 36 knights companions. In 1815 the order was instituted in three classes. In 1847 the civil knights, commanders and companions were added. They are so called from the ceremony formerly observed of bathing the night before their creation.

Knights of the chamber. Those created in the sovereign's chamber in time of peace, not in the field. 2 Inst. 666.

Knights of the Garter. Otherwise called "Knights of the Order of St. George." This order was founded by Richard I., and improved by Edward III., A. D. 1344. They form the highest order of knights. See Garter.

Knights of the post. A term for hireling witnesses.

Knights of the shire. In English law. Members of parliament representing counties or shires, in contradistinction to citizens or burgesses, who represent boroughs or corporations. A knight of the shire is so called, because, as the terms of the writ for election still require, it was formerly necessary that he should be a knight. This restriction was coeval with the tenure of knight-service, when every man who received a knight's fee immediately of the crown was constrained to be a knight; but at present any person may be chosen to fill the office who is not an alien. The money qualification is abolished by 21 Vict. c. 26. Wharton.

Knights of the Thistle. A Scottish order of knighthood. This order is said to have been instituted by Achadius, king of Scotland, A. D. 819. The better opinion, however, is that it was instituted by James V. in 1534, was revived by James VII. (James II. of England) in 1687, and reestablished by Queen Anne in 1703. They have no rank in England. Wharton.
KNIGHT-MARSHAL. In English law. An officer in the royal household who has jurisdiction and cognizance of offenses committed within the household and verge, and of all contracts made therein, a member of the household being one of the parties. Wharton.

KNIGHT'S FEE was anciently so much of an inheritance in land as was sufficient to maintain a knight; and every man possessed of such an estate was obliged to be knighted, and attend the king in his wars, or pay a pecuniary sum in lieu thereof, called escuage. In the time of Henry II. the estate was estimated at twenty pounds a year; but Lord Coke, in his time, states it to be an estate of six hundred and eighty acres. Co. Litt. 69 a. See 1 Poll. & Matt. 232. See, also, Fee.

KNIGHT'S SERVICE. Upon the Norman conquest, all the lands in England were divided into knight's fees, in number above sixty thousand; and for every knight's fee, a knight was bound to attend the king in his wars forty days in a year, in which space of time a campaign was generally finished. If a man only held half a knight's fee, he was only bound to attend twenty days; and so in proportion. But this personal service, in process of time, grew into pecuniary commutations, or aids; until at last, with the military part of the feudal system, it was abolished at the restoration, by the statute of 12 Car. II. c. 24. 1 Bla. Com. 410; 2 id. 62; Will. Real. Pr. 141; 1 Poll. & Matt. 239.

KNIGHTENGUILD. An ancient guild or society formed by King Edgar.

KNOCK DOWN. To assign to a bidder at an auction by a knock or blow of the hammer. Property is said to be "knocked down" when the auctioneer, by the fall of his hammer, or by any other audible or visible announcement, signifies to the bidder that he is entitled to the property on paying the amount of his bid, according to the terms of the sale. "Knocked down" and "struck off" are synonymous terms. Sherwood v. Read, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 439.

KNOT. In seamen's language, a "knot" is a division of the log-line serving to measure the rate of the vessel's motion. The number of knots which run off from the reel in half a minute shows the number of miles the vessel sails in an hour. Hence when a ship goes eight miles an hour she is said to go "eight knots." Webster.

KNOW. To have knowledge; to possess information, instruction, or wisdom. State v. Ransberger, 106 Mo. 135, 17 S. W. 290. Horne v. Lewis, 160 Ga. 824, 129 S. E. 95.

KNOW ALL MEN. In conveyancing. A form of public address, of great antiquity, and with which many written instruments, such as bonds, letters of attorney, etc., still commence.

KNOWINGLY. With knowledge; consciously; intelligently; willfully. Schultz v. Henry Ericsson Co., 264 Ill. 156, 106 N. E. 238, 240; Ex parte Cowden, 74 Tex. Cr. R. 449, 108 S. W. 530, 540; Atkinson v. State, 133 Ark. 541, 202 S. W. 709, 710; Siuslaw Timber Co. v. Russell, 91 Or. 6, 175 P. 214, 215. The use of this word in an indictment is equivalent to an averment that the defendant knew what he was about to do, and, with such knowledge, proceeded to do the act charged. U. S. v. Claypool (U. C.) 14 Fed. 128; State v. Wilson, 41 Idaho, 598, 242 P. 787, 788.


KNOWLEDGE. Information as to a fact. The act of knowing; clear perception of the truth; firm belief; information; an impression of the mind, the state of being aware. State v. Hightower, 187 N. C. 309, 121 S. E. 616, 621. "Knowledge" is the highest degree of the speculative faculties, and consists in the perception of the truth of affirmative or negative propositions, while "belief" admits of all degrees, from the slightest suspicion to the fullest assurance. Montgomery v. Commonwealth, 189 Ky. 306, 224 S. W. 578; State v. Godette, 158 N. C. 497, 125 S. E. 24, 28; Franken v. State, 150 Wis. 424, 200 N. W. 766, 769. The difference between knowledge and belief is ordinarily merely in the degree, to be judged of by the court, when addressed to the court; by the jury, when addressed to the jury. Hatch v. Carpenter, 9 Gray (Mass.) 271. See Utley v. Hill, 155 Mo. 232, 55 S. W. 1091, 49 L. R. A. 325, 78 Am. St. Rep. 569; Ohio Valley Coffin Co. v. Goble, 28 Ind. App. 364, 62 N. E. 1025; Clarke v. Ingrahm, 107 Ga. 565, 33 S. E. 802.

"Knowledge" of contents of an instrument means more than a mere sensory consciousness of its physical existence, and must include understanding of its actual contents. Mitchell v. Slaye, 137 Md. 89, 111 A. 814, 819.

Knowledge may be imputed, when the means of knowledge exists, known and accessible to the party, and capable of communicating positive information. Scott v. Empire Land Co. (D. C.) 5 F. (2d) 873, 875; Smith v. Industrial Acc. Commission of California, 174 Cal. 196, 162 P. 628, 637; Scheckelea v. Ice Plant Mining Co. (Mo. App.) 180 S. W. 12, 15; People v. Taniellea, 213 Mich. 611, 189 N. W. 474, 476; Hopkins v. McCarthy, 121 Mo. 77, 27 S. 633, 515. However closely actual notice may, in many instances, approximate knowledge, and constructive no-
tice may be its equivalent in effect, there may be actual notice without knowledge; and, when constructive notice is made the test to determine priorities of right, it may fall far short of knowledge. Cleveland Woolen Mills v. Sibert, 81 Ala. 149, 1 So. 773; Dodge v. Grain Shippers' Mut. Fire Ins. Ass'n, 175 Iowa 316, 157 N. W. 965, 967; Stanton v. Hawkins, 41 R. I. 501, 108 A. 299, 300. Thus, oral notice to employer by employee of injury is not "knowledge" of the injury, excusing employer's failure to give notice of injury required by Workmen's Compensation Act. In re Brown, 228 Mass. 31, 116 N. E. 897, 898; In re Stoumana, 117 Me. 175, 108 A. 68.

—Carnal knowledge. Cottus; copulation; sexual intercourse.

—Knowledge of law. "Knowledge of law" includes knowledge of the decisions of the courts, which are part of the law. Spitzer v. Board of Trustees for Regina Public School Dist. No. 4, of Saskatchewan (C. C. A.) 267 F. 121, 126.

—Knowledge of another's peril. One has "knowledge of peril of another," within doctrine of discovered peril, whenever it reasonably appears from the known facts and circumstances that the latter is pursuing a course which will probably terminate in serious bodily injury to him, and that he probably will pursue it to the end. Galveston, H. & S. A. Ry. Co. v. Wagner (Tex. Com. App.) 238 S. W. 552, 554.

—Personal knowledge. Knowledge of the truth in regard to a particular fact or allegation, which is original, and does not depend on information or hearsay. Personal knowledge of an allegation in an answer is personal knowledge of its truth or falsity; and if the allegation is a negative one, this necessarily includes a knowledge of the truth or falsity of the allegation denied. West v. Home Ins. Co. (C. C.) 18 Fed. 622.

KNOWN HEIRS. In a statute relating to the sale of property of unknown heirs, it has been held to mean those persons who are known, and whose right to inherit, or the extent of whose right, to inherit, is dependent on the non-existence of other persons nearer or as near as the ancestor in the line of descent. People v. Ryder, 65 Hun 175, 19 N. Y. S. 977.

KNOWN-MEN. A title formerly given to the Lollards. Cowell.

KORAN. The Mohammedan book of faith. It contains both ecclesiastical and secular laws.


KULEANA. The Hawaiian term "kuleana" means a small area of land, such as were awarded in fee by the Hawaiian monarch, about the year 1850, to all Hawaiians who made application therefor. De Fries v. Scott (C. C. A.) 268 F. 952, 953.

KUT-KUBALA. In Hindu law. A mortgage-deed or deed of conditional sale, being one of the customary deeds or instruments of security in India as declared by regulation of 1806, which regulates the legal proceedings to be taken to enforce such a security. It is also called "Byebi-Waffa." Wharton.

KYMORTHA. A Welsh term for a wasting, rhymer, minstrel, or other vagabond who makes assembles and collections. Baring. Ob. St. 360.

KYTH. Sax. Kin or kindred.
This letter, as a Roman numeral, stands for the number "fifty." It is also used as an abbreviation for "law," "Iber," (a book) "lord," and some other words of which it is the initial.

L. 5. An abbreviation of "Long Quinto," one of the parts of the Year Books.

L. C. An abbreviation which may stand either for "Lord Chancellor," "Lower Canada," or "Leading Cases."

L. J. An abbreviation for "Law Judge," also for "Law Journal."

L. L. (also L. Lat.) and L. F. (also L. Fr.) are used as abbreviations of the terms "Law Latin" and "Law French."

L. R. An abbreviation for "Law Reports."


LL. The reduplicated form of the abbreviation "L." for "law," used as a plural. It is generally used in citing old collections of statute law; as "LL. Hen. I."

LL.B., LL.M., and LL.D. Abbreviations used to denote, respectively, the three academic degrees in law,—bachelor, master, and doctor of laws.

LA. Fr. The. The definite article in the feminine gender. Occurs in some legal terms and phrases; as "Termes de la Ley," terms of the law.

LÀ. Fr. There. An adverb of time and place; whereas.

LA CHAMBRE DES ESTEILLES. The star-chamber.

La conscience est la plus changeante des règles. Conscience is the most changeable of rules.


La ley favor l'inheritance d'un home. The law favors the inheritance of a man. Yearb. M. 10 Hen. VI. 51.

La ley voit plus tost suffer un mischeife que un inconvenie. The law will sooner suffer a mischief than an inconvenience. Litt. § 231. It is held for an inconvenience that any of the maxims of the law should be broken, though a private man suffer loss. Co. Litt. 1525.

L'obligation sans cause, ou sur une fausse cause, ou sur cause illicite, ne peut avoir aucun effet. An obligation without consideration, or upon a false consideration (which fails), or upon unlawful consideration, cannot have any effect. Code 3. 3. 4; Chitty, Contr. 11th Am. ed. 25, note.

L'ou le ley done chose, la cee done remedie a vener a cee. Where the law gives a right, it gives a remedy to recover. 2 Rolle 17.

LAAS. In old records. A net, gin, or snare.

LABEL. Anything appended to a larger writing, as a codicil; a narrow slip of paper or parchment affixed to a deed or writ, in order to hold the appending seal.

In the vernacular, the word denotes a printed or written slip of paper affixed to a manufactured article, giving information as to its nature or quality, or the contents of a package, name of the maker, etc. See Perkins v. Heert, 5 App. Div. 333, 39 N. Y. S. 223; Higgins v. Kenfel, 140 U. S. 428, 11 S. Ct. 731, 35 L. Ed. 470; Burke v. Cussin, 45 Cal. 481, 13 Am. Rep. 294; U. S. v. Skilken (D. C.) 293 F. 916, 919.

A copy of a writ in the exchequer. 1 Tidd. Pr. 159.

LABINA. In old records. Watery land.

LABOR. Work; toil; service. Continued exertion, of the more onerous and inferior kind, usually and chiefly consisting in the protracted expenditure of muscular force, adapted to the accomplishment of specific useful ends. It is used in this sense in several legal phrases, such as "a count for work and labor," "wages of labor," etc., and is commonly construed as having such meaning when used in statutes giving liens to laborers, Road Supply & Metal Co. v. Bechtelheimer, 119 Kan. 560, 240 P. 846, 847; Cavanaugh v. Art Hardware & Mfg Co., 124 Wash. 243, 214 P. 152, 154; Stuart v. Camp Carson Mining & Power Co., 84 Or. 702, 165 P. 359, 362; Bell Oil & Refining Co. v. Price (Tex. Civ. App.) 251 S. W. 559, 562; and in the Immigration Act excluding aliens coming to the United States under contract, "to perform labor." Ex parte Aldr (D. E.) 276 F. 954, 957; U. S. v. Union Bank of Canada (C. C. A.) 262 F. 91, 93.

The term "labor" is sometimes given a broader meaning as including all bodily or intellectual exertion done for purpose other than pleasure. Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co. v. Steele (Tex. Civ. App.) 293 S. W. 647, 648; Johnson v. Citizens' Trust Co., 78 Ind. App. 487, 136 N. E. 49, 51; Crook v. Commonwealth, 147 Va. 593, 136 S. E. 565,
507. 50 A. L. R. 1943. This broad construction has been adopted in construing statutes limiting hours of labor. Commonwealth v. John T. Connor Co., 222 Mass. 293, 110 N. E. 301, 302, L. R. A. 1913B, 1296, Ann. Cas. 1918C, 337; Ex parte Steiner, 65 Or. 218, 137 P. 204, 206.

"Labor," "business," and "work" are not synonyms. Labor may be business, but it is not necessarily so; and business is not always labor. Labor implies toil; exertion producing weariness; manual exertion of a wholesome nature.

Common labor

Common labor, within the meaning of Sunday laws, is not to be restricted to manual or physical labor, but includes the transaction of ordinary business, trading, and the execution of notes and other instruments. Bryan v. Watson, 127 Ind. 43, 26 N. E. 666, 11 L. R. A. 63; Link v. Clemmons, 7 Blackf. (Ind.) 499; Cincinnati v. Rice, 15 Ohio, 255, Eitel v. State, 33 Ind. 201. But compare Bloom v. Richards, 2 Ohio St. 387; Horaecck v. Keeler, 5 Neb. 355; State v. Somberg, 113 Neb. 761, 251 N. W. 788, 789. It does not include the transaction of judicial business or the acts of public officers. State v. Thomas, 61 Ohio St. 444, 56 N. E. 376, 49 L. R. A. 459; Hastings v. Columbus, 42 Ohio St. 555.

"Common labor" is unskilled manual labor, and is an "employment" within Workmen's Compensation Law. Leitz v. Labadie Ice Co., 211 Mich. 556, 179 N. W. 291, 293.

A Spanish land measure, in use in Mexico and formerly in Texas, equivalent to 177½ acres.

LABOR A JURY. In old practice. To tamper with a jury; to endeavor to influence them in their verdict, or their verdict generally.

LABOR CONDITIONS. The term "labor conditions" in a contract authorizing temporary suspension by the contractor for "strike, labor conditions, and lockouts," refers to scarcity of labor alone, and bears no relation to the cost of labor. Robinson v. Solomon, 222 Mich. 618, 193 N. W. 209, 212.

LABOR UNION. A combination or association of laborers for the purpose of fixing the rate of their wages and hours of work, for their mutual benefit and protection, and for the purpose of righting grievances against their employers.

LABORARIUS. An ancient writ against persons who refused to serve and do labor, and who had no means of living; or against such as, having served in the winter, refused to serve in the summer. Reg. Orig. 198.


In English statutes, this term is generally understood to designate a servant employed in husbandry or manufactures, and not dwelling in the home of his employer. Wharton; Mozley & Whitley. A person without particular training, employed at manual labor under a contract terminable at will. Devney v. City of Boston, 223 Mass. 270, 111 N. E. 783, 789; City of Atlanta v. Hatcher, 31 Ga. App. 633, 121 S. E. 864; Cole v. Grant, 144 La. 916, 81 So. 398, 399; Shepard v. Findlay, 204 Iowa, 107, 214 N. W. 676, 678; Cavanaugh v. Art Hardware & Mfg. Co., 124 Wash. 243, 214 P. 152, 154.

As used in mechanics' lien statute "laborer" is said to include all who work with their hands, crude implements, or teams in work demanding that character of service. Kansas City Southern Ry. Co. v. Wallace, 38 Okl. 333, 132 P. 308, 311, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 122, and laborer under garnishment statute is unskilled laborer, Groves & Rosenblath v. Atkinson, 150 La. 493, 97 So. 316, 317, but see Lames v. Armstrong, 152 Iowa, 327, 144 N. W. 1, 2, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 601, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 611.

A laborer, as the word is used in the Pennsylvania act of 1872, giving a certain preference of lien, is one who performs, with his own hands, the contract which he makes with his employer. Appeal of Wentworth, 52 Pa. 499.

See, also, Labor.

LABORERS, STATUTES OF. In English law. These are the statutes 25 Edw. III., 12 Rich. II, 5 Eliz. c. 4, and 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125, making various regulations as to laborers, servants, apprentices, etc.

LAC, LAK. In Indian computation, 100,000. The value of a lac of rupees is about £10,000 sterling. Wharton.

LACE. A measure of land equal to one pole. This term is widely used in Cornwall.

LACERTA. In old English law. A fathom. Co. Litt. 4b.

LACEY ACT. An act of congress, May 25, 1900, under which the states may enforce game laws against animals, birds, etc., imported from other states or countries. See Game Laws.


The omission of something which a party might do, and might reasonably be expected to do, towards the vindication or enforcement of his rights, under circumstances mak-
ing the present enforcement of such rights inequitable. A want of activity and diligence in making a claim or moving for the enforcement of a right (particularly in equity) which will afford ground for presuming against it, or for refusing relief, where that is discretionary with the court. See Ring v. Lawless, 190 III. 520, 60 N. E. 881; Wissler v. Craig, 80 Va. 30; Morse v. Selbold, 147 Ill. 318, 35 N. E. 369; Babb v. Sullivan, 43 S. C. 436, 21 S. E. 277; Graff v. Portland, etc., Co., 12 Colo. App. 106, 54 P. 854; Coosaw Min. Co. v. Carolina Min. Co. (C. C.) 75 F. 808; Parker v. Bethel Hotel Co., 96 Tenn. 252, 34 S. W. 209, 31 L. R. A. 706; Chase v. Chase, 20 R. I. 292, 37 A. 804; Hellmans v. Prior, 64 S. C. 293, 42 S. E. 106; First Nat. Bank v. Nelson, 106 Ala. 533, 18 So. 154; Cole v. Ballard, 78 Va. 147; Selbag v. Abitbol, 4 Maule & S. 462.

“Limitations” and “laches” are not synonymous; but “limitations” signifies the fixed statutory period within which an action may be brought for some act done to preserve a right, while “laches” signifies delay independent of statute. In re Van Tassell’s Will; 196 N. Y. S. 491, 494, 119 Misc. 478.

**LACTA.** L. Lat. In old English law. Defect in the weight of money; lack of weight. This word and the verb “lactare” are used in an assize or statute of the sixth year of King John. Spelman.

**LACUNA.** In old records. A ditch or dyke; a furrow for a drain; a gap or blank in writing.

**LACUS.** In the Civil Law

A lake; a receptacle of water which is never dry. Dig. 43, 14, 1, 3.

**In Old English Law**

Allay or alloy of silver with base metal. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 22, § 6.

**LADA.** In Saxon Law

A purgation, or mode of trial by which one purged himself of an accusation; as by oath or ordeal. Spelman.

A water-course; a trench or canal for draining marshy grounds. In old English, a lade or load. Spelman.

**In Old English Law**

A court of justice; a lade or lath. Cowell.

**LADE, or LODE.** The mouth of a river.

**LADEN IN BULK.** A term of maritime law, applied to a vessel which is freighted with a cargo which is neither in casks, boxes, bales, nor cases, but lies loose in the hold, being defended from wet or moisture by a number of mats and a quantity of dammage. Cargoes of corn, salt, etc., are usually so shipped.

**LADING, BILL OF.** See Bill.

**LADY.** In English law. The title belonging to the wife of a peer, and (by courtesy) the wife of a baronet or knight, and also to any woman, married or sole, whose father was a nobleman of a rank not lower than that of earl.

**LADY–COURT.** In English law. The court of a lady of the manor.

**LADY DAY.** The 25th of March, the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In parts of Ireland, however, they so designate the 15th of August, the festival of the Assumption of the Virgin.

**LADY’S FRIEND.** The style of an officer of the English house of commons, whose duty was to secure a suitable provision for the wife, when her husband sought a divorce by special act of parliament. The act of 1587 abolished parliamentary divorces, and this office with them.

**LÆN (Anglo-Saxon).** A loan. See Beneficium.

**LÆN(LAND.** Land held of a superior whether much or little. 1 Polli. & Maitl. 38.

Land given to the lessee and to two or three successive heirs of his; synonymous with loan land. This species of tenure seems to have been replaced by that of holding by book or bocland. See Maitl. Doomsday Book and Beyond 518. See Folceland.

**LÆSA MAJESTAS.** Lat. Leze-majesty, or injured majesty; high treason. It is a phrase taken from the civil law, and anciently meant any offense against the king’s person or dignity.

**LÆSIO ULTRA DIMIDIIUM VEL ENORMIS.** In Roman law. The injury sustained by one of the parties to an onerous contract when he had been overcharged by the other to the extent of more than one-half of the value of the subject-matter; e. g., when a vendor had not received half the value of property sold, or the purchaser had paid more than double value. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 2004.

**LÆSIONE FIDEL, SUITS PRO.** Suits in the ecclesiastical courts for spiritual offenses against conscience, for non-payment of debts, or breaches of civil contracts. This attempt to turn the ecclesiastical courts into courts of equity was checked by the constitutions of Clarendon, A. D. 1164. 3 Bl. Comm. 92.

**LÆSIWERP.** A thing surrendered into the hands or power of another; a thing given or delivered. Spelman.

**LÆTARE JERUSALEM.** Easter offerings, so called from these words in the hymn of the day. They are also denominated “quadrupelisma.” Wharton.
LÆTHE, or LATHE. A division or district peculiar to the county of Kent. Spelman.

LAFORDSWIC. In Saxon law. A betraying of one’s lord or master.

LAGA. L. Lat., from the Saxon “lag.” Law; a law.

LAGAN. See Ligan.

LAGE DAY. In old English law. A law day; a time of open court; the day of the county court; a juridical day.


LAGHDAY or LAHDY. A day of open court; a day of the county court. Cowell; Toml.

LAGU. In old English law. Law; also used to express the territory or district in which a particular law was in force, as Dena lagu, Mercia lagu, etc.

LAHLSLIT. A breach of law. Cowell. A mulct for an offense, viz., twelve “ores.”

LAHMAN, or LAGEMANNUS. An old word for a lawyer. Domesday, I, 189.


LAICUS. Lat. A layman. One who is not in holy orders, or not engaged in the ministry of religion.

LAIRWITE, or LAIRESITE. A fine for adultery or fornication, anciently paid to the lords of some manors. 4 Inst. 206.

LAIS GENTS. L. Fr. Lay people; a jury.

LAITY. In English law. Those persons who do not make a part of the clergy. They are divided into three states: (1) Civil, including all the nation, except the clergy, the army, and navy, and subdivided, into the nobility and the commonalty; (2) military; (3) maritime, consisting of the navy. Wharton.

LAIZ, LEEZ (O. Fr.). A legate. Kelh.

LAKE. A large body of water, contained in a depression of the earth’s surface, and supplied from the drainage of a more or less extended area. Webster. See Jones v. Lee, 77 Mich. 35, 43 N. W. 505; Ne-pes-nauk Club v. Wilson, 96 Wis. 259, 71 N. W. 661.

The fact that there is a current from a higher to a lower level does not make that a river which would otherwise be a lake; and the fact that a river swells out into broad, pond-like sheets, with a current, does not make that a lake which would otherwise be a river. State v. Gilmanton, 14 N. H. 477.


LAMB. A sheep, ram or ewe under the age of one year. 4 Car. & P. 216.


LAMBARD’S ARCHAIÖNOMIA. A work printed in 1598, containing the Anglo-Saxon laws, those of William the Conqueror, and of Henry I.

LAMBARD’S EIRENARCHA. A work upon the office of a justice of the peace, which, having gone through two editions, one in 1579, the other in 1581, was reprinted in English in 1599.

LAMBETH DEGREE. In English law. A degree conferred by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in prejudice of the universities. 3 Steph. Comm. 65; 1 Bl. Comm. 381.

LAME DUCK. A cant term on the stock exchange for a person unable to meet his engagements.

LAMMAS DAY. The 1st of August. It is one of the Scotch quarter days, and is what is called a “conventional term.”

LAMMAS LANDS. Lands over which there is a right of pasturage by persons other than the owner from about Lammas, or reaping time, until-sowing time. Wharton.

LANA. Lat. In the civil law. Wool. See Dig. 32, 60, 70, 88.

LANCASTER. A county of England, erected into a county palatine in the reign of Edward III., but now vested in the crown.

LANCETI. In feudal law. Vassals who were obliged to work for their lord one day in the week, from Michaelmas to autumn, either with fork, spade, or flail, at the lord’s option. Spelman.

LAND, in the most general sense, comprehends any ground, soil, or earth whatsoever; as meadows, pastures, woods, moors, waters, marshes, furnaces, and heath. Co. Litt. 4a. In its more limited sense, land denotes the quantity and character of the interest or estate which the tenant may hold in land. The land is one thing, and the estate in land is another thing, for an estate in land is a time in land or land for a time. Plowd. 535.

“Land” includes not only the soil, but everything attached to it, whether attached by the course of nature, as trees, herbage, and water, or by the hand of man, as buildings and fences. Mott v. Palmer, 1 N. Y. 572; Nessler v. Neher, 18 Neb. 649, 26 N. W. 471; Higgins Fuel Co. v. Snow, 113 Fed. 433, 51 C. C. A. 267; Lightfoot v. Grove, 5 Heisk. (Tenn.) 477;
lands thus granted to soldiers of the revolution ary war.

Fabric Lands

In English law, lands given towards the maintenance, rebuilding, or repairing of cathedral and other churches.

General Land Office

An office of the United States government, being a division of the department of the interior, having charge of all executive action relating to the public lands, including their survey, sale or other disposition, and patenting; constituted by act of congress in 1812 (Rev. St. § 446 [43 USCA § 1]), and presided over by an officer styled “commissioner of the general land office.”

Land Certificate

Upon the registration of freehold land under the English land transfer act, 1875, a certificate is given to the registered proprietor, and similarly upon every transfer of registered land. This registration supersedes the necessity of any further registration in the register counties. Sweet. It contains a description of the land as it appears on the register and the name and address of the proprietor, and is prima facie evidence of the truth of the matters therein set forth.

Land Cop

The sale of land which was evidenced in early English law by the transfer of a rod or festucia (q. v.) as a symbol of possession which was handed by the seller to the reeve and by the reeve to the purchaser. The conveyance was made in court, it is supposed, for securing better evidence of it, and barring the claims of expectant heirs; Maltl. Domest. B. 323.

Land Court

In American law. A court formerly existing in St. Louis, Mo., having a limited territorial jurisdiction over actions concerning real property, and suits for dower, partition, etc.

Land Damages

See Damages.

Land Department

That office of the United States government which has jurisdiction and charge of the public lands, including the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of the general land office and their subordinate officers, and being in effect the department of the interior considered with reference to its powers and duties concerning the public lands. See U. S. v. Winona & St. P. R. Co., 67 Fed. 966, 15 C. C. A. 96; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Barden (C. C.) 46 Fed. 617.

Land District

A division of a state or territory, created by federal authority, in which is located a

Land-Gabel

A tax or rent issuing out of land. Spelman says it was originally a penny for every house. This land-gabel, or land-gavel, in the register of Domesday, was a quit-rent for the site of a house, or the land whereon it stood; the same with what we now call "ground-rent." Wharton.

Land Grant

A donation of public lands to a subordinate government, a corporation, or an individual; as, from the United States to a state, or to a railroad company to aid in the construction of its road.

Land Offices

Government offices, subordinate to the general land office, established in various parts of the United States, for the transaction of local business relating to the survey, location, settlement, pre-emption, and sale of the public lands. See General Land Office, supra.

Land Patent

A land patent is a muniment of title issued by a government or state for the conveyance of some portion of the public domain.

Land-Poor

By the term "land-poor" it is generally understood that a man has a great deal of unproductive land, and perhaps is obliged to borrow money to pay taxes; but a man "land-poor" may be largely responsible. Matteson v. Blackmer, 46 Mich. 597, 9 N. W. 445.

Land-Receive

A land-reeve is a person whose business it is to overlook certain parts of a farm or estate; to attend not only to the woods and hedge-timber, but also to the state of the fences, gates, buildings, private roads, drift-ways, and water-courses; and likewise to the stocking of commons, and encroachments of every kind, as well as to prevent or detect waste and spoil in general, whether by the tenants or others; and to report the same to the manager or land steward. Enc. Lond.

Land Revenues

This term denotes income derived from crown lands in Great Britain. These lands have been so largely granted away to subjects that they are now contracted within very narrow limits. The crown was so much impoverished in this manner by William III, that the stat. 1 Anne, c. 7, § 5, was passed, which, with stat. 34 George III, c. 75, which amends and continues it, enables void all grants or leases from the ground of royal manors or other possessions connected with land for a period exceeding thirty-one years, or three lives. Long prior to this a Scottish stat. 1455, c. 41, had made necessary the consent of parliament in case of the alienation of crown property. It is said that none of these statutes have succeeded in checking the practice. Early at the beginning of the reign of George III, the hereditary crown revenues derived from escheats, manors held in capite, estrays, fines, etc., were surrendered by the king to the general funds, and in the place of them he received a specified sum annually for the civil list.

Land Steward

A person who overlooks or has the management of a farm or estate.

Land Tax

A tax laid upon the legal or beneficial owner of real property, and apportioned upon the assessed value of his land.

Land Tenant

The person actually in possession of land; otherwise styled the "terre-tenant."

Land Titles and Transfer Act

An English statute (38 & 39 Vict. c. 87) providing for the establishment of a registry for titles to real property, and making sundry provisions for the transfer of lands and the recording of the evidences thereof. It presents some analogies to the recording laws of the American states.

Land Waiter

In English law. An officer of the customs house, whose duty is, upon landing any merchandise, to examine, taste, weigh, or measure it, and to take an account thereof. In some ports they also execute the office of a coast waiter. They are likewise occasionally styled "searchers" and are to attend and join with the patent searcher in the execution of all coquets for the shipping of goods to be exported to foreign parts; and, in cases where drawbacks on bounties are to be paid to the merchant on the exportation of any goods, they, as well as the patent searchers, are to certify the shipping thereof on the debentures. Enc. Lond.

Land-Warrant

The evidence which the state, on good consideration, gives that the person therein named is entitled to the quantity of land therein specified, the bounds and description of which the owner of the warrant may fix by entry and survey, in the section of country set apart for its location and satisfaction. Neal v. President, etc., of East Tennessee College, 6 Yerg. (Tenn.) 206.

Mineral Lands

In the land laws of the United States. Lands containing deposits of valuable, useful, or precious minerals in such quantities as to justify expenditures in the effort to extract
them, and which are more valuable for the minerals they contain than for agricultural or other uses. Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Soderberg, 188 U. S. 326, 23 S. Ct. 305, 47 L. Ed. 575; Doffebach v. Hawke, 115 U. S. 322, 6 S. Ct. 96, 20 L. Ed. 423; Davis v. Whelbold, 130 U. S. 507, 11 S. Ct. 628, 35 L. Ed. 238; Smith v. Illil, 89 Cal. 122, 26 P. 644; Merrill v. Dixon, 15 Nev. 406; U. S. v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co. (D. C.) 1 F. (2d) 53, 57. Lands on which metals or minerals have been discovered in rock in place. State v. Field, 31 N. M. 120, 241 P. 1027, 1042. "Mineral lands" include not merely metaliferous lands, but all such as are chiefly valuable for their deposits of mineral character, which are useful in arts or valuable for purposes of manufacture. Dunbar Line Co. v. Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. (C. C. A.) 17 F. (2d) 551, 364.

Place Lands

Lands granted in aid of a railroad company which are within certain limits on each side of the road, and which become instantly fixed by the adoption of the line of the road. There is a well-defined difference between place lands and "indemnity lands." See Indemnity. See Jackson v. La Moure County, 1 N. D. 283, 46 N. W. 449.

Public Lands

The general public domain; unappropriated lands; lands belonging to the United States and which are subject to sale or other disposal under general laws, and not reserved or held back for any special governmental or public purpose. Newhall v. Sanger, 92 U. S. 763, 23 L. Ed. 769; U. S. v. Garretson (C. C.) 42 F. 24; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Hinchman (C. C.) 53 F. 526; State v. Telegraph Co., 52 La. Ann. 1411, 27 So. 798. See Lands.

School Lands

Public lands of a state set apart by the state (or by congress in a territory) to create, by the proceeds of their sale, a fund for the establishment and maintenance of public schools.

Seated Land

Land that is occupied, cultivated, improved, reclaimed, farmed, or used as a place of residence. Residence without cultivation, or cultivation without residence, or both together, impart to land the character of being seated. The term is used, as opposed to "unseated land," in Pennsylvania tax laws. See Earley v. Euwer, 102 Pa. 340; Stoetzel v. Jackson, 105 Pa. 567; Kennedy v. Daily, 6 Watts (Pa.) 272; Coal Co. v. Fales, 55 Pa. 98.

Swamp and Overflowed Lands

Lands unfit for cultivation by reason of their swampy character and requiring drainage or reclamation to render them available for beneficial use. Miller v. Eastern Ry. & Lumber Co., 84 Wash. 31, 146 P. 171, 173; Beer v. Whiteville Lumber Co., 170 N. C. 337, 86 S. E. 1024. Such lands, when constituting a portion of the public domain, have generally been granted by congress to the several states within whose limits they lie. See Miller v. Tobie (C. C.) 18 F. 614; Kieran v. Allen, 33 Cal. 546; Hogaboom v. Ehrhardt, 58 Cal. 233; Thompson v. Thornton, 59 Cal. 144; Martin v. Busch, 93 Fla. 555, 112 So. 274, 284.

Tide Lands

Lands between high and low water mark on the sea or any tidal water; that portion of the shore or beach covered and uncovered by the ebb and flow of the tide. Rondell v. Fay, 32 Cal. 354; Oakland v. Oakland Water Front Co., 118 Cal. 160, 50 P. 277; Andrus v. Knott, 12 Or. 501, 5 P. 763; Walker v. State Harbor Comrs., 17 Wall. 650, 21 L. Ed. 744; Hardy v. California Trojan Powder Co., 109 Or. 76, 219 P. 197, 189; Sawyer v. Osterhaus (D. C.) 212 F. 765, 775. All lands over which the tide ebbs and flows from the line of ordinary high tide to the line of mean low tide. State v. Sturtevant, 76 Wash. 165, 55 P. 1033, 1034. That land which is daily covered and uncovered by water by the ordinary ebb and flow of normal tides. Apalachicola Land & Development Co. v. McRae, 86 Fla. 393, 98 So. 505, 525.

Unseated Land

A phrase used in the Pennsylvania tax laws to describe land which, though owned by a private person, has not been reclaimed, cultivated, improved, occupied, or made a place of residence. See Seated Land, supra. And see Stoetzel v. Jackson, 105 Pa. 567; McLeod v. Lloyd, 71 P. 799, 43 Or. 260. A tract of land ceases to be unseated as soon as it is actually occupied with a view to permanent residence. Wallace v. Scott, 7 Watts & S. (Pa.) 248.

LANDA. An open field without wood; a lawnd or lawn. Cowell; Blount.

LANDAGENDE, LANDHLAGORD, OR LANDRICA. In Saxon law. A proprietor of land; lord of the soil. Anc. Inst. Eng.

LANDBOC. In Saxon law. A charter or deed by which lands or tenements were given or held. Spelman; Cowell; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 10.

LANDCHEAP. In old English law. An ancient customary fine, paid either in money or cattle, at every alienation of land lying within some manor, or within the liberty of some borough. Cowell; Blount.

LANDDAG. A convention of the Dutch in New Amsterdam. See 1 Fiske, Dutch & Quaker Colonies 328.

LANDEA. In old English law. A ditch or trench for conveying water from marshy grounds. Spelman.

LANDED. As used in a revenue act levying tolls on goods, the clear meaning and pur-
port is "substantially imported." L. R. 4 Ex. 360.

Consisting in real estate or land; having an estate in land.

LANDED ESTATE. See Estate.

LANDED ESTATES COURT. In English law. Tribunals established by statute for the purpose of disposing more promptly and easily than could be done through the ordinary judicial machinery, of encumbered real estate. These courts were first established in Ireland by the act of 11 & 12 Vict. c. 48, which being defective was followed by 12 & 13 Vict. c. 77. The purpose of these was to enable the owner, or a lessee for any less than 63 years unexpired, of land subject to incumbrance, to apply to commissioners who constituted a court of record to direct a sale. This court was called the Incumbered Estates Court. A new tribunal called the Landed Estates Court was created by 21 & 22 Vict. c. 72, which abolished the former court and established a permanent tribunal.

LANDED PROPERTY. Real estate in general, or sometimes, by local usage, suburban or rural land, as distinguished from real estate situated in a city. See Electric Co. v. Baltimore, 93 Md. 630, 49 Atl. 655, 52 L. R. A. 772; Sindall v. Baltimore, 93 Md. 526, 49 Atl. 645.


LANDED SECURITIES. Mortgages or other incumbrances affecting land. 3 Atk. 805, 808.

LANDEFRICUS. A landlord; a lord of the soil.

LANDEGANDMAN. Sax. In old English law. A kind of customary tenant or inferior tenant of a manor. Speelman.

LANDEGRAVE. A name formerly given to those who executed justice on behalf of the German emperors, with regard to the internal policy of the country. It was applied, by way of eminence, to those sovereign princes of the empire who possessed by inheritance certain estates called "land-graves," of which they received investiture from the emperor. Enc. Lond.


LANDING. A place on a river or other navigable water for lading and unlading goods, or for the reception and delivery of passengers; the terminus of a road on a river or other navigable water, for the use of travelers, and the loading and unloading of goods. State v. Randall, 1 Stroeb. (S. C.) 111, 47 Am. Dec. 548.

A place for loading or unloading boats, but not a harbor for them. Hays v. Briggs, 74 Pa. 373.

A place laid out by a town as a common landing place and used as such, but not designated as for the particular benefit of the town, is a public landing place.

LANDIRECTA. In Saxon law. Services and duties laid upon all that held land, including the three obligations called "trinoda necessitae," (q. v.) quasi land rights. Cowell.

LANDLOCKED. An expression sometimes applied to a piece of land belonging to one person and surrounded by land belonging to others, so that it cannot be approached except over their land. L. R. 13 Ch. Div. 798; Sweet.

LANDLORD. He of whom lands or tenements are held. He who, being the owner of an estate in land, has leased it for a term of years, on a rent reserved, to another person, called the "tenant." Jackson v. Harsen, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 326, 17 Am. Dec. 517; Becker v. Becker, 13 App. Div. 342, 43 N. Y. Supp. 17.

When the absolute property in or fee-simple of the land belongs to a landlord, he is then sometimes denominated the "ground landlord," in contradistinction to such a one as is possessed only of a limited or particular interest in land, and who himself holds under a superior landlord. Brown.

LANDLORD AND TENANT. A phrase used to denote the familiar legal relation existing between lessor and lessee of real estate. The relation is contractual, and is constituted by a lease (or agreement therefor) of lands for a term of years, from year to year, for life, or at will. Dutton v. Dutton, 233 P. 563, 564, 122 Kan. 640; Minneapolis Iron Store Co. v. Branum, 162 N. W. 543, 545, 36 N. D. 355, 1. R. A. 1917 E, 298.

LANDLORD'S WARRANT. A distress warrant; a warrant from a landlord to levy upon the tenant's goods and chattels, and sell the same at public sale, to compel payment of the rent or the observance of some other stipulation in the lease.

LANDMARK. A monument or erection set up on the boundary line of two adjoining estates, to fix such boundary. The removing of a landmark is a wrong for which an action lies. Collins v. Brittingham, 90 A. 420, 5 Boyce (Del.) 89.

LANDS. This term, the plural of "land," is said, at common law, to be a word of less extensive signification than either "tenements" or "hereditaments." But in some of the states
it has been provided by statute that it shall include both those terms.

_—Lands clauses consolidation acts._ The name given to certain English statutes, (8 Vict. c. 8, amended by 23 & 24 Vict. c. 106, and 32 & 33 Vict. c. 18,) the object of which was to provide legislative clauses in a convenient form for incorporation by reference in future special acts of parliament for taking lands, with or without the consent of their owners, for the promotion of railways, and other public undertakings. Mozley & Whitley.


_—Lands, tenements, and hereditaments._ The technical and most comprehensive description of real property, as "goods and chattels" is of personality. Williams, Real Prop. 5.

_LANDSLAGH._ In Swedish law. A body of common law, compiled about the thirteenth century, out of the particular customs of every province; being analogous to the common law of England. 1 Bl. Comm. 66.

_LANDWARD._ In Scotch law. Rural. 7 Bell. App. Cas. 2.

_LANGEMAN._ A lord of a manor. 1 Inst. 5.

LANGEMANNI. The lords of manors. 1 Co. Inst. 5.

_LANGEOLUM._ An undergarment made of wool, formerly worn by the monks, which reached to their knees. Mon. Angl. 419.

_LANGUAGE._ Any means of conveying or communicating ideas; specifically, human speech, or the expression of ideas by written characters. The letter, or grammatical import, of a document or instrument, as distinguished from its spirit; as "the language of the statute." See Behling v. State, 110 Ga. 754, 36 S. E. 85; Stevenson v. State, 90 Ga. 466, 19 S. E. 95; Cavan v. Brooklyn (City Ct. Brook.) 5 N. Y. Supp. 769. As to "offensive language," see Offensive.

_LANGUIDUS._ (Lat., sick.) In practice. The name of a return made by the sheriff when a defendant, whom he has taken by virtue of process, is so dangerously sick that to remove him would endanger his life or health. 3 Chit. Pr. 249, 358.

_LANIS DE CRESCENTIA WALLIÆ TRADUCENDIS ABSQUE CUSTUMA._ An ancient writ that lay to the customer of a port to permit one to pass wool without paying custom, he having paid it before in Wales. Reg. Orig. 270.

_LANNS MANUS._ (Old Fr.) A lord of the manor. Kelham.


_LANZAS._ In Spanish law. A commutation in money, paid by the nobles and high officers, in lieu of the quota of soldiers they might be required to furnish in war. Trevino v. Fernandez, 13 Tex. 660.

_LAPIDATION._ The act of stoning a person to death.

_LAPIDICINA._ Lat. In the civil law. A stone-quantity. Dig. 7, 1, 9, 2.

_LAPILLI._ Lat. In the civil law. Precious stones. Dig. 34, 2, 19, 17. Distinguished from "gems," (gemmæ.) Id.

_LAPIS MARMORIUS._ A marble stone about twelve feet long and three feet broad, placed at the upper end of Westminster Hall, where was likewise a marble chair erected on the middle thereof, in which the English sovereigns anciently sat at their coronation dinner, and at other times the lord chancellor. Wharton.

_LAPSE._ v. To glide; to pass slowly, silently, or by degrees. To slip; to deviate from the proper path. Webster. To fall or fail.

_Lapse patent._ A patent for land issued in substitution for an earlier patent to the same land, which was issued to another party, but has lapsed in consequence of his neglect to avail himself of it. Wilcox v. Calloway, 1 Wash. (Va.) 39.

_Lapsed devise._ See Devises.

_Lapsed legacy._ See Legacy.

_LAPSE._ n.

In _Ecclesiastical Law._

The transfer, by forfeiture of a right to present or collate to a vacant benefice from a person vested with such right to another, in consequence of some act of negligence by the former. Ayl. Par. 331.

In _The Law of Wills._

The failure of a testamentary gift in consequence of the death of the devisee or legatee during the life of the testator.
LAPSE

In Criminal Proceedings

"Lapse" is used, in England, in the same sense as "abate" in ordinary procedure; i.e., to signify that the proceedings came to an end by the death of one of the parties or some other event.

LARBOARD. The left side of a ship or boat when one stands with his face towards the bow. The opposite term is starboard, which is the right-hand side looking forward. The word is now, however, no longer used, the term port having been substituted for it. The change was made by order of the English admiralty, for the very obvious reason that larboard was apt to be confused with the opposite term.

LARCENOUS. Having the character of larceny; as a "larcenous taking." Contemplating or intending larceny; as a "larcenous purpose."

LARCENOUS INTENT. A larcenous intent exists where a man knowingly takes and carries away the goods of another without any claim or pretense of right, with intent wholly to deprive the owner of them or convert them to his own use. Wilson v. State, 18 Tex. App. 274, 51 Am. Rep. 309.


The felonious taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another. 4 Bl. Comm. 229. The unlawful taking and carrying away of things personal, with intent to deprive the right owner of the same. 4 Steph. Comm. 152. The felonious taking the property of another, without his consent and against his will, with intent to convert it to the use of the taker. Hammon's Case, 2 Leach, 1069.

The taking and removing, by trespass, of personal property which the trespasser knows to belong either generally or specially to another, with the intent to deprive such owner of his ownership therein; and, perhaps it should be added, for the sake of some advantage to the trespasser,—a proposition on which the decisions are not harmonious. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, §§ 757, 758.

Larceny is the taking of personal property, accomplished by fraud or stealth, and with intent to deprive another thereof. Pen. Code Dak. § 390 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 9313; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 4210).

Larceny is the felonious stealing, taking, carrying, leading, or driving away the personal property of another.

Common-Law Larceny

That form of larceny where the defendant furtively, without the consent of the owner, takes his property, or forcibly takes it without his consent or against his will, or where the defendant accomplishes larceny by trick, device, or artifice, and the owner has not parted with his property absolutely, but only temporarily with its possession. People v. Johnson, 150 N. Y. S. 331, 332, 87 Misc. 89.

Constructive Larceny

One where the felonious intent to appropriate the goods to his own use, at the time of the asportation, is made out by construction from the defendant's conduct, although, originally, the taking was not apparently felonious. 2 East, P. C. 685; 1 Leach, 212.

Compound Larceny

Larceny or theft accomplished by taking the thing stolen either from one's person or from his house; otherwise called "mixed" larceny, and distinguished from "simple" or "plain," larceny, in which the theft is not aggravated by such an intrusion either upon the person or the dwelling. Anderson v. Winfree, 85 Ky. 597, 4 S. W. 351; State v. Chambers, 22 W. Va. 786, 46 Am. Rep. 550.

Grand Larceny

In criminal law. In England, simple larceny, was originally divided into two sorts,—grand larceny, where the value of the goods stolen was above twelve pence, and petit larceny, where their value was equal to or below that sum. 4 Bl. Comm. 229. This distinction was abolished in England by St. 7 & 8 Geo. IV. c. 28, and is not generally recognized in the United States, although in a few states there is a statutory offense of grand larceny, one essential element of which is the value of the goods stolen, which value varies. See State v. Bean, 74 Vt. 111, 52 Atl. 269; Fallon v. People, 2 Keyes (N. Y.) 147; People v. Murray, 8 Cal. 520; State v. Kennedy, 83 Mo. 343; State v. Baker, 183 A. 736, 737, 100 Va. 380.

Larceny by Ballew

In Pennsylvania law. The crime of larceny committed where any person, being a ballew of any property, shall fraudulently take or convert the same to his own use, or to the use of any other person except the owner
thereof, although he shall not break bulk or otherwise determine the bailment. Brightly's Purd. Dig. p. 436, § 177 (18 PS § 2489). And see Welsh v. People, 17 Ill. 339; State v. Skinner, 29 Or. 590, 46 Pac. 368.

Larceny from the Person

Larceny committed where the property stolen is on the person or in the immediate charge or custody of the person from whom the theft is made, but without such circumstances of force or violence as would constitute robbery, including pocket-picking and such crimes. Williams v. U. S., 3 App. D. C. 345; State v. Eno, 8 Minn. 220 (Gil. 190).

Mixed Larceny

Otherwise called "compound" or "complicated larceny," that which is attended with circumstances of aggravation or violence to the person, or taking from a house.

Petit Larceny

The larceny of things whose value was below a certain arbitrary standard, at common law twelve pence. See Ex parte Bell, 19 Fla. 612; Barnhart v. State, 154 Ind. 177, 56 N. E. 212; People v. Righetti, 66 Cal. 184, 4 Pac. 1185.

Simple Larceny


lardarius regis. The king's larder, or clerk of the kitchen. Cowell.

larding money. In the manor of Bradford, in Wilts, the tenants pay to their lord a small yearly rent by this name, which is said to be for liberty to feed their hogs with the mast of the lord's wood, the fat of a hog being called "lard;" or it may be a commutation for some customary service of carrying salt or meat to the lord's larder. Mon. Angl. t. 1, p. 321.

large. L. Fr. Broad; the opposite of "estreinte," strait or strict. Pures et larges. Brit. c. 34.

laron. In old English law. Thieves.

las partidas. In Spanish law. The name of a code of laws, more fully described as "Las Siete Partidas" ("the seven parts," from the number of its divisions,) which was compiled under the direction of Alphonso X., about the year 1250. Its sources were the customary law of all the provinces, the canon law as there administered, and (chiefly) the Roman law. This work has always been regarded as of the highest authority in Spain and in those countries and states which have derived their jurisprudence from Spain.

 lascar. A native Indian sailor; the term is also applied to tent pitchers, inferior artillery-men, and others.


lascivious carriage. In Connecticut. A term including those wanton acts between persons of different sexes that flow from the exercise of lustful passions, and which are not otherwise punished as crimes against chastity and public decency. 2 Swift, Dig. 343. It includes, also, indecent acts by one against the will of another. Fowler v. State, 5 Day (Conn.) 81.

lascivious cohabitation. The offense committed by two persons (not married to each other) who live together in one habitation as man and wife and practice sexual intercourse.


last, s. In old English law, signifies a burden; also a measure of weight used for certain commodities of the bulkier sort.

last, adj. Latest; ultimate; final; most recent.

last antecedent rule. A canon of statutory construction that relative or qualifying words or phrases are to be applied to the words or phrases immediately preceding, and as not extending to or including other words, phrases, or clauses more remote, unless such extension or inclusion is clearly required by the intent and meaning of the context, or disclosed by an examination of the entire act. Stevens v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 137 N. E. 859, 861, 306 Ill. 370; Nebraska State Ry. Commission v. Alta Plata Butter Co., 178 N. W. 766, 768, 104 Neb. 797.

last clear chance. In the law of negligence, this term denotes the doctrine or rule that, notwithstanding the negligence of a plaintiff, if, at the time the injury was done,
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It might have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the defendant, the defendant will be liable for the failure to exercise such care. Styles v. Railroad Co., 118 N. C. 1064, 24 S. E. 740; McLeam v. Railroad Co., 122 N. C. 862, 29 S. E. 894. The doctrine cannot be invoked by a plaintiff unless he himself by his own negligence has proximately brought about the situation which put upon defendant an extraordinary duty which otherwise would not have rested on him. Van Stickler v. Washington & O. D. Ry., 128 S. E. 367, 370, 142 Va. 857. In many jurisdictions the rule is that for a person to be brought within the "last clear chance" doctrine, the evidence must tend to show that, while his negligence may have contributed toward getting him in the position of danger, all negligence on his part had ceased for a sufficient time prior to the accident to have enabled the defendant, after he knew of his situation of peril, to have avoided the accident. Pennsylvania Co. v. Hart, 128 N. E. 142, 143, 101 Ohio St. 196; Robbins v. Pennsylvania Co. (C. C. A.) 245 F. 435, 440; Clemens v. Chicago, R. L. & P. Ry., 144 N. W. 354, 355, 163 Iowa, 499; Haber v. Pacific Electric Ry., 248 P. 741, 746, 38 Cal. App. 617; Moran v. Smith, 95 A. 272, 114 Me. 55; Dyerson v. R. Co., 74 Kan. 528, 87 Pac. 680, 7 L. R. A. (N. S.) 132, 11 Ann. Cas. 207; Lehigh Valley R. Co. v. Stevenson (C. C. A.) 17 F.(2d) 748, 750. In some jurisdictions, however, the "last clear chance" rule applies, although the plaintiff negligentl y exposes himself to peril, and although his negligence continues until the accident happens, if the defendant, with knowledge of his danger and reason to suppose that he may not save himself, may avoid the injury by exercise of ordinary care, and fails to do so. Norfolk Southern R. Co. v. Crocker, 84 S. E. 681, 683, 117 Va. 327; Leftridge v. City of Seattle, 228 P. 302, 303, 130 Wash. 541. The last clear chance doctrine is sometimes designated as the humanitarian doctrine, Blackfield's Cyclopedia of Automobile Law, c. 55, § 8, p. 1270; Gilbert v. Mississippi River & B. T. R. Co. (Mo. App.) 226 S. W. 263, 264; and also the doctrine of discovered peril, Missouri Pac. R. Co. v. Skipper, 298 S. W. 849, 854, 174 Ark. 1063; Illnes v. Foreman (Tex. Civ. App.) 229 S. W. 630, 635; Shuck v. Davis, 237 P. 95, 97, 110 Okl. 196. In Maryland, it is equivalent to "negligence in the third degree." State v. New York, P. & N. R. Co., 96 A. 809, 811, 127 Md. 651.

LAST COURT. A court held by the twenty-four jurats in the marshes of Kent, and summoned by the bailiffs, whereby orders were made to lay and levy taxes, impose penalties, etc., for the preservation of the said marshes. Enc. Lond.

LAST HEIR. In English law. He to whom lands come by escheat for want of lawful heirs; that is, in some cases, the lord of whom the lands were held; in others, the sovereign. Cowell.


LAST RESORT. A court from which there is no appeal is called the "court of last resort."


LAST WILL. This term, according to Lord Coke, is most commonly used where lands and tenements are devised, and "testament" where it concerns chattels. Co. Litt. 111a. Both terms, however, are now generally employed in drawing a will either of lands or chattels. See Reagan v. Stanley, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 822; Hill v. Hill, 7 Wash. 498, 35 Pac. 360.

LASTAGE. A custom exacted in some fairs and markets to carry things bought whither one will. But it is more accurately taken for the ballast or lading of a ship. Also custom paid for wares sold by the last, as herrings, pitch, etc. Wharton.

LATA CULPA. Lat. In the law of bailment. Gross fault or neglect; extreme negligence or carelessness (nimia negligenita). Dig. 50, 16, 213, 2.

Lata culpa dole aquiparatur. Gross negligence is equivalent to fraud.

LATCHING. An underground survey.

LATE. Defunct; existing recently, but now dead. Pleasant v. State, 17 Ala. 190. Formerly; recently; lately.

LATELY. This word has been held to have "a very large retrospect, as we say 'lately deceased' of one dead ten or twenty years." Per. Cur. 2 Show. 294.

LATENS. Lat. Latent; hidden; not apparent. See Ambiguitas.

LATENT. Hidden; concealed; that does not appear upon the face of a thing; as, a latent ambiguity. See Ambiguity.

LATENT DEED. A deed kept for twenty years or more in a man's scutroire or strong-box. Wright v. Wright, 7 N. J. Law, 177, 11 Am. Dec. 546.

LATENT DEFECT. A defect in an article sold, which is known to the seller, but not to the purchaser, and is not discoverable by mere observation. See Hoe v. Sanborn, 21 N. Y. 552, 78 Am. Dec. 183. A defect which reasonably careful inspection will not reveal.

LATENT EQUITY. See Equity.

LATERA. In old records. Sidemen; companions; assistants. Cowell.

LATERAL RAILROAD. A lateral road is one which proceeds from some point on the main trunk between its termini; it is but another name for a branch road, both being a part of the main road. Newhall v. Railroad Co., 14 Ill. 273.

LATERAL SUPPORT. The right of lateral and subjacent support is that right which the owner of land has to have his land supported by the adjoining land or the soil beneath. Stevenson v. Wallace, 27 Grat. (Va.) 77; Farrand v. Marshall, 19 Barb. (N. Y.) 380; Foley v. Wyeth, 2 Allen (Mass.) 131, 79 Am. Dec. 771; 12 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 933.

LATERARE. To lie sideways, in opposition to lying endways; used in descriptions of lands.

LATH, LATHE. The name of an ancient civil division in England, intermediate between the county or shire and the hundred. Said to be the same as what, in other parts of the kingdom, was termed a "rape." 1 Bl. Comm. 116; Cowell; Spelman.

LATHREVE. An officer under the Saxon government, who had authority over a lathe. Cowell; 1 Bl. Comm. 116.

LATIFUNDIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Great or large possessions; a great or large field; a common. A great estate made up of smaller ones, (fundis), which began to be common in the latter times of the empire.

LATIFUNDUS. A possessor of a large estate made up of smaller ones. Du Cange.

LATIMER. A word used by Lord Coke in the sense of an interpreter. 2 Inst. 515. Supposed to be a corruption of the French "latiner," or "latiner." Cowell; Blount.

LATIN. The language of the ancient Romans. There are three sorts of law Latin: (1) Good Latin, allowed by the grammarians and lawyers; (2) false or incongruous Latin, which in times past would abate original writs, though it would not make void any judicial writ, declaration, or plea, etc.; (3) words of art, known only to the sages of the law, and not to grammarians, called "Lawyers' Latin." Wharton.

LATINARIUS. An interpreter of Latin.

LATINI JUNIANI. Lat. In Roman law. A class of freedmen (libertini) intermediate between the two other classes of freedmen called, respectively, "Gives Romani" and "Dediticii." Slaves under thirty years of age at the date of their manumission, or manumitted otherwise than by vindicta, census, or testamentum, or not the quiritary property of their manumissors at the time of manumission, were called "Latini." By reason of one or other of these three defects, they remained slaves by strict law even after their manumission, but were protected in their liberties first by equity, and eventually by the Lex Junia Nordana, A. D. 19, from which law they took the name of "Juniani" in addition to that of "Latini." Brown.

LATITAT. In old English practice. A writ which issued in personal actions, on the return of non est inventus to a bill of Middlesex; so called from the emphatic word in its recital, in which it was "testified that the defendant lurks [latitat] and wanders about" in the county. 3 Bl. Comm. 296. Abolished by St. 2 Wm. IV. c. 39.

LATITATIO. Lat. In the civil law and old English practice. A lying hid; lurking, or concealment of the person. Dig. 42, 4, 7, 5; Bract. fol. 120.

LATOR. Lat. In the civil law. A bearer; a messenger. Also a maker or giver of laws.

LATRO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A robber. Dig. 50, 16, 118; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 38, § 1. A thief.

LATROCINATION. The act of robbing; a depredation.

LATROCINII. The prerogative of adjudging and executing thieves; also larceny; theft; a thing stolen.

LATROCINY. Larceny.

LATTER-MATH. A second mowing; the aftermath.

LAUDARE. Lat.

In the Civil Law

To name; to cite or quote; to show one's title or authority. Calvin.

In Feudal Law

To determine or pass upon judicially. Laudamentum, the finding or award of a jury. 2 Bl. Comm. 285.

LAUDATIO. Lat. In Roman law. Testimony delivered in court concerning an accused person's good behavior and integrity of life. It resembled the practice which prevails in our trials of calling persons to speak to a prisoner's character. The least number of the Laudatores among the Romans was ten. Wharton.

LAUDATOR. Lat. An arbitrator; a witness to character.
LAUDEMEO. In Spanish law. The tax paid by the possessor of land held by quit-rent or emphyteusis to the owner of the estate, when the tenant alienates his right in the property. Escruche.

LAUDEMIIUM. Lat. In the civil law, a sum paid by a new emphyteuta (q. v.) who acquires the emphyteusis, not as heir, but as a singular successor, whether by gift, devise, exchange, or sale. It was a sum equal to the fiftieth part of the purchase money, paid to the dominus or proprietor for his acceptance of the new emphyteuta. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 328. Called, in old English law, "acknowledgment money." Cowell.

LAUDUM. Lat. An arbitration or award.

In Old Scotch Law
Sentence or judgment; dome or doom. 1 Pict. Crim. Tr. pt. 2, p. 8.

LAUGHE. Frank-pledge. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 17.

LAUNCINGAY. A kind of offensive weapon, now disused, and prohibited by 7 Rich. II. c. 13.

LAUNCH. The act of launching a vessel; the movement of a vessel from the land into the water, especially the sliding on ways from the stocks on which it is built. Homer v. The Lady of the Ocean, 70 Me. 332.
A boat of the largest size belonging to a ship of war; an open boat of large size used in any service; a lighter.

LAUREATE. In English law. An officer of the household of the sovereign, whose business formerly consisted only in composing an ode annually, on the sovereign's birthday, and on the new year; sometimes also, though rarely, on occasion of any remarkable victory.

LAURELS. Pieces of gold, coined in 1619, with the king's head laureated; hence the name.

LAUS DEO. Lat. Praise be to God. An old heading to bills of exchange.

LAVATORIUM. A laundry or place to wash in; a place in the porch or entrance of cathedral churches, where the priest and other officiating ministers were obliged to wash their hands before they proceeded to divine service.


LAW. That which is laid down, ordained, or established. A rule or method according to which phenomena or actions co-exist or follow each other.
A system of principles and rules of human conduct, being the aggregate of those commandments and principles which are either prescribed or recognized by the governing power in an organized jural society as its will in relation to the conduct of the members of such society, and which it undertakes to maintain and sanction and to use as the criteria of the actions of such members.

"Law" is a solemn expression of legislative will. It orders and permits and forbids. It announces rewards and punishments. Its provisions generally relate not to solitary or singular cases, but to what passes in the ordinary course of affairs. Civ. Code La. arts. 1, 2.

"Law," without an article, properly implies a science or system of principles or rules of human conduct, answering to the Latin "lectura"; as when it is spoken of as a subject of study or practice. In this sense, it includes the decisions of courts of justice, as well as acts of the legislature. The judgment of a competent court, until reversed or otherwise superseded, is law, as much as any statute. Indeed, it may happen that a statute may be passed in violation of law, that is, of the fundamental law or constitution of a state; then it is the prerogative of courts in such cases to declare it void, or, in other words, to declare it not to be law. Burrill.

A rule of civil conduct prescribed by the supreme power in a state. 1 Steph. Comm. 25; Civ. Code Dak. § 2 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 4327; Rev. Code S. D. 1913, § 1); Pol. Code Cal. § 4466.

A "law," in the proper sense of the term, is a general rule of human action, taking cognizance only of external acts, enforced by a determinate authority, which authority is human, and among human authorities is that which is paramount in a political society. Holl. Jatr. 36.

A "law," properly so called, is a command which obliges a person or persons; and, as distinguished from a particular or occasional command, obliges generally to acts or forbearances of a class. Aust. Jur.

A rule or enactment promulgated by the legislative authority of a state; a long-established local custom which has the force of such an enactment. Dubois v. Hepburn, 10 Pet. 18, § 9. L. Ed. 525.

In another sense the word signifies an enactment; a distinct and complete act of positive law; a statute, as opposed to rules of civil conduct deduced from the customs of the people or judicial precedents.

When the term "law" is used to denote enactments of the legislative power, it is frequently confined, especially by English writers, to permanent rules of civil conduct, as distinguished from other acts, such as a divorce act, an appropriation bill, an estates act. Rep. Eng. St. L. Com. Mar. 1802.

In old English jurisprudence, "law" is used to signify an oath, or the privilege of being sworn; as in the phrases "to wage one's law," "to lose one's law."

Historically Considered

With reference to its origin, "law" is derived either from judicial precedents, from legislation, or from custom. That part of the law which is derived from judicial precedents is called "common law," "equity," or "admiralty," "probate," or "ecclesiastical law," according to the nature of the courts by which it was originally enforced. (See the respective titles.) That part of the law which is derived from legislation is called the "statute law." Many statutes are classed under one of the divisions above mentioned because they have merely modified or extended portions of it, while others have created altogether new rules. That part of the law which is derived from custom is sometimes called the "customary law," as to which, see Custom. Sweet.

The earliest notion of law was not an enumeration of a principle, but a judgment in a particular case. When pronounced in the early ages, by a king, it was assumed to be the result of direct divine inspiration. Afterwards came the notion of a custom which a judgment affirms, or punishes its breach. In the outset, however, the only authoritative statement of right and wrong is a judicial sentence rendered after the fact has occurred. It does not presuppose a law to have been violated, but is enacted for the first time by a higher form into the judge's mind at the moment of adjudication. Maine, Anc. Law, (Dwight's Ed.) pp. xv, 5.

Synonyms and Distinctions

According to the usage in the United States, the name "constitution" is commonly given to the organic or fundamental law of a state, and the term "law" is used in contradistinction to the former, to denote a statute or enactment of the legislative body. "Law," as distinguished from "equity," denotes the doctrine and procedure of the common law of England and America, from which equity is a departure.

The term is also used in opposition to "fact." Thus questions of law are to be decided by the court, while it is the province of the jury to solve questions of fact.

Classification.

With reference to its subject-matter, law is either public or private. Public law is that part of the law which deals with the state, either by itself or in its relations with individuals, and is divided into (1) constitutional law; (2) administrative law; (3) criminal law; (4) criminal procedure; (5) the law of the state considered in its quasi private personality; (6) the procedure relating to the state as so considered. Holl. Jr. 390.

Law is also divided into substantive and adjective. Substantive law is that part of the law which creates rights and obligations, while adjective law provides a method of enforcing and protecting them. In other words, adjective law is the law of procedure. Holl. Jr. 61, 238.

The ordinary, but not very useful, division of law into written and unwritten rests on the same principle. The written law is the statute law; the unwritten law is the common law, (q. e.) 1 Steph. Comm. 40, following Blackstone.

Kinds of Statutes

Statutes are called "general" or "public" when they affect the community at large; and local or special when their operation is confined to a limited region, or particular class or interest.

Statutes are also either prospective or retrospective; the former, when they are intended to operate upon future cases only; the latter, when they may also embrace transactions occurring before their passage.

Statutes are called "enabling" when they confer new powers; "remedial" when their effect is to provide relief or reform abuses; "penal" when they impose punishment, pecuniary or corporal, for a violation of their provisions.

In General

—Absolute law. The true and proper law of nature, immutable in the abstract or in principle, in theory, but not in application; for very often the object, the reason, situation, and other circumstances, may vary its exercise and obligation. 1 Steph. Comm. 21 et seq.

—Foreign laws. The laws of a foreign country, or of a sister state. People v. Martin, 38 Misc. Rep. 67, 76 N. Y. S. 953; Bank of Chillicothe v. Dodge, 8 Barb. (N. Y.) 233. Foreign laws are often the suggesting occasions of changes in, or additions to, our own laws, and in that respect are called "iura receptum." Brown.

—General law. A general law as contradistinguished from one that is special or local, is a law that embraces a class of subjects or places, and does not omit any subject or place naturally belonging to such class. Van Riper v. Parsons, 49 N. J. Law, 1; Mathis v. Jones, 84 Ga. 804, 11 S. E. 1018; Brooks v. Hyde, 37 Cal. 376; Arms v. Ayer, 192 Ill. 601, 61 N. E. 531, 58 L. R. A. 277, 85 Am. St. Rep. 357; State v. Davis, 55 Ohio St. 15, 44 N. E. 511. A frame, framed in general terms, restricted to no locality, and operating equally upon all of a group of objects, which, having regard to the purposes of the legislation, are distinguished by characteristics sufficiently marked and important to make them a class by themselves, is not a special or local law, but a general law. People v. Vickroy, 266 Ill. 384, 107 N. E. 688, 640; Jones v. Power County, 27 Idaho, 636, 150 P. 35, 37; Scarbrough v. Wooten, 23 N. M. 616, 170 P.
Law lords. Peers in the British parliament who have held high judicial office, or have been distinguished in the legal profession. Mozley & Whitley.

Law martial. See Martial Law.

Law merchant. See Mercantile Law.

Law of nations. See International Law.

Law of nature. See Natural Law.

Law of arms. That law which gives precepts and rules concerning war; how to make and observe leagues and truce, to punish offenders in the camp, and such like. Cowell; Blount. Now more commonly called the "law of war."

Law of citations. In Roman law. An act of Valentinian, passed A. D. 426, providing that the writings of only five jurists, viz., Papinian, Paul, Gaius, Ulpian, and Modestinus, should be quoted as authorities. The major contribution was binding on the judge. If they were equally divided the opinion of Papinian was to prevail; and in such a case, if Papinian was silent upon the matter, then the judge was free to follow his own view of the matter. Brown.


Law of marque. A sort of law of reprisal, which entitles him who has received any wrong from another and cannot get ordinary justice to take the shipping or goods of the wrong-doer, where he can find them within his own bounds or precincts, in satisfaction of the wrong. Cowell; Brown.


Law of the case. A ruling or decision once made in a particular case by an appellate court, while it may be overruled in other cases, is binding and conclusive both upon the inferior court in any further steps or proceedings in the same litigation and upon the appellate court itself in any subsequent appeal or other proceeding for review. A ruling or decision so made is said to be "the law of the case." See Hastings v. Foxworthy, 45 Neb. 673, 83 N. W. 895, 94 L. R. A. 321; Standard Sewing Mach. Co. v. Leslie, 118 F. 659, 55 C. C. A. 323; McKinney v. State, 117 Ind. 28, 99 N. E. 613; Wilson v. Binford, 81 Ind. 581; Nedela v. Mares Auto Co., 110 Neb. 108, 233 N. W. 345, 346; De Vol v. Citizens' Bank, 113 Or. 396, 233 P. 1008, 1011; Grow v. Oregon Short Line R. Co. 47 Utah, 26, 150 P. 970; Steinman v. Clinchfield Coal Corp., 121 Va. 611, 93 S. E. 884, 887; Pabst Corporation v. City of Milwaukee, 193 Wis. 522, 213 N. W. 888, 889; In re Talbott's Estate,
204 Iowa, 363, 213 N. W. 778, 780; Gossererand v. Monteleone, 184 La. 397, 113 So. 889, 890.

—Law of the flag. In maritime law. The law of that nation or country whose flag is flown by a particular vessel. A shipowner who sends his vessel into a foreign port gives notice by his flag to all who enter into contracts with the master that he intends the law of that flag to regulate such contracts, and that they must either submit to its operation or not contract with him. Huhstrat v. People, 185 Ill. 133, 57 N. E. 41, 49 L. R. A. 131, 76 Am. St. Rep. 30.

—Law of the land. Due process of law. (q. v.) By the law of the land is most clearly intended the general law which hears before it condemnations, which proceeds upon inquiry, and renders judgment only after trial. The meaning is that every citizen shall hold his life, liberty, property, and immunities under the protection of general rules which govern society. Everything which may pass under the form of an enactment is not the law of the land. Sedg. St. & Const. Law, (2d Ed.) 475. When first used in Magna Charta, the phrase "the law of the land" probably meant the established law of the kingdom, in opposition to the civil or Roman law, which was about being introduced. It is now generally regarded as meaning general public laws binding on all members of the community, in contradistinction from partial or private laws. James v. Reynolds, 2 Tex. 251; State v. Burnett, 6 Heisk. (Tenn.) 186. It means due process of law warranted by the constitution, by the common law adopted by the constitution, or by statutes passed in pursuance of the constitution. Mayo v. Wilson, 1 N. H. 53.


—Laws of war. This term denotes a branch of public international law, and comprises the body of rules and principles observed by civilized nations for the regulation of matters inherent in, or incident to, the conduct of a public war; such, for example, as the relations of neutrals and belligerents, blockades, captures, prizes, truces and armistices, capitulations, prisoners, and declarations of war and peace.

—Laws of Wisby. See Wisby, Laws of.
or for particular places or districts; one operating upon a selected class, rather than upon the public generally. Ewing v. Hoblit-
zelie, 85 Mo. 78; State v. Irwin, 5 Nev. 129; Sargent v. Union School Dist., 83 N. H. 528, 2 A. 641; Earle v. Board of Education, 55
Cal. 459; Dundee Mortgage, etc., Co. v. School Dist. (C. C.) 21 F. 158; Spokane &
Eastern Trust Co. v. Hart, 127 Wash. 541, 221
P. 615, 618; State v. Atchison, T. & S. F.
 Ry. Co., 20 N. M. 582, 151 P. 305, 306; Southern.
Ry. Co. v. Cherokee County, 177 N. C. 86,
97 S. E. 765, 761; Dodge v. Youngblood (Tex.
Civ. App.) 202 S. W. 116, 118; Ex parte
Crane, 27 Idaho, 671, 151 P. 1006, 1011, L.
R. A. 1918A, 942; State v. Daniel, 87 Fla.
270, 99 So. 804, 806. A law is "special" when it
is different from others of the same general
kind or designed for a particular purpose, or
is limited in range or confined to a prescribed
field of action or operation. State v. John-
son, 170 N. C. 655, 86 S. E. 788, 792. A law
is not special and local in a constitutional
sense, if it affects all persons in like circum-
cstances in the same manner. St. Louis-San
Francisco Ry. Co. v. Bledsoe (C. C. A.) 7 F.
(2d) 364, 366. Whether an act be local or
special is determined by the generality with
which it affects the people as a whole, rather
than the extent of territory over which it
is operative, and, if it equally affects all
people coming within its operation, it is not
local or special. State ex rel. Garvey v.
Buckner, 308 Mo. 390, 272 S. W. 940, 942.
In taxation cases, courts make no distinction
between "special law" and "local law." Bo-
zarth v. Egg Harbor City, 85 N. J. Law, 412,
39 A. 920, 921. The phrases "special act" and
"private act" mean the same thing. Federal
Trust Co. v. East Hartford Fire Dist. (C. C.
A.) 253 F. 95, 98.

As to the different kinds of law, or law reg-
garded in its different aspects, see Adjective
Law; Administrative Law; Bankruptcy Law;
Canon Law; Case Law; Civil Law; Commer-
cial Law; Common Law; Constitutional Law;
Criminal Law; Forest Law; International
Law; Maritime Law; Martial Law; Mer-
cantile Law; Military Law; Moral Law;
Municipal Law; Natural Law; Organic Law;
Parliamentary Law; Penal Law; Positive
Law; Private Law; Public Law; Retrospec-
tive Law; Revenue Law; Roman Law;
Substantive Law; Written Law.

Law always construe things to the best.

Law construe every act to be lawful, when
it standeth indifferent whether it should be law-
ful or not. Wing. Max. p. 722, max. 194;
Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 76.

Law construe things according to common
possibility or intentment. Wing. Max. p. 705,
max. 189.

Law [the law] construe things with equi-
ty and moderation. Wing. Max. p. 635, max.
183; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 74.

Law disfavor Impossibilities. Wing. Max.
p. 606, max. 155.

Law disfavor Improbabilities. Wing.
Max. p. 620, max. 161.

Law [the law] favoreth charity. Wing.
Max. p. 497, max. 135.

Law favoroth common right. Wing. Max.
p. 547, max. 144.

Law favoroth diligence, and therefore hateth
172; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 70.

Law favoroth honor and order. Wing. Max.
p. 739, max. 199.

Law favoroth justice and right. Wing. Max.
p. 502, max. 141.

Law favoroth life, liberty, and dower. 4 Ba-
con's Works, 345.

Law favoroth mutual recompense. Wing.
Max. p. 411, max. 108; Finch, Law, b. 1, c.
no. 42.

Law [the law] favoreth possession, where
the right is equal. Wing. Max. p. 875, max.
98; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 93.

Law favoroth public commerce. Wing. Max.
p. 728, max. 198.

742, max. 299; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 54.

Law favoroth speeding of men's causes.
Wing. Max. p. 673, max. 175.

Law [the law] favoroth things for the com-
729, max. 197; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 53.

Law favoroth truth, faith, and certainty.

176; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 71.

Law hateth new inventions and innovations.
Wing. Max. p. 756, max. 204.

146; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 62.

Law of itself prejudiceth no man. Wing.
Max. p. 575, max. 148; Finch, Law, b. 1, c.
3, no. 83.

Law respecteth matter of substance more
382, max. 101; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 39.

Law respecteth possibility of things. Wing.
Max. p. 408, max. 104; Finch, Law, b. 1, c.
3, no. 40.
Law [the law] respecteth the bonds of nature. Wing. Max. p. 268, max. 78; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 29.

LAWFUL. Legal; warranted or authorized by the law; having the qualifications prescribed by law; not contrary to nor forbidden by the law. Ohio Auto. Sprinkler Co. v. Fender, 108 Ohio St. 149, 141 N. E. 280, 275; McDonnell v. Murman Shipbuilding Corpn., 210 Ala. 611, 98 So. 897, 899; Haffner Mfg. Co. v. City of St. Louis, 202 Mo. 621, 172 S. W. 29, 33.

The principal distinction between the terms "lawful" and "legal" is that the former contemplates the substance of law, the latter the form of law. To say of an act that it is "lawful" implies that it is authorized, sanctioned, or at any rate not forbidden by law. To say that it is "legal" implies that it is done or performed in accordance with the forms and usages of law, or in a technical manner. In this sense "illegal" approaches the meaning of "invalid." For example, a contract or will, executed without the required formalities, might be said to be invalid or illegal, but could not be described as unlawful. Further, the word "lawful" more clearly implies an ethical content than does "legal." The latter goes no further than to denote compliance, with positive, technical, or formal rules; while the former usually imports a moral substance or ethical quality.

LAWFUL AGE. Full age; majority; generally the age of twenty-one years, though sometimes eighteen as to a female. See McKim v. Handy, 4 Md. Ch. 237.

LAWFUL AUTHORITIES. The expression "lawful authorities," used in our treaty with Spain, refers to persons who exercised the power of making grants by authority of the crown. Mitchel v. U. S., 9 Pet. 711, 9 L. Ed. 283.

LAWFUL DISCHARGE. Such a discharge in insolvency as exonerates the debtor from his debts. Mason v. Halle, 12 Wheat. 370, 6 L. Ed. 590.


LAWFUL GOODS. Whatever is not prohibited to be exported by the positive law of the country, even though it be contraband of war; for a neutral has a right to carry such goods at his own risk. Seton v. Low, 1 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 1; Skidmore v. Desforty, 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 77; Juibel v. Rhinelander, 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 120.

LAWFUL HEIRS. See Heir.

LAWFUL MAN. A freeman, unattainted, and capable of bearing oath; a legalis homo.


LAWING OF DOGS. The cutting several claws of the forefeet of dogs in the forest, to prevent their running at deer.

LAWLESS. Not subject to law; not controlled by law; not authorized by law; not observing the rules and forms of law. See Arkansas v. Kansas & T. Coal Co. (C. C.) 96 F. 382.

LAWLESS COURT. An ancient local English court, said to have been held in Essex once a year, at cock-crowing, without a light or pen and ink, and conducted in a whisper. Jacob.

LAWLESS MAN. An outlaw.


LAWSUIT. A vernacular term for a suit, action, or cause instituted or depending between two private persons in the courts of law.

LAWYER. A person learned in the law; as an attorney, counsel, or solicitor; a person licensed to practice law.

Any person who, for fee or reward, prosecutes or defends causes in courts of record or other judicial tribunals of the United States, or of any of the states, or whose business it is to give legal advice in relation to any cause or matter whatever. Act of July 13, 1865, § 9, (14 St. at Large, 121.)

LAY, n. A share of the profits of a fishing or whaling voyage, allotted to the officers and seamen, in the nature of wages. Coffin v. Jenkins, 5 Fed. Cas. 1190; Thomas v. Osborne, 10 How. 33, 15 L. Ed. 534.

LAY, v. To state or allege in pleading.

—LAY DAMAGES. To state at the conclusion of the declaration the amount of damages which the plaintiff claims.

—LAY OUT. This term has come to be used technically in highway laws as embracing all the series of acts necessary to the complete establishment of a highway. Cone v. Hartford, 28 Conn. 375; Hitchcock v. Aldermen of Springfield, 121 Mass. 352; Mansur v. County Comrs', 53 Mo. 514, 22 A. 358. See Small v. Eason, 33 N. C. 94; Crawford v. City of Bridgeport, 92 Conn. 431, 105 A. 125, 128; Borrowdale v. Board of County Comrs' of So-
corro County, 22 N. M. 1, 163 P. 721, 723, L. R. A. 1917B, 456; Patterson v. City of Balti-
more, 130 Md. 645, 101 A. 589, 591; Douglass v. Riggin, 123 Md. 18, 90 A. 1000, 1001.

—Laying the venue. Stating in the margin of a
declaration the county in which the plaintiff
proposes that the trial of the action shall take
place.

LAY, adj. Relating to persons or things not cleri-
cal or ecclesiastical; a person not in ec-
clesiastical orders. Also non-professional.

—Lay corporation. See Corporation.

—Lay days. In the law of shipping. Days
allowed in charter-parties for loading and un-
loading the cargo. 3 Kent. Comm. 202, 203.

—Lay fee. A fee held by ordinary feudal ten-
ure, as distinguished from the ecclesiastical
 tenure of frankalmoign, by which an eccle-
siastical corporation held the donor. The ten-
ure of frankalmoign is reserved by St. 12 Cur.
II, which abolished military tenures. 2 Bl.
Comm. 101.

—Lay impropriator. In English ecclesiastical
law. A lay person holding a spiritual appro-
priation. 3 Steph. Comm. 72.

—Lay investiture. In ecclesiastical law. The
 ceremony of putting a bishop in possession of
the temporalities of his diocese.

—Lay judge. A judge who is not learned in
the law, i.e., not a lawyer; formerly employ-
ed in some of the states as assessors or assis-
tants to the presiding judges in the nisi prius
courts or courts of first instance.


—Layman. One of the people, and not one
of the clergy; one who is not of the legal
profession; one who is not of a particular
profession.

LAYE. L. Fr. Law.

LAYSTALL. A place for dung or soil.

LAZARET, or LAZARETTO. A pesthouse, or
public hospital for persons affected with the
more dangerous forms of contagious diseases;
a quarantine station for vessels coming from
countries where such diseases are prevalent.

LAZZI. A Saxon term for persons of a servile
condition.

LE CONGRÈS. A species of proof on charges
of impotency in France, coitus coram testibus.
Abolished A. D. 1677.

Le contrat fait la loi. The contract makes the
law.

LE GUIDON DE LA MER. The title of a
French work on marine insurance, by an un-
known author, dating back, probably, to the
sixteenth century, and said to have been pre-
pared for the merchants of Rouen. It is note-
worthy as being the earliest treatise on that
subject now extant.

Le ley de Dieu et ley de terre sont tout un; et
l’un et l’autre preferre et favour le commun et
publique bien del terre. The law of God and
the law of the land are all one; and both
preserve and favor the common and public
good of the land. Kelii. 191.

Le ley est le plus haut inheriance que le roy
ad, car per la ley il mesme et tous ses sujets
sont rules; et, si le ley ne fuit, nul roy ne nul en-
heritance sera. 1 J. H. 6, 63. The law is the
highest inheritance that the king possesses,
for by the law both he and all his subjects
are ruled; and, if there were no law, there
would be neither king nor inheritance.

LE ROI, or ROY. The old law-French words
for "the king."

LE ROI VEUT EN DELIBERER. The king
will deliberate on it. This is the formula
which the king of the French used when he in-
tended to veto an act of the legislative
assembly. 1 Toullier, no. 42.

LE ROY (or LA REINE) LE VEUT. The
king (or the queen) wills it. The form of
the royal assent to public bills in parliament.

LE ROY (or LA REINE) REMERCIE SES
LOYAL SUJETS, ACCEPTE LEUR BENE-
VOLENCE, ET AINSI LE VEUT. The king (or
the queen) thanks his (or her) loyal subjects,
accepts their benevolence, and therefore wills
it to be so. The form of the royal assent to a
bill of supply.

LE ROY (or LA REINE) S’AVISERA. The
king (or queen) will advise upon it. The form
of words used to express the refusal of the
royal assent to public bills in parliament. 1
Bl. Comm. 184. This is supposed to correspond
to the judicial phrase "curia advisari vult,"
(q. v.) 1 Chit. Bl. Comm. 184, note.

Le salut du peuple est la supreme loi. Montesq.
Esprit des Lois, l. xxvii, e. 23. The safety of
the people is the highest law.

LEA, or LEY. A pasture. Co. Litt. 4b.

LEAD. The counsel on either side of a liti-
gated action who is charged with the prin-
cipal management and direction of the par-
ty’s case, as distinguished from his juniors
or subordinates, is said to “lead in the cause,”
and is termed the “leading counsel” on that
side.

LEADING A USE. Where a deed was execut-
ed before the levy of a fine of land, for
the purpose of specifying to whose use the
fine should inure, it was said to “lead” the
use. If executed after the fine, it was said
to “declare” the use. 2 Bl. Comm. 363.

LEADING CASE. Among the various cases
that are argued and determined in the courts,
to a little more than 2.65 miles, and the square league equal to 4,428 acres. This is its meaning as used in Texas land grants. United States v. Perot, 98 U. S. 428, 25 L. Ed. 251; Hunter v. Morse, 49 Tex. 219. "League and labor," an area of land equivalent to 4,405 acres. Ammons v. Dwyer, 78 Tex. 639, 15 S. W. 1049. See Labor.

LEAKAGE. The waste or diminution of a liquid caused by its leaking from the cask, barrel, or other vessel in which it was placed. Also an allowance made to an importer of liquids, at the custom-house, in the collection of duties, for his loss sustained by the leaking of the liquid from its cask or vessel.

LEAL. L. Fr. Loyal; that which belongs to the law.

LEALTE. L. Fr. Legality; the condition of a legitness homo, or lawful man.

LEAN. To incline in opinion or preference. A court is sometimes said to "lean against" a doctrine, construction, or view contended for, whereby it is meant that the court regards it with disfavor or repugnance, because of its inexpediency, injustice, or inconsistency.

LEAP-YEAR. See Bisextile.

LEARNED. Possessing learning; erudite; versed in the law. In statutes prescribing the qualifications of judges, "learned in the law" designates one who has received a regular legal education, the almost invariable evidence of which is the fact of his admission to the bar. See Jamieson v. Wiggan, 12 S. D. 16, 89 N. W. 137, 46 L. R. A. 317, 76 Am. St. Rep. 585; O'Neal v. McKinna, 116 Ala. 620, 25 So. 905; Potter v. Robbins, 135 Tenn. 1, 390 S. W. 355, 399; Heard v. Moore, 134 Tenn. 506, 290 S. W. 15, 15, 50 A. L. R. 1135; State v. Schmiahl, 125 Minn. 333, 147 N. W. 425, 429.

LEARNING. Legal doctrine. 1 Leon. 77.

LEASE. A conveyance of lands or tenements to a person for life, for a term of years, or, at will, in consideration of a return of rent or some other recompense. The person who so conveys such lands or tenements is termed the "lessor," and the person to whom they are conveyed, the "lessee." And when the lessor so conveys lands or tenements to a lessee, he is said to lease, demise, or let them. 4 Cruise, Dig. 58; U. S. Nat. Bank of La Grande v. Miller, 122 Or. 285, 258 P. 205, 207, 58 A. L. R. 339; Papoose Oil Co. v. Swindler, 95 Okl. 264, 221 P. 506, 509; Lawrence v. Goodstein, 91 Misc. 19, 154 N. Y. S. 229, 323; Howard v. Manning, 79 Okl. 163, 192 P. 358, 300, 79 A. L. R. 619.

A conveyance of any lands or tenements, (usually in consideration of rent or other annual recompense,) made for life, for years, or at will, but always for a less time than the lessor has in the premises; for, if it be for the whole interest, it is more properly an as-

A contract in writing, under seal, whereby a person having a legal estate in hereditaments, corporeal or incorporeal, conveys a portion of his interest to another, in consideration of a certain annual rent or render, or other recompense. Archb. Landl. & Ten. 2.

"Lease" or "hire" is a synonomous contract, to which consent alone is sufficient, and by which one party gives to the other the enjoyment of a thing, or his labor, at a fixed price. Civil Code La, art. 2669.

When the contract is bipartite, the one part is called "the lease," the other the "counterpart." In the United States, it is usual that both papers should be executed by both parties; but in England the lease is executed by the lessor alone, and given to the lessee, while the counterpart is executed by the lessee alone, and given to the lessor.

Concurrent Lease

One granted for a term which is to commence before the expiration or other determination of a previous lease of the same premises made to another person; or, in other words, an assignment of a part of the reversion, entitling the lessee to all the rents accruing on the previous lease after the date of his lease and to appropriate remedies against the holding tenant. Cargill v. Thompson, 57 Minn. 524, 49 N. W. 638.

Lease and Release

A species of conveyance much used in England, said to have been invented by Sergeant Moore, soon after the enactment of the statute of uses. It is thus defined: A lease, or rather bargain and sale upon some pecuniary consideration for one year, is made by the tenant of the freehold to the lessee or bargainee. This without any enrolment, makes the bargainor stand seized to the use of the bargainee, and vests in the bargainee the use of the term for one year, and then the statute immediately annexes the possession. Being thus in possession, he is capable of receiving a release of the freehold and reversion, which must be made to the tenant in possession, and accordingly the next day a release is granted to him. The lease and release, when used as a conveyance of the fee, have the joint operation of a single conveyance. 2 Bl. Comm. 329; 4 Kent, Comm. 482; Co. Litt. 207; Cruise, Dig. ut. 33, c. 11.

See Mining.

Parol Lease

A lease of real estate not evidenced by writing, but resting in an oral agreement.

Perpetual Lease

A lease of lands which may last without limitation as to time; a grant of lands in fee with the reserva-

tion of a rent in fee; a fee-farm. Edwards v. Noel, 88 Mo. App. 484.

Sublease or Underlease

One executed by the lessee of an estate to a third person, conveying the same estate for a shorter term than that for which the lessee holds it.

The distinction between an assignment of a term for years and a sublease or subletting is that if the lessee parts with his entire interest in the term, it constitutes an assignment and not a subletting, although the transfer is in form a sublease; but if the lessee reserves to himself a reversionary interest in the term, it constitutes a sublease, whatever the form of the transfer. Johnson v. Thompson, 64 So., 554, 555, 185 Ala. 666; Weigle v. Rogers, 213 S. W. 501, 502, 202 Mo. App. 329; Cross v. Bouck, 165 P. 702, 703, 175 Cal. 283; Williams v. Randolph & C. Ry. Co., 106 S. E. 915, 918, 182 N. C. 297; Holden v. Tidwell, 153 P. 54, 55, 37 Okl. 553, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 309, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 394; McNair Realty Co. v. Sumner Oil & Gas Co., 247 P. 169, 170, 75 Mont. 323; Jordan v. Scott, 177 P. 504, 506, 38 Cal. App. 739; Davis v. First Nat. Bank (Tex.Clav. App.) 288 S. W. 241, 242; Johnson v. Moxley, 113 So. 656, 657, 216 Ala. 406.


LEASING-MAKING. In old Scotch criminal law. An offense consisting in slanderous and untrue speeches, to the disdain, reproach, and contempt of the king, his council and proceedings, etc. Bell.

LEASING, or LESING. Gleaning.

LEAUTE. L. Fr. Legality; sufficiency in law. Brit. c. 169.

LEAVE. To give or dispose of by will. "The word 'leave,' as applied to the subject-matter, prima facie means a disposition by will." Thoryle v. Thoryle, 10 East, 408; Carr v. Effinger, 78 Va. 263.

LEAVE AND LICENSE. A defense to an action in trespass setting up the consent of the plaintiff to the trespass complained of.

LEAVE OF COURT. Permission obtained from a court to take some action which, without such permission, would not be allowable; as, to sue a receiver, to file an amended pleading, to plead several pleas. See Copperthwaite v. Dummer, 18 N. J. Law, 258.

LEAVE TO DEFEND. The bills of exchange act 1856 (18 & 19 Vict. c. 67) allowed actions on bills and notes commenced within six months after being due to be by writ of sum-
mons in a form provided by the act, and unless the defendant should within twelve days obtain leave to appear and defend the action, allowed the plaintiff to sign judgment on proof of service. This procedure was retained by the judicature act, but abolished in 1880. It is now provided that in all actions where the plaintiff seeks merely to recover a debt or liquidated demand in money, or possession where a tenancy has expired or been determined by notice to quit, the writ of summons may be specially indorsed with the particulars of the amount sought to be recovered after giving credit for any payment or set-off; in which case, if the defendant fail to appear, judgment may be signed for the amount claimed; and it is further provided that where the defendant appears on a writ of summons especially indorsed, the plaintiff may, on affidavit verifying the cause of action and swearing that in his belief there is no defence to the action, call on the defendant to show cause why the plaintiff should not sign final judgment for the amount so indorsed; and the court or judge may, unless the defendant, by affidavit or otherwise, satisfy the court or judge that he has a good defence on the merits or disclose sufficient facts to entitle him to be permitted to defend the action, make an order empowering the plaintiff to sign judgment accordingly. Whart. Lex. See Allocatur.

LECCATOR. A debauched person. Cowell.

LECHERWITE, LAIRWITE, or LECER-WITE. A fine for adultery or fornication, anciently paid to the lords of certain manors. 4 Inst. 206.

LECTOR DE LETRA ANTIQUA. In Spanish law. A person appointed by competent authority to read and decipher ancient writings, to the end that they may be presented on the trial of causes as documents entitled to legal credit. Escriche.


LECTURER. An instructor; a reader of lectures; also a clergyman who assists rectors, etc., in preaching, etc.

LEDGE. In mining law. This term, as used in the mining laws of the United States (Rev. St. § 2322 [30 USCA § 29]) and in both legal and popular usage in the western American states, is synonymous with "lode," which see. Myers v. Lloyd, 4 Alaska, 263, 265.

LEDGER. A book of accounts in which a trader enters the names of all persons with whom he has dealings; there being two parallel columns in each account, one for the entries to the debit of the person charged, the other for his credits. Into this book are posted the items from the day-book or journal.

LEGEDER-BOOK. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a book kept in the prerogative courts in England. It is considered as a roll of the court, but, it seems, it cannot be read in evidence. Bac. Abr.

LEGEDREVIUS. In old English law. A lathe-reeve, or chief officer of a lathe. Spelman.

LEDO. The rising water or increase of the sea.

LEEMAN'S ACTS. Acts 30 Vict. c. 29 and 35 & 36 Vict. c. 91, by which contracts for the sale of bank shares are void unless the number of the shares are set forth in the contract. 9 Q. B. D. 546; and by which are authorized the application of the funds of municipal corporations and other governing bodies under certain conditions towards promoting or opposing parliamentary and other proceedings for the benefit or protection of the inhabitants.

LEET. In English law. The name of a court of criminal jurisdiction, formerly of much importance, but latterly fallen into disuse. See Court-Leet.

LEETS. Meetings which were appointed for the nomination or election of ecclesiastical officers in Scotland. Cowell.

LEGA, or LACTA. The alloy of money. Spelman.

LEGABILIS. In old English law. That which may be bequeathed. Cowell.


Synonyms

"Legacy" and "bequest" are equivalent terms. But in strict common-law terminology "legacy" and "devise" do not mean the same thing and are not interchangeable, the former being restricted to testamentary gifts of personal property, while the latter is properly used only in relation to real estate. But by construction the word "legacy" may be so extended as to include realty or interests therein, when this is necessary to make a statute cover its intended subject-matter or to effectuate the purpose of a testator as expressed in his will. See In re Ross's Estate, 140 Cal. 292, 75 P. 976; In re Karr, 2 How.
LEGACY


Classification

—Absolute legacy. One given without condition and intended to vest immediately.

—Accumulative legacy. A second, double, or additional legacy; a legacy given in addition to another given by the same instrument, or by another instrument.

—Additional legacy. One given to the same legatee in addition to (and not in lieu of) another legacy given before by the same will or in a codicil thereto.

—Alternate legacy. One by which the testator gives one of two or more things without designating which.

—Conditional legacy. One which is liable to take effect or to be defeated according to the occurrence or non-occurrence of some uncertain event. Harker v. Smith, 41 Ohio St. 235, 52 Am. Rep. 80; Markham v. Huford, 123 Mich. 505, 82 N. W. 222, 48 L. R. A. 589, 81 Am. St. Rep. 222.

—Contingent legacy. A legacy given to a person at a future uncertain time, that may or may not arrive; as “at his age of twenty-one,” or “if” or “when he attains twenty-one.” 2 Bl. Comm. 513; 2 Steph. Comm. 259. A legacy made dependent upon some uncertain event. 1 Rep. Leg. 506. A legacy which has not vested. In re Engles' Estate, 166 Pa. 290, 31 A. 76; Andrews v. Russell, 127 Ala. 195, 28 So. 793; Rubene v. McKee, 6 Del. Ch. 40, 6 A. 639.

—Cumulative legacies. These are legacies so called to distinguish them from legacies which are merely repeated. In the construction of testamentary instruments, the question often arises whether, where a testator has twice bequeathed a legacy to the same person, the legatee is entitled to both, or only to one of them; in other words, whether the second legacy must be considered as a mere repetition of the first, or as cumulative, i. e., additional. In determining this question, the intention of the testator, if it appears on the face of the instrument prevails. Wharton.

—Demonstrative legacy. A bequest of a certain sum of money, with a direction that it shall be paid out of a particular fund. It differs from a specific legacy in this respect: that, if the fund out of which it is payable fails for any cause, it is nevertheless entitled to come on the estate as a general legacy. And it differs from a general legacy in this: that it does not abide in that class, but in the class of specific legacies. Appeal of Arm-strong, 63 Pa. 316; Kenaday v. Sinnott, 179 U. S. 606, 21 S. Ct. 253, 45 L. Ed. 539; Gilmer v. Gilmer, 42 Ala. 9; Glass v. Dunn, 17 Ohio St. 424; Crawford v. McCarthy, 156 N. Y. 514, 54 N. E. 277; Rossen v. Eldridge, 118 Ind. 147, 20 N. E. 733; Spinney v. Eaton, 111 Me. 1, 87 A. 375, 350, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 535; Taylor v. Hull, 121 Kan. 102, 245 P. 1026, 1027; In re Obst's Estate, 115 Misc. 711, 185 N. Y. S. 283, 284; In re Douglas' Estate, 149 Minn. 276, 183 N. W. 355, 356; In re Wilson's Estate, 260 Pa. 407, 103 A. 880, 6 A. L. R. 1349; In re Bouk's Estate, 80 Misc. 196, 141 N. Y. S. 922, 924; Baker v. Baker, 319 Ill. 320, 150 N. E. 284, 285, 42 A. L. R. 1614. A legacy of quantity is ordinarily a general legacy; but there are legacies of quantity in the nature of specific legacies, as of so much money, with reference to a particular fund for payment. This kind of legacy is called by the civilians a “demonstrative legacy;” and it is so far general and differs so much in effect from one properly specific that, if the fund be called in or fail, the legatee will not be deprived of his legacy, but be permitted to receive it out of the general assets; yet the legacy is so far specific that it will not be liable to abate with general legacies upon a deficiency of assets. 2 Williams, Ex'rs, 1078.


—Indefinite legacy. One which passes property by a general or collective term, without enumeration of number or quantity; as, a bequest of “all” the testator’s “goods,” or his “bank stock.” Lown. Leg. 84.

—Lapsed legacy. Where the legatee dies before the testator, or before the legacy is payable, the bequest is said to lapse, as it then falls into the residuary fund of the estate.

—Modal legacy. A bequest accompanied by directions as to the mode or manner in which
It shall be applied for the legatee's benefit, e. g., a legacy to A. to buy him a house or a commission in the army. See Lown. Leg. 151.

—Pecuniary legacy. A bequest of a sum of money, or of an annuity. It may or may not specify the fund from which it is to be drawn. It is not the less a pecuniary legacy if it comprises the specific pieces of money in a designated receptacle, as a purse or chest. See Humphrey v. Robinson, 52 Hun. 200, 5 N. Y. S. 164; Lang v. Hopke, 10 N. Y. Leg. Obs. 75; Mathis v. Mathis, 18 N. J. Law, 66.

—Residuary legacy. A bequest of all the testator's personal estate not otherwise effectually disposed of by his will; a bequest of "all the rest, residue, and remainder" of the personal property after payment of debts and satisfaction of the particular legacies. See In re Williams' Estate, 112 Cal. 521, 44 P. 808, 53 Am. St. Rep. 224; Stubbs v. Abel, 114 Or. 610, 233 P. 852, 857.

—Special legacy. A "special legacy" (q. e.) is sometimes so called.

—Specific legacy. One which operates on property particularly designated. Hart v. Brown, 145 Ga. 140, 88 S. E. 670, 671; Taylor v. Hull, 121 Kan. 102, 245 P. 1026, 1027; Holcomb v. Mullin, 167 Ark. 622, 268 S. W. 32, 34; Jones v. Virginia Trust Co., 142 Va. 229, 128 S. E. 533, 536; Smith v. Smith, 192 N. C. 857, 135 S. E. 856, 857; Spinney v. Eaton, 111 Me. 1, 87 A. 378, 380, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 535; Bales v. Murray, 186 Iowa 649, 171 N. W. 747, 749; Baker v. Baker, 319 Ill. 320, 159 N. E. 284, 285, 42 A. L. R. 1514; School Dist. No. 1 In City and County of Denver v. International Trust Co., 59 Colo. 456, 149 P. 620, 623. A legacy or gift by will of a particular specified thing, as of a horse, a piece of furniture, a term of years, and the like. Morris v. Garland, 78 Va. 222. In a strict sense, a legacy of a particular chattel, which is specified and distinguished from all other chattels of the testator of the same kind, as of a horse of a certain color. A legacy of a quantity of chattels described collectively; as a gift of all the testator's pictures. Ward, Leg. 16-18. A legacy is general, where its amount or value is a charge upon the general assets in the hands of the executors, and where, if these are sufficient to meet all the provisions in the will, it must be satisfied; it is specific, when it is limited to a particular thing, subject, or chose in action, so identified as to render the bequest inapplicable to any other; as the bequest of a horse, a picture, or jewel, or a debt due from a person named, and, in special cases, even of a sum of money. In re Daniels' Estate, 192 Iowa, 326, 184 N. W. 647, 690; Baker v. Baker, 319 Ill. 320, 159 N. E. 284, 285, 42 A. L. R. 1514; Carpenter's Estate v. Wiley, 106 Iowa, 48, 147 N. W. 175, 177; Langdon v. Astor, 3 Duer (N. Y.) 477, 543.

—Trust legacy. A bequest of personal property to trustees to be held upon trust; as, to pay the annual income to a beneficiary for life.

—Universal legacy. In the civil law. A testamentary disposition by which the testator gives to one or several persons the whole of the property which he leaves at his decease. Civ. Code La., art. 1606.

—Legacy duty. A duty imposed in England upon personal property (other than leaseholds) devolving under any will or intestacy. Brown.

LEGAL. 1. Conforming to the law; according to law; required or permitted by law; not forbidden or disavowed by law; good and effectual in law.

2. Proper or sufficient to be recognized by the law; cognizable in the courts; competent or adequate to fulfill the requirements of the law.

3. Cognizable in courts of law, as distinguished from courts of equity; construed or governed by the rules and principles of law, in contradistinction to rules of equity.

4. Posited by the courts as the inference or imputation of the law, as a matter of construction, rather than established by actual proof; e. g., legal malice. See Lawful.


LEGAL ACUMEN. The doctrine of legal acumen is that if a defect in, or invalidity of, a claim to land is such as to require legal acumen to discover it, whether it appears upon the face of the record or proceedings, or is to be proved ad ultra, then the powers or jurisdiction of a court of equity may be invoked to remove the cloud created by such defect or invalidity. Schwab v. City of St. Louis, 310 Mo. 116, 274 S. W. 1058, 1060.

LEGAL ASSETS. Such property of a testator in the hands of his executor as is liable to debts in temporal courts and to legacies in the spiritual, by course of law; equitable assets are such as are liable only by help of a court of equity. 2 Will. Ex. 1408-1431. The distinction is not important in the United States; In re Sperry's Estate, 1 Ashm. (Pa.) 347. See Story, Eq. Jur. § 551; 2 Jurm. Wills, 543; Crosso. Ex. & Ad. 421, 423.

LEGAL CRUELTY. Such conduct on the part of a husband as will endanger the life.
health, or limb of his wife, or create a reasonable apprehension of bodily hurt; such acts as render cohabitation unsafe, or are likely to be attended with injury to the person or to the health of the wife; Odom v. Odom, 36 Ga. 280; 2 Curt. Ecc. 281; Mahone v. Mahone, 19 Cal. 626; 81 Am. Dec. 91; Hughes v. Hughes, 44 Ala. 498; Ward v. Ward, 103 Ill. 477; Beyer v. Beyer, 50 Wis. 254, 6 N. W. 307, 36 Am. Rep. 848; Kennedy v. Kennedy, 73 N. Y. 359; Smith v. Smith, 33 N. J. Eq. 458.

LEGAL INSANITY. See Insanity.

LEGALIS HOMO. Lat. A lawful man; a person who stands rectus in curia; a person not outlawed, excommunicated, or infamous. It occurs in the phrase, "probi et legales homines," (good and lawful men, competent jurors,) and "legality" designates the condition of such a man. Jacob.

LEGALIS MONETA ANGLIÆ. Lawful money of England. 1 Inst. 207.

LEGALITY, or LEGALNESS. Lawfulness.

LEGALIZATION. The act of legalizing or making legal or lawful.

LEGALIZE. To make legal or lawful; to confirm or validate what was before void or unlawful; to add the sanction and authority of law to that which before was without or against law.

LEGALIZED NUISANCE. A structure, erection, or other thing which would constitute a nuisance at common law, but which cannot be objected to by private persons because constructed or maintained under direct and sufficient legislative authority. Such, for example, are hospitals and pesthouses maintained by cities. See Baltimore v. Fairfield Imp. Co., 87 Md. 32, 39 A. 1051, 40 L. R. A. 494, 67 Am. St. Rep. 344.

LEGALLY. Lawfully; according to law.

LEGANTINE CONSTITUTIONS. The name of a code of ecclesiastical laws, enacted in national synods, held under legates from Pope Gregory IX. and Clement IV., in the reign of Henry III., about the years 1220 and 1268. 1 Bl. Comm. 83.

LEGARE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To bequeath; to leave or give by will; to give in anticipation of death. In Scotch phrase, to legate.

LEGATARIUS. Lat.

In the Civil Law
One to whom anything is bequeathed; a legatee or legatary. Inst. 2, 20, 2, 4, 5, 10; Brack. fol. 40.

In Old European Law
A legate, messenger, or envoy. Spelman.

LEGATARY. One to whom anything is bequeathed; a legatee. This word is sometimes though seldom, used to designate a legate or nuncio.


Residuary Legatee
The person to whom a testator bequeaths the residue of his personal estate, after the payment of such other legacies as are specifically mentioned in the will. Probate Court v. Matthews, 6 Vt. 274; Laing v. Barbour, 119 Mass. 525; Lafferty v. People's Sav. Bank, 76 Mich. 35, 43 N. W. 34.

LEGATES. Nuncios, deputes, or extraordinary ambassadors sent by the pope to be his representatives and to exercise his jurisdiction in countries where the Roman Catholic Church is established by law.

LEGATION. An embassy; a diplomatic minister and his suite; the persons commissioned by one government to exercise diplomatic functions at the court of another, including the minister, secretaries, attaches, interpreters, etc., are collectively styled the "legation" of their government. The word also denotes the official residence of a foreign minister.

LEGATOR. One who makes a will, and leaves legacies.

LEGATORY. The third part of a freeman's personal estate, which by the custom of London, in case he had a wife and children, the freeman might always have disposed of by will. Bac. Abr. "Customs of London," D. 4.

Legatos violare contra jus gentium est. 4 Coke, pref. It is contrary to the law of nations to injure ambassadors.

LEGATUM. Lat.

In The Civil Law
A legacy; a gift left by a deceased person, to be executed by the heir. Inst. 2, 20, 1.

In Old English Law
A legacy given to the church, or an accustomed mortuary. Cowell.

Legatum morte testatoris tantum confirmatur, sicut donatio inter vivos traditio sola. Dyer, 143. A legacy is confirmed by the death of a testator, in the same manner as a gift from a living person is by delivery alone.

LEGATUM OPTIONIS. In Roman law. A legacy to A. B. of any article or articles that A. B. liked to choose or select out of the tes-
tator's estate. If A. B. died after the testator, but before making the choice or selection, his representative (heres) could not, prior to Justinian, make the selection for him, but the legacy failed altogether. Justinian, however, made the legacy good, and enabled the representative to choose. Brown.

Legatus regis vice fungitor a quo destinatur et honorandus est sicut ille cuius vicem gerit. 12 Coke, 17. An ambassador fills the place of the king by whom he is sent, and is to be honored as he is whose place he fills.

LEGEM. Lat. Accusative of lex, law. Occurring in various legal phrases, as follows:

LEGEM AMITERE. To lose one's law; that is, to lose one's privilege of being admitted to take an oath.

LEGEM FACERE. In old English law. To make law or oath.

LEGEM FERRE. In Roman law. To propose a law to the people for their adoption. Hein-ecc. Ant. Rom. lib. 1, tit. 2.

LEGEM HABERE. To be capable of giving evidence upon oath. Witnesses who had been convicted of crime were incapable of giving evidence, until 6 & 7 Vict. c. 85.

LEGEM JUBERE. In Roman law. To give consent and authority to a proposed law; to make or pass it. Tayl. Civil Law, 9.

LEGEM PONE. To propound or lay down the law. By an extremely obscure derivation or analogy, this term was formerly used as a slang equivalent for payment in cash or in ready money.

LEGEM SCISCERE. To give consent and authority to a proposed law; applied to the consent of the people.

Legem terre amittentes, perpetuum infamiae notam inde merito incurrunt. Those who lose the law of the land, then justly incur the ineffaceable brand of infamy. 3 Inst. 221.

LEGEM VADIARE. In old English law. To wage law; to offer or to give pledge to make defense, by oath, with compurgators.

LEGENITA. A fine for criminal conversation with a woman. Whart. Lex.

LEGES. Lat. Laws. At Rome, the leges (the decrees of the people in a strict sense) were laws which were proposed by a magistrates presiding in the senate, and adopted by the Roman people in the comitia centuriata. Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 31.

LEGES ANGLIÆ. The laws of England, as distinguished from the civil law and other foreign systems.

Leges Anglica sunt tripartita,—jus commun, consuetudinos, et decreta comitiorum. The laws of England are threefold,—common law, customs, and decrees of parliament.

LEGES BARBARORUM. A class name for the codes of mediæval European law. For a list, see Jenks, 2 Sel. Essays in Anglo-Amer. Leg. Hist. 154.

LEGES EDWARDI CONFESSORIS. A name used for a legal treatise written from 1139 to 1135, which presents the law in force toward the end of Henry I. Its authority is said to be undeserved. 2 Sel. Essays in Anglo-Am. Leg. Hist. 17.

LEGES ET CONSUEUDINI REGNI. The accepted name for the common law from an early time; Green, in 9 L. Q. R. 153; since the latter half of the 12th century at least: Pollock, First Book of Jurispr. 249.

Leges figendi et refigendi consuetudo est perculosissima. The practice of fixing and refining [making and remaking] the laws is a most dangerous one. 4 Coke, pref.

LEGES HENRICI. A book written between 1114 and 1118 containing Anglo-Saxon and Norman law. It is said to be an invaluable source of knowledge of the period preceding the full development of the Norman law. 2 Sel. Essays in Anglo-Am. Leg. Hist. 16.

Leges humane nascuntur, vivunt, et moriuntur. Human laws are born, live, and die. 7 Coke, 25; 2 Atk. 674; 11 C. B. 767; 1 Bl. Comm. 89.

LEGES JULIÆ. Laws enacted during the reign of Augustus or of Julius Cæsar which, with the lex abditia, effectually abolished the leges actiones.

Leges naturæ perfectissimæ sunt et immutabiles; humani vero juris conditio semper in infinitum decurrit, et nihil est in eo quod perpetuostare possit. Leges humanæ nascuntur, vivunt, moriuntur. The laws of nature are most perfect and immutable; but the condition of human law is an unending succession, and there is nothing in it which can continue perpetually. Human laws are born, live, and die. 7 Coke, 25.

LEGES NON SCRIPTÆ. In English law. Unwritten or customary laws, including those ancient acts of parliament which were made before time of memory. Hale, Com. Law, 5. See 1 Bl. Comm. 63, 64.

Leges non verbis, sed rebus, sunt imposita. Laws are imposed, not on words, but things. 10 Coke, 101; Branch, Prine.

Leges posteriores priores contrarias abrogant. Later laws abrogate prior laws that are contrary to them. Broom, Max. 27, 29.

LEGES SACRATÆ. All solemn compacts between the plebeians and patricians were so-called.
LEGES SCRIPTÆ. In English law. Written laws; statute laws, or acts of parliament which are originally reduced into writing before they are enacted, or receive any binding power. Hale, Com. Law, 1, 2.

LEGES SUB GRAVIORI LEGE. Laws under a weightier law. Hale, Com. Law, 46, 44.

Leges suum ligent iatorem. Laws should bind their own maker. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 17, § 11.

LEGES TABELLARÌÆ. Roman laws regulating the mode of voting by ballot, (tabella.) 1 Kent, Comm. 222, note.


LEGIBUS SOLUTUS. Lat. Released from the laws; not bound by the laws. An expression applied in the Roman civil law to the emperor. Calvin.

Legibus sumptis desinentibus, lege nature utendum est. When laws imposed by the state fail, we must act by the law of nature. 2 Rolle, 298.

LEGIOSUS. In old records. Litigious, and so subjected to a course of law. Cowell.


Legis interpretatio legis vim obtinet. Ellesm. Postn. 55. The interpretation of law obtains the force of law.

Legis minister non tenetur in executione officii sui, fugere aut retrocedere. The minister of the law is bound, in the execution of his office, not to fly nor to retreat. Branch, Princ.

LEGISLATION. The act of giving or enacting laws. State v. Hyde, 121 Ind. 20, 22 N. E. 644.


LEGISLATOR. One who makes laws; a member of a legislative body.

Legislatorium est viva vox, rebus et non verbis legem imponere. The voice of legislators is a living voice, to impose laws on things, and not on words. 10 Coke, 101.

LEGISLATURE. The department, assembly, or body of men that makes laws for a state or nation; a legislative body.

LEGISPERITUS. Lat. A person skilled or learned in the law; a lawyer or advocate. Fend. lib. 2, tit. 1.

LEGIT VEL NON? In old English practice, this was the formal question propounded to the ordinary when a prisoner claimed the benefit of clergy—does he read or not? If the ordinary found that the prisoner was entitled to clergy, his formal answer was, "Legit ut clericus," he reads like a clerk.

LEGITIM. In Scotch law. The children's share in the father's moveables.

LEGITIMACY. Lawful birth; the condition of being born in wedlock; the opposite of il-
LEGITIMACY or bastardy. Davenport v. Caldwell, 10 S. C. 337; Pratt v. Pratt, 5 Mo. App. 641.

LEGITIMATE, v. To make lawful; to confer legitimacy; to place a child born before marriage on the footing of those born in lawful wedlock. McKamie v. Baskerville, 56 Tenn. 450, 7 S. W. 194; Blythe v. Ayres, 96 Cal. 532, 31 P. 915, 19 R. A. 40.

LEGITIMATE, adj. That which is lawful, legal, recognized by law, or according to law; as legitimate children, legitimate authority, or lawful power. Wilson v. Babb, 18 S. C. 69; Gates v. Seibert, 157 Mo. 254, 57 S. W. 1065, 50 Am. St. Rep. 625.

LEGITIMATION. The making legitimate or lawful that which was not originally so; especially the act of legalizing the status of a bastard.

Legitimation per subsequens matrimonium. The legitimation of a bastard by the subsequent marriage of his parents. Bell.


Legitime imperanti parere necesse est. Jenk. Cent. 120. One lawfully commanding must be obeyed.

LEGITIMI HÆREDES. Lat. In Roman law. Legitimate heirs; the agnate relations of the estate-leaver; so called because the inheritance was given to them by a law of the Twelve Tables.

LEGITIMUS. Lawful; legitimate. Legitimus heres et filius est quem nutritae demonstrat, a lawful son and heir is he whom the marriage points out to be lawful. Bract. fol. 69.

LEGIO. Lat. In Roman law. I bequeath. A common term in wills. Dig. 30, 38, 81, et seq.

LEGGRUITA. In old records. A fine for criminal conversation with a woman.

LEGULEIUS. A person skilled in law. (in legisbus versatus:) one versed in the forms of law. Calvin.

LEHURECHT. The German feudal law. 1 Poll. & Maiti. 214.

LEIDGRAVE. An officer under the Saxon government, who had jurisdiction over a lath. Enc. Lond. See Lath.

LEIPÁ. In old English law. A fugitive or runaway.

LEND. To part with a thing of value to another for a time fixed or indefinite, yet to have some time in ending, to be used or enjoyed by that other, the thing itself or the equivalent of it to be given back at the time fixed, or when lawfully asked for, with or without compensation for the use as may be agreed upon. Kent v. Quicksilver Min. Co., 78 N. Y. 177.

LENDER. He from whom a thing is borrowed. The bailor of an article loaned.

LENT. In ecclesiastical law. The quadragesimal fast; a time of abstinence; the time from Ash-Wednesday to Easter.

LEOD. People; a people; a nation. Spelman.

LEODES. In old European law. A vassal, or leige man; service; a were or weregild. Spelman.


LEONINA SOCIETAS. Lat. An attempted partnership, in which one party was to bear all the losses, and have no share in the profits. This was a void partnership in Roman law; and, apparently, it would also be void as a partnership in English law, as being inherently inconsistent with the notion of partnership. (Dig. 17, 2, 29, 2) Brown.

LEP AND LACE. A custom in the manor of Writtle, in Essex, that every cart which goes over Greenbury within that manor (except it be the cart of a nobleman) shall pay 3d. to the lord. Blount.

LEPORARIUS. A greyhound. Cowell.

LEPORIUM. A place where hares are kept. Mon. Angl. t. 2, p. 1025.

LEPROSUS. L. Lat. A leper.

—Leprosa amovendo. An ancient writ that lay to remove a leper or lazard, who thrust himself into the company of his neighbors in any parish, either in the church or at other public meetings, to their annoyance. Reg. Orig. 237.

LESCHEWES. Trees fallen by chance or wind-falls. Brooke, Abr. 341.

LESE MAJESTY. The old English and Scotch translation of "lesa majestas," or high treason. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 6. See Leze Majesty.

Les fictions naissent de la loi, et non la loi des fictions. Fictions arise from the law, and not law from fictions.

Les lois ne se chargent de punir que les actions extérieures. Laws do not undertake to
punish other than outward actions. Montes. Esp. Lois. b. 12, c. 11; Broom. Max. 811.

**LESION.** Fr. Damage; injury; detriment. Kelham. A term of the Scotch law.

**In the Civil Law**


**In Medical Jurisprudence**

Any change in the structure of an organ due to injury or disease, whether apparent or diagnosed as the cause of a functional irregularity or disturbance. People v. Durand, 307 Ill. 611, 133 N. E. 78, 83.

**LESPEGEND.** An inferior officer in forests to take care of the vert and venison therein, etc. Wharton.

**LESSA.** A legacy. Mon. Ang., t. 1, p. 582.


**LESSOR OF THE PLAINTIFF.** In the action of ejectment, this was the party who really and in effect prosecuted the action and was interested in its result. The reason of his having been so called arose from the circumstance of the action having been carried on in the name of a nominal plaintiff, (John Doe,) to whom the real plaintiff had granted a fictitious lease, and thus had become his lessor.

**LEST.** Fr. In French maritime law. Ballast, Ord. Mar. liv. 4, tit. 4, art. 1.

**LESTAGE, LASTAGE.** A custom for carrying things in fairs and markets. Fleta, l. 1, c. 47; Termes de la Ley.

**LESTAGEFRY.** Lestage free, or exempt from the duty of paying ballast money. Cowell.

**LESTAGIUM.** Lastage or leaseage; a duty laid on the cargo of a ship. Cowell.

**LESWES.** Pastures. Domesday; Co. Litt. 4b. A term often inserted in old deeds and conveyances. Cowell.

**LET, v.**

**In Conveyancing**

To demise or lease. "To let and set" is an old expression.

**In Practice**

To deliver. "To let to ball" is to deliver to bail on arrest.

**In Contracts**

To award to one of several persons, who have submitted proposals therefor, the contract for erecting public works or doing some part of the work connected therewith, or rendering some other service to government for a stipulated compensation.

Letting the contract is the choosing one from among the number of bidders, and the formal making of the contract with him. The letting, or putting out, is a different thing from the invitation to make proposals; the letting is subsequent to the invitation. It is the act of awarding the contract to the proposer, after the proposals have been received and considered. See Eppes v. Railroad Co., 35 Ala. 33, 35.

In the language of judicial orders and decrees, the word "let" (in the imperative) imports a positive direction or command. Thus the phrase "let the writ issue as prayed" is equivalent to "it is hereby ordered that the writ issue," etc. See Ingrum v. Laroussini, 50 La. Ann. 69, 23 So. 498.

**LET, n.** In old conveyancing. Hindrance; obstruction; interruption. Still occasionally used in the phrase "without any let, suit, trouble," etc. Gustafson v. Ursales, 3 Ohio App. 138, 139.

**LET IN.** In practice. To admit a party as a matter of favor; as to open a judgment and "let the defendant in" to a defense.


**LETRADO.** In Spanish law. An advocate. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 1, c. 1, § 3, note.

**LETTER.** One of the arbitrary marks or characters constituting the alphabet, and used in written language as the representatives of sounds or articulations of the human organs of speech. Several of the letters of the English alphabet have a special significance in jurisprudence, as abbreviations and otherwise, or are employed as numerals.

A dispatch or epistle; a written or printed message; a communication in writing from one person to another at a distance. U. S. v. Huggett (C. C.) 40 F. 640; U. S. v. DeMelke (C. C.) 35 F. 409.

In the imperial law of Rome, "letter" or "epistle" was the name of the answer re-
turned by the emperor to a question of law submitted to him by the magistrates.

A commission, patent, or written instrument containing or attesting the grant of some power, authority, or right. The word appears in this generic sense in many compound phrases known to commercial law and jurisprudence; e. g., letter of attorney, letter missive, letter of credit, letters patent. The plural is frequently used.

Metaphorically, the verbal expression; the strict literal meaning. The letter of a statute, as distinguished from its spirit, means the strict and exact force of the language employed, as distinguished from the general purpose and policy of the law.

He who, being the owner of a thing, lets it out to another for hire or compensation. Story, Bailm. § 369.


LETTER-BOOK. A book in which a merchant or trader keeps copies of letters sent by him to his correspondents.

LETTER-CARRIER. An employé of the post-office, whose duty it is to carry letters from the post-office to the persons to whom they are addressed.

LETTER MISSIVE. In English law. A letter from the king or queen to a dean and chapter, containing the name of the person whom he would have them elect as bishop. 1 Steph. Comm. 666. A request addressed to a peer, peeress, or lord of parliament against whom a bill has been filed desiring the defendant to appear and answer to the bill. In civil-law practice. The phrase “letters missive,” or “letters dimissory,” is sometimes used to denote the papers sent up on an appeal by the judge or court below to the superior tribunal, otherwise called the “apostles,” (q. v.)

LETTER OF ADVOCATION. In Scotch law. The process or warrant by which, on appeal to the supreme court or court of session, that tribunal assumes to itself jurisdiction of the cause, and discharges the lower court from all further proceedings in the action. Ersk. Inst. 732.

LETTER OF CREDENCE. In international law. The document which accredits an ambassador, minister, or envoy to the court or government to which he is sent; i. e., certifies to his appointment and qualification, and be-speaks credit for his official actions and representations.

LETTER OF EXCHANGE. A bill of exchange. (q. v.)

LETTER OF LICENSE. A letter or written instrument given by creditors to their debtor, who has failed in trade, etc., allowing him longer time for the payment of his debts, and protecting him from arrest in the meantime. Tomlin; Holthouse.

LETTER OF MARQUE. A commission given to a private ship by a government to make reprisals on the ships of another state; hence, also, the ship thus commissioned. U. S. v. The Ambrose Light (D. C.) 25 F. 408; Gibbons v. Livingston, 6 N. J. Law, 255.

LETTER OF RECALL. A document addressed by the executive of one nation to that of another, informing the latter that a minister sent by the former has been recalled.

LETTER OF RECREDENTIALS. A document embodying the formal action of a government upon a letter of recall of a foreign minister. It, in effect, accredits him back to his own government. It is addressed to the latter government, and is delivered to the minister by the diplomatic secretary of the state from which he is recalled.

LETTERS AD COLLIGENDUM BONA DEFUNCTI. In Practice. In default of the representatives and creditors to administer to the estate of an intestate, the officer entitled to grant letters of administration may grant to such person as he approves, letters to collect the goods of the deceased, which neither make him executor nor administrator; his only business being to collect the goods and keep them in his safe custody. 2 Bla. Com. 605.

LETTERS CLOSE. In English law. Close letters are grants of the king, and, being of private concern, they are thus distinguished from letters patent.

LETTERS OF ABSOLUTION. Absolvent letters, used in former times, when an abbot released any of his brethren ab omnis sujectione et obedientia, etc., and made them capable of entering into some other order of religion. Jacob.

LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE. In Scotch law. Letters are admissible in evidence against the panel, i. e., the prisoner at the bar, in criminal trials. A letter written by the panel is evidence against him; not so one from a third party found in his possession. Bell.

LETTERS OF FIRE AND SWORD. See Fire and Sword.

LETTERS OF REQUEST. A formal instrument by which an inferior judge of ecclesiastical jurisdiction requests the judge of a superior court to take and determine any matter which has come before him, thereby waiving or remitting his own jurisdiction. This is a mode of beginning a suit originally in the court of arches, instead of the consistory court.

LETTERS OF SAFE CONDUCT. No subject of a nation at war with England can, by the law of nations, come into the realm, nor
LETTERS OF SLAINS

can travel himself upon the high seas, or send his goods and merchandise from one place to another, without danger of being seized, unless he has letters of safe conduct, which by divers old statutes, must be granted under the great seal, and enrolled in chancery, or else are of no effect; the sovereign being the best judge of such emergencies as may deserve exemption from the general law of arms. But passports or licenses from the ambassadors abroad are now more usually obtained, and are allowed to be of equal validity. Wharton.

LETTERS OF SLAINS, OR SLANES. Letters subscribed by the relatives of a person who had been slain, declaring that they had received an assembly, and concurring in an application to the crown for a pardon to the offender. These or other evidences of their concurrence were necessary to found the application. Bell.

LETTERS ROGATORY. A formal communication in writing, sent by a court in which an action is pending to a court or judge of a foreign country, requesting that the testimony of a witness resident within the jurisdiction of the latter court may be there formally taken under its direction and transmitted to the first court for use in the pending action. This process was also in use, at an early period, between the several states of the Union. The request rests entirely upon the comity of courts towards each other. See Union Square Bank v. Rechmann, 9 App. Div. 596, 41 N. Y. S. 692.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY. The formal instrument of authority and appointment given to an executor by the proper court, empowering him to enter upon the discharge of his office as executor. It corresponds to letters of administration granted to an administrator.

LETTERING OUT. The act of awarding a contract; e.g., a construction contract, or contract for carrying the mails.

LETTRE. Fr. In French law. A letter. It is used, like our English "letter," for a formal instrument giving authority.

LETTRES DE CACHET. Letters issued and signed by the kings of France, and countersigned by a secretary of state, authorizing the imprisonment of a person. It is said that they were devised by Père Joseph, under the administration of Richelieu. They were at first made use of occasionally as a means of delaying the course of justice; but during the reign of Louis XIV. they were obtained by any person of sufficient influence with the king or his ministers. Under them, persons were imprisoned for life or for a long period on the most frivolous pretexts, for the gratification of private pique or revenge, and without any reason being assigned for such punishment. They were also granted by the king for the purpose of shielding his favorites or their friends from the consequences of their crimes; and thus were as pernicious in their operation as the protection afforded by the church to criminals in a former age. Abolished during the Revolution of 1789. Wharton.

LEUCA.

In Old French Law
A league, consisting of fifteen hundred paces. Spelman.

In Old English Law
A league or mile of a thousand paces. Domescyd; Spelman.
A privileged space around a monastery of a league or mile in circuit. Spelman.

LEVANDÆ NAVIS CAUSA. Lat. For the sake of lightening the ship; denotes a purpose of throwing overboard goods, which renders them subjects of general average.

LEVANT ET COUCHANT. L. Fr. Rising up and lying down. A term applied to trespassing cattle which have remained long enough upon land to have lain down to rest and risen up to feed; generally the space of a night and a day, or, at least, one night.

LEVANTES ET CUBANTES. Rising up and lying down. A term applied to cattle. 3 Bl. Comm. 8. The Latin equivalent of "levant et couchant."

LEVARI FACIAS. Lat. A writ of execution directing the sheriff to cause to be made of the lands and chattels of the judgment debtor the sum recovered by the judgment. Pentland v. Kelly, 6 Watts & S. (Pa.) 484.
Also a writ to the bishop of the diocese, commanding him to enter into the benefice of a judgment debtor, and take and sequester the same into his possession, and hold the same until he shall have levied the amount of the judgment out of the rents, tithes, and profits thereof.

LEVARI FACIAS DAMNA DE DISSEISITORIBUS. A writ formerly directed to the sheriff for the levy of damages, which a disseisor had been condemned to pay to the disseisee. Cowell.

LEVARI FACIAS QUANDO VICECOMES RETURNAVIT QUOD NON HABUIT EMPTORES. An old writ commanding the sheriff to sell the goods of a debtor which he had already taken, and had returned that he could not sell them; and as much more of the debtor's goods as would satisfy the whole debt. Cowell.

LEVARI FACIAS RESIDUUM DEBITI. An old writ directed to the sheriff for levying the remnant of a partly-satisfied debt upon the lands and tenements or chattels of the debtor. Cowell.
LEVATO VELO. Lat. An expression used in the Roman law, and applied to the trial of wreck and salvage. Commentators disagree about the origin of the expression; but all agree that its general meaning is that these causes shall be heard summarily. The most probable solution is that it refers to the place where causes were heard. A sail was spread before the door and officers employed to keep strangers from the tribunal. When these causes were heard, this sail was raised, and suitors came directly to the court, and their causes were heard immediately. As applied to maritime courts, its meaning is that causes should be heard without delay. These causes require dispatch, and a delay amounts practically to a denial of justice. (See Cod. 11, 4, 5.) Bouvier.

LEVEE. An embankment or artificial mound of earth constructed along the margin of a river, to confine the stream to its natural channel or prevent inundation or overflow. State v. New Orleans & N. E. R. Co., 42 La. Ann. 138, 7 So. 226; Royse v. Evansville & T. H. R. Co., 160 Ind. 592, 67 N. E. 446. Also (probably by an extension of the foregoing meaning) a landing place on a river or lake; a place on a river or other navigable water for loading and unloading goods and for the reception and discharge of passengers to and from vessels lying in the contiguous waters, which may be either a wharf or pier or the natural bank. See Coffin v. Portland (C. C.) 27 F. 415; St. Paul v. Railroad Co., 63 Minn. 330, 68 N. W. 458, 34 L. R. A. 184; Napa v. Howland, 57 Cal. 84, 25 P. 247; People v. Allen, 317 Ill. 92, 147 N. E. 479, 481.

LEVEE DISTRICT. A municipal subdivision of a state (which may or may not be a public corporation) organized for the purpose, and charged with the duty, of constructing and maintaining such levees within its territorial limits as are to be built and kept up at public expense and for the general public benefit. See People v. Levee Dist. No. 6, 131 Cal. 30, 63 P. 676.

LEVIALBE. That which may be levied. That which is a proper or permissible subject for a levy; as, a "leviable interest" in land. See Bray v. Ragsdale, 53 Mo. 172.

LEVIR. In Roman law. A husband's brother; a wife's brother-in-law. Calvin.

LEVIS. Lat. Light; slight; trifling. Levis culpa, slight fault or neglect. Levisima culpa, the slightest neglect. Levis nota, a slight mark or brand. See Brand v. Schnectady & T. R. Co., 8 Barb. (N. Y.) 378.

LEVITICAL DEGREES. Degrees of kindred within which persons are prohibited to marry. They are set forth in the eighteenth chapter of Leviticus.


LEYV, v. To raise; execute; exact; collect; gather; take up; seize. Thus, to levy (raise or collect) a tax; to levy (raise or set up) a nuisance; to levy (acknowledge) a fine; to levy (inaugurate) war; to levy an execution, &c., to levy or collect a sum of money on an execution.

In reference to taxation, the word "levy" is used in two different senses. In the first place, and more properly, it means to lay or impose a tax. This is a legislative function, and includes a determination that a tax shall be imposed, and also the assessment of the amount necessary or desirable to be raised, the amount or rate to be imposed, and the subjects or persons to contribute to the tax. The obligation resulting from a "levy" in this sense falls upon the collective body of taxpayers or the community, not (as yet) upon individuals. But in another sense, it means the imposition of the tax directly upon the person or property involved (probably by analogy to the "levy" of an execution or other writ), and includes the assessment of personal or real property, the entering of their several dues on the tax books, and the entire process of collecting the taxes. See State v. Lakeside Land Co., 71 Minn. 282, 72 N. W. 979; Morton v. Comptroller General, 4 Rich. (S. C.) 430; Emerick v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 532, 2 P. 418; Moore v. Ponte, 52 Miss. 479; Vaile v. Farzo, 1 Mo. App. 577; Perry County v. Railroad Co., 58 Ala. 559; Rhodes v. Given, 5 Houst. (Del.) 196; U. S. v. Port of Mobile (C. C.) 12 F. 770; Missouri-Kansas-Texas R. Co. v. Haya, 119 Kan. 240, 237 P. 1029, 1030; Lehigh Valley R. Co. v. State Board of Taxes and Assessment, 101 N. J. Law, 286, 128 A. 432, 433; Thompson v. Kreutzer, 101 Misc. 588, 69 So. 334, 335; Sussex County v. Jarratt, 129 Va. 672, 106 S. E. 384, 387; Dunn v. Harris, 144 Ga. 157, 86 S. E. 556, 558; In re Wausau Inv. Co., 168 Wis. 283, 158 N. W. 81, 83.

LEVY, n. In practice. A seizure; the raising of the money for which an execution has been issued.

Equitable Levy.

The lien in equity created by the filing of a creditors' bill to subject real property of the debtor, and of a lis pendens, is sometimes so called. Miller v. Sherry, 2 Wall. 249, 17 L. Ed. 529; Mandeville v. Campbell, 45 App. Div. 512, 61 N. Y. S. 418; George v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 44 F. 120. The right to an equitable lien is sometimes called an "equitable levy." Hudson v. Wood (C. C.) 119 F. 764, 776, 777.

LEYV COURT. A court formerly existing in the District of Columbia. It was a body charged with the administration of the ministerial and financial duties of Washington county. It was charged with the duty of laying out and repairing roads, building bridges, providing poor-houses, laying and collecting the taxes necessary to enable it to discharge these and other duties, and to pay the other expenses of the county. It had capacity to make contracts in reference to any of these matters, and to raise money to meet such con-
tracts. It had perpetual succession, and its functions were those which, in the several states, are performed by "county commissioners," "overseers of the poor," "county supervisors," and similar bodies with other designations. Levy Court v. Coroner, 2 Wall. 507, 17 L. Ed. 851.

In Delaware, the "levy court" is an administrative board elected and organized in each county, composed of from five to thirteen "commissioners," who, in respect to taxation, perform the functions of a board of equalization and review and also of a board to supervise the assessors and collectors and audit and adjust their accounts, and who also have certain powers and special duties in respect to the administration of the poor laws, the system of public roads and the officers in charge of them, the care of insane paupers and convicts, the government and administration of jails, school districts, and various other matters of local concern. See Rev. St. Del. 1583, c. 8; Mealey v. Buckingham, 6 Del. Ch. 353, 22 A. 357.

LEVING WAR. In criminal law. The assembling of a body of men for the purpose of effecting by force a reasonable object; and all who perform any part, however minute, or however remote from the scene of action, and who are leagued in the general conspiracy, are considered as engaged in levying war, within the meaning of the constitution. Const. art. 3, § 3; Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 75, 2 L. Ed. 554. The words include forcible opposition, as the result of a combination of individuals, to the execution of any public law of the United States; and to constitute treason within the Federal Constitution, there must be a combination of individuals united for the common purpose of forcibly preventing the execution of some public law and the actual or threatened use of force by the combination to prevent its execution. Keggerreis v. Van Zile, 167 N. Y. S. 874, 876, 180 App. Div. 414.

LEWD. Lustful, indecent, lascivious, lecherous. State v. Rose, 147 La. 243, 84 So. 643, 646; City of Shreveport v. Wilson, 145 La. 906, 88 So. 156, 188; State v. Gardner, 174 Iowa, 745, 156 N. W. 747, 749, L. R. A. 1916D, 767, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 239. The term imports a lascivious intent, McKinley v. State, 53 Okl. Cr. 494, 244 P. 208; and signifies that form of immorality which has relation to sexual impurity or indecency carried on in a wanton manner. State v. Barnes (Mo. App.) 256 S. W. 496, 498.

LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS COHABITATION. Within statutes, the living together of a man and woman not married to each other, in the same house or apartment, as husband and wife. State v. Bridgeman, 88 W. Va. 231, 106 S. E. 709, 711; State v. Ramage, 75 W. Va. 524, 54 S. E. 246, 247; State v. Naylor, 68 Or. 139, 136 P. 888, 891. See, also, Lewdness.

LEWDNESS. Licentiousness; that form of immorality which has relation to sexual impurity. U. S. v. Males (D. C.) 61 Fed. 41. Sensuality; debauchery. State v. Sullivan, 187 Iowa, 385, 174 N. W. 225. An abuse against the public economy, when of an open and notorious character; as by frequenting houses of ill fame, which is an indictable offense, or by some grossly scandalous and public indecency, for which the punishment at common law is fine and imprisonment. Wharton. See Brooks v. State, 2 Yerg. (Tenn.) 483; State v. Bauguess, 106 Iowa, 107, 76 N. W. 508.


Open Lewdness


LEX. Lat.

In the Roman Law

Law; a law; the law. This term was often used as the synonym of jus, in the sense of a rule of civil conduct authoritatively prescribed for the government of the actions of the members of an organized jural society.

Lex is used in a purely juridical sense, law, and not also right; while jus has an ethical as well as a juridical meaning, not only law, but right. 15 L. Q. R. 267 (by Salmon). Lex is usually concrete, while jus is abstract. In English we have no term which combines the legal and ethical meanings, as do jus and Lex in the French equivalent, droit. Pollock, First Book of Jurispr. 14-18.

In a more limited and particular sense, it was a resolution adopted by the whole Roman "populus" (patricians and plebians) in the
comitia, on the motion of a magistrate of senatorial rank, as a consul, a praetor, or a dictator. Such a statute frequently took the name of the proposer; as the lex Faelidia, lex Cornelii, etc.

A rule of law which magistrates and people had agreed upon by means of a solemn declaration of consensus. Sohm, Inst. R. I. 28.

Lex Aebutia. A statute which introduced and authorized new and more simple methods of instituting actions at law. The law which, with the leges Julii, in part abolished the legis actiones. It provided that a judicium could be instituted in a city court without legis actio, merely by means of the formula or praetorian decree of appointment, and placed the legis actio and the formula, so far as the civil law was concerned, on a footing of equality. Sohm, Rom. L. 173.

Lex Aelia Sentia. The Aelian Sentian law, respecting wills, passed by the consuls Aelius and Sentius, and passed A. U. C. 756, restraining a master from manumitting his slaves in certain cases. Calvin.

Lex Aemilia. A law which reduced the official term of the censors at Rome from five years to a year and a half, and provided for the discharge of their peculiar functions by the consuls in the interim until the time for a new census. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 29.

Lex Agraria. The agrarian law. A law proposed by Tiberius Gracchus, A. U. C. 620, that no one should possess more than five hundred acres of land; and that three commissioners should be appointed to divide among the poorer people what any one had above that extent.

Lex Anastasiana. The law admitting as agnati the children of emancipated brothers and sisters. Inst. 3. 5. A law which provided that a third person who purchased a claim or debt for less than its true or nominal value should not be permitted to recover from the debtor more than the price paid with lawful interest. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 369.

Lex Apuleja, or Apuleia. A law giving to one of several joint sureties or guarantors, who had paid more than his proportion of the debt secured, a right of action for reimbursement against his co-sureties as if a partnership existed between them. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 451, note 2; Inst. 3, 26.

Lex Aquilia. The Aquilian law; a celebrated law passed on the proposition of the tribune C. Aquilius Gallus, A. U. C. 672, superseding the earlier portions of the Twelve Tables, and regulating the compensation to be made for that kind of damage called "injurious," in the cases of killing or wounding the slave or beast of another. Inst. 4, 3; Calvin.

Lex Atilla. The Atilian law; a law of Rome proposed by the tribune L. Attilius Regulus, A. U. C. 443, which conferred upon the magistrate the right of appointing guardians. It applied only to the city of Rome; Sohm, Inst. Rom. L. 400.

Lex Atinia. The Atinian law; a law declaring that the property in things stolen should not be acquired by prescription, (iuscaptione). Inst. 2, 6, 2; Adams, Rom. Ant. 207.

Lex Calpurnia. A law relating to the form and prosecution of actions for the recovery of specific chattels other than money. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 208. The law which extended the scope of the action allowed by the lex Silica to all obligations for any certain definite thing.

Lex Canuleia. The law which conferred upon the plebeians the connubium, or the right of intermarriage with Roman citizens. Morey, Rom. L. 48.

Lex Clodia. A law which prohibited certain kinds of gifts and all gifts or donations of property beyond a certain measure, except in the case of near kinsmen.

Lex Claudia. A law which abolished the ancient guardianship of adult women by their male agnate relations. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 615.

Lex Cornelia. The Cornelian law; a law passed by the dictator L. Cornelius Sylla, providing remedies for certain injuries, as for battery, forcible entry of another’s house, etc. Calvin.

Lex Cornelia de ædicitio. The law forbidding a praetor to depart during his term of office from the edict he had promulgated at its commencement. Sohm, Rom. L. 51.

Lex Cornelia de falso (or falsis). The Cornelian law respecting forgery or counterfeiting. Passed by the dictator Sylla. Dig. 48, 10; Calvin. The law which provided that the same penalty should attach to the forgery of a testament of a person dying in captivity as to that of a testament made by a person dying in his own country. Inst. 2, 12, 5.

Lex Cornelia de injuris. The law providing a civil action for the recovery of a penalty in certain cases of bodily injury. Sohm, R. L. 329.

Lex Cornelia de sicariis et veneficiis. The Cornelian law respecting assassins and poisoners, passed by the dictator Sylla, and containing provisions against other deeds of violence. It made the killing of the slave of another person punishable by death or exile, and the provisions of this law were extended by the Emperor Antoninus Pius to the case of a master killing his own slave. Inst. 1, 8; Dig. 48, 8; Calvin.
—Lex Cornelia de sponsu. A law prohibiting one from binding himself for the same debtor to the same creditor in the same year for more than a specified amount. Inst. 2, 20.

—Lex de responsis prudentum. The law of citations.

—Lex fabia de plagiariis. The law providing for the infliction of capital punishment in certain cases. Inst. 4, 15, 10.

—Lex Falcidia. The Falcidian law; a law passed on the motion of the tribune P. Falcidius, A. U. C. 713, forbidding a testator to give more in legacies than three-fourths of all his estate, or, in other words, requiring him to leave at least one-fourth to the heir. Inst. 2, 22; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 22.

—Lex Furia Caninia. The Furian Caninian law; a law passed in the consilship of P. Furius Camillus and C. Caninius Gallus, A. U. C. 752, prohibiting masters from manumitting by will more than a certain number or proportion of their slaves. This law was abrogated by Justinian. Inst. 1, 7; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 1, tit. 7.

—Lex Furia de sponsu. The law limiting the liability of sponsors and fide-promissors to two years, and providing that as between several co-sponsors or co-fide-promissors, the debt should be, ipso jure, divided according to the number of the sureties without taking the solvency of individual sureties into account. It applied only to Italy. Sohm, Rom. L. 290, n.; Inst. 3, 20.

—Lex Furia testamentaria. A law enacting that a testator might not bequeath as a legacy more than one thousand asses.

—Lex Gabinia. A law introducing the ballot in elections.

—Lex Genucia. A law which entirely forbade the charging or taking of interest for the use of money among Roman citizens, but which was usually and easily evaded, as it did not declare an agreement for interest to be a nullity. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 382a.

—Lex Horatia Valeria. A law which assured to the tribal assembly its privilege of independent existence. See Lex Horatii.

—Lex Horatii. An important constitutional statute, taking its name from the consul who secured its enactment, to the effect that all decrees passed in the meetings of the plebeians should be laws for the whole people; formerly they were binding only on the plebeians. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 32.


—Lex hostilia de furtis. A Roman law, which provided that a prosecution for theft might be carried on without the owner's intervention. 4 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 118.

—Lex Julia. Several statutes bore this name, being distinguished by the addition of words descriptive of their subject matter. The "lex Julia de adulteris" related to marriage, dower, and kindred subjects. The lex Julia de ambitu was a law to repress illegal methods of seeking office. Inst. 4, 18. The lex Julia de annonae was designed to repress combinations for heightening the price of provisions. The "lex Julia de cessione honorum" related to bankruptcies. The lex Julia de majestate inflicted the punishment of death on all who attempted anything against the emperor or state. Inst. 4, 18. The lex Julia de maritandis ordinibus forbade senators and their children to intermarry with freedmen or infernates, and freedmen to marry infernates. Sohm, Rom. L. 497. The lex Julia de residuis was a law punishing those who gave an incomplete account of public money committed to their charge. Inst. 4, 18. The lex Julia de peculatu punished those who had stolen public money or property or anything sacred or religious. Magistrates and those who had aided them in stealing public money during their administration were punished capitally; other persons were deported. Inst. 4, 18, 9. As to lex Julia et Papia Poppea, see Lex Papia Poppea.

—Lex Julia majestatis. The Julian law of majesty; a law promulgated by Julius Caesar, and again published with additions by Augustus, comprehending all the laws before enacted to punish transgressors against the state. Calvin.

—Lex Junia norbana. The law conferring legal freedom on all such freedmen as were tutiune proritis. See Latini Juniani. Lex Junia Velleja conferred the same right on posthumous children born in the lifetime of the testator, but after the execution of the will, as were enjoyed by those born after the death of the testator. Sohm, Rom. L. 463.

—Lex Junia velleja. A law providing that descendants who became sui heredes of the testator otherwise than by birth, as by the death of their father, must be disinherited or instituted heirs in the same way as posthumous children. Campbell, Rom. L. 77.

—Lex Papia Poppea. The Papian Poppean law; a law proposed by the consuls Papius and Poppeus at the desire of Augustus, A. U. C. 762, enlarging the Lex Proraria, (q. v.) Inst. 3, 8, 2. The law which exempted from tutelage women who had three children. It is usually considered with the Lex Julia de maritandis ordinibus as one law.

—Lex Petronia. The law forbidding masters to expose their slaves to contests with wild beasts. Inst. 1, 8.
-Lex Piastoria. A law designed for the protection of minors against frauds and allowing them in certain cases to apply for the appointment of a guardian. Inst. 1, 23.

-Lex Plautia. The law which conferred the full rights of citizenship on Italy below the Po. Sand. Just. Introd. § 11.

-Lex Pontestia. The law abolishing the right of a creditor to sell or kill his debtor. Sohm, Rom. L. 210.

-Lex Pompeia de Paricidio. The law which inflicted a punishment on one who had caused the death of a parent or child. The offender was by this law to be sewn up in a sack with a dog, a cock, a viper, and an ape, and thrown into the sea or a river, so that even in his lifetime he might begin to be deprived of the use of the elements; that the air might be denied him whilst he lived and the earth when he died. Inst. 4, 15, 6.

-Lex Publilia. The law providing that the plebiiscita should bind the whole people. Inst. 1, 2. The lex Publilia de sponsu allowed sponsors, unless reimbursed within six months, to recover from their principal by a special actio what they had paid.


-Lex Voconia. A plebiscitum forbidding a legatee to receive more than each heir had. Inst. 2, 22.

In a somewhat wider and more generic sense, a law (whatever its origin) or the aggregate of laws, relating to a particular subject-matter, thus corresponding to the meaning of the word "law" in some modern phrases, such as the "law of evidence," "law of wills," etc.

-Lex commissoria. A law by which a debtor and creditor might agree (where a thing had been pledged to the latter to secure the debt) that, if the debtor did not pay at the day, the pledge should become the absolute property of the creditor. 2 Kent, Comm. 533. This was abolished by a law of Constantine. A law according to which a seller might stipulate that, if the price of the thing sold were not paid within a certain time, the sale should be void. Dig. 18, 3.

-Lex Regia. The royal or imperial law. A law enacted (or supposed or claimed to have been enacted) by the Roman people, constituting the emperor a source of law, conferring the legislative power upon him, and according the force and obligation of law to the expression of his mere will or pleasure. See Inst. 1, 2, 6; Galus, 1, 5; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 46; Helmecc. Rom. Ant. 1, 1, tit. 2, §§ 62–67; 1 Kent, Comm. 544, note.

-Lex Pratoria. The pratorian law. A law by which every freedman who made a will was commanded to leave a moiety to his patron. Inst. 3, 8, 1. The term has been applied to the rules that govern in a court of equity. Gilb. Ch. pt. 2.

Other specific meanings of the word in Roman jurisprudence were as follows: Positive law, as opposed to natural. That system of law which descended from the Twelve Tables, and formed the basis of all the Roman law. The terms of a private covenant; the condition of an obligation. A form of words prescribed to be used upon particular occasions.

In Medieval Jurisprudence

A body or collection of various laws peculiar to a given nation or people; not a code in the modern sense, but an aggregation or collection of laws not codified or systematized. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 99. Also a similar collection of laws relating to a general subject, and not peculiar to any one people.

-Lex Alamannorum. The law of the Alemani; first reduced to writing from the customs of the country, by Theodoric, king of the Franks, A.D. 512. Amended and re-enacted by Clotaire II. Spelman.

-Lex Baiuvariorum, (Balioriorum, or Bolorum). The law of the Bavarians, a barbarous nation of Europe, first collected (together with the law of the Franks and Alemanni) by Theodoric I., and finally completed and promulgated by Dagobert. Spelman.

-Lex barbarorum. The barbarian law. The laws of those nations that were not subject to the Roman empire were so called. Spelman.

-Lex Brehonia. The Breton or Irish law, overthrown by King John. See Breton Law.

-Lex Bretoise. The law of the ancient Britons, or Marches of Wales. Cowell.

-Lex Burgundorum. The law of the Burgundians; a barbarous nation of Europe, first compiled and published by Gundehold, one of the last of their kings, about A.D. 500. Spelman.

-Lex Danorum. The law of the Danes; Dane-law or Dane-lage. Spelman.

-Lex Francorum. The law of the Franks; promulgated by Theodoric I., son of Clovis I., at the same time with the law of the Alemanni and Bavarians. Spelman. This was a different collection from the Salic law.
Lex Frisium. The law of the Frisians, promulgated about the middle of the eighth century. Spelman.


Lex Kastia. The body of customs prevailing in Kent during the time of Edward I. A written statement of these customs was sanctioned by the king's justices in eyre. They were mainly concerned with the maintenance of a form of land tenure known as gavelkind (q. v.). 1 Poll. & Matt. 166.

Lex Longobardorum. The law of the Lombards. The name of an ancient code of laws among that people, framed, probably, between the fifth and eighth centuries. It continued in force after the incorporation of Lombardy into the empire of Charlemagne, and traces of its laws and institutions are said to be still discoverable in some parts of Italy.

Lex mercatoria. The law-merchant. That system of laws which is adopted by all commercial nations, and constitutes a part of the law of the land. It is part of the common law. Gates v. Fauvre, 74 Ind. App. 382, 119 N. E. 155.

Lex Naturale. Natural law. See Jus Naturale.

Lex Rhodia. The Rhodian law, particularly the fragment of it on the subject of jettison (de jactu), preserved in the Pandects. Dig. 14, 2, 1; 3 Kent, Comm. 232, 233. The Lex Rhodia de Jactu providing that when the goods of an owner are thrown overboard for the safety of the ship or of the property of other owners, he becomes entitled to a ratable contribution. It has been adopted into the law of all civilized nations. Campbell, Rom. L. 137.

Lex Romana. See Civil Law; Roman Law.

Lex Salica. The Salic law, or law of the Salian Franks, a Teutonic race who settled in Gaul in the fifth century. This ancient code, said to have been compiled about the year 420, embraced the laws and customs of that people, and is of great historical value, in connection with the origins of feudalism and similar subjects. Its most celebrated provision was one which excluded women from the inheritance of landed estates, by an extension of which law females were always excluded from succession to the crown of France. Hence this provision, by itself, is often referred to as the "Salic Law."

Lex Talionis. The law of retaliation; which requires the infliction upon a wrongdoer of the same injury which he has caused to another. Expressed in the Mosaic law by the formula, "an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth," etc. In modern international law, the term describes the rule by which one state may inflict upon the citizens of another state death, imprisonment, or other hardship, in retaliation for similar injuries imposed upon its own citizens.

Lex Wallensis. The Welsh law; the law of Wales. Blount.

Lex Wisigothorum. The law of the Visigoths, or Western Goths who settled in Spain; first reduced to writing A. D. 406. A revision of these laws was made by Egigas. Spelman.

In Old English Law

A body or collection of laws, and particularly the Roman or civil law. Also a form or mode of trial or process of law, as the ordeal or battel, or the oath of a party with compurgators, as in the phrases legem facere, lege vadiare, etc. Also used in the sense of legal rights or civil rights or the protection of the law, as in the phrase legem amittere.

Lex Amissa. One who is an infamous, perjured, or outlawed person. Bract. lib. 4, c. 19.


Lex Apostata. A thing contrary to law. Jacob.

Lex apparenis. In old English and Norman law. Apparent or manifest law. A term used to denote the trial by battel or duel, and the trial by ordeal, "lex" having the sense of process of law. Called "apparent" because the plaintiff was obliged to make his right clear by the testimony of witnesses, before he could obtain an order from the court to summon the defendant. Spelman.

Lex comitatus. The law of the county, or that administered in the county court before the earl or his deputy. Spelman.

Lex communis. The common law. See Jus Commune.

Lex deraisia. The proof of a thing which one denies to be done by him, where another affirms it; defeating the assertion of his adversary, and showing it to be against reason or probability. This was used among the old Romans, as well as the Normans. Cowell.

Lex et consuetudo parliamenti. The law and custom (or usage) of parliament. The houses of parliament constitute a court not only of legislation, but also of justice, and have their own rules, by which the court itself and the suitors therein are governed. May, Parl. Pr. (5th Ed.) 38-61.

Lex et consuetudo regni. The law and custom of the realm. One of the names of the common law. Hale, Com. Law, 52. It was bad pleading to apply the term to law made by a statute. Pollock, First Book of Jurispr. 260.
Lex imperatoria. The Imperial or Roman law. Quoted under this name, by Fleta, lib. 1, c. 38, § 15; Id. lib. 3, c. 10, § 3.

Lex judiciae. An ordeal.

Lex manifesta. Manifest or open law; the trial by duel or ordeal. The same with lex apparense, (q. v.) In King John's charter (chapter 38) and the articles of that charter (chapter 29) the word "manifestum" is omitted.

Lex non scripta. The unwritten or common law, which includes general and particular customs, and particular local laws. 1 Steph. Com. 40-68.


Lex sacramentalis. Purgation by oath.

Lex scripta. Written law; law deriving its force, not from usage, but from express legislative enactment; statute law. 1 Bl. Comm. 62, 85.

Lex terra. The law of the land. The common law, or the due course of the common law; the general law of the land. Bract, fol. 17b. Equivalent to "due process of law." In the strictest sense, trial by oath; the privilege of making oath. Bracton uses the phrase to denote a freeman's privilege of being sworn in court as a juror or witness, which jurors convicted of perjury forfeited, (legem terre amatam.) Bract. fol. 293b. The phrase means "the procedure of the old popular law." Thayer, Evid. 201, quoting Brunner, Schw. 254, and Fortesqu. de Laud. c. 26 (Selden's notes).

In modern American and English jurisprudence

A system or body of laws, written or unwritten, or so much thereof as may be applicable to a particular case or question, considered as being local or peculiar to a given state, country, or jurisdiction, or as being different from the laws or rules relating to the same subject-matter which prevail in some other place.

Lex domicilii. The law of the domicile. 2 Kent. Comm. 112, 433.

Lex fori. The law of the forum, or court; that is, the positive law of the state, country, or jurisdiction of whose judicial system the court where the suit is brought or remedy sought is an integral part. "Remedies upon contracts and their incidents are regulated and pursued according to the law of the place where the action is instituted, and the lex loci has no application." 2 Kent, Comm. 462. "The remedies are to be governed by the laws of the country where the suit is brought; or, as it is compendiously expressed, by the lex fori." Bank of United States v. Donnally, 8 Pet. 361, 372, 8 L. Ed. 974. "So far as the law affects the remedy, the lex fori, the law of the place where that remedy is sought, must govern. But, so far as the law of the construction, the legal operation and effect, of the contract, is concerned, it is governed by the law of the place where the contract is made." Warren v. Copelin, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 594, 597. See Lex Loci Contractus.

Lex loci. The law of the place. This may be of the following several descriptions: Lex loci contractus, the law of the place where the contract was made or to be performed; lex loci actus, the law of the place where the act was done; lex loci rei sitae, or lex situs, the law of the place where the subject-matter is situated; lex loci domicilii, the law of the place of domicile. There are also the lex loci celebrationis, the law of the place where a contract is made; lex loci solutionis, the law of the place where a contract is to be performed; lex loci delicti commissi, the law of the place where a tort is committed. In general, however, lex loci is only used for lex loci contractus.

Lex loci actus. See Lex Loci.

Lex loci celebrationis. See Lex Loci.

Lex loci contractus. Used sometimes to denote the law of the place where the contract was made, and at other times to denote the law by which the contract is to be governed, which may or may not be the same as that of the place where it was made. In other cases do not regard this distinction. See Pritchard v. Norton, 106 U. S. 124, 1 S. Ct. 102, 27 L. Ed. 14; Gibson v. Connecticut F. Ins. Co. (C. C.) 77 F. 565; Pickering v. Fisk, 6 Vt. 102; May v. Breed, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 30, 54 Am. Dec. 700; Speed v. May, 17 Pa. 91, 55 Am. Dec. 540; Houghtaling v. Ball, 19 Mo. 84, 59 Am. Dec. 331; Hayward v. Le Baron, 4 Fls. 404; Glenn v. Thistle, 23 Miss. 42; Scudder v. Bank, 91 U. S. 406, 23 L. Ed. 245; Dacosta v. Davis, 24 N. J. Law, 319; Downer v. Chesbrough, 36 Conn. 39, 4 Am. Rep. 29; Hildreth v. Shepard, 65 Barb. (N. Y.) 265. See an elaborate collection of cases on conflict of laws, 5 Eng. Rul. Cas. 703-975. The phrase "lex loci contractus" is used, in a double sense, to mean, sometimes, the law of the place where a contract is entered into; sometimes that of the place of its performance. Security Trust & Savings Bank of Charles City, Iowa, v. Gleichenham, 150 P. 908, 911, 50 Okl. 411, L. R. A. 1915F, 1265; Farm Mortgage & Loan Co. v. Beale, 113 Neb. 293, 202 N. W. 877, 878.

Lex loci delictus. The law of the place where the crime took place.

Lex loci rei sitae. The law of the place where a thing is situated. "It is equally settled in the law of all civilized countries that real property, as to its tenure, mode of enjoyment, transfer, and descent, is to be regulated by the lex loci rei sitae." 2 Kent, Comm. 429.
—Lex loci solutionis. The law of the place of solution; the law of the place where payment or performance of a contract is to be made.

—Lex ordinandi. The same as lex fori, (q. v.).

—Lex rei sitae. The law of the place of situation of the thing. It is said to be an inexact mode of expression; lex situs, or lex loci rei sitae are better. 29 L. & R. 2 (H. Gondy).

—Lex situs. Modern law Latin for “the law of the place where property is situated.” The general rule is that lands and other immovable are governed by the lex situs; i.e., by the law of the country in which they are situated. West. Priv. Int. Law. 62.


—Lex æquitate gaudet; appetit perfectum; est norma recti. The law delights in equity; it covets perfection; it is a rule of right. Jenk. Cent. 36.

—Lex aliquando sequitur æquatem. Law sometimes follows equity. 3 Wils. 119.

—Lex Angliae est lex misericordiae. 2 Inst. 315. The law of England is a law of mercy.

—Lex Angliae non patitur absurdum. 9 Coke, 22a. The law of England does not suffer an absurdity.

—Lex Angliae nunquam matris sed semper patris conditionem imitat parum judicat. The law of England rules that the offspring shall always follow the condition of the father, never that of the mother. Co. Litt. 123; Barr. Max. 59.

—Lex Angliae nunquam sine parliamento mutari potest. 2 Inst. 218. The law of England cannot be changed but by parliament.

—Lex beneficialis rei consimili remedium præstat. 2 Inst. 658. A beneficial law affords a remedy for a similar case.

—Lex citius tolerare vult privatum damnum quam publicum malum. The law will more readily tolerate a private loss than a public evil. Co. Litt. 152.

—Lex contra id quod præsumit, probacionem non recipit. The law admits no proof against that which it presumes. Lofft, 573.

—Lex de futuro, judex de praeterito. The law provides for the future, the judge for the past.

—Lex defiscere non potest in justitia exhibenda. Co. Litt. 197. The law cannot be defective for ought not to fail in dispensing justice.

—Lex dilatones semper exhorret. 2 Inst. 240. The law always abhors delays.

—Lex est ab aeterno. Law is from everlasting. A strong expression to denote the remote antiquity of the law. Jenk. Cent. p. 34, case 68; Branch, Princ.

—Lex est dictamen rationis. Law is the dictate of reason. Jenk. Cent. p. 117, case 33. The common law will judge according to the law of nature and the public good.

—Lex est norma recti. Law is a rule of right. Branch, Princ.

—Lex est ratio summa, quam jubet quam sunt utilia et necessaria, et contraria prohibet. Law is the perfection of reason, which commands what is useful and necessary, and forbids the contrary. Co. Litt. 319b; Id. 97b.

—Lex est sanctio sancta, jubens honesta, et prohibens contraria. Law is a sacred sanction, commanding what is right, and prohibiting the contrary. 2 Inst. 587; 1 Sharsw. Bla. Comm. 44, n.

—Lex est tutissima cassis; sub clypeo legis nemo decipitur. Law is the safest helmet; under the shield of the law no one is deceived. 2 Inst. 56.


—Lex fugit ubi subsistit æquitas. 11 Coke, 90. The law makes use of a fiction where equity subsists. Branch, Princ.

—Lex intendit vicinum vicini facta scire. The law intends [or presumes] that one neighbor knows what another neighbor does. Co. Litt. 780.

—Lex judicat de rebus necessario faciendis quasi re ipso factis. The law judges of things which must necessarily be done as if actually done. Branch, Princ.

—Lex necessitatis est lex temporis; i.e., instantis. The law of necessity is the law of the time; that is, of the instant, or present moment. Hob. 159.

—Lex nominem cogit ad vana seu inutilia perspexa. The law compels no one to do vain or useless things. Co. Litt. 197; Broom, Max. 252; 5 Coke, 21a; Wing. Max. 600; 3 Sharsw. Bla. Comm. 144; 2 Bingh. N. C. 121; 13 East 429; Ward v. Fuller, 15 Pick. (Mass.) 190; Southworth v. Smith, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 303; Commonwealth v. Temple, 14 Gray (Mass.) 78; Watmough v. Francis, 7 Pa. 266; Trustees of Huntington v. Nicoll, 3 Johns. (N. Y.) 598.

—Lex nominem cogit ostendere quod nescire presumitur. Lofft, 568. The law compels no one to show that which he is presumed not to know.


Lex nemini operatur iniquum, nemini facit injuriam. The law never works an injury, or does a wrong. Jenk. Cent. 22.

Lex nil facit frustra. The law does nothing in vain. Jenk. Cent. p. 12, case 19; Broom, Max. 252; 1 Ventr. 417.

Lex nil facit frustra, nil jubet frustra. The law does nothing and commands nothing in vain. 3 Bulstr. 270; Jenk. Cent. 17.

Lex nil frustra jubet. The law commands nothing vainly. 3 Bulst. 280.

Lex non a rege est violanda. Jenk. Cent. 7. The law is not to be violated by the king.

Lex non cogit ad impossibilium. The law does not compel the doing of impossibilities. Broom, Max. 242; Hob. 96; Co. Litt. 231b; 1 Bov. Inst. n. 851; Wells v. Burbank, 17 N. H. 411.

Lex non curat de minimis. Hob. 88. The law cares not about trifles. The law does not regard small matters.


Lex non favet delicatorum votis. The law favors not the wishes of the dainty. Broom, Max. 373; 9 Coke, 58.

Lex non intendit aliquid imposibile. The law does not intend anything impossible. 12 Coke, 89a. For otherwise the law should not be of any effect.

Lex non patitur fractiones et divisiones statuum. The law does not suffer fractions and divisions of estates. Branch, Princ.; 1 Coke, 87a.

Lex non praecepit utilitia, quia inutilia labor stultus. The law commands not useless things, because useless labor is foolish. Co. Litt. 197; 5 Co. 89a; Mowry's Case, 112 Mass. 400.

Lex non requirit verificari quod apparat curiae. The law does not require that to be verified [or proved] which is apparent to the court. 9 Coke, 54b.

Lex plus laudatur quando ratione probatur. The law is the more praised when it is approved by reason. Broom, Max. 159; 2 Term 146; 7 Term 252; 7 A. & E. 657.

Lex posterior derogat priori. A later statute takes away the effect of a prior one. But the later statute must either expressly repeal, or be manifestly repugnant to, the earlier one. Broom, Max. 29; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 7.

Lex prospiciat, non respiicit. Jenk. Cent. 284. The law looks forward, not backward.


Lex respicit aegadatem. Co. Litt. 245. The law pays regard to equity. See 14 Q. B. 504, 511, 512; Broom, Max. 151.

Lex scripta si cesset, id custodir in aportet quod moribus et consuetudine inductum est; et, si qua in re hoc defecerit, tune id quod proximum et consequens ei est; et, si id non apparet, tune jus quod urbs Romana utitur servari aportet. 7 Coke, 19. If the written law be silent, that which is drawn from manners and custom ought to be observed: and, if that is in any manner defective, then that which is next and analogous to it; and, if that does not appear, then the law which Rome uses should be followed. This maxim of Lord Coke is so far followed at the present day that, in cases where there is no precedent of the English courts, the civil law is always heard with respect, and often, though not necessarily, followed. Wharton.

Lex semper habet remedium. The law will always give a remedy. Branch, Princ.; Broom, Max. 192; Bac. Abr. Actions in general (B); 12 A. & E. 206; 7 Q. B. 451; Smith v. Bonsall, 5 Rawle (Pat.) 89.

Lex semper intendit quod convenit rationi. Co. Litt. 78b. The law always intends what is agreeable to reason.

Lex spectat natura ordinem. The law regards the order of nature. Co. Litt. 197; Broom, Max. 252.

Lex succurrat ignanti. Jenk. Cent. 15. The law assists the ignorant.


Lex uno ore omnes alloquitur. The law addresses all with one [the same] mouth or voice. 2 Inst. 184.

Lex vigilantibus, non dormientibus, subvenit. The law assists the watchful, not the sleeping. 1 Story, Cont. § 329.

LEY. L. Fr. (A corruption of loi.) Law; the law. For example, Terminus de la Ley, Terms of the Law.

In another, and an old technical, sense, ley signifies an oath, or the oath with compurgators; as, il tend sa ley ain pleynifie. Britton, c. 27.

-Ley gager. Law wager; wager of law; the giving of gage or security by a defendant that he would make or perfect his law at a certain day. Litt. § 514; Co. Litt. 294b, 296a. An offer to make an oath denying the cause of action of the plaintiff, confirmed by compurgators, which oath was allowed in certain cases. When it was accomplished, it was called the "doing of the law," "fesans de ley." *Termes de la Ley;* 2 B. & C. 538; 3 B. & P. 297.

LEY. Sp. In Spanish law. A law; the law in the abstract.

LEYES DE ESTILO (or ESTILLO). In Spanish law. Laws of the age. A collection of laws usually published as an appendix to the Fuero Real; treating of the mode of conducting suits, prosecuting them to judgment, and entering appeals. Sehm. Civil Law. Intro. 74. Formed under the authority of Alonzo X. and his son Sancho, and of Fernando el Emplazado, and published at the end of the 13th century or beginning of the 14th; some of them are inserted in the New Recopilacion. 1 New Recop. 354.

LEZE MAJESTY, or LESE MAJESTY. An offense against sovereign power; treason; rebellion.


The condition of being exposed to the uprising of an obligation to discharge or make good an undertaking of another, or a loss or defect, or the being exposed or subject to a given contingency, risk, or casualty which is more or less probable. First National Bank of East Islip v. National Surety Co., 228 N. Y. 469, 127 N. E. 478, 480; United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Haney, 166 Minn. 403, 208 N. W. 17.

Any obligation which one is bound in law or justice to perform. Murphy v. Chicago League Ball Club, 221 Ill. App. 120, 126; Ex parte Lanuchela (D. C.) 250 F. 814, 816.

The term is therefore broader than the word "debt," or "indebtedness," Coulter Dry Goods Co. v. Wentworth, 171 Cal. 500, 153 P. 938, 940; Lowery v. Fuller, 221 Mo. App. 496, 281 S. W. 968, 972; and includes in addition existing obligations, which may or may not be in the future eventuate in an indebtedness, Daniels v. Goft, 152 Ky. 15, 223 S. W. 66, 67; Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. v. New York Rys. Co. (D. C.) 502 F. 428, 433. The word has been referred to as of the most comprehensive significance, including almost every character of hazard or responsibility, absolute, contingent, or likely, and has been defined as the condition of being responsible for a possible or actual loss, penalty, evil, expense, or burden. Wentz v. State, 108 Neb. 697, 183 N. W. 467, 468.

The word is not synonymous with "loss" or "damage," and under an automobile insurance policy insuring against "liabilities," there may be recovery without allegation or proof that insured has been required to pay any sum, whereas under a policy covering "actual loss or damage," no obligation arises till insured has suffered loss or damage. Ducommun v. Strong, 185 Wis. 179, 234 N. W. 616; Stag Mining Co. v. Missouri Fidelity & Casualty Co. (Mo. App.) 200 S. W. 222, 225.

**Liability Bond**

One which is intended to protect the assured from liability for damages or to protect the persons damaged by injuries occasioned by the assured as specified, when such liability should accrue, and be imposed by law, as by a court, as distinguished from an indemnity bond, whose purpose is only to indemnify the assured against actual loss by way of reimbursement for moneys paid or which must be paid. Fenton v. Poston, 195 P. 31, 33, 114 Wash. 217.

**Liability Created by Statute**


**Legal Liability**


**Secondary Liability**

A liability which does not attach until or except upon the fulfillment of certain conditions; as that of a surety, or that of an accommodation indorser.

**LIAIBLE.** 1. Bound or obliged in law or equity; responsible; chargeable; answerable; compellable to make satisfaction, compensation, or restitution. Hannibal Trust Co. v. Ellsler, 256 S. W. 371, 377, 315 Mo. 485; State

2. Exposed to subject to a given contingency, risk, or casualty, which is more or less probable. Jennings v. National American (Mo. App.) 179 S. W. 789. Exposed, as to damage, penalty, expense, burden, or anything unpleasant or dangerous; justly or legally responsible or answerable. Breslaw v. Rightmire, 196 N. Y. S. 533, 541, 119 Misc. 593.

The term is not the equivalent of “probably,” but refers rather to a future possible or probable happening which may not actually occur, and relates to an occurrence within the range of possibility. Alabama Great Southern R. Co. v. Smith, 296 Ala. 301, 88 So. 238, 246; Saylor v. Taylor, 42 Cal. App. 574, 575, 183 P. 883, 884. Compare Adams v. Moberly Light & Power Co. (Mo. App.) 227 S. W. 162, 165.

Limited Liability

The liability of the members of a joint-stock company may be either unlimited or limited; and, if the latter, then the limitation of liability is either the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares, (in which case the limit is said to be “by shares,”) or such an amount as the members guaranty in the event of the company being wound up, (in which case the limit is said to be “by guaranty.”) Brown.

Personal Liability

The liability of the stockholders in corporations, under certain statutes, by which they may be held individually responsible for the debts of the corporation, either to the extent of the par value of their respective holdings of stock, or to twice that amount, or without limit, or otherwise, as the particular statute directs.

LIARD. An old French coin, of silver or copper, formerly current to a limited extent in England, and there computed as equivalent to a farthing.

LIBEL, n.

In Admiralty Practice

To proceed against, by filing a libel; to seize under admiralty process, at the commencement of a suit.

In Torts

To defame or injure a person’s reputation by a published writing.

LIBEL, v.

In Practice

The initiatory pleading on the part of the plaintiff or complainant in an admiralty or ecclesiastical cause, corresponding to the declaration, bill, or complaint.

A written statement by a plaintiff of his cause of action, and of the relief he seeks to obtain in a suit. Ayliffe, Par. 546; Shelf. Marr. & D. 596; Dunl. Adm. Pr. 111.

In Scotch Law

The form of the complaint or ground of the charge on which either a civil action or criminal prosecution takes place. Bell.

In Torts


A false and unprivileged publication by writing, printing, picture, effigy, or other fixed representation to the eye which exposes any person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy, or which causes him to be shunned or avoided, or which has a tendency to injure him in his occupation. Civ. Code Cal. § 45; Penal Law N. Y. (Consol. Laws, c. 40) § 1340; Civ. Code Cal. S. D. § 29 (Rev. Code 1919, § 95); Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 4352; Vernon’s Ann. Civ. St. Tex. art. 5430; Cr. Code Ill. § 177 (Smith-Hurd Rev. St. 1931, c. 38, § 402); McClellan v. L’Engle, 74 Fla. 581, 77 So. 270, 272.

A malicious defamation, expressed either by writing, printing, or by signs or pictures, or the like, tending to blacken the memory of one who is dead, or to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue, or reputation, or publish the natural or alleged defects, of one who is alive, and thereby to expose him to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule. Pen. Code Cal. § 248; Bac. Abr. tit. “Libel;” 1 Hawk. P. C. 1, 73, § 1; Ryckman v. Delavan, 25 Wend. (N. Y.) 108; Brown v. Elly City Lumber Co., 167 N. C. 9, 52 S. E. 931, 962, L. R. A. 1915E, 275, Am. Cas. 1915E. 631; Riley v. Askln & Marine Co., 134 S. C. 198, 132 S. E. 584, 586, 46 A. L. R. 558; Smith v. Lyons, 142 La. 975, 77 So. 896, 900, L. R. A. 1915E, 1; Willetts v. Scudder, 72 Or. 535, 144 P. 87, 89; Commonwealth v. Szliakos, 254 Mass. 424, 150 N. E. 190, 191.


A censorious or ridiculing writing, picture, or sign

A publication by any means other than words orally spoken of any false and scandalous matter with intent to injure or defame another. L. O. L., Or. § 1800 (Code 1850, § 14-235).

A false and unprivileged publication, which tends to impair the social standing of a man, to make him contemptible or ridiculous, or to deprive him of the confidence, good will, or esteem of his fellow men, Robinson v. Johnson (C. C. A.) 239 F. 671, 673.

Any false and malicious writing published of another, when its tendency is to render the party contemptible or ridiculous in public estimation or expose him to public hatred or contempt; Talbot v. Mack, 41 Nev. 245, 169 P. 25, 30; or hinder virtuous men from associating with him; Colbert v. Journal Pub. Co., 19 N. M. 156, 142 P. 146, 148; Burns v. Telegram Pub. Co., 88 Conn. 549, 94 A. 917, 919.

Any publication the tendency of which is to degrade or injure another person, or to bring him into contempt, ridicule, or hatred, or which accuses him of a crime punishable by law, or of an act peculier and disgraceful in society. Dexter v. Spear, 4 Mason, 115, Fed. Cas. No. 3,867; White v. Nichols, 3 How. 361, 11 L. Ed. 551; Wells v. Times Printing Co., 77 Wash. 127, 127 P. 459.

Libels have been classified according to their objects: (1) Libels which impute to a person the commission of a crime; (2) Libels which have a tendency to injure him in his office, profession, calling, or trade; (3) Libels which hold him up to scorn and ridicule and to feelings of contempt or execration, impair him in the enjoyment of general society, and injure those Imperfect rights of friendly intercourse and mutual benevolence which man has with respect to man. Newell, Stan. & L. 67.

"Libel" and "slander" are both methods of defamation; the former being expressed by print, writing, pictures, or signs; the latter by oral expressions. Spence v. Johnson, 142 Ga. 257, 82 S. E. 640, 647, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 1105.

If a written or printed publication tends to degrade a person, that is, to reduce his character or reputation in the estimation of his friends or acquaintances, or the public, or to disgrace him, or to render him odious, ridiculous, or contemptible, it is "libelous per se," though spoken words are "slanderous per se" only if they falsely impute the commission of a crime involving moral turpitude, an infectious disease, or unfitness to perform duties of an office or employment, prejudice him in his profession or trade, or tend to disgrace him. Axton Fisher Tobacco Co. v. Evening Post Co., 160 Ky. 64, 153 S. 269, 274, 4 L. R. A. 1906E, 467, Ann. Cas. 1918B, 560.

In General

—Libel of accusation. In Scotch Law. The instrument which contains the charge against a person accused of a crime. Libels are of two kinds, namely, indictments and criminal letters.


—Seditious libel. In English Law. A written or printed document containing seditious matter or published with a seditious intention, the latter term being defined as "an intention to bring into hatred or contempt, or to excite disaffection against, the king or the government and constitution as by law established, or either house of Parliament, or the administration of justice, or to excite British subjects to attempt otherwise than by lawful means the alteration of any matter in church or state by law established, or to promote feelings of ill will and hostility between different classes." Dicey, Const. (4th Ed.) 231, 232. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 654.

LIBELANT. The complainant or party who files a libel in an ecclesiastical or admiralty case, corresponding to the plaintiff in actions at law.

LIBELLEE. A party against whom a libel has been filed in an ecclesiastical court or in admiralty, corresponding to the defendant in a common-law action.

LIBELLUS. Lat.

In the Civil Law

A little book. Libellus supplix, a petition, especially to the emperor, all petitions to whom must be in writing. Libellum recitare, to mark on such petition the answer to it. Libellum agere, to assist or counsel the emperor in regard to such petitions. Libellus accusatorius, an information and accusation of a crime. Libellus divoritii, a writing of divorce. Libellus rerum, an inventory. Calvin. Libellus or oratio consultoria, a message by which emperors laid matters before the senate. Id. Libellus appellatorius, an appeal. Id.

A writing in which are contained the names of the plaintiff (actor) and defendant, (reus,) the thing sought, the right relied upon, and name of the tribunal before which the action is brought. Calvin.

In Feudal Law

An instrument of alienation or conveyance, as of a fief, or a part of it.

Also, a bill. Bracton, fol. 112. Sometimes called libellus conventionis (q. v.)
LIBELLUS CONVENTIONIS. In the civil law. The statement of a plaintiff's claim in a petition presented to the magistrate, who directed an officer to deliver it to the defendant.

LIBELLUS FAMOSUS. In the civil law. A defamatory publication; a publication injuriously affecting character; a libel. Inst. 4, 4, 1; Dig. 47, 10; Cod. 9, 63.

LIBELOUS. Defamatory; of the nature of a libel; constituting or involving libel.

LIBELOUS PER QUOD. Expressions "libelous per quod" are such as require that their injurious character or effect be established by allegation and proof. Talbot v. Mack, 41 Nev. 245, 169 P. 25, 32. They are those expressions which are not actionable upon their face, but which become so by reason of the peculiar situation or occasion upon which the words are written. Oliveras v. Henderson, 116 S. C. 77, 106 S. E. 855, 857.

LIBELOUS PER SE. A defamatory publication is libelous per se when the words are of such a character that an action may be brought upon them without the necessity of showing any special damage, the imputation being such that the law will presume that any one so slandered must have suffered damage. See Mayrant v. Richardson, 1 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 348, 9 Am. Dec. 707; Woolworth v. Star Co., 97 App. Div. 525, 90 N. Y. S. 147; Morse v. Times-Republican Printing Co., 124 Iowa, 707, 100 N. W. 867. Defamatory words to be "libelous per se" must be of such a nature that the court can presume as a matter of law that they will tend to disgrace and degrade the party, or hold him up to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule, or cause him to be shunned and avoided. Providence-Washington Ins. Co. v. Owens (Tex. Civ. App.) 207 S. W. 666, 671. Such words must be of a character so obviously hurtful to the person aggrieved thereby that no explanation of meaning or proof of injurious character is needed. Jerald v. Huston, 120 Kan. 3, 242 P. 472, 474; Lemmer v. The Tribune, 50 Mont. 559, 148 P. 538, 539; Erick Bowman Remedy Co. v. Jensen Salsbery Laboratories (C. C. A.) 17 F.(2d) 255, 258, 52 A. L. R. 1187; Kee v. Armstrong, Byrd & Co. (Okl. Sup.) 151 P. 572, 574; Bail v. National Newspaper Ass'n, 198 Mo. App. 463, 192 S. W. 129, 135; Atlanta Post Co. v. McHenry, 26 Ga. App. 341, 106 S. E. 324, 326. See also, Actionable words.

LIBER, n. Lat. A book, of whatever material composed; a main division of a literary work.

—Liber assisarum. The Book of Assizes or pleas of the crown. A collection of cases that arose on assizes and other trials in the country. It was the fourth volume of the reports of the reign of Edward III. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law 148.

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—Liber authenticoarum. The authentic collection of the novels of Justinian, so called to distinguish them from the Epitome Juliani. Sohm, Rom. L. 14.

—Liber feudorum. The book of feuds. This was a compilation of feudal law, prepared by order of the emperor Frederick I, and published at Milan in 1170. It comprised five books, of which only the first two are now extant with fragmentary portions of the others, printed at the end of modern editions of the Corpus Juris Civilis. Giamnone, h. 13, c. 5; Cruise, Dig. prel. diss. c. 1, § 31.


—Liber niger domus regis, (the black book of the king's household.) The title of a book in which there is an account of the household establishment of King Edward IV., and of the several musicians retained in his service, as well for his private amusement as for the service in his chapel. Enc. Lond.


LIBER, adj. Lat. Free; open and accessible, as applied to courts, places, etc.; of the state or condition of a freeman, as applied to persons. Exempt from the service or jurisdiction of another.


—Liber et legalis homo. In old English law. A free and lawful man. A term applied to a juror, or to one worthy of being a jurymen, from the earliest period.

—Liber homo. A free man; a freeman lawfully competent to act as juror. Ed. Raym. 417; Keb. 563. An allodial proprietor, as distinguished from a vassal or feudatory. This was the sense of the term in the laws of the barbarous nations of Europe. Calvins, Lex. Aodo.

LIBERA. A livory or delivery of so much corn or grass to a customary tenant, who cut down or prepared the said grass or corn, and received some part or small portion of it as a reward or gratuity. Cowell.
LIBERA. Lat. (Feminine of Liber, adj.) Free; at liberty; exempt; not subject to toll or charge.

LIBERA BATELLA. In old records. A free boat; the right of having a boat to fish in a certain water; a species of free fishery.

LIBERA CHASEA HABENDA. A judicial writ granted to a person for a free chase belonging to his manor after proof made by inquiry of a jury that the same of right belongs to him. Wharton.

LIBERA ELEEMOSYNA. In old English law. Free alms; frankaloigne. Bract. fol. 27b.

LIBERA FALDA. In old English law. Frank fold; free fold; free foliage. 1 Leon. 11.

LIBERA LEX. In old English law. Free law; frank law; the law of the land. The law enjoyed by free and lawful men, as distinguished from such men as have lost the benefit and protection of the law in consequence of crime. Hence this term denoted the status of a man who stood guiltless before the law, and was free, in the sense of being entitled to its full protection and benefit. Amittere liberam iucem (to lose one's free law) was to fall from that status by crime or infamy. See Co. Litt. 94b.


LIBERA WARRENA. In old English law. Free warren, (q. v.)

LIBERAL. Free in giving; generous; not mean or narrow-minded; not literal or strict.

LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION OR INTERPRETATION. That by which the letter of a statute is enlarged or restrained to accomplish the intended purpose, as opposed to "strict construction," which refuses to extend the import of words used. Causey v. Guildford County, 192 N. C. 268, 135 S. E. 40, 46. That which simply expresses the legislative intention drawn from the chief purpose of the statute, its context, subject-matter, and consequences. State v. Morris, 199 Ind. 78, 155 N. E. 198, 201. It means, not that the words should be forced out of their natural meaning, but simply that they should receive a fair and reasonable interpretation with respect to the objects and purposes of the instrument. Lawrence v. McCalmont, 2 How. 426, 11 L. Ed. 326.

LIBERAM LEGEM AMITTERE. To lose one's free law, (called the villainous judgment,) to become discredited or disabled as juror and witness, to forfeit goods and chattels and lands for life, to have those lands wasted, houses razed, trees rooted up, and one's body committed to prison. It was evidently pronounced against conspirators, but is now disused, the punishment substituted being fine and imprisonment. Hawk. P. C. 61, c. lxxii. s. 9; 3 Inst. 221; Jones v. Brinkley, 174 N. C. 23, 93 S. E. 372, 374.

LIBERARE. Lat.

In the Civil Law
To free or set free; to liberate; to give one his liberty. Calvin.

In Old English Law
To deliver, transfer, or hand over. Applied to writs, panels of jurors, etc. Bract. folis. 116, 170b.

Liberata pecunia non liberat offerentem. Co. Litt. 207. Money being restored does not set free the party offering.

LIBERATE. In old English practice. An original writ issuing out of chancery to the treasurer, chamberlains, and barons of the exchequer, for the payment of any annual pension, or other sum. Reg. Orig. 193; Cowell.

A writ issued to a sheriff, for the delivery of any lands or goods taken upon forfeits of recognition. 4 Coke, 64b.

A writ issued to a gaoler for the delivery of a prisoner that had put in bail for his appearance. Cowell.

A writ which issues on lands, tenements, and chattels, being returned under an extent on a statute staple, commanding the sheriff to deliver them to the plaintiff, by the extent and appraisement mentioned in the writ of extent and in the sheriff's return thereto. See Com. Dig. Statute Staple (D 5).

LIBERATIO.

In Old English Law
Livery; money paid for the delivery or use of a thing.

In Old Scotish Law
Livery; a fee given to a servant or officer. Skene.
Money, meat, drink, clothes, etc., yearly given and delivered by the lord to his domestic servants. Blount.

LIBERATION. In Civil Law. The extinguishment of a contract, by which he who was bound becomes free or liberated. Wolff, Dr. de la Nat. § 749. Synonymous with payment. Dig. 50. 16. 47.

LIBERI.

In Saxon Law
Freemen; the possessors of alodial lands. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law. 5.

In the Civil Law
Children. The term included "grandchildren."

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LIBERTAS. Lat. Liberty; freedom; a privilege; a franchise.

LIBERTAS ECCLESIASTICA. Church liberty, or ecclesiastical immunity.

Libertas est naturalis facultas ejus quod quilibet faerere libet, nisi quod de jure aut vi prohibetur. Co. Litt. 116. Liberty is that natural faculty which permits every one to do [or the natural power of doing] anything he pleases except that which is restrained by law or force.

Libertas inestimabilis res est. Liberty is an inestimable thing; a thing above price. Dig. 50, 17, 160; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 51, § 13.


Libertas omnibus rebus favorabili est. Liberty is more favored than all things, [anything.] Dig. 50, 17, 122.

Libertas regales ad coronam spectantes ex concessione regum à coronâ exierunt. 2 Inst. 496. Royal franchises relating to the crown have emanated from the crown by grant of kings.

LIBRATIBUS ALLOCANDIS. A writ lying for a citizen or burgess, impeded contrary to his liberty, to have his privilege allowed. Reg. Orig. 262.

LIBRATIBUS EXIGENDIS IN ITINERE. An ancient writ whereby the king commanded the justices in eyre to admit of an attorney for the defense of another's liberty. Reg. Orig. 19.

LIBERTI; LIBERTINI. Lat. In Roman law. Freedmen. The condition of those who, having been slaves, had been made free. 1 Brown, Civ. Law 69. There seems to have been some difference in the use of these two words; the former denoting the manumitted slaves considered in their relations with their former master, who was now called their "patron." the latter term applying to them in their status in the general social economy of Rome subsequent to manumission. Lea. El. Dr. Rom. § 93. See Morey, Rom. L. 236.

LIBERTICIDE. A destroyer of liberty.

LIBERTIES. Privileged districts exempt from the sheriff's jurisdiction; as, "gael liberties." See Gaol.

In colonial times, laws, or legal rights resting upon them. The early colonial ordinances in Massachusetts were termed laws and liberties, and the code of 1641 the "Body of Liberties." Com. v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 70.

Formerly, political subdivisions of Philadelphia; as, Northern Liberties.

Libertum ingratum leges civiles in pristinam servitutem redigunt; sed leges Anglie semel manumission semper liberum judicant. Co. Litt. 137. The civil laws reduce an ungrateful freedman to his original slavery; but the laws of England regard a man once manumitted as ever after free.

LIBERTY. Freedom; exemption from extraneous control. The power of the will to follow the dictates of its unrestricted choice, and to direct the external acts of the individual without restraint, coercion, or control from other persons. See Booth v. Illinois, 22 S. Ct. 425, 184 U. S. 425, 46 L. Ed. 623; Munn v. Illinois, 94 U. S. 142, 24 L. Ed. 77; People v. Wardan of City Prison, 157 N. Y. 116, 51 N. E. 1066, 43 L. R. A. 264, 36 Am. St. Rep. 763; Bessette v. People, 193 Ill. 334, 62 N. E. 216, 56 L. R. A. 558; State v. Continental Tobacco Co., 177 Mo. 1, 75 S. W. 737; Kuhn v. Detroit City Council, 70 Mich. 534, 38 N. W. 470; People v. Judson, 11 Daly (N. Y.) 1.

Freedom from all restraints except such as are imposed by law. Ex parte Kreutzer, 187 Wis. 463, 204 N. W. 935, 604. Freedom from restraint, under conditions essential to the equal enjoyment of the same right by others; freedom regulated by law. Kelly v. James, 37 S. D. 272, 157 N. W. 990, 991. The absence of arbitrary restraint, not immunity from reasonable regulations and prohibitions imposed in the interests of the community. Southern Utilities Co. v. City of Pataskala, 86 Fla. 583, 93 So. 236, 240. See, also, Western Theological Seminary v. City of Evanston, 325 Ill. 611, 156 N. E. 778, 782; Hall v. State, 100 Neb. 84, 158 N. W. 362, 364, L. R. A. 1916F, 136; Hardie-Tynes Mfg. Co. v. Cruse, 189 Ala. 66, 66 Sp. 657, 651.

Liberty, on its positive side, denotes the fullness of individual existence; on its negative side it denotes the necessary restraint on all, which is needed to promote the greatest possible amount of liberty for each. Ames, Science of Law, p. 86.

The word "liberty" as used in the state and federal Constitutions means, in a negative sense, freedom from restraint; but in a positive sense, it involves the idea of freedom secured by the imposition of restraint, and it is in this positive sense that the state, in the exercise of its police powers, promotes the freedom of all by the imposition upon particular persons of restraints which are deemed necessary for the general welfare. Pitirimov v. New York State Athletic Commission (Sup.) 146 N. Y. S. 117, 121.

"Liberty," in so far as it is noticed by government, is restraint, rather than license. It is a yielding of the individual will to that of the many, subject to such constitutional guarantees or limitations as will preserve those rights and privileges which are admitted of all men to be fundamental. "Liberty" in the civil state is a giving up of natural right in consideration of equal protection, and opportunity. Weber v. Doust, 34 Wash. 330, 146 P. 623, 625.

The "personal liberty" guaranteed by Const. U. S. Amend. 13 consists in the power of locomotion without imprisonment or restraint unless by due course of law, except those restraints imposed to prevent commission of threatened crime or in punishment of crime committed, those in punishment of contempt of courts or legislative bodies or to render
their jurisdiction effectual, and those necessary to enforce the duty citizens owe in defense of the state to protect community against acts of those by reason of mental infirmity are incapable of self-control. Ex parte Hodges, 85 W. Va. 536, 108 S. E. 327, 328, 9 A. L. R. 1561.

"liberty," as used in the provision of the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution, forbidding the states to deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, includes, it seems, not merely the right of a person to be free from physical restraint, but also to be free in the enjoyment of all his faculties in all lawful ways; to live and work where he will; to earn his livelihood by any lawful calling; to pursue any livelihood or avocation; and for that purpose to enter into all contracts which may be proper, necessary, and essential to carrying out the purposes above mentioned. Allgeyer v. State of Louisiana, 17 S. Ct. 427, 135 U. S. 576, 41 L. Ed. 522; State v. Wilson, 101 Kan. 768, 168 P. 670, 665, L. R. A. 1918B, 274; Hyatt v. Blackwell Lumber Co., 31 Idaho, 482, 173 P. 195, 1964, 1 A. L. R. 1863; Shilling v. State, 143 Miss. 769, 109 So. 727, 729; Wolf Pack Co. v. Court of Industrial Relations, 43 S. Ct. 590, 262 U. S. 325, 67 L. Ed. 1105; Ex parte Messer, 87 Fla. 52, 99 So. 520, 331 Minn. School Dist. No. 21, State ex rel. Oleson, 214 Minn. 499, N. D. 683, 296 N. W. 568, 570, 45 A. L. R. 1337; In re Opinion of the Justices, 229 Mass. 627, 186 N. E. 807, L. R. A. 1917B, 1119; Alabama & N. O. Transp. Co. v. Doyle (D. C.) 210 F. 173, 178. The word "liberty" denotes, not merely freedom from bodily restraint, but also the right of the individual to contract, to engage in any of the common occupations of life, to acquire useful knowledge, to marry, establish a home, and bring up children, to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and generally to enjoy those privileges long recognized at common law as essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men. Moyer v. State of Nebraska, 43 S. Ct. 625, 626, 262 U. S. 360, 67 L. Ed. 1024, 1913, 29 A. L. R. 1446; Jenkins v. State, 14 Ga. App. 276, 30 S. E. 588, 590. See, also, Lawrence v. Barlow, 77 W. Va. 288, 87 S. E. 250, 381; Rawles v. Jenkins, 213 Ky. 287, 270 S. W. 395, 397; People v. Horwitz, 27 N. Y. Cr. R. 235, 109 N. Y. S. 497, 441.

Also, a franchise or personal privilege, being some part of the sovereign power, vested in an individual, either by grant or prescription.

The term is used in the expression, rights, liberties, and franchises, as a word of the same general class and meaning with those words and privileges. This use of the term is said to have been strictly conformable to its sense as used in Magna Charta and in English declarations of rights, statutes, grants, etc. Com. v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 70.

In a derivative sense, the place, district, or boundaries within which a special franchise is enjoyed, an immunity claimed, or a jurisdiction exercised. In this sense, the term is commonly used in the plural; as the "liberties of the city."

Civil Liberty

The liberty of a member of society, being a man's natural liberty, so far restrained by human laws (and no further) as is necessary and expedient for the general advantage of the public. 1 Bl. Comm. 125; 2 Steph. 487. The power of doing whatever the laws permit. 1 Bl. Comm. 6; Inst. 1, 3, 1. See People v. Berberek, 22 Barb. (N. Y.) 281; In re Perrier, 103 Ill. 372, 43 Am. Rep. 10; Delano v. Moses, 18 Wash. 537, 52 P. 233, 40 L. R. A. 392; State v. Kreutzberg, 114 Wis. 530, 90 N. W. 1098, 58 L. R. A. 718, 91 Am. St. Rep. 934; Hayes v. Mitchell, 69 Ala. 454; Bell v. Gaynor, 14 Misc. 334, 36 N. Y. S. 122. The greatest amount of absolute liberty which can, in the nature of things, be equally possessed by every citizen in a state. Guaranteed protection against interference with the interests and rights held dear and important by large classes of civilized men, or by all the members of a state, together with an effectual share in the making and administration of the laws, as the best apparatus to secure that protection. Lieber, Clv. Lib. 24.

Liberty of a Port

In marine insurance. A license or permission incorporated in a marine policy allowing the vessel to touch and trade at a designated port other than the principal port of destination. See Allegren v. Maryland Ins. Co., 8 Gill & J. (Md.) 200, 29 Am. Dec. 536.

Liberty of Conscience

Religious liberty, as defined below.

Liberty of Contract

The ability at will, to make or abstain from making, a binding obligation enforced by the sanctions at the law. Judson, Liberty of Contract, Rep. Am. Bar Ass'n (1891) 228. The right to contract about one's affairs, including the right to make contracts of employment, and to obtain the best terms one can as the result of private bargaining. Atkins v. Children's Hospital of District of Columbia, 43 S. Ct. 394, 396, 261 U. S. 525, 67 L. Ed. 785, 24 A. L. R. 1238. It includes the corresponding right to accept a contract proposed. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. v. Texas v. Griffin, 105 Tex. 477, 171 S. W. 703, 704, L. R. A. 1917B, 1108. There is, however, no absolute freedom of contract. The government may regulate or forbid any contract reasonably calculated to affect injuriously public interest. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. Riverside Mills, 31 S. Ct. 164, 210 U. S. 186, 55 L. Ed. 167, 31 L. R. A. (N. S.) 7.

Liberty of Speech

Freedom accorded by the constitution or laws of a state to express opinions and facts by word of mouth, uncontrolled by any censorship or restrictions of government. But language tending to the violation of the rights of personal security and private property, and toward breaches of the public peace, is an abuse of the right, State v. Boyd, 86 N. J. Law, 75, 91 A. 556, 557; which is not license, nor lawlessness, but rather the right to fairly criticize and comment, State v. Pape, 90 Conn. 98, 96 A. 332, 315. Liberty never has meant the unrestricted right to say what one
pleases at all times and under all circumstances. Fraino v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 255 F. 28, 35. It has been thought that the liberty to speak includes the corresponding right to be silent, and that this right is infringed by a statute compelling a corporation to give a discharged employee a statement of the cause of discharge. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. of Texas v. Griffin, 106 Tex. 477, 171 S. W. 703, 705, L. R. A. 1917B, 1108.

Liberty of the Globe
In marine insurance. A license or permission incorporated in a marine policy authorizing the vessel to go to any part of the world, instead of being confined to a particular port of destination. See Eyre v. Marine Ins. Co., 6 Whart. (Pa.) 254.

Liberty of the Press
The right to print and publish the truth, from good motives and for justifiable ends. People v. Crewe, 3 Johns. Cas. 294. The right to print without any previous license, subject to the consequences of the law. 3 Term 431; Respublica v. Dennie, 4 Yeates (Pa.) 267, 2 Am. Dec. 492; Williams Printing Co. v. Saunders, 113 Va. 156, 73 S. E. 472, Ann. Cas. 1918E, 693. The right freely to publish whatever the citizen may please, and to be protected against any responsibility for so doing except so far as such publications, from their blasphemy, obscenity, or scandalous character, may be a public offense, or as by their falsehood and malice they may injuriously affect the standing, reputation, or pecuniary interests of individuals. Cooley, Const. Lim. p. 422. It is said to consist in this: "That neither courts of justice, nor any judges whatever, are authorized to take notice of writings intended for the press, but are confined to those which are actually printed." De Leune, Eng. Const. 251.

Liberty of the Rules
A privilege to go out of the Fleet and Marshalsea prisons within certain limits, and there reside. Abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22.

Liberty to Hold Pleas
The liberty of having a court of one's own. Thus certain lords had the privilege of holding pleas within their own manors.

Natural Liberty
The power of acting as one thinks fit, without any restraint or control, unless by the law of nature. 1 Bl. Comm. 125. The right which nature gives to all mankind of disposing of their persons and property after the manner they judge most consistent with their happiness, on condition of their acting within the limits of the law of nature, and so as not to interfere with an equal exercise of the same rights by other men. Burlamaqui, c. 3, § 15; 1 Bl. Comm. 125. It is called by Lieber social liberty, and is defined as the protection or un-restrained action in as high a degree as the same claim of protection of each individual admits of.

Personal Liberty
The right or power of locomotion; of changing situation, or moving one's person to whatsoever place one's own inclination may direct, without imprisonment or restraint, unless by due course of law. 1 Bl. Comm. 134. Civil Rights Cases, 3 S. Ct. 42, 109 U. S. 3, 27 L. Ed. 835; Pinkerton v. Verberg, 78 Mich. 573, 44 N. W. 579, 7 L. R. A. 607, 18 Am. St. Rep. 473.

Political Liberty
Liberty of the citizen to participate in the operations of government, and particularly in the making and administration of the laws.

Religious Liberty
Freedom from dictation, constraint, or control in matters affecting the conscience, religious beliefs, and the practice of religion; freedom to entertain and express any or no system of religious opinions, and to engage in or refrain from any form of religious observance or public or private religious worship, not inconsistent with the peace and good order of society and the general welfare. See Fraze's Case, 63 Mich. 396, 30 N. W. 72, 6 Am. St. Rep. 310; State v. White, 64 N. H. 48, 5 A. 828.

Liberum corpus nullum recipit estimationem. Dig. 9, 3, 7. The body of a freeman does not admit of valuation.


LIBERUM MARITAGIUM. In old English law. Frank-marriage. Bract. fol. 21; Littleton, § 17.

LIBERUM SERVITIUM. Free service. Service of a warlike sort by a feudatory tenant; sometimes called "servitium liberum armorum." Jacob.

Service not unbecoming the character of a freeman and a soldier to perform; as to serve under the lord in his wars, to pay a sum of money, and the like. 2 Bl. Comm. 60.

The tenure of free service does not make a villein a free man, unless homage or manumission precede, any more than the tenure by villein services makes a freeman a villein. Bract. fol. 21.


LIBERUM TENEMENTUM.
In Real Law
Freehold. Frank-tenement.
LICENSE.

In Constitutional Law, and in the Law of Contracts


A permit, granted by the sovereign, generally for a consideration (Smith v. Commonwealth, 175 Ky. 266, 194 S. W. 377, 378), to a person, firm, or corporation to pursue some occupation or to carry on some business subject to regulation under the police power. State ex rel. Guillot v. Central Bank & Trust Co., 143 La. 1053, 79 So. 857, 858.

A "license" is in no sense a contract between the state and the licensee, but is a mere personal permit, neither transferable nor vendible. Foshee v. State, 15 Ala. App. 115, 72 So. 685; Ex parte Deats, 22 N. M. 356, 169 P. 913, 915; State v. Clark, 79 Tex. Cr. 559, 187 S. W. 766, 766; Gherna v. State, 16 Ariz. 314, 146 P. 49, 503, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 94; Murphy Liquor Co. v. Medbury, 32 S. D. 555, 159 N. W. 654.

Also, the written evidence of such permission.

In Real Property Law


A personal, revocable, and unassignable privilege conferred, either by writing or by parole, to do one or more acts on land without possessing any interest therein. Gravelly Ford Canal Co. v. Pope & Talbot Land Co., 36 Cal. App. 717, 173 P. 155, 156; Schnuerle v. Gilbert, 43 S. D. 535, 190 N. W. 953, 954.

Also, the written evidence of authority so accorded.
Executed license. That which exists when the licensed act has been done.

Exe cutory license. That which exists where the licensed act has not been performed.

Express license. One which is granted in direct terms.

Implied license. One which is presumed to have been given from the acts of the party authorized to give it.


It is distinguished from an "easement," which implies an interest in the land to be affected, and a "lease," or right to take the profits of the land. It may be, however, and often, is, coupled with a grant of some interest in the land itself, or right to take the profits. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 258; Davis v. Tway, 16 Ariz. 656, 147 P. 760, L. R. A. 1915E, 604; Markley v. Christen (Tex. Civ. App.) 226 S. W. 159, 153; Penman v. Jones, 226 Pa. 416, 100 A. 1043, 1046.

A license is an authority to enter on land which is generally granted by parcel and may be revoked by the licensor at pleasure and is not assignable, being a personal privilege, while an easement confers an interest in the land and may not be terminated at the pleasure of the servient owner. Louisville Chair & Furniture Co. v. Otter, 219 Ky. 767, 204 S. W. 483, 485.

The distinction between an easement and a license is often so metaphysical, subtle, and shadowy as to elude analysis. But there are certain fundamental principles underlying most cases which enable courts to distinguish an easement from a license when construed in the light of surrounding circumstances. East Jersey Iron Co. v. Wright, 32 N. J. Eq. 234; Nunnally v. I ron Co., 94 Tenn. 397, 29 S. W. 381, 25 L. R. A. 47.

A "tenancy" implies some interest in the land leased, while a "license" conveys only a temporary privilege in the use of property usually revocable at the will of the licensor. Rich v. City of Portland, 102 Or. 568, 213 P. 117, 159; V ieker v. Byrne, 155 Wis. 211, 143 N. W. 158, 158. But see Mitchell v. Probst, 59 Okl. 10, 152 P. 597, 598.

An "invitation" is inferred where there is a common interest or mutual advantage, or where an owner or occupant of premises, by acts or conduct, leads another to believe the premises or something thereon were intended to be used by such other person, that such use is not only acquiesced in by the owner or occupant, but is in accordance with the intention or design for which the way, place, or thing was adapted or prepared or allowed to be used; while a "license" is implied where the object is the mere pleasure, convenience, or benefit of the person enjoying the privilege. Krantorad v. Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. Co., 121 Neb. 728, 237 N. W. 611, 612; Milaukis v. Terminal R. Ass'n of St. Louis, 296 Ill. 647, 122 N. E. 78, 81; Konick v. Champneys, 108 Wash., 33, 153 P. 75, 77, 6 A. L. R. 453; Bush v. We d Lum ber Co., 63 Cal. App. 426, 218 P. 618, 620; Polluck v. Minneapolis & St. L. R. Co., 44 S. D. 246, 153 N. W. 656, 662.
LICENSEE

—License cases. The name given to the group of cases including Peirce v. New Hampshire, 5 How. 501, 12 L. Ed. 256, decided by the United States supreme court in 1847, to the effect that state laws requiring a license or the payment of a tax for the privilege of selling intoxicating liquors were not in conflict with the constitutional provision giving to congress the power to regulate interstate commerce, even as applied to liquors imported from another state and remaining in the original and unbroken packages. This decision was overruled in Leisy v. Hardin, 135 U. S. 100, 10 Sup. Ct. 681, 34 L. Ed. 128, which in turn was counteracted by the act of congress of August 8, 1890, commonly called the "Wilson law."

—License fee or tax. The price paid to governmental or municipal authority for a license to engage in and pursue a particular calling or occupation. See Home Ins. Co. v. Augusta, 50 Ga. 537; Levi v. Louisville, 97 Ky. 394, 30 S. W. 973, 28 L. R. A. 450.

—License in amortization. A license authorizing a conveyance of property which, without it, would be invalid under the statutes of mortmain.

—Marriage license. A written license or permission granted by public authority to persons who intend to intermarry, usually addressed to the minister or magistrate who is to perform the ceremony, or, in general terms, to any one authorized to solemnize marriages.

—Registrar's license. In English law, a license issued by an officer of that name authorizing the solemnization of a marriage without the use of the religious ceremony ordained by the Church of England.

—Rod license. In Canadian law, a license, granted on payment of a tax or fee, permitting the licensee to angle for fish (particularly salmon) which are otherwise protected or preserved.

—Special license. In English law. One granted by the archbishop of Canterbury to authorize a marriage at any time or place whatever. 2 Steph. Comm. 247, 255.

LICENSED VICTUALLER. A term applied, in England, to all persons selling any kind of intoxicating liquor under a license from the justices of the peace. Wharton.

LICENSEE. A person to whom a license has been granted. See Dennis v. State, 5 Boyce (Del.) 298, 92 A. 853.

A person who is neither a passenger, servant, or trespasser, and does not stand in any contractual relation with the owner of premises, and who is permitted to go thereon for his own interest, convenience, or gratification, Patten v. Bartlett, 111 Me. 490, 89 A. 375, 376, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1120; Petree v. Davidson-Paxon-Stokes Co., 30 Ga. App. 490, 118 S. E.


To make one a "licensee" upon the premises or property of another, it must be shown that he is there by permission or authority of the owner, or his authorized agent. The permission and authority amounting to a license must be expressly or impliedly granted, and mere sufferance or failure to object to one's presence upon another's premises is insufficient within itself to constitute a license, unless under such circumstances that permission should be inferred. Texas, O. & E. Ry. Co. v. McCarroll, 80 Okl. 283, 89 P. 139, 141; Kinsman v. Barton & Co., 141 Wash. 231, 251 P. 563, 564.

In Patent Law

One who has had transferred to him, either in writing or orally, a less or different interest than either the interest in the whole patent, or an undivided part of such whole interest, or an exclusive sectional interest. Potter v. Holland, 4 Blatchf. 211, Ped. Cas. No. 11,329.

LICENSEE BY INVITATION. A person who goes upon the lands of another with his express or implied invitation to transact business with the owner or occupant or do some act to his advantage or to the mutual advantage of both the licensee and the owner or occupant. Cleveland, C., C. & St. L. Ry. Co. v. Means, 59 Ind. App. 333, 104 N. E. 785, 789.

LICENSING ACTS. This expression is applied by Hallam (Const. Hist. c. 13) to acts of parliament for the restraint of printing, except by license. It may also be applied to any act of parliament passed for the purpose of requiring a license for doing any act whatever. But, generally, when we speak of the licensing acts, we mean the acts regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. Mozley & Whittle.

LICENSOR. The person who gives or grants a license.

LICENTIA. Lat. License; leave; permission.

LICENTIA CONCORDANDI. In old practice and conveyancing. License or leave to agree; one of the proceedings on levying a fine of lands. 2 Bl. Comm. 335.

LICENTIA LOQUENDI. In old practice. Leave to speak, (i. e., with the plaintiff;) an imparnation; or rather leave to imparl. 3 Bl. Comm. 299.

LICENTIA SURGENDI. In old English practice. License to arise; permission given by the court to a tenant in a real action, who had cast an esson de malo lecti, to arise out
of his bed. Also, the writ thereupon. If the demandant can show that the tenant was seen abroad before leave of court, and before being viewed by the knights appointed by the court for that purpose, such tenant shall be taken to be deceitfully essoined, and to have made default. Bract. lb. 5; Fleta, lb. 6, c. 10.

LICENTIA TRANSFRETANDI. A writ or warrant directed to the keeper of the port of Dover, or other seaport, commanding him to let such persons pass over sea as have obtained the royal license thereunto. Reg. Orig. 193.

LICENTIATE. One who has license to practice any art or faculty.

LICENTIOUSNESS. The indulgence of the arbitrary will of the individual, without regard to ethics or law, or respect for the rights of others. In this it differs from "liberty;" for the latter term may properly be used only of the exercise of the will in its moral freedom, with justice to all men and obedience to the laws. Welch v. Durand, 36 Conn. 124, 4 Am. Rep. 55; State v. Brigman, 94 N. C. 889.

It differs from liberty in this, that the latter is restrained by natural or positive law, and consists in doing whatever we please not inconsistent with the rights of others, whereas the former does not respect those rights. Wolf, Inst. § 84.

In a narrower sense, lewdness or lasciviousness. Holton v. State, 28 Fla. 303, 9 So. 716.

LICERE. Lat. To be lawful; to be allowed or permitted by law. Calvin.

LICERE, LICERI. Lat. In Roman law. To offer a price for a thing; to bid for it.

LICET. Lat. From the verb "licere," (q. v.) It is allowed; it is permissible; it is lawful; not forbidden by law.

Although; notwithstanding. Calvin. Importing, in this sense, a direct affirmation. Prowd. 127.

Licit dispositio de interesse futuro sit inutilis, tamen potest fieri declaratio procedens qua sortiatur effectum, intervenientes novo actu. Although the grant of a future interest be inoperative, yet a declaration precedent may be made, which may take effect provided a new act intervene. Bac. Max. pp. 60, 61, reg. 14; Broom, Max. 488.

LICET: SÆPIUS REQUISITUS. (Although often requested.) In pleading. A phrase used in the old Latin forms of declarations, and literally translated in the modern precedents. Yel. 66; 2 Chit. Pl. 90; 1 Chit. Pl. 331. The clause in a declaration which contains the general averment of a request by the plaintiff of the defendant to pay the sums claimed is still called the "licet sepius requisitus."

Litita bene miscentur, formula nisi juris obstet. Lawful acts [done by several authorities] are well mingled, [i. e., become united or consolidated into one good act] unless some form of law forbid. Bac. Max. p. 94, reg. 24 (E. g. Two having a right to convey, each a moiety, may unite and convey the whole.)

LICITACION. In Spanish law. The offering for sale at public auction of an estate or property held by co-heirs or joint proprietors, which cannot be divided up without detriment to the whole. See, also, Licitation.

LICITARE. Lat. In Roman law. To offer a price at a sale; to bid; to bid often; to make several bids, one above another. Calvin.

LICITATION. In the civil law. An offering for sale to the highest bidder, or to him who will give most for a thing. An act by which co-heirs or other co-proprietors of a thing in common and undivided between them put it to bid between them, to be adjudged and to belong to the highest and last bidder, upon condition that he pay to each of his co-proprietors a part in the price equal to the undivided part which each of the said co-proprietors had in the estate licitatum, before the adjudication. Poth. Cont. Sale, nus. 516, 638. See Barbarich v. Meyer, 154 La. 325, 97 So. 459, 460.

LICITATOR. In Roman law. A bidder at a sale.

LICKING OF THUMBS. An ancient formality by which bargains were completed.

LIDFORD LAW. A sort of lynch law, whereby a person was first punished and then tried. Wharton.

LIE, n. An untruth deliberately told; the uttering or acting of that which is false for the purpose of deceiving; intentional misstatement. Brothers v. Brothers, 268 Ala. 255, 94 So. 175, 177.

LIE, v. To subsist; to exist; to be sustainable; to be proper or available. Thus the phrase "an action will not lie" means that an action cannot be sustained, or that there is no ground upon which to found the action.

LIE IN FRANCHISE. Property is said to "lie in franchise" when it is of such a nature that the persons entitled thereto may seize it without the aid of a court; e. g., wrecks, waifs, estrays.

LIE IN GRANT. Incorporeal hereditaments are said to "lie in grant;" that is, they pass by force of the grant (deed or charter) without livery.
LIE IN LIVERY. A term applied to corporeal hereditaments, freeholds, etc., signifying that they pass by livery, not by the mere force of the grant.

LIE IN WAIT. See Lying In Wait.

LIE TO. To adjoin. A cottage must have had four acres of land laid to it. See 2 Show. 279.

LIEFTENANT. An old form of "lieutenant," and still retained as the vulgar pronunciation of the word.

LIEGE. In Feudal Law

Bound by a feudal tenure; bound in allegiance to the lord paramount, who owned no superior.

The term was applied to the lord, or liege lord, to whom allegiance was due, since he was bound to protection and a just government, and also to the feudatory, i.e., subject bound to allegiance, for he was bound to tribute and due submission. 34 & 35 Hen. VIII. So lieges are the king's subjects. Stat. 8 Hen. VI. c. 10; 14 Hen. VIII. c. 2. So in Scotland. Bell, Dict.

In Old Records

Full; absolute; perfect; pure. Liege widowhood was pure widowhood. Cowell. Ligitus was also used; e.g. ligia potestas, full and free power of disposal. Paroch. Antiq. 280.

LIEGE HOMAGE. Homage which, when performed by one sovereign prince to another, included fealty and services, as opposed to simple homage, which was a mere acknowledgment of tenure. (1 Bl. Comm. 367; 2 Stephe. Comm. 400.) Mozley & Whitley.

LIEGE LORD. A sovereign; a superior lord.

LIEGE POUSTIE. In Scotch law. That state of health which gives a person full power to dispose of, mortis causae or otherwise, his heritable property. Bell. A deed executed at the time of such a state of health, as opposed to a death-bed conveyance. The term seems to be derived from the Latin "legitima potestas."

LIEGEMAN. He that oweth allegiance. Cowell.

LIEGER, or LEGER. A resident ambassador.

LIEGES, or LIEGE PEOPLE. Subjects.

LIEN. At common law, a mere right arising only in cases of the possession of another's chattel by a person, as a mechanic or artisan, who, according to some authorities, has improved the chattel, or who, according to others, has performed labor thereon or given it some particular care at the request, express or implied, of the owner, to retain possession until the debt or charge is paid. Jordan v. James, 5 Ohio 88; Taylor v. Baldwin, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 626; Houston & T. & C. Ry. Co. v. Bremond, 63 Tex. 159, 18 S. W. 448; Clemson v. Davidson, 5 Binn. (Pa.) 398; Danforth v. Pratt, 42 Me. 50; King v. Canal Co., 11 Cush. (Mass.) 231; Elliot v. Bradley, 23 Vt. 217; Egan v. A Cargo of Spruce Lath (C. C.) 43 P. 480; Benj. Sales § 730; Metc. Yelv. 67, n.; 2 East 235; Vaught v. Knue, 64 Ind. App. 467, 115 N. E. 108, 109; Rapp v. Mabbett Motor Car Co., 201 App. Div. 233, 194 N. Y. S. 200, 202; Elliss v. Scheffsky, 141 Wash. 14, 250 P. 432, 433; Jones v. Carpenter, 90 Fla. 407, 106 So. 127, 129, 43 A. L. R. 1499; Oppenheimer v. Szulerecki, 297 Ill. 111, 130 N. E. 325, 328; 28 A. L. R. 1439; Koenig v. Leppert-Roos Fur Co. (Mo. App.) 260 S. W. 756, 757.


A qualified right of property which a creditor has in or over specific property of his debtor, as security for the debt or charge or for performance of some act. 6 East 25, n.


A "lien" is not a property in or right to the thing itself, but constitutes a charge or security thereon. Koenig v. Leppert-Roos Fur Co. (Mo. App.) 260 S. W. 755, 758; Steagall-Cherais Fertilizer Co. v. Bethune Mule Co., 181 Ala. 250, 61 So. 274, 275; The Poonan (C. C. A.) 8 P. (3d) 838, 846.

In a narrow and technical sense, the term signifies the right by which a person in possession of personal property holds and detains it against the owner in satisfaction of a demand; but it has a more extensive meaning, and in common acceptance is understood and used to denote a legal claim or charge on property, either real or personal, for the payment of any debt or duty; every such claim or charge remaining a lien on the property, although not in the possession of the person to whom the debt or duty is due. Downer v. Brackett, 21 Vt. 692, Fed. Cas. No. 4,043. And see Trust v. Pirson, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 258; In re Byrne (D. C.) 97 P. 794; Storm v. Weddell, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 567; Stanbury v. Patent Cloth Mfg. Co., 5 N. J. Law, 441; The Manganese (D. C.) 26 F. 199; Mobile B. & L. Ass'n v. Robertson, 85 Ala. 382; The J. B. Rumbelli, 13 S. Ct. 498, 148 U. S. 1, 37 L. Ed. 245.

A lien is a charge imposed upon specific property, whereas an assignment, unless in some way qualified, is properly the transfer of one's whole interest.

An "estate" in land is the right to the possession and enjoyment of it, while a "lien" on land is the right to have it sold or otherwise applied in satisfaction of a debt. State Bank of Decatur v. Sanders, 114 Ark. 440, 170 S. W. 66, 69.

A "claim" is generally a liability in personam, but capable of embracing both a personal liability and a lien on property, while a lien is a liability in rem. Fairbanks, Morse & Co. v. Town of Cape Charles, 114 Va. 66, 133 S. E. 467, 469.

In a broader sense, any of various preferred or privileged claims given by statute or by law. Marshall v. People of State of New York, 254 U. S. 859, 41 S. Ct. 143, 145, 65 L. Ed. 315.

In the Scotch Law

The doctrine of lien is known by the name of "retention," and that of set-off by the name of "compensation"; though certain rights of retention are also called liens. Ersk. Prin. 374.

In the Roman or Civil Law

The peculiar securities which, in the common and maritime law and equity, are termed "liens," are embraced under the head of "mortgage and privilege."

Classification

Liens are either particular or general. The former is a right to retain a thing for some charge or claim growing out of, or connected with, the identical thing. A general lien is a right to detain a chattel, etc., until payment be made, not only of any debt due in respect of the particular chattel, but of any balance that may be due on general account in the same line of business. A general lien, being against the ordinary rule of law, depends entirely upon contract, express or implied, from the special usage of dealing between the parties. Wharton, Croomellin v. Railroad Co., 10 Bosw. (N. Y.) 80; McKenzie v. Nevius, 22 Me. 150, 38 Am. Dec. 291; Brooks v. Bryce, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 16; 3 B. & P. 494. A special lien is in the nature of a particular lien, being a lien upon particular property; a lien which the holder can enforce only as security for the performance of a particular act or obligation and of obligations incident thereto. Green v. Coast Line R. Co., 97 Ga. 15, 24 S. E. 814, 33 L. R. A. 806, 54 Am. St. Rep. 379; Civ. Code Cal. § 2875; Marks v. Baum Bldg. Co., 73 Okl. 204, 175 P. 818, 822.

Liens are also either conventional or by operation of law. The former is the case where the lien, general or particular (Cro. Car. 271; 6 Term. 14; 2 Kent. 637), is raised by the express agreement and stipulation of the parties, in circumstances where the law alone would not create a lien from the mere relation of the parties or the details of their transaction. The latter is the case where the law itself, without the stipulation of the parties, raises a lien, as an implication or legal consequence from the relation of the parties or the circumstances of their dealings. Liens of this species may arise either under the rules of common law or of equity or under a statute. In the first case they are called "common-law liens;" in the second, "equitable liens;" in the third, "statutory liens."

Liens are either possessory or charging: the former, where the creditor has the right to hold possession of the specific property until satisfaction of the debt; the latter, where the debt is a charge upon the specific property although it remains in the debtor's possession.

Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

-Lien creditor. One whose debt or claim is secured by a lien on particular property, as distinguished from a "general" creditor, who has no such security.

-Lien of a covenant. The commencement of a covenant stating the names of the covenantors and coventantees, and the character of the covenant, whether joint or several. Wharton.

-Attorney's lien. The right of an attorney at law to hold or retain in his possession the money or property of a client until his proper charges have been adjusted and paid. It requires no equitable proceeding for its establishment. Sweeley v. Sieman, 123 Iowa, 188, 98 N. W. 571. Also a lien on funds in court payable to the client, or on a judgment or decree or award in his favor, recovered through the exertions of the attorney, and for the enforcement of which he must invoke the equitable aid of the court. Fowler v. Lewis, 36 W. Va. 112, 14 S. E. 447; Jennings v. Bacon, 84 Iowa, 403, 51 N. W. 15; Ackerman v. Ackerman, 14 Abb. Proc. (N. Y.) 229; Mosley v. Norman, 74 Ala. 422; Wright v. Wright, 70 N. Y. 98; Sanders v. Scoelp, 128 Ill. 631, 21 N. E. 661; Strohecker v. Irvine, 76 Ga. 639, 2 Am. St. Rep. 62. See Blackburn v. Clarke, 85 Tenn. 506, 3 S. W. 505; Taylor Iron & Steel Co. v. Higgins, 66 Hun 626, 20 N. Y. S. 746. See, also, "Charging lien" and "Retaining lien." infra.

-Charging lien. An attorney's lien, for his proper compensation, on the fund or judgment which his client has recovered by means of his professional aid and services. Goodrich v. McDonald, 112 N. Y. 157, 19 N. E. 649; Young v. Renshaw, 102 Mo. App. 173, 76 S. W. 701; Ex parte Lehman, 59 Ala. 632; Koons v. Beach, 147 Ind. 137, 45 N. E. 601, 46 N. E. 587; In re Wilson (D. C.) 12 F. 239; Sewing Mach. Co. v. Bontelle, 56 Vt. 570, 48 Am. Rep. 762; In re Craig, 171 App. Div. 218, 157 N. Y. S. 310, 311; Hale v. Tyson, 202 Ala. 107, 79 So. 499. It is a specific lien covering only the services rendered by an attorney in the action in which the judgment was obtained, whereas a retaining lien is a general lien for the balance of the account between the attorney and his client, and applies to the
property of the client which may come into the attorney's possession in the course of his employment. In re Heinsheimer, 150 App. Div. 33, 143 N. Y. S. 895, 896.

—Concurrent liens. Maritime liens are concurrent when they are of the same rank, and for supplies or materials or services in preparation for the same voyage, or if they arise on different bottomry bonds to different holders for advances at the same time for the same repairs. The J. W. Tucker (D. C.) 20 F. 132.

—Consummate lien. A term which may be used to describe the lien of a judgment when a motion for a new trial has been denied (the lien having theretofore been merely inchoate). Sterling v. Parker-Washington Co., 185 Mo. App. 192, 170 S. W. 1156, 1159.

—Equitable liens are such as exist in equity, and of which courts of equity alone take cognizance. A lien is neither a jus in re nor a jus ad rem. It is not property in the thing, nor does it constitute a right of action for the thing. It more properly constitutes a charge upon the thing. Equitable liens most commonly grow out of constructive trusts. Story, Eq. Jur. § 1215; International Realty Associates v. McAdoo, 87 Fla. 1, 99 So. 117, 120; Jones v. Carpenter, 90 Fla. 407, 106 So. 127, 129, 43 A. L. R. 1409; Milam v. Milam, 138 Tenn. 856, 200 S. W. 526, 527; Aldrich v. R. J. Ederer Co., 302 Ill. 891, 134 N. E. 726, 728. An equitable lien is a right, not recognized at law, to have a fund or specific property, or the proceeds of its sale, applied in full or in part to the payment of a particular debt or class of debts. Burdon Cent. Sugar Refining Co. v. Ferris Sugar Mfg. Co. (C. C.) 78 F. 421; The Menominie (D. C.) 36 F. 189; Fallon v. Worthington, 13 Colo. 530, 22 P. 590, 6 L. R. A. 708, 16 Am. St. Rep. 251; In re Lesser (D. C.) 160 F. 458; Clatworthy v. Ferguson, 72 Colo. 253, 210 P. 693, 694; Gradd Bros. Co. v. City of Montgomery, 182 Ala. 291, 62 So. 892, 895, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 738; Foster v. Frapton-Foster Lumber Co., 96 W. Va. 325, 123 S. E. 50, 52. It is simply a right to proceed in an equitable action against the subject-matter of the lien and have it sold or sequestered and its proceeds or rents and profits applied to the demand of the owner of the lien. Oppenheimer v. Szulerecki, 297 Ill. 81, 130 N. E. 325, 328, 28 A. L. R. 1439. Every express executory agreement in writing, whereby the contracting party sufficiently indicates an intention to make some particular property, real or personal, or fund therein identified, a security for a debt or other obligation, or whereby the party promises to convey, assign, or transfer the property as security, creates an equitable lien upon the property so indicated, which is enforceable against the property. Knott v. Mfg. Co., 30 W. Va. 756, 5 S. E. 266; Geddes v. Reeves Coal & Dock Co. (C. C. A.) 20 F.(2d) 48, 50, 54 A. L. R. 282; Root Mfg. Co. v. Johnson (C. C. A.) 219 F. 397, 406. The equitable lien differs essentially from a common-law lien, in that in the equitable lien, possession remains with the debtor who holds the proprietary interest. Jones v. Carpenter, 90 Fla. 407, 106 So. 127, 129, 43 A. L. R. 1409; Klaustermeyer v. Cleveland Trust Co., 89 Ohio St. 142, 105 N. E. 278, 280.

—First lien. One which takes priority or precedence over all other charges or incumbrances upon the same piece of property, and which must be satisfied before such other charges are entitled to participate in the proceeds of its sale.

—Inchoate lien. The lien of a judgment, from the day of its entry, subject to be defeated by its vacation, becoming a consummate lien if the motion for a new trial is thereafter overruled; such lien then relating back to the original entry of the judgment. Sterling v. Parker-Washington Co., 185 Mo. App. 192, 170 S. W. 1156, 1159.

—Prior lien. This term commonly denotes a first or superior lien, and not one necessarily antecedent in time. Titus v. United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Exploration Co. (D. C.) 231 F. 205, 210.

—Retaining lien. The lien which an attorney has upon all his client's papers, deeds, vouchers, etc., which remain in his possession, entitling him to retain them until satisfaction of his claims for professional services. In re Wilson (D. C.) 12 F. 239; In re Lexington Ave., 30 App. Div. 662, 52 N. Y. S. 203; In re Craig, 171 App. Div. 218, 157 N. Y. S. 310, 311; Prichard v. Fulmer, 22 N. M. 134, 159 P. 39, 40, 2 A. L. R. 474; Hale v. Tyson, 202 Ala. 107, 79 So. 499. It is a general lien. Roxana Petroleum Co. v. Rice, 190 Okl. 161, 235 P. 592, 597.

—Second lien. One which takes rank immediately after a first lien on the same property and is next entitled to satisfaction out of the proceeds.

—Secret lien. A lien reserved by the vendor of chattels, who has delivered them to the vendee, to secure the payment of the price, which is concealed from all third persons.

As to the particular kinds of liens described as "Bailee's," "Judgment," "Maritime," "Machinery," "Municipal," and "Vendors'" liens, see those titles.

LIENOR. The person having or owning a lien; one who has a right of lien upon property of another.

LIÉU. Fr. Place; room. It is only used with "in;" in lieu, instead of. Enc. Lond.

LIÉU CONUS. L. Fr. In old pleading. A known place; a place well known and generally taken notice of by those who dwell about it, as a castle, a manor, etc. Whishaw; 1 Ld. Raym. 259.
LIEU LANDS. A term used to indicate public lands within the indemnity limits granted in lieu of those lost within place limits. See Weyerhaeuser v. Hoyt, 31 S. Ct. 300, 219 U. S. 380, 55 L. Ed. 258.

LIEUTENANCY, COMMISSION OF. See Commission of Array.

LIEUTENANT. 1. A deputy; substitute; an officer who supplies the place of another; one acting by vicarious authority. Etymologically, one who holds the post or office of another, in the place and stead of the latter.

2. The word is used in composition as part of the title of several civil and military officers, who are subordinate to others, and especially where the duties and powers of the higher officer may, in certain contingencies, devolve upon the lower; as lieutenant governor, lieutenant colonel, etc. See infra.

3. In the army, a lieutenant is a commissioned officer, ranking next below a captain. In the United States navy, he is an officer whose rank is intermediate between that of an ensign and that of a lieutenant commander. In the British navy, his rank is next below that of a commander.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL. An officer of the army whose rank is above that of a major and below that of a colonel.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER. A commissioned officer of the United States navy, whose rank is above that of lieutenant and below that of commander.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL. An officer in the army, whose rank is above that of major general and below that of "general of the army." In the United States, this rank is not permanent, being usually created for special persons or in times of war.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. In English law. A deputy-governor, acting as the chief civil officer of one of several colonies under a governor general. Webster. In American law. An officer of a state, sometimes charged with special duties, but chiefly important as the deputy or substitute of the governor, acting in the place of the governor upon the latter's death, resignation, or disability.

LIFE. That state of animals and plants or of an organized being, in which its natural functions and motions are performed, or in which its organs are capable of performing their functions. Webster.

The sum of the forces by which death is resisted. Bichat.

—Life-annuity. An engagement to pay an income yearly during the life of some person; also the sum thus promised.

—Life-estate. An estate whose duration is limited to the life of the party holding it, or of some other person; a freehold estate, not of inheritance. Williams v. Ratcliff, 42 Miss. 154; Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 3087 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3663).

—Life in being. A phrase used in the common-law and statutory rules against perpetuities, meaning the remaining duration of the life of a person who is in existence at the time when the deed or will takes effect. See McArthur v. Scott, 5 S. Ct. 852, 113 U. S. 340, 28 L. Ed. 1015.

—Life insurance. See Insurance.

—Life-interest. A claim or interest, not amounting to ownership, and limited by a term of life, either that of the person in whom the right is vested or that of another.

—Life-land, or Life-hold. Land held on a lease for lives.

—Life of a writ. The period during which a writ (execution, etc.) remains effective and can lawfully be served or levied, terminating with the day on which, by law or by its own terms, it is to be returned into court.

—Life peerage. Letters patent, conferring the dignity of baron for life only, do not enable the grantee to sit and vote in the house of lords, not even with the usual writ of summons to the house. Wharton.

—Life policy. A policy of life insurance; a policy of insurance upon the life of an individual.

—Life-rent. In Scotch law. An estate for life; a right to the use and enjoyment of an estate or thing for one's life, but without destruction of its substance. They are either legal, such as terce and curtesy, (q. v.), or conventional, i. e., created by act of the parties. Conventional life-rents are either simple, where the owner of an estate grants a life-interest to another, or by reservation, where the owner, in conveying away the fee, reserves a life-estate to himself.


—Life tables. Statistical tables exhibiting the probable proportion of persons who will live to reach different ages. Cent. Dict.

Such tables are used for many purposes, such as the computation of the present value of annuities, dower rights, etc.; and for the computation of damages resulting from injuries which destroy the earning capacity of a person, or those resulting from the death of a person to those who are dependent upon him.

—Life tenant. One who holds an estate in lands for the period of his own life or that of another certain person.

—Natural life. The period of a person's existence considered as continuing until terminated by physical dissolution or death.
occuring in the course of nature; used in contradistinction to that juristic and artificial conception of life as an aggregate of legal rights or the possession of a legal personality, which could be terminated by "civil death," that is, that extinction of personality which resulted from entering a monastery or being attainted of treason or felony. See People v. Wright, 89 Mich. 70, 50 N. W. 762.

LIFT. To raise; to take up. To "lift" a promissory note is to discharge its obligation by paying its amount or substituting another evidence of debt. To "lift the bar" of the statute of limitations, or of an estoppel, is to remove the obstruction which it interposes, by some sufficient act or acknowledgment.

LIGA. In old European law. A league or confederation. Spelman.

LIGAN, LAGAN. Goods cast into the sea tied to a buoy, so that they may be found again by the owners, are so denominated. When goods are cast into the sea in storms or shipwrecks, and remain there, without coming to land, they are distinguished by the barbarous names of "jetsam," "flotsam," and "ligan." 5 Coke, 108; Harg. State Tr. 48; 1 Bl. Comm. 282.

LIGARE. To tie or bind. Bract. fol. 369b. To enter into a league or treaty. Spelman.

LIGEA. In old English law. A liege-woman; a female subject. Reg. Orig. 312b.

LIGEANCE. Allegiance; the faithful obedience of a subject to his sovereign, of a citizen to his government. Also, derivatively, the territory of a state or sovereignty.

LIGEANTIA. Lat. Ligeance; allegiance.

Ligeantia est quasi legis essentia; est vacuwm fidel. Co. Litt. 129. Allegiance is, as it were, the essence of law; it is the chain of faith.

Ligeantia naturalis nullis clausiarae coecest, nullis metie refranatur, nullis finibus promittur. 7 Coke, 10. Natural allegiance is restrained by no barriers, reined by no bounds, compressed by no limits.

LIGEAS. In old records. A liege.

LIGHT. A window, or opening in the wall for the admission of light. Also a privilege or easement to have light admitted into one's building by the openings made for that purpose, without obstruction or obscuration by the walls of adjacent or neighboring structures.

LIGHT-HOUSE. A structure, usually in the form of a tower, containing signal-lights for the guidance of vessels at night, at dangerous points of a coast, shoals, etc. They are usually erected by government, and subject to governmental regulation.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. A commission authorized by congress, consisting of two officers of the navy, two officers of the corps of engineers of the army, and two civilians, together with an officer of the navy and an officer of engineers of the army as secretaries, attached to the office of the secretary of the treasury, at Washington, and charged with superintending the construction and management of light-houses, light-ships, and other maritime signals for protection of commerce. Abbott.

LIGHT-SHIP, LIGHT-VESSHEL. A vessel serving the purpose of a light-house, usually at a place where the latter could not well be built.

LIGHTER. A small vessel used in loading and unloading ships and steamers. The Mamie (D. C.) 5 Fed. 818; Reed v. Ingham, 26 Eng. Law & Eq. 167.

LIGHTERAGE. The business of transferring merchandise to and from vessels by means of lighters; also the compensation or price demanded for such service. Western Transp. Co. v. Hawley, 1 Daly (N. Y.) 327.

LIGHTERMAN. The master or owner of a lighter. He is liable as a common carrier.

LIGHTS. 1. Windows; openings in the wall of a house for the admission of light. 2. Signal-lamps on board a vessel or at particular points on the coast, required by the navigation laws to be displayed at night.

LIGIUS. A person bound to another by a solemn tie or engagement. Now used to express the relation of a subject to his sovereign.

Ligna et lapides sub "armorum" appellatione non continentur. Sticks and stones are not contained under the name of "arms." Bract. fol. 144b.

LIGNAGIUM. A right of cutting fuel in woods; also a tribute or payment due for the same. Jacob.

LIGNAMINA. Timber fit for building. Du Fresne.

LIGULA. In old English law. A copy, exemplification, or transcript of a court roll or deed. Cowell.

LIMB. A member of the human body. In the phrase "life and limb," the latter term appears to denote bodily integrity in general; but in the definition of "mayhem" it refers only to those members or parts of the body which may be useful to a man in fighting. 1 Bl. Comm. 130.

LIMENARCHA. In Roman law. An officer who had charge of a harbor or port. Dig. 50, 4, 18, 10; Cod. 7, 16, 38.
LIMIT, n. To mark out; to define; to fix the extent of. Thus, to limit an estate means to mark out or to define the period of its duration, and the words employed in deeds for this purpose are thence termed "words of limitation," and the act itself is termed "limiting the estate." Brown.


LIMITATION. Restriction or circumspection; settling an estate or property; a certain time allowed by a statute for litigation.

In Estates

A limitation, whether made by the express words of the party or existing in intendment of law, circumscribes the continuance of time for which the property is to be enjoyed, and by positive and certain terms, or by reference to some event which possibly may happen, marks the period at which the time of enjoyment shall end. Prest. Estates, 25 And see Brattle Square Church v. Grant, 3 Gray (Mass.) 147; 63 Am. Dec. 723; Smith v. Smith, 23 Wis. 151; 99 Am. Dec. 153; Hoselton v. Hoselton, 166 Mo. 182; 65 S. W. 1005; Stearns v. Godfrey, 16 Me. 169.

In General

—Conditional limitation. A condition followed by a limitation over to a third person in case the condition be not fulfilled or there be a breach of it. Stearns v. Godfrey, 16 Me. 158; Church v. Grant, 3 Gray (Mass.) 151; 63 Am. Dec. 725; Smith v. Smith, 23 Wis. 176; 99 Am. Dec. 153; Community of Priests of St. Basil v. Byrne (Tex. Com. App.) 255 S.W. 601, 603; Hess v. Kernen Bros., 149 N. W. 847, 851, 169 Iowa 646; McWilliams v. Havelo, 283 S. W. 103, 105, 214 Ky. 320; McCutcheon Realty Corporation v. Kilb, 222 N. Y. S. 241, 243, 129 Misc. 637; Norman S. Riesenfeld, Inc., v. R. W. Realty Co., Inc., 217 N. Y. S. 306, 311, 127 Misc. 630; Lomas v. Silver, 195 N. Y. S. 214, 215, 201 App. Div. 383; Daggett v. F. Worth (Tex. Clv. App.) 177 S. W. 222, 225; Yarbrough v. Yarbrough, 209 S. W. 36, 38, 151 Tenn. 221; Stewart v. Blain (Tex. Clv. App.) 130 S. W. 925, 930; Board of Education of Borough of West Paterson v. Brophy, 106 A. 32, 34, 90 N. J. Eq. 57. A conditional limitation is where an estate is so expressly defined and limited by the words of its creation that it cannot endure for any longer time than till the contingency happens upon which the estate is to fall. 1 Steph. Comm. 308. Between conditional limitations and estates depending on conditions subsequent there is this difference: that in the former the estate determines as soon as the contingency happens; but in the latter it endures until the grantor or his heirs take advantage of the breach. Id. 310.

—Collateral limitation. One which gives an interest in an estate for a specified period, but makes the right of enjoyment to depend on some collateral event, as an estate to A, till B. shall go to Rome. Templeman v. Gibbs, 86 Tex. 358, 24 S. W. 792; 4 Kent, Comm. 128.

—Contingent limitation. When a remainder in fee is limited upon any estate which would by the common law be adjudged a fee tail, such a remainder is valid as a contingent limitation upon a fee, and vests in possession on the death of the first take without issue living at the time of his death. Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 3328 (Comp. Laws 1913, § 5300).

—Limitation in law. A limitation in law, or an estate limited, is an estate to be holden only during the continuance of the condition under which it was granted, upon the determination of which the estate vests immediately in him in expectancy. 2 Bl. Comm. 155.

—Limitation of actions. The restriction by statute of the right of action to certain periods of time, after the accruing of the cause of action, beyond which, except in certain specified cases, it will not be allowed. Also the period of time so limited by law for the bringing of actions. See Keysor v. Lowell, 117 Fed. 404, 54 C. C. A. 574; Battle v. Shivers, 39 Ga. 409; Baker v. Kelley, 11 Minn. 493 (Gill. 358); Ridddelbarger v. Hartford F. Ins. Co., 7 Wall. 390, 19 L. Ed. 257.

—Limitation of assise. In old practice. A certain time prescribed by statute, within which a man was required to allege himself or his ancestor to have been seised of lands sued for by a writ of assise. Cowell.

—Limitation of estate. The restriction or circumscription of an estate, in the conveyance by which it is granted, in respect to the interest of the grantee or its duration; the specific curtailment or confinement of an estate, by the terms of the grant, so that it cannot endure beyond a certain period or a designated contingency.

—Limitation over. This term includes any estate in the same property created or contemplated by the conveyance, to be enjoyed after the first estate granted expires or is extinguished. Thus, in a gift to A. for life, with remainder to the heirs of his body, the remainder is a 'limitation over' to such heirs. Ewing v. Shropshire, 80 Ga. 374, 7 S. E. 554.

—Special limitation. A qualification serving to mark out the bounds of an estate, so as to determine it ipso facto in a given event, without action, entry, or claim, before it would, or might, otherwise expire by force of, or according to, the general limitation. Henderson v. Hunter, 59 Pa. 340.

—Statute of limitations. A statute prescribing limitations to the right of action on certain described causes of action; that is, declaring
that no suit shall be maintained on such causes of action unless brought within a specified period after the right accrued. Statutes of limitation are statutes of repose. Philadelphia, B. & W. R. Co. v. Quaker City Flour Mills Co., 127 A. 845, 846, 282 Pa. 362, and are such legislative enactments as prescribe the periods within which actions may be brought upon certain claims or within which certain rights may be enforced, People v. Kings County Development Co., 191 P. 1004, 1005, 48 Cal. App. 72. In criminal cases, however, a statute of limitation is an act of grace, a surrendering by sovereign of its right to prosecute. People v. Ross, 156 N. E. 303, 304, 325 Ill. 417.

—Title by limitation. A prescriptive title; one which is indefeasible because of the expiration of the term prescribed by the statute of limitations for the bringing of actions to test or defeat it. See Dalton v. Rentaria, 2 Ariz. 275, 15 Pac. 37.

—Words of limitation. In a conveyance or will, words which have the effect of marking the duration of an estate are termed "words of limitation." Thus, in a grant to A. and his heirs, the words "and his heirs" are words of limitation, because they show that A. is to take an estate in fee-simple and do not give his heirs anything. Fearne, Rem. 78. And see Ball v. Payne, 6 Rand. (Va.) 75; Summit v. Yount, 109 Ind. 506, 9 N. E. 552.

LIMITED. Restricted; bounded; prescribed. Confined within positive bounds; restricted in duration, extent, or scope.

LIMITED ADMINISTRATION. An administration of a temporary character, granted for a particular period, or for a special or particular purpose. Holthouse.

LIMITED OWNER. A tenant for life, in tail, or by the curtesy, or other person not having a fee-simple in his absolute disposition. As to limited "Company," "Divorce," "Executor," "Fee," "Jurisdiction," "Liability," and "Partnership," see those titles.

LIMOGIA. Enamel. Du Cange.

LINARIUM. In old English law. A flax plat, where flax is grown. Du Cange.

LINCOLN'S INN. An inn of court. See Inns of Court.

LINE. In Descents

The order or series of persons who have descended one from the other or all from a common ancestor, considered as placed in a line of succession in the order of their birth, the line showing the connection of all the blood-relatives.

Measures

A line is a linear measure, containing the one-twelfth part of an inch.

In Estates

The boundary or line of division between two estates.

In General

—Building line. A line established by municipal authority, to secure uniformity of appearance in the streets of the city, drawn at a certain uniform distance from the curb or from the edge of the sidewalk, and parallel thereto, upon which the fronts of all buildings on that street must be placed, or beyond which they are not allowed to project. See Tear v. Freebody, 4 C. B. (N. S.) 263.

—Collateral line. A line of descent connecting persons who are not directly related to each other as ascendants or descendants, but whose relationship consists in common descent from the same ancestor.

—Direct line. A line of descent traced through those persons only who are related to each other directly as ascendants or descendants.

—Line of credit. A margin or fixed limit of credit, granted by a bank or merchant to a customer, to the full extent of which the latter may avail himself in his dealings with the former, but which he must not exceed; usually intended to cover a series of transactions, in which case, when the customer's line of credit is nearly or quite exhausted, he is expected to reduce his indebtedness by payments before drawing upon it further. See Isador Bush Wine Co. v. Wolff, 48 La. Ann. 918, 19 So. 765; Schneider-Davis Co. v. Hart, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 529; 57 S. W. 903.

—Line of duty. In military law and usage, an act is said to be done, or an injury sustained, "in the line of duty," when done or suffered in the performance or discharge of a duty incumbent upon the individual in his character as a member of the military or naval forces. See Rhodes v. U. S., 79 P. 743, 25 C. C. A. 158.

—Lines and corners. In surveying and conveying. Boundary lines and their terminating points, where an angle is formed by the next boundary line.

—Maternal line. A line of descent or relationship between two persons which is traced through the mother of the younger.

—Paternal line. A similar line of descent traced through the father.

LINEA. Lat. A line; line of descent. See Line.

LINEA OBLIQUA. In the civil law. The oblique line. More commonly termed "linea transversalis."
LINEA RECTA. The direct line; the vertical line. In computing degrees of kindred and the succession to estates, this term denotes the direct line of ascendants and descendants. Where a person springs from another immediately, or mediately through a third person, they are said to be in the direct line, (linea recta,) and are called "ascendants" and "descendants." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 129.

Linea recta est index sui et obliqui; lex est linea recti. Co. Litt. 158. A right line is a test of itself, and of an oblique; law is a line of right.

Linea recta semper praefertur transversali. The right line is always preferred to the collateral. Co. Litt. 19; Broom. Max. 529.

LINEA TRANSVERSALIS. A collateral, transverse, or oblique line. Where two persons are descended from a third, they are called "collaterals," and are said to be related in the collateral line, (linea transversa or obliqua.)

LINEAGE. Race; progeny; family, ascending or descending. Lockett v. Lockett, 94 Ky. 288, 22 S. W. 224.

LINEAL. That which comes in a line; especially a direct line, as from father to son. Collateral relationship is not called "lineal," though the expression "collateral line," is not unusual.

LINEAL CONSANGUINITY. That kind of consanguinity which subsists between persons of whom one is descended in a direct line from the other; as between a particular person and his father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and so upward, in the direct ascending line; or between the same person and his son, grandson, great-grandson, and so downwards in the direct descending line. 2 Bl. Comm. 203; Willis Coal & Min. Co. v. Grizzell, 198 Ill. 313, 65 N. E. 74.

LINEAL DESCENT. See Descent.

LINEAL HEIR. One who inherits in a line either ascending or descending from the common source, as distinguished from a collateral heir. Rocky Mountain Fuel Co. v. Kovales, 29 Colo. App. 554; 144 P. 863, 865.

LINEAL WARRANTY. A warranty by an ancestor from whom the title did or might have come to the heir. 2 Bl. Comm. 301; Rawle, Cor. 39.

LINES AND CORNERS. In dextr and surveys. Boundary lines and their angles with each other. Nolan v. Parmer, 21 Ala. 66.

LINK. A unit in a connected series; anything which serves to connect or bind together the things which precede and follow it. Thus, we speak of a "link in the chain of title."

LIQUERE. Lat. In the civil law. To be clear, evident, or satisfactory. When a jucdes was in doubt how to decide a case, he represented to the praeator, under oath, sibi non liquere, (that it was not clear to him,) and was thereupon discharged. Calvin.

LIQUET. It is clear or apparent; it appears. Satis liquet, it sufficiently appears. 1 Strange, 412.

LIQUIDATE. To adjust or settle an indebtedness; to determine an amount to be paid; to clear up an account and ascertain the balance; to fix the amount required to satisfy a judgment. Midgett v. Watson, 29 N. C. 145; Martin v. Kirk, 2 Humph. (Me.) 531; Peart v. First Nat. Bank, 141 S. C. 370, 139 S. E. 793, 797; Gibson v. American Ry. Express Co., 195 Iowa, 1128, 193 N. W. 274, 278; Browne v. Hammett, 133 S. C. 446, 131 S. E. 612, 614.

To clear away; to lessen; to pay. "To liquidate a balance means to pay it." Fleckner v. Bank of U. S., 8 Wheat. 338, 362, 5 L. Ed. 681.


LIQUIDATED ACCOUNT. An account whereof the amount is certain and fixed, either by the act and agreement of the parties or by operation of law; a sum which cannot be changed by the proof; it is so much or nothing; but the term does not necessarily refer to a writing. Nisbet v. Lawson, 1 Ga. 287.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. See Damages.

LIQUIDATED DEBT. A debt is liquidated when it is certain, what is due and how much is due. Roberts v. Prior, 20 Ga. 562.

LIQUIDATED DEMAND. A demand is a liquidated one if the amount of it has been ascertained—settled—by the agreement of the parties to it, or otherwise. Mitchell v. Addison, 20 Ga. 53.

LIQUIDATING PARTNER. The partner who upon the dissolution or insolvency of the firm, is appointed to settle its accounts, collect assets, adjust claims, and pay debts. Garretson v. Browz, 40 A. 300, 185 Pa. 447.

LIQUIDATION. The act or process of settling or making clear, fixed, and determine that which before was uncertain or unascertained.
As applied to a company, (or sometimes to the affairs of an individual,) liquidation is used in a broad sense as equivalent to "winding up;" that is, the comprehensive process of settling accounts, ascertaining and adjusting debts, collecting assets, and paying off claims.

LIQUIDATOR. A person appointed to carry out the winding up of a company.

Official Liquidator

In English law. A person appointed by the judge in chancery, in whose court a joint-stock company is being wound up to bring and defend suits and actions in the name of the company, and generally to do all things necessary for winding up the affairs of the company, and distributing its assets. 3 Steph. Comm. 24.

LIQUOR. This term, when used in statutes forbidding the sale of liquors, refers only to spirituous or intoxicating liquors. Brass v. State, 45 Fla. 1, 34 So. 307; State v. Brittain, 89 N. C. 576; People v. Crllely, 20 Barb. (N. Y.) 248. See Alcoholic Liquors; Intoxicating Liquor; Spirituous Liqueur.

LIQUOR DEALER. One who carries on the business of selling intoxicating liquors, either at wholesale or retail and irrespective of whether the liquor sold is produced or manufactured by himself or by others; but there must be more than a single sale. See Timm v. Harrison, 109 Ill. 601; U. S. v. Allen (D. C.) 38 F. 738; Fincannon v. State, 83 Ga. 418, 21 S. E. 53; State v. Dow, 21 Vt. 464; Mansfield v. State, 17 Tex. App. 472.

LIQUOR-SHOP. A house where spirituous liquors are kept and sold. Wooster v. State, 6 Baxt. (Tenn.) 534.

LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE. Under the excise laws of New York a certificate of payment of the tax imposed upon the business of liquor-selling, entitling the holder to carry on that business, and differing from the ordinary form of license in that it does not confer a mere personal privilege but creates a species of property which is transferable by the owner. See In re Lyman, 160 N. Y. 96, 54 N. E. 977; In re Cullinan, 82 App. Div. 445, 81 N. Y. S. 567.

LIRA. The name of an Italian coin, of the value of about eighty cents.

LIS. Lat. A controversy or dispute; a suit or action at law.

—Lis alibi pendens. A suit pending elsewhere. The fact that proceedings are pending between a plaintiff and defendant in one court in respect to a given matter is frequently a ground for preventing the plaintiff from taking proceedings in another court against the same defendant for the same object and arising out of the same cause of action. Sweet.

—Lis mota. A controversy moved or begun. By this term is meant a dispute which has arisen upon a point or question which afterwards forms the issue upon which legal proceedings are instituted. Westhoff v. Adams, 131 N. C. 378, 42 S. E. 823. After such controversy has arisen, (post litum motam,) it is held, declarations as to pedigree, made by members of the family since decedent, are not admissible. See 4 Camp. 417; 6 Car. & P. 596.


—Notice of lis pendens. A notice filed for the purpose of warning all persons that the title to certain property is in litigation, and that, if they purchase the defendant's claim to the same, they are in danger of being bound by an adverse judgment. See Empire Land & Canal Co. v. Engley, 18 Colo. 388, 33 P. 153.

LIST. A docket or calendar of causes ready for trial or argument, or of motions ready for hearing.

LISTED. Included in a list; put on a list, particularly on a list of taxable persons or property.

LISTERS. This word is used in some of the states to designate the persons appointed to make lists of taxable. See Rev. St. Vt. 538.

LITE PENDENTE. Lat. Pending the suit. Flota, lib. 2, c. 54, § 23.

LITEM DENUNCIARE. Lat. In the civil law. To cast the burden of a suit upon another; particularly used with reference to a purchaser of property who, being sued in respect to it by a third person, gives notice to his vendor and demands his aid in its defense. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 403.

LITEM SUAM FACERE. Lat. To make a suit his own. Where a judec, from partiality or enmity, evidently favored either of the
PARTIES, he was said *item suam facere*. Calvin.

LITERA. Lat. A letter. The letter of a law, as distinguished from its spirit. See Letter.

LITERA PISANA. The Pisan letter. A term applied to the old character in which the copy of the Pandects formerly kept at Pisa, in Italy, was written. Spelman.

LITERÆ. Letters. A term applied in old English law to various instruments in writing, public and private.

LITERÆ DIMISSORÆ. Dimissory letters, (q. v.).

LITERÆ HUMANIORES. A term including Greek, Latin, general philylogy, logic, moral philosophy, metaphysics; the name of the principal course of study in the University of Oxford. Wharton.

LITERÆ MORTUÆ. Dead letters; fulfilling words of a statute. Lord Bacon observes that “there are in every statute certain words which are as veins, where the life and blood of the statute cometh, and where all doubts do arise, and the rest are *literæ mortuæ*, fulfilling words.” Bac. St. Uses, (Works, iv. 189.)

LITERÆ PATENTES. Letters patent; literally, open letters.

*Literæ patentes regis non erunt vacua.* 1 Bulst. 6. The king’s letters patent shall not be void.


*Literæ scriptæ manent*. Written words last.

LITERÆ SIGILLATÆ. In old English law. Sealed letters. The return of a sheriff was so called. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 64, § 19.

LITERAL. According to language; following expression in words. A literal construction of a document adheres closely to its words, without making differences for extrinsic circumstances; a literal performance of a condition is one which complies exactly with its terms.

LITERAL CONTRACT. In Roman law. A species of written contract, in which the formal act by which an obligation was superinduced on the convention was an entry of the sum due, where it should be specifically ascertained, on the debit side of a ledger. Maine, Anc. Law, 320. A contract, the whole of the evidence of which is reduced to writing, and binds the party who subscribed it, although he has received no consideration. Lec. El. Dr. Rom. § 887.

LITERAL PROOF. In the civil law. Written evidence.

LITERARY. Pertaining to polite learning; connected with the study or use of books and writings.

The word “literary,” having no legal signification, is to be taken in its ordinary and usual meaning. We speak of literary persons as learned, erudite; of literary property, as the productions of ripe scholars, or, at least, of professional writers; of literary institutions, as those where the positive sciences are taught, or persons eminent for learning associate, for purposes connected with their professions. This we think the popular meaning of the word; and that it would not be properly used as descriptive of a school for the instruction of youth. Indianapolis v. McLean, 8 Ind. 322.

LITERARY COMPOSITION. In copyright law. An original result of mental production, developed in a series of written or printed words, arranged for an intelligent purpose, in an orderly succession of expressive combinations. Keene v. Wheatley, 14 Fed. Cas. 192; Woolsey v. Judd, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 396.

LITERARY PROPERTY. May be described as the right which entitles an author and his assigns to all the use and profit of his composition, to which no independent right is, through any act or omission on his or their part, vested in another person. 9 Amer. Law Reg. 44. And see Keene v. Wheatley, 14 Fed. Cas. 192; Palmer v. De Witt, 22 N. Y. Super. Ct. 532. A distinction is to be taken between “literary property” (which is the natural, common-law right which a person has in the form of written expression to which he has, by labor and skill, reduced his thoughts) and “copyright,” (which is a statutory monopoly, above and beyond natural property, conferred upon an author to encourage and reward a dedication of his literary property to the public) Abbott.

LITERATE. In English ecclesiastical law. One who qualifies himself for holy orders by presenting himself as a person accomplished in classical learning, etc., not as a graduate of Oxford, Cambridge, etc.

LITERATURA. “Ad literaturam ponere” means to put children to school. This liberty was anciently denied to those parents who were servile tenants, without the lord’s consent. The prohibition against the education of sons arose from the fear that the son, being bred to letters, might enter into holy orders, and so stop or divert the services which he might otherwise do as heir to his father. Paroch. Antiq. 401.

LITERIS OBLIGATIO. In Roman law. The contract of *nomen*, which was constituted by writing, (scripturâd.) It was of two kinds, viz.: (1) *Ae in personam*, when a transaction was transferred from the daybook (* adversaria*) into the ledger (*codex*) in the form of a debt under the name or heading of the
purchaser or debtor, (nomen:) and (2) a person in personam, where a debt already standing under one nomen or heading was transferred in the usual course of novatio from that nomen to another and substituted nomen. By reason of this transferring, these obligations were called "nomina transcripta." No money was, in fact, paid to constitute the contract. If ever money was paid, then the nomen was arcarium, (i. e., a real contract, re contractus,) and not a nomen proprium. Brown.

LITIGANT. A party to a lawsuit; one engaged in litigation; usually spoken of active parties, not of nominal ones.

LITIGARE. Lat. To litigate; to carry on a suit, (litum agere,) either as plaintiff or defendant; to claim or dispute by action; to test or try the validity of a claim by action.

LITIGATE. To dispute or contend in form of law; to carry on a suit.

LITIGATION. A judicial controversy. A contest in a court of justice, for the purpose of enforcing a right.

LITIGIOSITY. In Scotch law. The pendency of a suit; it is a tacit legal prohibition of alienation, to the disappointment of an action, or of diligence, the direct object of which is to obtain possession, or to acquire the property of a particular subject. The effect of it is analogous to that of inhibition. Bell.

LITIGIOSO. Span. Litigious; the subject of litigation; a term applied to property which is the subject of dispute in a pending suit. White v. Gay, 1 Tex. 388.

LITIGIOUS. That which is the subject of a suit or action; that which is contested in a court of justice. In another sense, "litigious" signifies fond of litigation; prone to engage in suits.

LITIGIOUS CHURCH. In ecclesiastical law, a church is said to be litigious where two presentations are offered to the bishop upon the same avoidance. Jenk. Cent. 11.

LITIGIOUS RIGHT. In the civil law. A right which cannot be exercised without undergoing a lawsuit. Civil Code La. art. 3556, par. 18.

LITIS ESTIMATIO. Lat. The measure of damages.

LITIS Contestatio. Lat.

In The Civil and Canon Law
Contestation of suit; the process of contesting a suit by the opposing statements of the respective parties; the process of coming to an issue; the attainment of an issue; the issue itself.

In The Practice of The Ecclesiastical Courts
The general answer made by the defendant, in which he denies the matter charged against him in the libel. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 9.

In Admiralty Practice
The general issue. 2 Browne, Civil & Admir. Law, 358, and note.

LITIS DENUINCiATiO. Lat. In the civil law. The process by which a purchaser of property, who is sued for its possession or recovery by a third person, falls back upon his vendor's covenant of warranty, by giving the latter notice of the action and demanding his aid in defending it. See Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 403.

LITIS DOMiniUM. Lat. In the civil law. Ownership, control, or direction of a suit. A fiction of law by which the employment of an attorney or proctor (procurator) in a suit was authorized or justified, he being supposed to become, by the appointment of his principal (dominus) or client, the dominus litis. Heinecc. Elem. lib. 4, tit. 10, §§ 1246, 1247.

Litis nomen omnem actionem significat, sive in rem, sive in personam sit. Co. Litt. 292. A lawsuit signifies every action, whether it be in rem or in personam.

LITISPENDENCE. An obsolete term for the time during which a lawsuit is going on.

LITISPENDENCIA. In Spanish law. Litispendency. The condition of a suit pending in a court of justice.

LITRE. Fr. A measure of capacity in the metric system, being a cubic decimetre, equal to 61.022 cubic inches, or 2.113 American pints, or 1.76 English pints. Webster.

LITTORAL. Belonging to the shore, as of seas and great lakes. Webster. Corresponding to riparian proprietors on a stream or small pond are littoral proprietors on a sea or lake. But "littoral" is also used coextensively with "litoral." Commonwealth v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 94. See Boston v. LeCraw, 17 How. 426, 15 L. Ed. 118.

LITURA. Lat. In the civil law. An obliteration or blot in a will or other instrument. Dig. 28, 4, 1, 1.

LITUS.

In Old European Law
A kind of servant; one who surrendered himself into another's power. Spelman.

In The Civil Law
The bank of a stream or shore of the sea; the coast.

Litus est quousque maximus fluctus a mari perverit. The shore is where the highest wave from the sea has reached. Dig. 50, 16, 96. Ang. Tide-Waters, 67.
LITUS MARIS. The sea-shore. "It is certain that which the sea overflows, either at high spring tides or at extraordinary tides, comes not, as to this purpose, under the denomination of 'litus maris,' and consequently the king's title is not of that large extent, but only to land that is usually overflowed at ordinary tides. That, therefore, I call the 'shore' that is between the common high-water and low-water mark, and no more." Hale de Jure Mar. c. 4.

LIVE-STOCK INSURANCE. See Insurance.

LIVE STORAGE. As applied to storage of automobiles in garages, "dead storage" is where cars not in use are deposited or put away, sometimes for the season, and "live storage" is the storage of cars in active daily use. Hogan v. O'Brien, 123 Misc. 865, 296 N. Y. S. 831, 832.

LIVELODE. Maintenance; support.

LIVERY. 1. In English law. Delivery of possession of their lands to the king's tenants in capite or tenants by knight's service.
   2. A writ which may be sued out by a ward in chivalry, on reaching his majority, to obtain delivery of the possession of his lands out of the hands of the guardian. 2 Bl. Comm. 68.
   3. A particular dress or garb appropriate or peculiar to certain persons, as the members of a guild, or, more particularly, the servants of a nobleman or gentleman.
   4. The privilege of a particular guild or company of persons, the members thereof being called "livery-men."
   5. A contract of hiring of work-beasts, particularly horses, to the use of the hirer. It is seldom used alone in this sense, but appears in the compound, "livery-stable."

LIVERY IN CHIVALRY. In feudal law. The delivery of the lands of a ward in chivalry out of the guardian's hands, upon the heir's attaining the requisite age,—twenty-one for males, sixteen for females. 2 Bl. Comm. 68.

LIVERY OFFICE. An office appointed for the delivery of lands.

LIVERY OF SEISIN. The appropriate ceremony, at common law, for transferring the corporal possession of lands or tenements by a grantor to his grantees. It was livery in deed where the parties went together upon the land, and there a twig, cloed, key, or other symbol was delivered in the name of the whole. Livery in law was where the same ceremony was performed, not upon the land itself, but in sight of it. 2 Bl. Comm. 315, 316; Michaud v. Crawford, 8 N. J. Law, 108; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Cannon (C. C.) 46 F. 232.


LIVERY STABLE KEEPER. One whose business it is to keep horses for hire or to let, or to keep, feed, or board horses for others. Kittanning Borough v. Montgomery, 5 Pa. Super. 198.

LIVERYMAN. A member of some company in the city of London; also called a "free-man."

LIVRE TOUROIS. A coin used in France before the Revolution. It is to be computed in the ad valorem duty on goods, etc., at eighteen and a half cents. Act Cong. March 2, 1798, § 61; 1 Story, Laws, 629.

LLOYD'S. An association in the city of London, originally for the transaction of marine insurance, the members of which underwrite one another's policies. See Durrow v. Eupens, 65 N. J. Law, 10, 46 A. 555.

LLOYD'S BONDS. The name of a class of evidences of debt, used in England; being acknowledgments, by a borrowing company made under its seal, of a debt incurred and actually due by the company to a contractor or other person for work done, goods supplied, or otherwise, as the case may be, with a covenant for payment of the principal and interest at a future time. Brown.

LOAD-LINE. The depth to which a ship will sink in salt water when loaded.

Every British ship must be marked on each side amidships with a load-line indicating the maximum load-line in salt water, to which it is lawful to load the ship. Sailing ships under eighty tons, fishing ships, and pleasure yachts, also ships employed exclusively in trading in any river or inland water wholly or partly in any British possession, and tugs and passenger steamers plying in smooth water or in excursion limits are excepted. This mark is called Plimsoll's Mark or Line, from Samuel Plimsoll, by whose efforts the passage of an act of parliament to prevent overloading was procured. The law applies to foreign ships while within any port of the United Kingdom, other than such as come into any such port to which they are not bound and for any purpose other than embarking or landing passengers or taking in or discharging cargo or taking in bunker coal. There must also be a mark on each side amidships indicating the position of each deck above water.

LOADMANAGE. The pay to loadsmen; that is, persons who sail or row before ships, in barks or small vessels, with instruments for towing the ship and directing her course, in order that she may escape the dangers in her way. Poth. Des Avaries, no. 137.

LOAN. A bailment without reward; consisting of the delivery of an article by the owner to another person, to be used by the latter gratuitously, and returned either in specie or in kind. A sum of money confined to another. Ramsey v. Whitebeck, 81 Ill. App. 210; Nichols v. Pearson, 7 Pet. 109, 8 L. Ed. 623;

A loan of money is a contract by which one delivers a sum of money to another, and the latter agrees to return at a future time a sum equivalent to that which he borrowed. Civ. Code Cal. § 1912; In re Grand Union Co. (C. C. A.) 219 F. 353, 356.

**LOAN ASSOCIATION.** See Building and Loan Association.

**LOAN CERTIFICATES.** Certificates issued by a clearing-house to the associated banks to the amount of seventy-five per cent. of the value of the collaterals deposited by the borrowing banks with the loan committee of the clearing-house. Anderson.

**LOAN FOR CONSUMPTION.** The loan for consumption is an agreement by which one person delivers to another a certain quantity of things which are consumed by the use, under the obligation, by the borrower, to return to him as much of the same kind and quality. Civ. Code La. art. 2910. Loans are of two kinds,—for consumption or for use. A loan for consumption is where the article is not to be returned in specie, but in kind. This is a sale, and not a bailment. Code Ga. 1882, § 2125 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3516).

**LOAN FOR EXCHANGE.** A loan for exchange is a contract by which one delivers personal property to another, and the latter agrees to return to the lender a similar thing at a future time, without reward for its use. Civ. Code Cal. § 1902.

**LOAN FOR USE.** The loan for use is an agreement by which a person delivers a thing to another, to use it according to its natural destination, or according to the agreement, under the obligation on the part of the borrower, to return it after he shall have done using it. Civ. Code La. art. 2993. A loan for use is a contract by which one gives to another the temporary possession and use of personal property, and the latter agrees to return the same thing to him at a future time, without reward for its use. Civ. Code Cal. § 1854. A loan for use is the gratuitous grant of an article to another for use, to be returned in specie, and may be either for a certain time or indefinitely, and at the will of the grantor. Code Ga. 1882, § 2126 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3517). Loan for use (called "commodatum" in the civil law) differs from a loan for consumption, (called "mutuum" in the civil law;) in this: that the commodatum must be specifically returned; the mutuum is to be returned in kind. In the case of a commodatum, the property in the thing remains in the lender; in a mutuum, the property passes to the borrower. Bouvier.

**LOAN, GRATUITOUS, (or COMMODATE.)** A class of bailment which is called "commodo-

**LOAN SOCIETIES.** In English law. A kind of club formed for the purpose of advancing money on loan to the industrial classes.

**LOBBYING.** "Lobbying" is defined to be any personal solicitation of a member of a legislative body during a session thereof, by private interview, or letter or message, or other means and appliances not addressed solely to the judgment, to favor or oppose, or to vote for or against, any bill, resolution, report, or claim pending, or to be introduced by either branch thereof, by any person who misrepresents the nature of his interest in the matter to such member, or who is employed for a consideration by a person or corporation interested in the passage or defeat of such bill, resolution, report, or claim, for the purpose of procuring the passage or defeat thereof. But this does not include such services as drafting petitions, bills, or resolutions, attending to the taking of testimony, collecting facts, preparing arguments and memorials, and submitting them orally or in writing to a committee or member of the legislature, and other services of like character, intended to reach the reason of legislators. Code Ga. 1882, § 4486. And see Colusa County v. Welch, 122 Cal. 428, 55 P. 248; Trist v. Child, 21 Wall. 448, 22 L. Ed. 623; Dunham v. Hastings Pavement Co., 56 App. Div. 244, 67 N. Y. S. 652; Houlton v. Nichol, 93 WIs. 393, 67 N. W. 715, 33 L. R. A. 166, 57 Am. St. Rep. 923; Galveston County v. Graham (Tex. Civ. App.) 220 S. W. 560, 563; Graves & Houtchens v. Diamond Hill Independent School Dist. (Tex. Civ. App.) 245 S. W. 635, 639.

**LOBBYST.** One who makes it a business to procure the passage of bills pending before a legislative body.

One "who makes it a business to 'see' members and procure, by persuasion, importunity, or the use of inducements, the passing of bills, public as well as private, which involve gain to the promoters." 1 Bryce, Am. Com. 150.

L'obligation sans cause, ou sur une fausse cause, ou sur cause illicite, ne peut avoir aucun effet. An obligation without consideration, or upon a false consideration, (which fails,) or upon unlawful consideration, cannot have any effect. Code Civil, 3, 4; Chlt. Cont. (11th Am. Ed.) 25, note.

**LOCAL.** Relating to place, expressive of place; belonging or confined to a particular place. Distinguished from "general," "personal," and "transitory."
LOCAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT. An act which has for its object the interest of some particular locality, as the formation of a road, the alteration of the course of a river, the formation of a public market in a particular district, etc. Brown.

LOCAL ASSESSMENT. A charge in the nature of tax, levied to pay the whole or part of the cost of local improvements, and assessed upon the various parcels of property specially benefited thereby. Gould v. Baltimore, 50 Md. 350.

LOCAL CHATEL. A thing is local that is fixed to the freehold. Kitchin, 180.

LOCAL COURTS. Courts whose jurisdiction is limited to a particular territory or district. The expression often signifies the courts of the state, in opposition to the United States courts. People v. Porter, 90 N. Y. 75; Geraty v. Reid, 78 N. Y. 67.

LOCAL FREIGHT. Freight shipped from either terminus of a railroad to a way station, or vise versa, or from one way station to another; that is, over a part of the road only. Mobile & M. R. Co. v. Steiner, 61 Ala. 579.

LOCAL FREIGHT TRAIN. A train that stops at any siding where there is freight to load and unload, as differentiated from one which takes and leaves freight only at certain stops, and generally called a "through train." Arizona Eastern R. Co. v. State, 29 Ariz. 446, 242 P. 870, 871.

LOCAL INFLUENCE. As a statutory ground for the removal of a cause from a state court to a federal court, this means influence enjoyed and wielded by the plaintiff, as a resident of the place where the suit is brought, in consequence of his wealth, prominence, political importance, business or social relations, or otherwise, such as might affect the minds of the court or jury and prevent the defendant from winning the case, even though the merits should be with him. See Neale v. Foster (C. C.) 51 F. 53.

LOCAL OPTION. A privilege accorded by the legislature of a state to the several counties or other districts of the state to determine, each for itself, by popular vote, whether or not licenses should be issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors within such districts. See Wilson v. State, 35 Ark. 456; State v. Brown, 19 Fla. 598.

LOCAL PREJUDICE. The "prejudice or local influence" which will warrant the removal of a cause from a state court to a federal court may be either prejudice and influence existing against the party seeking such removal or existing in favor of his adversary. Neale v. Foster (C. C.) 31 F. 53.


LOCALITY. In Scotch law. This name is given to a life-rent created in marriage contracts in favor of the wife, instead of leaving her to her legal life-rent of livery. 1 Bell, Comm. 55.

LOCARE. To let for hire; to deliver or ball a thing for a certain reward or compensation. Bract. fol. 62.

LOCARIUM. In old European law. The price of letting; money paid for the hire of a thing; rent. Spelman.

LOCATAIRE. In French law. A lessee, tenant, or renter.

LOCATARIUS. Lat. A depositee.

LOCATE. To ascertain and fix the position of something, the place of which was before uncertain or not manifest; as to locate the calls in a deed. To decide upon the place or direction to be occupied by something not yet in being; as to locate a road.

LOCATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Letting for hire. The term is also used by text-writers upon the law of bailment at common law. Hanes v. Shapiro & Smith, 84 S. E. 33, 35, 168 N. C. 24. In Scotch law it is translated "location." Bell.

LOCATIO-CONDUCTIO. In the civil law. A compound word used to denote the contract of bailment for hire, expressing the action of both parties, viz., a letting by the one and a hiring by the other. 2 Kent, Comm. 586, note; Story, Bailm. § 388; Coggs v. Bernard, 2 Id. Raym. 913.

LOCATIO CUSTODIÆ. A letting to keep; a bailment or deposit of goods for hire. Story, Bailm. § 442. According to the classification of bailments at civil law, a "locatio custodiam" is the hiring of care and services to be bestowed on the thing delivered. Hanes v. Shapiro & Smith, 84 S. E. 33, 35, 168 N. C. 24.

LOCATIO OPERIS. In the civil law. The contract of hiring work, i.e., labor and services. It is a contract by which one of the parties gives a certain work to be performed by the other, who binds himself to do it for the price agreed between them, which he who gives the work to be done promises to pay to the other for doing it. Poth. Louage, no. 392; Zell v. Dunkle, 156 Pa. 353, 27 Atl. 38.

LOCATIO OPERIS FACIENDI. A letting out of work to be done; a bailment of a thing for the purpose of having some work and labor or care and pains bestowed on it for a pecuniary recompense. 2 Kent, Comm. 356, 358; Story, Bailm. §§ 370, 421, 422; Hanes v. Shapiro & Smith, 84 S. E. 33, 35, 168 N. C. 24. Metal Package Corporation of New York v. Osborn, 125 A. 752, 754, 145 Md. 371.
LOCATIO OPERIS MERCUM VEHERDARUM

LOCATIO OPERIS MERCUM VEHERDARUM. A letting of work to be done in the carrying of goods; a contract of ballment by which goods are delivered to a person to carry for hire. 2 Kent, Comm. 557; Story, Ballim. §§ 379, 457; Hanes v. Shaprio & Smith, 84 S. E. 33, 35, 168 N. C. 24.

LOCATIO REI. A letting of a thing to hire. 2 Kent, Comm. 556. The ballment or letting of a thing to be used by the bailee for a compensation to be paid by him. Story, Ballim. § 379; Hanes v. Shaprio & Smith, 84 S. E. 33, 35, 168 N. C. 24.

LOCATION.

In American Land Law

The designation of the boundaries of a particular piece of land, either upon record or on the land itself. Mosby v. Carland, 1 Bibb (Ky.) 84.

The finding and marking out the bounds of a particular tract of land, upon the land itself, in conformity to a certain description contained in an entry, grant, map, etc.; such description consisting in what are termed "locative calls." Cunningham v. Browning, 1 Bland (Md.) 329.

In Mining Law

The act of appropriating a "mining claim" (parcel of land containing preclusive metal in its soil or rock) according to certain established rules. It usually consists in placing on the ground, in a conspicuous position, a notice setting forth the name of the locator, the fact that it is thus taken or located, with the requisite description of the extent and boundaries of the parcel. St. Louis Smelting, etc., Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 649, 26 L. Ed. 875; Smith v. Union Oil Co., 135 P. 966, 968, 166 Cal. 217; Producers' Oil Co. v. Hanszen, 61 So. 754, 759, 132 La. 601; U. S. v. Sherman (C. C. A.) 288 F. 497, 498; Cole v. Ralph, 40 S. Ct. 321, 328, 222 U. S. 286, 64 L. Ed. 567.

In a secondary sense, the mining claim covered by a single act of appropriation or location. Id.

In Scotch Law

A contract by which the temporary use of a subject, or the work or service of a person, is given for an ascertained hire. 1 Bell, Comm. 255.

LOCATIVE CALLS. In a deed, patent, or other instrument containing a description of land, locative calls are specific calls, descriptions, or marks of location, referring to landmarks, physical objects, or other points by which the land can be exactly located and identified.

In harmonizing conflicting calls in a deed or survey of public lands, courts will ascertain which calls are locative and which are merely directory, and conform the lines to the locative calls; "directory calls" being those which merely direct the neighborhood where the different calls may be found, whereas "locative calls" are those which serve to fix boundaries. Cates v. Reynolds, 1st Tenn. 667, 228 S. W. 696, 698.

LOCATOR.

In the Civil and Scotch Law

A letter; one who lets; he who, being the owner of a thing, lets it out to another for hire or compensation. Cogges v. Bernard, 2 Ld. Raym. 913.

In American Land Law

One who locates land, or intends or is entitled to locate. See Location.

LOCATUM. A hiring. See Ballment.

LOCK-UP HOUSE. A place used temporarily as a prison.

LOCKMAN. An officer in the Isle of Man, to execute the orders of the governor, much like our under-sheriff. Wharton.

LOCMAN. Fr. In French marine law. A local pilot whose business was to assist the pilot of the vessel in guiding her course into a harbor, or through a river or channel. Martin v. Parnsworth, 33 N. Y. Super. Ct. 269.

LOCO PARENTIS. See In Loco Parentis.

LOCOCENSION. The act of giving place.

LOCULUS. In old records. A coffin; a purse.

LOCUM TENENS. Lat. Holding the place. A deputy, substitute, lieutenant, or representative.

LOCUPLES. Lat. In the civil law. Able to respond in an action; good for the amount which the plaintiff might recover. Dig. 50, 16, 234, 1.

LOCUS. Lat. A place; the place where a thing is done.

LOCUS CONTRACTUS. The place of a contract; the place where a contract is made.

Locus contractus regit actum. The place of the contract governs the act. 2 Kent, 458; L. R. 1 Q. B. 119; Scudder v. Union Nat. Bank, 91 U. S. 406, 23 L. Ed. 245. See Lex Loci.

LOCUS CRIMINIS. The locality of a crime; the place where a crime was committed.

LOCUS DELICITI. The place of the offense; the place where an offense was committed. 2 Kent, Comm. 169.

LOCUS IN QUO. The place in which. The place in which the cause of action arose, or where anything is alleged, in pleadings, to have been done. The phrase is most frequently used in actions of trespass quare clausum fregit.
LOCUS PARTITUS. In old English law. A place divided. A division made between two towns or counties to make out in which the land or place in question lies. 4 Coke, lib, 4, e, 15, § 1; Cowell.

LOCUS PENITENTIÆ. A place for repentance; an opportunity for changing one’s mind; a chance to withdraw from a contemplated bargain or contract before it results in a definite contractual liability. Also used of a chance afforded to a person, by the circumstances, of relinquishing the intention which he has formed to commit a crime, before the perpetration thereof.

Locus pro solutione reditus aut pecunia secundum conditionem dimissionem aut obligationem est stricte observandum. 4 Coke, 73. The place for the payment of rent or money, according to the condition of a lease or bond, is to be strictly observed.

LOCUS PUBLICUS. In the civil law. A public place. Dig. 43, 8, 1; Id. 43, 8, 2, 3.

LOCUS REGIT ACTUM. In private international law. The rule that, when a legal transaction complies with the formalities required by the law of the country where it is done, it is also valid in the country where it is to be given effect, although by the law of that country other formalities are required. 8 Sav. Est. § 381; Westl. Priv. Int. Law, 159.

LOCUS REI SITAE. The place where a thing is situated. In proceedings in rem, or the real actions of the civil law, the proper forum is the locus rei sitae. The Jerusalem, 2 Gall. 191, 197, Fed. Cas. No. 7,293.

LOCUS SIGILLI. The place of the seal; the place occupied by the seal of written instruments. Usually abbreviated to “L. S.”

LOCUS STANDI. A place of standing; standing in court. A right of appearance in a court of justice, or before a legislative body, on a given question.

LODE. This term, as used in the legislation of congress, is applicable to any zone or belt of mineralized rock lying within boundaries clearly separating it from the neighboring rock. It includes all deposits of mineral matter found through a mineralized zone or belt coming from the same source, impressed with the same forms, and appearing to have been created by the same processes. Eureka Consol. Min. Co. v. Richmond Min. Co., 4 Savy. 512, 8 Fed. Cas. 823. And see Duggan v. Davy, 4 Dak. 110, 29 N. W. 887; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 42; Montana Cent. Ry. Co. v. Migeon (C. C.) 48 Fed. 813; Meydenbauer v. Stevens (D. C.) 78 Fed. 730; Iron Silver Min. Co. v. Chevrolet, 116 U. S. 529, 6 Sup. Ct. 481, 29 L. Ed. 712; U. S. v. Iron Silver Min. Co., 128 U. S. 673, 9 Sup. Ct. 195, 32 L. Ed. 571; Utah Consol. Mining Co. v. Utah Apex Mining Co. (C. C. A.) 277 F. 41, 45; Myers v. Lloyd, 4 Alaska, 283, 295; Duffield v. San Francisco Chemical Co. (C. C. A.) 205 F. 480, 483; Alameda Mining Co. v. Success Mining Co., 161 P. 862, 865, 29 Idaho, 618.

LODEMAN, or LOADSMAN. The pilot conducts the ship up the river or into port; but the loadsmans is he that undertakes to bring a ship through the haven, after being brought thither by the pilot, to the quay or place of discharge. Jacob.

LODEMANAGE. The hire of a pilot for conducting a vessel from one place to another. Cowell.


A tenant, with the right of exclusive possession of a part of a house, the landlord, by himself or an agent, retaining general dominion over the house itself. Wansly v. Perkins, 7 Man. & G. 155; Pullman Palace Car Co. v. Lowe, 28 Neb. 239, 44 N. W. 226, 6 L. R. A. 809, 26 Am. St. Rep. 325; Metzger v. Schnabel, 23 Misc. 638, 52 N. Y. Supp. 165; Pollock v. Landis, 36 Iowa, 632.

LODGINGS. Habitation in another’s house; apartments in another’s house, furnished or unfurnished, occupied for habitation; the occupier being termed a “lodger.”

LODS ET VENTES. In old French and Canadian law. A fine payable by a roturier on every change of ownership of his land; a mutation or alienation fine. Steph. Lect. 351.

LOG-BOOK. A ship’s journal. It contains a minute account of the ship’s course, with a short history of every occurrence during the voyage. 1 Marsh. Ins. 312.

The part of the log-book relating to transactions in the harbor is termed the “harbor log;” that relating to what happens at sea, the “sea log.” Young, Naut. Dict.

Official Log-Book

A log-book in a certain form, and containing certain specified entries required by 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104, §§ 280-282, to be kept by all British merchant ships, except those exclusively engaged in the coasting trade.

LOG-ROLLING. A mischievous legislative practice, of embracing in one bill several distinct matters, none of which, perhaps, could singly obtain the assent of the legislature, and then procuring its passage by a combination of the minorities in favor of each of the measures into a majority that will adopt them
all. Walker v. Griffith, 60 Ala. 369; Com. v. Barnet, 109 Pa. 161, 48 Atl. 978, 55 L. R. A. 882; O'Leary v. Cook County, 28 Ill. 534; St. Louis v. Tiefel, 42 Mo. 590.

LOGATING. An unlawful game mentioned in St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 9.


LOGIC. The science of reasoning, or of the operations of the understanding which are subservient to the estimation of evidence. The term includes both the process itself of proceeding from known truths to unknown, and all other intellectual operations, in so far as auxiliary to this.

LOGIUM. In old records. A lodge, hovel, or outhouse.

LOGOGRAPHUS. In Roman law. A public clerk, register, or book-keeper; one who wrote or kept books of accounts. Dig. 50, 4, 18, 10; Cod. 10, 60.

LOGS. Stems or trunks of trees cut into convenient lengths for the purpose of being afterwards manufactured into lumber of various kinds; not including manufactured lumber of any sort, nor timber which is squared or otherwise shaped for use without further change in form. Kolloch v. Parcher, 52 Wis. 393, 9 N. W. 67. And see Haynes v. Hayward, 40 Me. 148; State v. Addington, 121 N. C. 558, 27 S. E. 958; Code W. Va. 1899, p. 1071, § 27 (Code 1906, § 2324; Code 1931, 31-3-8); Craddock Mfg. Co. v. Faison, 123 S. E. 333, 536, 138 Va. 605, 38 A. L. R. 1300; Cormier's Case, 127 A. 454, 124 Me. 237; Ladinier v. Ingram Lumber Co., 100 So. 369, 370, 135 Miss. 602.

LOITER. To stand around or move slowly about; to spend time idly; to saunter; to delay; to linger; to lag behind. State v. Badda, 125 S. E. 139, 160, 97 W. Va. 417; Malhoit v. Burns, 127 N. E. 333, 235 Mass. 559; Robinson v. State, 72 So. 592, 15 Ala. App. 29; King v. State, 108 W. S. 675, 676, 74 Tex. Cr. R. 658; State v. Tobin, 90 A. 312, 313, 90 Conn. 55; People v. Berger (Gen. Sess.) 169 N. Y. S. 318, 320.

LOLLARDS. A body of primitive Wesleyans, who assumed importance about the time of John Wycliffe, (1390) and were very successful in disseminating evangelical truth; but, being implicated (apparently against their will) in the Insurrection of the villeins in 1381, the statute De Habetico Combrendo (2 Hen. IV. c. 15) was passed against them, for their suppression. However, they were not suppressed, and their representatives survive to the present day under various names and disguises. Brown.

LOMBARDS. A name given to the merchants of Italy, numbers of whom, during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, were established as merchants and bankers in the principal cities or Europe.


LONG. In various compound legal terms (see infra) this word carries a meaning not essentially different from its significance in the vernacular.

In the language of the stock exchange, a broker or speculator is said to be "long" on stock, or as to a particular security, when he has in his possession or control an abundant supply of it, or a supply exceeding the amount which he has contracted to deliver, or, more particularly, when he has bought a supply of such stock or other security for future delivery, speculating on a considerable future advance in the market price. See Kent v. Miltenberger, 13 Mo. App. 506; Corner.

LONG ACCOUNT. An account involving numerous separate items or charges, on one side or both, or the statement of various complex transactions, such as a court of equity will refer to a master or commissioner or a court of law to a referee under the rules of procedure. See Dickinson v. Mitchell, 19 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 236; Druse v. Horton, 57 Wis. 644, 16 N. W. 14; Doyle v. Metropolitan El. R. Co., 1 Misc. 376, 20 N. Y. Supp. 855; Craig v. McNichols Furniture Co. (Mo. App.) 187 S. W. 793, 797; Reed v. Young, 154 S. W. 766, 768, 248 Mo. 606.

LONG PARLIAMENT. The name usually given to the parliament which met in November, 1640, under Charles I., and was dissolved by Cromwell on the 10th of April, 1653. The name "Long Parliament" is, however, also given to the parliament which met in 1661, after the restoration of the monarchy, and was dissolved on the 30th of December, 1675. This latter parliament is sometimes called, by way of distinction, the "long parliament of Charles II." Mozley & Whittle.

LONG QUINTO, THE. An expression used to denote part second of the year-book which gives reports of cases in 5 Edw. IV.

LONG ROBE. A metaphorical expression designating the practice of profession of the law; as, in the phrase "gentlemen of the long robe."

LONG TON. A measure of weight equivalent to 20 hundred-weight of 112 pounds each, or 2,240 pounds, as distinguished from the "short" ton of 2,000 pounds. See Rev. St. U. S. § 2651 (19 USCA § 420). But see Jones v. Giles, 10 Exch. 119, as to an English custom of reckoning a ton of iron "long weight" as 2,400 pounds.

LONG VACATION. The recess of the English courts from August 10th to October 24th.

Longum tempus et longus usus qui excedit memoria hominum sufficit pro jure. Co. Litt. 115a. Long time and long use, exceeding the memory of men, suffices for right.

LOOKOUT. A person who is specially charged with the duty of observing the lights, sounds, echoes, or any obstruction to navigation, with the thoroughness which the circumstances admit. The Tilloicum (D. C.) 217 F. 976, 978; The Wilbert L. Smith (D. C.) 217 F. 981, 984.

A proper lookout on a vessel is some one in a favorable position to see, stationed near enough to the helmsman to communicate with him, and to receive communications from him, and exclusively employed in watching the movements of vessels which they are meeting or passing. The Genesee Chief v. Fitzhugh, 12 How. 462, 13 L. Ed. 1058.

LOPWOOD. A right in the inhabitants of a parish within a manor, in England, to lot for fuel, at certain periods of the year, the branches of trees growing upon the waste lands of the manor. Sweet.

LOQUELA. Lat. A colloquy; talk. In old English law, this term denoted the oral alterations of the parties to a suit, which led to the issue, now called the "pleadings." It also designated an "imparlance," (q. v.) both names evidently referring to the talking together of the parties. Loquela sine die, a postponement to an indefinite time.

Lequoise ut vulgus; sentiendum ut docti. We must speak as the common people; we must think as the learned. 7 Coke, 11b. This maxim expresses the rule that, when words are used in a technical sense, they must be understood technically; otherwise, when they may be supposed to be used in their ordinary acceptation.

LORD.

In English Law

A title of honor or nobility belonging properly to the degree of baron, but applied also to the whole peerage, as in the expression "the house of lords." 1 Bl. Comm. 396-400.

A title of office, as lord mayor, lord commissioner, etc.

In Feudal Law

A feudal superior or proprietor; one of whom a fee or estate is held.

In General

—Law lords. See Law.

—Lord advocate. The chief public prosecutor of Scotland. 2 Alb. Crim. Pr. 84.

—Lord and vassal. In the feudal system, the grantor, who retained the dominion or ultimate property, was called the "lord," and the grantee, who had only the use or possession, was called the "vassal" or "feudatory."

—Lord chief baron. The chief judge of the English court of exchequer, prior to the judiciary acts.

—Lord chief justice. See Justice.

—Lord high chancellor. See Chancellor.

—Lord high steward. In England, when a person is impeached, or when a peer is tried on indictment for treason or felony before the house of lords, one of the lords is appointed lord high steward, and acts as speaker pro tempore. Sweet.

—Lord high treasurer. An officer formerly existing in England, who had the charge of the royal revenues and customs duties, and of leasing the crown lands. His functions are now vested in the lords commissioners of the treasury. Mozley & Whitley.

—Lord in gross. In feudal law. He who is lord, not by reason of any manor, but as the king in respect of his crown, etc. "Very lord" is he who is immediate lord to his tenant; and "very tenant," he who holds immediately of that lord. So that, where there is lord paramount, lord mesne, and tenant, the lord paramount is not very lord to the tenant. Wharton.

—Lord justice clerk. The second judicial officer in Scotland.

—Lord keeper, or keeper of the great seal, was originally another name for the lord chancellor. After Henry II.'s reign they were sometimes divided, but now there cannot be a lord chancellor and lord keeper at the same time, for by St. 5 Eliz. c. 18, they are declared to be the same office. Com. Dig. "Chancellor," B. 1.

—Lord lieutenant. In English law. The viceroy of the crown in Ireland. The principal military officer of a county, originally ap-
pointed for the purpose of mustering the inhabitants for the defense of the country.

—Lord mayor. The chief officer of the corporation of the city of London is so called. The origin of the appellation of "lord," which the mayor of London enjoys, is attributed to the fourth charter of Edward III, which conferred on that officer the honor of having maces, the same as royal, carried before him by the sergeants. Pull. Laws & Cust. Lond.

—Lord mayor's court. In English law. This is a court of record, of law and equity, and is the chief court of justice within the corporation of London. Theoretically the lord mayor and aldermen are supposed to preside, but the recorder is in fact the acting judge. It has jurisdiction of all personal and mixed actions arising within the city and liberties without regard to the amount in controversy. See 5 Steph. Comm. 443, note i.

—Lord of a manor. The grantee or owner of a manor.

—Lord ordinary is the judge of the court of session in Scotland, who officiates for the time being as the judge of first instance. Dal. Pr. Ct. Sess.

—Lord paramount. A term applied to the King of England as the chief feudal proprietor, the theory of the feudal system being that all lands in the realm were held mediatly or immediately from him. See De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 495, 57 Am. Dec. 470; Opinion of Justices, 66 N. H. 629, 33 A. 1076.

—Lord privy seal, before the 30 Hen. VIII., was generally an ecclesiastic. The office has since been usually conferred on temporal peers above the degree of barons. He is appointed by letters patent. The lord privy seal, receiving a warrant from the signet office, issues the privy seal, which is an authority to the lord chancellor to pass the great seal where the nature of the grant requires it. But the privy seals for money begin in the treasury, whence the first warrant issues, countersigned by the lord treasurer. The lord privy seal is a member of the cabinet council. Enc. Lond.


—Lords appellants. Five peers who for a time superseded Richard II, in his government, and whom, after a brief control of the government, he in turn superseded in 1397, and put the survivors of them to death. Richard II's eighteen commissioners (twelve peers and six commoners) took their place, as an embryo privy council acting with full powers, during the parliamentary recess. Brown.

—Lords commissioners. In English law. When a high public office in the state, formerly executed by an individual, is put into commission, the persons charged with the commission are called "lords commissioners," or sometimes "lords" or "commissioners" simply. Thus, we have, in lieu of the lord treasurer and lord high admiral of former times, the lords commissioners of the treasury, and the lords commissioners of the admiralty; and, whenever the great seal is put into commission, the persons charged with it are called "commissioners" or "lords commissioners" of the great seal. Mozley & Whitley.

—Lord's day. A name sometimes given to Sunday. Co. Litt. 135.

—Lords justices of appeal. In English law. The title of the ordinary judges of the court of appeal, by Jud. Act 1877, § 4. Prior to the judicature acts, there were two "lords justices of appeal in chancery," to whom an appeal lay from a vice-chancellor, by 14 & 15 Vict. c. 83.

—Lords marchers. Those noblemen who lived on the marches of Wales or Scotland, who in times past had their laws and power of life and death, like petty kings. Abolished by 27 Hen. VIII. c. 26, and 6 Edw. VI. c. 10. Wharton.

—Lords of appeal. Those members of the house of lords of whom at least three must be present for the hearing and determination of appeals. They are the lord chancellor, the lords of appeal in ordinary, and such peers of parliament as hold, or have held, high judicial offices, such as ex-chancellors and judges of the superior courts in Great Britain and Ireland. App. Jur. Act 1876, §§ 5, 25.

—Lords of appeal in ordinary. These are appointed, with a salary of £6,000 a year, to aid the house of lords in the hearing of appeals. They rank as barons for life, but sit and vote in the house of lords during the tenure of their office only. App. Jur. Act 1876, § 6.

—Lords of erection. On the Reformation in Scotland, the king, as proprietor of benefices formerly held by abbots and priors, gave them out in temporal lordships to favorites, who were termed "lords of erection." Wharton.

—Lords of parliament. Those who have seats in the house of lords. During bankruptcy, peers are disqualified from sitting or voting in the house of lords. 34 & 35 Vict. c. 50.

—Lords of regality. In Scotch law. Persons to whom rights of civil and criminal jurisdiction were given by the crown.

—Lords ordinaries. Lords appointed in 1312, in the reign of Edward II, for the control of the sovereign and the court party, and for the general reform and better government of the country. Brown.

—Lords spiritual. The archbishops and bishops who have seats in the house of lords.
—Lords temporal. Those lay peers who have seats in the house of lords.

LORDSHIP. In English law. Dominon, manor, seigniory, domain; also a title of honor used to a nobleman not being a duke. It is also the customary titulary appellation of the judges, and some other persons in authority and office.

LOSS.

In Insurance

The injury or damage sustained by the insured in consequence of the happening of one or more of the accidents or misfortunes against which the insurer, in consideration of the premium, has undertaken to indemnify the insured. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 1215.

In General

—Actual loss. One resulting from the real and substantial destruction of the property insured.

—Constructive loss. One resulting from such injuries to the property, without its destruction, as render it valueless to the assured or prevent its restoration to the original condition except at a cost exceeding its value.

—Direct loss by fire is one resulting immediately and proximately from the fire, and not remotely from some of the consequences or effects of the fire. Insurance Co. v. Leader, 121 Ga. 260, 48 S. E. 974; Ermentrout v. Insurance Co., 63 Minn. 305, 65 N. W. 655, 30 L. R. A. 946; 56 Am. St. Rep. 481; California Ins. Co. v. Union Compress Co., 123 U. S. 387, 10 Sup. Ct. 385, 33 L. Ed. 730.


—Partial loss. A loss of a part of a thing or of its value, or any damage not amounting (actually or constructively) to its entire destruction; as contrasted with total loss. Partial loss is one in which the damage done to the thing insured is not so complete as to amount to a total loss, either actual or constructive. In every such case the underwriter is liable to pay such proportion of the sum which would be payable on total loss as the damage sustained by the subject of insurance bears to the whole value at the time of insurance. 2 Steph. Comm. 132, 133; Crump. Ins. § 331; Mozley & Whitley. Partial loss implies a damage sustained by the ship or cargo, which falls upon the respective owners of the property so damaged; and, when happening from any peril insured against by the policy, the owners are to be indemnified by the underwriters, unless in cases excepted by the express terms of the policy. Padelford v. Boardman, 4 Mass. 548; Globe Ins. Co. v. Sherlock, 25 Ohio St. 65; Willard v. Insurance Co., 30 Mo. 35.

—Salvage loss. That kind of loss which it is presumed would, but for certain services rendered and exertions made, have become a total loss. In the language of marine underwriters, this term means the difference between the amount of salvage, after deducting the charges, and the original value of the property insured. Devitt v. Insurance Co., 61 App. Div. 390, 70 N. Y. Supp. 662; Koons v. La Fonciere Compagnie (D. C.) 71 F. 931.

—Total loss. See that title.

LOST. An article is "lost" when the owner has lost the use of it, in connection with it, or when he no longer has possession of it, either voluntarily or by any means, but more particularly by accident or his own negligence or forgetfulness, and when he is ignorant of its whereabouts or cannot recover it by an ordinary diligent search. See State Sav. Bank v. Buhl, 129 Mich. 193, 88 N. W. 471; 56 L. R. A. 944; Delote v. State, 36 Miss. 120, 72 Am. Dec. 163; Hoagland v. Amusement Co., 196 Mo. 335, 70 S. W. 220, 38 Am. St. Rep. 740. See, also, Lost Property.

As applied to ships and vessels, the term means "lost at sea," and a vessel lost is one that has totally gone from the owners against their will, so that they know nothing of it, whether it still exists or not, or one which they know is no longer within their use and control, either in consequence of capture by enemies or pirates, or an unknown foundering, or sinking by a known storm, or collision, or destruction by shipwreck. Bennett v. Garlock, 10 Hun (N. Y.) 328; Collard v. Eddy, 17 Mo. 355; Insurance Co. v. Gossler, 7 Fed. Cas. 495.

LOST CORNER. One whose location as established by the government surveyors cannot be found; but the mere fact that evidence of the physical location cannot now be seen, or that no one who saw the marked corner, or has seen it before it was produced, does not necessarily make the corner a lost one. Goroski v. Tawney, 121 Minn. 180, 141 N. W. 102, 103; Cooper v. Quade, 191 Iowa, 461, 182 N. W. 798, 799; Thomsen v. Keil, 48 Nev. 1, 226 P. 309, 310; Fellows v. Willett, 93 Okt. 248, 224 P. 298, 300; Simpson v. Stewart, 231 Mo. 228, 219 S. W. 559, 590.

LOST OR NOT LOST. A phrase sometimes inserted in policies of marine insurance to signify that the contract is meant to relate back to the beginning of a voyage now in progress, or to some other antecedent time, and to be valid and effectual even if, at the moment of executing the policy, the vessel should have already perished by some of the perils insured against, provided that neither party has knowledge of that fact or any advantage over the other in the way of superior means of information. See Hooper v. Robinson, 28 U. S. 537, 5 L. Ed. 219; Insurance Co. v. Folsom, 18 Wall. 251, 21 L. Ed. 827.

LOST PAPERS. Papers which have been so mislaid that they cannot be found after diligent search.

LOT. The arbitrament of chance; hazard. That which fortuitously determines what course shall be taken or what disposition be made of property or rights.

A share; one of several parcels into which property is divided. Used particularly of land. Any piece, division, or parcel of land.

The thirteenth dish of lead in the mines of Derbyshire, which belong to the crown.

LOT AND SCOT. In English law. Certain duties which must be paid by those who claim to exercise the elective franchise within certain cities and boroughs, before they are entitled to vote. It is said that the practice became uniform to refer to the poor-rate as a register of "scot and lot" voters; so that the term, when employed to define a right of election, meant only the payment by a parishioner of the sum to which he was assessed on the poor-rate. Brown.

LOT OF LAND. A small tract or parcel of land in a village, town, or city, suitable for building, or for a garden, or other similar uses. See Pilz v. Killingsworth, 20 Or. 432, 26 Pac. 365; Wilson v. Proctor, 28 Minn. 11, 8 N. W. 820; Webster v. Little Rock, 44 Ark. 561; Diamond Mach. Co. v. Ontonagon, 72 Mich. 261, 40 N. W. 448; Fitzgerald v. Thomas, 61 Mo. 500; Phillipsburgh v. Bruch, 37 N. J. Eq. 486.

LOTHERVE, or LEYERWIT. In old English law. A liberty or privilege to take amends for lying with a bondswoman without license.

LOTTERY. A lottery is any scheme for the disposal or distribution of property by chance among persons who have paid, or promised or agreed to pay, any valuable consideration for the chance of obtaining such property, or a portion of it, or for any share or interest in such property, upon any agreement, understanding, or expectation that it is to be distributed or disposed of by lot or chance, whether called a "lottery," a "raffle," or a "gift enterprise," or by whatever name the same may be known. Pen. Code Cal. § 319; Peu. Code Dak. § 373 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 9660; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 3894). See also, Dunn v. People, 40 Ill. 467; Chavaannah v. State, 49 Ala. 397; Stearns v. State, 21 Tex. 622; State v. Lovell, 39 N. J. Law, 461; State v. Mumford, 73 Mo. 650, 39 Am. Rep. 532; U. S. v. Politzer (D. C.) 59 Fed. 274; Fleming v. Bills, 3 Or. 259; Com. v. Munderfield, 8 Phila. (Pa.) 459; Stanger v. State, 107 Tex. Or. R. 574, 298 S. W. 906; National Thrift Ass'n v. Crews, 116 Or. 522, 241 P. 72, 41 A. L. R. 1481; Almy Mfg. Co. v. City of Chicago, 202 Ill. App. 240, 245; State v. Powell, 170 Minn. 239, 212 N. W. 169; Commonwealth v. Jenkins, 159 Ky. 80, 166 S. W. 794, 795, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 170; Brenard Mfg. Co. v. Jessup & Barrett Co., 186 Iowa 872, 173 N. W. 101, 102; State v. Lowe, 178 N. C. 770, 101 S. E. 385, 386.

Lou le ley done chose, la cee done remedy a vener a cee. 2 Rolle, 17. Where the law gives a right, it gives a remedy to recover.

LOUAGE. Fr. This is the contract of hiring and letting in French law, and may be either of things or of labor. The varieties of each are the following:

1. Letting of things,—bail à loyer being the letting of houses; bail à ferme being the letting of lands.

2. Letting of labor,—loyer being the letting of personal service; bail à cheptel being the letting of animals. Brown.

LOURCURDUS. A ram or bell-wether. Cowell.

LOVE-DAY. In old English law. The day on which any dispute was amicably settled between neighbors; or a day on which one neighbor helps another without hire. Wharton.

LOW JUSTICE. In old European law, jurisdiction of petty offenses, as distinguished from "high justice," (q. v.)

LOW WATER. The furthest receding point of ebb-tide. Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 417, 14 L. Ed. 189.

LOW-WATER MARK. See Water-Mark.

LOWBOTE. A recompense for the death of a man killed in a tumult. Cowell.


LOYAL. Legal; authorized by or conforming to law. Also faithful in one's political relations; giving faithful support of one's prince or sovereign or to the existing government.

LOYALTY. Adherence to law. Faithfulness to one's prince or sovereign or to the existing government.
Lucrum lingum non facile trahendum est in ponam. Cro. Car. 117. A slip of the tongue ought not lightly to be subjected to punishment.

LUCID INTERVALS. In medical jurisprudence. Intervals occurring in the mental life of an insane person during which he is completely restored to the use of his reason, or so far restored that he has sufficient intelligence, judgment, and will to enter into contractual relations, or perform other legal acts, without disqualification by reason of his disease. In re Miller's Will, 3 Boyce (Del.) 477, 55 A. 803, 811; Roberts v. Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., 93 Wash. 274, 160 P. 965, 970. See Insanity.

LUCRA NUPTIALIA. Lat. In Roman law. A term including everything which a husband or wife, as such, acquires from the estate of the other, either before the marriage, or on agreeing to it, or during its continuance, or after its dissolution, and whether the acquisition is by pure gift, or by virtue of the marriage contract, or against the will of the other party by law or statute. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 550.

LUCRATIVA CAUSA. Lat. In Roman law. A consideration which is voluntary; that is to say, a gratuitous gift, or such like. It was opposed to onerosa causa, which denoted a valuable consideration. It was a principle of the Roman law that two lucrative causes could not concur in the same person as regarded the same thing; that is to say, that, when the same thing was bequeathed to a person by two different testators, he could not have the thing (or its value) twice over. Brown.

LUCRATIVA USUCAPIO. Lat. This species of usucapio was permitted in Roman law only in the case of persons taking possession of property upon the decease of its late owner, and in exclusion or deforecement of the heir, whence it was called usucapio pro herede. The adjective “lucrativa” denoted that property was acquired by this usucapio without any consideration or payment for it by way of purchase; and, as the possessor who so acquired the property was a malus fide possessor, his acquisition, or usucapio, was called also improba, (i.e., dishonest;) but this dishonesty was tolerated (until abolished by Hadrian) as an incentive to force the heres to take possession, in order that the debts might be paid and the sacrifices performed; and, as a further incentive to the heres, this usucapio was complete in one year. Brown.

LUCRATIVE. Yielding gain or profit; profitable; bearing or yielding a revenue or salary.

LUCRATIVE BAILMENT. See Bailment.

LUCRATIVE OFFICE. One which yields a revenue (in the form of fees or otherwise) or a fixed salary to the incumbent; according to some authorities, one which yields a compensation supposed to be adequate to the services rendered and in excess of the expenses incidental to the office. See State v. Kirk, 41 Ind. 405, 15 Am. Rep. 259; Dailey v. State, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 330; Connerford v. Dunbar, 52 Cal. 39; State v. De Gress, 53 Tex. 400; Hedge v. State, 135 Tenn. 525, 188 S. W. 203, 206.

LUCRATIVE SUCCESSION. In Scotch law. A kind of passive title by which a person accepting from another, without any onerous cause, (or without paying value,) a disposition of any part of his heritage, to which the receiver would have succeeded as heir, is liable to all the grantor's debts contracted before the said disposition. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 102.

LUCRATUS. In Scotch law. A gatherer.

LUCRE. Gain in money or goods; profit; usually in an ill sense, or with the sense of something base or unworthy. Webster.

LUCRI CAUSA. Lat. In criminal law. A term descriptive of the intent with which property is taken in cases of larceny, the phrase meaning “for the sake of lucre” or gain. State v. Ryan, 12 Nev. 403, 28 Am. Rep. 802; State v. Slingerland, 19 Nev. 133, 7 Pac. 280; Groover v. State, 52 Fla. 427, 90 So. 473, 475, 26 A. L. R. 375.

LUCRUM. A small slip or parcel of land.

LUCRUM CESSANS. Lat. In Scotch law. A ceasing gain, as distinguished from damnum datum, an actual loss.

Lucrum facere ex pupilli tutela tutor non debet. A guardian ought not to make money out of the guardianship of his ward. Manning v. Manning's Exrs, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 527, 533.

LUCTUOSA HÆREDITAS. A mournful inheritance. See Hiereditas Luctuosa.

LUCTUS. In Roman law. Mourning. See Annus Luctus.

LUGGAGE. Luggage may consist of any articles intended for the use of a passenger while traveling, or for his personal equipment. Civ. Code Cal. § 2181.

This term is synonymous with “baggage,” but is more commonly used in England than in America. See Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Shepherd, 8 Exch. 37; Duffy v. Thompson, 4 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 150; Choctaw, etc., R. Co. v. Zwirtz, 13 Okl. 411, 73 P. 941.

LUMEN. Lat. In the civil law. Light; the light of the sun or sky; the privilege of receiving light into a house.

A light or window.
LUMINA. Lat. In the civil law. Lights; windows; openings to obtain light for one's building.

LUMINARE. A lamp or candle set burning on the altar of any church or chapel, for the maintenance whereof lands and rent-charges were frequently given to parish churches, etc. Kennett, Gloss.

LUMPING SALE. As applied to judicial sales, this term means a sale in mass, as where several distinct parcels of real estate, or several articles of personal property, are sold together for a "jump" or single gross sum. Anniston Pipeworks v. Williams, 106 Ala. 324, 18 So. 111, 54 Am. St. Rep. 51.

LUNACY. Lunacy is that condition or habit in which the mind is directed by the will, but is wholly or partially misguided or erroneously governed by it; or it is the impairment of any one or more of the faculties of the mind, accompanied with or inducing a defect in the comparin faculty. Owings' Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 388, 17 Am. Dec. 311. See Insanity.

Inquisition (or Inquest) of Lunacy

A quasi-judicial examination into the sanity or insanity of a given person, ordered by a court having jurisdiction, on a proper application and sufficient preliminary showing of facts, held by the sheriff (or marshal, or a magistrate, or the court itself, according to the local practice) with the assistance of a special jury, usually of six men, who are to hear evidence and render a verdict in accordance with the facts. This is the usual foundation for an order appointing a guardian or conservator for a person adjudged to be insane, or for committing him to an insane asylum. See Hughes v. Jones, 116 N. Y. 67, 22 N. E. 446, 5 L. R. A. 637, 15 Am. St. Rep. 336; Hadaway v. Smith, 71 Md. 319, 18 A. 559.

Lunacy, Commission of

A commission issuing from a court of competent jurisdiction, authorizing an inquiry to be made into the mental condition of a person who is alleged to be a lunatic.

LUNAR. Belonging to or measured by the revolutions of the moon.

LUNAR MONTH. See Month.

LUNATIC. A person of deranged or unsound mind; a person whose mental faculties are in the condition called "lunacy," (q. v.).

Lunaticus, qui gaudet in lucidis intervallis. He is a lunatic who enjoys lucid intervals. 1 Story, Cont. § 73.

LUNDRESS. In old English law. A silver penny, so called because it was to be coined only at London, (à Londres,) and not at the country mints. Lown. Essay Coins, 17; Cowell.

LUPANATRIX. A bawd or strumpet. 3 Inst. 206.

LUPINUM CAPUT GERERE. Lat. To be outlawed, and have one's head exposed, like a wolf's, with a reward to him who should take it. Cowell.

LURGULARY. Casting any corrupt or poisonous thing into the water. Wharton.

LUSHBOROW. In old English law. A base sort of money, coined beyond sea in the likeness of English coin, and introduced into England in the reign of Edward III. Prohibited by St. 25 Edw. III. c. 4. Spelman; Cowell.

LUXURY. Excess and extravagance which was formerly an offense against the public economy, but is not now punishable. Wharton.

LYCHE-GATE. The gate into a church-yard, with a roof or awning hung on posts over it to cover the body brought for burial, when it rests underneath. Wharton.

LYEF-GELD. Sax. In old records. Lief sliver or money; a small fine paid by the customary tenant to the lord for leave to plow or sow, etc. Somn. Gavelkind, 27.

LYING BY. A person who, by his presence and silence at a transaction which affects his interests, may be fairly supposed to acquiesce in it, if he afterwards propose to disturb the arrangement, is said to be prevented from doing so by reason that he has been lying by.

LYING IN FRANCHISE. A term descriptive of waifs, wrecks, estrays, and the like, which may be seized without suit or action.

LYING IN GRANT. A phrase applied to incorporeal rights, incapable of manual tradition, and which must pass by mere delivery of a deed.

LYING IN WAIT. Lying in ambush; lying hid or concealed for the purpose of making a sudden and unexpected attack upon a person when he shall arrive at the scene. In some jurisdictions, where there are several degrees of murder, lying in wait is made evidence of that deliberation and premeditated intent which is necessary to characterize murder in the first degree. State v. Walker, 170 N. C. 716, 86 S. E. 1055, 1056; Patterson v. State, 191 Ala. 16, 67 So. 997, 998, Ann. Cas. 1916C, 968; Commonwealth v. Mondolfo, 247 Pa. 526, 93 A. 612.

This term is not synonymous with "concealed." If a person conceals himself for the purpose of shooting another unawares, he is lying in wait; but a person may, while concealed, shoot another without committing the crime of murder. People v. Miles, 95 Cal. 207.

LYNCH LAW. A term descriptive of the action of unofficial persons, organized bands,
or mobs, who seize persons charged with or suspected of crimes, or take them out of the custody of the law, and inflict summary punishment upon them, without legal trial, and without the warrant or authority of law. See State v. Aler, 39 W. Va. 549, 20 S. E. 585; Bates’ Ann. St. Ohio, 1904, § 4426 (Gen. Code, § 6278).

**LYNDHURST’S (LORD) ACT.** This statute (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 54) renders marriages within the prohibited degrees absolutely null and void. Therefore such marriages were voidable merely.

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**LYON KING OF ARMS.** In Scotch law. The ancient duty of this officer was to carry public messages to foreign states, and it is still the practice of the heralds to make all royal proclamations at the Cross of Edinburgh. The officers serving under him are heralds, pursuivants, and messengers. Bell.

**LYTÆ.** In old Roman law. A name given to students of the civil law in the fourth year of their course, from their being supposed capable of solving any difficulty in law. Tayl. Civil Law, 39.
M. This letter, used as a Roman numeral, stands for one thousand.

It was also, in old English law, a brand or stigma impressed upon the brawn of the thumb of a person convicted of manslaughter and admitted to the benefit of clergy.

This letter was sometimes put on the face of treasury notes of the United States, and signifies that the treasury note bears interest at the rate of one mill per centum, and not one per centum interest. U. S. v. Hardyman, 15 Pet. 176, 10 L. Ed. 113.

M. also stands as an abbreviation for several words of which it is the initial letter; as “Mary,” (the English queen of that name,) “Michaelmas,” "master," "middle."

M. D. An abbreviation for “Middle District,” in reference to the division of the United States into judicial districts. Also an abbreviation for “Doctor of Medicine.”

M. R. An abbreviation for “Master of the Rolls.”

M. T. An abbreviation for “Michaelmas Term.”

MACE. A large staff, made of the precious metals, and highly ornamented. It is used as an emblem of authority, and carried before certain public functionaries by a mace-bearer. In many legislative bodies, the mace is employed as a visible symbol of the dignity and collective authority of the house. In the house of lords and house of commons of the British parliament, it is laid upon the table when the house is in session. In the United States house of representatives, it is borne upright by the sergeant-at-arms on extraordinary occasions, as when it is necessary to quell a disturbance or bring refractory members to order.

—Mace-bearer. In English law. One who carries the mace before certain functionaries. In Scotland, an officer attending the court of session, and usually called a “macer.”

—Mace-proof. Secure against arrest.

—Macer. A mace-bearer; an officer attending the court of session in Scotland.

MACE–GREFF. In old English law. One who buys stolen goods, particularly food, knowing it to have been stolen.

Macedonian Decree. In Roman law. This was the Senatus-consultum Macedonianum, a decree of the Roman senate, first given under Claudius, and renewed under Vespasian by which it was declared that no action should be maintained to recover a loan of money made to a child who was under the patria potestas. It was intended to strike at the practice of usurers in making loans, on unconscionable terms, to family heirs who would mortgage their future expectations from the paternal estate. The law is said to have derived its name from that of a notorious usurer. See Mackel. Rom. Law, § 432; Inst. 4, 7, 1; Dig. 14, 6.

Machecollare. To make a warlike device over a gate or other passage like to a grate, through which scalding water or ponderous or offensive things may be cast upon the assailants. Co. Litt. 5a.

Machination. The act of planning or contriving a scheme for executing some purpose, particularly an evil purpose; an artful design formed with deliberation.

Machine. In patent law. Any contrivance used to regulate or augment force or motion; more properly, a complex structure, consisting of a combination, or peculiar modification, of mechanical powers to perform some function. Simon, Buhler & Baumann v. U. S., 8 Ct. Cust. App. 273, 277; Labatz v. American Car & Foundry Co., 217 Mo. App. 94, 273 S. W. 1089, 1092; Ball v. Coker (C. C. A.) 210 F. 278, 281. Any contrivance composed of cooperating elements which act under the law imposed upon them to regulate or modify the relations between force, motion, and weight.

The term “machine,” in patent law, includes every mechanical device, or combination of mechanical powers and devices, to perform some function and produce a certain effect or result. But where the result or effect is produced by chemical action, by the operation or application of some element or power of nature, or of one substance to another, such modes, methods, or operations are called “processes.” A new process is usually the result of discovery; a machine, of invention. Corning v. Burden, 15 How. 253, 267, 14 L. Ed. 983. And see Pittsburgh Reduction Co. v. Cowles Electric Co. (C. C.) 55 F. 518; Westinghouse v. Bordens Power Brake Co., 18 S. Ct. 557, 170 U. S. 557, 42 L. Ed. 1356; Burr v. Duryee, 1 Wall. 570, 17 L. Ed. 669; Stearns v. Russell, 29 C. C. A. 121, 25 F. 226; Wintemute v. Redington, 36 Fed. Cas. 370.

A machine differs from an art in that the act or series of acts which constitute the art become, in the machine, inseparably connected with a specific physical feature. The art is the primary conception, the machine the secondary. A machine differs from all other mechanical instruments in that its rule of action resides within itself. The structural law of a machine is its one enduring and essential characteristic. Rob. Pat. § 175; Parker v. Hulme, 1 Fish. 44, Fed. Cas. No. 10,749.

Dangerous Machine

A machine is “dangerous” in such sense that the employer is required to guard it. If, in the ordinary course of human affairs, danger may be reasonably anticipated from the use of it without protection. Simon v. St. Louis Brass Mfg. Co., 298 Mo. 70, 250 S. W. 74, 76.

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Perfect Machine

In patent law. A perfected invention; not a perfectly constructed machine, but a machine so constructed as to embody all the essential elements of the invention, in a form that would make them practical and operative so as to accomplish the result. But it is not necessary that it should accomplish that result in the most perfect manner, and be in a condition where it was not susceptible of a higher degree of perfection in its mere mechanical construction. American Hide, etc., Co. v. American Tool, etc., Co., 4 Fish. Pat. Cas. 299, 1 Fed. Cas. 647.


MACHOLUM. In old English law. A barn or granary open at the top; a rick or stack of corn. Spelman.


MACULARE. In old European law. To wound. Spelman.

MAD PARLIAMENT. Henry III, in 1258, at the desire of the Great Council in Parliament, consented to the appointment of a committee of twenty-four, of whom twelve were appointed by the Barons and twelve by the King, in a parliament which was stigmatized as the "Mad Parliament." Unlimited power was given to it to carry out all necessary reforms. It drew up the Provisions of Oxford.

MAD POINT. A term used to designate the idea or subject to which is confined the arrangement of the mental faculties of one suffering from monomania. Owing's Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 388, 17 Am. Dec. 311. See Insanity.

MADE KNOWN. Where a writ of seire facias has been actually served upon a defendant, the proper return is that its contents have been "made known" to him.

MADMAN. An insane person, particularly one suffering from mania in any of its forms. Said to be inapplicable to idiots (Com. v. Haskell, 2 Brewst. [Pa.] 497); Bensberg v. Washington University, 251 Mo. 641, 158 S. W. 330, 336, but it is not a technical term either of medicine or the law, and is incapable of being applied with scientific precision. See Insanity.

MADNESS. See Insanity.

MADRAS REGULATIONS. Certain regulations prescribed for the government of the Madras presidency. Mozley & Whitley.

MAEC-BURGH. In Saxon law. Kindred; family.

MAEG. A kinsman. 2 Polli. & Malii. 241.

MÆGBOTE. In Saxon law. A recompense or satisfaction for the slaying or murder of a kinsman. Spelman.

MÆRE. Famous; great; noted; as Almer, all famous. Gils. Camb.

MÆREMIA. Timber; wood suitable for building purposes.

MAGIC. In English statutes. Witch-craft and sorcery.

MAGIS. Lat. More; more fully; more in number; rather.

Magis de bono quam de male intendit. Co. Litt. 778. The law favors a good rather than a bad construction. Where the words used in an agreement are susceptible of two meanings, the one agreeable to, the other against, the law, the former is adopted. Thus, a bond conditioned "to assign all offices" will be construed to apply to such offices only as are assignable. Chit. Cont. 78.

Mágis dignum trahit ad se minus dignum. The more worthy draws to itself the less worthy. Yearb. 20 Hen. VI. 2, arg.

MAGISTER. Lat.

In English Law
A master or ruler; a person who has attained to some eminent degree in science. Cowell.

In the Civil Law
A title of several offices under the Roman Empire.


MAGISTER BONORUM VENDENDORUM. In Roman law, a person appointed by judicial authority to inventory, collect, and sell the property of an absent or absconding debtor for the benefit of his creditors; he was generally one of the creditors, and his functions corresponded generally to those of a receiver or an assignee for the benefit of creditors under modern practice. See Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 521.

MAGISTER CANCELARIE. In old English law. Master of the chancery; master in
chancery. These officers were said to be called "magistri," because they were priests. Latch. 133.

MAGISTER EQUITUM. Master of the horse. A title of office under the Roman Empire.

MAGISTER LIBELLORUM. Master of requests. A title of office under the Roman Empire.

MAGISTER LITIS. Master of the suit; the person who controls the suit or its prosecution, or has the right so to do.

MAGISTER NAVIS. In the civil law. The master of a ship or vessel. He to whom the care of the whole vessel is committed. Dig. 14, 1, 1, 1, 6.

MAGISTER PALATII. Master of the palace or of the offices. An officer under the Roman Empire bearing some resemblance to the modern lord chamberlain. Tayl. Civil Law, 37.

Magister rerum usus. Use is the master of things. Co. Litt. 223b. Usage is a principal guide in practice.

Magister rerum usus; magistra rerum experimenta. Use is the master of things; experience is the mistress of things. Co. Litt. 69, 229; Wing Max. 752.

MAGISTER SOCIETATIS. In the civil law. The master or manager of a partnership; a managing partner or general agent; a manager specially chosen by a firm to administer the affairs of the partnership. Story Partn. § 55.

MAGISTERIAL. Relating or pertaining to the character, office, powers, or duties of a magistrate or of the magistracy.

MAGISTERIAL PRECINCT. In some American states, a local subdivision of a county, defining the territorial jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables. Breckinridge Co. v. McCracken, 61 F. 194, 9 C. C. A. 442; also called magisterial district. State v. Mingo County Court, 97 W. Va. 615, 125 S. E. 576, 577.

MAGISTRACY. This term may have a more or less extensive signification according to the use and connection in which it occurs. In its widest sense it includes the whole body of public functionaries, whether their offices be legislative, judicial, executive, or administrative. In a more restricted (and more usual) meaning, it denotes the class of officers who are charged with the application and execution of the laws. In a still more confined use, it designates the body of judicial officers of the lowest rank, and more especially those who have jurisdiction for the trial and punishment of petty misdemeanors or the preliminary steps of a criminal prosecution, such as police judges and justices of the peace. The term also denotes the office of a magistrate.

MAGISTRALIA BREVIA. In old English practice. Magisterial writs; writs adapted to special cases, and so called from being framed by the masters or principal clerks of the chancery. Bract. fol. 415b; Crabb, Com. Law, 547, 548.

MAGISTRATE. A public officer belonging to the civil organization of the state, and invested with powers and functions which may be either judicial, legislative, or executive. But the term is commonly used in a narrower sense, designating, in England, a person intrusted with the commission of the peace, and, in America, one of the class of inferior judicial officers, such as justices of the peace and police justices. Martin v. State, 32 Ark. 124; Scanlan v. Wright, 18 Pick. (Mass.) 528, 25 Am. Dec. 344; Ex parte White, 15 Nev. 146, 37 Am. Rep. 466; Kurtz v. State, 22 Fla. 44, 1 Am. St. Rep. 173; State v. Allen, 33 Fla. 655, 92 So. 155, 156; Merritt v. Merritt, 193 Iowa, 869, 188 N. W. 32, 34.

A magistrate is an officer having power to issue a warrant for the arrest of a person charged with a public offense. Pen. Code Cal. § 807. The word "magistrate" does not necessarily imply an officer exercising any judicial functions, and might very well be held to embrace notaries and commissioners of deeds. Schultz v. Merchants' Ins. Co., 57 N. J. 238.

Chief Magistrate

The highest or principal executive officer of a state (the governor) or of the United States (the president).

Committing Magistrate

An inferior judicial officer who is invested with authority to conduct the preliminary hearing of persons charged with crime, and either to discharge them for lack of sufficient prima facie evidence or to commit them to jail to await trial or (in some jurisdictions) to accept bail and release them thereon. The term is said to be synonymous with "examining court." State v. Rogers, 31 N. M. 485, 247 P. 828, 833.

Police Magistrate

An inferior judicial officer having jurisdiction of minor criminal offenses, breaches of police regulations, and the like; so called to distinguish them from magistrates who have jurisdiction in civil cases also, as justices of the peace. People v. Curley, 5 Colo. 410; McDermont v. Dinnie, 6 N. D. 278, 69 N. W. 285.

Stipendiary Magistrates

In Great Britain, the magistrates or police judges sitting in the cities and large towns, and appointed by the home secretary, are so called, as distinguished from the justices of the peace in the counties who have the authority of magistrates.
MAGISTRATE'S COURT. In American law. Courts in the state of South Carolina, having exclusive jurisdiction in matters of contract of and under twenty dollars.
A local court in the city of Philadelphia, possessing the criminal jurisdiction of a police court and civil jurisdiction in actions involving not more than one hundred dollars. It is not a court of record. See Const. Pa. art. 4, § 12.

MAGISTRATUS. Lat. In the civil law. A magistrate. Calvin. A judicial officer who had the power of hearing and determining causes, but whose office properly was to inquire into matters of law, as distinguished from fact. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8.

MAGNA ASSISA. In old English law. The grand assize. Glanv. lib. 2, cc. 11, 12.

MAGNA ASSISA ELIGENDA. An ancient writ to summon four lawful knights before the justices of assize, there to choose twelve others, with themselves to constitute the grand assize or great jury, to try the matter of right. The trial by grand assize was instituted by Henry II. in parliament, as an alternative to the duel in a writ of right. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. Wharton.

MAGNA AVERIA. In old pleading. Great beasts, as horses, oxen, etc. Cro. Jac. 580.

MAGNA CENTUM. The great hundred, or six score. Wharton.

MAGNA CHARTA. The great charter. The name of a charter (or constitutional enactment) granted by King John of England to the barons, at Runnymede, on June 15, 1215, and afterwards, with some alterations, confirmed in parliament by Henry III. and Edward I. This charter is justly regarded as the foundation of English constitutional liberty. Among its thirty-eight chapters are found provisions for regulating the administration of justice, defining the temporal and ecclesiastical jurisdictions, securing the personal liberty of the subject and his rights of property, and the limits of taxation, and for preserving the liberties and privileges of the church. Magna Charta is so called, partly to distinguish it from the Charta de Foresta, which was granted about the same time, and partly by reason of its own transcendent importance.

Magna Charta et Charta de Foresta sont apelles les “deux grandes charters.” 2 Inst. 570. Magna Charta and the Charter of the Forest are called the “two great charters.”

MAGNA COMPOSEREPARVIS. To compare great things with small things.

MAGNA CULPA. Great fault; gross negligence.

MAGNA NEGLIGENCE. In the civil law. Great or gross negligence.

Magna negligencia culpa est; magna culpa dolus est. Gross negligence is fault; gross fault is fraud. Dig. 50, 16, 226.

MAGNA PRECARIA. In old English law. A great or general reap-day. Cowell; Blount.


MAGNUM CAPE. In old practice. Great or grand cape. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 418. See Grand Cape.

MAGNUM CONCILII. In old English law. The great council; the general council of the realm; afterwards called “parliament.” 1 Bl. Comm. 148; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 62; Spelman.

The king's great council of barons and prelates. Spelman; Crabb, Com. Law 228.

MAGNUS ROTULUS STATUTORUM. The great statute roll. The first of the English statute rolls, beginning with Magna Charta, and ending with Edward III. Hale, Com. Law, 15, 17.

MAHA-GEN. In Hindu law. A banker or any great shop-keeper.

MAHAL. In Hindu law. Any land or public fund producing a revenue to the government of Hindostan. “Mahalaad” is the plural.

MAHLBRIEF. In maritime law. The German name for the contract for the building of a vessel. This contract contains a specification of the kind of vessel intended, her dimensions, the time within which she is to be completed, the price and times of payment, etc., with reservation generally that the contractor or his agent (usually the master of a vessel) may reject uncontractworthy materials, and oblige the builder to supply others. Jac. Sea Laws 2-8.


In Scotch law. An instrument formerly used in beheading criminals. It resembled the French guillotine, of which it is said to have been the prototype. Wharton.

MAIDEN ASSIZE. In English law. Originally an assize at which no person was condemned to die. Now a session of a criminal court at which there are no prisoners to be tried.

MAIDEN RENTS.

In Old English Law

A fine paid to lords of some manors, on the marriage of tenants, originally given in consideration of the lord's relinquishing his customary right of lying the first night with the bride of a tenant. Cowell,
MAIGNAGIUM. A brasier’s shop, or, perhaps, a house. Cowell.

MAIHEM. See Mayhem; Maim.

MAIHEMATUS. Maimed or wounded.

MAIHÉMIUM. In old English law. Mayhem, (q. v.)

Maihemium est homicidium inchoatum. 3 Inst. 118. Mayhem is incipient homicide.

Maihemium est inter crimina majora minimum, et inter minora maximum. Co. Litt. 127. Mayhem is the least of great crimes, and the greatest of small.

Maihemium est membro mutilatio, et dici poterit, ubi aliquis in aliqua parte sui corporis effectus sit inutilis ad pugnandum. Co. Litt. 126. Mayhem is the mutilation of a member, and can be said to take place when a man is injured in any part of his body so as to be useless in fight.

MAIL. As applied to the post-office, the carriage of letters, whether applied to the bag into which they are put, the coach or vehicle by means of which they are transported, or any other means employed for their carriage and delivery by public authority. Wyfen v. Schappert, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 560. It may also denote the letters or other matter so carried.

The term “mail,” as used in Rev. St. U. S. § 5469 (18 USCA § 317) relative to robbing the mails, may mean either the whole body of matter transported by the postal agents, or any letter or package forming a component part of it. U. S. v. Inabinet (D. C.) 41 Fed. 130.

Mail also denotes armor, as in the phrase a “coat of mail.”

In Scotch Law
Rent; a rent or tribute. A tenant who pays a rent is called a “mail-payer,” “mailier,” or “mail-man.” Skene.

MAIL MATTER. This term includes letters, packets, etc., received for transmission, and to be transmitted by post to the person to whom such matter is directed. U. S. v. Huggett (C. C.) 40 Fed. 641; U. S. v. Rapp (C. C.) 30 Fed. 820.

MAILABLE. Suitable or admissible for transmission by the mail; belonging to the classes of articles which, by the laws and postal regulations, may be sent by post.

MAILE. In old English law. A kind of ancient money, or silver half-pace; a small rent.

MAILED. This word, as applied to a letter, means that the letter was properly prepared for transmission by the postal department, and that it was put in the custody of the officer charged with the duty of forwarding the mail. Pier v. Heinrichshoffen, 67 Mo. 163, 29 Am. Rep. 501, and testimony that a letter was “mailed” to the addressee implies that it was properly addressed, stamped, and deposited in a proper place for the receipt of mail. J. L. Price Brokerage Co. v. Chicago, R. I. & P. R. Co., 230 S. W. 374, 376, 207 Mo. App. 8; Model Mill Co. v. Webb, 80 S. E. 232, 233, 164 N. C. 87. But some courts limit this implication. See W. T. Rawleigh Medical Co. v. Burney, 102 S. E. 355, 25 Ga. App. 20; Feder Bilberg Co. v. McNeill, 133 F. 975, 18 N. M. 44, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 468.

MAILS AND DUTIES. In Scotch law. The rents of an estate. Bell.

MAIM. At common law, to deprive a person of a member or part of the body, the loss of which renders him less capable of fighting; or of defending himself; to commit mayhem, (q. v.) State v. Johnson, 58 Ohio St. 417, 51 N. E. 49, 65 Am. St. Rep. 709.

But both in common speech and as the word is now used in statutes and in the criminal law generally, maim signifies to cripple or mutilate in any way, to inflict upon a person any injury which deprives him of the use of any limb or member of the body, or renders him lame or defective in bodily vigor; to inflict any serious bodily injury. See Regina v. Jeans, 1 Cur. & K. 540; High v. State, 26 Tex. App. 545, 10 S. W. 238, 8 Am. St. Rep. 488; Baker v. State, 4 Ark. 56; Turman v. State, 4 Tex. App. 588; Com. v. Newell, 7 Mass. 249; Riddie v. State, 198 P. 342, 349, 19 Okl. Cr. 63; State v. Foster, 220 S. W. 965, 966, 281 Mo. 615; State v. McConal, 109 S. E. 710, 714, 89 W. Va. 185.

The word “maim,” as applied to animals implies the infliction of some injury which deprives the animal of, or renders useless or partially useless, some useful organ or member. And such injury must be permanent. Spaulding v. State, 25 Ga. App. 194, 203 S. E. 267; Miller v. Prough, 203 Mo. App. 43, 221 S. W. 169, 163.

MAIN. L. Fr. A hand. More commonly written "meyn."

MAIN. Principal, chief, most important in size, extent, or utility.

MAIN CHANNEL. The main channel of a river is that bed over which the principal volume of water flows. See St. Louis, etc., Packet Co. v. Keokuk & H. Bridge Co. (C. C.) 31 Fed. 757; Cessill v. State, 40 Ark. 504; Dunlieth & D. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 55 Iowa 538, 8 N. W. 443.

MAIN-RENT. Vassalage.

MAIN SEA. See Sea.

MAINAD. In old English law. A false oath; perjury. Cowell. Probably from Sax. "man-ath" or "mainath," a false or deceitful oath.
MAINE-PORT. A small tribute, commonly of loaves of bread, which in some places the parishioners paid to the rector in lieu of small tithes. Cowell.

MAINOUR. In criminal law. An article stolen, when found in the hands of the thief. A thief caught with the stolen goods in his possession is said to be taken "with the mainour," that is, with the property in main, in his hands. 4 Bl. Comm. 307.

The word seems to have corresponded with the Saxon "handhabend," (q. v.) In modern law it has sometimes been written as an English word "manner," and the expression "taken in the manner" occurs in the books. Crabb, Eng. Law, 154.

MAINOVRE, or MAINEOEVRE. A trespass committed by hand. See 7 Rich. II, c. 4.

MAINPERNABLE. Capable of being bailed; bailable; admissible to bail on giving surety by mainporners.

MAINPERNOR. In old practice. A surety for the appearance of a person under arrest, who is delivered out of custody into the hands of his bail. "Mainporners" differ from "bail" in that a man's bail may imprison or surrender him up before the stipulated day of appearance; mainporners can do neither, but are barely sureties for his appearance at the day.

Bail are only sureties that the party be answerable for the special matter for which they stipulate; mainporners are bound to produce him to answer all charges whatsoever. 3 Bl. Comm. 128. Other distinctions are made in the old books. See Cowell.

MAINPRISE. The delivery of a person into the custody of mainporners, (q. v.) Also the name of a writ (now obsolete) commanding the sheriff to take the security of mainporners and set the party at liberty.


To support; to supply with means of support; provide for; sustain. State v. Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, 164 S. W. 1151, 1170, 129 Tenn. 279; State v. Tiemann (Mo. App.) 253 S. W. 453.

To maintain an action or suit may mean to commence or institute it; the term imports the existence of a cause of action. Boutilier v. The Milwaukee, 8 Minn. 105, (Gil. 80, 81). Maintain, however, is applied to actions already brought, but not yet reduced to judgment, Bruenn v. North Yakima School Dist. No. 7, Yakima County, 172 F. 569, 571, 101 Wash. 374; Smallwood v. Gallardo, 48 S. Ct. 23, 275 U. S. 562, 72 L. Ed. 152. In this connection it means to continue or preserve in or with; to carry on. In re Charles Nelson Co. (D. C.) 294 F. 296, 298; Roulard v. Gray, 475 P. 479, 480, 38 Cal. App. 70.


"Maintain" means to keep up, to keep from change, to preserve, to hold or keep in any particular state or condition, though it is in some instances synonymous with "construct" when it must be inclusive thereof to make it reasonable or effective. State v. Olympia Light & Power Co., 91 Wash. 510, 188 P. 86, 89, and the word as applied to bridges, fences, etc., includes rebuilding in case of destruction. State v. Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co., 164 Wis. 304, 159 N. W. 919, 921; Fonsaler v. Union Tracton Co. of Indiana,'76 Ind. App. 416, 132 N. E. 798, 709.

MAINTAINED. In pleading. A technical word indispensable in an indictment for maintenance. 1 Wils. 325.

MAINTAINOR. In criminal law. One that maintains or secures a cause depending in suit between others, either by disbursing money or making friends for either party towards his help. Blount. One who is guilty of maintenance (q. v.)

MAINTENANCE. The upkeep, or preserving the condition of property to be operated. San Francisco & P. S. Co. v. Scott (D. C.) 255 F. 854; Grand Rapids & I. Ry. Co. v. Doyle (D. C.) 245 F. 792, 797; Orleans Parish School Board v. Murphy, 101 So. 286, 289, 156 La. 925.

Sustenance; support; assistance. The furnishing by one person to another, for his support, of the means of living, or food, clothing, shelter, etc., particularly where the legal relation of the parties is such that one is bound to support the other, as between father and child, or husband and wife. Wall v. Williams, 98 N. C. 330, 53 Am. Rep. 468; Winthrop Co. v. Clinton, 196 Pa. 472, 46 Atl. 433, 79 Am. St. Rep. 719; Regina v. Graveend, 5 El. & B. 463; State v. Beatty, 61 Iowa 149, 16 N. W. 419; In re Warren Insane Hospital, 3 Pa. Dist. R. 223; Moore v. McKenzie, 92 A. 296, 297, 112 Me. 356.

"Maintenance" within rule entitling seaman to "maintenance" and cure if he falls sick or is wounded in service of ship includes food and lodging at expense of ship. The Bonker No. 2 (C. C. A.) 241 F. 831, 835.
In Criminal Law

An unauthorized and officious interference in a suit in which the offender has no interest, to assist one of the parties to it, against the other, with money or advice to prosecute or defend the action. 1 Russ. Crimes, 254; Co. Litt. 368b; Hawk. P. C. 393; Wickham v. Conklin, 8 Johns. (N. Y.) 220.

Maintenance exists where one officiously intermeddles in a suit which in no way belongs to him. The term does not include all kinds of aid in the prosecution or defense of another's cause. It does not extend to persons having an interest in the thing in controversy, nor to persons of kin or affinity to either party, nor to counsel or attorneys, for their acts are not officious, nor unlawful. The distinction between "champery" and "maintenance" is that maintenance is the promoting, or undertaking to promote, a suit by one who has no lawful cause to do so, and champery is an agreement for a division of the thing in controversy, in the event of success, as a reward for the unlawful assistance. Bayard v. McLane, 2 Har. (Del.) 208.

In "maintenance" no personal profit is expected or stipulated, the motive being simply to aid a party, with money or otherwise, to prosecute or defend his suit; while in "champery" there is a bargain by which the champer is to carry on the suit at his own expense, and is to derive some profit out of the thing sued for, if he prevails. Sampliner v. Motion Picture Patents Co. (C. C. A.) 255 F. 242; Whisman v. Wells, 266 Ky. 58, 266 S. W. 897, 899.

"Maintenance," at common law, signifies an unlawful taking in hand or upholding of quarrels or sides, to the disturbance or hindrance of common right. The maintaining of one side, in consideration of some bargain to have part of the thing in dispute, is called "champery." Champery, therefore, is a species of maintenance. Richardson v. Rowland, 40 Conn. 576.


MAIOR. An old form of "mayor."

MAIRE. In Old Scotch Law

An officer to whom process was directed. Otherwise called "maire of flei" (fee), and classed with the "serjand." Skene.

In French Law

A mayor.

MAIRIE. In French law. The government building of each commune. It contains the record office of all civil acts and the list of voters; and it is there that political and municipal elections take place. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 666.

MAISON DE DIEU. Fr. A hospital; an almshouse; a monastery. St. 39 Eliz. c. 5. Literally, "house of God."

MAISTER. An old form of "master."

MAISURA. A house, mansion, or farm. Cowell.

MAÎTRE. Fr. In French maritime law. Master; the master or captain of a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 2, tit. 1, art. 1.

MAJESTAS. Lat. In Roman law. The majesty, sovereign authority, or supreme prerogative of the state or prince. Also a shorter form of the expression "crimen majestatis," or "crimen iuris majestatis," an offense against sovereignty, or against the safety or organic life of the Roman people; i.e., high treason.

MAJESTY. Royal dignity. A term used of kings and emperors as a title of honor.

MAJOR. A person of full age; one who is no longer a minor; one who has attained the management of his own concerns and the enjoyment of his civic rights.

In Military Law

The officer next in rank above a captain.

MAJOR ANNUS. The greater year; the bissextile year, consisting of 366 days. Bract. fol. 359b.

Major capitanei in se minus. The greater includes the less. 19 Vin. Abr. 379.

MAJOR GENERAL. In military law. An officer next in rank above a brigadier general, and next below a lieutenant general, and who usually commands a division or an army corps.

Major hereditas venti unique nostrum a jure et legibus quam a parentibus. 2 Inst. 56. A greater inheritance comes to every one of us from right and the laws than from parents.

Major numerus in se continent minorum. Bract. fol. 16. The greater number contains in itself the less.

MAJORA REGALIA. The king's dignity, power, and royal prerogative, as opposed to his revenue, which is comprised in the minora regalia. 2 Steph. Comm. 475; 1 Bl. Comm. 240.

Majore pena auctus quam legibus statuta est, non est infamia. One affected with a greater punishment than is provided by law is not infamous. 4 Inst. 66.

MAJORES. In Roman Law and Genealogical Tables

The male ascendants beyond the sixth degree.

In Old English Law

Greater persons; persons of higher condition or estate,
MAJORITY. Full age; the age at which, by law, a person is entitled to the management of his own affairs and to the enjoyment of civic rights. The opposite of minority. Also the status of a person who is a major in age.

The greater number.

In the Law of Elections

Majority signifies the greater number of votes. When there are only two candidates, he who receives the greater number of the votes cast is said to have a majority; when there are more than two competitors for the same office, the person who receives the greatest number of votes has a plurality, but he has not a majority unless he receives a greater number of votes than those cast for all his competitors combined.

In Military Affairs

Majority denotes the rank and commission of a major.


MAJORITY OF STOCKHOLDERS. A majority in interest of the stockholders, and not a majority in number only. Bank of Los Banos v. Jordan, 139 P. 691, 167 Cal. 327. "Majority of stockholders" means majority per capita when the right to vote is per capita, and a majority of stock when each share of stock is entitled to a vote, each particular case being determined by provisions of charter regulating voting. Simon Borg & Co. v. New Orleans City R. Co. (D. C.) 244 F. 617, 619.

Majus dignum trahit ad se minus dignum. The more worthy draws to itself the less worthy. Co. Litt. 45, 335; Bract. fol. 175; Noy, Max. p. 6, max. 18.

Majus est delictum se ipsum occidere quam alienum. It is a greater crime to kill one's self than another. Bart. Max. 108. See Suicide.

MAJUS JUS. In old practice. Greater right or more right. A plea in the old real actions.

1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 476. Majus jus merum, more mere right. Bract, fol. 51.

A writ proceeding in some customary manors to try a right to land. Cow.

MAKE. To cause to exist; to form, fashion, or produce; to do, perform, or execute; to make an issue, to make oath, to make a presentment.

To do in form of law; to perform with due formalities; to execute in legal form; as to make answer, to make a return or report. Ex parte Lockhart, 232 P. 183, 185, 72 Mont. 136.

To execute as one's act or obligation; to prepare and sign; to issue; to sign, execute, and deliver; as to make a conveyance, to make a note. Heinbach v. Heinbach, 202 S. W. 1123, 1130, 274 Mo. 301; State v. O'Neill, 135 P. 60, 65, 24 Idaho, 582; Spaulding v. First Nat. Bank, 205 N. Y. S. 492, 493, 210 App. Div. 216.


To cause to happen by one's neglect or omission; as to make default.

To make acquisition of; to procure; to collect; as to make the money on an execution or to make a loan. Fidelity Trust Co. v. Fowler (Tex. Civ. App.) 217 S. W. 933, 954.

To have authority or influence; to support or sustain; as in the phrase, "This precedent makes for the plaintiff."

MAKE AN ASSIGNMENT. To transfer one's property to an assignee for the benefit of one's creditors.

MAKE AN AWARD. To form and publish a judgment on the facts. Hoff v. Taylor, 5 N. J. Law, 583.

MAKE A CONTRACT. To agree upon, and conclude or adopt, a contract. In case of a written contract, to reduce it to writing, execute it in due form, and deliver it as binding.

MAKE DEFAULT. To fail or be wanting in some legal duty; particularly to omit the entering of an appearance when duly summoned in an action at law or other judicial proceeding, to neglect to obey the command of a subpoena, etc.

MAKE ONE'S FAITH. A Scotch phrase, equivalent to the old English phrase, "to make one's law."

MAKER. One who makes, frames, or ordains; as a "law-maker." One who makes or executes; as the maker of a promissory note. See Aud v. Magruder, 10 Cal. 290; Sawyers v. Campbell, 197 Iowa, 397, 78 N. W. 56.
ACCOMMODATION MAKER

See Accommodation.

MAKING LAW. In old practice. The formality of denying a plaintiff’s charge under oath, in open court, with compurgators. One of the ancient methods of trial, frequently, though inaccurately, termed “waging law,” or “wager of law.” 3 Bl. Comm. 341.

MAL. A prefix meaning bad, wrong, fraudulent; as maladministration, malpractice, malversation, etc.

MAL GREE. L. Fr. Against the will; without the consent. Hence the single word “malgre,” and more modern “maugre,” (q. v.).

MAL-ToLTe. Fr. In old French law. A term said to have arisen from the usurious gains of the Jews and Lombards in their management of the public revenue. Steph. Lect. 372.

MALTÔTE. In French history, an oppressive tax levied in 1292 and later. Cassell’s New Fr. Dict.

MALA. Lat. Bad; evil; wrongful.


Mala grammatica non vitiat chartam. Sed in expositione instrumentorum mala grammatica quoad fieri possit evitanda est. Bad grammar does not vitiate a deed. But in the exposition of instruments, bad grammar, as far as it can be done, is to be avoided. 6 Coke, 39; Broom, Max. 696.


MALA PRAXIS. Malpractice; unskillful management or treatment. Particularly applied to the neglect or unskillful management of a physician, surgeon, or apothecary. 3 Bl. Comm. 122.

MALA PROHIBITA. Prohibited wrongs or offenses; acts which are made offenses by positive laws, and prohibited as such. 1 Bl. Comm. 67, 83; 4 Bl. Comm. 8.

MALADMINISTRATION. This term is used, in the law-books, interchangeably with misadministration, and both words mean “wrong administration.” Minkler v. State, 14 Neb. 183, 15 N. W. 331.

MALANDRINUS. In old English law. A thief or pirate. Wals. 338.

MALARY. In Hindu law. Judicial; belonging to a judge or magistrate.

MALBERGE. A hill where the people assembled at a court, like the English assizes; which by the Scotch and Irish were called “parley hills.” Du Cange.

MALCONNA. In Hindu law. A treasury or store-house.

MALE. Of the masculine sex; of the sex that begets young.

MALE CREDITUS. In old English law. Unfavorably thought of; in bad repute or credit. Bract. fols. 116, 154.

Maledicta est expostitio qua corrumpit textum. That is a cursed interpretation which corrupts the text. 4 Coke, 35a; Broom, Max. 622.

MALEDICTION. A curse, which was anciently annexed to donations of lands made to churches or religious houses, against those who should violate their rights. Cowell.

MALEFACTION. A crime; an offense.

MALEFACTOR. He who is guilty, or has been convicted, of some crime or offense.

Maleficia non debent remanere impunita; et impunitas continuum affectum trucidit delinquenti. 4 Coke, 45. Evil deeds ought not to remain unpunished; and impunity affords continual incitement to the delinquent.

Maleficia propositis distinguuntur. Jenk. Cent. 290. Evil deeds are distinguished from evil purposes, or by their purposes.

MALEFICUM. In the civil law. Waste; damage; tort; injury. Dig. 5, 18, 1.

MALESON, or MALISON. A curse.

MALESWORN, or MALSWORN. Forsworn. Cowell.

MALFEASANCE. The wrongful or unjust doing of some act which the doer has no right to perform, or which he has stipulated by contract not to do. It differs from “misfeasance” and “non-feasance,” (which titles see.) See 1 Chit. Pr. 9; 1 Chit. Pl. 134; Dudley v. Flemingsburg, 115 Ky. 5, 72 S. W. 227, 60 L. A. 575, 103 Am. St. Rep. 253; Coite v. Lynes, 33 Conn. 115; Bell v. Jesselyn, 3 Gray (Mass.) 311, 63 Am. Dec. 741; Southern Ry. Co. v. Sewell, 18 Ga. App. 544, 90 S. E. 94, 98; Glisson v. Bigglo, 141 La. 209, 74 So. 907, 909; Rising v. Ferris, 216 Ill. App. 252, 256.


In General


-Constructive malice. Implied malice; malice inferred from acts; malice imputed by law; malice which is not shown by direct proof of an intention to do injury, (express malice,) but which is inferentially established by the necessarily injurious results of the acts shown to have been committed. State v. Harrigan, 9 Houst. (Del.) 369, 31 Atl. 1052; Hogan v. State, 36 Wis. 228; Caldwell v. Raymond, 2 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 106.


-Legal malice. An expression used as the equivalent of "constructive malice," or "malice in law." Humphries v. Parker, 52 Me. 502.

-Malice aforethought. In the definition of "murder," malice aforethought exists where the person doing the act which causes death has an intention to cause death or grievous bodily harm to any person, (whether the person is actually killed or not) or to commit any felony whatever, or has the knowledge that the act will probably cause the death of


A conscious violation of the law (or the prompting of the mind to commit it) which operates to the prejudice of another person.

A condition of the mind which shows a heart regardless of social duty and fatally bent on mischief, the existence of which is inferred from acts committed or words spoken." Harris v. State, 8 Tex. App. 199; State v. Naylor, 8 Boyce (Del.) 99, 90 A. 850, 859; John B. Stetson University v. Hunt, 88 Fla. 510, 102 So. 637, 639.

Malice in the law of murder, means that condition of mind which prompts one to take the life of another without just cause or provocation. State v. Smith, 26 N. M. 482, 194 P. 869, 870; State v. Moynihan, 93 N. J. Law, 253, 106 A. 817, 818; Caudle v. State, 7 Ga. App. 848(1), 68 S. E. 343; State v. Young, 314 Mo. 612, 286 S. W. 29, 34.

"Malice," in its common acceptation, means ill will towards some person. In its legal sense, it applies to a wrongful act done intentionally, without legal justification or excuse. Dunn v. Hall, 1 Ind. 344.

A man may do an act willfully, and yet be free of malice. But he cannot do an act maliciously without at the same time doing it willfully. The malicious doing of an act includes the willful doing of it. Malice includes intent and will. State v. Robbins, 66 Me. 328.


In the Law of Libel and Slander

or grievous bodily harm to some person, although he does not desire it, or even wishes that it may not be caused. Steph. Crim. Dig. 144; 4 Russ. Crimes, 641. The words "malice aforethought" long ago acquired in law a settled meaning, somewhat different from the popular one. In their legal sense they do not import an actual intention to kill the deceased. The idea is not spite or malevolence to the deceased in particular, but evil design in general, the dictate of a wicked, depraved, and malignant heart; not premeditated personal hatred or revenge towards the person killed, but that kind of unlawful purpose which, if persevered in, must produce mischief. State v. Pike, 49 N. H. 396, 6 Am. Rep. 532. And see Thiede v. Utah, 159 U. S. 510, 16 Sup. Ct. 62, 40 L. Ed. 237; State v. Fiske, 63 Conn. 388, 28 Atl. 572; Nye v. People, 35 Mich. 19; People v. Borgetto, 99 Mich. 236, 58 N. W. 328; Darry v. People, 10 N. Y. 120; Allen v. U. S. 164 U. S. 492, 17 Sup. Ct. 154, 41 L. Ed. 528; Kota v. People, 133 Ill. 655, 27 N. E. 53; Hogan v. State, 50 Wis. 242; People v. Watts, 198 Cal. 776, 247 P. 884, 885; Truddeleton v. State, 131 Miss. 352, 98 So. 839, 841; Hall v. Commonwealth, 207 Ky. 718, 270 S. W. 6, 9.


—Malice propense. Malice aforethought; deliberate, predetermined malice. 2 Rolle, 461.

—Particular malice. Malice directed against a particular individual; ill will; a grudge; a desire to be revenged on a particular person. Brooks v. Jones, 33 N. C. 261; State v. Long, 117 N. C. 791, 23 S. E. 451.


—Premeditated malice. An intention to kill unlawfully, deliberately formed in the mind as the result of a determination meditated upon and fixed before the act. State v. Gin Pon, 16 Wash. 425, 47 Pac. 961; Milton v. State, 6 Neb. 143; State v. Ruten, 13 Wash. 211, 43 Pac. 30.

—Special malice. Particular or personal malice; that is, hatred, ill will, or a vindictive disposition against a particular individual.

—Universal malice. By this term is not meant a malicious purpose to take the life of all persons, but it is that depravity of the human heart which determines to take life upon slight or insufficient provocation, without knowing or caring who may be the victim. Mitchell v. State, 60 Ala. 20.

MALICIOUS. Evincing malice; done with malice and an evil design; willful.

MALICIOUS ABANDONMENT. In criminal law. The desertion of a wife or husband without just cause.

MALICIOUS ABUSE OF PROCESS. The willful misuse or misapplication of process to accomplish a purpose not warranted or commanded by the writ; the malicious perversion of a regularly issued process, whereby a result not lawfully or properly obtained on a writ is secured; not including cases where the process was procured maliciously but not abused or misused after its issuance. Bartlett v. Christhilf, 69 Md. 219, 14 Atl. 521; Mayer v. Walter, 64 Pa. 233; Humphreys v. Sutcliffe, 192 Pa. 336, 43 Atl. 954, 73 Am. St. Rep. 819; Kline v. Hibbard, 80 Hun, 50, 29 N. Y. Supp. 807; Kashdan v. Wilker Realty Co., 197 App. Div. 639, 189 N. Y. S. 138, 139; King v. Yarbray, 136 Ga. 212 (1), 71 S. E. 131.

MALICIOUS ACCUSATION. Procuring accusation or prosecution of another from improper motive and without probable cause. McKenzie v. State, 113 Neb. 576, 294 N. W. 60, 63.


MALICIOUS ARREST. An arrest made willfully and without probable cause, but in the course of a regular proceeding.

MALICIOUS INJURY. An injury committed against a person at the prompting of malice or hatred towards him, or done spitefully or wantonly. State v. Huegin, 110 Wis. 189, 85 N. W. 1046, 62 L. R. A. 700; Wing v. Wing, 66 Me. 62, 22 Am. Rep. 548.

The willful doing of an act with knowledge it is liable to injure another and regardless of consequences. In re Kalk (D. C.) 270 F. 627, 629.

MALICIOUS PROSECUTION. A judicial proceeding regularly instituted against a person out of the prosecutor's malice and ill will, with the intention of injuring him and without probable cause which terminates in favor of the person prosecuted. For this injury an action on the case lies, called the "action of malicious prosecution." Hicks v. Brantly, 102 Ga. 264, 30 S.E. 439; Eggett v. Allen, 139 Wis. 625, 96 N.W. 803; Harpham v. Whitney, 77 Ill. 38; Lounzon v. Charroux, 18 R.I. 407, 28 Atl. 975; Frisble v. Morris, 75 Conn. 687, 55 Atl. 9; Wilson v. Lapham, 196 Iowa, 745, 195 N. W. 235, 237; Thomas v. Bush, 200 Mich. 224, 166 N. W. 894, 895; Finney v. Zingale, 82 W. Va. 422, 95 S. E. 1046, 1047, L. R. A. 1915F, 1130; Graziani v. Ernst, 169 Ky. 751, 185 S. W. 99, 100.

MALICIOUS TRESPASS. The act of one who maliciously or maliciously injures or causes to be injured any property of another or any public property. State v. McKee, 109 Ind. 487, 10 N. E. 465; Hannel v. State, 4 Ind. App. 485, 90 N. E. 1118.

MALICIOUS USE OF PROCESS. "Malicious use of process" occurs where plaintiff employs court's process to execute object which law intends process to subserve, but proceeds maliciously and without probable cause. Robinson v. Commercial Credit Co., 57 Ga. App. 291, 139 S. E. 915, 916.

MALIGNARE. To malign or slander; also to main.

MALINGER. To feign sickness or any physical disablement or mental lapse or derangement, especially for the purpose of escaping the performance of a task, duty, or work.

MALITIA. Lat. Actual evil design; express malice.

Malitia est acida; est mali animi affectus. Malice is sour; it is the quality of a bad mind. 2 Bulst. 49.

MALITIA PRÆECOGITATA. Malice aforethought.

Malitia supplet ætatem. Malice supplies [the want of] age. Dyer, 1049; Broom Max. 316.

MALTIS hominum est obvianum. The wicked or malicious designs of men must be thwarted. 4 Coke, 155.

MALLEABLE. Capable of being drawn out and extended by beating; capable of extension by hammering; reducible to laminated form by beating. Farris v. Magone (C. C.) 46 F. 845.

MALLUM. In old European law. A court of the higher kind in which the more important business of the county was dispatched by the count or earl. Spelman. A public national assembly.

MALO ANIMO. Lat. With an evil mind; with a bad purpose or wrongful intention; with malice.

MALO GRATU. Lat. In spite; unwillingly.

MALO SENSU. Lat. In an evil sense or meaning; with an evil signification.

MALPRACTICE. Any professional misconduct, unreasonable lack of skill or fidelity in professional or fiduciary duties, evil practice, or illegal or immoral conduct. Gregory v. McNamara, 140 S. C. 52, 134 S. E. 527, 329. As applied to physicians and surgeons, this term means, generally, professional misconduct towards a patient which is considered reprehensible either because immoral in itself or because contrary to law or expressly forbidden by law.

In a more specific sense, it means bad, wrong, or injudicious treatment of a patient, professionally and in respect to the particular disease or injury, resulting in injury, unnecessary suffering, or death to the patient, and proceeding from ignorance, carelessness, want of proper professional skill, disregard of established rules or principles, neglect, or a malicious or criminal intent. See Rodgers v. Kline, 59 Miss. 316; Am. Rep. 389; Tuck er v. Gillette, 22 Ohio Cpis. Ct. R. 699; Abbott v. Mayer, 229 Ill. 227, 66 P. 327; Geier v. Hubbard v. Thompson, 100 Mass. 228; Napier v. Greemzweig (C. C. A.) 226 F. 196, 197.

The term is occasionally applied to lawyers, and then means generally any evil practice in a professional capacity, but rather with reference to the court and its practice and process than to the client. See In re Baum, 55 Hun, 611, 8 N. Y. S. 771; In re Silkman, 88 App. Div. 102, 84 N. Y. S. 1025; Cowley v. O'Connell, 174 Mass. 253, 54 N. E. 558; In re Smith, 54 N. J. Eq. 252, 94 A. 39, 42.

MALT. A substance produced from barley or other grain by a process of steeping in water until germination begins and then drying in a kiln, thus converting the starch into saccharine matter. See Hollander v. Magone (C. C.) 38 F. 915; U. S. v. Cohn, 2 Ind. T. 474, 52 S. W. 38.

MALT LIQUOR. A general term including all alcoholic beverages prepared essentially by
the fermentation of an infusion of malt (as distinguished from such liquors as are produced by the process of distillation), and particularly such beverages as are made from malt and hops, like beer, ale, and porter. See Allred v. State, 89 Ala. 112, 8 So. 56; State v. Gill, 89 Minn. 592, 95 N. W. 449; U. S. v. Ducournau (C. C.) 54 F. 138; State v. Stapp, 29 Iowa, 552; Sarlis v. U. S., 152 U. S. 570, 14 S. Ct. 720, 38 L. Ed. 556; Logli v. State, 153 Ark. 341, 420 S. W. 400, 401; Claunch v. State, 82 Tex. Cr. 355, 199 S. W. 483, 484.

MALT MULNA. A quern or malt-mill.

MALT-SHOT, or MALT-SCOT. A certain payment for making malt. Somner.


MALTREATMENT. In reference to the treatment of his patient by a surgeon, this term signifies improper or unskilful treatment; it may result either from ignorance, neglect, or willfulness; but the word does not necessarily imply that the conduct of the surgeon, in his treatment of the patient, is either willfully or grossly careless. Com. v. Hackett, 2 Allen (Mass.) 142.

MALUM, n. Lat. In Roman law. A mast; the mast of a ship. Dig. 50, 17, 212, pr. Held to be part of the ship. 1d.

MALUM, adj. Lat. Wrong; evil; wicked; reprehensible.

MALUM IN SE. A wrong in itself; an act or case involving illegality from the very nature of the transaction, upon principles of natural, moral, and public law. Story, Ag. § 346; State v. Trent, 122 Or. 444, 259 P. 583, 585. An act is said to be malum in se when it is inherently and essentially evil, that is, immoral in its nature and injurious in its consequences, without any regard to the fact of its being noticed or punished by the law of the state. Such are most or all of the offenses cognizable at common law, (without the denunciation of a statute:) as murder, larceny, etc.

Malum non habet efficientem, sed deficiensem, causam. 3 Inst. Proc. Evil has not an efficient, but a deficient, cause.

Malum non prosumitur. Wickedness is not presumed. Branch, Princ.; 4 Coke, 72a.

MALUM PROHIBITUM. A wrong prohibited; a thing which is wrong because prohibited; an act which is not inherently immoral, but becomes so because its commission is expressly forbidden by positive law; an act involving an illegality resulting from positive law. Contrast ed with malum in se. Story, Ag. § 346; People v. Pavlic, 227 Mich. 562, 199 N. W. 373, 374, 55 A. L. R. 741.

Malum quo comminus eo pejus. The more common an evil is, the worse it is. Branch, Princ.

Malus usus abolendus est. A bad or invalid custom is [ought] to be abolished. Litt. § 212; Co. Litt. 141; 1 Bl. Comm. 78; Broom, Max. 921.

MALVEILLES. In old English law. Ill will; crimes and misdemeanors; malicious practices. Cowell.

MALVEIS PROCURORS. L. Fr. Such as used to pack juries, by the nomination of either party in a cause, or other practice. Cowell.

MALVEISA. A warlike engine to batter and beat down walls.

MALVERSATION. In French law. This word is applied to all grave and punishable faults committed in the exercise of a charge or commission, (office,) such as corruption, extortion, concussion, larceny. Merl. Répert.

MAN. A human being. A person of the male sex. A male of the human species above the age of puberty.

In its most extended sense the term includes not only the adult male sex of the human species, but women and children.

In Feudal Law

A vassal; a tenant or feudatory. The Anglo-Saxon relation of lord and man was originally purely personal, and founded on mutual contract. 1 Spence, Ch. 37.

MAN OF STRAW. See Men of Straw.

MANACLES. Chain for the hands; shackles.

MANAGE. To conduct; to carry on; to have under control; to administer; to direct the concerns of a business or establishment. Generally applied to affairs that are somewhat complicated and that involve skill and judgment. Com. v. Johnson, 144 Pa. 377, 22 A. 703; Roberts v. State, 26 Fla. 360, 7 So. 861; Ure v. Ure, 158 Ill. 216, 56 N. E. 1087; Youngworth v. Jewell, 15 Nev. 48; Watson v. Cleveland, 21 Conn. 541; The Silvius, 171 U. S. 462, 19 S. Ct. 7, 43 L. Ed. 241; City of Newburgh v. Dickey, 164 App. Div. 791, 150 N. Y. S. 175, 177; Neilson v. Alberty, 36 Okt. 490, 128 P. 847, 849.

MANAGEMENT. Control, discretionary power of direction; J. T. Camp Transfer Co. v. Davenport, 74 So. 156, 159, 15 Ala. App. 507; Browne v. City of New York, 210 N. Y. S. 786, 795, 125 Misc. 1. "Management" of an estate necessarily implies the power to invest the income and collections, and to "manage" money means to employ or invest it, Keyes v. Metropolitan Trust Co. of City of New York, 115 N. E. 455, 456, 220 N. Y. 237; while word "management" as applied to a vessel includes control during
voyage of everything with which vessel is equipped to protect her and her cargo against inroad of the seas, Jay Wai Nam v. Anglo-American Oil Co. (C. C. A.) 202 F. 822, 827.


MANAGERS OF A CONFERENCE. Members of the houses of parliament appointed to represent each house at a conference between the two houses. It is an ancient rule that the number of commons named for a conference should be double those of the lords. May, Parl. Pr. c. 16.

MANAGING AGENT. See Agent.

MANAGING OWNER OF SHIP. The managing owner of a ship is one of several co-owners, to whom the others, or those of them who join in the adventure, have delegated the management of the ship. He has authority to do all things usual and necessary in the management of the ship and the delivery of the cargo, to enable her to prosecute her voyage and earn freight, with the right to appoint an agent for the purpose. 6 Q. B. Div. 23; Sweet.

MANAGIUM. A mansion-house or dwelling-place. Cowell.

MANAS MEDIE. Men of a mean condition, or of the lowest degree.

MANBOTE. In Saxon law. A compensation or recompense for homicide, particularly due to the lord for killing his man or vassal, the amount of which was regulated by that of the were.

MANCA, MANCUS, or MANCUSA. A square piece of gold coin, commonly valued at thirty pence. Cowell.

MANCEPS. Lat. In Roman law. A purchaser; one who took the article sold in his hand; a formality observed in certain sales. Calvin. A farmer of the public taxes.

MANCHE-PRESENT. A bribe; a present from the donor's own hand.

MANCIPARE. Lat. In Roman law. To sell, alienate, or make over to another; to sell with certain formalities; to sell a person; one of the forms observed in the process of emancipation.

MANCIPATE. To enslave; to bind; to tie.

MANCIPATIO. Lat. In Roman law. A certain ceremony or formal process anciently required to be performed, to perfect the sale or conveyance of res mancipi, (land, houses, slaves, horses, or cattle.) The parties were present, (vendee and vendee,) with five witnesses and a person called "libripens," who held a balance or scales. A set form of words was repeated on either side, indicative of transfer of ownership, and certain prescribed gestures made, and the vendee then struck the scales with a piece of copper, thereby symbolizing the payment, or weighing out, of the stipulated price.

The ceremony of mancipatio was used, in later times, in one of the forms of making a will. The testator acted as vendor, and the heir (or familia empor) as purchaser, the latter symbolically buying the whole estate or succession, of the former. The ceremony was also used by a father in making a fictitious sale of his son, which sale, when three times repeated, effectuated the emancipation of the son.

MANCIPI RES. Lat. In Roman law. Certain classes of things which could not be aliened or transferred except by means of a certain formal ceremony of conveyance called "mancipatio," (q. v.) These included land, houses, slaves, horses, and cattle. All other things were called "res nec mancipi." The distinction was abolished by Justinian. The distinction corresponded as nearly as may be to the early distinction of English law into real and personal property; res mancipi being objects of a military or agricultural character, and res nec mancipi being all other subjects of property. Like personal estate, res nec mancipi were not originally either valuable in se or valued. Brown.

MANCIPIUM. Lat. In Roman law. The momentary condition in which a filius, etc., might be when in course of emancipation from the potestas, and before that emancipation was absolutely complete. The condition was not like the dominica potestas over slaves, but slaves are frequently called "mancipia" in the non-legal Roman authors. Brown.

To form a clear conception of the true import of the word in the Roman jurisprudence, it is necessary to advert to the four distinct powers which were exercised by the pater familias, viz.: the eunus, or marital power; the mancipium, resulting from the mancipatio, or alienatio per as et libram, of a Freeman; the dominica potestas, the power of the master over his slaves, and the patria potestas, the paternal power. When the pater familias sold his son, venus dare, mancipare, the paternal power was succeeded by the mancipium, or the power acquired by the purchaser over the person whom he held in mancipio, and whose condition was assimilated to that of a slave. What is most re-
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Markable is, that on the emancipation from the
mancipium he fell back into the paternal power,
which was not entirely exhausted until he had been
sold three times by the pater familias, Si pater
filium ter venum dat, filius a patre liber esto. Galus
speaks of the mancipatio as imaginaria quadam
venditio, because in his times it was only resorted
to for the purpose of adoption or emancipation. See
1 Crisan 113; Morey, Rom. L. 22, 22; Solum, Inst.
R. L. 124, 320.

MANCIPLE. A clerk of the kitchen, or caterer,
especially in colleges. Cowell.

MANCOMUNAL. In Spanish law. An obliga-
tion in said to be mancomand when one
person assumes the contract or debt of an-
other, and makes himself liable to pay or ful-
fill it. Schm. Civil Law, 120.

MANDAMIETO. In Spanish law. Com-
mission; authority or power of attorney.
A contract of good faith, by which one person
commits to the gratuitous charge of another
his affairs, and the latter accepts the charge.
White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 12, c. 1.

MANDAMUS. Lat. We command. This is
the name of a writ (formerly a high preroga-
tive writ) which issues from a court of su-
perior jurisdiction, and is directed to a pri-
ate or municipal corporation, or any of its
officers, or to an executive, administrative or
judicial officer, or to an inferior court, com-
manding the performance of a particular act
therein specified, and belonging to his or their
public, official, or ministerial duty, or direct-
ing the restoration of the complainant to
rights or privileges of which he has been il-
legally deprived. See Lahiff v. St. Joseph,
etc., Soc., 76 Conn. 648, 57 A. 692, 65 L. R.
A. 22, 100 Am. St. Rep. 1012; Milster v.
Spartanburg, 68 S. C. 243, 47 S. E. 141; State
v. Carpenter, 51 Ohio St. 83, 37 N. E. 261, 46
Am. St. Rep. 556; Chicago & N. W. R. Co. v.
1064; Arnold v. Kennebec County, 93 Me. 117,
44 A. 364; Placard v. State, 145 Ind. 305, 47
N. E. 623; Atlanta v. Wright, 110 Ga. 297,
45 S. E. 964; State v. Lewis, 76 Mo. 570; Ex
parte Crane, 5 Pet. 190, 8 L. Ed. 92; Marbury
v. Madison, 1 Cranch, 158, 2 L. Ed. 69; U. S.
v. Butterworth, 169 U. S. 600, 18 Sup. Ct. 441,
42 L. Ed. 573; Bernert v. Multnomah Lumber
& Box Co., 247 P. 155, 157, 119 Or. 44.

The action of mandamus is one, brought in a court
of competent jurisdiction, to obtain an order of such
court commanding an inferior tribunal, board, cor-
poration, or person to do or not to do an act the
performance or omission of which the law enjoin
as a duty resulting from an office, trust, or station.
Where discretion is left to the inferior tribunal or
person, the mandamus can only compel it to ac-
t, but cannot control such discretion. Rev. Code Iow,
1899, § 329 (Code 1831, § 1247).

A writ of mandamus is a summary writ issuing
from the proper court, commanding the official board
to whom it is addressed to perform some specific
legal duty to which the party applying for the writ
is entitled of legal right to have performed. Chi-

MANDANS. Lat. In the civil law. The
employing party in a contract of mandate.
One who gives a thing in charge to another;
one who requires, requests, or employs an-
other to do some act for him. Inst. 3, 27, 1,
et seq.

MANDANT. In French and Scotch law.
The employing party in the contract of man-
datum, or mandate. Story, Bail. § 138.

Mandata licita recipient strictam interpretat-
ionem, sed illicita latam ex extensam. Lawful
commands receive a strict interpretation, but
unlawful commands a broad and extended
one. Bac. Max. reg. 16.

MANDATAIRE. Fr. In French law. A per-
son employed by another to do some act for
him; a mandatory.

Mandatarius terminos sibi positos transgressi
non potest. A mandatae cannot exceed the

MANDATORY. He to whom a mandate,
charge, or commandment is given; also, he
that obtains a benefice by mandamus. Briggs
v. Spaulding, 141 U. S. 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 924,
35 L. Ed. 622.

MANDATE.

In Practice

A judicial command or precept proceeding
from a court or judicial officer, directing the
proper officer to enforce a judgment, sentence,
or decree. Seaman v. Clarke, 60 App. Div.
416, 69 N. Y. Supp. 1002; Horton v. State, 63
Neb. 34, 88 N. W. 146.

In the practice of the supreme court of the
United States, the mandate is a precept or order issued
upon the decision of an appeal or writ of error, directing the action to be
taken, or disposition to be made of the case,
by the inferior court. Egbert v. St. Louis & S.
F. R. Co., 151 P. 228, 230, 50 Okl. 623;
State v. Casey, 217 F. 632, 633, 168 Or. 380;
Fisher v. Burks, 120 N. E. 768, 769, 285 Ill.
290.
In some of the state jurisdictions, the name "mandate" has been substituted for "manda-
mus" as the formal title of that writ. Chris-
man v. Superior Court in and for Fresno
County, 219 P. 55, 86, 63 Cal. App. 477; State
v. Debaum, 198 Ind. 661, 154 N. E. 492, 494;
Davies v. Board of Com'r's of Nez Perce Coun-
ty, 143 P. 945, 946, 26 Idaho, 450.

In Contracts

A bailment of property in regard to which the
ballees engages to do some act without
reward. Story, Ballim. § 137; Maddock v.
Riggs, 190 P. 12, 16, 106 Kan. 808, 12 A. L. R.
216.

A mandate is a contract by which a lawful busi-
ness is committed to the management of another,
and by him undertaken to be performed gratuitously.
The mandatory is bound to the exercise of slight
diligence, and is responsible for gross neglect. The
fact that the mandator derives no benefit from the
acts of the mandatory is not of itself evidence of
gross negligence. Richardson v. Futrell, 42 Miss.
525; Williams v. Conger, 8 S. Ct. 933, 123 U. S. 387,
St. L. Ed. 778. A mandate, procurement, or letter of
attorney is an act by which one person gives power
to another to transact for him and in his name one
or several affairs. The mandate may take place in
different manners—for the interest of the person
granting it; for the joint interest of both par-
ties; for the interest of a third person; for the
interest of a third person and that of the party grant-
ing it; and, finally, for the interest of the mandator
and a third person. Civ. Code La. arts. 2965,
2966.

Mandates and deposits closely resemble each other;
the distinction being that in mandates the care and
service are the principal, and the custody the ac-
cessory, while in deposits the custody is the prin-
cipal thing, and the care and service are merely ac-
cessory. Story, Ballim. § 140.

The word may also denote a request or di-
rection. Thus, a check is a mandate by the
drawer to his banker to pay the amount to
the transferee or holder of the check. 1 Q. B.
Div. 33.

In the Civil Law

The instructions which the emperor ad-
dressed to a public functionary, and which
were rules for his conduct. These mandates
resembled those of the praeconsul, the manda-
to jurisdictio, and were ordinarily binding on
the legates or lieutenants of the emperor
in the imperial provinces and there they had
the authority of the principal edicts. Sav.
Dr. Rom. c. 3, § 24, no. 4.

MANDATO. In Spanish law. The contract of
mandate. Escrive.

MANDATO, PANES DE. Loaves of bread
given to the poor upon Maundy Thursday.

MANDATOR. The person employing another
to perform a mandate.

MANDATORY, adj. Containing a com-
mand; preceptive; imperative; peremptory.
A provision in a statute is mandatory when
obedience to it will make the act done un-
der the statute absolutely void; if the provi-
sion is such that disregard of it will consti-
tute an irregularity, but one not necessarily
fatal, it is said to be directory. So, the man-
datory part of a writ is that which com-
mands the person to do the act specified.
State v. Barnell, 142 N. E. 611, 613, 109 Ohio
St. 246; Williams v. Sherwood, 200 N. W. 782,
784, 51 N. D. 520; State v. Kozer, 217 P. 827,
832, 108 Or. 550; Ex parte Brown (Mo. App.)
297 S. W. 445, 447; State v. Alderson, 142 P.
210, 215, 49 Mont. 387, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 39;
City of Enid v. Champlin Refining Co., 240 P.
604, 605, 122 Okl. 168; In re Opinion of the
Justices, 123 A. 354, 363, 124 Me. 453; Hud-
gins v. Mooresville Consol. School Dist., 275
S. W. 793, 770, 312 Mo. 1; Ex parte Brown
(Mo. App.) 297 S. W. 445, 447; Alabama Pine
Co. v. Merchants' & Farmers' Bank of Allice-
ville, 109 So. 338, 359, 215 Ala. 66; State v.
Hager, 136 S. E. 263, 264, 102 W. Va. 689; In
re Thompson, 144 N. W. 243, 244, 94 Neb. 658.
It is also said that when the provision of a
statute is the essence of the thing required to
be done, it is mandatory; Norwegian Street,
81 Pa. 349; otherwise, when it relates to form
and manner; and where an act is incident, or
after jurisdiction acquired, it is directory
merely; Davis v. Smith, 58 N. H. 17.

MANDATORY, n. One to whom a man-
date is given; one who undertakes without
compensation to perform certain duties.
Swords v. Simineo, 216 P. 506, 508, 68 Mont.
104; Smith v. State, 199 Ind. 217, 156
N. E. 512, 515; Billings Bench Water Ass'n
v. Yellowstone County, 225 P. 906, 999, 70
Mont. 401.

MANDATORY INJUNCTION. See Injunc-
tion.

MANDATUM. Lat. In the civil law. The
contract of mandate, (q. v.)

Mandatum nisi gratuittum nunn est. Unless a
mandate is gratuitous, it is not a mandate.
Dilig. 17. 1. 1. 4; Inst. 3, 27; 1 Bouv. Inst. n.
1070.

MANDAVI BALLIVO: I have commanded
or made my mandate to the bailiff.) In Eng-
lisb practice. The return made by a sheriff,
where the bailiff of a liberty has the execution
of a writ, that he has commanded the bailiff
to execute it. 1 Tidd, Pr. 309; 2 Tidd, Pr.
1025.


MANERA. In Spanish law. Manner or
mode. Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 1, 1. 2.

MANERIUM. In old English law. A manor.
Maneriwm dicitur a manendo, secundum excel-
58. A manor is so called from manendo, ac-
cording to its excellence, a seat, great, fixed,
and firm.
MANGONARE. In old English law. To buy in a market.

MANGONELLUS. A warlike instrument for casting stones against the walls of a castle. Cowell.

MANHOD. In feudal law. A term denoting the ceremony of doing homage by the vassal to his lord. The formula used was, "Devenio vester homo," I become your man. 2 Bl. Comm. 54.

To arrive at manhood means to arrive at twenty-one years of age. Felton v. Billups, 21 N. C. 585.

MANIA. As to "mania a potu" and "mania fanatica," see Insanity.

MANIFEST.

In Maritime Law

A sea-letter; a written document required to be carried by merchant vessels, containing an account of the cargo, with other particulars, for the facility of the customs officers. See New York & Cuba S. S. Co. v. U. S. (D. C.) 125 Fed. 320.

In Evidence

That which is clear and requires no proof; that which is notorious.

Manifesta probatone non indigent. 7 Coke, 40. Things manifest do not require proof.

MANIFESTO. A formal written declaration, promulgated by a prince, or by the executive authority of a state or nation, proclaiming its reasons and motives for declaring a war, or for any other important International action.

MANIPULUS. In canon law. A handkerchief, which the priest always had in his left hand. Blount.

MANKIND. The race or species of human beings. In law, females, as well as males, may be included under this term. Fortesc. 61.

MANNER. This is a word of large signification, but cannot exceed the subject to which it belongs. The incident cannot be extended beyond its principal. Wells v. Bain, 73 Pa. 39, 54, 15 Am. Rep. 563.

Manner does not necessarily include time. Thus, a statutory requirement that a mining tax shall be "enforced in the same manner" as certain annual taxes need not imply an annual collection. State v. Eureka Consol. Min. Co., 8 Nev. 15, 29.

Also a thing stolen, in the hand of the thief; a corruption of "mainour," (q. v.)

MANNER AND FORM; MODO ET FORMA. Formal words introduced at the conclusion of a traverse. Their object is to put the party whose pleading is traversed not only to the proof that the matter of fact denied is, in its general effect, true as alleged, but also that the manner and form in which the fact or facts are set forth are also capable of proof. Brown.


MANNIRE. To cite any person to appear in court and stand in judgment there. It is different from bannire; for, though both of them are citations, this is by the adverse party, and that is by the judge. Du Cange.

MANNOPUS. In old English law. Goods taken in the hands of an apprehended thief. The same as "mainour," (q. v.)

MANNUS. A horse. Cowell.

MANOR. A house, dwelling, seat, or residence.

In English Law

The manor was originally a tract of land granted out by the king to a lord or other great person, in fee. It was otherwise called a "barony" or "lordship," and appellant to it was the right to hold a court, called the "court-baron." The lands comprised in the manor were divided into terras tenementales (tenemental lands or boleland) and terrae dominicales, or demesne lands. The former were given by the lord of the manor to his followers or retainers in freehold. The latter were such as he reserved for his own use; but of these part were held by tenants in copyhold, i. e., those holding by a copy of the record in the lord's court; and part, under the name of the "lord's waste," served for public roads and commons of pasture for the lord and tenants. The tenants, considered in their relation to the court-baron and to each other, were called "pares curia." The word also signified the franchise of having a manor, with jurisdiction for a court-baron and the right to the rents and services of copyholders.

In American Law

A manor is a tract held of a proprietor by a fee-farm rent in money or in kind, and descending to the oldest son of the proprietor, who in New York is called a "patroon." People v. Van Rensselaer, 9 N. Y. 291.

In General

—Reputed Manor. Whenever the demesne lands and the services become absolutely separated, the manor ceases to be a manor in reality, although it may (and usually does) continue to be a manor in reputation, and is then called a "reputed manor," and it is also sometimes called a "seigniory in gross." Brown.

MANQUELLER. In Saxon law. A murderer.

MANRENT. In Scotch law. The service of a man or vassal. A bond of manrent was an Bl. Law Dict. (6d Ed.)
instrument by which a person, in order to secure the protection of some powerful lord, bound himself to such lord for the performance of certain services.

MANSER. In old English law. A habitation or dwelling, generally with land attached. Spelman.

A residence or dwelling-house for the parochial priest; a parsonage or vicarage house. Cowell. Still used in Scotch law in this sense.

MANSER. A bastard. Cowell.

MANSIO. In Anglo-Saxon times the amount of land which would support a man and his family, called by various names: Mansio, familia, hide. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 54.

MANSION. A dwelling-house or place of residence, including its appurtenant outbuildings. Thompson v. People, 3 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 214; Comm. v. Pennock, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 199; Armour v. State, 3 Humph. (Tenn.) 385; Devoe v. Comm., 3 Mete. (Mass.) 323.

The mansion includes not only the dwelling-house, but also the outbuildings, such as barns, stables, cow-houses, dairy houses, and the like, if they are parcel of the message (that is, within the curtilage or protection of the dwelling-house) though not under the same roof nor contiguous to it. 2 East, P. C. 466; State v. Brooks, 4 Conn. 446; Bryant v. State, 60 Ga. 358; Fletcher v. State, 10 Lea (Tenn.) 339.

In Old English Law

Residence: dwelling.

MANSION-HOUSE. In the law of burglary, etc., any species of dwelling-house. 3 Inst. 64.

MANSLAUGHTER. In criminal law. The unlawful killing of another without malice, either express or implied; which may be either voluntarily, upon a sudden heat, or involuntarily, but in the commission of some unlawful act. 1 Hale, P. C. 466; 4 Bl. Comm. 191.


The distinction between "manslaughter" and "murder" consists in the following: In the former, though the act which occasions the death be unlawful or likely to be attended with bodily mischief, yet the malice, either express or implied, which is the very essence of murder, is presumed to be wanting in manslaughter. 1 East, P. C. 215; Comm. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 304, 82 Am. Dec. 711. It also differs from "murder" in this: that there can be no accessories before the fact, there having been no time for premeditation. 1 Hale, P. C. 467; 1 Russ. Crimes, 486; 1 Dish. Crim. Law, 673; Forrest v. State, 172 Ark. 1716, 288 S. W. 925, 926; State v. McKeeney, 5 Boyce (Del.) 129, 90 A. 1067; State v. Wilson, 95 W. Va. 625, 121 S. E. 726, 729; State v. Vital, 183 La. 382, 94 So. 799, 800; People v. Crenshaw, 28 Ill. 412, 31 N. E. 576, 577, 15 A. L. R. 671; State v. Fenik, 45 R. I. 369, 121 A. 218, 221; State v. Wilson, 104 S. C. 351, 99 S. E. 201.


Voluntary Manslaughter

In criminal law. Manslaughter committed voluntarily upon a sudden heat of the passions; as if, upon a sudden quarrel, two persons fight, and one of them kills the other. 4 Bl. Comm. 190, 191; State v. Disalvo, 121 A. 601, 603, 2 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 252; Miller v. Commonwealth, 173 S. W. 701, 703, 163 Ky. 240; People v. Rycroft, 194 N. Y. 609, 611, 224 Mich. 106; Henwood v. State, 129 P. 1010, 1012, 54 Colo. 188; Commonwealth v. Crosson, 62 A. 754, 756, 246 Pa. 536; State v. Lewis, 154 S. W. 716, 719, 248 Mo. 498; State v. McGarrity, 71 So. 730, 732, 139
MANSO, or MANSUM. In old English law. A mansion or house. Spelman.

MANSTEALING. A word sometimes used synonymously with "knapping," (q. v.)

MANSUETUS. Lat. Tame; as though accustomed to come to the hand. 2 Bl. Comm. 391.

MANSUM CAPITALE. The manor-house or lord's court. Parch. Antig. 150.

MANTEA. In old records. A long robe or mantle.

MANTHEOFF. In Saxon law. A horse-stealer.

MANTICULATE. To pick pockets.

MANTLE CHILDREN. See Paillo Cooperire.

MAN-TRAPS. Engines to catch trespassers, now unlawful unless set in a dwelling-house for defense between sunset and sunrise. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 100, § 31.

MANU BREVI. Lat. With a short hand. A term used in the civil law, signifying shortly; directly; by the shortest course; without circuitly.


MANU LONGA. Lat. With a long hand. A term used in the civil law, signifying indirectly or circuitously. Calvin.

MANU OPERA. Lat. Cattle or implements of husbandry; also stolen goods taken from a thief caught in the fact. Cowell.

MANUAL. Performed by the hand; used or employed by the hand; held in the hand. Thus, a distress cannot be made of tools in the "manual occupation" of the debtor.

MANUAL DELIVERY. Delivery of personal property sold, donated, mortgaged, etc., by passing it into the "hand" of the purchaser or transferee, that is, by an actual and corporeal change of possession.

MANUAL GIFT. The manual gift, that is, the giving of corporeal movables effects, accompanied by a real delivery, is not subject to any formality. Civil Code La. art. 1559.

MANUAL LABOR. Labor performed by hand or by the exercise of physical force, with or without the aid of tools and of horses or other beasts of burden, but depending for its effectiveness chiefly upon personal muscular exertion rather than upon skill, intelligence, or adroitness. See Lea, Jm. v. U. S., 66 F. 954, 14 C. C. A. 281; Martin v. Wakefield, 42 Minn. 176, 49 N. W. 900, 6 L. R. A. 362; Breaux v. Archambault, 64 Minn. 429, 67 N. W. 348, 85 Am. St. Rep. 345.

MANUALIA BENEFICIA. The daily distributions of meat and drink to the canons and other members of cathedral churches for their present subsistence. Cowell.

MANUALIS OBEDIENTIA. Sworn obedience or submission upon oath. Cowell.

MANUCAPIO. In old English practice. A writ which lay for a man taken on suspicion of felony, and the like, who could not be admitted to bail by the sheriff, or others having power to let to mainprise. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 249.

MANUCAPTORS. The same as mainpernors, (q. v.)

MANUFACTORY. A building, the main or principal design or use of which is to be a place for producing articles as products of labor; not merely a place where something may be made by hand or machinery, but what in common understanding is known as a "factory." Halpin v. Insurance Co., 120 N. Y. 73,


An instrument created by the exercise of mechanical forces and designed for the production of mechanical effects, but not capable, when set in motion, of attaining, by its own operation, to any predetermined results. It receives its rule of action from the external source which furnishes its motive power.

A manufacture requires the constant guidance and control of some separate intelligent agent; a machine operates under the direction of that intelligence with which it was endowed by its inventor when he imposed on it its structural law. The parts of a machine, considered separately from the machine itself, all kinds of tools and fabrics, and every other vendible substance, which is neither a complete machine nor produced by the mere union of ingredients, is included under the title “manufacture.” Rob. Pat. § 383.

Domestic Manufactures

This term is in a state statute is used, generally, of manufactures within its jurisdiction. Com. v. Giltinan, 64 Pa. 100.

MANUFACTURING CORPORATION. A corporation engaged in the production of some article, thing, or object, by skill or labor, out of raw material, or from matter which has already been subjected to artificial forces, or to which something has been added to change its natural condition. People v. Knickerbocker Ice Co., 59 N. Y. 181, 1 N. E. 669. The term does not include a mining corporation. Byers v. Franklin Coal Co., 106 Mass. 135.

MANUMISSIO. The act of liberating a slave from bondage and giving him freedom. In a wider sense, releasing or delivering one person from the power or control of another. See Fenwick v. Chapman, 9 Pet. 472, 9 L. Ed. 185; State v. Prall, 1 N. J. Law. 4.

Manumitto idem est quod extra manuum vel potestatem ponere. Co. Litt. 137. To manumit is the same as to place beyond hand and power.

MANUNG, or MONUNG. In old English law. The district within the jurisdiction of a reeve, apparently so called from his power to exercise therein one of his chief functions, viz., to exact (amanian) all fines.

MANUPES. In old English law. A foot of full and legal measure.

MANUPRETIIUM. Lat. In Roman law. The hire or wages of labor; compensation for labor or services performed. See Mackeld. Rom. Law., § 413.

MANURABLE. In old English law. Capable of being had or held in hand; capable of manual occupation; capable of being cultivated; capable of being touched; tangible; corporeal. Hale, Anal. § 24.

MANURE. In old English law. To occupy; to use or cultivate; to have in manual occupation; to bestow manual labor upon. Cowell.

MANUS. Lat. A hand.

In the Civil Law

This word signified power, control, authority, the right of physical coercion, and was often used as synonymous with "potestas."

In Old English Law

It signified an oath or the person taking an oath; a compurgator.

MANUS MORTUA. A dead hand; mortmain. Spelman.
MANUSCRIPT. A writing; a paper written with the hand; a writing that has not been printed. Parton v. Prag, 18 Fed. Cas. 1275; Leon Leon & Abstract Co. v. Equalization Board, 86 Iowa, 127, 53 N. W. 94, 17 L. R. A. 190, 41 Am. St. Rep. 480.

MANUTENTIA. The old writ of maintenance. Reg. Orig. 182.

MANWORTH. In old English law. The price or value of a man's life or head. Cowell.

MANY. This term denotes a multitude, not merely a number greater than that denoted by the word "few." Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Hall, 87 Ala. 708, 0 So. 277, 4 L. R. A. 710, 13 Am. St. Rep. 84. But compare Hilton Bridge Const. Co. v. Foster, 29 Misc. Rep. 388, 57 N. Y. S. 140, holding that three persons may be "many."

MANZIE. In old Scotch law. Mayhem; mutilation of the body of a person. Skene.

MAP. A representation of the earth's surface, or of some portion of it, showing the relative position of the parts represented, usually on a flat surface. Webster. "A map is but a transcript of the region which it portrays, narrowed in compass so as to facilitate an understanding of the original." Banker v. Caldwell, 3 Minn. 103 (Gil. 55).

MAR. To make defective; to do serious injury to; to damage greatly; to impair, spoil, ruin; to do physical injury to, especially by cutting off or defacing a part; to mutilate; mangle, disfigure; deface. Maxwell v. City of Buhl, 40 Idaho, 644, 236 P. 122, 123; Borden v. Hirsh, 249 Mass. 205, 143 N. E. 912, 914, 33 A. L. R. 520.

MARA. In old records. A mere or moor; a lake, pool, or pond; a bog or marsh that cannot be drained. Cowell; Blount; Spelman.

MARAUDER. "A marauder is defined in the law to be 'one who, while employed in the army as a soldier, commits larceny or robbery in the neighborhood of the camp, or while wandering away from the army.' But in the modern and metaphorical sense of the word, as now sometimes used in common speech, it seems to be applied to a class of persons who are not a part of any regular army, and are not answerable to any military discipline, but who are mere lawless banditti, engaged in plundering, robbery, murder, and all conceivable crimes." Curry v. Collins, 37 Mo. 328.

MARC–BANCO. The name of a piece of money formerly coined at Hamburg. Its value was thirty-five cents.

MARCA. A mark; a coin of the value of 13s. 4d. Spelman.

MARCATUS. The rent of a mark by the year customarily reserved in leases, etc.

MARCH. In Scotch law. A boundary line or border. Bell. The word is also used in composition; as march-dike, march-stone.

MARCHANDISES AVARIEES. In French mercantile law. Damaged goods.

MARCHERS. In old English law. Noblemen who lived on the marches of Wales or Scotland, and who, according to Camden, had their private laws, as if they had been petty kings; which were abolished by the statute 27 Hen. VIII. c. 26. Called also "lords marchers." Cowell.

MARCHES. An old English term for boundaries or frontiers, particularly the boundaries and limits between England and Wales, or between England and Scotland, or the borders of the dominions of the crown, or the boundaries of properties in Scotland. Mozley & Whitely.

MARCHES, COURT OF. An abolished tribunal in Wales, where pleas of debt or damages, not above the value of £50, were tried and determined. Cro. Car. 384.

MARCHETA. In Old Scotch Law

A custom for the lord of a fee to lie the first night with the bride of his tenant. Abolished by Malcolm III. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 83.

A fine paid by the tenant for the remission of such right, originally a mark or half a mark of silver. Spelman.

In Old English Law

A fine paid for leave to marry, or to bestow a daughter in marriage. Cowell.

MARCHIONESS. A dignity in a woman answerable to that of marquis in a man, conferred either by creation or by marriage with a marquis. Wharton.

MARE. Lat. The sea.

MARE CLAUSUM. The sea closed; that is, not open or free. The title of Selden's great work, intended as an answer to the Mare Liberum of Grotius; in which he undertakes to prove the sea to be capable of private dominion. 1 Kent, Comm. 27.

MARE LIBERUM. The sea free. The title of a work written by Grotius against the Portuguese claim to an exclusive trade to the Indies, through the South Atlantic and Indian oceans; showing that the sea was not capable of private dominion. 1 Kent, Comm. 27.

MARESCALLUS. In Old English law. A marshal; a master of the stables; an officer of the exchequer; a military officer of high rank, having powers and duties similar to those of a constable. Du Cange. See Marshal.

MARETTUM. Marshy ground overflowed by the sea or great rivers. Co. Litt. 5.

MARGIN. The edge or border; the edge of a body of water where it meets the land. As applied to a boundary line of land, the "margin" of a river, creek, or other watercourse means the center of the stream. Ex parte Jennings, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 527, 16 Am. Dec. 447; Varick v. Smith, 9 Paige (N. Y.) 551. But in the case of a lake, bay, or natural pond, the "margin" means the line where land and water meet. Fowler v. Vreeland, 44 N. J. Eq. 268, 14 A. 116; Lembeck v. Andrews, 47 Ohio St. 336, 24 N. E. 688, 8 L. R. A. 578.

A sum of money, or its equivalent, placed in the hands of a stockbroker by the principal or person on whose account a purchase or sale is to be made, as a security to the former against losses to which he may be exposed by subsequent fluctuations in the market value of the stock. Markham v. Jaudon, 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 408; Sheehy v. Shinn, 100 Cal. 335, 37 P. 359; Memphis Brokerage Ass'n v. Cullen, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 77; Fortenbury v. State, 47 Ark. 188, 1 S. W. 58; Allen's Ex'r v. Virginia Trust Co., 116 Va. 319, 82 S. E. 104, 105; West v. Satterfield, 190 N. C. 89, 129 S. E. 177, 180.

MARGINAL NOTE. In Scotch law. A note inserted on the margin of a deed, embodying either some clause which was omitted in transcribing or some change in the agreement of the parties. Bell.

An abstract of a reported case, a summary of the facts, or brief statement of the principle decided, which is prefixed to the report of the case, sometimes in the margin, is also spoken of by this name.

MARINARIUS. An ancient word which signified a mariner or seaman. In England, marinarius capitaneus was the admiral or warden of the ports.

MARINE. Naval; relating or pertaining to the sea; transacted at sea; doing duty or service on the sea.

This is also a general name for the navy of a kingdom or state: as also the whole economy of naval affairs, or whatever respects the building, rigging, armament, equipping, navigating, and fighting ships. It comprehends also the government of naval armaments, and the state of all the persons employed therein, whether civil or military. Also one of the marines. Wharton. See Doughten v. Vanderer, 6 Del. Ch. 75.

MARINE BELT. That portion of the main or open sea, adjacent to the shores of a given country, over which the jurisdiction of its municipal laws and local authorities extends; defined by international law as extending out three miles from the shore. See The Alexander (D. C.) 60 F. 918.

MARINE CARRIER. By statutes of several states this term is applied to carriers plying upon the ocean, arms of the sea, the Great Lakes, and other navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the United States. Civ. Code Cal. § 2087; Rev. Codes N. D. 1890, § 4176 (Comp. Laws 1913, § 6187).

MARINE CONTRACT. One relating to maritime affairs, shipping, navigation, marine insurance, affrayment, maritime loans, or other business to be done upon the sea or in connection with navigation.

MARINE CORPS. A body of soldiers enlisted and equipped for service on board vessels of war; also the naval forces of the nation. U. S. v. Dunn, 7 S. Ct. 507, 120 U. S. 249, 30 L. Ed. 667.

MARINE COURT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK. Formerly, a local court of New York City, originally created as a tribunal for the settlement of causes between seamen. It was the predecessor of the present city court of the city of New York. 15 C. J. 1003. The history of this court may be found in McAdam, Mar. Ct. Pr. (2d Ed. 1872).

MARINE INSURANCE. See Insurance.

MARINE INTEREST. Interest, allowed to be stipulated for at an extraordinary rate, for the use and risk of money loaned on respondentia and bottomry bonds.

MARINE LEAGUE. A measure of distance commonly employed at sea, being equal to one-twentieth of a degree of latitude, or three geographical or nautical miles. See Rockland, etc., S. Co. v. Fessenden, 70 Me. 140, 8 A. 552.

MARINE RISK. The perils of the sea; the perils necessarily incident to navigation.

MARINE SOCIETY. In English law. A charitable institution for the purpose of apprenticing boys to the naval service, etc., incorporated by 12 Geo. III. c. 67.

MARINER. A seaman or sailor; one engaged in navigating vessels upon the sea; every person employed aboard ships or vessels. Pacific Mail S. S. Co. v. Schmidt (C. C. A.) 214 F. 513, 518.

MARINES. A body of infantry soldiers, trained to serve on board of vessels of war when in commission and to fight in naval engagements. See Marine Corps.

Mars et feminis conjunctio est de jure naturae. 7 Coke, 15. The connection of male and female is by the law of nature.

MARISCHAL. An officer in Scotland, who, with the lord high constable, possessed a supreme itinerant jurisdiction in all crimes committed within a certain space of the court, wherever it might happen to be. Wharton.
MARISCUS. A marshy or fenny ground. Co. Litt. 5a.

MARITAGIO AMISSO PER DEFAŁTAM. An obsolete writ for the tenant in frank-marriage to recover lands, etc., of which he was deforced.

MARITAGIUM. The portion which is given with a daughter in marriage. Also the power which the lord or guardian in chivalry had of disposing of his infant ward in matrimony.

Maritagium est aut liberum aut servitium obligatum; liberum maritagiïum dictur ubi donator vult quod terra sit data quiesit sit et libera ab omnibus secularibus servitius. Co. Litt. 21. A marriage portion is either free or bound to service; it is called "frank-marriage" when the giver wills that land thus given be exempt from all secular service.

MARITAGIUM HABERE. To have the free disposal of an heiress in marriage.

MARITAL. Relating to, or connected with, the status of marriage: pertaining to a husband; incident to a husband.

MARITAL COERCION. Coercion of the wife by the husband.

MARITAL PORTION. In Louisiana. The name given to that part of a deceased husband's estate to which the widow is entitled. Civ. Code la. art. 55 (Civ. Code, art. 2383); Abercrombie v. Caffray, 3 Mart. N. S. (La.) 1.


MARITIMA ANGLÆ. In old English law. The emolument or revenue coming to the king from the sea, which the sheriffs agency collected, but which was afterwards granted to the admiral. Speelman.


MARITIME. Pertaining to the sea or ocean or the navigation thereof; or to commerce conducted by navigation of the sea or (in America) of the great lakes and rivers. It is nearly equivalent to "marine" in many connections and uses; in others, the two words are used as quite distinct.

MARITIME BELT. That part of the sea which, in contradistinction to the open sea, is under the sway of the riparian states. Louisiana v. Mississippi, 26 S. Ct. 408, 571, 202 U. S. 1, 50 L. Ed. 913.

MARITIME CAUSE. A cause of action originating on the high seas, or growing out of a maritime contract. 1 Kent, Comm. 397, et seq.


MARITIME COURT. A court exercising jurisdiction in maritime causes; one which possesses the powers and jurisdiction of a court of admiralty.

MARITIME INTEREST. An expression equivalent to marine interest, (q. v.)

MARITIME JURISDICTION. Jurisdiction in maritime causes; such jurisdiction as belongs to a court of admiralty on the instance side.

MARITIME LAW. That system of law which particularly relates to commerce and navigation, to business transacted at sea or relating to navigation, to ships and shipping, to seamen, to the transportation of persons and property by sea, and to marine affairs generally. The law relating to harbors, ships, and seamen. An important branch of the commercial law of maritime nations; divided into a variety of departments, such as those about harbors, property of ships, duties and rights of masters and seamen, contracts of affreightment, average, salvage, etc. Whar-
ton; The Lottawanna, 21 Wall. 572, 22 L. Ed. 654; The Unadilla (D. C.) 73 F. 351; Jervey v. The Carolina (D. C.) 86 F. 1013.

MARITIME LIEN. A lien arising out of damage done by a ship in the course of navigation, as by collision, which attaches to the vessel and freight, and is to be enforced by an action in rem in the admiralty courts. The Underwriter (D. C.) 119 Fed. 715; Street-Cunningham, 65 Fed. 134, 11 C. C. A. 111; The Underwriter (D. C.) 119 Fed. 715; Stephenson v. The Francis (D. C.) 21 Fed. 718. Maritime liens do not include or require possession. The word "lien" is used in maritime law not in the strict legal sense in which we understand it in courts of common law, in which case there could be no lien where there was no possession, actual or constructive, but to express, as if by analogy, the nature of claims which neither presuppose nor originate in possession. 22 Eng. Law & Eq. 62. A distinction is sometimes made, however, between qualified maritime liens, which depend upon possession, and absolute maritime liens, which do not require nor depend upon possession. Cutler v. Rae, 7 How. 729, 12 L. Ed. 890; 21 Am. Law Reg. 1. A "maritime lien" is a special property right in a ship given to a creditor by law as security for a debt or claim subsisting from the moment the debt arises with right to have the ship sold and debt paid out of proceeds. The Poznan (C. C. A.) 9 F.(2d) 839, 842. Such a lien is a proprietary interest or right of property in the vessel itself, and not a cause of action or demand for personal judgment against the owner. The Theodore Roosevelt (D. C.) 291 F. 453, 461; The Rupert City (D. C.) 213 F. 263, 267; The River Queen (D. C.) 8 F.(2d) 426, 427.

MARITIME LOAN. A contract or agreement by which one, who is the lender, lends to another, who is the borrower, a certain sum of money, upon condition that if the thing upon which the loan has been made should be lost by any peril of the sea, or vis major, the lender shall not be repaid unless what remains shall be equal to the sum borrowed; and if the thing arrive in safety, or in case it shall not have been injured but by its own defects or the fault of the master or mariners, the borrower shall be bound to return the sum borrowed, together with a certain sum agreed upon as the price of the hazard incurred. Emerig. Mar. Loans, c. 1, s. 2. And see The Draco, 7 Fed. Cas. 1,042.

MARITIME PROFIT. A term used by French writers to signify any profit derived from a maritime loan.


MARITIME STATE. In English law, consists of the officers and mariners of the British navy, who are governed by express and permanent laws, or the articles of the navy, established by act of parliament.


MARITUS. Lat. A husband; a married man. Calvin.

MARK. A character, usually in the form of a cross, made as a substitute for his signature by a person who cannot write, in executing a conveyance or other legal document. It is commonly made as follows: A third person writes the name of the marksman, leaving a blank space between the Christian name and surname; in this space the latter traces the mark, or crossed lines, and above the mark is written "bis," (or "her"): and below it, "mark."

The sign, writing, or ticket put upon manufactured goods to distinguish them from others, appearing thus in the compound, "trade-mark."

A token, evidence, or proof; as in the phrase "a mark of fraud."

A weight used in several parts of Europe, and for several commodities, especially gold and silver. When gold and silver are sold by the mark, it is divided into twenty-four carats.

A money of account in England, and in some other countries a coin. The English mark is two-thirds of a pound sterling, or 18s.
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4d.; and the Scotch mark is of equal value in Scotch money of account. Enc. Amer. The word is sometimes used as another form of “marque;” a license of reprisals.

In Early Teutonic and English law. A species of village community, being the lowest unit in the political system; one of the forms of the gens or clan, variously known as the “mark,” “gemeinde,” “commune,” or “parish.” Also the land held in common by such a community. The union of several such village communities and their marks, or common lands, forms the next higher political union, the hundred. Freem. Comp. Polities, 116, 117.

In General

—Demi-mark. Half a mark; a sum of money which was anciently required to be tendered in a writ of right, the effect of such tender being to put the demandant, in the first instance, upon proof of the seisin as stated in his count; that is, to prove that the seisin was in the king’s reign there stated. Rosc. Real Act. 216.

—High and low water-mark. See Water-Mark.

—Mark banco. See Marc Banco.

MARKEPENNY. A penny anciently paid at the town of Maldon by those who had gutters laid or made out of their houses into the streets. Wharton.

MARKET. A public time and appointed place of buying and selling; also purchase and sale. Caldwell v. Alton, 33 Ill. 419, 75 Am. Dec. 282; Taggart v. Detroit, 71 Mich. 92, 38 N. W. 714; Strickland v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 154 Pa. 348, 26 Atl. 431, 21 L. R. A. 224; State v. Burkett, 87 A. 514, 518, 119 Md. 609, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 345. It differs from the forum, or market of antiquity, which was a public market-place on one side only, or during one part of the day only, the other sides being occupied by temples, theaters, courts of justice, and other public buildings. Wharton.

The liberty, privilege, or franchise by which a town holds a market, which can only be by royal grant or immemorial usage. In re Certain Lands on North Shore of Harlem River in City of New York, 217 N. Y. S. 544, 557, 127 Misc. Rep. 710.

By the term “market” is also understood the demand there is for any particular article; as, “the cotton market in Europe is dull.”

Clerk of the Market

See Clerk.

Market Gold

The toll of a market.

Market Overt

In English law. An open and public market. The market-place or spot of ground set apart by custom for the sale of particular goods is, in the country, the only market covert; but in London every shop in which goods are exposed publicly to sale is market covert, for such things only as the owner professes to trade in. 2 Bl. Comm. 449; Godh. 131; 5 Coke, 83. See Fawcett v. Osborn, 32 Ill. 426, 83 Am. Dec. 278.

Market Price

The actual price at which the given commodity is currently sold, or has recently been sold, in the open market, that is, not at a forced sale, but in the usual and ordinary course of trade and competition, between sellers and buyers equally free to bargain, as established by records of late sales. See Lovejoy v. Michels, 88 Mich. 15, 49 N. W. 901, 13 L. R. A. 779; Sanford v. Peck, 63 Conn. 456, 27 A. 1057; Douglas v. Mereces, 25 N. J. Eq. 147; Parmenter v. Fitzpatrick, 153 N. Y. 190, 31 N. E. 155; Walker v. Duffy (C. C. A.) 287 F. 41, 45; Peninsular Naval Stores Co. v. State. 20 Ga. App. 501, 23 S. E. 159, 161; Weed v. Lyons Petroleum Co. (D. C.) 294 F. 725, 734; Sun Co. v. Burruss, 130 Va. 279, 123 S. E. 347, 349; McGilvra v. Minneapolis, St. P. & S. S. M. Ry. Co., 35 N. D. 275, 159 N. W. 854, 857; McGarry v. Superior Portland Cement Co., 95 Wash. 412, 163 P. 928, 929, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 572; Hoff v. Lodi Canning Co., 51 Cal. App. 299, 186 P. 773, 780; Ford v. Norton (N. M.) 260 P. 411, 414; American Refining Co. v. Sims Oil Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 282 S. W. 894, 896; The Cushing (D. C. 1922) 285 F. 617. The term also means, when price at the place of exportation is in view, the price at which articles are sold and purchased, clear of every charge but such as is laid upon it at the time of sale. Goodwin v. United States, 2 Wash. C. C. 483, Fed. Cas. No. 5,554.

Market Towns

Those towns which are entitled to hold markets. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 130.

Market Value

The market value of an article or piece of property is the price which it might be expected to bring if offered for sale in a fair market; not the price which might be obtained on a sale at public auction or a sale forced by the necessities of the owner, but such a price as would be fixed by negotiation and mutual agreement, after ample time to find a purchaser, as between a vendor who is willing (but not compelled) to sell and a purchaser who desires to buy but is not compelled to take the particular article or piece of property. See Winnipesaukee Lake, etc., Co. v. Gilford, 67 N. H. 514, 35 A. 945; Muser v. Magone, 155 U. S. 240, 15 S. Ct. 77, 39 L. Ed. 135; Eisch v. Railroad Co., 72 Wis. 229, 39 N. W. 129; Sharpe v. U. S., 112 F. 598, 50 C. C. A. 597, 57 L. R. A. 932; Little Rock Junction Ry. v. Woodruff, 49 Ark. 381, 5 S. W. 792, 4 Am. St. Rep. 51; Lowe v. Omaha, 33 Neb. 557, 50 N. W. 763; San Diego Land Co. v. Neale, 78 Cal. 63, 20 P. 372, 3 L. R. A. 53; Consolidated Gas, Electric
MARRIAGE


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Public Market

A market which is not only open to the resort of the general public as purchasers, but also available to all who wish to offer their wares for sale, stalls, stands, or places being allotted to those who apply, to the limits of the capacity of the market, on payment of fixed rents or fees. See American Live Stock Commission Co. v. Chicago Live Stock Exchange, 143 Ill. 210, 32 N. E. 274, 35 L. R. A. 190, 36 Am. St. Rep. 355; State v. Fernandez, 39 La. Ann. 538, 2 So. 233; Cincinnati v. Buckingham, 10 Ohio, 267.

MARKETABLE. Such things as may be sold in the market; those for which a buyer may be found; merchantable. Hinton v. Martin, 151 Ark. 345, 256 S. W. 257, 260; Yontz v. McVean, 202 Mo. App. 377, 217 S. W. 1000, 1002; Pryor v. Fruit Distributors' Service Co., 73 Cal. App. 457, 228 P. 525, 527; Bier v. Walbaum, 102 N. J. Law, 368, 131 A. 888, 889.


MARKSMAN. In practice and conveyancing. One who makes his mark; a person who cannot write, and only makes his mark in executing instruments. Arch. N. Pr. 13; 2 Chit. 92.

MARLBIDGE, STATUTE OF. An English statute enacted in 1267 (32 Hen. III.) at Marlbridge, (now called "Marlborough," where parliament was then sitting. It related to land tenures, and to procedure, and to unlawful and excessive distresses.

MARQUE AND REPLIS, LETTERS OF. These words, "marque" and "replis," are frequently used as synonymous, but, taken in their strict etymological sense, the latter signifies a "taking in return;" the former, the passing the frontiers (marches) in order to such taking. Letters of marque and replis are grantable, by the law of nations, whenever the subjects of one state are oppressed and injured by those of another, and justice is denied by that state to which the oppressor belongs; and the party to whom these letters are granted may then seize the bodies or the goods of the subjects of the state to which the offender belongs, until satisfaction be made, wherever they happen to be found. Reprisals are to be granted only in case of a clear and open denial of justice. At the present day, in consequence partly of treaties and partly of the practice of nations, the making of reprisals is confined to the seizure of commercial property on the high seas by public cruisers, or by private cruisers specially authorized thereto. Brown.

MARQUIS, or MARQUESS. In English law. One of the second order of nobility; next in order to a duke.

MARQUISATE. The seigniory of a marquis. MARRIAGE. Marriage, as distinguished from the agreement to marry and from the act of becoming married, is the civil status of one man and one woman united in law for the discharge to each other and the community of the duties legally incumbent on those whose association is founded on the distinction of sex. 1 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 3. And see State v. Fry, 4 Mo. 126; Mott v. Mott, 52 Cal. 413, 22 Pac. 1149; Reynolds v. U. S.,
MARRIAGE


A contract, according to the form prescribed by law, which by a man and woman, capable of entering into such contract, mutually engage with each other to live their whole lives together in the state of union which ought to exist between a husband and wife.


Marriage is a personal relation arising out of a civil contract, to which the consent of parties capable of making it is necessary. Consent alone will not constitute marriage: it must be followed by solemnization, or by a mutual assumption of marital rights, duties, or obligations. Civil Code Cal. § 55.

Marriage is a union of one man and one woman, “so long as they both shall live,” to the exclusion of all others, by an obligation which, during that time, the parties cannot of their own volition and act dissolve, but which can be dissolved only by authority of the state. Roche v. Washington, 19 Ind. 53, 81 Am. Dec. 376.

The word also signifies the act, ceremony, or formal proceeding by which persons take each other for, husband and wife.

In Old English Law

Marriage is used in the sense of “maritatgium,” (q. v.) or the feudal right enjoyed by the lord or guardian in chivalry of disposing of his ward in marriage.

In General

—Avail of marriage. See that title.

—Common-law marriage. See Common Law.

—Jactitation of marriage. See Jactitation.


—Marriage brokage. The act by which a third person, for a consideration, negotiates a marriage between a man and woman. The money paid for such services is also known by this name. Hellen v. Anderson, 83 Ill. App. 509; White v. Equitable Nuptial Ben. Union, 76 Ala. 251, 52 Am. Rep. 325.

—Marriage ceremony. The form, religious or civil, for the solemnization of a marriage.

—Marriage certificate. An instrument which certifies a marriage, and is executed by the person officiating at the marriage; it is not intended to be signed by the parties. Spencer v. Spencer, 147 N. Y. S. 111, 113, 84 Misc. Rep. 204.

—Marriage consideration. The consideration furnished by an intended marriage of two persons. It is the highest consideration known to the law.

—Marriage license. A license or permission granted by public authority to persons who intend to intermarry. By statute in some jurisdictions, it is made an essential prerequisite to the lawful solemnization of the marriage.

—Marriage notice book. A book kept, in England, by the registrar, in which applications for and issue of registrars’ licenses to marry are recorded.

—Marriage portion. Dowry; a sum of money or other property which is given to or settled on a woman on her marriage. In re Croft, 162 Mass. 22, 37 N. E. 784.


—Marriage settlement. A written agreement in the nature of a conveyance, called a “settlement,” which is made in contemplation of a proposed marriage and in consideration thereof, either by the parties about to intermarry, or one of them, or by a parent or relation on their behalf, by which the title to certain property is settled, i. e., fixed or limited to a prescribed course of succession; the object being, usually, to provide for the wife and children. Thus, the estate might be limited to the husband and issue, or to the wife and issue, or to husband and wife for their joint lives, remainder to the survivor for life, remainder over to the issue, or otherwise. Such settlements may also be made after marriage, in which case they are called “post-nuptial.”

—Fleet marriages. There were in the neighborhood of the Fleet prison about sixty marriage houses, some of which were public houses and others not. They were known by having a sign-board, with joined hands, in addition to the public house sign. At the doors of these houses persons called Piers solicited the passers-by to come in and be married, and in these houses persons who were, or pretended to be, clergymen performed the marriage ceremony and made entries in registers that were kept at the respective houses. There is little doubt that many entries had false dates, that persons who were married personated others, and that women who wished to plead a plea of coverture or hide their shame were married to men who, for a trifling gratuity, married any woman who would pay them, though they had previously married others. Such marriages also
took place in the neighborhood of the King's Bench prison, at the Savoy, In the Mint, the Borough, and at the Mafair Chapel. It is said in 1 Peake N. P. C. 303, that a marriage in the Fleet was considered at that time good and legal. In 8 Carr. & P. 581 (34 E. C. L. R.), Patteson, J., said: "I shall not receive the Fleet Registry in evidence for any purpose whatever." They were refused in 1 Peake N. P. C. 303. A collection of over a thousand Fleet registers have been deposited in the Registry of the Bishop of London.

See Extracts from these registers and a historical note in 34 E. C. L. R. 534; Burns, Fleet Registers.

—Manus marriage. A form of marriage in early Rome; it formed a relation called manus (hand) and brought the wife into the husband's power, placing her as to legal rights in the position of a daughter. Bryce, Marr. & Divorce, in 3 Sel. Essays In Anglo-Amer. L. H. 787.

—Mixed marriage. A marriage between persons of different nationalities; or, more particularly, between persons of different racial origin; as between a white person and a negro or an Indian.

—Morganatic marriage. The lawful and inseparable conjunction of a man, of noble or illustrious birth, with a woman of inferior station, upon condition that neither the wife nor her children shall partake of the titles, arms, or dignity of the husband, or succeed to his inheritance, but be contented with a certain allowed rank assigned to them by the morganatic contract. But since these restrictions relate only to the rank of the parties and succession to property, without affecting the nature of a matrimonial engagement, it must be considered as a just marriage. The marriage ceremony was regularly performed; the union was indissoluble; the children legitimate. Wharton.

—Plural marriage. In general, any bigamous or polygamous union, but particularly, a second or subsequent marriage of a man who already has one wife living, under the system of polygamy as practised by Mormons. See Freil v. Wood, 1 Utah, 165.

—Scotch marriage. A marriage contracted without any formal solemnization or religious ceremony, by the mere mutual agreement of the parties per verba de presenti in the presence of witnesses, recognized as valid by the Scottish law.

MARRIAGE ACT, ROYAL. An act of 12 Geo. III, c. 1 (1772), by which members of the royal family are forbidden to marry without the king's consent, or except on certain onerous conditions.

MARRIED WOMAN. A woman who has a husband living and not divorced; a feme covert.

MARSHAL.

In Old English Law

The title borne by several officers of state and of the law, of whom the most important were the following: (1) The earl-marshal, who presided in the court of chivalry; (2) the marshal of the king's house, or knight-marshal, whose special authority was in the king's palace, to hear causes between members of the household, and punish faults committed within the verge; (3) the marshal of the king's bench prison, who had the custody of that jail; (4) the marshal of the exchequer, who had the custody of the king's debtors; (5) the marshal of the judge of assize, whose duty was to swear in the grand jury.

In American Law

An officer pertaining to the organization of the federal judicial system, whose duties are similar to those of a sheriff. He is to execute the process of the United States courts within the district for which he is appointed, etc.

Also, in some of the states, this is the name of an officer of police, in a city or borough, having powers and duties corresponding generally to those of a constable or sheriff.

MARSHAL OF THE QUEEN'S BENCH. An officer who had the custody of the queen's bench prison. The St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22, abolished this office, and substituted an officer called "keeper of the queen's prison."

MARCHALING. Arranging, ranking, or disposing in order; particularly, in the case of a group or series of conflicting claims or interests, arranging them in such an order of sequence, or so directing the manner of their satisfaction, as shall secure justice to all persons concerned and the largest possible measure of satisfaction to each. See sub-titles infra.

MARSHALING ASSETS. In equity. The arranging or ranking of assets in the due order of administration. Such an arrangement of the different funds under administration shall enable all the parties having equities therein to receive their due proportions, notwithstanding any intervening interests, liens, or other claims of particular persons to prior satisfaction out of a portion of those funds. The arrangement or ranking of assets in a certain order towards the payment of debts. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 563; 4 Kent, Comm. 421. The arrangement of assets or claims so as to secure the proper application of the assets to the various claims; especially when there are two classes of assets, and some creditors can enforce their claims against both, and others against only one, and the creditors of the former class are compelled to exhaust the assets against which they alone have a claim before having recourse to other assets, thus providing for the settlement of as many claims as possible. Pub. St. Mass. p. 1292.
MARSHALING LIENS. The ranking or ordering of several estates or parcels of land, for the satisfaction of a judgment or mortgage to which they are all liable, though successively conveyed away by the debtor. The rule is that, where lands subject to the lien of a judgment or mortgage have been sold or incumbered by the owner at different times to different purchasers, the various tracts are liable to the satisfaction of the lien in the inverse order of their alienation or incumbrance, the land last sold being first chargeable. 1 Black, Judgm. § 440.

MARSHALING SECURITIES. An equitable practice, which consists in so ranking or arranging classes of creditors, with respect to the assets of the common debtor, as to provide for satisfaction of the greatest number of claims. The process is this: Where one class of creditors have liens or securities on two funds, while another class of creditors can resort to only one of those funds, equity will compel the doubly-secured creditors to first exhaust that fund which will leave the single security of the other creditors intact. See 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 683.

MARSHALSEA. In English law. A prison belonging to the king’s bench. It has now been consolidated with others, under the name of the “King’s Prison.”

MARSHALSEA, COURT OF. The court of the Marshalsea had jurisdiction in actions of debt or torts, the cause of which arose within the verge of the royal court. It was abolished by St. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 101. 4 Steph. Comm. 317, note d.

MART. A place of public traffic or sale.

MARTE SUO DECURRERE. Lat. To run by its own force. A term applied in the civil law to a suit when it ran its course to the end without any impediment. Calvin.

MARTIAL LAW. A system of law, obtaining only in time of actual war and growing out of the exigencies thereof, arbitrary in its character, and depending only on the will of the commander of an army, which is established and administered in a place or district of hostile territory held in belligerent possession, or, sometimes, in places occupied or pervaded by insurgents or mobs, and which suspends all existing civil laws, as well as the civil authority and the ordinary administration of justice. See In re Ezeta (D.C.) 62 Fed. 972; Diekelman v. U.S., 11 Ct. Cl. 439; Com. v. Shortall, 206 Pa. 105, 55 Atl. 952, 66 L. R. A. 193, 193 Am. St. Rep. 759; Griffin v. Wilcox, 21 Ind. 377. See, also, Military Law.

"Martial law, which is built upon no settled principles, but is entirely arbitrary in its decisions, is in truth and reality no law, but something indulged rather than allowed as a law. The necessity of order and discipline in an army is the only thing which can give it countenance, and therefore it ought not to be permitted in time of peace, when the king’s courts are open for all persons to receive justice according to the laws of the land." 1 Bl. Comm. 418.

Martial law is neither more nor less than the will of the general who commands the army. It overrides and suppresses all existing civil laws, civil officers, and civil authorities, by the arbitrary exercise of military power; and every citizen or subject—in other words, the entire population of the country, within the confines of its power—is subjected to the mere will or caprice of the commander. He holds the lives, liberty, and property of all in the palm of his hand. Martial law is regulated by no known or established system or code of laws, as it is over and above all of them. The commander is the legislator, judge, and executioner. In re Egan, 5 Blatchf. 321, Fed. Cas. No. 4,620.

MARTINMAS. The feast of St. Martin of Tours, on the 11th of November; sometimes corrupted into "Martilmas" or "Martlemas." It is the third of the four cross quarter-days of the year. Wharton.

MARUS. In old Scotch law. A maire; an officer or executioner of summons. Otherwise called "praco regis." Skene.

MASAGIUM. L. Lat. A message.

MASOCHISM. [From Leopold von Sacher-Masoch, a nineteenth-century Austrian novelist and historian.] A form of perversion in which sexual pleasure is heightened when one is beaten and maltreated at the hands of the other party; the opposite of sadism. Stedman’s Med. Dict. (11th Ed. 1930). Sexual perversion, in which a member of one sex takes delight in being dominated, even to the extent of violence of cruelty, by one of the other sex. Dunglison’s Med. Dict. (1893), quoted in Murray’s (Oxford) New English Dict.

MASON AND DIXON’S LINE. The boundary line between Pennsylvania on the north and Maryland on the south, celebrated before the extinction of slavery as the line of demarcation between the slave and the free states. It was run by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, commissioners in a dispute between the Penn Proprietors and Lord Baltimore. The line was carried 244 miles from the Delaware river where it was stopped by Indians. A resurvey was made L. 1849, and
in 1900 a new survey was authorized by the two states.

MASS STRIKE. The striking or ceasing to work by concerted action of all working classes, thus paralyzed and bringing to an end government and its functions. People v. Gitlow, 136 N. E. 317, 320, 234 N. Y. 132.

MASSA. In the civil law. A massa; an unwrought substance, such as gold or silver, before it is wrought into cups or other articles. Dilg. 47, 2, 52, 14; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, §§ 17, 22.

MASSACHUSETTS. See Massachusism.

MASS. Religious ceremonies or observances of the Roman Catholic Church.

A bequest for masses comes within the religious uses which are upheld as public charities: In re Schuyler, 134 Mass. 427; Seber's Appeal, 15 W. N. C. (Pa.) 278, 6 A. 105; Obrecht v. Pullos, 196 Ky. 751, 298 S. W. 564, 565; Ackerman v. Fichter, 172 Ind. 328, 101 N. S. 493, 496, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 221, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 1117. Comrie, Holland v. Alecock, 103 N. Y. 316, 10 N. E. 369, 2 Am. St. Rep. 430: In England, such a bequest has been held to be valid; 15 Cl. D. 696; to the same effect, Fostorazzl v. Catholic Church, 104 Ala. 237, 18 So. 394, 25 L. R. A. 360, 53 Am. St. Rep. 48. In Ireland, if the trustee is willing to comply with the testator's direction, no one can interfere to prevent him; Ames, Lect. in Leg. Hist. 254, citing 7 Tr. Eq. 24, n.

MAST. To fatten with mast, (corns, etc.) 1 Leon, 1886.

MAST-SELLING. In old English law. The practice of selling the goods of dead seamen at the mast. Held void. 7 Mod. 141.

MASTER. One having authority; one who rules, directs, instructs, or superintends; a head or chief; an instructor; an employer. Applied to several judicial officers. See infra. In Scotland, the title of the eldest son of a viscount or baron. Cent. Diet.

—Master and servant. The relation of master and servant exists where one person, for pay or other valuable consideration, enters into the service of another and devotes to him his personal labor for an agreed period. Sweet.

—Master at common law. The title of officers of the English superior courts of common law appointed to record the proceedings of the court to which they belong; to superintend the issue of writs and the formal proceedings in an action; to receive and account for the fees charged on legal proceedings, and moneys paid into court. There are five to each court. They are appointed under St. 7 Wm. IV, and 1 Vict. c. 30, passed in 1837. Mozley & Whitley.

—Master in chancery. An officer of a court of chancery who acts as an assistant to the judge or chancellor. His olice is to inquire into such matters as may be referred to him by the court, examine causes, take testimonies, take accounts, compute damages, etc., reporting his findings to the court in such shape that a decree may be made; also to take oaths and affidavits and acknowledgments of deeds. In modern practice, many of the functions of a master are performed by clerks, commissioners, auditors, and referees, and in some jurisdictions the office has been superseded. See Kimberly v. Arms, 129 U. S. 512, 9 Sup. Ct. 355, 32 L. Ed. 764; Schuchardt v. People, 99 Ill. 501, 39 Am. Rep. 34.

—Master in lunacy. In English law. The masters in lunacy are judicial officers appointed by the lord chancellor for the purpose of conducting inquiries into the state of mind of persons alleged to be lunatics. Such inquiries usually take place before a jury. 2 Steph. Comm. 511-513.

—Master of a ship. In maritime law. The commander of a merchant vessel, who has the chief charge of her government and navigation and the command of the crew, as well as the general care and control of the vessel and cargo, as the representative and confidential agent of the owner. He is commonly called the "captain." See Martin v. Farnsworth. 33 N. Y. Super. Ct. 260; Hubbell v. Denison, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 181.

—Master of the crown office. The king's coroner and attorney in the criminal department of the court of king's bench, who prosecutes at the relation of some private person or common informer, the crown being the nominal prosecutor. St. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 20; Wharton.

—Master of the faculties. In English law. An officer under the archbishop, who grants licenses and dispensations, etc.

—Master of the horse. In English law. The third great officer of the royal household, being next to the lord steward and lord chamberlain. He has the privilege of making use of any horses, footmen, or pages belonging to the royal stables.

—Master of the mint. In English law. An officer who receives bullion for coinedage, and pays for it, and superintends everything belonging to the mint. He is usually called the "warden of the mint." It is provided by St. 33 Vict. c. 10, § 14, that the chancellor of the exchequer for the time being shall be the master of the mint.

—Master of the ordnance. In English law. A great officer, to whose care all the royal ordnance and artillery were committed.

—Master of the rolls. In English law. An assistant judge of the court of chancery, who holds a separate court ranking next to that of the lord chancellor, and has the keeping of the rolls and grants which pass the great seal, and the records of the chancery. He was originally appointed only for the superintendence of the writs and records appertaining to the common-law department of the court, and
is still properly the chief of the masters in chancery. 3 Steph. Comm. 417. Under the act constituting the supreme court of judicature, the master of the rolls becomes a judge of the high court of justice and ex officio a member of the court of appeal. The same act, however, provides for the abolition of this office, under certain conditions, when the next vacancy occurs. See 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66, §§ 5, 31, 32.

—Masters of the supreme court. In English law. Officials deriving their title from Jud. (Officers') Act 1879, and being, or filling the places of, the sixteen masters of the common-law courts, the queen's coroner and attorney, the master of the crown office, the two record and writ clerks, and the three associates. Wharton.

—Master of the Temple. The chief ecclesiastical functionary of the Temple Church.

—Master's report. The formal report or statement made by a master in chancery of his decision on any question referred to him, or of any facts or action he has been directed to ascertain or take.

—Special master. A master in chancery appointed to act as the representative of the court in some particular act or transaction, as to make a sale of property under a decree. Guaranty Trust, etc., Co. v. Delta & Pine Land Co., 104 Fed. 5, 43 C. C. A. 396; Prewabic Min. Co. v. Mason, 145 U. S. 349, 12 Sup. Ct. 887, 36 L. Ed. 732.

—Taxing masters. Officers of the English supreme court, who examine and allow or disallow items in bills of costs.

MASURA. In old records. A decayed house; a wall; the ruins of a building; a certain quantity of land about four oxiangs.

MATE. The officer second in command on a merchant vessel. Ely v. Peck, 7 Conn. 242; Millaudon v. Martin, 6 Rob. (L.A.) 539.

MATELOUAGE. In French law. The hire of a ship or boat. "Seamanship; seaman's wages, pay."

MATER-FAMILIAS. Lat. In the civil law. The mother or mistress of a family. A chaste woman, married or single. Calvin.

MATERIA. Lat.

In the Civil Law

Materials; as distinguished from species, or the form given by labor and skill. Digg. 41, 1, 7, 7-12; Flota. lib. 3, c. 2, § 14.

Materials (wood) for building; as distinguished from "ignium." Digg. 32, 55, pr.

In English Law

Matter; substance; subject-matter. 3 Bl. Comm. 322.

MATERIAL. Important; more or less necessary; having influence or effect; going to the merits; having to do with matter, as distinguished from form. An allegation is said to be material when it forms a substantive part of the case presented by the pleading. Evidence offered in a cause, or a question propounded, is material when it is relevant and goes to the substantial matters in dispute, or has a legitimate and effective influence or bearing on the decision of the case. Connecticut Fire Ins. Co. of Hartford, Conn., v. George, 52 Okl. 432, 153 P. 116, 119.

MATERIAL ALLEGATION. A material allegation in a pleading is one essential to the claim or defense, and which could not be stricken from the pleading without leaving it insufficient. Lusk v. Perkins, 48 Ark. 247, 2 S. W. 847; Gillson v. Price, 18 Nev. 109, 1 P. 459; Wheeler v. Hurley, 49 Nev. 70, 236 P. 559, 560. A material alteration in any written instrument is one which changes its tenor, or its legal meaning and effect; one which causes it to speak a language different in effect from that which it originally spoke. White v. Harris, 69 S. C. 65, 48 S. E. 41, 104 Am. St. Rep. 791; Foxworthy v. Colby, 64 Neb. 216, 89 N. W. 500, 62 L. R. A. 393; Organ v. Allison, 9 Bax. (Tenn.) 402.

MATERIAL FACT. See Fact.


MATERNA MATERNIS. Lat. A maxim of the French law, signifying that property of a decedent acquired by him through his mother descends to the relations on the mother’s side.

MATERNAL. That which belongs to, or comes from, the mother; as maternal authority, maternal relation, maternal estate, maternal line.

MATERNAL PROPERTY. That which comes from the mother of the party, and other ascendants of the maternal stock. Dom. Litt. Prél. t. 3, s. 2, no. 12.

MATERNITY. The character, relation, state, or condition of a mother.

MATERTERA. Lat. In the civil law. A maternal aunt; a mother’s sister. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. tol. 686.

MATERTERA MAGNA. A great aunt; a grandmother’s sister. (avunc soror) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 15.

MATERTERA MAJOR. A greater aunt; a great-grandmother’s sister. (pro avunc soror;) a father’s or mother’s great-aunt, (patris vel materis matertera magna,) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 16.

MATERTERA MAXIMA. A greatest aunt; a great-great-grandmother’s sister, (avunc soror;) a father’s or mother’s greatest aunt, (patris vel materis matertera major.) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 17.

MATHEMATICAL EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

MATIMA. A godmother.

MATRICIDE. The murder of a mother; or one who has slain his mother.

MATRICULA. In the civil and old English law. A register of the admission of officers and persons entered into any body or society, whereof a list was made. Hence those who are admitted to a college or university are said to be "matriculated." Also a kind of almshouse, which had revenues appropriated to it, and was usually built near the church, whence the name was given to the church itself. Wharton.

MATRICULATE. To enter as a student in a university.

Matrimonia debant esse libera. Marriages ought to be free. A maxim of the civil law. 2 Kent, Comm. 102.

MATRIMONIAL. Of or pertaining to matrimony or the estate of marriage.


MATRIMONIAL CAUSES. In English ecclesiastical law. Causes of action or injuries respecting the rights of marriage. One of the three divisions of causes or injuries cognizable by the ecclesiastical courts, comprising suits for jactitation of marriage, and for restitution of conjugal rights, divorces, and suits for alimony. 3 Bl. Comm. 92-94; 3 Steph. Comm. 712-714.

MATRIMONIAL COHABITATION. The living together of a man and woman ostensibly as husband and wife. Cox v. State, 117 Ala. 103, 23 So. 806, 41 L. R. A. 760, 67 Am. St. Rep. 166; Wilcox v. Wilcox, 46 Hun (N. Y.) 37. Also the living together of those who are legally husband and wife, the term carrying with it, in this sense, an implication of mutual rights and duties as to sharing the same habitation. Forster v. Forster, 1 Hagg. Consist. 144; U. S. v. Cannon, 4 Utah, 122, 7 P. 399.

MATRIMONIUM. Lat. In Roman law. A legal marriage, contracted in strict accordance with the forms of the older Roman law, i. e., either with the farcum, the coemptio, or by usus. This was allowed only to Roman citizens and to those neighboring peoples to whom the right of consubium had been conceded. The effect of such a marriage was to bring the wife into the manus, or marital power, of the husband, and to create the patria potestas over the children.
MATRIMONIUM Subsequens totil peccatum precedens. Subsequent marriage cures preceding criminality.

MATRIMONY. Marriage, (q. v.) in the sense of the relation or status, not of the ceremony.

MATRIX. In the civil law. The protocol or first draft of a legal instrument, from which all copies must be taken. See Downing v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 436, 16 S. W. 53.

MATRIX ECCLESIA. Lat. A mother church. This term was anciently applied to a cathedral, in relation to the other churches in the same see, or to a parochial church, in relation to the chapels or minor churches attached to it or depending on it. Blount.

MATRON. A married woman; an elderly woman. The female superintendent of an establishment or institution, such as a hospital, an orphan asylum, etc., is often so called. Fisher v. Gardner, 183 Mich. 699, 150 N. W. 358.

MATRONS, JURY OF. Such a jury is impaneled to try if a woman condemned to death be with child.


MATTER IN CONTROVERSY, or IN DISPUTE. The subject of litigation; the matter for which a suit is brought and upon which issue is joined. Lee v. Watson, 1 Wall. 337, 17 L. Ed. 557; Bee Hive Mining Co. v. Ford, 144 Va. 21, 131 S. E. 203.

MATTER IN DEED. Such matter as may be proved or established by a deed or specialty. Matter of fact, in contradistinction to matter of law. Co. Litt. 320; Steph. Pl. 197.

MATTER IN ISSUE. That upon which the plaintiff proceeds in his action, and which the defendant controverts by his pleadings, not including facts offered in evidence to establish the matters in issue. King v. Chase, 15 N. H. 9, 41 Am. Dec. 675. That ultimate fact or state of facts in dispute upon which the verdict or finding is predicated. Smith v. Ontario (C. C.) 4 F. 236; Clark v. Arizona Mut. Savings & Loan Ass'n (D. C.) 217 F. 640, 644; Chesley v. Dunklee, 77 N. H. 263, 90 A. 965, 966; State v. District Court of Sixth Judicial Dist. In and for Park County, 73 Mont. 297, 236 P. 553, 554; Burleigh v. Wong Sung Leon (N. H.) 139 A. 184, 187. See 2 Black, Judgm. § 614, and cases cited.


MATTER IN PAIS. Matter of fact that is not in writing; thus distinguished from matter in deed and matter of record; matter that must be proved by parol evidence.

MATTER OF COURSE. Anything done or taken in the course of routine or usual procedure, which is permissible and valid without being specially applied for and allowed.

MATTER OF FACT. That which is to be ascertained by the senses, or by the testimony of witnesses describing what they have perceived. Distinguished from matter of law and matter of opinion. Moses v. United States (C. C. A.) 221 F. 863, 871.

MATTER OF FORM. See Form.

MATTER OF LAW. Whatever is to be ascertained or decided by the application of statutory rules or the principles and determinations of the law, as distinguished from the investigation of particular facts, is called "matter of law."

MATTER OF RECORD. Any judicial matter or proceeding entered on the records of a court, and to be proved by the production of such record. It differs from matter in deed, which consists of facts which may be proved by specialty.

MATTER OF SUBSTANCE. That which goes to the merits. The opposite of matter of form.

MATTERS OF SUBSISTENCE FOR MAN. This phrase comprehends all articles or things, whether animal or vegetable, living or dead, which are used for food, and whether they are consumed in the form in which they are bought from the producer or are only consumed after undergoing a process of preparation, which is greater or less, according to the character of the article. Sled v. Com., 19 Grat. (Va.) 813.

Maturius sunt vota mulierum quam virorum. 6 Coke, 71. The desires of women are more mature than those of men; i.e., women arrive at maturity earlier than men.


MAUGRE. L. Fr. In spite of; against the will of. Litt. § 672.
MAUNDY THURSDAY. The day preceding Good Friday, on which princes gave alms.

MAXIM. An established principle or proposition. A principle of law universally admitted, as being a correct statement of the law, or as agreeable to reason.

Coke defines a maxim to be "conclusion of reason," and says that it is so called "quia maxima ejus dignitas et certissima auctori- 
es, et quod maxime omnibus probetur." Co. Litt. 11a. He says in another place: "A maxime is a proposition to be of all men confessed and granted without proof, argument, or discourse." Id. 67a.

The maxims of the law, in Latin, French, and English, will be found distributed through this book in their proper alphabetical order.

Maxime paci sunt contraria et injuria. The greatest enemies to peace are force and wrong. Co. Litt. 161b.

MAXIMUM. The greatest quantity or highest degree attainable or attained, or the greatest or highest allowed by law or authority. Poolman v. Langdon, 94 Wash. 448, 162 P. 575, 580; Taylor v. Williams, 169 Ark. 52, 272 S. W. 852, 853.

Maximus erroris populus magister. Bacon. The people is the greatest master of error.


MAYHEM. In criminal law. The act of unlawfully and violently depriving another of the use of such of his members as may render him less able, in fighting, either to defend himself or annoy his adversary. 4 Bl. Comm. 203. Foster v. People, 50 N. Y. 604; Terrell v. State, 56 Tenn. 523, 8 S. W. 212; Adams v. Barrett, 5 Ga. 412; Foster v. People, 1 Colo. 294; State v. Enkhouse, 40 Nev. 1, 169 P. 23, 24; State v. Martin (N. M.) 250 P. 842, 844; People v. Nunes, 47 Cal. App. 346, 190 P. 486, 487; State v. Foster, 158 La. 891, 101 So. 255, 257.

Every person who unlawfully and maliciously deprives a human being of a member of his body, or disables, disfigures, or renders it useless, or cuts or disables the tongue, or puts out an eye, or slits the nose, ear, or lip, is guilty of mayhem. Pen. Code Cal. § 203.

MAYHEMAVIT. Maimed. This is a term of art which cannot be supplied in pleading by any other word, as mutilavit, truncavit, etc. 3 Thom. Co. Litt. 548; Com. v. Newell, 7 Mass. 247.

MAYN. L. Fr. A hand; handwriting. Brit. c. 28.


MAYOR. The executive head of a municipal corporation; the governor or chief magistrate of a city. Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 577; People v. New York, 25 Wend. (N. Y.) 36; Crovatt v. Mason, 101 Ga. 246, 28 S. E. 891.

MAYOR'S COURT. A court established in some cities, in which the mayor sits with the powers of a police judge or committing magistrate in respect to offenses committed within the city, and sometimes with civil jurisdiction in small causes, or other special statutory powers.

MAYOR'S COURT OF LONDON. An inferior court having jurisdiction in civil cases where the whole cause of action arises within the city of London.

MAYORALTY. The office or dignity of a mayor.
MAYORAZGO. In Spanish law. The right to the enjoyment of certain aggregate property, left with the condition thereon imposed that they are to pass in their integrity, perpetually, successively to the eldest son. Schm. Civil Law, 62.

MAYORESS. The wife of a mayor.

MEAD. Ground somewhat watery, not plowed, but covered with grass and flowers. Enc. Lond.

MEADOW. A tract of low or level land producing grass which is mown for hay. Webster.

A tract which lies above the shore, and is overflowed by spring and extraordinary tides only, and yields grasses which are good for hay. Church v. Mesker, 34 Conn. 429. See State v. Crook, 132 N. C. 1053, 44 S. E. 32; Scott v. Wilson, 3 N. H. 322; Barrows v. McDermott, 73 Me. 441.

MEAL-RENT. A rent formerly paid in meal.

MEAN LOW TIDE. As applied to Puget Sound, signifies the mean or average level of the low tides, including both the long and short daily runout. "Mean lower low tide" signifies the mean level of the daily extreme low tides. "Harmonic plane" is the zero adopted by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey of the Department of Commerce upon which its tidal tables, charts, and maps are based. It is an arbitrary plane, and is the lowest plane of the tide in the Sound recognized by that department, being approximately two feet lower than mean lower low tide, and approximately four feet lower than mean low tide. State v. Scott, 154 P. 165, 168, 89 Wash. 63.

MEAN, or MESNE. A middle between two extremes, whether applied to persons, things, or time.

MEANDER. To meander means to follow a winding or fleuous course; and when it is said, in a description of land, "chance with the meander of the river," it must mean a meandered line—a line which follows the sinuosities of the river,—or, in other words, that the river is the boundary between the points indicated. Turner v. Parker, 14 Or. 341, 12 P. 495; Schumeler v. St. Paul & P. R. Co., 10 Minn. 100 (Gil. 75), 58 Am. Dec. 59.

This term is used in some jurisdictions with the meaning of surveying and mapping a stream according to its meanderings, or windings and turnings. See Jones v. Pettibone, 2 Wis. 317.

MEANDER LINES. Lines run in surveying particular portions of the public lands which border on navigable rivers, not as boundaries of the tract, but for the purpose of defining the sinuosities of the banks of the stream, and as the means of ascertaining the quantity of land in the fraction subject to sale, and which is to be paid for by the purchaser. In preparing the official plat from the field notes, the meander line is represented as the border line of the stream, and shows that the watercourse, and not the meander line as naturally run on the ground, is the boundary. St. Paul & P. R. Co. v. Schumeler, 7 Wall. 258, 19 L. Ed. 74; Niles v. Cedar Point Club, 175 U. S. 300, 20 Sup. Ct. 124. 44 L. Ed. 171; Producers' Oil Co. v. Hansen, 61 So. 574, 132 La. 691; In re Tucker, 148 N. W. 60, 126 Minn. 214; Payne v. Hall, 185 N. W. 921; 914, 192 Iowa 780; United States v. Mackey (D. C.) 214 F. 137, 147; Rue v. Oregon & W. R. Co., 156 P. 1074, 1077, 109 Wash. 436; City of Cedar Rapids v. Marshall, 203 N. W. 992, 993, 199 Iowa 1262.

MEANING. That which is, or is intended to be, signified or denoted by act or language; signification; sense; import. Webster, Dict.

Secondary Meaning

While generic names, geographical names, and names composed of words which are merely descriptive are incapable of exclusive appropriation, words or names, which have a primary meaning of their own, such as words descriptive of the goods, service, or place where they are made, or the name of the maker, may nevertheless, by long use in connection with the business of the particular trade, come to be understood by the public as designating the goods, service, or business of a particular trader. This is what is known as the doctrine of "secondary meaning"; and is the origin of the law of unfair competition, as distinguished from technical trademarks or trade-names. Saunders System Atlanta Co. v. Drive It Yourself Co., 123 S. E. 132, 135, 158 Ga. 1; Richmond Remedies Co. v. Dr. Miles Medical Co. (C. C. A.) 16 F.(2d) 598, 602.

MEANS. 1. The instrument or agency through which an end or purpose is accomplished.

2. Resources; available property; money or property, as an available instrumentality for effecting a purpose, furnishing a livelihood, paying a debt, or the like.

MEASURE. That by which extent or dimension is ascertained, either length, breadth, thickness, capacity, or amount. Webster. The rule by which anything is adjusted or proportioned.

MEASURE OF DAMAGES. The rule, or rather the system of rules, governing the adjustment or apportionment of damages as a compensation for injuries in actions at law.

MEASURE OF VALUE. In the ordinary sense of the word, "measure" would mean something by comparison with which we may ascertain what is the value of anything. When we consider, further, that value itself is relative, and that two things are necessary to constitute it, independently of the third
thing, which is to measure it, we may define a "measure of value" to be something by comparing which any two other things we may infer their value in relation to one another. 2 Mill, Pol. Econ. 101.

MEASURER, or METER. An officer in the city of London, who measured woolen clothes, coals, etc.

MEASURING MONEY. In old English law. A duty which some persons exacted, by letters patent, for every piece of cloth made, besides alnage. Now abolished.

MEAT. Specifically, animal flesh, though in one sense, the word includes other foods. Gardner v. State, 108 N. E. 230, 183 Ind. 101. Food in general; anything eaten for nourishment, either by man or beast; especially, solid food; hence, the edible part of anything. Webster, Dict.


MECHANIC'S LIEN. A species of lien created by statute in most of the states, which exists in favor of persons who have performed work or furnished material in and for the erection of a building. Their lien attaches to the land as well as the building, and is intended to secure for them a priority of payment.

In a strict sense, a lien for labor only; in a broader sense, a lien covering both material and labor. Dilworth & Green v. Ed Steves & Sons (Tex. Civ. App.) 160 S. W. 630, 631.

The lien of a mechanic is created by law, and is intended to be a security for the price and value of work performed and materials furnished, and as such it attaches to and exists on the land and the building erected thereon, from the commencement of the time that the labor is being performed and the materials furnished; and the mechanic has an actual and positive interest in the building anterior to the time of its recognition by the court, or the reducing of the amount due to a judgment. First Nat. Bank v. Campbell, 24 Tex. Civ. App. 160, 58 S. W. 630; Carter v. Humboldt F. Ins. Co., 12 Iowa, 292; Barrows v. Baughman, 9 Mich. 217.

MECHANICAL. Having relation to, or produced or accomplished by, the use of mechanism or machinery. Used chiefly in patent law. Of, pertaining to, or concerned with, manual labor; engaged in manual labor; of the artisan class; of, pertaining to, or concerned with, machinery or mechanism; made or formed by a machine or with tools. State v. Crouse, 181 N. W. 562, 563, 105 Neb. 672, 16 A. L. R. 533; Const & Lakes Contracting Corp. v. Martin, 101 A. 502, 503, 92 Conn. 11.

MECHANICAL ARM. In the artificial limb trade. An arm provided with fingers which can be moved by some mechanical contrivance, together with mechanism for rotating the wrist, simulating, as nearly as possible the motion of the human wrist, hand, and fingers. Carnes Artificial Limb Co. v. Dilworth Arm Co. (D. C.) 273 F. 538, 539.


MECHANICAL MOVEMENT. A mechanism transmitting power or motion from a driving part to a part to be driven; a combination and arrangement of mechanical parts intended for the translation or transformation of motion. Campbell Printing Press Co. v. Michie Printing Press Co., 102 F. 159, 42 C. C. A. 295.

MECHANICAL PROCESS. See Process.

MECHANICAL SKILL. As distinguished from invention or inventive capacity, this term means such skill, intelligence, ingenuity, or constructive ability in the adaptation of means to ends as would be possessed and exhibited by an ordinarily clever mechanic in the practice of his particular art or trade. See Hollister v. Benedict & B. Mfg. Co., 113 U. S. 59, 5 Sup. Ct. 717, 28 L. Ed. 501; Johnson Co. v. Pennsylvania Steel Co., 67 F. 942; Perfection Window Cleaner Co. v. Besley, 2 F. 577; Stimpson v. Woodman, 10 Wall. 117, 19 L. Ed. 596.

MEDERIA. In old records. A house or place where methyglin, or mead, was made.

MEDFEE. In old English law. A bribe or reward; a compensation given in exchange,
where the things exchanged were not of equal value. Cowell.


MEDIÆ ET INFIRMÆ MANUS HOMINES. Men of a middle and base condition. Blount.

MEDIANUS HOMO. A man of middle fortune. MEDITATE DESCENT. See Descent.

MEDIATE POWERS. Those incident to primary powers given by a principal to his agent. For example, the general authority given to collect, receive, and pay debts due by or to the principal is a primary power. In order to accomplish this, it is frequently required to settle accounts, adjust disputed claims, resist those which are unjust, and answer and defend suits. These subordinate powers are sometimes called "mediate powers." Story, Ag. § 58.

MEDIATE TESTIMONY. Secondary evidence, (q. v.)

MEDIATION. Intervention; interposition; the act of a third person who interferes between two contending parties with a view to reconcile them or persuade them to adjust or settle their dispute. In international law and diplomacy, the word denotes the friendly interference of a state in the controversies of others, for the purpose, by its influence and by adjusting their difficulties, of keeping the peace in the family of nations.

MEDIATOR. One who interposes between parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them.

MEDIATORS OF QUESTIONS. In English law. Six persons authorized by statute, (27 Edw. III, St. 2, c. 24,) who, upon any question arising among merchants relating to unmerchantable wool, or undue packing, etc., might, before the mayor and officers of the staple upon their oath certify and settle the same; to whose determination therein the parties concerned were to submit. Cowell.

MEDICAL. Pertaining, relating, or belonging to the study and practice of medicine, or the science and art of the investigation, prevention, cure, and alleviation of disease.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE. Evidence furnished by medical men, testifying in their professional capacity as experts, or by standard treatises on medicine or surgery.

MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE. See Jurisprudence.

MEDICINE. "Medicine" is a science and art dealing with the prevention, cure, and alleviation of diseases; in a narrower sense, that part of the science and art of restoring and preserving health which is the province of the physician as distinguished from the surgeon and obstetrician regardless of whether he is considered as practicing medicine; in a still narrower sense, an agent used or administered by a physician, surgeon or obstetrician. Waldo v. Poe (D. C.) 14 F. (2d) 749, 753; Ex parte Crane, 151 P. 1006, 1012, 27 Idaho, 671, L. R. A. 1918A, 342; State v. Morrison, 127 S. E. 75, 78, 98 W. Va. 259; Commonwealth v. Selbert, 103 A. 567, 568, 262 Pa. 315; State v. Hanchette, 129 P. 1184, 1185, 88 Kan. 864; Smith v. Lane, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 633.

Forensic Medicine
Another name for medical jurisprudence. See Jurisprudence.

Schools of Medicine
See Osteopathy; Psychotherapy.

MEDICINE-CHEST. A box containing an assortment of medicines, required by statute to be carried by all vessels above a certain tonnage.

MEDICO-LEGAL. Relating to the law concerning medical questions.

MEDIETAS LINGUÆ. In old practice. Moltety of tongue; half-tongue. Applied to a jury impanelled in a cause consisting the one half of natives, and the other half of foreigners. See De Medietate Linguae.

MEDIQ ACQUIETANDO. A judicial writ to distrain a lord for the acquitting of a mesne lord from a rent, which he had acknowledged in court not to belong to him. Reg. Jur. 129.

MEDITATIO FUGÆ. In Scotch law, Contemplation of flight; intention to abscond. 2 Kames, Eq. 14, 15.

MEDITERRANEAN PASSPORT. A pass issued by the admiralty of Great Britain under various treaties with the Barbary States in the eighteenth century. They were granted to British built ships and were respected by the Barbary pirates. See 2 Haleck, Int. L., Baker's ed. 100. They were also issued by the United States. The term is still retained in R. & S. § 4191 (act of Mar. 2, 1803 [46 USCA § 62]).
MEDIUM TEMPUS. In old English law. Meantime; mesne profits. Cowell.

MEDLETUM. In old English law. A mixing together; a medley or mêlée; an affray or sudden encounter. An offense suddenly committed in an affray. The English word "medley" is preserved in the term "chance-medley." An intermeddling, without violence, in any matter of business. Spelman.

MEDLEY. An affray; a sudden or casual fighting; a hand to hand battle; a mêlée. See Chance-Medley; Chaud-Medley.

MEDSCHEAT. In old English law. A bribe; hush money.

MEDSYPP. A harvest supper or entertainment given to laborers at harvest-home. Cowell.

MEETING. A coming together of persons; an assembly. Particularly, in law, an assembling of a number of persons for the purpose of discussing and acting upon some matter or matters in which they have a common interest.

Called Meeting
In the law of corporations, a meeting not held at a time specially appointed for it by the charter or by-laws, but assembled in pursuance of a "call" or summons proceeding from some officer, committee or group of stockholders, or other persons having authority in that behalf.

Family Meeting
See Family.

General Meeting
A meeting of all the stockholders of a corporation, all the creditors of a bankrupt, etc. In re Bonnaffe, 23 N. Y. 177; Mutual F. Ins. Co. v. Farquhar, 86 Md. 668, 39 A. 527.

Regular Meeting
In the law of public and private corporations, a meeting (of directors, trustees, stockholders, etc.) held at the time and place appointed for it by statute, by-law, charter or other positive direction. See State v. Wilkesville Tp., 20 Ohio St. 293.

Special Meeting
In the law of corporations. A meeting called for special purposes; one limited to particular business; a meeting for those purposes of which the parties have had special notice. Mutual F. Ins. Co. v. Farquhar, 86 Md. 668, 39 Atl. 527; Warren v. Mower, 11 Vt. 335.

Stated Meeting
A meeting held at a stated or duly appointed time and place; a regular meeting. (q. v.)

Town Meeting
See Town.

MEGALOMANIA. See Insanity.

MEGBOTE. In Saxon law. A recompense for the murder of a relation.

MEIGNE, or MAISNADER. In old English law. A family.

MEINDRE AGE. L. Fr. Minority; lesser age. Kelham.

MEINY, MEINE, or MEINIE. In old English law. A household; staff or suite of attendants; a retinue; particularly, the royal household.


MELANCHOLIA. In medical jurisprudence. A kind of mental unsoundness characterized by extreme depression of spirits, ill-grounded fears, delusions, and brooding over one particular subject or train of ideas. Webster. See Insanity.

MELDFEOH. In Saxon law. The recompense due and given to him who made discovery of any breach of penal laws committed by another person, called the "promoter's [i. e., informer's] fee." Wharton.

MELIOR. Lat. Better; the better. Mellor res, the better (best) thing or chattel. Bract. fol. 60.

Mellor est causa possidentis. The cause of the possessor is preferable. Dig. 50. 17. 126. 2.

Mellor est conditio defendentis. The condition of the party in possession is the better one, i. e., where the right of the parties is equal. Broom, Max. 715, 719.

Mellor est conditio possidentis, et rei quam actoris. The condition of the possessor is the better, and the condition of the defendant is better than that of the plaintiff. 4 Inst. 180; Broom, Max. 714, 719.

Mellor est conditio possidentie ubi neuter jus habet. Jenk. Cent. 118. The condition of the possessor is the better where neither of the two has a right.

Mellor est justitia vere praeventiae quam severe puniens. That justice which absolutely prevents [a crime] is better than that which severely punishes it. 3 Inst. Epil.

MELIORATIONS. In Scotch law. Improvements of an estate, other than mere repairs; betterments. 1 Bell, Comm. 73. Occasionally used in English and American law in the sense of valuable and lasting improvements or betterments. See Green v. Biddle, 8 Wheat. 84, 5 L. Ed. 547.

Maliores conditionem ecclesiae sua facere potest praefatus, deteriorem negauquam. Co. Litt. 101. A bishop can make the condition
of his own church better, but by no means worse.

Memorandum conditionem suam facere potest minor, deteriori rem quaquam. Co. Litt. 337. A minor can make his own condition better, but by no means worse.

Memius est in tempore occurrere, quam post causam vulneratum remedium quaerere. 2 Inst. 299. It is better to meet a thing in time than after an injury inflicted to seek a remedy.

Memius est jus deficiens quam jus incertum. Law that is deficient is better than law that is uncertain. Lofft, 333.

Memius est omnia mala pati quam mala consentire. 3 Inst. 23. It is better to suffer every ill than to consent to ill.

Memius est petere fontes quam sectari rivulas. It is better to go to the fountain head than to follow little streamlets.

Memius est recurrere quam male currere. It is better to run back than to run badly; it is better to retract one’s steps than to proceed improperly. 4 Inst. 176.

Memius inquisitionem. To be better inquired into.

In Old English Law

The name of a writ commanding a further inquiry respecting a matter; as, after an imperfect inquisition in proceedings in outlawry, to have a new inquest as to the value of lands.

Member. One of the persons constituting a partnership, association, corporation, guild, etc.

One of the persons constituting a court, a legislative assembly, etc.

One of the limbs or portions of the body capable of being used in fighting in self-defense.

Member of Congress. A member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States. In popular usage, particularly the latter.

Member of Parliament. One having the right to sit in either house of the British Parliament.

Members. In English law. Places where a custom-house has been kept of old time, with officers or deputies in attendance; and they are lawful places of exportation or importation. 1 Chit. Com. Law, 726.

Membrana. Lat.

In the Civil Law

Parchment. Dig. 32, 52.

In Old English Law

A skin of parchment. The ancient rolls usually consist of several of these skins, and the word “membrana” is used, in citations to them, in the same way as “page” or “folio,” to distinguish the particular skin referred to.

Membrum. A slip or small piece of land.

Méméoire. In French law. A document in the form of a petition, by which appeals to the court of cassation are initiated.

Memorandum. Lat. To be remembered; be it remembered. A formal word with which the body of a record in the court of king’s bench anciently commenced. Townsh. Pl. 486; 2 Tidd. Pr. 719. The whole clause is now, in practice, termed, from this initial word, the “memorandum,” and its use is supposed to have originated from the circumstance that proceedings “by bill” (in which alone it has been employed) were formerly considered as the by-business of the court. Glib. Com. Pl. 47, 48.

Also an informal note or instrument embodying something that the parties desire to fix in memory by the aid of written evidence, or that is to serve as the basis of a future formal contract or deed.

This word is used in the statute of frauds as the designation of the written agreement, or note or evidence thereof, which must exist in order to bind the parties in the cases provided. The memorandum must be such as to disclose the parties, the nature and substance of the contract, the consideration and promise, and be signed by the party to be bound or his authorized agent. See 2 Kent, Comm. 510.

Memorandum Articles. In the law of marine insurance, this phrase designates the articles of merchandise which are usually mentioned in the memorandum clause, (q. v.) and for which the underwriter’s liability is thereby limited. See Walis v. Thompson, 9 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 120, 11 Am. Dec. 675.

Memorandum Check. See Check.

Memorandum Clause. In a policy of marine insurance the memorandum clause is a clause inserted to prevent the underwriters from being liable for injury to goods of a peculiarly perishable nature, and for minor damages. It begins as follows: “F. B. Corn, fish, salt, fruit, flour, and seed are warranted free from average, unless general, or the ship be stranded,—meaning that the underwriters are not to be liable for damage to these articles caused by seawater or the like, Maude & P. Shipp. 371; Sweet.

Memorandum in Error. A document alleging error in fact, accompanied by an affidavit of such matter of fact.

Memorandum of Alteration. Formerly, in England, where a patent was grant-
ed for two inventions, one of which was not new or not useful, the whole patent was bad, and the same rule applied when a material part of a patent for a single invention had either of those defects. To remedy this the statute 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 83, empowers a patentee (with the flat of the attorney general) to enter a disclaimer (q. v.) or a memorandum of an alteration in the title or specification of the patent, not being of such a nature as to extend the exclusive right granted by the patent, and thereupon the memorandum is deemed to be part of the letters patent or the specification. Sweet.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION. A document to be subscribed by seven or more persons associated for a lawful purpose, by subscribing which, and otherwise complying with the requisitions of the companies' acts in respect of registration, they may form themselves into an incorporated company, with or without limited liability. 3 Steph. Comm. 20.

MEMORANDUM SALE. See Sale.

MEMORIAL. A document presented to a legislative body, or to the executive, by one or more individuals, containing a petition or a representation of facts.

In English Law

That which contains the particulars of a deed, etc., and is the instrument registered, as in the case of an annuity which must be registered. Wharton.

In Practice

A short note, abstract, memorandum, or rough draft of the orders of the court, from which the records thereof may at any time be fully made up. State v. Shaw, 73 Vt. 149, 50 Atl. 863.

MEMORITER. Lat. From memory; by or from recollection. Thus, memoriter proof of a written instrument is such as is furnished by the recollection of a witness who had seen and known it.

MEMORIZATION. Committing anything to memory. Used to describe the act of one who listens to a public representation of a play or drama, and then, from his recollection of its scenes, incidents, or language, reproduces it, substantially or in part, in derogation of the rights of the author. See 5 Term R. 245; 14 Amer. Law Reg. (N. S.) 207.

MEMORY. Mental capacity; the mental power to review and recognize the successive states of consciousness in their consecutive order. This word, as used in jurisprudence to denote one of the psychological elements necessary in the making of a valid will or contract or the commission of a crime, implies the mental power to conduct a consecutive train of thought, or an orderly planning of affairs, by recalling correctly the past states of the mind and past events, and arranging them in their due order of sequence and in their logical relations with the events and mental states of the present.

The phrase "sound and disposing mind and memory" means not merely distinct recollection of the items of one's property and the persons among whom it may be given, but entire power of mind to dispose of property by will. Abbott.

Also the reputation and name, good or bad, which a man leaves at his death.

Legal Memory

An ancient usage, custom, supposed grant (as a foundation for prescription) and the like, are said to be immemorial when they are really or fictitiously of such an ancient date that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," or, in other words, "beyond legal memory." And legal memory or "time out of mind," according to the rule of the common law, commenced from the reign of Richard I., A. D. 1189. But under the statute of limitation of 32 Hen. VIII. this was reduced to 60 years, and again by that of 2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 71. to 20 years. In the American states, by statute, the time of legal memory is generally fixed at a period corresponding to that prescribed for actions for the recovery of real property, usually about 20 years. See 2 Bl. Comm. 31; Miller v. Garlock, 8 Barb. (N. Y.) 153.

MEN OF STRAW. Men who used in former days to ply about courts of law, so called from their manner of making known their occupation, (i. e., by a straw in one of their shoes,) recognized by the name of "straw-shoes." An advocate or lawyer who wanted a convenient witness knew by these signs where to meet with one, and the colloquy between the parties was brief. "Don't you remember?" said the advocate; to which the ready answer was, "To be sure I do." "Then come into court and swear it." And straw-shoes went into court and swore. Athens abounded in straw-shoes. Quart. Rev. vol. 33, p. 344.

MENACE. A threat; the declaration or show of a disposition or determination to inflict an evil or injury upon another. Cumming v. State, 80 Ga. 662, 27 S. E. 177; Mottill v. Nightingale, 93 Cal. 462, 28 Pac. 1068, 27 Am. St. Rep. 207.

MENETUM. In old Scotch law. A stockhorn; a horn made of wood, "with circles and girds of the same." Skene.

MENIAL. A servant of the lowest order; more strictly, a domestic servant living under his master's roof. Boniface v. Scott, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 354.

MENS. Lat. Mind; intention; meaning; understanding; will.
MENS LEGIS. The mind of the law; that is, the purpose, spirit, or intention of a law or the law generally.

MENS LEGISLATORIS. The intention of the law-maker.

MENS REA. A guilty mind; a guilty or wrongful purpose; a criminal intent.

Mens testatoris in testamenti spectanda est. Jenk. Cent. 277. The intention of the testator is to be regarded in wills.

MENSA. Lat. Patrimony or goods and necessary things for livelihood. Jacob. A table; the table of a money-changer. Dig. 2, 14, 47.

MENSA ET THORO. From bed and board. See Divorce.

MENSALIA. Personages or spiritual livings united to the tables of religious houses, and called "mensal benefits" amongst the canonists. Cowell.

MENSIS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A month. Mensis vetitia, the prohibited month; fence-month, (q. v.).

MENSOR. In the civil law. A measurer of land; a surveyor. Dig. 11, 6; Id. 50, 6, 6; Cod. 12, 28.

MENSULARIUS. In the civil law. A money-changer or dealer in money. Dig. 2, 14, 47, 1.

MENSURA. In old English law. A measure.

MENSURA DOMINI REGIS. "The measure of our lord the king," being the weights and measures established under King Richard I. In his parliament at Westminster, 1197. 1 Bl. Comm. 275; Mozley & Whitley.

MENTAL. Relating to or existing in the mind; intellectual, emotional, or psychic, as distinguished from bodily or physical.

MENTAL ALIENATION. A phrase sometimes used to describe insanity, (q. v.).

MENTAL ANGUISH. When connected with a physical injury, this term includes both the resultant mental sensation of pain and also the accompanying feelings of distress, fright, and anxiety. See Railway Co. v. Corsey (Tex.) 26 S. W. 904; Railway Co. v. Miller, 25 Tex. Civ. App. 460, 61 S. W. 978; Keyes v. Railway Co., 36 Minn. 290, 30 N. W. 888. In other connections, and as a ground for damages or an element of damages, it includes the mental suffering resulting from the excitation of the more poignant and painful emotions, such as grief, severe disappointment, indignation, wounded pride, shame, public humiliation, despair, etc. Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Taylor (Fla.) 114 So. 529, 532; Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Chamberlain (Tex. Civ. App.) 169 S. W. 370, 371; Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Coleman (Tex. Civ. App.) 284 S. W. 279, 282; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Williams, 144 Miss. 804, 110 So. 510, 512.

MENTAL CAPACITY OR COMPETENCE. Such a measure of intelligence, understanding, memory, and judgment (relative to the particular transaction) as will enable the person to understand the nature of his act. Eaton v. Eaton, 37 N. J. Law, 313, 18 Am. Rep. 716; Davren v. White, 42 N. J. Eq. 569, 7 A. 682; Conley v. Nallor, 118 U. S. 127, 6 S. Ct. 1001, 30 L. Ed. 112; Magness v. Dittmars, 81 Or. 598, 160 P. 527, 528; Lamb v. Perry, 169 N. C. 435, 66 S. E. 179, 183; Masterson v. Sheehan (Mo. Sup.) 186 S. W. 524, 526; Shelton v. Shelton (Tex. Civ. App.) 281 S. W. 331, 334; Fish v. Deaver, 71 Okl. 777, 176 P. 251, 253; In re Keiser, 113 Neb. 645, 244 N. W. 394, 396; Blackhurst v. James, 293 Ill. 11, 127 N. E. 226; In re Winnett's Guardianship, 112 Okl. 43, 239 P. 605, 605; Lewis v. Lewis, 194 Ky. 172, 288 S. W. 410, 411; Watkins v. Skaggs, 161 Ky. 600, 171 S. W. 183, 185; Beaty v. Swift, 123 Ark. 160, 184 S. W. 442, 446.

MENTAL DEFECT. As applied to the qualification of a juror, this term must be understood to embrace either such gross ignorance or imbecility as practically disqualifies any person from performing the duties of a juror. Caldwell v. State, 41 Tex. 94.

MENTAL RESERVATION. A silent exception to the general words of a promise or agreement not expressed, on account of a general understanding on the subject. But the word has been applied to an exception existing in the mind of the one party only, and has been degraded to signify a dishonest excuse for evading or infringing a promise. Wharton.

MENTIRI. Lat. To lie; to assert a falsehood. Calvin; 3 Bulst. 260.

MENTITION. The act of lying; a falsehood.

MEN, LAWS OF. A collection or institute of the earliest laws of ancient Indian. The work is of very remote antiquity.

MER, or MERE. A fenny place. Cowell.

MERA NOCTIS. Midnight. Cowell.

MERANNUM. In old records. Timbers; wood for building.

MERCABLE. Merchantable; to be sold or bought.

MERCANTANT. A foreign trader.

MERCANTILE. Pertaining to merchants or their business; having to do with trade and commerce or the buying and selling of commodities. See In re San Gabriel Sanatorium (D. C.) 85 F. 273; In re Pacific Coast Warehouse Co. (C. C.) 123 F. 750; Graham v. Hendricks, 22 La. Ann. 524; Hotchkiss v. District of Columbia, 44 App. D. C. 75, 79; Bacon v. Cannady, 144 Ga. 293, 89 S. E. 1083, 1084.

MERCANTILE LAW. An expression substantially equivalent to the law-merchant or commercial law. It designates the system of rules, customs, and usages generally recognized and adopted by merchants and traders, and which, either in its simplicity or as modified by common law or statutes, constitutes the law for the regulation of their transactions and the solution of their controversies.

MERCANTILE LAW AMENDMENT ACTS. The statutes 19 & 20 Vict. cc. 60, 97, passed mainly for the purpose of assimilating the mercantile law of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

MERCANTILE PAPER. Commercial paper; such negotiable paper (bills, notes, checks, etc.) as is made or transferred by and between merchants or traders, and is governed by the usages of the business world and the law-merchant.


MERCAT. A market. An old form of the latter word common in Scotch law, formed from the Latin “mercatum.”

MERCATIVE. Belonging to trade.

MERCATUM. Lat. A market. A contract of sale. Supplies for an army, (commeatus.)

MERCATURE. The practice of buying and selling.

MEREDARY. A hirer; one that hires.

MERCEN-LAGE. The law of the Mercians. One of the three principal systems of laws which prevailed in England about the beginning of the eleventh century. It was observed in many of the midland counties, and those bordering on the principality of Wales. 1 Bl. Comm. 65.

MERCENARIUS. A hirerling or servant. Jacob.

MERCES. Lat. In the civil law. Reward of labor in money or other things. As distinguished from “pensis,” it means the rent of farms, (praedicia rustici.) Calvin.

MERCHANT. All commodities which merchants usually buy and sell, whether at wholesale or retail; wares and commodities such as are ordinarily the objects of trade and commerce. But the term is never understood as including real estate, and is rarely applied to provisions such as are purchased day by day, or to such other articles as are required for immediate consumption. See Passaic Mfg. Co. v. Hoffman, 3 Daly (N. Y.) 512; Hehn v. O’Connor (Tex. App.) 15 S. W. 414; Elliott v. Swartwout, 10 Pet. 137, 9 L. Ed. 373; Pickett v. State, 60 Ala. 78; The Marine City (D. C.) 6 Fed. 415; Lautman v. City of New York, 157 App. Div. 219, 141 N. Y. S. 1042, 1043; Smith v. Boyer, 119 S. C. 176, 112 S. E. 71, 74, 41 A. L. R. 1466.

Mercandise Marks Act, 1862

The statute 25 & 26 Vict. c. 58, designed to prevent the fraudulent marking of mercandise and the fraudulent sale of mercandise falsely marked.

Stock of Merchandise

See Stock.

MERCHANT. A man who traffies or carries on trade with foreign countries, or who exports and imports goods and sells them by wholesale. Webster. Merchants of this description are commonly known by the name of "shipping merchants."


Commission Merchant

See Commission.

Law Merchant

See Mercantile.

Merchant Appraiser

See Appraiser.

Merchant Seaman

A sailor employed in a private vessel, as distinguished from one employed in the navy or public ships. U. S. v. Sullivan (C. C.) 43 F. 604; The Ben Flint, 3 Fed. Cas. 184.

Merchant Shipping Acts

Certain English statutes, beginning with the St. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 131, whereby a general superintendence of merchant shipping is vested in the board of trade.

Merchants’ Accounts

Accounts between merchant and merchant, which must be current, mutual, and unset-
tied, consisting of debts and credits for merchandise. Fox v. Fisk, 6 How. (Miss.) 328.

Merchants, Statute of
The English statute 13 Edw. I. St. 3, repeated by 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125.

Statute Merchant
See Statute.


MERCHANTMAN. A ship or vessel employed in foreign or domestic commerce or in the merchant service.

MERCHET. In feudal law. A fine or composition paid by inferior tenants to the lord for liberty to dispose of their daughters in marriage. Cowell. The same as marcheta (q. v.)

MERCIAMENT. An amerciament, penalty, or fine, (q. v.)

MERCIAN LAW. One of the main bodies of customs (with the Dane law and the West Saxon law and perhaps an admixture of Norman laws and customs) which composed the law in the early Norman days. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 3. See Mercen-Lage.


MERCIMONINATUS ANGLIÆ. In old records. The impost of England upon merchandise. Cowell.

Mercis appellatio ad res mobiles tantum pertinent. The term "merchandise" belongs to movable things only. Dig. 50, 16, 66.

Mercis appellatione homines non contineri. Men are not included under the denomination of "merchandise." Dig. 50, 16, 207.

MERCY.

In Practice
The arbitrament of the king or judge in punishing offenses not directly casuistry by law. Jacob. So, "to be in mercy" signifies to be amerced or fined for bringing or defending an unjust suit, or to be liable to punishment in the discretion of the court.

In Criminal Law
The discretion of a judge, within the limits prescribed by positive law, to remit altogether the punishment to which a convicted person is liable, or to mitigate the severity of his sentence; as when a jury recommends the prisoner to the mercy of the court.


MERE. L. Fr. Mother. Étre, mere, filé, grandmother, mother, daughter. Brit. c. 89. En centre so mere, in its mother's womb.

MERE MOTION. The free and voluntary act of a party himself, done without the suggestion or influence of another person, is said to be done of his mere motion, ex mero motu, (q. v.) Brown.

The phrase is used of an interference of the courts of law, who will, under some circumstances, of their own motion, object to an irregularity in the proceedings, though no objection has been taken to the informality by the plaintiff or defendant in the suit. 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 430.

MERE RIGHT. The mere right of property in land; the jus proprietatis, without either possession or even the right of possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 197. The abstract right of property.


MERETRICIOUS. Of the nature of unlawful sexual connection. The term is descriptive of the relation sustained by persons who contract a marriage that is void by reason of legal incapacity. 1 Bl. Comm. 436.

MERGER. The fusion or absorption of one thing or right into another; generally spoken
of a case where one of the subjects is of less dignity or importance than the other. Here the less important ceases to have an independent existence. Marfield v. Cincinnati, D. & T. Traction Co., 111 Ohio St. 139, 144 N. E. 689, 696, 40 A. L. R. 357.

In Real-Property Law

It is a general principle of law that where a greater estate and a less coincide and meet in one and the same person, without any intermediate estate, the less is immediately annihilated, or, in the law phrase, is said to be merged, that is, sunk or drowned, in the greater. Thus, if there be tenant for years, and the reversion in fee-simple descends to or is purchased by him, the term of years is merged in the inheritance, and shall never exist any more. 2 Bl. Comm. 177; 1 Steph. Comm. 233; 4 Kent, Comm. 99. James v. Morey, 2 Cow. (N. Y.) 300, 14 Am. Dec. 475; Duncan v. Smith, 31 N. J. Law, 327; City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Vicksburg v. Cortright, 122 Miss. 75, 84 So. 136, 138; Willis v. Robinson, 291 Mo. 650, 237 S. W. 1050, 1039; Kidd v. Cruse, 200 Ala. 293, 75 So. 59, 62; Smith v. Cooley (Tex. Civ. App.) 164 S. W. 1050, 1052; Washington Furniture Co. v. Potter, 188 N. C. 145, 124 S. E. 122, 123; Cooper v. Goble, 77 Mont. 580, 253 P. 362, 366; Abernathy v. McCoy, 91 Ind. App. 574, 154 N. E. 652, 655; Mugg v. Fenn, 198 Ind. 372, 153 N. E. 776, 777.

Of Rights

This term, as applied to rights, is equivalent to "confusio" in the Roman law, and indicates that where the qualities of debtor and creditor become united in the same individual, there arises a confusion of rights which extinguishes both qualities; whence, also, merger is often called "extinguishment." Brown.

Rights Of Action

In the law relating to rights of action, when a person takes or acquires a remedy or security of a higher nature, in legal estimation, than the one which he already possesses for the same right, then his remedies in respect of the minor right or security merge in those attaching to the higher one. Leake, Cont. 506, 10 C. B. 661. As where a claim is merged in the judgment recovered upon it. Frost v. Thompson, 219 Mass. 506, 106 N. E. 1066, 1010.

In Criminal Law

When a man commits a great crime which includes a lesser, or commits a felony which includes a tort against a private person, the latter is merged in the former. 1 East, P. C. 411.

Of Corporations

A merger of corporations consist in the uniting of two or more corporations by the transfer of property of all to one of them, which continues in existence, the others being swallowed up or merged therein. In regard to the survivorship of one of the constituent corporations, it differs from a "consolidation," wherein all the consolidating companies surrender their separate existence and become parts of a new corporation. Adams v. Yazo & M. V. R. Co., 77 Miss. 194, 24 South. 209, 60 L. R. A. 33; Vicksburg & Y. C. Tel. Co. v. Citizens' Tel. Co., 79 Miss. 341, 30 So. 725, 89 Am. St. Rep. 656; State v. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co., 202 Ala. 558, 81 So. 60, 62; Collinsville Nat. Bank v. Esau, 74 Okl. 45, 176 P. 514, 515; Union Indemnity Co. v. Railroad Commission, 187 Wis. 528, 205 N. W. 402, 405.

MERIDIES. In old English law. Noon. Ficta, 1Ib, 5, c. 5, § 31.


MERITORIOUS. Possessing or characterized by "merit" in the legal sense of the word. See Merits.

MERITORIOUS CAUSE OF ACTION. This description is sometimes applied to a person with whom the ground of action, or the consideration, originated or from whom it moved. For example, where a cause of action accrues to a woman while sole, and is sued for, after her marriage, by her husband and herself jointly, she is called the "meritorious cause of action."

MERITORIOUS CONSIDERATION. One founded upon some moral obligation; a valuable consideration in the second degree.

MERITORIOUS DEFENSE. See Defense.

MERITS. In practice. Matter of substance in law, as distinguished from matter of mere form; a substantial ground of defense in law. A defendant is said "to swear to merits" or "to make affidavit of merits" when he makes affidavit that he has a good and sufficient or substantial defense to the action on the merits. 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 543, 544. "Merits," in this application of it, has the technical sense of merits in law, and is not confined to a strictly moral and conscientious defense. Id. 545; 1 Burrill, Pr. 214; Rahn v. Gunison, 12 Wis. 529; Bolton v. Donovan, 9 N. D. 575, 84 N. W. 357; Ordway v. Boston & M. R. Co., 69 N. H. 429, 45 A. 248; Blakely v. Frazier, 11 S. C. 134; Rogers v. Rogers, 37 W. Va. 407, 18 S. E. 633; Oatman v. Bond, 15 Wis. 26.

A "defense upon the merits" is one which depends upon the inherent justice of the defendant's contention, as shown by the substantial facts of the case, as distinguished from one which rests upon technical objections or some collateral matter. Thus there may be a good defense growing out of an error in the plaintiff's pleadings, but there is not a defense upon the merits unless the
real nature of the transaction in controversy shows the defendant to be in the right.

**MERO MOTU.** See Ex Mero Motu; Mere Motion.

**MERSCUM.** A lake; also a marsh or fen-land.

**MERTLAGE.** A church calendar or rubric. Cowell.

**MERTON, STATUTE OF.** An old English statute, relating to dower, legitimacy, wardships, procedure, inclosure of common, and usury. It was passed in 1235, (20 Hen. III,) and was named from Merton, in Surrey, where parliament sat that year. See Barr- ring. St. 41, 46.


**MERX.** Lati. Merchandise; movable articles that are bought and sold; articles of trade.

Merx est quicquid vendi potest. Merchandise is whatever can be sold. Com. 355; 3 Wood. Lect. 263.

**MESCREAUNTES.** L. Fr. Apostates; unbelievers.

**MESCROYANT.** A term used in the ancient books to designate an infidel or unbeliever.

**MESE.** A house and its appurtenance. Cowell.

**MESNALTY, or MESNALITY.** A manor held under a superior lord. The estate of a mesne.

**MESNE.** Intermediate; intervening; the middle between two extremes, especially of rank or time.

An intermediate lord; a lord who stood between a tenant and the chief lord; a lord who was also a tenant. "Lord, mesne, and tenant; the tenant holdeth by four pence, and the mesne by twelve pence." Co. Litt. 23a.


**MESNE ASSIGNMENT.** If A. grant a lease of land to B., and B. assign his interest to C., and C. in his turn assign his interest therein to D., in this case the assignments so made by B. and C. would be termed "mesne assignments;" that is, they would be assignments intervening between A.'s original grant and the vesting of D.'s interest in the land under the last assignment. Brown.

**MESNE INCUMBRANCE.** An intermediate charge, burden, or liability; an incumbrance which has been created or has attached to property between two given periods.

**MESNE LORD.** In old English law. A middle or intermediate lord; a lord who held of a superior lord. 2 Bl. Comm. 59. More commonly termed a "mesne," (q. v.)

**MESNE, WRIT OF.** An ancient and abolished writ, which lay when the lord paramount distrained on the tenant paravail. The latter had a writ of mesne against the mesne lord.

**MESS BRIEF.** In Danish sea law. One of a ship's papers; a certificate of admeasurement granted at the home port of a vessel by the government or by some other competent authority. Jac. Sea Laws, 51.

**MESSAGE.** Any notice, word, or communication, written or oral, sent from one person to another. Webster, Dict.

—Message from the crown. In English law. The method of communicating between the sovereign and the house of parliament. A written message under the royal sign-manual is brought by a member of the house, being a minister of the crown or one of the royal household. Verbal messages are also sometimes delivered. May, Parl. Pr. c. 17.

—President's message. An annual communication from the president of the United States to congress, made at or near the beginning of each session, embodying his views on the state and exigencies of national affairs, suggestions and recommendations for legislation, and other matters. Const. U. S. art. 2, § 3.

—Repeated message. Within the meaning of restricted liability clauses printed on the back of blank telegraph forms, one telegraphed back to the sending office for comparison; the object being to guard against mistakes in transmission. Dettis v. Western Union Telegraph Co., 170 N. W. 334, 338, 111 Minn. 383.

**MESSARIUS.** In old English law. A chief servant in husbandry; a bailiff.

**MESSE THANE.** One who said mass; a priest. Cowell.

**MESSENGER.** One who bears messages or errands; a ministerial officer employed by executive officers, legislative bodies, and courts of justice, whose service consists principally in carrying verbal or written communications or executing other orders. In Scotland there are officers attached to the courts, called "messengers at arms."

An officer attached to a bankruptcy court, whose duty consists, among other things, in seizing and taking possession of the bankrupt's estate during the proceedings in bankruptcy.

The messenger of the English court of chancery has the duty of attending on the great seal, either in person or by deputy, and must be ready to execute all such orders as he shall receive from the lord chan-
cellor, lord keeper, or lords commissioners. Brown.

Messis solemtem sequitur. The crop belongs to [follows] the sower. A maxim in Scotch law. Where a person is in possession of land which he has reason to believe is his own, and sows that land, he will have a right to the crops, although before it is cut down it should be discovered that another has a preferable title to the land. Bell.

MESSUAGE. This term is now synonymous with “dwelling-house,” but had once a more extended signification. It is frequently used in deeds, in describing the premises. Marnet Co. v. Archibald, 37 W. Va. 778, 17 S. E. 300; Grimes v. Wilson, 4 Blackf. (Ind.) 333; Derby v. Jones, 27 Me. 380; Davis v. Lowden, 56 N. J. Eq. 126, 38 Atl. 648. Dwelling-house with the adjacent buildings and curtilage. Hall v. Philadelphia Co., 75 S. E. 755, 577, 72 W. Va. 573; State v. Cooper (Mo. Sup.) 246 S. W. 892, 893.

Although the word “messuage” may, there is no necessity that it must, import more than the word “dwelling-house,” with which word it is frequently put in apposition and used synonymously. 2 Bing. N. C. 617.

In Scotland

The principal dwelling-house within a barony. Bell.

MESTIZO. A mongrel or person of mixed blood; sometimes used as equivalent to “oc- tororo,” that is, the child of a white person and a quadroon, sometimes as denoting a person one of whose parents was a Spaniard and the other an American Indian.

META. Lat. A goal, bound, or turning-point. In old English law, the term was used to denote a bound or boundary line of land; a landmark; a material object, as a tree or a pillar, marking the position or beginning of a boundary line.

METACHRONISM. An error in computation of time.

METALLIC. “Consisting of or having the characters of a metal. * * * Having one or more properties resembling those of metals.” Trussell Mfg. Co. v. S. E. & M. Vernon, Inc. (D. C.) 11 F.(2d) 289, 298, 291.

METALLUM. Lat. In Roman law. Metal; a mine. Labor in mines, as a punishment for crime. Dig. 40, 5, 24, 5; Calvin.

METAPHYSICS. The science of being; the science which deals with ultimate reality. Vineland Trust Co. v. Westendorf, 98 A. 314, 86 N. J. Eq. 343.

METATUS. In old European law. A dwelling; a seat; a station; quarters; the place where one lives or stays. Spelman.

METAYER SYSTEM. A system of agricultural holdings, under which the land is divided, in small farms, among single families, the landlord generally supplying the stock which the agricultural system of the country is considered to require, and receiving, in lieu of rent and profit, a fixed proportion of the produce. This proportion, which is generally paid in kind, is usually one-half. 1 Mill, Pol. Econ. 296, 363; and 2 Smith, Wealth Nat. 3, c. 11. The system prevails in some parts of France and Italy.

METECORN. A measure or portion of corn, given by a lord to customary tenants as a reward and encouragement for labor. Cowell.

METEGAVEL. A tribute or rent paid in victuals. Cowell.

METER. An instrument of measurement; as a coal-meter, a gas-meter, a land-meter. Also see Metre.

METES AND BOUNDS. In conveyancing. The boundary lines of lands, with their terminating points or angles. People v. Guthrie, 46 Ill. App. 128; Rolllins v. Mooers, 25 Me. 196; Moore v. Walsh, 93 A. 355, 356, 37 R. I. 436.

METEWARD, or METEYARD. A staff or a certain length wherewith measures are taken.


METHOD. The mode of operating, or the means of attaining an object. In patent law. “Engine” and “method” mean the same thing, and may be the subject of a patent. Method, properly speaking, is only placing several things, or performing several operations, in the most convenient order, but it may signify a contrivance or device. Fessen. Pat. 127; Hornblower v. Boulton, 8 Term. R. 198.

METHOMANIA. See Insanity.

METRE. The unit of measure in the “metric system” of weights and measures. It is a measure of length, being the ten-millionth part of the distance from the equator to the north pole, and equivalent to 39.37 inches. From this unit all the other denominations of measure, as well as of weight, are derived. The metric system was first adopted in France in 1795.

METRIC SYSTEM. A system of measures for length, surface, weight, and capacity, founded on the metre as a unit. It originated in France, has been established by law there and in some other countries, and is recommended for general use by other governments.

METROPOLIS. A mother city; one from which a colony was sent out. The capital of a province. Calvin.
METROPOLITAN. In English law. One of the titles of an archbishop. Derived from the circumstance that archbishops were consecrated at first in the metropolis of a province. 4 Inst. 94.

In England, the word is frequently used to designate a statute, institution, governmental agency, etc., relating exclusively or especially to the city of London; e.g., the metropolitan board of works, metropolitan buildings act, etc.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS. A board constituted in 1855 by St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 120, for the better sewerising, draining, paving, cleansing, lighting, and improving the metropolis (London). The board is elected by vestries and district boards, who in their turn are elected by the rate-payers. Wharton.

METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT. A region composed of New York city and some adjacent territory, which was, for police purposes, organized as one district, and provided with a police force common to the whole.

METTESHOP, or METTENSCHEP. In old records. An acknowledgment paid in a certain measure of corn; or a fine or penalty imposed on tenants for default in not doing their customary service in cutting the lord's corn.

METUS. Lat. Fear; terror. In a technical sense, a reasonable and well-grounded apprehension of some great evil, such as death or mayhem, and not arising out of mere timidity, but such as might fall upon a man of courage. Fear must be of this description in order to amount to duress avoiding a contract. See Bract. lb. 2, c. 5; 1 Bl. Comm. 141; Calvin.

MEUBLES. In French law. The movables of English law. Things are meubles from either of two causes: (1) From their own nature, e.g., tables, chairs; or (2) from the determination of the law, e.g., obligations.

MEUBLES MEUBLANS. In French law. The utensils and articles of ornament usual in a dwelling-house. Brown.

Meum est promittere, non dimittere. It is mine to promise, not to discharge. 2 Rolle, 39.

MICHAELMAS. The feast of the Archangel Michael, celebrated in England on the 29th of September, and one of the usual quarter days.

MICHAELMAS HEAD COURT. A meeting of the heritors of Scotland, at which the roll of freeholders used to be revised. See Bell.

MICHAELMAS TERM. One of the four terms of the English courts of common law, beginning on the 2d day of November and ending on the 25th. 3 Steph. Comm. 562.

MICHE, or MICH. O. Eng. To practice crimes requiring concealment or secrecy; to pilfer articles secretly. Micher, one who practices secret crime. Webster.

MICHEL-GEMOT. One of the names of the general council immemorially held in England. The Witenagemote.

One of the great councils of king and noblemen in Saxon times. Jacob.

MICHEL-SYNOTH. Great council. One of the names of the general council of the kingdom in the times of the Saxons. 1 Bl. Comm. 147.

MICHERY. In old English law. Theft; cheating.

MIDDLE LINE OF MAIN CHANNEL. The equidistant point in the main channel of the river between the well-defined banks on either shore. Hearne v. State, 121 Ark. 460, 181 S. W. 291, 295.

MIDDLE OF THE RIVER. The phrases "middle of the river" and "middle of the main channel" are equivalent expressions, and both mean the main line of the channel or the middle thread of the current. Western Union Tel. Co. of Illinois v. Louisville & N. R. Co., 270 Ill. 599, 110 N. E. 583, 591, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 670.

MIDDLE TERM. A phrase used in logic to denote the term which occurs in both of the premises in the syllogism, being the means of bringing together the two terms in the conclusion.

MIDDLE THREAD. The middle thread of a stream is an imaginary line drawn lengthwise through the middle of its current.

MIDDLEMAN. An agent between two parties, an intermediary who performs the office of a broker or factor between seller and buyer, producer and consumer, land-owner and tenant, etc. Southack v. Lane, 32 Misc. Rep. 111, 65 N. Y. Supp. 629; Synnott v. Shaugnessy, 2 Idaho, 122, 7 Pac. 89. Brokers are "middlemen" only where, without having undertaken to act as agents, or for either party, or to exercise their skill, knowledge, or influence, they merely bring the parties together to deal for themselves, and stand indifferent between them. Geddes v. Rhee, 126 Minn. 517, 148 N. W. 540, 550; King v. Reed, 24 Cal. App. 229, 141 P. 41, 48; Stapp v. Godfrey, 138 Iowa, 375, 139 N. W. 583, 584.

One who has been employed as an agent by a principal, and who has employed a sub-agent under him by authority of the principal, either express or implied.

A person who is employed both by the seller and purchaser of goods, or by the purchaser alone, to receive them into his possession, for the purpose of doing something in or about them.
A middleman, in Ireland, is a person who takes land out to the proprietary, and then rents it out to the panemnancy in small portions at a greatly enhanced price. Wharton.

MIDDLESEX, BILL OF. See Bill.

MIDSHIPMAN. In ships of war, a kind of naval cadet, whose business is to second or transmit the orders of the superior officers and assist in the necessary business of the vessel, but understood to be in training for a commission. A passed midshipman is one who has passed an examination and is a candidate for promotion to the rank of lieutenant. See U. S. v. Cook, 128 U. S. 254, 9 Sup. Ct. 108, 32 L. Ed. 464.

MIDSUMMER-DAY. The summer solstice, which is on the 21st day of June, and the feast of St. John the Baptist, a festival first mentioned by Maximus Tauriciensis, A. D. 400. It is generally a quarter-day for the payment of rents, etc. Wharton.

MIDWIFE. In medical jurisprudence. A woman who assists at childbirth; an oc-coucheuse.


MIGHT, v. Had power or was possible. Lewiston Milling Co. v. Cardiff (C. C. A.) 206 F. 753, 758.

Migrans jura amittat ae privilegia et immunitates domicili prioris. One who emigrates will lose the rights, privileges, and immunities of his former domicile. Voet, Com. ad. Pand. tom. i. 347; 1 Kent, Comm. 76.

MILE. A measure of length or distance, containing 8 furongs, or 1,760 yards, or 5,280 feet. This is the measure of an ordinary or statute mile; but the nautical or geographical mile contains 6,080 feet.

MILEAGE. A payment or charge, at a fixed rate per mile, allowed as a compensation for traveling expenses to members of legislative bodies, witnesses, sheriffs, and bailiffs. Richardson v. State, 60 Ohio St. 108, 63 N. E. 393; Hawes v. Abbott, 78 Cal. 270, 20 Pac. 572; State v. Clusen, 142 Wash. 450, 263 P. 805, 897.

MILES. Lat. In the Civil Law

A soldier.

In Old English Law

A knight, because military service was part of the feudal tenure. Also a tenant by military service, not a knight. 1 Bl. Comm. 404; Seld. Tit. Hon. 354.

MILESTONES. Stones set up to mark the miles on a road or railway.

MILITARE. To be knighted.

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MILITARY. Pertaining to war or to the army; concerned with war. Also the whole body of soldiers; an army.

MILITARY BOUNTY LAND. See Bounty.

MILITARY CAUSES. In English law. Causes of action or injuries cognizable in the court military, or court of chivalry. 3 Bl. Comm. 103.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS. Courts whose procedure and composition are modeled upon courts-martial, being the tribunals by which alleged violations of martial law are tried and determined. The membership of such commissions is commonly made up of civilians and army officers. They are probably not known outside of the United States, and were first used by General Scott during the Mexican war. 15 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 478.

MILITARY COURTS. In England the court of chivalry and courts-martial, in America courts-martial and courts of inquiry, are called by this general name.

MILITARY FEUDS. See Feud.

MILITARY FORCES. Espionage Act June 15, 1917, prohibiting attempts to cause disloyalty, insubordination, mutiny, and refusal of duty in the military forces of the United States, includes in the term "military forces" persons subject to be called into active service under Selective Service Act May 18, 1917, Anderson v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 264 F. 75, 76; White v. United States (C. C. A.) 263 F. 17, 19, but see contra, United States v. Hall (D. C.) 248 F. 150, 152.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT. The dominion exercised by a general over a conquered state or province. It is a mere application or extension of the force by which the conquest was effected, to the end of keeping the vanquished in subjection; and being derived from war, is incompatible with a state of peace. Com. v. Shortall, 206 Pa. 165, 55 Atl. 952, 65 L. R. A. 193, 98 Am. St. Rep. 759.

MILITARY JURISDICTION. "There are, under the constitution, three kinds of military jurisdiction,—one to be exercised both in peace and war; another to be exercised in time of foreign war without the boundaries of the United States, or in time of rebellion and civil war within states or districts occupied by rebels treated as belligerents; and a third to be exercised in time of invasion or insurrection within the limits of the United States, or during rebellion within the limits of states maintaining adhesion to the national government, when the public danger requires its exercise. The first of these may be called 'jurisdiction under military law,' and is found in acts of congress prescribing rules and articles of war, or otherwise providing for the government of the national forces; the second may be distinguished as 'military govern-
ment,' superseding, as far as may be deemed expedient, the local law, and exercised by the military commander under the direction of the president, with the express or implied sanction of congress; while the third may be denominated 'martial law proper,' and is called into action by congress, or temporarily, when the action of congress cannot be invited, and in the case of justifying or excusing peril, by the president, in times of insurrection or invasion, or of civil or foreign war, within districts or localities where ordinary law no longer adequately secures public safety and private rights." Per Chase, C. J., in Ex parte Milligan, 4 Wall. 141, 18 L. Ed. 251.


MILITARY OFFENSES. Those offenses which are cognizable by the courts military, as insubordination, sleeping on guard, desertion, etc.

MILITARY OFFICE. See Office.

MILITARY OFFICER. See Officer.


MILITARY STATE. The soldiery of the kingdom of Great Britain.

MILITARY TENURES. The various tenures by knight-service, grand-serjeanty, cornage, etc., are frequently called "military tenures," from the nature of the services which they involved. 1 Steph. Comm. 204.

MILITARY TESTAMENT. See Testament.

MILITES. Lat. Knights; and, in Scotch law, freeholders.

MILITIA. The body of citizens in a state, enrolled for discipline as a military force, but not engaged in actual service except in emergencies, as distinguished from regular troops or a standing army. See Ex parte McCants, 39 Ala. 112; Worth v. Craven County, 118 N. C. 112, 24 S. E. 778; Brown v. Newark, 29 N. J. Law, 238; Story v. Perkins (D. C.) 243 F. 997, 999.

MILK. In England milk means, commercially speaking, skimmed milk.

MILL. 1. A complicated engine or machine for grinding and reducing to fine particles grain, fruit, or other substance, or for performing other operations by means of wheels and a circular motion; also the building containing such machinery. State v. Livermore, 44 N. H. 357; Lamborn v. Bell, 18 Colo. 346. 32 P. 959, 20 L. R. A. 241; Home Mut. Ins. Co. v. Roe, 71 Wis. 33, 38 N. W. 594; Halpin v. Insurance Co., 120 N. Y. 73, 23 N. E. 898; Southwest Missouri Light Co. v. Schnerich, 174 Mo. 235, 73 S. W. 496; Casey v. Barber Asphalt Paving Co. (C. C. A.) 292 F. 1, 5.

The word as used in Employers’ Liability Act has been extended to include not only the building in which the business of manufacturing is carried on, but the dam, flume, and ways which the master provides for the use of those employed. Boody v. K. & C. Mfg. Co., 77 N. H. 268, 90 A. 859, 860, L. R. A. 1916A, 10, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 1259.

2. An American money of account, of the value of the tenth part of a cent.

MILL-HOLMS. Low meadows and other fields in the vicinity of mills, or watery places about mill-dams. Enc. Lond.

MILL OATS. A species of wild oats of volunteer growth with a dark brown or almost black kernel incased in hard cover with stiff beard, having low food value. Gibson v. State, 214 Ala. 38, 106 So. 231, 238.


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MILL SITE. In general, a parcel of land on or contiguous to a water-course, suitable for the erection and operation of a mill operated by the power furnished by the stream. See Occum Co. v. Sprague Mfg. Co., 55 Conn. 512; Hasbrouck v. Verrylsea, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 683; Mandeville v. Comstock, 9 Mich. 537. Specifically, in American mining law, a parcel of land constituting a portion of the public domain, located and claimed by the owner of a mining claim under the laws of the United States (or purchased by him from the government and patented) not exceeding five acres in extent, not including any mineral land, not contiguous to the vein or lode, and occupied and used for the purpose of a mill or for other uses directly connected with the operation of the mine; or a similar parcel of land located and actually used for the purpose of a mill or reduction plant, but not by the owner of an existing mine nor in connection with any particular mining claim. See U. S. Rev. St. § 2337 (40 USCA § 42).

MILLBANK PRISON. Formerly called the "Penitentiary at Millbank." A prison at Westminster, for convicts under sentence of transportation, until the sentence or order shall be executed, or the convict be entitled to freedom, or be removed to some other place of confinement. This prison is placed under the inspectors of prisons appointed by the secretary of state, who are a body corporate, "The inspectors of the Millbank Prison." The inspectors make regulations for the government thereof, subject to the approval of the secretary of state, and yearly reports to him, to be laid before parliament. The secretary also appoints a governor, chaplain, medical officer, matron, etc. Wharton.

MILLEATE, or MILL-LEAT. A trench to convey water to or from a mill. St. 7 Jac. I. c. 19.

MILLED MONEY. This term means merely coined money; and it is not necessary that it should be marked or rolled on the edges. Leach, 768.

MILLING IN TRANSIT. A special privilege allowable at certain designated points, whereby the carrier, having transported grain to a shipper's mill, agrees that the shipper may receive the grain without charge and for which carriage compensation is usually exacted by interstate carriers under control of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Priebe v. Southern Ry. Co., 180 Ala. 427, 66 So. 575, 574.

MIL-REIS. The name of a piece of money in the coinage of Portugal, and the Azores and Madeira Islands. Its value at the custom-house, according as it is coined in the first, second, or third of the places named, is $1.12, or $3 1/2 cents, or $1.

MINA. In old English law. A measure of corn or grain. Cowell; Spelman.

MINE RUN COAL. Fine broken coal and dust obtained by removing lumps and using fine coal underneath. Brodmeier v. Lamb, 170 Minn. 143, 212 N. W. 187, 188.

MINABLE COAL. Coal that could be profitably mined by judicial methods. Auxier Coal Co. v. Big Sandy & Millers Creek Coal Co., 194 Ky. 14, 283 S. W. 189, 191.

MINAGE. A toll or duty paid for selling corn by the mine. Cowell.

MINARE. In old records. To mine or dig mines. Minator, a miner. Cowell.

MINATOR CARUSAE. A plowman. Cowell.

Minatur innocentius qui paroit nocentius. A Coke, 46. He threatens the innocent who spares the guilty.

MIND. In its legal sense, "mind" means only the ability to will, to direct, to permit, or to assent. In this sense, a corporation has a mind, and exerts its mind each time that it assents to the terms of a contract. McDermott v. Evening Journal Ass'n, 43 N. J. Law, 492, 39 Am. Rep. 606.

MIND AND MEMORY. A phrase applied to testators, denoting the possession of mental capacity to make a will. In order to make a valid will, the testator must have a sound and disposing mind and memory. In other words, he ought to be capable of making his will, with an understanding of the nature of the business in which he is engaged, a recollection of the property he means to dispose of, of the persons who are the objects of his bounty, and the manner in which it is to be distributed between them. Harrison v. Rowan, 3 Wash. C. C. 585, Fed. Cas. No. 6,141.


A "mine," within the meaning of Anthracite Mining Act includes the underground workings, excavations, and shafts connected below the surface by tunnels and other ways and openings and operated by one general haulage, ventilation, and mine railroad system, but it does not include separate and distinct underground operations disconnected or operated by separate and distinct mining systems, whether such separate workings are under a common ownership or not. Janosky v. Lehigh Valley Coal Co., 241 Pa. 191, 92 A. 418, 420.

Within constitutional provision relative to taxation "mine" is said to be a mineral deposit, metallic or nonmetallic, developed so as to produce and actually be capable of yielding proceeds. Northern Pac. Ry. Co. v. Mjelde, 48 Mont. 287, 137 P. 380, 387.

MINE RUN COAL. Fine broken coal and dust obtained by removing lumps and using fine coal underneath. Brodmeier v. Lamb, 170 Minn. 143, 212 N. W. 187, 188.
MINER. One who mines; a digger for metals and other minerals. While men of scientific attainments, or of experience in the use of machinery, are to be found in this class, yet the word by which the class is designated import nothing learning or skill. Watson v. Lederer, 11 Colo. 577, 19 P. 604, 1 L. R. A. 564, 7 Am. St. Rep. 263; Barton v. Wichita River Oil Co. (Tex.Civ.App.) 157 S. W. 1043, 1046.

MINER’S INCH. See Inch.

MINERAL, adj. Relating to minerals or the process and business of mining; bearing or producing valuable minerals.

MINERAL, n. Any valuable inert or lifeless substance formed or deposited in its present position through natural agencies alone, and which is found either in or upon the soil of the earth or in the rocks beneath the soil. Barringer & Adams, Mines, p. lxvvi.

Any natural constituent of the crust of the earth, inorganic or fossil, homogeneous in structure, having a definite chemical composition and known crystallization. See Webster; Cent. Dict.

The term includes all fossil bodies or matters dug out of mines or quarries, whereby anything may be dug, such as beds of stone which may be quarried. Earl of Rosse v. Walmann, 14 Mees. & W. 872.

In its common acceptation, the term may be said to include those parts of the earth which are capable of being mined or extracted from beneath the surface, and which have a commercial value. Williams v. South Penn Oil Co., 52 W. Va. 181, 42 S. E. 214, 69 L. R. A. 766. But, in its widest sense, “minerals” may be described as comprising all the substances which now form or which once formed a part of the solid body of the earth, both external and internal, and which are now destitute of or incapable of supporting animal or vegetable life. In this sense, the word includes not only the various ores of the precious metals, but also coal, clay, marble, stones of various sorts, slate, salt, sand, natural gas, petroleum, and water. See Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Soderberg, 43 C. C. A. 620, 104 F. 425; Murray v. Allred, 100 Tenn. 100, 43 S. W. 355, 39 L. R. A. 249, 46 Am. St. Rep. 740; Gibson v. Tyson, 5 Watts (Pa.) 38; Henry v. Lowe, 73 Mo. 99; Westmoreland, etc., Gas Co. v. De Witt, 130 Pa. 225, 18 A. 724, 6 L. R. A. 731; Marvel v. Merritt, 6 S. C. 207, 116 U. S. 11, 29 L. Ed. 559; State v. Parker, 81 Tex. 288; Ridgway Light, etc., Co. v. Elk County, 191 Pa. 465, 43 A. 323; Robinson v. Wheeling Steel & Iron Co., 89 W. Va. 425, 139 S. E. 311, 312. Thus oil and gas are minerals. Hamilton v. Foster, 272 Pa. 95, 115 A. 50, 52; Ferguson v. Steen (Tex. Civ. App.) 253 S. W. 313, 230; Barker v. Campbell-Ratcliff Land Co., 54 Okl. 546, 167 P. 468, 469, L. R. A. 1898A, 487; Kentucky Coke Co. v. Keystone Gas Co. (C. C. A.) 296 F. 320, 325.

MINERAL DISTRICT. A term occasionally used in acts of congress, designating in a general way those portions or regions of the country where valuable minerals are mostly found, or where the business of mining is chiefly carried on, but carrying no very precise meaning and not a known term of the law. See U. S. v. Smith (C. C.) 11 F. 490.

MINERAL LAND ENTRY. See Entry.

MINERAL LANDS. See Land.

MINERAL LODE. A mineral bed of rock with definite boundaries in a general mass of the mountain and also any zone or belt of mineralized rock lying within boundaries clearly separating it from the neighboring rock. Duffield v. San Francisco Chemical Co. (C. C. A.) 265 F. 480, 484.

MINERATOR. In old records. A miner.

Minima persona corporalis est maior qualibet pecuniaris. The smallest corporal punishment is greater than any pecuniary one. 2 Inst. 220.

Minime mutanda sunt qua certam habuerunt interpretationem. Things which have had a certain interpretation [whose interpretation has been settled, as by common opinion] are not to be altered. Co. Litt. 365; Wing. Max. p. 745, max. 292.

MINIMENT. An old form of muniment, (q. v.) Blount.

MINIMUM CHARGE. A "minimum charge" in connection with public utilities rate-fixing means the minimum monthly bill which will be rendered regardless of whether or not a customer has used sufficient of the commodity to make up that sum at the agreed rate. Ashatabala Gas Co. v. Public Utilities Commission, 102 Ohio St. 675, 133 N. E. 915, 916, 20 A. L. R. 217.

Minimum est nihil proximum. The smallest is next to nothing.

MINIMUM WAGE. Such an amount as will maintain a normal standard of living, including the preservation of the health and efficiency of the worker.

MINING. The process or business of extracting from the earth the precious or valuable metals, either in their native state or in their ores. In re Rollins Gold Min. Co. (D. C.) 102 F. 985. As ordinarily used, the term does not include the extraction from the earth of rock, marble, or slate, which is commonly described as "quarrying," although coal and salt are "mined;" nor does it include sinking wells or shafts for petroleum or natural gas, unless expressly so declared by statute, as is the case in Indiana. See State v. Indiana, etc., Min. Co., 120 Ind. 575, 22 N. E. 778, 6 L. R. A. 379; Williams v. Citizens’ Enterprise Co., 153 Ind. 496, 55 N. E. 425.

MINING CLAIM. A parcel of land, containing precious metal in its soil or rock, and appropriated by an individual, according to established rules, by the process of “location,” St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 649, 26 L. Ed. 575; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Sanders, 49 F. 153, 1 C. C. A. 192; Gleeson v. Mining Co., 13 Nev. 470; Lockhard v. Asher Lumber Co. (C. C.) 123 F. 493.
MINISTERIAL.

MINING COMPANIES. This designation was formerly applied in England to the associations formed in London in 1825 for working mines in Mexico and South America; but at present it comprises, both in England and America, all mining projects carried on by joint-stock associations or corporations. Ratcliffe & Lawrence.

MINING DISTRICT. A section of country usually designated by name and described or understood as being confined within certain natural boundaries, in which the precious metals (or their ores) are found in paying quantities, and which is worked therefor, under rules and regulations prescribed or agreed upon by the miners therein. U. S. v. Smith (C. C.) 11 F. 490.

MINING LEASE. A lease of a mine or mining claim or a portion thereof, to be worked by the lessee, usually under conditions as to the amount and character of work to be done, and reserving compensation to the lessor either in the form of a fixed rent or a royalty on the tonnage of ore mined, and which (as distinguished from a license) conveys to the lessee an interest or estate in the land, and (as distinguished from an ordinary lease) conveys not merely the temporary use and occupation of the land, but a portion of the land itself, that is, the ore in place and unsevered and to be extracted by the lessee. See Austin v. Huntsville Min. Co., 72 Mo. 541; 57 Am. Rep. 416; Buchanan v. Cole, 57 Mo. App. 11; Knight v. Indiana Coal Co., 47 Ind. 113, 17 Am. Rep. 692; Sanderson v. Scranton, 105 Pa. 475.

MINING LOCATION. The act of appropriating and claiming, according to certain established rules and local customs, a parcel of land of defined area, upon or in which one or more of the precious metals or their ores have been discovered, and which constitutes a portion of the public domain, with the declared intention to occupy and work it for mining purposes under the implied license of the United States. Also the parcel of land so occupied and appropriated. See Poire v. Wells, 6 Colo. 412; St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 849, 26 L. Ed. 875; Golden Fleece, etc., Min. Co. v. Cable, etc., Min. Co., 12 Nev. 328; Glessen v. Martin White Min. Co., 13 Nev. 456; Walrath v. Champion Min. Co. (C. C.) 63 F. 556.

MINING PARTNERSHIP. An association of several owners of a mine for co-operation in working the mine. A mining partnership is governed by many of the rules relating to ordinary partnerships, but also by some rules peculiar to itself, one of which is that one person may convey his interest in the mine and business without dissolving the partnership. Kahn v. Central Smelting Co., 102 U. S. 645, 26 L. Ed. 265; Higgens v. Armstrong, 9 Colo. 18, 10 P. 232; Skillman v. Lachman, 23 Cal. 263, 83 Am. Dec. 96; Kimberly v. Arms, 129 U. S. 512, 9 S. Ct. 355, 32 L. Ed. 764; Sturte v. Ulrich (C. C. A.) 10 F.(2d) 9, 12; Kennedy v. Beets Oil Co., 105 Okl. 1, 251 P. 505, 511.

MINISTER.

In Public Law

One of the highest functionaries in the organization of civil government, standing next to the sovereign or executive head, acting as his immediate auxiliary, and being generally charged with the administration of one of the great bureaus or departments of the executive branch of government. Otherwise called a "cabinet minister," "secretary of state," or "secretary of a department."

In International Law

An officer appointed by the government of one nation as a mediator or arbitrator between two other nations who are engaged in a controversy, with their consent, with a view to effecting an amicable adjustment of the dispute.

A general name given to the diplomatic representatives sent by one state to another, including ambassadors, envoys, and residents.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A person ordained according to the usages of some church or associated body of Christians for the preaching of the gospel and filling the pastoral office.

In Practice

An officer of justice, charged with the execution of the law, and hence termed a "ministerial officer;" such as a sheriff, bailiff, coroner, sheriff's officer. Brit. c. 21.

An agent; one who acts not by any inherent authority, but under another.

In General


—Ministers plenipotentiary. Ministers plenipotentiary, possess full powers, and are of much greater distinction than simple ministers. These are without any particular attribution of rank and character, but by custom are now placed immediately below the ambassador, or on a level with the envoy extraordinary; Vattel, liv. 4, c. 5, § 74; 1 Kent 48; Merlin, Rep.

—Public minister. In international law. A general term comprehending all the higher classes of diplomatic representatives,—as ambassadors, envoys, residents,—but not including the commercial representatives, such as consuls.

MINISTERIAL. That which is done under the authority of a superior; opposed to judicial; that which involves obedience to instructions, but demands no special discretion, judgment, or skill.

MINISTERIAL DUTY. A ministerial duty, the performance of which may in proper cases be required of a public officer by judicial proceedings, is one in respect to which nothing is left to discretion; it is a simple, definite duty arising under circumstances admitted or proved to exist and imposed by law. State v. McGrath, 92 Mo. 355, 5 S. W. 29; Mississippi v. Johnson, 4 Wall. 498, 18 L. Ed. 437; People v. Jerome, 36 Misc. 256, 73 N. Y. S. 306; Duvall v. Swann, 94 Md. 608, 51 A. 717; Gledhill v. Governor, 25 N. J. Law, 351; Houston v. Boltz, 149 Ky. 640, 186 S. W. 76, 80; Mott v. Hull, 51 Okl. 602, 152 P. 92, L. R. A. 1918B., 1184; Iiam v. Los Angeles County, 46 Cal. App. 145, 189 P. 462, 498. A ministerial duty arises when an individual has such a legal interest in its performance that neglect of performance becomes a wrong to such individual. Morton v. Comptroller General, 4 S. C. 473.

MINISTERIAL OFFICE. See Office.

MINISTERIAL OFFICER. One whose duties are purely ministerial, as distinguished from executive, legislative, or judicial functions, requiring obedience to the mandates of superiors and not involving the exercise of judgment or discretion. See U. S. v. Bell (C. C.) 127 F. 1002; Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 572; State v. Loochner, 65 Neb. 514, 91 N. W. 874, 59 L. R. A. 915; Reid v. Hood, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 159, 10 Am. Dec. 552.

MINISTERIAL POWER. See Power.

MINISTERIAL TRUST. See Trust.

MINISTRANT. The party cross-examining a witness was so called, under the old system of the ecclesiastical courts.

MINISTRI REGIS. Lat. In old English law, Ministers of the king, applied to the judges of the realm, and to all those who hold ministerial offices in the government. 2 Inst. 298.

MINISTRY. The term as used in England is wider than Cabinet and includes all the holders of public office who come in and go out with the Prime Minister. In this respect it may be contrasted with the Permanent Civil Service, whose tenure is independent of public changes. The first English Ministry as now understood was formed after the general election of 1696. Macaulay, Hist. Engl., ch. 24. "Ecclesiastical functions," or "duties." Rector, etc., of St. George's Church in City of New York v. Morgan, 58 Misc. 702, 152 N. Y. S. 497, 498.

MINOR. An infant or person who is under the age of legal competence. One under twenty-one. A term derived from the civil law, which described a person under a certain age as less than so many years. Minor viginti quinque annis, one less than twenty-five years of age. Inst. 1, 14, 2; Audsley v. Hale, 305 Mo. 451, 261 S. W. 117, 123.

Also, less; of less consideration; lower; a person of inferior condition. Fleta, 2, 47, 13, 15; Calvin.


MINOR FACT. In the law of evidence. A relative, collateral, or subordinate fact; a circumstance. Willis, Circ. Ev. 27; Burrill, Circ. Ev. p. 121, note, 582.

Minor ante tempus agere non potest in casu proprietatis nec etiam convenire; differet usque atatem; sed non cadit breve. 2 Inst. 291. A minor before majority cannot act in a case of property, nor even agree; it should be deferred until majority; but the writ does not fail.

Minor minorem custodire non debet, illos enim præsumitur male regere qui sepsum regere nescit. A minor ought not to be guardian to a minor, for he who knows not how to govern himself is presumed to be unfit to govern others. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 10; Co. Litt. 588.


Minor non tetener respondere durante minori atate, nisi in causa dotis, propter favorem. 3 Bulst. 143. A minor is not bound to reply during his minority, except as a matter of favor in a case of dower.

Minor qui infra atatem 12 annorum fuerit ulteri genot postest, nec extra legem ponit, quia ante talem atatem, non est sub legque aliquam, nec in decennia. Co. Litt. 128. A minor who is under twelve years of age cannot be outlawed, nor placed without the law, because before such age he is not under any law, nor in a decennary.

Minor septemdecim annis non admittitur fore executor. A person under seventeen years is not admitted to be an executor. 6 Coke, 87. A rule of ecclesiastical law.

MINORA REGALIA. In English law. The lesser prerogatives of the crown, including the rights of the revenue. 1 Bl. Comm. 241.
MINORITY. The state or condition of a minor; infancy.

The smaller number of votes of a deliberative assembly; opposed to majority, (which see.)

MINT. The place designated by law where bullion is coined into money under authority of the government.

Also a place of privilege, in Southwark, near the king's prison, where persons formerly sheltered themselves from justice under the pretext that it was an ancient palace of the crown. The privilege is now abolished. Wharton.

MINT-MARK. The masters and workers of the English mint, in the indentures made with them, agree "to make a privy mark in the money they make, of gold and silver, so that they may know which moneys were of their own making." After every trial of the pix, having proved their moneys to be lawful, they are entitled to their quietus under the great seal, and to be discharged from all suits or actions. Wharton.

MINT-MASTER. One who manages the coinage.

MINTAGE. The charge or commission taken by the mint as a consideration for coining into money the bullion which is brought to it for that purpose; the same as "seigniorage."

Also that which is coined or stamped as money; the product of the mint.

MINUS. Lat. In the civil law. Less; less than. The word had also, in some connections, the sense of "not at all." For example, a debt remaining wholly unpaid was described as "minus solutum."

Minus solvit, qui tardius solvit. He does not pay who pays too late. Dig. 50, 16, 12, 1.

MINUTE. In measures of time or circumference, a minute is the sixtieth part of an hour or degree.

In Practice


MINUTE-BOOK. A book kept by the clerk or prothonotary of a court for entering memoranda of its proceedings.

MINUTE TITHES. Small tithes, usually belonging to the vicar; e. g. eggs, honey, wax, etc. 3 Burn, Eccl. Law 650; 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 71, §§ 17, 18, 27.

MINUTES.

In Scotch Practice

A pleading put into writing before the lord ordinary, as the ground of his judgment. Bell.

MISAPPROPRIATION

In Business Law

Memoranda or notes of a transaction or proceeding. Thus, the record of the proceedings at a meeting of directors or shareholders of a company is called the "minutes."

MINUTO. Lat. In the civil law. A lessening; diminution or reduction. Dig. 4, 5, 1.

MIRROR. The Mirror of Justice, or of the Justices, commonly spoken of as the "Mirror," is an ancient treatise on the laws of England, supposedly written during the reign of Edward III., and attributed to one Andrew Horne. "But it has been thought that the germ of it was written before the Conquest and that Horne only made additions to it.

MIS. An inseparable particle used in composition, to mark an ill sense or depravation of the meaning; as "miscomputation" or "misaccompting," i. e., false reckoning. Several of the words following are illustrations of the force of this monosyllable.

MISA. In Old English Law

The mise or issue in a writ of right. Spelman.

In Old Records

A compact or agreement; a form of compromise. Cowell.

MISADVENTURE. A mischance or accident; a casualty caused by the act of one person inflicting injury upon another. Homicide "by misadventure" occurs where a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another. 4 Bl. Comm. 152; Williamson v. State, 2 Ohio Cr. Ct. R. 292; Johnson v. State, 24 Ala. 35, 10 So. 667; Gaunce v. State, 22 Okl. Cr. 361, 211 P. 517, 518.

MISALLEGE. To cite falsely as a proof or argument.


MISAPPROPRIATION. This is not a technical term of law, but it is sometimes applied to the misdemeanor which is committed by a banker, factor, agent, trustee, etc., who fraudulently deals with money, goods, securities, etc., intrusted to him, or by a director or public officer of a corporation or company who fraudulently misapplies any of its property. Steph. Crim. Dig. 257, et seq.; Sweet. And see Winchester v. Howard, 136 Cal. 452, 64 P. 692, 89 Am. St. Rep. 153; Frey v. Torrey, 70 App. Div. 168, 75 N. Y. S. 40; Norris v. Board of Comrs of Adams County, 25 Colo. App. 416, 136 P. 582, 583.
MISBEHAVIOR. Ill conduct; improper or unlawful behavior. Verdicts are sometimes set aside on the ground of misbehavior of jurors. Smith v. Cutler, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 590, 25 Am. Dec. 589; Turnbull v. Martin, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 430; State v. Arnold, 100 Tenn. 307, 47 S. W. 221.

MISCARRIAGE.

In Medical Jurisprudence

The expulsion of the ovum or embryo from the uterine within the first six weeks after conception. Between that time, and before the expiration of the sixth month, when the child may possibly live, it is termed “abortion.” When the delivery takes place soon after the sixth month, it is denominated “premature labor.” But the criminal act of destroying or bringing forth prematurely the fetus or unborn offspring of a pregnant woman, at any time before birth, is termed, in law, “procuring miscarriage.” Chit. Med. Jur. 410. See Smith v. State, 33 Me. 58, 54 Am. Dec. 607; State v. Howard, 32 Vt. 402; Mills v. Com., 13 Pa. 802; State v. Crook, 18 Utah, 222, 51 P. 1061; State v. Brown, 3 Boyce (Del.) 498, 85 A. 307, 802.

The failure of a woman, from causes beyond her control to carry a fetus to maturity. Flor v. Supreme Tribe of Ben Hur, 98 Neb. 160, 152 N. W. 295.

In Practice

As used in the statute of frauds, (“debt, default, or miscarriage of another,”) this term means any species of unlawful conduct or wrongful act for which the doer could be held liable in a civil action. Gansey v. Orr, 173 Mo. 522, 73 S. W. 477.

MISCRARRIAGE OF JUSTICE. Under laws providing that a judgment shall not be reversed for error which has not resulted in a miscarriage of justice, the words “miscarriage of justice” mean no more than that the substantial rights of a party have been prejudiced. State v. Clift, 48 Utah, 192, 138 P. 701, 703; State v. Nell, 117 Wash. 142, 202 P. 7, 8.

MISCASTING. An error in auditing and numbering. It does not include any pretended miscasting or misvaluing. 4 Bouvier, Inst. n. 4128.

MISCEGENATION. Mixture of races; marriage between persons of different races; as between a white person and a negro.

MISCHARGE. An erroneous charge; a charge, given by a court to a jury, which involves errors for which the judgment may be reversed.

MISCHIEF. In legislative parlance, the word is often used to signify the evil or danger which a statute is intended to cure or avoid.

In the phrase “malicious mischief,” (which see,) it imports a wanton or reckless injury to persons or property.

MISCOGNISANT. Ignorant; uninformed. The word is obsolete.

MISCONDUCT. Any unlawful conduct on the part of a person concerned in the administration of justice which is prejudicial to the rights of parties or to the right determination of the cause; as “misconduct of jurors,” “misconduct of an arbitrator.” The term is also used to express a dereliction from duty, injurious to another, on the part of one employed in a professional capacity, as an attorney at law, (Stage v. Stevens, 1 Denio [N. Y.] 267,) or a public officer, (State v. Leach, 69 Me. 95, 11 Am. Rep. 172.)

Within rule as to self-defense, defendant’s “misconduct,” provoking an assault, is not confined to physical acts, but contemplates and includes such violent and indecent language as is calculated to provoke a breach of the peace. Scott v. Commonwealth, 143 Va. 319, 123 S. E. 360, 362.


MISCONTINUITY. In practice. An improper continuance; want of proper form in a continuance; the same with “discontinuance.” Cowell.

MISCREANT. In old English law. An apostate; an unbeliever; one who totally renounced Christianity. 4 Bl. Comm. 44.

MISDATE. A false or erroneous date affixed to a paper or document.

MISDELEIVERY. The delivery of property by a carrier or warehouseman to a person not authorized by the owner or person to whom the carrier or warehouseman is bound by his contract to deliver it. Cleveland, etc., R. Co. v. Potts, 33 Ind. App. 594, 71 N. E. 688; Forbes v. Boston & L. R. Co., 133 Mass. 156.

MISDEMEANANT. A person guilty of a misdemeanor; one sentenced to punishment upon conviction of a misdemeanor. See First-Class Misdeemeanant.

MISDEMEANOR. In criminal law. A general name for criminal offenses of every sort, punishable by indictment or special proceedings, which do not in law amount to the grade of felony.

A misdemeanor is an act committed or omitted in violation of a public law either forbidding or commanding it. State v. Magee Pub. Co., 224 P. 1028, 1031, 29 N. M. 455, 38 A. L. R. 142; State v. Jackson, 77 So. 196, 197, 142 La. 540, L. R. A. 1918B, 1178. This general definition, however, comprehends both “crimes” and “misdemeanors,” which, properly speaking, are mere synonymous terms; though, in common usage, the word
"crimes" is made to denote such offenses as are of a deeper and more atrocious dye; while smaller faults and omissions of less consequence are comprised under the milder term of "misdemeanors" only. In the English law, "misdemeanor" is generally used in contradistinction to "felony," and misdemeanors comprehend all indictable offenses which do not amount to felony, as libels, conspiracies, attempts, and solicitations to commit felonies, etc. Brown. And see People v. Upson, 79 Hun, 87, 29 N. Y. Supp. 615; In re Bergin, 31 Wis. 386; Kelly v. People, 132 Ill. 368, 24 N. E. 56; State v. Hunter, 67 Ala. 83; Walsh v. People, 65 Ill. 65, 16 Am. Rep. 569.

Under modern statutes the distinction between felonies and misdemeanors is not whether the offense is infamous, but whether it is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary or capital, in which case it is a "felony"; otherwise a "misdemeanor." Jones v. Brinkley, 174 N. C. 33, 90 S. E. 372, 373; Lee Lewis, Inc., v. Densch, 193 Ky. 193, 235 S. W. 355, 356; Jackson v. State, 10 Okl. Cr. 549, 133 P. 764. The grade of the offense is determined by the kind and extent of the punishment which may be inflicted, and not by the actual sentence. People v. Hayman, 159 N. Y. 981, 983, 94 Misc. Rep. 634.

**MISDESCRIPTION.** An error or falsity in the description of the subject-matter of a contract which deceive one of the parties to his injury, or is misleading in a material or substantial point.

**MISDIRECTION.** In practice. An error made by a judge in instructing the jury upon the trial of a cause.

**MISE.** The issue in a writ of right. When the tenant in a writ of right pleads that his title is better than the demandant's, he is said to join the mise on the mere right.

Also expenses; costs; disbursements in an action.

**MISE-MONEY.** Money paid by way of contract or composition to purchase any liberty, etc. Blount.

Misera est servitus, ubi jus est vagum aut incertum. It is a wretched state of slavery which subsists where the law is vague or uncertain. 4 Inst. 245; Broom, Max. 150.

**MISERABILE DEPOSITUM.** Lat. In the civil law. The name of an involuntary deposit, made under pressing necessity; as, for instance, shipwreck, fire, or other inevitable calamity. Potth. Proc. Civile, pt. 5, c. 1, § 1; Code La, art. 2935 ( Civ. Code, art. 2964).

**MISERERE.** The name and first word of one of the penitential psalms, being that which was commonly used to be given by the ordinary to such condemned malefactors as were allowed the benefit of clergy; whence it is also called the "psalm of mercy," Wharton.

**MISERICORDIA.** Lat. Mercy; a fine or amercement; an arbitrary or discretionary amercement.

**MISERICORDIA COMMUNIS.** In old English law. A fine set on a whole county or hundred.


Misfeasance, strictly, is the failure to do a lawful act in a proper manner, omitting to do it as it should be done; while malfeasance is the doing an act wholly wrongful; and nonfeasance is an omission to perform a duty, or a total neglect of duty. State v. Dean, 59 Ws. Va. 88, 136 S. E. 411; Carlisle v. Burke, 87 Misc. 226, 144 N. Y. S. 163, 164. But "misfeasance" is often used in the sense of "malfeasance." Colle v. Lynes, 33 Conn. 109; Brooks v. Hornbeck (Tex. Civ. App.) 274 S. W. 162, 163.

**MISFEAZANCE.** See Misfeasance.

**MISFORTUNE.** An adverse event, calamity, or evil fortune, arising by accident, (without the will or concurrence of him who suffers from it,) and not to be foreseen or guarded against by care or prudence. See 20 Q. B. Div. 816.. Swetland v. Swetland, 100 N. J. Eq. 196, 134 A. 822, 829. In its application to the law of homicide, this term always involves the further idea that the person causing the death is not at the time engaged in any unlawful act. 4 Bl. Comm. 152.


**MISJOINER.** See Joinder.

**MISKENNING.** In Saxon and old English law. An unjust or irregular summoning to court; to speak unsteadily in court; to vary in one's plea. Cowell; Blount; Spelman.

**MISLAY.** To deposit in a place not afterwards recollected; to lose anything by forgetfulness of the place where it was laid. Shelbey v. State, 13 Tex. App. 535.

**MISLEADING.** Delusive; calculated to lead astray or to lead into error. Diamond Drill Contracting Co. v. International Diamond Drill Contracting Co., 170 P. 120, 122, 106 Wash. 72. Instructions which are of such a nature as to be misunderstood by the jury, or to give them a wrong impression, are said to be "misleading."

**MISNOMER.** Mistake in name; the giving an incorrect name to a person in a pleading, deed, or other instrument.
MISPLEADING. Pleading incorrectly, or omitting anything in pleading which is essential to the support or defense of an action, is so called; as in the case of a plaintiff not merely stating his title in a defective manner, but setting forth a title which is essentially defective in itself; or if, to an action of debt, the defendant pleads "not guilty" instead of nil debet. Brown. See Lovett v. Pell, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 376; Chicago & A. R. Co. v. Murphy, 198 Ill. 462, 64 N. E. 1011; State ex rel. Smith v. Trimble, 255 S. W. 729, 731, 315 Mo. 108.

MISPRISION. In Criminal Law

A term used to signify every considerable misdemeanor which has not a certain name given to it by law. 3 Inst. 36. But more particularly and properly the term denotes either (1) a contempt against the sovereign, the government, or the courts of justice, including not only contempt of court, properly so called, but also all forms of seditious or disorderly conduct and lese-majesty; (2) maladministration of high public office, including peculation of the public funds; (3) neglect or slight account made of a crime, that is, failure in the duty of a citizen to endeavor to prevent the commission of a crime, or, having knowledge of its commission, to reveal it to the proper authorities. See 4 Bl. Comm. 119-119; State v. Biddle, 121 A. 304, 305, 2 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 401.

—Misprision of felony. The offense of concealing a felony committed by another, but without such previous concert with or subsequent assistance to the felon as would make the party concealing an accessory before or after the fact. 4 Steph. Comm. 200; 4 Bl. Comm. 121; Carpenter v. State, 62 Ark. 286, 36 S. W. 900.

—Misprision of treason. The bare knowledge and concealment of an act of treason or treasonable plot, that is, without any assent or participation therein, for the latter elements be present the party becomes a principal. 4 Bl. Comm. 220; Pen. Code Cal. § 38.

—Neglect misprision. The concealment of something which ought to be revealed; that is, misprision in the third of the specific meanings given above.

—Positive misprision. The commission of something which ought not to be done; that is, misprision in the first and second of the specific meanings given above.

In Practice

A clerical error or mistake made by a clerk or other judicial or ministerial officer in writing or keeping records. See Merrill v. Miller, 28 Mont. 134, 72 Pac. 427.

MISREADING. Reading a deed or other instrument to an illiterate or blind man (who is a party to it) in a false or deceitful manner, so that he conceives a wrong idea of its tenor or contents. See 5 Coke, 19; 6 East, 309; Hallenbeck v. Dewitt, 2 Johns. (N. Y.) 104.

MISRECITAL. The erroneous or incorrect recital of a matter of fact, either in an agreement, deed, or pleading.

MISREPRESENTATION. An untrue statement of fact. An incorrect or false representation. That which, if accepted, leads the mind to an apprehension of a condition other and different from that which exists. Colloquially it is understood to mean a statement made to deceive or mislead. Haigh v. White Way Laundry Co., 104 Iowa, 143, 145 N. W. 473, 474, 59 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1051; Zackwik v. Hanover Fire Ins. Co. (Mo. App.) 223 S. W. 156, 158.

In a limited sense, an intentional false statement respecting a matter of fact, made by one of the parties to a contract, which is material to the contract and influential in producing it. Wise v. Fuller, 29 N. J. Eq. 282; Hicks v. Wynn, 137 Va. 186, 119 S. E. 133, 135.

A "misrepresentation," which justifies the rescission of a contract, is a false statement of a substantive fact, or any conduct which leads to a belief of a substantive fact material to proper understanding of the matter in hand, made with intent to deceive or mislead. Rhodes v. Uhl, 139 Iowa, 408, 178 N. W. 394, 400.

Misrepresentation such as will amount to false pretense is not confined to mere oral misstatements of fact but includes distribution of printed matter, or a course of conduct, manifestly intended to deceive as to conditions actually existing. Commonwealth v. Dougherty, 84 Pa. Super. Ct. 315, 321.

False or fraudulent misrepresentation is a representation contrary to the fact, made by a person with a knowledge of its falsehood, and being the cause of the other party's entering into the contract. 6 Clark & F. 232.

Negligent misrepresentation is a false representation made by a person who has no reasonable grounds for believing it to be true, though he does not know that it is untrue, or even believes it to be true. L. R. 4 H. L. 79.

Innocent misrepresentation occurs when the person making the representation had reasonable grounds for believing it to be true. L. R. 3 Q. B. 580.

In Insurance Law

A statement of something as a fact which is untrue and material to the risk, and which the insured states, knowing it to be untrue, in an attempt to deceive, or which he states positively is true without knowing it to be true, and which has a tendency to mislead. Hancock v. National Council of The Knights and Ladies of Security, 305 Ill. 66, 135 N. E. 83, 355; Ebner v. Ohio State Life Ins. Co., 69 Ind. App. 32, 121 N. E. 515, 322; Zackwik v. Hanover Fire Ins. Co. (Mo. App.) 225 S. W. 135, 138; Franklin Life Ins. Co. v. Dossett (Tex. Civ. App.) 265 S. W. 259, 261.

—Material misrepresentation. In insurance law, one that would influence a prudent-in-
surer in determining whether or not to accept the risk, or in fixing the amount of the premium in the event of such acceptance. Sovereign Camp, W. O. W., v. Parker, 36 Ga. App. 695, 138 S. E. 86, 87.

MISSA. Lat. The mass.

MISSÆ PRESBYTER. A priest in orders. Blount.

MISSAL. The mass-book.

MISSILIA. In Roman law. Gifts or liberalties, which the pretors and consuls were in the habit of throwing among the people. Inst. 2, 1, 45.

MISSING SHIP. In maritime law. A vessel is so called when, computed from her known day of sailing, the time that has elapsed exceeds the average duration of similar voyages at the same season of the year. 2 Duer, Ins. 409.

MISSIONARIES. The term "missionaries," as used in the liquor trade, applies to men employed to visit saloons throughout the country and sell liquors of particular manufacture, so that salesmen of wholesalers and jobbers will find the way prepared for them. Giram Walker & Sons v. Corning & Co. (D. C.) 255 F. 129, 130.

MISSIONS. In church parlance, the establishment of churches and schools and relief depots through which are taught the principles of Christianity, the afflicted cared for, and the needy supplied. Hitchcock v. Board of Home Missions, 250 Ill. 288, 102 N. E. 741, 744, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 1.

MISSIVES. In Scotch law. Writings passed between parties as evidence of a transaction. Bell.

MISSTACUS. In old records. A messenger.

MISSURA. The ceremonies used in a Roman Catholic church to recommend and dismiss a dying person.


Mistake of fact is a mistake not caused by the neglect of a legal duty on the part of the person making the mistake, and consisting in (1) an unconscious ignorance or forgetfulness of a fact, past or present, material to the contract; or (2) belief in the present existence of a thing material to the contract which does not exist, or in the past existence of such a thing which has not existed. Civ. Code Cal. § 1577. Beasley v. Beasley, 206 Ala. 489, 90 So. 347, 348; Brackett's Case, 132 Mass. 355, 185 A. 557, 558.

A mistake of fact happens when a party, having full knowledge of the facts, comes to an erroneous conclusion as to their legal effect. It is a mistaken opinion or inference, arising from an imperfect or incorrect exercise of the judgment, upon facts; and necessarily presupposes that the person forming it is in full possession of the facts. The facts precede the law, and the true and false opinion alike imply an acquaintance with them. The one is the result of a correct application of legal principles, which every man is presumed to know, and is called "law:" the other, the result of a faulty application, and is called a "mistake of law." Hurd v. Hall, 12 Ws. 124; Barnett v. Douglas, 102 Ohio St. 1053, 1053, 1055, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 1.

Mistake exists when the parties have a common intention, but it is induced by a common or mutual mistake. See Paine-Fishburn Granite Co. v. Reynolds, 115 Neb. 593, 213 N. W. 760, 761; Northwest Thresher Co. v. McIninch, 42 Ohio St. 153, 140 P. 1170, 1172; Hemphill v. New York Life Ins. Co., 166 Ky. 723, 245 S. W. 1040, 1042; O'Kell's Case, 158 Mass. 192, 154 N. E. 532, 533; New Departure Mfg. Co. v. Rockwell-Drake Corp. (C. C. A.) 287 F. 325, 342; Zuspann v. Roy, 103 Kan. 203, 179 P. 387, 389; Jenatsch v. Rosenzain, 158 Ws. 189, 201 N. W. 653, 655; Universal Sec. Co. v. American Pipe & Construction Co., 95 N. J. Eq. 736, 125 A. 619, 619. "Mistaken" as used in the expression mutual mistake of fact expresses a thought of reciprocity and distinguishes it from a mistake which is a common mistake of both parties. There is something of the thought of a common mistake because it must affect both parties. Mistake of fact as ground for relief may be neither "mutual" nor common in the strict sense because it may be wholly the mistake of one of the parties, the other being wholly ignorant of both of the fact upon the faith of which the other has mistakenly acted and that the other has acted upon such an understanding of the fact situation. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Heller (D. C.) 258 F. 385, 386, 386, 387, etc., also, Littler v. Barnes, 166 Md. 514, 217 S. W. 283, 280; Parchen v. Chesser, 51 Mont. 438, 164 P. 531, 532.

MISTERY. A trade or calling. Cowell.

MISTRESS. The proper style of the wife of an esquire or a gentleman in England.

MISTRAL. An erroneous, invalid, or nugatory trial; a trial of an action which cannot stand in law because of want of jurisdiction, or a wrong drawing of jurors, or disregard of some other fundamental requisite. C. W. Hunt Co. v. Boston Elevated Ry. Co., 21

MITIGATION. Alleviation; abatement or diminution of a penalty or punishment imposed by law. "Mitigating circumstances" are such as do not constitute a justification or excuse of the offense in question, but which, in fairness and mercy, may be considered as extenuating or reducing the degree of moral culpability. See Heaton v. Wright, 10 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 82; Wandell v. Edwards, 25 Hun (N. Y.) 500; Hess v. New York Press Co., 49 N. Y. S. 894, 26 App. Div. 73.

MITIGATION OF DAMAGES. A reduction of the amount of damages, not by proof of facts which are a bar to a part of the plaintiff's cause of action, or a justification, nor yet of facts which constitute a cause of action in favor of the defendant, but rather facts which show that the plaintiff's conceded cause of action does not entitle him to so large an amount as the showing on his side would otherwise justify the jury in allowing him. 1 Suth. Dam. 226.

MITIOR SENSUS. Lat. The more favorable acceptance.

Mitus imperanti melius paretur. The more milde one commands, the better is he obeyed. 3 Inst. 24.

MITOYENNETÉ. In French law. The joint ownership of two neighbors in a wall, ditch, or hedge which separates their estates.

MITTENDO MANUSCRIPTUM PEDIS FINIS. An abolished judicial writ addressed to the treasurer and chamberlain of the exchequer to search for and transmit the foot of a fine acknowledged before justices in eyre into the common pleas. Reg. Orig. 14.

MITTER. L. Fr. To put, to send, or to pass; as, mitter l'estate, to pass the estate; mitter le droit, to pass a right. These words are used to distinguish different kinds of releases.

MITTER AVANT. L. Fr. In old practice. To put before; to present before a court; to produce in court.

MITTIMUS. In Old English Law
A writ, enclosing a record sent to be tried in a county, palatine; it derives its name from the Latin word mittimus, "we send." It is the jury process of these counties, and commands the proper officer of the county palatine to command the sheriff to summon the jury for the trial of the cause, and to return the record, etc. Territory v. Hattick, 2 Mart. O. S. (La.) 88.

In Criminal Practice
The name of a precept in writing, issuing from a court or magistrate, directed to the sheriff or other officer, commanding him to convey to the prison the person named therein, and to the jailer, commanding him to receive and safely keep such person until he shall be delivered by due course of law. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1293. Connolly v. Anderson, 112 Mass. 62; Saunders v. U. S. (D. C.) 73 F. 786; Scott v. Spiegel, 67 Conn. 349, 35 A. 262.

MIXED. Formed by admixture or commingling; partaking of the nature, character, or legal attributes of two or more distinct kinds or classes.

MIXED LAWS. A name sometimes given to those which concern both persons and property.

MIXED QUESTION OF LAW AND FACT. A question depending for solution on questions of both law and fact, but is really a question of either law or fact to be decided by either judge or jury. State v. Hayes, 162 La. 917, 111 So. 327, 329.

MIXED QUESTIONS. This phrase may mean either those which arise from the conflict of foreign and domestic laws, or questions arising on a trial involving both law and fact. See Bennett v. Eddy, 120 Mich. 500, 79 N. W. 481.

MIXED SUBJECTS OF PROPERTY. Such as fall within the definition of things real, but which are attended, nevertheless, with some of the legal qualities of things personal, as emblems, fixtures, and shares in public undertakings, connected with land. Besides these, there are others which, though things personal in point of definition, are, in respect of some of their legal qualities, of the nature of things real; such are animals fera natura, charters and deeds, court rolls, and other evidences of the land, together with the chests in which they are contained, ancien family pictures, ornaments, tombstones, coats of armor, with penons and other ensigns, and especially heir-looms. Wharton.


MIXED TRIBUNALS. A name given to an international jurisdiction introduced into Egypt in 1878, after negotiations with the various Christian Powers of Europe. This tribunal made the administration of civil justice quite independent of the government of Egypt. They have jurisdiction over cases between persons of different nationalities, whether native or European, but criminal charges against natives are heard in the native criminal courts and those against Europeans in the proper consular courts. There are three first instance courts, one at Alexandria with
eighteen judges, of whom twelve are foreign, one at Ciluro with nineteen judges, of whom thirteen are foreign, and one at Mansurah with nine judges, of whom six are foreign, and a Court of Appeal sitting at Alexandria, composed of fifteen judges. The Jurisdiction cannot be invoked unless one party is a for-
eigner, but it is said to be not uncommon for Egyptian merchants to assign their claims to foreigners, so as to get them into these courts. See Ann. Bull. of Comp. Law Bureau, 1911, p. 43. The judges are subjects of various Euro-
pean states, and of the United States and Brazil. They are appointed by their respective governments; Milner, England in Egypt.

These courts were instituted for a period of five years only, and have been renewed at various times. Bonnif, Manual of Int. Law 460; 23 L. Q. R. 409; and see S Encyc. Laws of Eng. 445.


MIXTION. The mixture or confusion of goods or chattels belonging severally to differ-
ent owners, in such a way that they can no longer be separated or distinguished; as where two measures of wine belonging to differ-
ent persons are poured together into the same cask.

MIXTUM IMPERIUM. Lat. In old English law. Mixed authority; a kind of civil pow-
er. A term applied by Lord Hale to the "pow-
er" of certain subordinate civil magistrates as distinct from "jurisdiction." Hale, Anal. § 11.

MOB. An assemblage of many people, acting in a violent and disorderly manner, defying the law, and committing, or threatening to commit, depredations upon property or vio-
ience to persons. Alexander v. State, 40 Tex. Cr. R. 365, 50 S. W. 716; Marshall v. Buffalo, 50 App. Div. 149, 64 N. Y. S. 411; Cham-
paign County v. Church, 62 Ohio St. 318, 57 N. E. 50, 48 L. R. A. 738, 78 Am. St. Rep. 718; Board of Comrs of Butler County v. Beaty, 11 Ohio App. 111, 112; Cautey v. Clar-
endon County, 101 S. C. 141, 85 S. E. 228, 229.

This word, in legal use, is practically synon-
ymous with "riot," but the latter is the more correct term. Koski v. Kansas City, 123 Kan. 232, 255 P. 57, 58; Moore v. City of Wichita, 106 Kan. 636, 189 P. 372, 276; Blakeman v. City of Wichita, 93 Kan. 444, 144 P. 816, L.

MOBBING AND RIOTING. In Scotch law. A general term including all those convoca-
tions of the lieges for violent and unlawful purposes, which are attended with injury to the persons or property of the lieges, or terror and alarm to the neighborhood in which it takes place. The two phrases are usually placed together; but, nevertheless, they have

distinct meanings, and are sometimes used separately in legal language, the word "mob-
bing" being peculiarly applicable to the unlaw-
ful assemblage and violence of a number of persons, and that of "rioting" to the outra-

MOBILIA. Lat. Movables; movable things; otherwise called "res mobiles."


MOC. To deride, to laugh at, to ridicule, to treat with scorn and contempt. State v. Warner, 34 Conn. 279.

MOCADOES. A kind of cloth made in Eng-
land, mentioned in St. 23 Eliz. c. 9.

MODE. The manner in which a thing is done; as the mode of proceeding, the mode of proc-
ess. Anderson's L. Dict.

MODEL. A pattern or representation of something to be made. A fac simile of some-

MODERAMEN INCULPATE TUTELAE. Lat. In Roman law. The regulation of justifiable defense. A term used to express that degree of force in defense of the person or property which a person might safely use, although it should occasion the death of the aggressor. Calvin; Bell.

MODERATA MISERICORDIA. A wri-

tion founded on Magna Charta, which lies for him who is amerced in a court, not of record, for any transgression beyond the record, or quan-
tity of the offense. It is addressed to the lord of the court, or his bailiff, commanding him to take a moderate amercement of the par-

MODERATE CASTIGAVIT. Lat. In plead-

ing. He moderately chastised. The name of a plea in trespass which justifies an alleged bat-
tery on the ground that it consisted in a mod-
erate chastisement of the plaintiff by the de-
fendant, which, from their relations, the lat-
ter had a legal right to inflict.

MODERATE SPEED. In admiralty law. As applied to a steam-vessel, "such speed only is moderate as will permit the steamer reason-
ably and effectually to avoid a collision by slackening speed, or by stopping and revers-
ing, within the distance at which an approaching vessel can be seen." The City of New


MODIATIO. In old English law. A certain duty paid for every tress of wine.

Modica circumstancia facti jus mutat. A small circumstance attending an act may change the law.

MODIFICATION. A change; an alteration which introduces new elements into the details, or cancels some of them, but leaves the general purpose and effect of the subject-matter intact. Wiley v. Corporation of Bluffton, 111 Ind. 152, 12 N. E. 185; State v. Tackett, 36 Or. 291, 61 P. 594, 51 L. R. A. 246; Astor v. L'Amoreux, 4 Sandf. (N. Y.) 538; Knights of Pythias of North America v. Long, 117 Ark. 138, 174 S. W. 1197, 1199.

"Modification" is not exactly synonymous with "amendment," for the former term denotes some minor change in the substance of the thing, without reference to its improvement or deterioration thereby, while the latter word imports an amelioration of the thing (as by changing the phraseology of an instrument, so as to make it more distinct or specific) without involving the idea of any change in substance or essence.

In Scotch Law

The term usually applied to the decree of the teind court, awarding a suitable stipend to the minister of a parish. Bell.

MODIFY. To alter; to change in incidental or subordinate features; enlarge, extend; limit, reduce. State v. Lincoln, 133 Minn. 178, 168 N. W. 50, 62; U. S. v. Felder (D. C.) 13 F. (2d) 527, 528. See Modification.

MODIUS. Lat. A measure. Specifically, a Roman dry measure having a capacity of about 550 cubic inches; but in medieval English law used as an approximate translation of the word "bushel."

MODIUS TERRÆ VEL AGRI. In old English law. A quantity of ground containing in length and breadth 100 feet.

MODO ET FORMA. Lat. In manner and form. Words used in the old Latin forms of pleadings by way of traverse, and literally translated in the modern precedents, importing that the party traversing denies the allegation of the other party, not only in its general effect, but in the exact manner and form in which it is made. Steph. Pl. 159, 150.

MODUS. Lat.

In the Civil Law

Manner; means; way.

In Old Conveyancing

Mode; manner; the arrangement or expression of the terms of a contract or conveyance.

Also a consideration; the consideration of a conveyance, technically expressed by the word "ut."

A qualification, involving the idea of variance or departure from some general rule or form, either by way of restriction or enlargement, according to the circumstances of a particular case, the will of a donor, the particular agreement of parties, and the like. Burrill.

In Criminal Pleading

The modus of an indictment is that part of it which contains the narrative of the commission of the crime; the statement of the mode or manner in which the offense was committed. Tray. Lat. Max.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A peculiar manner of tithing, growing out of custom.

In General

—Modus de non decimando. In ecclesiastical law. A custom or prescription of entire exemption from the payment of tithes; this is not valid, unless in the case of abbey-lands.

—Modus decimandi. In ecclesiastical law. A manner of tithing; a partial exemption from tithes, or a pecuniary composition prescribed by immemorial usage, and of reasonable amount; for it will be invalid as a rank modus if greater than the value of the tithes in the time of Richard I. Stim. Law Gloss.

—Modus habiitis A valid manner.


—Modus tenendi. The manner of holding; i. e., the different species of tenures by which estates are held.

—Modus transferrendi. The manner of transferring.

—Modus vacandi. The manner of vacating. How and why an estate has been relinquished or surrendered by a vassal to his lord might well be referred to by this phrase. See Tray. Lat. Max. 8. v.

—Rank modus. One that is too large. Rankness is a mere rule of evidence, drawn from
the improbability of the fact, rather than a rule of law. 2 Steph. Comm. 729.

Modus de non decimando non valet. A modus (prescription) not to pay tithes is void. Loft, 427; Cro. Eliz. 611; 2 Shars. Bl. Comm. 31.

Modus et conventio vincunt legem. Custom and agreement override rule law. This maxim forms one of the first principles relative to the law of contracts. The exceptions to the rule here laid down are in cases against public policy, morality, etc. 2 Coke, 73; Broom, Max. 689, 691–695.

Modus legem dat donationi. Custom gives law to the gift. Co. Litt. 19; Broom, Max. 459.


MOERDA. The secret killing of another; murder. 4 Bl. Comm. 194.

MOFUSSIL. In Hindu law. Separated; particularized; the subordinate divisions of a district in contradistinction to Sudder or Sudder, which implies the chief seat of government. Wharton.

MOHAMMEDAN LAW. A system of native law prevailing among the Mohammedans in India, and administered there by the British government.

MOHATRA. In French law. A transaction covering a fraudulent device to evade the laws against usury.

It takes place where an individual buys merchandise from another on a credit at a high price, to sell it immediately to the first seller, or to a third person who acts as his agent, at a much less price for cash. 16 Toullier, no. 41.

MOIDORE. A gold coin of Portugal, valued at twenty-seven English shillings.

MOIETY. The half of anything. Joint tenants are said to hold by moiecties. Litt. 125; 3 C. B. 274, 253; Young v. Smithers, 181 Ky. 847, 205 S. W. 949, 950.

MOIETY ACTS. A name sometimes applied to penal and criminal statutes which provide that half the penalty or fine shall inure to the benefit of the informer.

MOLENDINUM. In old records. A mill.

MOLENDUM. A grist; a certain quantity of corn sent to a mill to be ground.

MOLESTATION. In Scotch law. A possessory action calculated for continuing proprietors of landed estates in the lawful possession of them till the point of right be determined against all who shall attempt to disturb their possession. It is chiefly used in questions of commony or of controverted marches. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 48.

MOLITURA. The toll or multure paid for grinding corn at a mill. Jacob.

MOLITURA LIBERA. Free grinding; a liberty to have a mill without paying tolls to the lord. Jacob.

MOLLITER MANUS IMPOSUIT. Lat. He gently laid hands upon. Formal words in the old Latin pleas in actions of trespass and assault where a defendant justified laying hands upon the plaintiff, as where it was done to keep the peace, etc. The phrase is literally translated in the modern precedents, and the original is retained as the name of the plea in such cases. 3 Bl. Comm. 21; 1 Chit. Pl. 501, 502; Id. 1071.

MOLMUTIAN LAWS. The laws of Dunravo Molmutuis, a legendary or mythical king of the Britons, who is supposed to have begun his reign about 400 B.C. These laws were famous in the land till the Conquest. Tomlins; Moxley & Whitley.

MOMENTUM. In the civil law. An instant; an indivisible portion of time. Calvin.

A portion of time that might be measured; a division or subdivision of a hour; answering in some degree to the modern minute, but of longer duration. Calvin.

MONACHISM. The state of monks.

MONARCHY. A government in which the supreme power is vested in a single person. Where a monarch is invested with absolute power, the monarchy is termed "despotic;" where the supreme power is virtually in the laws, though the majesty of government and the administration are vested in a single person, it is a "limited" or "constitutional" monarchy. It is hereditary where the regal power descends immediately from the possessor to the next heir by blood, as in England; or elective, as was formerly the case in Poland. Wharton.

MONASTERIUM. A monastery; a church. Spelman.

MONASTICON. A book giving an account of monasteries, convents, and religious houses.

MONETA. Lat. Money, (q. v.)

Moneta est justum medium et mensura rerum commutabilium, nam per medium monetae fit omnium rerum conveniens et justa substantia. Dav. Ir. K. B. 18. Money is the just medium and measure of commutable things, for by the medium of money a convenient and just estimation of all things is made.

MONETAGIUM. Mintage, or the right of coining money. Cowell. Hence, anciently, a tribute payable to a lord who had the prerogative of coining money, by his tenants, in consideration of his refraining from changing the coinage.
Monetandijus comprehenderitur in regalisbus quanunquam a regio sceptro abdicantis. The right of coining money is comprehended among those royal prerogatives which are never relinquished by the royal scepter. Dav. Ir. K. B. 18.

MONEY. A general, indefinite term for the measure and representative of value; currency; the circulating medium; cash.

"Money" is a generic term, and embraces every description of coin or bank-notes recognized by common consent as a representative of value in effecting exchanges of property or payment of debts. Hopson v. Fountain, 5 Humph. (Tenn.) 140.

Money is used in a specific and also in a general and more comprehensive sense. In its specific sense, it means what is coined or stamped by public authority, and has its determinate value fixed by governments. In its more comprehensive and general sense, it means wealth,—the representative of commodities of all kinds, of lands, and of everything that can be transferred in commerce. Paul v. Ball, 31 Tex. 10.


The term "moneys" is not of more extensive signification than "money," and means only cash, and not things in action. Mann v. Mann, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 1, 7 Am. Dec. 416.

Money—Bill

In parliamentary language, an act by which revenue is directed to be raised, for any purpose or in any shape whatsoever, either for governmental purposes, and collected from the whole people generally, or for the benefit of a particular district, and collected in that district, or for making appropriations. Opinion of Justices, 128 Mass. 547; Northern Counties Inv. Trust v. Sears, 30 Or. 388, 41 Pac. 931, 35 L. R. A. 188.

Money Claims

In English practice. Under the judicature act of 1875, claims for the price of goods sold, for money lent, for arrears of rent, etc., and other claims where money is directly payable on a contract express or implied, as opposed to the cases where money is claimed by way of damages for some independent wrong, whether by breach of contract or otherwise. These "money claims" correspond very nearly to the "money counts" hitherto in use. Mozley & Whittley.

Money Demand

A claim for a fixed and liquidated amount of money, or for a sum which can be ascertained by mere calculation; in this sense, distinguished from a claim which must be passed upon and liquidated by a jury, called "damages." Roberts v. Nodwiff, 8 Ind. 241; Mills v. Long, 58 Ala. 460.

Money Had and Received

In pleading. The technical designation of a form of declaration in assumpsit, wherein the plaintiff declares that the defendant had and received certain money, etc.

The action for "money had and received" is comprehensive in its scope, equitable in spirit, although legal in form, and is favored by the courts, and is maintainable when the defendant has money which in equity and good conscience belongs to plaintiff. Dow v. Bradbury, 110 Me. 249, 85 A. 896, 897, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1041; Firpo v. Pacific Mut. Life Ins. Co., 90 Cal. App. 122, 251 P. 637, 658; Lakeport Nat. Bank v. McDonald, 80 N. H. 337, 116 A. 638, 649; Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. v. City of Bridgeport, 103 Conn. 240, 130 A. 184, 186.

Money Land

A phrase descriptive of money which is held upon a trust to convert it into land.

Money Lend

In pleading. The technical name of a declaration in an action of assumpsit for that the defendant promised to pay the plaintiff for money lent.

Money Made

The return made by a sheriff to a writ of execution, signifying that he has collected the sum of money required by the writ.

Money of Adieu

In French law. Earnest money; so called because given at parting in completion of the bargain. A rrehes is the usual French word for earnest money; "money of adieu" is a provincialism found in the province of Orleans. Poth. Cont. 597.

Money Order

Under the postal regulations of the United States, a money order is a species of draft drawn by one post-office upon another for
an amount of money deposited at the first office by the person purchasing the money order, and payable at the second office to a payee named in the order. See U. S. v. Long (C. C.) 30 F. 679.

Money-Order Office
One of the post-offices authorized to draw or pay money orders.

Money Paid
In pleading. The technical name of a declaration in assumptis, in which the plaintiff declares for money paid for the use of the defendant.

Moneyed Capital
This term has a more limited meaning than the term "personal property," and applies to such capital as is readily solvable in money. Mercantile Nat. Bank v. New York, 121 U. S. 138, 7 Sup. Ct. 826, 30 L. Ed. 895.

Moneyed Corporation
See Corporation.

Public Money
Revenue. Hays v. State, 22 Okl. Cr. 99, 210 P. 728, 730. Money received by officers of the state in the ordinary processes of taxation, etc. Beaumont S. L. & W. Ry. Co. v. State (Tex. Clv. App.) 173 S. W. 641, 642. But see Wardell v. Town of Killingly, 97 Conn. 423, 117 A. 520, 522. Under a municipal charter, money or funds belonging to a city: moneys which are owing or payable to the city in its corporate capacity, such as assessments, license fees, or moneys derived from the sales of property, wharfage charges, and such like, City of Sacramento v. Simmons, 66 Cal. App. 18, 225 P. 36, 39. Under a statute, all money which by law the sheriff in his capacity as such and as treasurer of the county and district is authorized to collect, receive, and disburse for public purposes. Bunch v. Short, 78 W. Va. 764, 90 S. E. 810, 812. As used in the United States statutes, the money of the federal government received from the public revenues, or intrusted to its fiscal officers, wherever it may be. See Branch v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cl. 291.

As to money "Broker," "Count," "Judgment," and "Scrivener," see those titles.

Monger. A dealer or seller. It is seldom or never used alone, or otherwise than after the name of any commodity, to express a seller of such commodity.

Moniers, or Moneyeers. Ministers of the mint; also bankers. Cowell.

Moniment. A memorial, superscription, or record.

Monition. In Practice
A monition is a formal order of the court commanding something to be done by the per-
MONOMANIA. In medical jurisprudence. Derangement of a single faculty of the mind, or with regard to a particular subject, the other faculties being in regular exercise. See Insanity.

Monopedia diotur, cum unus solus aliquod genus mercatorum universum emit, pretium ad sumum libitum statuens. 11 Coke, 86. It is said to be a monopoly when one person alone buys up the whole of one kind of commodity, fixing a price at his own pleasure.

MONOPOLIUM. The sole power, right, or privilege of sale; monopoly; a monopoly. Calvin.

MONOPOLY. In commercial law. A privilege or peculiar advantage vested in one or more persons or companies, consisting in the exclusive right (or power) to carry on a particular business or trade, manufacture a particular article, or control the sale of the whole supply of a particular commodity.

Defined in English law to be “a license or privilege allowed by the king for the sole buying and selling, making, working, or using, of anything whatsoever; whereby the subject in general is restrained from that liberty of manufacturing or trading which he had before.” 4 Bl. Comm. 159; 4 Steph. Comm. 291. And see State v. Duluth Board of Trade, 107 Minn. 506, 121 N. W. 395, 23 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1260.


MONSTER. A prodigious birth; a human birth or offspring not having the shape of mankind, which cannot be heir to any land, albeit it be brought forth in marriage. Bracte. fol. 5; Co. Litt. 7, 8; 2 Bl. Comm. 246.

MONSTANS DE DROIT. L. Fr. In English law. A showing or manifestation of right; one of the common law methods of obtaining possession or restitution from the crown, of either real or personal property. It is the proper preceding when the right of the party, as well as the right of the crown, appears upon record, and consists in putting in a claim of right grounded on facts already acknowledged and established, and praying the judgment of the court whether upon these facts the king or the subject has the right. 3 Bl. Comm. 258; 4 Coke, 514b.


MONSTRAVEMENT, WRIT OF. In English law. A writ which lies for the tenants of ancient demesne who hold by free charter, and not for those tenants who hold by copy of court roll, or by the rod, according to the custom of the manor. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 14.

MONSTRUM. A box in which relics are kept; also a muster of soldiers. Cowell.

MONTES. In Spanish law. Forests or woods. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 1.

MONTES PIETATIS. Public pawnbroking establishments; institutions established by government, in some European countries, for lending small sums of money on pledges of personal property. In France they are called "monts de piété."

MONTH. One of the divisions of a year. The space of time denoted by this term varies according as one or another of the following varieties of months is intended: Astronomical, containing one-twelfth of the time occupied by the sun in passing through the entire zodiac. Calendar, civil, or solar, which is one of the months in the Gregorian calendar.—January, February, March, etc., which are of unequal length. Lunar, being the period of one revolution of the moon, or twenty-eight days.

The word "month," when used in a statute or contract without qualification, meant at common law a lunar month of 28 days. State v. White, 73 Fla. 426, 74 So. 456, 457.


MONUMENT. 1. Anything by which the memory, thing, idea, art, science or event is preserved or perpetuated. A tomb where a dead body has been deposited. Mead v. Case, 33 Barb. (N. Y.) 202; In re Ogden, 25 R. I. 373, 35 A. 933; Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. v. Benedict, 41 R. I. 143, 103 A. 146, 147.
2. In real-property law and surveying, monuments are visible marks or indications left on natural or other objects indicating the lines and boundaries of a survey. In this sense the term includes not only posts, pillars, stone markers, carins, and the like, but also fixed natural objects, blazed trees, and even a watercourse. See Grier v. Pennsylvania Coal Co., 128 Pa. 79, 18 A. 480; Cox v. Freedley, 33 Pa. 124, 75 Am. Dec. 584; Rem. Comp. Stat. § 8622; Ninemire v. Nelson, 140 Wash. 511, 249 P. 990, 991; Cornelious v. State, 22 Ala. App. 150, 112 So. 475, 476; Perich v. Maurer, 29 Cal. App. 293, 155 P. 471, 472; Burnham v. Hoyt, 216 Mass. 278, 104 N. E. 62, 63.

Monumenta que nos recorda vocamus sunt veritatis et vetustatis vestigia. Co. Litt. 118. Monuments, which we call “records,” are the vestiges of truth and antiquity.

MONYA. In Norman law. Moneyage. A tax or tribute of one shilling on every heath, payable to the duke every three years, in consideration that he should not alter the coin. Hale, Com. Law, 148, and note.

MOOKTAR. In Hindu law. An agent or attorney.

MOOKTARNAMA. In Hindu law. A written authority constituting an agent; a power of attorney.

MOONSHINE. Although an adjective used to qualify whisky, “moonshine” is often used in common speech as a noun. In either case it means a distilled, alcoholic liquor, illegally produced, or smuggled into community. Whether it was made of rye, corn or other material is immaterial. State v. Sedlacek, 74 Mont. 201, 259 P. 1002, 1005; Chaneey v. State, 21 Ala. App. 625, 111 So. 188; State v. Edwards, 106 Or. 53, 210 P. 1079, 1081; State v. Morris (Mo. Sup.) 279 S. W. 141, 144; Welschem v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 11 F. (2d) 505, 506; State v. Charrette, 242 F. 348, 75 Mont. 78; State v. Wright, 332 Mo. 626, 269 S. W. 703, 706; State v. Bogdon, 140 Wash. 68, 248 P. 66; Kenny v. Commonwealth, 211 Ky. 349, 277 S. W. 480, 481; Kannenberg v. State, 193 Wis. 476, 214 N. W. 365, 366; State v. Martin (Mo. Sup.) 292 S. W. 39, 41; Jakula v. Starkey, 161 Minn. 58, 200 N. W. 811, 812.

MOOR. An officer in the Isle of Man, who summons the courts for the several headings. The office is similar to the English bailiff of a hundred.

MOORAGE. A sum due by law or usage for mooring or fastening of ships to trees or posts at the shore, or to a wharf. Wharf Case, 3 Bland (Md.) 373.

MOORING. In maritime law. Anchoring or making fast to the shore or dock; the securing or confining a vessel in a particular station, as by cables and anchors or by a line or chain run to the wharf. A vessel is “moored in safety,” within the meaning of a policy of marine insurance, when she is thus moored to a wharf or dock, free from any immediate danger from any of the perils insured against. See 1 Phil. Ins. 968; Walsh v. New York Floating Dry Dock Co., 8 Daly (N. Y.) 387; Flardeau v. Elsworth, 9 Misc. 340, 29 N. Y. S. 694; Bramhall v. Sun Mut. Ins. Co., 104 Mass. 516, 6 Am. Rep. 261.

MOOT, n.

In English Law

Moots are exercises in pleading, and in arguing doubtful cases and questions, by the students of an inn of court before the benches of the inn. Sweet.

In Saxon Law

A meeting or assemblage of people, particularly for governmental or judicial purposes. The more usual forms of the word were “mote” and “gemot.” See those titles.

In General

—Moot hill. Hill of meeting, (gemot,) on which the Britons used to hold their courts, the judge sitting on the eminence; the parties, etc., on an elevated platform below. Enc. Lond.

—MOOT, adj. A subject for argument; unsettled; undecided. A moot point is one not settled by judicial decisions. A moot case is one which seeks to determine an abstract question which does not arise upon existing facts or rights. Adams v. Union R. Co., 21 R. I. 134, 42 A. 515, 44 L. R. A. 273.

In General

—Moot court. A court held for the arguing of moot cases or questions.

—Moot hall. The place where moot cases were argued. Also a council-chamber, hall of judgment, or town-hall.

—Moot man. One of those who used to argue the reader’s cases in the inns of court.


MOOTING. The exercise of arguing questions of law or equity, raised for the purpose. See Moot.

MORA. Lat. In the civil law. Delay; default; neglect; culpable delay or default. Calvin.

MORA. Sax. A moor; barren or unprofitable ground; marsh; a heath; a watery bog or moor. Co. Litt. 5; Fleta, 1, 2, c. 71.

MORA MUSSA. A watery or boggy moor; a morass.

MORAL. 1. Pertaining or relating to the conscience or moral sense or to the general principles of right conduct.

2. Cognizable or enforceable only by the conscience or by the principles of right conduct, as distinguished from positive law.

3. Depending upon or resulting from probability; raising a belief or conviction in the mind independent of strict or logical proof.

4. Involving or affecting the moral sense; as in the phrase “moral insanity.”

MORAL ACTIONS. Those only in which men have knowledge to guide them, and a will to choose for themselves. Ruth. Inst. lib. I, c. i.

MORAL CERTAINTY. In the law of criminal evidence. That degree of assurance which induces a man of sound mind to act, without doubt, upon the conclusions to which it leads. Willis, Circ. Ev. 7. A certainty that convincis and directs the understanding and satisfies the reason and judgment of those who are bound to act conscientiously upon it.

State v. Orr, 64 Mo. 339; Bradley v. State, 31 Ind. 492; Ross v. Montana Union Ry. Co. (C. C.) 45 F. 425; Pharr v. State, 10 Tex. App. 455; Territory v. McAndrews, 3 Mont. 158. A high degree of impression of the truth of a fact, falling short of absolute certainty, but sufficient to justify a verdict of guilty, even in a capital case. See Burrill. Circ. Ev. 198-200. Beyond a reasonable doubt. State v. Norman, 163 Ohio St. 541, 134 N. E. 474, 475; State v. Cassill, 71 Mont. 274, 229 P. 716, 719; Odeneal v. State, 128 Tenn. 60, 157 S. W. 419; Austin v. State, 6 Ga. App. 211 (1), 64 S. E. 670; Thomas v. State, 19 Ga. App. 106 (4-a), 91 S. E. 247; Bivins v. State, 29 Ga. App. 49, 113 S. E. 57; Murray v. State, 29 Ga. App. 49, 113 S. E. 57; State v. Koski, 100 W. Va. 98, 130 S. E. 100, 101; State v. Charlie Mum, 76 Mont. 278, 246 P. 257, 258. The phrase “moral certainty” has been introduced into our jurisprudence from the publicists and metaphysicians, and signifies only a very high degree of probability. It was observed by Puffendorf that, “when we declare such a thing to be morally certain, because it has been confirmed by credible witnesses, this moral certainty is nothing else but a strong presumption grounded on probable reasons, and which very seldom falls and deceives us.” “Probable evidence,” says Bishop Butler, in the opening sentence of his Analogy, “is essentially distinguished from demonstrative by this: that it admits of degrees, and of all variety of them, from the highest moral certainty to the very lowest presumption.” Com. v. Costley, 118 Mass. 23.

MORAL EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

MORAL FRAUD. This phrase is one of the less usual designations of “actual” or “positive” fraud or “fraud in fact,” as distinguished from “constructive” fraud or “fraud in law.” It means fraud which involves actual guilt, a wrongful purpose, or moral obliquity.

MORAL HAZARD. See Hazard.

MORAL INSANITY. See Insanity.

MORAL LAW. The law of conscience; the aggregate of those rules and principles of ethics which relate to right and wrong conduct and prescribe the standards to which the actions of men should conform in their dealings with each other. See Moore v. Strickling, 46 W. Va. 515, 33 S. E. 274, 50 L. R. A. 279.

MORAL OBLIGATION. See Obligation.

MORANDÆ SOLUTIONIS CAUSA. Lat. For the purpose of delaying or postponing payment or performance.

MORATORIUM. A term designating a suspension of all, or of certain, legal remedies against debtors, sometimes authorized by law during times of financial distress.

MORATUR IN LEGE. Lat. He delays in law. The phrase describes the action of one who demurs, because the party does not proceed in pleading, but rests or abides upon the judgment of the court on a certain point, as to the legal sufficiency of his opponent’s pleading. The court deliberate and determine thereupon.

MORAVIANS. Otherwise called “Herrnhutters” or “United Brethren.” A sect of Christians whose social polity is particular and conspicuous. It sprung up in Moravia and Bohemia, on the opening of that reformation which stripped the chair of St. Peter of so many votaries; and gave birth to so many denominations of Christians. They give evidence on their solemn affirmation. 2 Steph. Comm. 358s.

MORBUS SONTICUS. Lat. In the civil law. A sickness which rendered a man incapable of attending to business.


MOREOVER. In addition thereto, also, furthermore, likewise, beyond this, besides this, Pagano v. Cerri, 93 Ohio St. 345, 112 N. E. 1037, 1040, L. R. A. 1917A, 486; Aldersley v. McCloud, 35 Cal. App. 17, 168 P. 1153, 1155.

MORGANATIC-MARRIAGE. See Marriage.

MORGANINA, or MORGANGIVA. A gift on the morning after the wedding; dowry; the husband's gift to his wife on the day after the wedding. Du Cange; Cowell.


MORGUE. A place where the bodies of persons found dead are kept for a limited time and exposed to view, to the end that their friends may identify them.

MORMONISM. A social and religious system prevailing in the territory of Utah, a distinctive feature of which is the practice of polygamy. These plural marriages are not recognized by law, but are indictable offenses under the statutes of the United States and of Utah.

MORON. One whose intellectual development proceeds normally up to about the 8th year of age, then is arrested, and never exceeds that of a normal child of about 12 years. People v. Joyce, 233 N. Y. 61, 134 N. E. 836, 840.

MORPHINOMANIA, or MORPHINISM. The opium habit. An excessive desire for morphia.

MORS. Lat. Death.

Mors diolorium supplicium. Death is called the "last punishment," the "extremity of punishment." 3 Inst. 312.


MORSELLUM, or MORSELLUS, TERRÆ. In old English law. A small parcel or bit of land.

MORT CIVILE. In French law. Civil death, as upon conviction for felony. It was nominally abolished by a law of the 31st of May, 1854, but something very similar to it, in effect at least, still remains. Thus, the property of the condemned, possessed by him at the date of his conviction, goes and belongs to his successors, (héritiers,) as in case of an intestacy; and his future acquired property goes to the state by right of its prerogative, (par droit de désérence,) but the state may, as a matter of grace, make it over in whole or in part to the widow and children. Brown.

MORT D'ANCESTOR. An ancient and now almost obsolete remedy in the English law. An assize of mort d'ancestor was a writ which lay for a person whose ancestor died seized of lands in fee-simple, and after his death a stranger abated; and this writ directed the sheriff to summon a jury or assize, who should view the land in question and recognize whether such ancestor were seized thereof on the day of his death, and whether the demandant were the next heir.

MORTAL. Destructive to life, causing or occasioning death; terminating life; exposing to or deserving death; deadly, as mortal wound, mortal sin; of or pertaining to time of death. State v. Baker, 122 Kan. 552, 253 P. 221, 223.

MORTALITY. This word, in its ordinary sense, never means violent death, but death arising from natural causes. Lawrence v. Aberdein, 5 Barn. & Ald. 110.

MORTGAGE. An estate created by a conveyance absolute in its form, but intended to secure the performance of some act, such as the payment of money, and the like, by the grantor or some other person, and to become void if the act is performed agreeably to the terms prescribed at the time of making such conveyance. 1 Washh. Real Prop. $475.

A conditional conveyance of land, designed as a security for the payment of money, the fulfillment of some contract, or the performance of some act, and to be void upon such payment, fulfillment, or performance. Mitch. v. Burnham, 44 Me. 290.

A debt by specialty, secured by a pledge of lands, of which the legal ownership is vested in the creditor, but of which, in equity, the debtor and those claiming under him remain the actual owners, until debarred by judicial sentence or their own laches. Coote, Mort. 1.

The foregoing definitions are applicable to the common-law conception of a mortgage. But in many states in modern times, it is regarded as a mere lien, and not as creating a title or estate. It is a pledge or security of particular property for the payment of a debt or the performance of some other obligation, whatever form the transaction may take, but is not now regarded as a conveyance in effect, though it may be cast in the form of a conveyance. See Muth v. Goddard, 28 Mont. 237, 72 P. 621, 98 Am. St. Rep. 553; Johnson v. Robinson, 68 Tex. 309, 4 S. W. 625; In re McCon nell's Estate, 74 Cal. 217, 15 P. 746; Killebrew v. Hines, 104 N. C. 182, 10 S. E. 139, 17 Am. St. Rep. 672; Bryan v. Boyd, 100 S. C. 397, 84 S. E. 992, 993; Williams v. Purcell, 46 Okl. 459, 45 P. 1151, 1154; Union Machinery & Supply Co. v. Darnell, 89 Wash. 226, 154 P. 183, 186; West v. Middlesex Banking Co., 33 S. D. 465, 146 N. W. 598, 608; Shirley v. All Night and Day Bank, 166 Cal. 59, 134 P. 1001, 1003; Holmberg v. Hardee, 90 Fla. 787, 109 So. 211, 221; Bell v. Koontz, 172 Ark. 870, 290 S. W. 597, 608; Lane v. Smart, 21 Ga. App. 292, 94 S. E. 325, 326; Parks v. Watson, 51 Okl. 19, 151 P. 447, 478; Watkins v. Wallace, 206 Ky. 264, 267 S. W. 183, 185; Cramer v. Remmel, 132 Ark. 158, 200 S. W. 811, 812; Angus v. Holbrooke, 87 Or. 543, 170 P. 1179, 1180; Southwick v. Bigelow, 257
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Mass. 290, 129 N. E. 452, 453; Gibson v. Hopkins, 80 W. Va. 756, 93 S. E. 826, 827. To the same purpose are also the following statutory definitions:

Mortgage is a right granted to the creditor over the property of the debtor for the security of his debt, and gives him the power of having the property seized and sold in default of payment. Civ. Code La. art. 3278.

Mortgage is a contract by which specific property is hypothecated for the performance of an act, without the necessity of a change of possession. Civ. Code Cal. § 2920.

Chattel Mortgage

A mortgage of goods, chattels, or personal property. See Chattel Mortgage.

Conventional Mortgage

The conventional mortgage is a contract by which a person binds the whole of his property, or a portion of it only, in favor of another, to secure the execution of some engagement, but without divesting himself of possession. Civ. Code La. art. 3290; Succession of Benjamin, 39 La. Ann. 612, 2 So. 187. It is distinguished from the "legal" mortgage, which is a privilege which the law alone in certain cases gives to a creditor over the property of his debtor, without stipulation of the parties. This last is very much like a general lien at common law, created by the law rather than by the act of the parties, such as a judgment lien.

Equitable Mortgage

A specific lien upon real property to secure the payment of money or the performance of some other obligation, which a court of equity will recognize and enforce, in accordance with the clearly ascertained intent of the parties to that effect, but which lacks the essential features of a legal mortgage, either because it grows out of the transactions of the parties without any deed or express contract to give a lien, or because the instrument used for that purpose is wanting in some of the characteristics of a common-law mortgage, or, being absolute in form, is accompanied by a collateral reservation of a right to redeem, or because an explicit agreement to give a mortgage has not been carried into effect. See 4 Kent. Comm. 150; 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1018; Ketchum v. St. Louis, 101 U. S. 306, 25 L. Ed. 999; Payne v. Wilson, 74 N. Y. 348; Gessner v. Palmateer, 89 Cal. 80, 26 P. 759, 13 L. R. A. 187; Cummings v. Jackson, 55 N. J. Eq. 805, 38 A. 763; Hall v. Railroad Co., 58 Ala. 23; Bradley v. Merrill, 88 Me. 319, 34 A. 160; Carter v. Holman, 60 Mo. 504. In English law, the following mortgages are equitable: (1) Where the subject of a mortgage is trust property, which security is effected either by a formal deed or a written memorandum, notice being given to the trustees in order to preserve the priority. (2) Where it is an equity of redemption, which is merely a right to bring an action in the chancery division to redeem the estate. (3) Where there is a written agreement only to make a mortgage, which creates an equitable lien on the land. (4) Where a debtor deposits the title-deeds of his estate with his creditor or some person on his behalf, without even a verbal communication. The deposit itself is deemed evidence of an executed agreement or contract for a mortgage for such estate. Wharton.

First Mortgage

The first (in time or right) of a series of two or more mortgages covering the same property and successively attaching as liens upon it; also, in a more particular sense, a mortgage which is a first lien on the property, not only as against other mortgages, but as against any other charges or incumbrances. Green's Appeal, 97 Pa. 347.

First Mortgage Bonds

Bonds the payment of which is secured by a first mortgage on property. Bank of Atchison County v. Byers, 130 Mo. 627, 41 S. W. 325; Minnesota & P. R. Co. v. Sibley, 2 Minn. 18 (Gill 1); Com. v. Williamstown, 156 Mass. 70, 30 N. E. 472.

Second Mortgage

One which takes rank immediately after a first mortgage on the same property, without any intervening liens, and is next entitled to satisfaction out of the proceeds of the property. Green's Appeal, 97 Pa. 347. Properly speaking, however, the term designates the second of a series of mortgages, not necessarily the second lien. For instance, the lien of a judgment might intervene between the first and second mortgages; in which case, the second mortgage would be the third lien.

General Mortgage

Mortgages are sometimes classified as general and special, a mortgage of the former class being one which binds all property, present and future, of the debtor (sometimes called a "blanket" mortgage); while a special mortgage is limited to certain particular and specified property. Barnard v. Erwin, 2 Rob. (La.) 415.

Judicial Mortgage

In the law of Louisiana. The lien resulting from judgments, whether rendered on contested cases or by default, whether final or provisional, in favor of the person obtaining them. Civ. Code La. art. 3321.

Legal Mortgage

A term used in Louisiana. The law alone in certain cases gives to the creditor a mortgage on the property of his debtor, without it being requisite that the parties should stipulate it. This is called "legal mortgage." Civ. Code La. art. 3311.

Mortgage of Goods

A conveyance of goods in gage or mortgage by which the whole legal title passes condi-
tionally to the mortgagee; and, if the goods are not redeemed at the time stipulated, the title becomes absolute in law, although equity will interfere to compel a redemption. It is distinguished from a "pledge" by the circumstance that possession by the mortgagee is not or may not be essential to create or to support the title. Story, Balim. § 287. See Chatell Mortgage.

Purchase-Money Mortgage


Taalt Mortgage

In Louisiana. The same as a "legal" mortgage. See supra.

Welsh Mortgage

In English law. A species of security which partakes of the nature of a mortgage, as there is a debt due, and an estate is given as security for the repayment, but differs from it in the circumstances that the rents and profits are to be received without account till the principal money is paid off, and there is no remedy to enforce payment, while the mortgagor has a perpetual power of redemption. It is now rarely used. 1 Pow. Mortg. 373a. See O'Neill v. Gray, 38 Him (N. Y.) 566; Bentley v. Phelps, 3 Fed. Cas. 250.

MORTGAGEE. He that takes or receives a mortgage.

MORTGAGEE IN POSSESSION. A mortgagee of real property who is in possession of it with the agreement or assent of the mortgagor, express or implied, and in recognition of his mortgagor and because of it, and under such circumstances as to make the satisfaction of his lien an equitable prærequisitae to his being dispossessed. See Rogers v. Benton, 39 Minn. 39, 38 N. W. 765, 12 Am. St. Rep. 613; Kelso v. Norton, 65 Kan. 778, 70 P. 896, 93 Am. St. Rep. 308; Steunier v. Harlan, 65 Kan. 135, 74 P. 610, 64 L. R. A. 320, 104 Am. St. Rep. 296; Freeman v. Campbell, 109 Cal. 300, 42 P. 35.

MORTGAGOR. He that gives a mortgage.

MORT. Sax. Murder, answering exactly to the French "assassinat" or "meurtre de guet-apens."

MORTHLAGA. A murderer. Cowell.

MORTHLAGE. Murder. Cowell.

MORTIFICATION. In Scotch law. A term nearly synonymous with "mortmain." Bell. Lands are said to be mortified for a charitable purpose.

MORTIS CAUSA. Lat. By reason of death; in contemplation of death. Thus used in the phrase "Dona tio mortis causa." (q. v.)


MORTMAIN. A term applied to denote the alienation of lands or tenements to any corporation, sole or aggregate, ecclesiastical or temporal. These purchases having been chiefly made by religious houses, in consequence of which lands became perpetually inherent in one dead hand, this has occasioned the general appellation of "mortmain" to be applied to such alienations. 2 Bl. Comm. 268; Co. Litt. 2b; Perin v. Carey, 24 How. 493, 16 L. Ed. 701.

MORTMAIN ACTS. These acts had for their object to prevent lands getting into the possession or control of religious corporations, or, as the name indicates, in mortua mans. After numerous prior acts dating from the reign of Edward I., it was enacted by the statute Geo. II. c. 36, (called the "Mortmain Act" par excellence) that no lands should be given to charities unless certain requisites should be observed. Brown. Yates v. Yates, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 324.


MORTUARY. In ecclesiastical law. A burial-place. A kind of ecclesiastical heriot, being a customary gift of the second best living animal belonging to the deceased, claimed by and due to the minister in many parishes, on the death of his parishioners, whether buried in the church-yard or not. 2 Bl. Comm. 425. Ayton v. Abbott, 14 Q. B. 19.

It has been sometimes used in a civil as well as in an ecclesiastical sense, and applied to a payment to the lord of the fee. Paroch. Antiq. 470.


MORTUUM VADIM. A dead pledge; a mortgage (q. v.): a pledge where the profits or rents of the thing pledged are not applied to the payment of the debt.

MORTUUS. Lat. Dead. So in sheriff's return, mortuus est, he is dead.

MORTUUS CIVILITER. Civil death. This incident attended every attainer of treason or other felony, whereby in the language of Lord Coke the attainted person "is disabled to bring any action, for he is extra legem.
MOTER. A customary service or payment at the mote or court of the lord, from which some were exempted by charter or privilege. Cowell.

MOTHER. A woman who has borne a child; a female parent; correlative to "son" or "daughter." The term may also include a woman who is pregnant. See Howard v. People, 185 Ill. 552, 55 N. E. 441; Latshaw v. State, 156 Ind. 194, 59 N. E. 471.

MOTHER-IN-LAW. The mother of one's wife or of one's husband.

MOTION. In Practice

An occasional application to a court by the parties or their counsel, in order to obtain some rule or order, which becomes necessary either in the progress of a cause, or summarily and wholly unconnected with plenary proceedings. Citizens' St. R. Co. v. Reed, 28 Ind. App. 629, 63 N. E. 770; Low v. Cheney, 3 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 287; People v. Ah Sam, 41 Cal. 645; In re Jetter, 78 N. Y. 601.

A motion is a written application for an order addressed to the court or to a judge in vacation by any party to a suit or proceeding, or by any one interested therein. Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 2911 (Code 1931, § 11229).

In legal proceedings, a "motion" is an application, either written or made viva voce, by a party to an action or a suit for some kind of relief. State v. Warner Valley Stock Co., 68 Or. 466, 137 P. 746, 747; O'Hanlon v. Great Northern Ry. Co., 76 Mont. 128, 245 P. 518, 320; Vande Veegaete v. Vande Veegaete, 79 Mont. 68, 235 P. 348, 349; Genardini v. Kline, 21 Ariz. 523, 190 P. 568, 570; Hamner v. Campbell Automatic Safety Gas Burner Co. 74 Or. 128, 144 P. 396, 398; Hall Oil Co. v. Barguin, 33 Wyo. 92, 237 P. 255, 258; Harris v. Chicago House-Wrecking Co., 314 Ill. 500, 145 N. E. 696, 699.

In Parliamentary Law

The formal mode in which a member submits a proposed measure or resolve for the consideration and action of the meeting.

In General

—Motion for decree. Under the chancery practice, the most usual mode of bringing on a suit for hearing when the defendant has answered is by motion for decree. To do this the plaintiff serves on the defendant a notice of his intention to move for a decree. Hunter, Suit Eq. 59; Danell, Ch. Pr. 722.


—Motion in error. A motion in error stands on the same footing as a writ of error; the only difference is that, on a motion in error, no service is required to be made on the opposite
party, because, being before the court when the motion is filed, he is bound to take notice of it at his peril. Treadway v. Coe, 21 Conn. 283.

—Motion to set aside judgment. This is a step taken by a party in an action who is dissatisfied with the judgment directed to be entered at the trial of the action.

—Special motion. A motion addressed to the discretion of the court, and which must be heard and determined; as distinguished from one which may be granted of course. Merchants' Bank v. Crysler, 67 F. 390, 14 C. C. A. 444.

MOTIVE. The inducement, cause, or reason why a thing is done. An act legal in itself, and which violates no right, is not actionable on account of the motive which actuated it. Chatfield v. Wilson, 5 Am. Law Reg. (O. S.) 528.

"Motive" and "intent" are not identical, and an intent may exist where a motive is wanting. Motive is the moving power which impels to action for a definite result; intent is the purpose to use a particular means to effect such result. In the popular mind intent and motive are often regarded as the same thing; but in law there is a clear distinction between them. When a crime is clearly proved to have been committed by a person charged therewith, the question of motive may be of little or no importance, but criminal intent is always essential to the commission of a crime. People v. Molin, 158 N. Y. 294, 14 N. E. 295, 2d L. R. A. 183; Warren v. Tonch Nat. Bank, 29 Fed. Cas. 587; Williams v. State, 112 N. C. 605, 29 N. W. 54, 64; State v. Santino (Mo. Sup.) 186 S. W. 576, 977; Harden v. State, 211 Ala. 566, 101 So. 442, 444; People v. Kuhn, 232 Mich. 910, 205 N. W. 354, 199; Jones v. State, 13 Ala. App. 10, 88 So. 690, 691. But motive is often an important subject of inquiry in criminal prosecutions, particularly where the case depends mainly or entirely on circumstantial evidence, the combination of motive and opportunity (for the commission of the particular crime by the person accused) being generally considered essential links in a chain of such evidence, while the absence of all motive on the part of the prisoner is an admissible and important item of evidence in his favor.


MOTU PROPRIO. Lat. Of his own motion. The commencing words of a certain kind of papal rescript.

MOUNTINGS. Used in the Tariff Act of 1913, in connection with optical instruments such as the microscope and polariscope, in the sense of accessories, adjuncts, or parts there-


MOURNING. The dress or apparel worn by mourners at a funeral and for a time afterwards. Also the expenses paid for such apparel.

MOUTH OF RIVER. By statute in some states, the mouth of a river or creek, which empties into another river or creek, is defined as the point where the middle of the channel which intersects the other. Pol. Code Cal. § 3906; Rev. St. Ariz. 1901, par. 931 (Rev. Code 1928, § 742).

MOVABLE. That which can be changed in place, as movable property; or in time, as movable feasts or terms of court. See Wood v. George, 6 Dana (Ky.) 343; Strong v. White, 19 Conn. 245; Goddard v. Winchell, 56 Iowa, 71, 52 N. W. 1124, 17 L. R. A. 788, 41 Am. St. Rep. 481.

MOVABLE ESTATE. A term equivalent to "personal estate" or "personal property." Den v. Sayre, 3 N. J. Law, 187.

MOVABLE FREEHOLD. A term applied by Lord Coke to real property which is capable of being increased or diminished by natural causes; as where the owner of seashore acquires or loses land as the waters recede or approach. See Holman v. Hodges, 112 Iowa, 714, 84 N. W. 950, 53 L. R. A. 673, 84 Am. St. Rep. 367.

MOVABLES. Things movable; movable or personal chattels which may be annexed to or attendant on the person of the owner, and carried about with him from one part of the world to another. 2 Bl. Comm. 387. Movables consist—First, of inanimate things, as goods, plate, money, jewels, implements of war, garments, and the like or vegetable productions, as the fruit or other parts of a plant when severed from the body of it or the whole plant itself when severed from the ground; secondly, of animals, which have in themselves a principle and power of motion. 2 Steph. Comm. 67.

Movables are further distinguished into such as are in possession, or which are in the power of the owner, as a horse in actual use, a piece of furniture in a man's own house; and such as are in the possession of another, and can only be recovered by action, which are therefore said to be in action, as a debt.

But it has been held that movable property, in a legacy, strictly includes only such as is corporeal and tangible; not, therefore, rights in action, as judgment or bond debts; Strong v. White, 19 Conn. 238, 245; 1 Wm. Jones 225; but see Penniman v. French, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 404, 28 Am. Dec. 309; and that, in a will, "movables" is used in its largest sense, but will not pass growing crops, nor building materials on ground; Humble v. Humble, 3 A. K. Marsh. (Ky.) 123; Jackson v. Vanderspreigie, 2 Dall. 142, 1 L. Ed. 283.
MOVABLES

In The Civil Law

Movables (mobilia), properly denoted inanimate things; animals being distinguished as moventa, things moving. Calvin. But these words mobilia and moventa are also used synonymously, and in the general sense of "movables." 1d.

In Scotch Law

"Movables" are opposed to "heritage." So that every species of property, and every right a man can hold, is by that law either heritable or movable. Bell.

MOVE. To make an application to a court for a rule or order, or to take action in any matter. To ask. Harris v. Chicago House-Wrecking Co., 314 Ill. 500, 145 N. E. 666, 669. The term comprehends all things necessary to be done by a litigant to obtain an order of the court directing the relief sought. O'Hanlon v. Great Northern Ry. Co., 76 Mont. 128, 245 P. 518, 519.

To propose a resolution, or recommend action in a deliberate body.

To pass over; to be transferred; as when the consideration of a contract is said to "move" from one party to the other.

To occasion; to contribute to; to tend or lead to. The forewheel of a wagon was said "to move to the death of a man." Sayer, 249.

MOVE OUT. To vacate; to yield up possession. Polich v. Severson, 68 Mont. 225, 216 P. 785, 787.

MOVENT. One who moves; one who makes a motion before a court; the applicant for a rule or order.

MOVEMENT. As used in the Hours of Service Law (Act Cong. March 4, 1907, c. 2939, 34 Stat. 1415 [45 USCA §§ 61-64]), defining the term "employé" to mean a person actually engaged in or connected with the movement of any train, the word "movement" is not restricted to the actual revolution of the wheels of a train or locomotive engaged in interstate commerce, but may apply to a train tied up on a siding. Great Northern Ry. Co. v. United States (C. C. A.) 231 F. 506, 312. Similarly, the meaning of police regulations authorizing civic authorities to regulate the movement of vehicles, the term may comprehend the control and management of vehicles, including the power to require that the motor be closed down when a motor vehicle is left on the street. White v. District of Columbia, 4 F. (2d) 163, 184, 55 App. D. C. 197.

MOVING FOR AN ARGUMENT. Making a motion on a day which is not motion day, in virtue of having argued a special case; used in the exchequer after it became obsolete in the queen's bench. Wharton.

MOVING PAPERS. Such papers as are made the basis of some motion in court proceedings, e. g. a bill in equity with supporting affidavits.

MOVING PICTURE SHOW. A place where motion pictures are exhibited for the purpose of public amusement and entertainment. State v. Morris, 28 Idaho, 599, 155 P. 296, 297, L. R. A. 1916D, 573.

MRS. A term which, when used before the name of a woman, shows that she has at some time been married but which constitutes neither actual notice nor constructive notice that, at the time she receives a conveyance, she is a married woman. Houston Oil Co. v. Griggs (Tex. Civ. App.) 181 S. W. 833, 836.

MUCIANA CAUTIO. See Cautio.

MUEBLES. In Spanish law. Movables; all sorts of personal property. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 3, c. 1, § 2.

MUFFLER. Any of various devices to deaden the noise of escaping gases or vapors, such as a tube fitted with obstructions, through which the exhaust gases of an internal combustion engine, as an automobile, are passed (called also a silencer), or an attachment usually consisting of a series of perforated baffles for a locomotive pop safety valve. Hines v. Foreman (Tex. Com. App.) 243 S. W. 479, 484.

MUIRBRURN. In Scotch law. The offense of setting fire to a muir or moor. 1 Brown, Ch. 78, 116.

MULATTO. A person that is the offspring of a negro by a white man, or of a white woman by a negro. Thurman v. State, 18 Ala. 276; McGoodwin v. Shelby, 206 S. W. 625, 627, 182 Ky. 377; Medway v. Natick, 7 Mass. 58; State v. Scott, 1 Bailey (S. C.) 270. In a more general sense, a person of mixed Caucasian and negro blood, or Indian and negro blood. Webster, Dict. See, also, Mustizo.

Properly a mulatto is a person one of whose parents is wholly black and the other wholly white; but the word does not always, though perhaps it does generally, require so exactly even a mixture of blood, nor is its signification alike in all the states. 1 Bish. Mar. & D. § 398.


Formerly, an imposition laid on ships or goods by a company of trade for the maintenance of consuls and the like.

Mulcta damnum famæ non irrogat. Cod. 1, 54; Calvin. A fine does not involve loss of character.

MULE. A hybrid between the horse and the ass; especially, the offspring of a male ass
and a mare. Webster, Dict. A reward offered for the apprehension of a mare, horse, or gelding does not apply to a mule. Com. v. Davidson, 4 Pa. Dist. R. 172.

MULIER. Lat. A woman; a wife; a widow; a virgin; a legitimate child. 1 Inst. 243; Co. Litt. 170, 253; 2 Bla. Com. 248.

The term is used always in contradistinction to a bastard, mulier being always legitimate. Co. Litt. 248.

MULIER PUISNÉ. L. Fr. When a man has a bastard son, and afterwards marries the mother, and by her has also a legitimate son, the elder son is bastard signé, and the younger son is mulier puisné.

MULIERATUS. A legitimate son. Glanvill.

MULIERTY. In old English law. The state or condition of a mulier, or lawful issue. Co. Litt. 352b. The opposite of bastardy. Blount.

Multa. A fine or final satisfaction, anciently given to the king by the bishops, that they might have power to make their wills, and that they might have the probate of other men’s wills, and the granting of administration. 2 Inst. 291. Called, also, multura episcopi.

A fine imposed ex arbitrio by magistrates on the præsidæ provinciarum. Inst. 4, 1.

Multa conceduntur per obliquum quæ non conceduntur de directo. Many things are allowed indirectly which are not allowed directly. 6 Coke, 47.


Multa ignoramus quæ nobis non laterent si vetrum lectio nobis fuit familiaris. 10 Coke, 73. We are ignorant of many things which would not be hidden from us if the reading of old authors was familiar to us.

Multa in jure communi contra rationem disputanda, pro communi utilitate introducta sunt. Many things have been introduced into the common law, with a view to the public good, which are inconsistent with sound reason. Co. Litt. 709; Broom, Max. 153; 2 Co. 73. See 3 Term 146; 7 id. 252.

Multa multo exercitatione facillius quam regulis percipiunt. 4 Inst. 50. You will perceive many things much more easily by practice than by rules.

Multa non vetat lex, quæ tamen tacite damnavit. The law forbids not many things which yet it has silently condemned.

Multa transactum cum universitate quæ non per se transactum. Many things pass with the whole which do not pass separately. Co. Litt. 12a.

Multa multa, nemo omnia novit. 4 Inst. 348. Many men have known many things; no one has known everything.

MULTIFARIOUSNESS. In Equity Pleading

The fault of improperly joining in one bill distinct and independent matters, and thereby confounding them; as, for example, the uniting in one bill of several matters perfectly distinct and unconnected against one defendant (more commonly called misjoinder of claims), or the demand of several matters of a distinct and independent nature against several defendants, in the same bill. Story, Eq. Pl. § 271. And see Harrison v. Perea, 168 U. S. 311, 18 Sup. Ct. 129, 42 L. Ed. 478; Wales v. Newbould, 9 Mich. 56; Bovaird v. Scéfang, 200 Pa. 261, 49 A. 958; Bolles v. Bolles, 44 N. J. Eq. 355, 14 A. 593; Perkins v. Baer, 35 Mo. App. 70, 68 S. W. 939; Thomas v. Mason, 8 Gill (Md.) 1; Barcus v. Gates, 89 F. 733, 32 C. C. A. 337; McCloethin v. Hemery, 44 Mo. 350; Ford v. Borders, 200 Ala. 70, 75 So. 396, 400; Bertelmann v. Lucas (C. C. A.) 7 F.2d) 325, 327, 328; Dennis v. Justus, 115 Va. 512, 79 S. E. 1077, 1078; Dollar v. Lockney Supply Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 164 S. W. 1076, 1078; Crummett v. Crummett, 102 W. Va. 151, 135 S. E. 16, 18; Carter v. Kimbrough, 122 Miss. 545, 54 So. 251, 256. A bill is not multifarious which seeks alternative or inconsistent relief growing out of the same subject-matter or founded on the same contract or transaction, or relating to the same property between the same parties. Code Ala. § 3095 (Code 1923, § 6529); Szabo v. Speckman, 73 Fla. 374, 74 So. 411, 412, L. R. A. 1917D, 357; Lee v. Thornton, 171 N. C. 269, 88 S. E. 232, 234.

The joining of distinct and independent matters, each of which would constitute a cause of action. Otto F. Stifel’s Union Brewing Co. v. Weber, 194 Mo. App. 606, 186 S. W. 1119, 1122; Johnson v. Benson, 52 Fla. 124, 41 So. 604, 507; Bean v. County Court of McDowell County, 55 W. Va. 196, 101 S. E. 254, 255.

"Multifariousness" abstractly is incapable of an accurate definition, but includes those cases where a party is brought as a defendant on a record with a large portion of which, and, in the case made by which, he has no connection whatever. O’Neal v. Cooper, 191 Ala. 153, 77 So. 699, 691; Pirat Nat. Bank v. Starkey, 268 Ill. 25, 198 N. E. 695, 698; Oliver v. Piatt, 3 How. 833, 11 L. Ed. 622; Shields v. Thomas, 18 How. 559, 15 L. Ed. 399.

The vice of multifariousness is the union of causes of action which, or of parties whose claims, is either impractical or inconvenient to adjudicate in a single suit. Where it is as practical and convenient for court and parties to deal with the claims, and parties joined, in one suit as in many, there is no multifariousness. Westinghouse A. B. Co. v. R. Co., 74 C. C. A. 1, 137 F. 25; Schell v. Leander Clark College (C. C. A.) 2 F.2d (1935) 17, 21. And it is not essential that every defendant have an interest in or concern for all matters or phases of the controversy. Mitchell v. Cudd, 196 Ala. 162, 71 So. 660; Norfolk Southern R. Co. v. Stricklin (D. C.) 284 F. 546, 555.
MULTIPARITY. Divided into many or several parts.

MULTIPLE EVIDENCE. That which is admissible for a specific purpose to which it must be confined and inadmissible to prove a different fact. Green v. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co., 134 S. E. 385, 386, 136 S. C. 337.

MULTIPLE POINING. In Scotch law. Double distress; a name given to an action, corresponding to proceedings by way of interpleader, which may be brought by a person in possession of goods claimed by different persons pretending a right thereto, calling the claimants and all others to settle their claims, so that the party who sues may be liable only "in once and single payment." Bell.

Multiplex et indistinctum parit confusionem; et quaestiones, quo simpliciores, eo lucidiiores. Hob. 335. Multiplicity and indistinctness produce confusion; and questions, the more simple they are, the more lucid.

Multiplicata transgressionis crescent pena inficta. As transgression is multiplied, the infliction of punishment should increase. 2 Inst. 479.

MULTIPlicity. A state of being many. That quality of a pleading which involves a variety of matters or particulars; undue variety. 2 Saund. 410. A multiplying or increasing. Story, Eq. Pl. § 287.

MULTIPlicity of ACTIONS, or SUITS. Numerous and unnecessary attempts to litigate the same right. A phrase descriptive of the state of affairs where several different suits or actions are brought upon the same issue. It is obviated in equity by a bill of peace; in courts of law, by a rule of court for the consolidation of different actions. Williams v. Millington, 1 H. Bl. 81; Murphy v. Wilmington, 6 Houst. (Del.) 138, 22 Am. St. Rep. 345. The actions must be against a single defendant. Prospect Park & C. I. R. Co. v. Morey, 140 N. Y. S. 380, 385, 155 App. Div. 347.

MULTITUDE. An assemblage of many people. According to Coke it is not a word of very precise meaning; for some authorities hold that there must be at least ten persons to make a multitude, while others maintain that no definite number is fixed by law. Co. Litt. 257. That two cannot constitute a multitude, see Pike v. Witt, 104 Mass. 595.


Multitudo errantium non parit errori patrocinium. The multitude of those who err furnishes no countenance or excuse for error. 11 Coke, 75a. It is no excuse for error that it is entertained by numbers.

Multitudo imperitorum perdit curiam. A great number of unskilful practitioners ruins a court. 2 Inst. 219.

MULTO. In old records. A wether sheep.

Multus utilius est pauca idonea effundere quam multis inutilibus homines gravari. 4 Coke, 20. It is more useful to pour forth a few useful things than to oppress men with many useless things.

MULTURE. In Scotch law. The quantity of grain or meal payable to the proprietor of a mill, or to the multurer, his tacksman, for manufacturing the corns. Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 19.

MUMIFICATION. In medical jurisprudence, the complete drying up of the body as the result of burial in a dry, hot soil, or the exposure of the body to a dry, cold atmosphere. 10 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 263.

MUMMING. Antic diversions in the Christmas holidays, suppressed in Queen Anne's time.

MUND. In old English law. Peace; whence mundbryc, a breach of the peace.

MUNDBYRD, MUNDEBURDE. A receiving into favor and protection. Cowell.

MUNDIUM. In old French law. A tribute paid by a church or monastery to their seignorial avonés and vidames, as the price of protecting them. Steph. Lect. 236.

MUNERA. In the early ages of the feudal law, the name given to the grants of land made by a king or chieftain to his followers, which were held by no certain tenure, but merely at the will of the lord. Afterwards they became life estates, and then hereditary, and were called first "benefices," and then "feuda." See Wright, Ten. 19.

MUNICEPS. Lat. In Roman Law. Eligible to office. A provincial person; a countryman. This was the designation of one born in the provinces or in a city politically connected with Rome, who had come to Rome, and though a Roman citizen, yet was looked down upon as a provincial, and not allowed to hold the higher offices. In the provinces the term seems to have been applied to the freemen of any city who were eligible to the municipal offices. Calvin.

30, 31, Ann. Cas. 1014C, 963; local, particular, independent; Horton v. Mobile School Comrs., 43 Ala. 598; also, pertaining to local self-government in general; Woodward v. Livermore Falls Water Dist., 116 Me. 86, 100 A. 317, 319, L. R. A. 1917D, 678.

Relating to a state or nation, particularly when considered as an entity independent of other states or nations.

Among the Romans, cities were called municipia; these cities voluntarily joined the Roman republic in relation to their sovereignty only, retaining their laws, their liberties, and their magistrates, who were thence called municipal magistrates. With us this word has a more extensive meaning: for example, we call municipal law not the law of a city only, but the law of the state, 1 Bla. Comm. 44. "Municipal" is so used in opposition to "international," and denotes that which pertains or belongs properly to an individual state or separate community, as distinguished from that which is common to, or observed between, all nations. Thus, piracy is an "international offense," and is denounced by "international law," but mangling is a "municipal offense," and cognizable by "municipal law." State v. Hagen, 136 La. 868, 67 So. 395; Montana Auto Finance Corporation v. British & Federal Underwriters of Norwich Union Fire Ins. Soc., 73 Mont. 65, 233 P. 198, 199, 36 A. L. R. 1655.

Municipal affairs. A term referring to the internal business affairs of a municipality. Ex parte Hitcheeck, 34 Cal. App. 111, 166 P. 849, 850. Frequently used in constitutional and statutory provisions concerning the power to legislate as to the concerns of municipalities. City of Los Angeles v. Central Trust Co. of New York, 173 Cal. 322, 159 P. 1163, 1171; Williams v. City of Vallejo, 36 Cal. App. 133, 171 P. 834, 836; State v. Cummings, 47 Okl. 44, 147 P. 161, 163. The term has come to include public service activities, such as supplying water to the inhabitants, the construction of a reservoir for their benefit, the sale and distribution of electrical energy, and the establishment and operation of transportation service, which were once regarded as being of a strictly private nature. In re Bonds of Orosi Public Utility Dist., 196 Cal. 48, 235 P. 1004, 1010.

Municipal aid. A contribution or assistance granted by a municipal corporation towards the execution or progress of some enterprise, undertaken by private parties, but likely to be of benefit to the municipality; e. g., a railroad.

Municipal authorities. As used in statutes contemplating the consent of such authorities, the term means the consent by the legislative authorities of the city acting by ordinance; Holland Reality & Power Co. v. City of St. Louis, 221 S. W. 51, 58, 282 Mo. 159; for example, in a town, the members of the town board; Furnsworth v. Boro Oil & Gas Co., 218 N. Y. 40, 109 N. E. 560.


Municipal charter. A legislative enactment conferring governmental powers of the state upon its local agencies. State v. Thompson, 183 Ala. 561, 69 So. 461, 464.

Municipal claims. In Pennsylvania law. Claims filed by a city against property owners therein, for taxes, rates, levies, or assessments for local improvements, such as the cost of grading, paving, or curbing the streets, or removing nuisances.

Municipal corporation. See that title infra.

Municipal courts. In the judicial organization of several states, courts are established under this name, whose territorial authority is confined to the city or community in which they are erected. Such courts usually have a criminal jurisdiction corresponding to that of a police court, and, in some cases, possess civil jurisdiction in small causes. For a statutory definition, see section 1, c. 147, Laws Okl. 1915; Ex parte Gowanlock, 18 Okl. Cr. 293, 164 P. 130, 131.

Municipal domicile. Sometimes used in contradistinction to "national domicile" and "quasi national domicile" to refer to residence in a county, township, or municipality; called also "domestic domicile." Hayward v. Hayward, 65 Ind. App. 440, 115 N. E. 966, 970.


Municipal function. One created or granted for the special benefit and advantage of the urban community embraced within the corporate boundaries; sometimes called a private function, as distinguished from a public or governmental function, which is one conferred or imposed on the municipality as a local agency of limited and prescribed jurisdiction to be employed in administering the affairs of the state, and promoting the public welfare generally. Bryan v. City of West Palm Beach, 75 Fla. 19, 77 So. 627; Griffith v. City of Butte, 72 Mont. 552, 234 P. 829, 831.

Municipal government. This term, in certain state constitutions, embraces the governmental affairs of counties; State v. Touchberry, 121 S. C. 5, 113 S. E. 345; and includes all forms of representative municipal government; In re Opinion of the Justices, 229 Mass. 601, 119 N. E. 775, 781.

Municipal law, in contradistinction to international law, is the law of an individual state or nation. It is the rule or law by which a particular district, community, or nation is governed. 1 Bl. Comm. 44. That which pertains solely to the citizens and inhabitants

—Municipal lien. A lien or claim existing in favor of a municipal corporation against a property owner for his proportionate share of a public improvement, made by the municipality, whereby his property is specially and individually benefited.

—Municipal officer. An officer belonging to a municipality; that is, a city, town, or borough;—not including a county. State v. Cooney, 70 Mont. 325, 225 P. 1067, 1016. But the term often bears a special or limited sense, in which it may not apply even to members of the city council. Lambert v. Barrett, 115 Va. 126, 78 S. E. 556, 557, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 1226.

—Municipal ordinance. A law, rule, or ordinance enacted or adopted by a municipal corporation for the proper conduct of its affairs or the government of its inhabitants. Rutherford v. Swink, 96 Tenn. 564, 35 S. W. 554. Particularly a regulation under a delegation of power from the state. Harris v. City of Des Moines, 222 Iowa, 53, 209 N. W. 494, 495, 46 A. L. R. 1429.

—Municipal purposes. Public or governmental purposes as distinguished from private purposes; Georgia Ry. & Power Co. v. City of Atlanta, 154 Ga. 731, 115 S. E. 263, 271; for example, the taking of land for a school; Byfield v. City of Newton, 217 Mass. 46, 141 N. E. 638, 639; lighting the streets; City of Colorado Springs v. Pike's Peak Hydro-Electric Co., 57 Colo. 189, 140 P. 621, 627; supplying water to the inhabitants; Marin Water & Power Co. v. Town of Sausalito, 165 Cal. 557, 133 P. 767, 772; the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse; N. Ward Co. v. Board of Street Comrs. of City of Boston, 217 Mass. 381, 104 N. E. 965, 966; or the building of a subway; In re Moutagne Street in Borough of Brooklyn in City of New York, 87 Misc. 120, 150 N. Y. S. 382, 385.

—Municipal securities. The evidences of indebtedness issued by cities, towns, counties, townships, school-districts, and other such territorial divisions of a state. They are of two general classes: (1) Municipal warrants, orders, or certificates; (2) municipal negotiable bonds. 15 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 1206.

—Municipal tax. This term may have reference to any tax collected by the city tax collector, including state, county, and city or town taxes. Boston Fish Market Corp. v. City of Boston, 224 Mass. 53, 112 N. E. 616.

—Municipal warrants. A municipal warrant or order is an instrument, generally in the form of a bill of exchange, drawn by an officer of a municipality upon its treasurer, directing him to pay an amount of money specified therein to the person named or his order, or to bearer. 15 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 1206.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. A public corporation, created by government for political purposes, and having subordinate and local powers of legislation. 2 Kent, Comm. 275; Bonaparte v. Camden & A. R. Co., Baldw. 222, Ped. Cas. No. 1017; People v. California Fish Co., 168 Cal. 576, 578 P. 70. 99a. 1520.

An incorporation of persons, inhabitants of a particular place, or connected with a particular district, enabling them to conduct its local civil government. Gloy. Mun. Corp. 1.


An independent corporate entity created by the state, not only for governmental purposes, but also to do acts not governmental in their scope, though they be for the common good of the inhabitants. In re Northern Bank of New York, 163 App. Div. 974, 148 N. Y. S. 70, 71.

A body corporate consisting of inhabitants of a designated area created by the Legislature with or without the consent of such inhabitants for governmental purposes possessing local legislative and administrative power, and power to exercise within such area so much of the administrative power of the state as may be delegated to it and possessing limited capacity to own and hold property, and to act in pursuance of public conveniences. Suter v. Milwaukee Board of Fire Underwriters, 161 Wis. 165, 155 N. W. 127, Ann. Cas. 1917E, 562.

There is a well-defined and marked distinction between municipal corporations proper and political corporations; public, or quasi-municipal corporations. Houston v. Board of Comrs. of Carter County, 71 Okl. 71, 117 P. 71, 74. Cities, towns, and villages are municipal corporations proper. Strickfaden v. Green Creek Highway Dist., 42 Idaho, 738, 245 P. 455, 456, 49 A. L. R. 1067.

On the other hand, such term in many instances does not extend so far as to include counties; State ex rel. Barrett v. May, 230 Mo. 252, 235 S. W. 124; McPherren v. Board of Comrs of Prowers County, 78 Colo. 354, 241 P. 733; Hersey v. Nelson, 47 Mont. 125, 131 P. 30, 31, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 563; or drainage districts; Sawyer v. Camden Run Drainage Dist., 279 N. C. 183, 162 S. E. 275, 274; Collins v. Hollis, 313 Ala., 291, 292 So. 357, 351; or irrigation districts; Crawford v. Imperial Irr. Dist., 290 Cal. 338, 333 P. 726, 729; Collburn v. Wilson, 23 Idaho, 837, 130 P. 381; Davy v. McNell, 21 N. M. 7, 240 P. 432, 439; Thaanum v. Bynum Irr. Dist., 72 Mont. 221, 222 P. 535, 536; or road districts; William T. Joyce Co. v. Police Jury of Parish of Tangipahoa, 191 La. 234, 19 So. 387, 388; Bradley v. State, 310 Ala. 164, 97 So. 644; or school districts; Dickenson v. Brewer, 130 N. C. 403, 104 S. E. 887, 889; Brooks v. Wyman, 220 App. Div. 204, 220 N. Y. S. 615, 618; Kee v. Parks, 153 Tenn. 206, 283 S. W. 751; nor does it include the state; Herkimmer Lumber Co. v. State, 196 App. Div. 706, 189 N. Y. S. 109, 125; but see contracts, as to the

In English Law

A body of persons in a town having the powers of acting as one person, of holding and transmitting property, and of regulating the government of the town. Such corporations existed in the chief towns of England (as of other countries) from very early times, deriving their authority from "incorporating" charters granted by the crown. Wharton.

In General

—Municipal corporations act. In English law. A general statute, (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76,) passed in 1835, prescribing general regulations for the incorporation and government of boroughs.

—Municipal corporation de facto. One which exists when there is (1) some law under which a corporation with the powers assumed might lawfully have been created; (2) a colorable and bona fide attempt to perfect an organization under such a law; (3) user of the rights claimed to have been conferred by the law. Evens v. Anderson, 132 Minn. 59, 155 N. W. 1040, 1041.

—Quasi municipal corporations. Bodies politic and corporate, created for the sole purpose of performing one or more municipal functions. Woodward v. Livermore Falls Water Dist., 116 Me. 86, 100 A. 317, 319, L. R. A. 1917D, 678. Public corporations organized for governmental purposes and having for most purposes the status and powers of municipal corporations (such as counties, townships, school districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, etc.), but not municipal corporations proper, such as cities and incorporated towns. See Snider v. St. Paul, 61 Minn. 408, 53 N. W. 763, 31 L. R. A. 151; Plumbing Supply Co. v. Board of Education of Independent School Dist. of City of Canton, 22 S. D. 270, 142 N. W. 1131, 1132; Melvin v. Community Consol. School Dist. No. 76, 312 Ill. 376, 144 N. E. 13, 16; Iverson v. Union Free High School Dist. of Towns of Springfield and Curran, 186 Wis. 342, 202 N. W. 788, 792; Malvin v. Benthein, 114 Wash. 533, 196 P. 7, 9; Little Willow Irr. Dist. v. Haynes, 24 Idaho, 317, 133 P. 905, 906.


Though sometimes limited in its application to cities only; City of Bangor v. Ridley, 117 Me. 257, 104 A. 290, 292; it ordinarily includes towns as well as cities of all classes; Goodman Warehouse Corporation v. Jersey City, 102 N. J. Law, 294, 132 A. 509, 510, and may on occasion include townships; Whittingham v. Milburn Tp., 290 N. J. Law, 344, 100 A. 594; counties; Murphy v. Freeholders of Hudson, 81 N. J. Law, 46, 102 A. 896; school districts; Scothe v. Board of Education of Clark County, 157 Ky. 510, 157 S. W. 472, 473; and every kind and character of public corporations which are created by statute or the Constitution of the state, and which are dependent for their support and maintenance from taxes imposed and collected; Joint School Dist. No. 122 in Major County and Alfalfa County v. Danby, 187 Okl. 234, 260 P. 486, 487. But neither townships; Petition of Herrington, 266 Pa. 93, 109 A. 791, 793; nor school districts; Long v. School Dist. of Choltenham Tp., 260 Pa. 472, 112 A. 546, 546; nor drainage districts or the like are necessarily included; Witty v. Ellisberry Drainage Dist., 126 Miss. 645, 88 So. 285, 270.

Also, the body of officers taken collectively, belonging to a city, who are appointed to manage its affairs and defend its interests.

MUNICIPIUM. In Roman law. A foreign town to which the freedom of the city of Rome was granted, and whose inhabitants had the privilege of enjoying offices and honors there. Adams, Rom. Ant. 47, 77. A free town which retained its original right of self-government, but whose inhabitants also acquired certain rights of Roman citizens. Morey, Rom. L. 51.

MUNIMENT—HOUSE, or MUNIMENT—ROOM. A house or room of strength, in cathedrals, collegiate churches, castles, colleges, public buildings, etc., purposely made for keeping deeds, charters, writings, etc. 3 Inst. 170; Cowell.

MUNIMENTS. Documentary evidence of title. Merrill v. Rocky Mountain Cattle Co., 28 Wyo. 219, 181 P. 964, 971. The instruments of writing and written evidences which the owner of lands, possessions, or inheritances has, by which he is enabled to defend the title of his estate. Termes de la Ley; 3 Inst. 170.

MUNITIONS OF WAR. In international law and United States statutes, this term includes
not only ordnance, ammunition, and other material directly useful in the conduct of a war, but also whatever may contribute to its successful maintenance, such as military stores of all kinds and articles of food. See U. S. v. Sheldon, 2 Wheat, 119, 4 L. Ed. 190.

MUNUS. Lat. A gift; an office; a benefice or feud. A gladiatorial show or spectacle. Calvin.; Due Cange.

MURAGE. A toll formerly levied in England for repairing or building public walls.

MURAL MONUMENTS. Monuments made in walls.

MURDER. The crime committed where a person of sound mind and discretion (that is, of sufficient age to form and execute a criminal design and not legally “insane”) kills any human creature in being (excluding quick but unborn children) and in the peace of the state or nation (including all persons except the military forces of the public enemy in time of war or battle) without any warrant, justification, or excuse in law, with malice aforethought, express or implied, that is, with a deliberate purpose or a design or determination distinctly formed in the mind before the commission of the act, provided that death results from the injury inflicted within one year and a day after its infliction. See Kilpatrick v. Com., 31 Pa. 138; Hotema v. U. S., 146 U. S. 413, 22 Sup. Ct. 585, 46 L. Ed. 1225; Guiteau’s Case (D. C.) 10 F. 161; Clarke v. State, 117 Ala. 1, 23 So. 671, 67 Am. St. Rep. 157; People v. Enoch, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 167, 27 Am. Dec. 197; Kent v. People, 8 Colo. 563, 9 Pac. 852; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 295, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Armstrong v. State, 30 Fla. 170, 11 So. 618, 17 L. R. A. 484; U. S. v. Lewis (C. C.) 111 F. 652; Nye v. People, 35 Mich. 16. For the distinction between murder and manslaughter and other forms of homicide, see Homicide; Manslaughter.

The term implies a felonious homicide, while the word “kill” does not necessarily mean any more than to deprive of life, as a man may kill another by accident or in self-defense, and in many other ways, without the imputation of crime. Fletcher v. State, 16 Ala. App. 237, 77 So. 75, 76.

Common-Law Definitions

The willful killing of any subject whatever, with malice aforethought, whether the person slain shall be an Englishman or a foreigner. Hawk. P. C. b. 1, c. 13, § 3. The killing of any person under the king’s peace, with malice prepense or aforethought, either express, or implied by law. 1 Russ. Crimes, 421; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 304, 32 Am. Dec. 711. When a person of sound mind and discretion unlawfully killet any reasonable creature in being, and under the king’s peace, with malice aforethought, either express or implied. 3 Inst. 47; State v. Robinson, 143 La. 543, 78 So. 996, 998. Statutory Definitions

Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought. Pen. Code Cal., § 187; Pen. Code Ariz., 1901, § 172 (Rev. Code 1928, § 4553). Whoever kills any human being with malice aforethought, either express or implied, is guilty of murder. Rev. Code Iowa 1850, § 3848. Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being, in the peace of the state, by a person of sound memory and discretion, with malice aforethought, either express or implied. Code Ga. 1882, § 4320 (Pen. Code 1910, § 60). The killing of a human being, without the authority of law, by any means, or in any manner, shall be murder in the following cases: When done with deliberate design to effect the death of the person killed, or of any human being; when done in the commission of an act eminently dangerous to others, and evincing a depraved heart, regardless of human life, although without any premeditated design to effect the death of any particular individual; when done without any design to effect death, by any person engaged in the commission of the crime of rape, burglary, arson, or robbery, or in any attempt to commit such felonies. Rev. Code Miss. 1880, § 2875 (Code 1930, § 985). Every homicide, perpetrated by poison, lying in wait, or any other kind of willful, deliberate, malicious, and premeditated killing; or committed in the perpetration of, or the attempt to perpetrate, any arson, rape, robbery, or burglary; or perpetrated from a premeditated design unlawfully and maliciously to effect the death of any human being other than him who is killed; or perpetrated by any act greatly dangerous to the lives of others, and evidencing a depraved mind, regardless of human life, although without any preconceived purpose to deprive any particular person of life,—is murder in the first degree; and every other homicide committed under such circumstances as would have constituted murder at common law is murder in the second degree. Code Ala. 1886, § 3725 (Code 1923, § 4545).

Degrees of Murder

These were unknown at common law, but have been introduced in many states by statutes, the terms of which are too variant to be here discussed in detail. In general, however, it may be said that most states only divide the crime into “murder in the first degree” and “murder in the second degree,” though in a few there are as many as five degrees; and that the general purport of these statutes is to confine murder in the first degree to homicide committed by poison, lying in wait, and other killings committed in pursuance of a deliberate and premeditated design, and to those which accompany the commission of some of the more atrocious felonies, such as burglary, arson, and rape; while murder in the second degree occurs where there is no such deliberately formed
design to take life or to perpetrate one of the enumerated felonies as is required for the first degree, but where, nevertheless, there was a purpose to kill or at least a purpose to inflict the particular injury without caring whether it caused death or not) formed instantaneously in the mind, and where the killing was without justification or excuse, and without any such provocation as would reduce the crime to the grade of manslaughter. State v. Nelson, 148 Minn. 285, 181 N. W. 850, 851; State v. Lliollos, 285 Mo. 1, 225 S. W. 941, 947; Commonwealth v. Divomte, 262 Pa. 504, 105 A. 821, 822; Parker v. State, 24 Wyo. 491, 161 P. 552, 554; King v. State, 117 Ark. 28, 173 S. W. 852, 854; Montgomery v. State, 178 Wis. 461, 194 N. W. 105, 107; Boyett v. State, 69 Flm. 648, 65 So. 861; State v. Sanches, 27 N. M. 62, 190 P. 175. In a few states, there is a crime of "murder in the third degree," which is defined as the killing of a human being without any design to effect death by a person who is engaged in the commission of a felony. Tillman v. State, 81 Flm. 558, 88 So. 377, 378. The fourth and fifth degrees (in New Mexico) correspond to certain classifications of manslaughter elsewhere.

MURDRUM. In old English law. The killing of a man in a secret manner.

When a man was thus killed, and he was unknown, by the laws of Canute he was presumed to be a Dane, and the will was compelled to pay forty marks to the king for his death. After the conquest, a similar law was made in favor of Normans, which was abrogated by 3 Edw. III.

The fine formerly imposed in England upon a person who had committed homicide per infortunium or se defendendo. Prin. Pen. Law 219, note.

MURORUM OPERATIO. Lat. The service of work and labor done by inhabitants and adjoining tenants in building or repairing the walls of a city or castle; their personal service was commuted into murage, (q. v.) Cowell.

MURTHRUM. In old Scotch law. Murther or murder. Skene.

MUSEUM. A building or institution for the cultivation of science or the exhibition of curiosities or works of art. The term embraces not only collections of curiosities for the entertainment of the sight, but also such as would interest the ear, and instruct the mind. Bostick v. Purdy, 5 Stew. & P. (Ala.) 109.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. As used in exemption statutes, this term may include not only the instrument itself, as a piano, but also a plush cover and piano stool needful to the enjoyment of the piano, Thompson v. Peterson, 122 Minn. 226, 142 N. W. 907, 910.

MUSICAL TABLOID. As distinguished from vaudeville, a condensation of a musical comedy in which the plot and the characters taken by different actors are preserved, to produce just one whole play by itself, without any special independent features brought into it; it classifies as vaudeville only when other features are put on during the intermissions between the scenes or acts. Princess Amusement Co. v. Well (C. C. A.) 271 F. 226, 231.

MUSSA. In old English law. A moss or marsh ground, or a place where sedges grow; a place overrun with moss. Cowell.

MUSSEL. A fresh water shellfish capable of locomotion, usually living in the bed of streams partially covered with mud; being a live animal, it cannot be deemed part of the realty within a statute allowing treble damages for digging up and carrying away a part of the realty. Gratz v. McKee (C. C. A.) 253 F. 335, 336.

MUST. This word, like the word "shall," is primarily of mandatory effect; Patch v. Boards of Sup'rs of Osceola and Dickinson Counties, 178 Iowa 283, 159 N. W. 694, 695; Christensen v. Foster (Tex. Civ. App.) 297 S. W. 657, 658; and in that sense is used in antithesis to "may"; Emery v. First Nat. Bank, 32 N. D. 575, 156 N. W. 165, 109; Relmert Bros. Const. Co. v. Tootle, 200 Mo. App. 284, 206 S. W. 422, 424; Mitchell v. Hancock (Tex. Civ. App.) 196 S. W. 694, 700; Marshall v. Foote, 81 Cal. App. 98, 252 P. 1075, 1076; Berg v. Merchant (C. C. A.) 15 F.2d 990, 991. But this meaning of the word is not the only one, and it is often used in a merely directory sense; Munro v. State, 223 N. Y. 205, 119 N. E. 444, 445; State v. Barnell, 109 Ohio St. 246, 142 N. E. 611, 614; Hamblin v. State Board of Land Com'rs, 55 Utah, 402, 187 P. 178, 179; State v. Delaney, 166 Wis. 141, 164 N. W. 825, 826; and consequently is a synonym for the word "may" not only in the permissive sense of that word; Pleasant Grove Union School Dist. v. Algeo, 61 Cal. App. 660, 215 P. 726; but also in the mandatory sense which it sometimes has; People v. Highway Com'rs of Town of Anchor, 279 Ill. 542, 117 N. E. 56, 57; Ash v. Superior Court of San Bernardino County, 33 Cal. App. 800, 166 P. 841, 842.

MUSTER. To assemble together troops and their arms, whether for inspection, drill, or service in the field. To take recruits into the service in the army and inscribe their names on the muster-roll or official record. To summon together; to enroll in service. Bannister v. Soldiers' Bonus Board, 43 R. I. 346, 112 A. 422, 423, 13 A. L. R. 589. In the latter sense the term implies that the persons mustered are not already in the service. Tyler v. Pomroy, 8 Allen (Mass.) 450.

MUSTER-MASTER. One who superintended the muster to prevent frauds. St. 33 Eliz. c. 4.

MUSTER-BOOK. A book in which the forces are registered. Termes de la Ley.
MUSTER-ROLL. In maritime law. A list or account of a ship's company, required to be kept by the master or other person having care of the ship, containing the name, age, national character, and quality of every person employed in the ship. Abb. Shipp. 191, 192; Jac. Sea Laws, 161. It is of great use in ascertaining the ship's neutrality. Marsh. Ins. p. 407; Ketland v. Lebering, 2 Wash. C. C. 201, Fed. Cas. No. 7,744.

MUSTIZO. A name given in a South Carolina Act of 1740 to the issue of an Indian and a negro. Miller v. Dawson, Duld. (S. C.) 174.

MUTA-CANUM. A kennel of hounds: one of the mortuaries to which the crown was entitled at a bishop's or abbot's decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 426.

MUTATIO NOMINIS. Lat. In the civil law. Change of name. Cod. 9, 25.

MUTATION. In French law. This term is synonymous with "change," and is especially applied to designate the change which takes place in the property of a thing in its transmission from one person to another. Mutation, therefore, happens when the owner of the thing sells, exchanges, or gives it. Meri. Répért.

MUTATION OF LIBLE. In practice. An amendment allowed to a libel, by which there is an alteration of the substance of the libel, as by propounding a new cause of action, or asking one thing instead of another. Dunl. Adm. Pr. 233; U. S. v. Four Part Pieces of Woolen Cloth, 1 Palae 435, Fed. Cas. No. 15,150; The Harmony, 1 Gall. 123; Fed. Cas. No. 6,081.

MUTATIS MUTANDIS. Lat. With the necessary changes in points of detail, meaning that matters or things are generally the same, but to be altered when necessary, as to names, offices, and the like. Housman v. Waterhouse, 191 App. Div. 850, 182 N. Y. S. 249, 251.

MUTE. Speechless; dumb; that cannot or will not speak. In English criminal law, a prisoner is said to stand mute when, being arraigned for treason or felony, he either makes no answer at all, or answers foreign to the purpose or with such matter as is not allowable, and will not answer otherwise, or, upon having pleaded not guilty, refuses to put himself upon the country. 4 Bl. Comm. 324.

In consequence an act of congress of March 8, 1823, provided that if any person, in case of an offence not capital, shall stand mute, the trial shall proceed as upon a plea of not guilty. A similar provision is to be found in the laws of many states, and, in England, the same practice is adopted by the court.

MUTILATION. As applied to written documents, such as wills, court records, and the like, this term means rendering the document imperfect by the subtraction from it of some essential part, as, by cutting, tearing, burning, or erasure, but without totally destroying it. See Woodall v. Patton, 76 Ind. 583, 40 Am. Rep. 209. Also, the alteration in the writing, as in a negotiable instrument, so as to make it another and different instrument and no longer evidence of the contract which the parties made. Clem v. Chapman (Tex. Civ. App.) 262 S. W. 165, 171.

In Criminal Law

The depriving a man of the use of any of those limbs which may be useful to him in flight, the loss of which amounts to mayhem. 1 Bl. Comm. 130.

MUTINOUS. Insubordinate; disposed to mutiny; tending to incite or encourage mutiny.

MUTINY, v. To rise against lawful or constituted authority, particularly in the naval or military service. United States v. Kraft (C. C. A.) 240 P. 919, 925, L. R. A. 1918F, 402.


MUTINY ACT. In English law. An act of parliament annually passed to punish mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the army and their quarters. It was first passed April 12, 1689, and was the only provision for the payment of the army. 1 Bl. Comm. 415.


"Mutual" is not synonymous with "common." The latter word, in one of its meanings, denotes that which is shared, in the same or different degrees, by two or more persons; but the former implies reciprocal action or interdependent connection. This distinction, however, is often ignored, as in the title of Dickens' work, "Our Mutual Friend." And see Modern Order of Protorians v. Bloom, 69 Okl. 219, 221 P. 917, 920; Nails v. Order of United Commercial Travelers of America, 103 Okl. 159, 228 P. 832, 837.

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MUTUALITY. Reciprocity; interchange. An acting by each of two parties; an acting in return.

In Contracts
Called, also, mutuality of obligation. Warren v. Ray County Coal Co., 200 Mo. App. 442, 207 S. W. 883, 884. That quality of a contract which imposes an obligation on each to do, or permit to be done, something in consideration of the act or promise of the other. Spear v. Orendorf, 26 Md. 37; King v. Prospect Point Fishing Club, 126 Md. 213, 94 A. 780, 782; Hudson v. Browning, 264 Mo. 58, 174 S. W. 393, 395; Dark Tobacco Growers Co-op. Ass'n v. Mason, 150 Tenn. 228, 263 S. W. 69, 67; Neola Elevator Co. v. Kruckman, 185 Iowa, 1254, 171 N. W. 743, 744; Nebraska Gas & Electric Co. v. City of Stromsburg, Neb. (C. C. A.) 2 F. (2d) 518, 522.

“Mutuality” requires a contract to be of such a character that at the time it was entered into it might have been enforced by either of the parties against the other. Barker v. Hauberg, 235 Ill. 533, 156 N. E. 806, 808; Townsend v. Milliken (Tex. Civ. App.) 294 S. W. 989, 990.

“Mutuality” means something more than undertakings on the part of the parties; it may mean an undertaking on one side and an executed or supported consideration therefor on the other. Paragon Oil Co. v. A. B. Hughes & Sons, 193 Ky. 532, 236 S. W. 563; Ulman v. Bee Hive Department Store, 193 Wis. 330, 214 N. W. 345, 350, 53 A. L. R. 261. But see C. G. Blake Co. v. W. R. Smith & Son, 147 Va. 669, 33 S. E. 683, 688; Ash v. Chase, F. Noble Oil & Gas Co., 96 Okl. 211, 223 P. 175, 178.

As to mutuality of “Assent,” “Mistake,” etc., see those titles.

MUTUANT. The person who lends chattels in the contract of mutuum, (q. v.).

MUTUARI. To borrow; mutuatus, a borrowing. 2 Arch. Pr. 25.

MUTUARY. A person who borrows personal chattels to be consumed by him and returned to the lender in kind and quantity; the borrower in a contract of mutuum.

MUTUATUS. A loan of money. See Gilbert, Com. Plead 5.

MUTUS ET SURDUS. Lat. In civil and old English law. Dumb and deaf.

MUTUUM. Lat. A loan for consumption; a loan of chattels, upon an agreement that the borrower may consume them, returning to the lender an equivalent in kind and quantity; as, a loan of corn, wine, or money which is to be used or consumed, and is to be replaced by other corn, wine, or money. Story, Bailm. § 228; Payne v. Gardiner, 29 N. Y. 167; Downes v. Phoenix Bank, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 299; Rahilly v. Wilson, 20 Fed. Cas. 181. At common law, such a transaction is regarded as a sale or exchange, and not a bailment. Hanes v. Shapiro & Smith, 168 N. C. 24, 84 S. E. 33, 35; New Domain Oil & Gas Co. v. Hayes, 202 Ky. 377, 259 S. W. 715, 717, 38 A. L. R. 172.

MYNSTER-HAM. Monastic habitation; perhaps the part of a monastery set apart for purposes of hospitality, or as a sanctuary for criminals. Anc. Inst. Eng.

MYSTERY. A trade, art, or occupation. 2 Inst. 668. Masters frequently bind themselves in the indentures with their apprentices to teach them their art, trade, and mystery. State v. Bishop, 15 Me. 122; Barger v. Caldwell, 2 Dana (Ky.) 131.

Mystic Testament. In the law of Louisiana, a closed or sealed will, required by statute to be executed in a particular manner and to be signed (on the outside of the paper or of the envelope containing it) by a notary and seven witnesses as well as the testator. See Civ. Code La. art. 1584.
N.

An abbreviation of "Novelle," the Novels of Justinian, used in citing them. Tayl. Civil Law, 24.


N. A. An abbreviation for "non allocatur," it is not allowed.

N. B. An abbreviation for "nota bene," mark well, observe; also "nulla bona," no goods.

N. C. D. Nomine contra dicente. No one dissenting.

N. D. An abbreviation for "Northern District."

N. E. I. An abbreviation for "non est inventus," he is not found.

N. L. An abbreviation of "non liquet," (which see.)

N. O. V. See Non Obstante Verdicto.

N. P. An abbreviation for "notary public," (Rowley v. Berrian, 12 Ill. 200;) also for "nisi prius," (q. v.).

N. R. An abbreviation for "New Reports;" also for "not reported," and for "nonresident."

N. S. An abbreviation for "New Series;" also for "New Style."

NAAM. Sax. The attaching or taking of movable goods and chattels, called "re" or "mort" according as the chattels were living or dead. Termes de la Ley.

NABOB. Originally the governor of a province under the Mogul government of Hindostan, whence it became a mere title of any man of high rank, upon whom it was conferred without any office being attached to it. Wils. Indian Gloss.

NAIF. L. Fr. A villein; a born slave; a bondwoman.

NAIL. A lineal measure of two inches and a quarter.

NAKED. Bare; wanting in necessary conditions; incomplete, as a naked contract, (nudum pactum,) i. e., a contract devoid of consideration, and therefore invalid; or simple, unilateral, comprising but a single element, as a naked authority, i. e., one which is not coupled with any interest in the agent, but subsists for the benefit of the principal alone.


NAM. In old English law. A distress or seizure of chattels.

As a Latin conjunction, for; because. Often used by the old writers in introducing the quotation of a Latin maxim.

NAMARE. L. Lat. In old records. To take, seize, or distraint.

NAMATIO. L. Lat. In old English and Scotch law. A distraint or taking of a distress; an impounding. Spelman.


Distinctive Name


Name and Arms Clause

The popular name in English law for the clause, sometimes inserted in a will or settlement by which property is given to a person, for the purpose of imposing on him the condition that he shall assume the surname and arms of the testator or settlor, with a direction that, if he neglects to assume or discontinues the use of them, the estate shall devolve on the next person in remainder, and a provision for preserving contingent remainders. 3 Dav. Prec. Conv. 277; Sweet.

NAMELY. A difference, in grammatical sense, in strictness exists between the words namely and including. Namely imports interpretation, i. e., indicates what is included in the previous term; but including imports addition, i. e., indicates something not included. 2 Jarm. Wills 222.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

NATION. A people, or aggregation of men, existing in the form of an organized jural society, usually inhabiting a distinct portion of the earth, speaking the same language, using the same customs, possessing historic continuity, and distinguished from other like groups by their racial origin and characteristics, and generally, but not necessarily, living under the same government and sovereignty. See Montoya v. U. S., 189 U. S. 261, 21 S. Ct. 358, 45 L. Ed. 521; Worcester v. Georgia, 6 Pet. 559, 8 L. Ed. 483; Republic of Honduras v. Soto, 112 N. Y. 310, 19 N. E. 845, 2 L. R. A. 642, 8 Am. St. Rep. 744.

Besides the element of autonomy or self-government, that is, the independence of the community as a whole from the interference of any foreign power in its affairs or any subjection to such power, it is further necessary to the constitution of a nation that it should be an organized juridical society, that is, both governed by its own members by regular laws, and defining and protecting their rights, and respecting the rights and duties which attach to it as a constituent member of the family of nations. Such a society, says Vattel, has her affairs and her interests; she deliberates and takes resolutions in common; thus becoming a moral person, who possesses an understanding and will peculiar to herself, and is susceptible of obligations and rights. Vattel, §§ 1, 2.

The words "nation" and "people" are frequently used as synonyms, but there is a great difference between them. A nation is an aggregation of men speaking the same language, having the same customs, and endowed with certain moral qualities which distinguish them from other groups of a like nature. It would follow from this definition that a nation is destined to form only one state, and that it constitutes one indivisible whole. Nevertheless, the history of every age presents us with nations divided into several states. Thus, Italy was for centuries divided among several different governments. The people is the collection of all citizens without distinction of rank or order. All men living under the same government compose the people of the state. In relation to the state, the citizens constitute the people; in relation to the human race, they constitute that nation. A free nation is one not subject to a foreign government, whatever be the constitution of the state: a people is free when all the citizens can participate in a certain measure in the direction and in the examination of public affairs. The people is the political body brought into existence by community of laws, and the people may perish with these laws. The nation is the moral body, independent of political revolutions, because it is constituted by inborn qualities which render it indissoluble. The state is the people organized into a political body. Lator, Pol. Enc. s. v.

In American constitutional law the word "state" is applied to the several members of the American Union, while the word "nation" is applied to the whole body of the people embraced within the jurisdiction of the federal government. Cooley, Const. Lim. 1. See Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 720, 19 L. Ed. 227.

NATIONAL. Pertaining or relating to a nation as a whole; commonly applied in American law to institutions, laws, or affairs of the United States or its government, as opposed to those of the several states.

NATIONAL BANK. A bank incorporated and doing business under the laws of the United States, as distinguished from a state bank, which derives its powers from the authority of a particular state.

NATIONAL CURRENCY. Notes issued by national banks, and by the United States government.

NATIONAL DEBT. The money owing by government to some of the public, the interest of which is paid out of the taxes raised by the whole of the public.

NATIONAL DOMAIN. See Domain.

NATIONAL DOMICILE. See Domicile.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. The government of a whole nation, as distinguished from...
that of a local or territorial division of the nation, and also as distinguished from that of a league or confederation. "A national government is a government of the people of a single state or nation, united as a community by what is termed the 'social compact,' and possessing complete and perfect supremacy over persons and things, so far as they can be made the lawful objects of civil government. A federal government is distinguished from a national government, by its being the government of a community of independent and sovereign states, united by compact." 

Piqua Branch Bank v. Kroup, 6 Ohio St. 393.

**NATIONALITY.** That quality or character which arises from the fact of a person's belonging to a nation or state. Nationality determines the political status of the individual, especially with reference to allegiance; while domicile determines his civil status. Nationality arises either by birth or by naturalization. According to Savigny, "nationality" is also used as opposed to "territoriality," for the purpose of distinguishing the case of a nation having no national territory; e.g., the Jews. 8 Sav. Syst. § 346; Westl. Priv. Int. Law, 5.

**NATIONALIZACION.** In Spanish and Mexican law. Nationalization. "The nationalization of property is an act which denotes that it has become that of the nation by some process of law, whereby private individuals or corporations have been for specified reasons deprived thereof." Hall, Mex. Law, § 749.

**NATIONS, LAW OF.** See International Law.

**NATIVE.** A natural-born subject or citizen; a denizen by birth; one who owes his domicile or citizenship to the fact of his birth within the country referred to. The term may also include one born abroad, if his parents were then citizens of the country, and not permanently residing in foreign parts. See U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark, 109 U. S. 649, 18 S. Ct. 456, 42 L. Ed. 890; New Hartford v. Canaan, 54 Conn. 39, 5 A. 360; Oken v. Johnson, 100 Minn. 217, 99 N. W. 910; Ex parte Gilroy (D. C.) 257 F. 110, 127; Minotto v. Bradley (D. C.) 282 F. 600, 603.

**NATIVUS.** Lat. In old English law, a native; specifically, one born into a condition of servitude; a born serf or villein.

—Nativa. A feoff or female villein. So called because he was the most bound by nativity. Co. Litt. 122b.

—Nativi conventioaril. Villeins or bondmen by contract or agreement.

—Nativi de stipete. Villeins or bondmen by birth or stock. Cowell.

—Nativitas. Villenage; that state in which men were born slaves. 2 Mon. Angl. 643.

—Nativo habendo. A writ which lay for a lord when his villein had run away from him. It was directed to the sheriff, and commanded him to apprehend the villein, and to restore him together with his goods to the lord. Brown.

Natura appetit perfectum; ita et lex. Nature covets perfection; so does law also. Hob. 144.

**NATURA BREVIUM.** The name of an ancient collection of original writs, accompanied with brief comments and explanations, compiled in the time of Edward III. This is commonly called "Old Natura Brevium," (or "O. N. B.") to distinguish it from Fitzherbert's Natura Brevium, a later work, cited as "F. N. B.," or " Fitzh. Nat. Brev."

Natura fide jussionis sit strictissimi juris et non durum vel extenderut de re ad rem, de persona ad personam, de tempore ad tempus. The nature of the contract of suretyship is strictissimi juris, and cannot endure nor be extended from thing to thing, from person to person, or from time to time. Burge, Sur. 40.

Natura non facit saltum; ita nec lex. Nature makes no leap, [no sudden or irregular movement:] so neither does law. Co. Litt. 238. Applied in old practice to the regular observance of the degrees in writs of entry, which could not be passed over per saltum.

Natura non facit vacuum, nec lex supervacuum. Nature makes no vacuum, the law nothing purposeless. Co. Litt. 79.

Natura vis maxima; natura his maxima. The force of nature is greatest; nature is doubly great. 2 Inst. 564.

**NATURAL.** The juristic meaning of this term does not differ from the vernacular, except in the cases where it is used in opposition to the term "legal," and then it means proceeding from or determined by physical causes or conditions, as distinguished from positive enactments of law, or attributable to the nature of man rather than to the commands of law, or based upon moral rather than legal considerations or sanctions.

—Natural affection. Such as naturally subsists between near relatives, as a father and child, brother and sister, husband and wife. This is regarded in law as a good consideration.

—Natural-born subject. In English law. One born within the dominions, or rather within the allegiance, of the king of England.

—Natural fool. A person born without understanding; a born fool or idiot. Sometimes called, in the old books, a "natural." In re Anderson, 132 N. C. 249, 48 S. E. 640.

—Natural life. The period between birth and natural death, as distinguished from civil death, (q. v.).


NATURAL LAW. This expression, "natural law," or jus naturale, was largely used in the philosophical speculations of the Roman jurists of the Antonine age, and was intended to denote a system of rules and principles for the guidance of human conduct which, independently of enacted law or of the systems peculiar to any one people, might be discovered by the rational intelligence of man, and would be found to grow out of and conform to his nature, meaning by that word his whole mental, moral, and physical constitution. The point of departure for this conception was the Stoic doctrine of a life ordered "according to nature," which in its turn rested upon the purely supposititious existence, in primitive times, of a "state of nature," that is, a condition of society in which men universally were governed solely by a rational and consistent obedience to the needs, impulses, and promptings of their true nature, such nature being as yet undefaced by dishonesty, falsehood, or indulgence of the baser passions. See Maine, Anc. Law, 50, et seq. See Jus Naturale.

Naturale est quidlibet dissolvi eo modo quo ligatur. It is natural for a thing to be unbound in the same way in which it was bound. Jenk. Cent. 66; Broom, Max. 877.

NATURALEZA. In Spanish law. The state of a natural-born subject. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 2.


Collective Naturalization.

Takes place where a government, by treaty or cession, acquires the whole or part of the territory of a foreign nation and takes itself the inhabitants thereof, clothing them with the rights of citizenship either by the terms of the treaty or by subsequent legislation. State v. Boyd, 31 Neb. 682, 48 N. W. 739; People v. Board of Inspectors, 32 Misc. Rep. 584, 67 N. Y. S. 236; Opinion of Justices, 68 Me. 659.

NATURALIZE. To confer citizenship upon an alien; to make a foreigner the same, in respect to rights and privileges, as if he were a native citizen or subject.

NATURALIZED CITIZEN. One who, being an alien by birth, has received citizenship under the laws of the state or nation.

NATUS. Lat. Born, as distinguished from nasciturus, about to be born. Ante natus, one born before a particular person or event, e. g., before the death of his father, before a political revolution, etc. Post natus, one born after a particular person or event.

NAUCLERUS. Lat. In the civil law. The master or owner of a merchant vessel. Calvin.

NAUFRAGE. In French maritime law. Shipwreck. "The violent agitation of the waves, the impetuous force of the winds, storm, or lightning, may swallow up the vessel, or shatter it, in such a manner that nothing remains of it but the wreck; this is called 'making shipwreck,' (faire naufrage.) The vessel may also strike or run aground upon a bank, where it remains grounded, which is called 'échouement'; it may be dashed against the coast or a rock, which is called 'bris'; an accident of any kind may sink it in the sea, where it is swallowed up, which is called 'sombrer.'" 3 Pard. Droit Commer., § 643.

NAUFRAGIUM. Lat. Shipwreck.

NAUGHT. In old practice. Bad; defective. "The bar is naught." 1 Leon. 77. "The overry is naught." 5 Mod. 73. "The plea is undoubtedly naught." 10 Mod. 329. See 11 Mod. 179.

NAULAGE. The freight of passengers in a ship. Johnson; Webster.

NAULUM. In the civil law. The freight or fare paid for the transportation of cargo or passengers over the sea in a vessel. This is a Latinized form of a Greek word.

NAUTA. Lat. In the civil and maritime law. A sailor; one who works a ship. Calvin.

Any one who is on board a ship for the purpose of navigating her.

The employer of a ship. Dig. 4, 9, 1, 2.

NAUTICA PECUNIA. A loan to a shipowner, to be repaid only upon the successful termination of the voyage, and therefore allowed to be made at an extraordinary rate of interest (nauticum ienus). Holland, Jurispr. 250.

NAUTICAL. Pertaining to ships or to the art of navigation or the business of carriage by sea.

NAUTICAL ASSESSORS. Experienced shipmasters, or other persons having special knowledge of navigation and nautical affairs, who are called to the assistance of a court of admiralty, in difficult cases involving questions of negligence, and who sit with the judge during the argument, and give their advice upon questions of seamenhip or the weight of testimony. The Empire (D. C.) 19 F. 559; The Clement, 2 Curt. 369, Fed. Cas. No. 2,570.

NAUTICAL MILE. See Mile.
NAUTICUM FENUS. Lat. In the civil law. Nautical or maritime interest; an extraordinary rate of interest agreed to be paid for the loan of money on the hazard of a voyage; corresponding to interest on contracts of bot- tomry or respondentia in English and American maritime law. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 433; 2 Bl. Comm. 438.

NAVAGIUM. In old English law. A duty on certain tenants to carry their lord's goods in a ship.

NAVAL. Appertaining to the navy, (q. v.).

NAVAL COURTS. Courts held abroad in certain cases to inquire into complaints by the master or seamen of a British ship, or as to the wreck or abandonment of a British ship. A naval court consists of three, four, or five members, being officers in her majesty's navy, consul officers, masters of British merchant ships, or British merchants. It has power to supersede the master of the ship with reference to which the inquiry is held, to discharge any of the seamen, to decide questions as to wages, send home offenders for trial, or try certain offenses in a summary manner. Sweet.

NAVAL COURTS-MARTIAL. Tribunals for the trial of offenses arising in the management of public war vessels.

NAVAL LAW. The system of regulations and principles for the government of the navy.

NAVAL OFFICER. An officer in the navy. Also an important functionary in the United States custom-houses, who estimates duties, signs permits and clearances, certifies the collectors' returns, etc.

NAVARCUS. In the civil law. The master or commander of a ship; the captain of a man-of-war.

NAVICULARIUS. In the civil law. The master or captain of a ship. Calvin.

NAVIGABLE. Capable of being navigated; that may be navigated or passed over in ships or vessels. But the term is generally understood in a more restricted sense, viz., subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

"The doctrine of the common law as to the navigability of waters has no application in this country. Here the ebb and flow of the tide do not constitute the usual test, as in England, or any test at all, of the navigability of waters. There no waters are navigable in fact, or at least to any considerable extent, which are not subject to the tide, and from this circumstance tide-water and navigable water there signify substantially the same thing. But in this country the case is widely different. Some of our rivers are as navigable for many hundreds of miles above as they are below the limits of tide-water, and some of them are navigable for great distances by large vessels, which are not even affected by the tide at any point during their entire length. A different test must therefore be applied to determine the navigability of our rivers, and that is found in their navigable capacity. Those rivers must be regarded as public navigable rivers, in law, which are navigable in fact. And they are navigable in fact when they are used, or are susceptible of being used, in their ordinary condition, as highways for commerce, over which trade and travel are or may be conducted in the customary modes of trade and travel on water. And they constitute navigable waters of the United States, within the meaning of the acts of congress, in contradistinction from the navigable waters of the states, when they form, in their ordinary condition, by themselves, or by uniting with other waters, a continued highway over which commerce is or may be carried on with other states or foreign countries in the customary modes in which such commerce is conducted by water." The Daniel Ball, 10 Wall. 563, 19 L. Ed. 966. And see Packer v. Bird, 112 S. Ct. 210, 379 U. S. 631, 34 L. Ed. 619; The Genesee Chief, 12 How. 455, 12 L. Ed. 1068; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. State, 13 S. Ct. 110, 114 U. S. 877, 36 L. Ed. 108.

It is true that the flow and ebb of the tide is not regarded, in this country, as the usual, or any real, test of navigability; and it only operates to impress, prima facie, the character of being public and navigable, and to place that body of water in the hands of any party affirming the contrary. But the navigability of tide-waters does not materially depend upon past or present actual public use. Such use may establish navigability, but it is not essential to give the character. Otherwise, streams in new and unsettled sections of the country, or where the increase, growth, and development have not been sufficient to call them into public use, would be excluded, though navigable in fact, thus making the character of being a navigable stream dependent on the occurrence of the necessity of public use. Capability of being used for useful purposes of navigation, of trade and travel, and in the usual and ordinary modes, and not the extent and manner of the use, is the test of navigability. Sullivan v. Spotswood, 82 Ala. 166, 2 So. 716.

NAVIGABLE RIVER OR STREAM. At common law, a river or stream in which the tide ebbs and flows, or as far as the ordinary high-water marks, or where tides, ebb and flow. 3 Kent, Comm. 412, 413, 417, 418; 2 Hil. Real Prop. 90, 91. But as to the definition in American law, see Navigable, supra.


See, also, Navigable, supra.

NAVIGATE. To conduct vessels through navigable waters; to use the waters as a means of communication. Ryan v. Hook, 34 Hun (N. Y.) 185.

NAVIGATION. The act or the science or the business of traversing the sea or other waters

Navigation Acts

In English law, were various enactments passed for the protection of British shipping and commerce as against foreign countries. For a sketch of their history and operation, see 3 Steph. Comm. They are now repealed. See 16 & 17 Vict. c. 107, and 17 & 18 Vict. c. 5, 120. Wharton.

Navigation, Rules of

Rules and regulations adopted by commercial nations to govern the steering and management of vessels approaching each other at sea so as to avoid the danger of collision or fouling.

Regular Navigation

In this phrase, the word "regular" may be used in contradistinction to "occasional," rather than to "unlawful," and refer to vessels that, alone or with others, constitute lines, and not merely to such as are regular in the sense of being properly documented under the laws of the country to which they belong. The Steamer Smidt, 16 Op. Attygs. Gen. 278.


NAVIS. Lat. A ship; a vessel.

NAVIS BONA. A good ship; one that was staunch and strong, well caulked, and stiffened to bear the sea, obedient to her helm, swift, and not unduly affected by the wind. Calvin.

NAVY. A fleet of ships; the aggregate of vessels of war belonging to an independent nation. In a broader sense, and as equivalent to "naval forces," the entire corps of officers and men enlisted in the naval service and who man the public ships of war, including in this sense, in the United States, the officers and men of the Marine Corps. See Wilkes v. Dinsman, 7 How. 124, 12 L. Ed. 618; U. S. v. Dunn, 120 U. S. 249, 7 S. Ct. 507, 30 L. Ed. 607.

NAVY BILLS. Bills drawn by officers of the English navy for their pay, etc.

NAVY DEPARTMENT. One of the executive departments of the United States, presided over by the secretary of the navy, and having in charge the defense of the country by sea, by means of ships of war and other naval appliances.

NAVY PENSION. A pecuniary allowance made in consideration of past services of some one in the navy.

NAZERANNA. A sum paid to government as an acknowledgment for a grant of lands, or any public office. Enc. Lond.

NAZIM. In Hindu law. Composer, arranger, adjuster. The first officer of a province, and minister of the department of criminal justice.

NE ADMITTAS. Lat. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a prohibitory writ, directed to the bishop, at the request of the plaintiff or defendant, where a quare impediot is pending, when either party fears that the bishop will admit the other's clerk pending the suit between them. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 57.

NE BAILA PAS. L. Fr. He did not deliver. A plea in dotinne, denying the delivery to the defendant of the thing sued for.

NE DISTURBA PAS. L. Fr. (Does or did not disturb.) In English practice. The general issue or general plea in quare impedio. 3 Steph. Comm. 663.

NE DONA PAS, or NON DEDIT. The general issue in a formedon, now abolished. It denied the gift in tain to have been made in manner and form as alleged; and was therefore the proper plea, if the tenant meant to dispute the fact of the gift, but did not apply to any other case. 5 East, 289.

NE EXEAT REGNO. Lat. In English practice. A writ which issues to restrain a person from leaving the kingdom. It was formerly used for political purposes, but is now only resorted to in equity when the defendant is about to leave the kingdom; it is only in cases where the intention of the party to leave can be shown that the writ is granted.

NE EXEAT REPUBLICA. Lat. In American practice. A writ similar to that of ne exeat regno, (q. v.) available to the plaintiff in a civil suit, under some circumstances, when the defendant is about to leave the state. See Dean v. Smith, 23 Wis. 483, 99 Am. Dec. 198; Adams v. Whitcomb, 46 Vt. 712; Cable v. Alvord, 27 Ohio St. 664.

NE GIST PAS EN BOUCHE. L. Fr. It does not lie in the mouth. A common phrase in the old books. Yearb. M. 3 Edw. II. 50.

NE INJUSTE VEXES. Lat. In old English practice. A prohibitory writ, commanding a lord not to demand from the tenant more services than were justly due by the tenure under which his ancestors held.

NE LUMINIBUS OFFICIATUR. Lat. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which restrains the owner of a house from making such erections as obstruct the light of the adjoining house. Dig. 8, 4, 18, 17.

NE QUID IN LOCO PUBLICO VELENITORE FIAT. Lat. (That nothing shall be done (put or erected) in a public place or way. The title of an interdict in the Roman law. Dig. 45, 8.

NE RECIPIATUR. Lat. That it be not received. A caveat or warning given to a law
NE RECTOR PROSTERNET ARBORES

officer, by a party in a cause, not to receive the next proceedings of his opponent. 1 Sell. Fr. 8.

NE RECTOR PROSTERNET ARBORES. L. Lat. The statute 35 Edw. I § 2, prohibiting rectors, i. e., parsons, from cutting down the trees in church-yards. In Rutland v. Green, 1 Keh. 557, it was extended to prohibit them from opening new mines and working the minerals therein. Brown.

NE RELESSA PAS. L. Fr. Did not release. Where the defendant had pleaded a release, this was the proper replication by way of traverse.

NE UNQUES ACCOUPLE. L. Fr. Never married. More fully, ne unques accouple en boitall matrimonie, never joined in lawful marriage. The name of a plea in the action of dower unde nihil habet, by which the tenant denied that the dowress was ever lawfully married to the decedent.

NE UNQUES EXECUTOR. L. Fr. Never executor. The name of a plea by which the defendant denies that he is an executor, as he is alleged to be; or that the plaintiff is an executor, as he claims to be.

NE UNQUES SEIZE QUE DOWER. L. Fr. (Never seised of a dowerable estate.) In pleading. The general issue in the action of dower unde nihil habet, by which the tenant denies that the demandant's husband was ever seised of an estate of which dower might be had. Rosc. Real Act. 219, 220.

NE UNQUES SON RECEIVER. L. Fr. In pleading. The name of a plea in an action of account-render, by which the defendant denies that he ever was receiver of the plaintiff. 12 Vin. Abr. 183.

NE VARIETUR. Lat. It must not be altered. A phrase sometimes written by a nota- tory upon a bill or note, for the purpose of establishing its identity, which, however, does not affect its negotiability. Fleckner v. Bank of United States, 8 Wheat. 338, 5 L. Ed. 631.

NEAP TIDES. Those tides which happen between the full and change of the moon, twice in every forty-four hours. Teschemacher v. Thompson, 18 Cal. 21, 79 Am. Dec. 151.

NEAR. This word, as applied to space, can have no positive or precise meaning. It is a relative term, depending for its signification on the subject-matter in relation to which it is used and the circumstances under which it becomes necessary to apply it to surrounding objects. Barrett v. Schuyler County Court, 44 Mo. 197; People v. Collins, 19 Wend. (N. Y.) 60; Boston & P. R. Corp. v. Midland R. Co., 1 Gray (Mass.) 307; Indianapolis & V. R. Co. v. Newson, 54 Ind. 125; Holcomb v. Danby, 51 Vt. 428.

NEAT, NET. The clear weight or quantity of an article, without the bag, box, keg, or other thing in which it may be enveloped.

NEAT CATTLE. Oxen or heifers. "Beesves" may include neat stock, but all neat stock are not beesves. Castello v. State, 36 Tex. 324; Hubotter v. State, 32 Tex. 479. Straight-backed, domesticated animals of the bovine genus regardless of sex, and is not generally but may be, taken to mean calves, or animals younger than yearlings. It includes cows, bulls, and steers, but not horses, mares, geldings, colts, mules, jacks, or jennies, goats, hogs, sheep, shoats, or pigs. State v. District Court of Fifth Judicial Dist. in and for Nye County, 42 Nev. 218, 174 P. 1023, 1025; State v. Swager, 110 Wash. 431, 188 P. 504, 506.

NEAT-LAND. Land let out to the yeomanry. Cowell.

NEATNESS. In pleading. The statement in apt and appropriate words of all the necessary facts, and no more. Lawes, PI. 62.

Nec curia deficere et in justitia exhibenda. Nor should the court be deficient in showing justice. 4 Inst. 63.

NEC NON. A clause so called which was used as a fiction to give jurisdiction to the common pleas in connection with the writ of quare clausum frget. 1 Hold. Hist. E. L. 59, note. See Bill of Middlesex.

Nec tempus nec locus occurrit regi. Jenk. Cent. 190. Neither time nor place affects the king.

Nec veniam effuso sanguine casus habet. Where blood is spilled, the case is unpardonable. 3 Inst. 67.

Nec veniam, leso numine, casus habet. Where the Divinity is insulted the case is unpardonable. Jenk. Cent. 167.

NECATION. The act of killing.

NECESSARIES. Things indispensable, or things proper and useful, for the sustenance of human life. This is a relative term, and its meaning will contract or expand according to the situation and social condition of the person referred to. Megraw v. Woods, 93 Mo. App. 647, 77 S. W. 796; Warner v. Heiden, 28 Wis. 517, 9 Am. Rep. 515; Artz v. Robertson, 50 Ill. App. 27; Conant v. Burnham, 133 Mass. 505, 43 Am. Rep. 532.

In reference to the contracts of infants, this term is not used in its strictest sense, nor limited to that which is required to sustain life. Those things which are proper and suitable to each individual, according to his circumstances and condition in life, are necessary, if not supplied from some other source. See Hamilton v. Lane, 138 Mass. 360; Jordan v. Coffield, 70 N. C. 113; Middlebury College v. Chandler, 16 Vt. 655, 42 Am. Dec. 537; Breed v. Judd, 1 Gray (Mass.) 453,
In the case of ships the term "necessaries" means such things as are fit and proper for the service in which the ship is engaged, and such as the owner, being a prudent man, would have ordered if present; e.g., anchors, rigging, repairs, victuals. Maude & P. Shipp. 71, 113. The master may hypothecate the ship for necessaries supplied abroad so as to bind the owner. See The Plymouth Rock, 19 Fed. Cas. 898; Hubbard v. Roach (C. C.), 2 F. 394; The Gustavia, 11 Fed. Cas. 126.

**Necessarium est quod non potest alter se habere.** That is necessary which cannot be otherwise.

**NECESSARIUS.** Lat. Necessary; unavoidable; indispensable; not admitting of choice or the action of the will; needful.

**NECESSARY.** As used in jurisprudence, the word "necessary" does not always import an absolute physical necessity, so strong that one thing, to which another may be termed "necessary," cannot exist without that other. It frequently imports no more than that one thing is convenient or useful or essential to another. To employ the means necessary to an end is generally understood as employing any means calculated to produce the end, and not as being confined to those single means without which the end would be entirely unattainable. McCulloch v. Maryland, 4 Wheat. 316, 413, 4 L. Ed. 379.


**NECESSITAS.** Lat. Necessity; a force, power, or influence which compels one to act against his will. Calvin.

**Necessitas Culpabilis.** Culpable necessity; unfortunate necessity; necessity which, while it excuses the act done under its compulsion, does not leave the doer entirely free from blame. The necessity which compels a man to kill another in self-defense is thus distinguished from that which requires the killing of a felon. See 4 Bl. Comm. 187.

**Trinoda Necessitas.** In Saxon law. The threefold necessity or burden; a term used to denote the three things from contributing to the performance of which no lands were exempted, viz., the repair of bridges, the building of castles, and military service against an enemy. 1 Bl. Comm. 263, 357.

**Necessitas est lex temporis et loci.** Necessity is the law of time and of place. 1 Hale, P. C. 54.

**Necessitas excusat aut extenuat delictum in capitalibus, quod non operatur idem in civilibus.** Necessity excuses or extenuates a delinquency in capital cases, which has not the same operation in civil cases. Bac. Max.

**Necessitas facit iudicium quod alias non est iudicium.** 10 Coke, 61. Necessity makes that lawful which otherwise is not lawful.

**Necessitas inducit privilegium quod iura privata.** Bac. Max. 25. Necessity gives a privilege with reference to private rights. The necessity involved in this maxim is of three kinds, viz.: (1) Necessity of self-preservation; (2) of obedience; and (3) necessity resulting from the act of God, or of a stranger. Noy, Max. 32.

**Necessitas non habet legem.** Necessity has no law. Plowd. 18a. "Necessity shall be a good excuse in our law, and in every other law." Id.

**Necessitas publica est quam privata.** Public necessity is greater than private. "Death," it has been observed, "is the last and furthest point of particular necessity, and the law imposes it upon every subject that he prefer the urgent service of his king and country before the safety of his life." Noy, Max. 34; Broom, Max. 18.

**Necessitas quod oagit, defendit.** Necessity defends or justifies what it compels. 1 Hale, P. C. 54. Applied to the acts of a sheriff, or ministerial officer, in the execution of his office. Broom, Max. 14.

**Necessitas sub lego non continentur, quia quod alias non est iudicium necessitas facit iudicium.** 2 Inst. 326. Necessity is not restrained by law; since what otherwise is not lawful necessity makes lawful.

**Necessitas vinclit legem.** Necessity overrules the law. Hob. 144; Cooley, Const. Lim. (4th Ed.) 747.

**Necessitas vinclit legem; legem vinclula irradit.** Hob. 144. Necessity overcomes law; it deities the fetters of laws.

**NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.** In the civil code of Louisiana the words are used relative to the fortune of the deceased and to the condition in which the claimant lived during the marriage. Smith v. Smith, 43 La. Ann. 1140, 10 So. 248.

Needing the necessaries of life, which cover not only primitive physical needs, things absolutely indispensable to human existence and decency, but those things, also, which are in fact necessary to the particular person left without support. State v. Waller, 90 Kan. 828, 136 P. 215, 216, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 583.

**NECESSITUDO.** Lat. In the civil law. An obligation; a close connection; relationship by blood. Calvin.

**NECESSITY.** Controlling force; irresistible compulsion; a power or impulse so great that it admits no choice of conduct. When it is said that an act is done "under necessity," it.
may be, in law, either of three kinds of necessity: (1) The necessity of preserving one's own life, which will excuse a homicide; (2) the necessity of obedience, as to the laws, or the obedience of one not sui juris to his superior; (3) the necessity caused by the act of God or a stranger. See Jacob; Mozley & Whitney.

That which makes the contrary of a thing impossible.

The quality or state of being necessary, in its primary sense signifying that which makes an act or event unavoidable. Spreckels v. City and County of San Francisco, 76 Cal. App. 257, 244 P. 919, 922; In re Washington Ave. in Borough of Chatham, 5 N. J. Misc. 858, 159 A. 239, 240.

A constraint upon the will whereby a person is urged to do that which his judgment disapproves, and which, it is to be presumed, his will (if left to itself) would reject. A man, therefore, is excused for those actions which are done through unavoidable force and compulsion. Wharton.

In determining what is a work of "necessity" excepted from the operation of the Sunday law, the necessity meant is not a physical or absolute necessity, but a moral fitness or propriety of the work and labor done under the circumstances of the particular case, and whether or not the act is morally fit and proper is usually a question of fact for the jury under proper instructions. Lakeside Inn Corporation v. Commonwealth, 134 Va. 658, 114 S. E. 709, 711; Nettie Mattie Products Co. v. Thomann, 265 Ky. 190, 265 S. W. 476, 477; Hunt v. State, 19 Ga. App. 448, 91 S. E. 879; Stebbins v. Board of Com'rs of Allen County, 60 Ind. App. 14, 110 N. E. 89, 91. The term "necessity" means an economical and moral necessity, rather than an unavoidable physical necessity. Rosenbaum v. State, 121 Ark. 261, 289 S. W. 1078, 1109. The necessity which must exist depends on what the general public in its ordinary modes of doing business regards as necessary. Gray v. Commonwealth, 171 Ky. 296, 188 S. W. 355, 355, L. R. A. 1917B, 93. "Works of necessity" include whatever is needful for the good health, order, or comfort of the community. State v. Dean, 149 Minn. 410, 194 N. W. 216, 217.


The "necessity" and appurtenance for the beneficial use of leased premises, which will entitle the lessee thereto, is not an absolute necessity in the sense that it must be completely indispensable, but

is a real necessity and not a mere convenience or advantage. Raynes v. Stevens, 219 Mass. 556, 197 N. E. 238, 259.

Homicide by Necessity

A species of justifiable homicide, because it arises from some unavoidable necessity, without any will, intention, or desire, and without any inadvertence or negligence in the party killing, and therefore without any shadow of blame. As, for instance, by virtue of such an office as obliges one, in the execution of public justice, to put a malefactor to death who has forfeited his life to the laws of his country. But the law must require it, otherwise it is not justifiable. 4 Bl. Comm. 178.

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NECK-VERSE. The Latin sentence, "Miseree met, Deus," was so called, because the reading of it was made a test for those who claimed benefit of clergy.

NECROPHILISM. See Insanity.

NECROPSY. An autopsy, or post-mortem examination of a human body.

NEED. Urgent want or necessity. Sawyer v. Dearstyne (Sup.) 139 N. Y. S. 935, 936.


NEEDLESS. In a statute against "needless" killing or mutilation of any animal, this term denotes an act done without any useful motive, in a spirit of wanton cruelty, or for the mere pleasure of destruction. Grise v. State, 37 Ark. 499; Hunt v. State, 3 Ind. App. 368, 20 N. E. 933; State v. Bogardus, 4 Mo. App. 215.

NEFAS. Lat. That which is against right or the divine law. A wicked or impious thing or act. Calvin.

NEFASTUS. Lat. Inauspicious. Applied, in the Roman law, to a day on which it was unlawful to open the courts or administer justice.

Negatio conclusionis est error in lege. Wing. 265. The denial of a conclusion is error in law.

Negatio destructio negationem, et ambæ faciunt affirmationem. A negative destroys a negative, and both make an affirmative. Co. Litt. 1409. Lord Coke cites this as a rule of grammatical construction, not always applying in law.
Negligio duplex est affirmatio. A double negative is an affirmative.

NEGATIVE. A denial; a proposition by which something is denied; a statement in the form of denial. Two negatives do not make a good issue. Steph. Pl. 386, 387.


NEGATIVE AVERTMENT. As opposed to the traverse or simple denial of an affirmative allegation, a negative averment is an allegation of some substantive fact, e.g., that premises are not in repair, which, although negative in form, is really affirmative in substance, and the party alleging the fact of non-repair must prove it. Brown. An averment in some of the pleadings in a case in which a negative is asserted. U. S. v. Eisenmenger (D. C.) 16 F. (2d) 816, 819.

NEGATIVE CONDITION. One by which it is stipulated that a given thing shall not happen.

NEGATIVE HEAD. As used in connection with a filtration plant it means the force that comes into play when a partial vacuum is created either within or below the filter bed. City of Harrisburg v. New York Continental Jewell Filtration Co. (C. C. A.) 217 F. 306, 308.

NEGATIVE PREGNANT. In pleading. A negative implying also an affirmative. Cowell. Such a form of negative expression as may imply or carry within it an affirmative. Steph. Pl. 315; Fields v. State, 134 Ind. 46, 32 N. E. 780; Stone v. Quail, 36 Minn. 46, 29 N. W. 326. As if a man be said to have aliened land in fee, and he says he has not aliened in fee, this is a negative pregnant; for, though it be true that he has not aliened in fee, yet it may be that he has made an estate in tail. Cowell. A "negative pregnant" is a denial in form, but is in fact an admission, as where the denial in hae verba includes the time and place, which are usually immaterial. Hall & Lyon Furniture Co. v. Torrey, 196 App. Div. 504, 188 N. Y. S. 456, 487; Green v. Commercial Bank & Trust Co. (D. C.) 277 F. 527, 538; McIntosh Livestock Co. v. Buffalo, 108 Or. 358, 217 P. 635, 636.

NEGGILDARE. To claim kindred. Jac. L. Diet.


The term is used in the law of bailment as synonymous with "negligence." But the latter word is the closer translation of the Latin "negligentia."

As used in respect to the payment of money, refusal is the failure to pay money when demanded; neglect is the failure to pay money which the party is bound to pay without demand. Kimball v. Rowland, 6 Gray (Mass.) 224.

The term means to omit, as to neglect business or payment or duty or work, and is generally used in this sense. It does not generally imply carelessness or imprudence, but simply an omission to do or perform some work, duty, or act. Rosenspenter v. Roessele, 54 N. Y. 262.

When "neglect" to comply with an order is ground for imprisonment until the order is complied with, it is generally held to mean a careless omission of duty, and not an omission from necessity. Brown v. Hendricks, 102 Neb. 100, 165 N. W. 1075.

Culpable Neglect

In this phrase, the word "culpable" means not criminal, but censurable; and, when the term is applied to the omission by a person to preserve the means of enforcing his own rights, censurable is more nearly an equivalent. As he has merely lost a right of action which he might voluntarily relinquish, and has wronged nobody but himself, culpable neglect conveys the idea of neglect which exists where the loss can fairly be ascribed to the party's own carelessness, improvidence, or folly. Bank v. Wright, 8 Allen (Mass.) 121; Bennett v. Bennett, 93 Me. 211, 44 A. 894; Haven v. Smith, 250 Mass. 546, 146 N. E. 18, 19.

Willful Neglect

Willful neglect is the neglect of the husband to provide for his wife the common necessaries of life, he having the ability to do so; or it is the failure to do so by reason of idleness, profligacy, or dissipation. Civil Code Cal. § 105.

NEGLIGENCED. To claim kindred. Jac. L. Diet.


Negligence usually consists in the “involuntary and casual”—that is, “accidental”—doing or omission to do something which results in an Injury, Root v. Topeka Ry. Co., 96 Kan. 604, 153 P. 550; and is synonymous with heedlessness, carelessness, thoughtlessness, disregard, inattention, inadvertence, remissness and oversight, Payne v. Vance, 103 Ohio St. 59, 133 N. E. 85, 87.

See Care.

“Negligence” in official conduct is ordinarily the failure to use such reasonable care and caution as would be expected of a prudent man. Hamrick v. McCutcheon, 101 W. Va. 485, 133 S. E. 127, 129.

Negligence is any culpable omission of a positive duty. It differs from heedlessness, in that heedlessness is the doing of an act in violation of a negative duty, without advertising to its possible consequences. In both cases there is inadvertence, and there is breach of duty. Aust. Jur. § 630.

Negligence or carelessness signifies want of care, caution, attention, diligence, or discretion in one having no positive intention to injure the person complaining thereof. The words “reckless,” “indifferent,” “careless,” and “wanton” are never understood to signify positive will or intention, unless when joined with other words which show that they are to receive an artificial or unusual, if not an unnatural, interpretation. Lexington v. Lewis, 10 Bush (Ky.) 677.

“Negligence” is not synonymous with “incompetency,” since the competent may be negligent. Alabama City, C. & A. Ry. Co. v. Bessemer, 190 Ala. 69, 66 So. 805, 806; Barclay v. Wetmore & Morse Granite Co., 52 Vt. 156, 102 A. 493, 496.

Actionable Negligence

See Actionable.

Collateral Negligence

In the law relating to the responsibility of an employer or principal for the negligent acts or omissions of his employee, the term “collateral” negligence is sometimes used to describe negligence attributable to a contractor employed by the principal and for which the latter is not responsible, though he would be responsible for the same thing if done by his servant. Weber v. Railway Co., 20 App. Div. 292, 47 N. Y. Supp. 11.
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Concurrent Contributory Negligence

"Concurrent contributory negligence" is knowledge of specific danger and negligent failure to avoid it. Sprinkle v. St. Louis & S. F. R. Co., 215 Ala. 191, 110 So. 137, 140.

Concurrent Negligence

"Concurrent negligence" arises where the injury is approximately caused by the concurrent wrongful acts or omissions of two or more persons acting independently. Carr v. St. Louis Auto Supply Co., 293 Mo. 562, 239 S. W. 827, 828.

Criminal Negligence

Criminal negligence which will render killing a person manslaughter is the omission on the part of the person to do some act which an ordinarily careful and prudent man would do under like circumstances, or the doing of some act which an ordinarily careful, prudent man under like circumstances would not do by reason of which another person is endangered in life or bodily safety; the word "ordinary" being synonymous with "reasonable" in this connection. State v. Coulter (Mo. Sup.) 294 S. W. 5. Negligence of such a character, or occurring under such circumstances, as to be punishable as a crime by statute; or (at common law) such a flagrant and reckless disregard of the safety of others, or willful indifference to the injury liable to follow, as to convert an act otherwise lawful into a crime when it results in personal injury or death. 4 Bl. Comm. 192, note; Cook v. Railroad Co., 72 Ga. 48; Rankin v. Transportation Co., 73 Ga. 223, 54 Am. Rep. 574; Railroad Co. v. Chollette, 53 N. C. 143, 40 N. W. 1114.

Culpable Negligence


Gross Negligence


"Gross negligence," is substantially higher in magnitude than simple inadvertence, but


**Hazardous Negligence**

Such careless or reckless conduct as exposes one to very great danger of injury or to imminent peril. See Riggs v. Standard Oil Co. (C. C.) 130 F. 204.

**Legal Negligence**

Negligence per se; the omission of such care as ordinarily prudent persons exercise and deem adequate to the circumstances of the case. In cases where the common experience of mankind and the common judgment of prudent persons have recognized that to do or omit certain acts is prolix of danger, the doing or omission of them is “legal negligence.” Carrico v. Railway Co., 35 W. Va. 389, 14 S. E. 12; Drake v. Wild, 70 Vt. 52, 39 A. 248; Johnson v. Railway Co., 49 Wis. 529, 5 N. W. 886.

**Negligence Per Se**

Conduct, whether of action or omission, which may be declared and treated as negligence without any argument or proof as to the particular surrounding circumstances, either because it is in violation of a statute or valid municipal ordinance, or because it is palpably opposed to the dictates of common prudence that it can be said without hesitation or doubt that no careful person would have been guilty of it. See Missouri Pac. Ry. Co. v. Lee, 70 Tex. 496, 7 S. W. 567; Central R. & B. Co. v. Smith, 78 Ga. 894, 8 S. E. 307; Murray v. Missouri Pac. Ry. Co., 101 Mo. 236, 13 S. W. 817, 29 Am. St. Rep. 601; Moser v. Union Traction Co., 205 Pa. 481, 35 A. 15. As a general rule, the violation of a public duty, enjoined by law for the protection of person or property, constitutes “negligence per se.” Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. Co. v. Pitchford, 44 Okl. 197, 143 P. 1146, 1150; Kavanagh v. New York, O. & W. Ry. Co., 196 App. Div. 384, 187 N. Y. S. 859, 890.

**Ordinary Negligence**

The omission of that care which a man of common prudence usually takes of his own concerns. Ouderkirk v. Central Nat. Bank, 110 N. Y. 263, 23 N. E. 575; Scott v. Depeter, 1 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 543; Tyler v. Nelson, 103 Mich. 37, 66 N. W. 671; Tomray v. Dodge County, 35 Neb. 802, 51 N. W. 255; Briggs v. Spaulding, 141 U. S., 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 924, 35 L. Ed. 662; Lake Shore, etc., Ry. Co. v. Murphy, 50 Ohio St. 133, 33 N. E. 493; Woodward v. Smith, 94 Ohio St. 114, 114 E. 748, 750; Ford v. Engleman, 118 Va. 89, 86 S. E. 852, 855. Failure to exercise care of an ordinary prudent person in same situation. Avery v. Thompson, 117 Me. 120, 103 A. 4, 5, L. R. A. 1918D, 265, Ann. Cas. 1918E, 1122; Burton Const. Co. v. Metcalfe, 162 Ky. 366, 172 S. W. 598, 701. A want of that care and prudence that the great majority of mankind exercise under the same or similar circumstances. Clemens v. State, 178 Wis. 259, 185 N. W. 209, 212, 21 A. L. R. 1490. Wherever distinctions between gross, ordinary and slight negligence are observed, “ordinary negligence” is said to be the want of ordinary care. Suse v. Terry, 140 Wash. 503, 250 P. 27, 28. “Ordinary negligence” is based on fact that one ought to have known results of his acts, while “gross negligence” rests on assumption that one knew results of his acts, but was recklessly or wantonly indifferent to results. All negligence below that called gross by courts and text-book writers is “slight negligence” and “ordinary negligence.” People v. Campbell, 237 Mich. 424, 212 N. W. 97, 99. Two degrees of negligence are now recognized in Kentucky: “Ordinary negligence,” or the failure to exercise care which ordinarily prudent persons would exercise in like or similar circumstances; and “gross negligence,” which is the absence of slight care. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Brown, 186 Ky. 435, 217 S. W. 656. The distinction between “ordinary negligence” and “gross negligence” is that the former lies in the field of inadvertence and the latter in the field of actual or constructive intent to injure. Bentzon v. Brown, 191 Wis. 460, 211 N. W. 132, 133.

**Slight Negligence**

Under the common law, the rule of comparative negligence did not obtain, and any negligence on the part of the plaintiff which, taken in connection with the negligence of the defendant contributed to the proximate cause of the injury would bar a recovery. Under that rule the degrees of the plaintiff’s negligence were not considered, but “slight negligence” was taken to mean “a slight want of ordinary care.” 7 A. & E. Enc. Law (2d Ed.) 375(2), 375(4), 377(5); Macon & Western R. Co. v. Davis, 13 Ga. 68(10). Slight negligence is not slight want of ordinary care contributing to the injury, which would defeat an action for negligence. Slight negligence is defined to be only an absence of that degree of care and vigilance which persons of extraordinary prudence and foresight are accustomed to use. Briggs v. Spaulding, 141 U. S. 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 924, 35 L. Ed. 662; French v. Buffalo, etc., R. Co., *43 N. Y. 108; Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 498, 57 Am. Dec. 534; Griffin v. Willow, 43 Wis. 512.

**Wanton Negligence**

Reckless indifference to the consequences of an act or omission, where the party acting or failing to act is conscious of his conduct and, without any actual intent to injure, is
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... aware, from his knowledge of existing circumstances and conditions, that his conduct will inevitably or probably result in injury to another. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Webb, 97 Ala. 308, 12 So. 374; Alabama G. S. R. Co. v. Hall, 105 Ala. 599, 17 So. 176.

Willful Negligence

Though rejected by some courts and writers as involving a contradiction of terms, this phrase is occasionally used to describe a higher or more aggravated form of negligence than "gross." It then means a willful determination not to perform a known duty, or a reckless disregard of the safety or the rights of others, as manifested by the conscious and intentional omission of the care proper under the circumstances. See Victor Coal Co. v. Muir, 26 Colo. 320, 38 P. 378, 28 L. R. A. 435, 46 Am. St. Rep. 299; Holwaters v. Railway Co., 157 Mo. 216, 57 S. W. 770, 50 L. R. A. 580; Lockwood v. Railway Co., 92 Wis. 97, 65 N. W. 466; Kentucky Cent. R. Co. v. Carr (Ky.) 43 S. W. 198, 19 Ky. Law Rep. 1172; Florida Southern Ry. v. Hirst, 30 Fla. 1, 11 So. 506, 16 L. R. A. 631, 32 Am. St. Rep. 17; Lexington v. Lewis, 10 Bush (Ky.) 580; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Leinert, 202 Ill. 624, 67 N. E. 398, 85 Am. St. Rep. 296. The failure to exercise ordinary care after discovering a person to be in a position of peril. Cowan v. Minneapolis, St. P. & S. S. M. Ry. Co., 42 N. D. 170, 172 N. W. 322, 323. It involves deliberation and malice. Schwartz v. Johnson, 152 Tenn. 586, 250 S. W. 32, 33, 47 A. L. R. 523. "Willful negligence" implies an act intentionally done in disregard of another's rights, or omission to do something to protect the rights of another after having had such notice of those rights as would put a prudent man on his guard to use ordinary care to avoid injury. Covert v. Rockford & I. Ry. Co., 209 Ill. 288, 122 N. E. 504, 505. There is no proof of what is called "willful negligence," unless it is shown that defendant discovered plaintiff's peril at such a time and under such circumstances as offered an opportunity, and in consequence imposed a duty on defendant, to take some step to prevent the injury. It is the failure in such a duty that is willful negligence, so called. Westerberg v. Motor Truck Service Co., 158 Minn. 202, 197 N. W. 98, 99. A charge of "willful and wanton negligence" does not signify degree of negligence, but the words have reference to the intent, which must have been to do the wrongful act, but not to inflict the resulting injury; otherwise, it would be a willful and not a negligent injury. Westre v. Chicago, M. & St. P. R. Co. (C. C. A.) 2 F. (2d) 227, 229. See also, Brown v. Illinois Terminal Co., 319 Ill. 326, 150 N. E. 242, 244; Houston Chronicle Pub. Co. v. McDavid (Tex. Civ. App.) 173 S. W. 467, 469; Keystone Mfg. Co. v. Hines, 83 W. Va. 405, 102 S. E. 106, 110.


NEGLIGENT ESCAPE. An escape from confinement effected by the prisoner without the knowledge or connivance of the keeper of the prison, but which was made possible or practicable by the latter's negligence, or by his omission of such care and vigilance as he was legally bound to exercise in the safekeeping of the prisoner.

Where a party arrested or imprisoned escapes against the will of him who arrests or imprisons him, and is not freshly pursued and taken again before he has been lost sight of, State v. Wedin, 83 N. J. Law, 596, 59 A. 753, 754.

NEGLIGENT OFFENSE. One which ensues from a defective discharge of a duty, which defect could have been avoided by the exercise of that care which is usual, under similar circumstances, with prudent persons of the same class. People v. Gaydica, 122 Misc. Rep. 31, 203 N. Y. S. 243, 258.

NEGLIGENT VIOLATION OF STATUTE. One occasioned by or accompanied with negligent conduct. Such conduct must be established by the evidence, and will not be presumed because the statute is violated. Hamrick v. McCutcheon, 101 W. Va. 485, 133 S. E. 127, 128.

NEGLIGENTIA. Lat. In the civil law. Carelessness; inattention; the omission of proper care or forethought. The term is not exactly equivalent to our "negligence," inasmuch as it was not any negligentia, but only a high or gross degree of it, that amounted to culpa, (actionable or punishable fault.)

Negligentia semper habet infortunistum comitem. Negligence always has misfortune for a companion. Co. Litt. 246b; Shep. Touch. 476.


NEGLIGENTLY DONE. The doing of an act where ordinary care required that it should not have been done at all, or that it should have been done in some other way, and where the doing of the act was not consistent with the exercise of ordinary care under the circumstances. Curtis v. Mager, 186 Ind. 118, 114 N. E. 408, 409.
NEGOCIABLE. Fr. Business; trade; management of affairs.

NEGOTIABILITY. In mercantile law. Transferable quality. That quality of bills of exchange and promissory notes which renders them transferable from one person to another, and from possessing which they are emphatically termed "negotiable paper." 5 Kent, Comm. 74, 77, 89, et seq. See Story, Bills, § 60.

NEGOTIABLE. An instrument embodying an obligation for the payment of money is called "negotiable" when the legal title to the instrument itself and to the whole amount of money expressed upon its face, with the right to sue therefor in his own name, may be transferred from one person to another without a formal assignment, but by mere indorsement and delivery by the holder or by delivery only. See 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 1; Walker v. Ocean Bank, 10 Ind. 247; Robinson v. Wilkinson, 28 Mich. 299; Odel v. Gray, 15 Mo. 337, 55 Am. Dec. 147; Vtctor v. Johnson, 145 Pa. 583, 23 Atl. 175.

Quasi Negotiable

"Quasi negotiable" describes the nature of instruments which, while not negotiable, in sense of law merchant, are so framed and dealt with as frequently to convey as good title to transferee as if they were negotiable. A bill of lading is a quasi negotiable instrument. National Bank of Savannah v. Kershaw Oil Mill (C. C. A.) 202 F. 90, 94.

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS. A general name for bills, First Nat. Bank v. Rochamora, 196 N. C. 1, 136 S. E. 259, 261; notes, checks, Kansas City Casualty Co. v. Westport Ave. Bank, 191 Mo. App. 257, 177 S. W. 1062, 1064; Santa Marina Co. v. Canadian Bank of Commerce (C. C. A.) 234 F. 391, 393; trade acceptances, Federal Commercial & Savings Bank v. International Clay Machinery Co., 250 Mich. 32, 206 N. W. 166, 45 A. L. R. 1246; certain bonds, Grosfeld v. First Nat. Bank, 73 Mont. 213, 236 P. 250, 254; Stevens v. Berkshire St. Ry. Co., 247 Mass. 399, 142 N. E. 59, 60; Higgins v. Hocking Valley Ry. Co., 188 App. Div. 684, 177 N. Y. S. 444, 451; Citizens' State Bank of Greenup v. Johnson County, 182 Ky. 331, 207 S. W. 8, 10; letters of credit, and other negotiable written securities. Any written securities which may be transferred by indorsement and delivery or by delivery merely, so as to vest in the Indorsee the legal title, and thus enable him to sue thereon in his own name. Or, more technically, those instruments which not only carry the legal title with them by indorsement or delivery, but carry as well, when transferred before maturity, the right of the transferee to demand the full amounts which their faces call for. Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 1a. A negotiable instrument is a written promise or request for the payment of a certain sum of money to order or bearer. Civ. Code Cal. § 3087.

Under the Uniform Negotiable Instruments Act, an instrument, to be negotiable, must be in writing and signed; must contain an unconditional promise or order to pay a certain sum of money on demand, or at a fixed and determinable future time; it must be payable to order or to bearer, and where it is addressed to the drawee, he must be named or otherwise indicated with reasonable certainty; its negotiability is not affected by the fact that it is not dated, or that it bears a seal, or that it does not specify the value given or that any value was given.

NEGOTIABLE WORDS. Words and phrases which impart the character of negotiability to bills, notes, checks, etc., in which they are inserted; for instance, a direction to pay to A. "or order" or "bearer."

NEGOTIATE. To transact business, to treat with another respecting a purchase and sale, to hold intercourse, to bargain or trade, to conduct communication or conferences. It is that which passes between parties or their agents in the course of or incident to the making of a contract; it is also conversation in arranging terms of contract. People v. Augustine, 232 Mich. 29, 204 N. W. 747, 748.

To discuss or arrange a sale or bargain; to arrange the preliminaries of a business transaction. Also to sell or discount negotiable paper, or assign or transfer it by indorsement and delivery. Palmer v. Ferry, 6 Gray (Mass.) 420; Newport Nat. Bank v. Board of Education, 114 Ky. 87, 70 S. W. 186; Odel v. Clyde, 23 Misc. 734, 53 N. Y. Supp. 61; Blakiston v. Dudley, 5 Duer (N. Y.) 377.

An instrument is "negotiated," when it is transferred from one person to another in such manner as to constitute the transferee the holder thereof. Pan-American Bank & Trust Co. v. National City Bank of New York (C. C. A.) 6 F.(2d) 762, 767; Merchants' Nat. Bank of Billings v. Smith, 59 Mont. 280, 106 P. 523, 526, 15 A. L. R. 459.

NEGOTIATION. The deliberation, discussion, or conference upon the terms of a proposed agreement; the act of settling or arranging the terms and conditions of a bargain, sale, or other business transaction. The act by which a bill of exchange or promissory note is put into circulation by being passed by one of the original parties to another person.

NEGOTIORUM GESTIO. Lat. In the civil law. Literally, a doing of business or businesses. A species of spontaneous agency, or an interference by one in the affairs of another, in his absence, from benevolence or friendship, and without authority. 2 Kent, Comm. 616, note; Inst. 3, 28, l.

NEGOTIORUM GESTOR. Lat. In the civil law. A transactor or manager or business;
a person voluntarily constituting himself agent for another; one who, without any mandate or authority, assumes to take charge of an affair or concern for another person, in the latter's absence, but for his interest.

One who spontaneously, and without the knowledge or consent of the owner, intermeddles with his property, as to do work on it, or to carry it to another place, etc. Story, Ballm. § 159.

NEGO. The word "negro" means a black man, one descended from the African race, and does not commonly include a mulatto. Felix v. Stare, 18 Ala. 720. But the laws of the different states are not uniform in this respect, some including in the description "negro" one who has one-eighth or more of African blood.

Term "negro" means necessarily person of color, but not person of color is "negro." Rice v. Gong Lum, 139 Miss. 760, 104 So. 105, 106.

NEIFE, NAIF, NATIVUS. In old English law. A woman who was born a villein, or a bond-woman. 1 Steph. Com. 133.

NEIGHBOR. One who lives in close proximity to another. In a grant relating to the use of water by neighbors, it was limited to the next adjoining farm; 1 A. C., 22 (So. Africa).


It is not synonymous with territory or district, but is a collective noun, with the suggestion of proximity, and refers to the units which make up its whole, as well as to the region which comprehends those units. A district or locality, especially when considered with relation to its inhabitants or their interests. Lindsay Irr. Co. v. Mehrten's, 97 Cal. 676, 32 Pac. 802.

As used with reference to a person's reputation, "neighborhood" means in general any community or society where person is well known and has established a reputation. Craven v. State, 22 Ala. App. 38, 111 So. 767, 769.


NEMBDA. In Swedish and Gothic law. A jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 349, 359.

NEMINE CONTRADICENTE. Lat. No one dissenting; no one voting in the negative. A phrase used to indicate the unanimous consent of a court or legislative body to a judgment, resolution, vote, or motion. Commonly abbreviated "nem. con."

Neminem iudicat qui jure suo utitur. He who stands on his own rights injures no one.

Neminem oportet esse sapientiorem legibus. Co. Litt. 97b. No man ought to be wiser than the laws.

NEMO. Lat. No one; no man. The initial word of many Latin phrases and maxims, among which are the following:

Nemo admitteret est inhabin litterale seipsum. Jenk. Cent. 40. No man is to be admitted to incapacitate himself.


Nemo aliena rei, sine satisfactione, defensor idoneus intelligitur. No man is considered a competent defender of another's property, without security. A rule of the Roman law, applied in part in admiralty cases. 1 Curt. 202.

Nemo alieno nomine leges agere potest. No one can sue in the name of another. Dig. 59, 17, 123.

Nemo aliquam partem recte intelligere potest, antequam totum iterum atque iterum perlegir. No one can properly understand any part of a thing till he has read through the whole again and again. 3 Co. 59; Broom, Max. 593.

Nemo allegans suam turpitudinem audien dus est. No one alleging his own turpitude is to be heard as a witness. 4 Inst. 279; 12 Pick. (Mass.) 667. This is not a rule of evidence, but applies to a party seeking to enforce a right founded on an illegal consideration; 94 U. S. 426, 24 L. Ed. 204.

Nemo bis punitur pro eodem delito. No man is punished twice for the same offense. 4 Bl. Comm. 315; 2 Hawk. P. C. 377.

Nemo cogitationis panem patitur. No one suffers punishment on account of his thoughts. Tray. Lat. Max. 362.

Nemo cogitur rem suam vendere, etiam justo pretio. No man is compelled to sell his own property, even for a just price. 4 Inst. 275.

Nemo contra factum suum venire potest. No man can contravene or contradict his own deed. 2 Inst. 66. The principle of estoppel by deed. Best, Ev. p. 408, § 370.

Nemo damnun facit, nisi qui id feellt quo facere jus non habet. No one is considered
as doing damage, unless he who is doing what he has no right to do. Dig. 50, 17, 151.

Nemo dare potest quod non habet. No man can give that which he has not. Plut. lib. 3, c. 15, § 8.

Nemo dat qui non habet. He who hath not cannot give. Jenk. Cent. 259; Broom, Max. 490a; 6 C. B. (N. S.) 478.

Nemo de domo sua extra re potest. No one can be dragged out of his own house. In other words, every man's house is his castle. Dig. 50, 17, 103.

Nemo debet aliena jactura locupletari. No one ought to gain by another's loss. 2 Kent. 536.

Nemo debet bis puniri pro uno delitto. No man ought to be punished twice for one offense. 4 Coke, 49a; 11 Coke, 59b. No man shall be placed in peril of legal penalties more than once upon the same accusation. Broom, Max. 946.

Nemo debet bis vexari pro eadem causa. No one should be twice harassed for the same cause. 2 Johns. (N. Y.) 182; 13 Johns. (N. Y.) 133; 2 Barb. (N. Y.) 285; 6 Barb. (N. Y.) 32.

Nemo debet bis vexari [si constet curia quod sit] pro una et eadem causa. No man ought to be twice troubled or harassed [if it appear to the court that it is] for one and the same cause. 5 Coke, 61a; 5 Pet. 61, 8 L. Ed. 25; 2 Mass. 355; 17 Mass. 425. No man can be sued a second time for the same cause of action, if once judgment has been rendered. See Broom, Max. 327, 348. No man can be held to bail a second time at the suit of the same plaintiff for the same cause of action. 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. 476.


Nemo debet immiso se rei ad se nihil pertinenti. No one should intermeddle with a thing that in no respect concerns him. Jenk. Cent. p. 18, case 32.

Nemo debet in communione invitus teneri. No one should be retained in a partnership against his will. Selden v. Vermilya, 2 Sandf. (N. Y.) 568, 583; United Ins. Co. v. Scott, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 106, 114.

Nemo debet locupletari aliena jactura. No one ought to be enriched by another's loss. Dig. 6, 1, 48, 65; 2 Kent, Comm. 336; 1 Kames, Eq. 331.

Nemo debet locupletari ex alterius incommode. No one ought to be made rich out of another's loss. Jenk. Cent. 4; Taylor v. Baldwin, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 626, 623.

Nemo debet rem suam sive facto aut defectu suo ambire. No man ought to lose his property without his own act or default. Co. Litt. 283a.

Nemo dubus utatur officio. 4 Inst. 100. No one should hold two offices, i. e., at the same time.

Nemo ejusdem tenementi simul potest esse hares et dominus. No one can at the same time be the heir and the owner of the same tenement. See 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 106.

Nemo enim aliquam partem recte intelligere poscit antequam totum iterum atque iterum perlegatur. No one is able rightly to understand one part before he has again and again read through the whole. Broom, Max. 596.

Nemo est hares viventis. No one is the heir of a living person. Co. Litt. 8a, 229. No one can be heir during the life of his ancestor. Broom, Max. 522, 523; 7 Allen (Mass.) 75; 99 Mass. 456; 113 Mass. 345. No person can be the actual complete heir of another till the ancestor is previously dead. 2 Bl. Comm. 205.

Nemo est supra leges. No one is above the law. Loft, 142.

Nemo ex alterius facto pragravari debet. No man ought to be burdened in consequence of another's act. 2 Kent, Comm. 646.

Nemo ex consilio obligatur. No man is bound in consequence of his advice. Mere advice will not create the obligation of a mandate. Story, Balm. § 155.

Nemo ex dolo suo proprio relevetur, aut auxilium capiat. Let no one be relieved or gain an advantage by his own fraud. A civil law maxim.

Nemo ex proprio dolo consequitur actionem. No one maintains an action arising out of his own wrong. Broom, Max. 297.

Nemo ex suo delicto meliore suam conditionem facere potest. No one can make his condition better by his own misdeed. Dig. 50, 17, 134, 1.

Nemo in propria causa testis esse debet. No one ought to be a witness in his own cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 371.

Nemo inauditus condemnari debet si non sit contumax. No man ought to be condemned without being heard unless he be contumacious. Jenk. Cent. p. 18, case 12, in marg.

Nemo jus sibi dicere potest. No one can declare the law for himself. No one is entitled to take the law into his own hands. Tray. Lat. Max. 396.

Nemo militans Deo implicetur secundibus negotii. No man who is warring for [in the
service of God should be involved in secular matters. Co. Litt. 70b. A principle of the old law that men of religion were not bound to go in person with the king to war.

Nemo nascitur artifex. Co. Litt. 97. No one is born an artisteer.

Nemo patriam in qua natus est exuere, nec ligantiae debitum ejusre appear possit. No man can renounce the country in which he was born, nor abjure the obligation of his allegiance. Co. Litt. 120a; Broom, Max. 75; Post. Cr. Law, 184.

Nemo plus commodi hæredi suo relinquuit quam ipse habit. No one leaves a greater benefit to his heir than he had himself. Dig. 50, 17, 120.

Nemo plus juris ad alium transferre potest quam ipse habet. No one can transfer more right to another than he has himself. Dig. 50, 17, 54; Broom, Max. 467, 469; 2 Kent 324; 5 Co. 115; 10 Pet. 161, 175, 9 L. Ed. 382.

Nemo potest contra recordum verificare ad patriam. No one can verify by the country against a record. 2 Inst. 380. The issue upon matter of record cannot be to the jury. A maxim of old practice.

Nemo potest esse dominus et hæres. No man can be both owner and heir. Hale, Com. Law, c. 7.

Nemo potest esse simul actor et judex. No one can be at once suiter and judge. Broom, Max. 117.

Nemo potest esse tenens et dominus. No man can be both tenant and lord [of the same tenement.] Glb. Ten. 142.

Nemo potest exuere patriam. No man can renounce his own country. 38 L. Q. R. 51.

Nemo potest facere per alium quod per se non potest. No one can do that by another which he cannot do of himself. Jenk. Cent. p. 237, case 14. A rule said to hold in original grants, but not in descents; as where an office descended to a woman, in which case, though she could not exercise the office in person, she might by deputy. Id.

Nemo potest facere per obligatum quod non potest facere per directum. No man can do that indirectly which he cannot do directly. 1 Eden, 512.

Nemo potest mutare consilium suum in alterius iuriam. No man can change his purpose to another’s injury. Dig. 50, 17, 75; Broom, Max. 34.

Nemo potest nisi quod de jure potest. No one is able to do a thing, unless he can do it lawfully. 67 Ill. App. 80.

Nemo potest plus juris ad alium transferre quam ipse habet. Co. Litt. 309; Wing, Max. 56. No one can transfer a greater right to another than he himself has.

Nemo potest sibi debere. No one can owe to himself.

Nemo praesens nisi intelligat. One is not present unless he understands.

Nemo præsumitur alienam posteritatem suæ praetulisse. No man is presumed to have preferred another’s posterity to his own. Wing. Max. p. 285, max. 79.


Nemo præsumitur esse immemor suæ aeternæ salutis, et maxime in articulo mortis. 6 Coke, 76. No one is presumed to be forgetful of his own eternal welfare, and particularly at the point of death.

Nemo præsumitur ludere in extremis. No one is presumed to trifile at the point of death.

Nemo præsumitur malus. No one is presumed to be bad.

Nemo prohibetur plures negotiationes sive artes exercere. No one is prohibited from following several kinds of business or several arts. 11 Coke, 54a. The common law doth not prohibit any person from using several arts or mysteries at his pleasure. Id.

Nemo prohibetur pluribus dispositionibus uti. Co. Litt. 304a. No one is prohibited from making use of several defenses.

Nemo prudens punit ut præterita revoecentur, sed ut futura pravenientur. No wise man punished in order that past things may be recalled, but that future wrongs may be prevented. 2 Bulst. 173.

Nemo punitur pro alieno delicto. Wing. Max. 336. No one is punished for another’s wrong.

Nemo punitur sine injuria, facto, seu defulta. No one is punished unless for some wrong, act, or default. 2 Inst. 287.

Nemo qui condemmare potest, absolvere non potest. No one who may condemn is unable to acquit. Dig. 50, 17, 37.

Nemo sibi esse judex velit suis jus diocere debet. No man ought to be his own judge, or to administer justice in cases where his relations are concerned. 12 Co. 113; Cod. 3, 3, 1; Broom, Max. 116, 124.

Nemo sine actione expetrut, et hoo non sine breve sive libello conventiionali. No one goes to law without an action, and no one can bring an action without a writ or bill. Bract. fol. 112.

Nemo tenetur ad impossible. No one is bound to an impossibility. Jenk. Cent. 7; Broom, Max. 244.

Nemo tenetur armare adversarium contra se. Wing. Max. 665. No one is bound to arm his adversary against himself.
Nemo tenetur divinare. No man is bound to divine, or to have foreknowledge of, a future event. 10 Coke, 55a.

Nemo tenetur edere instrumenta contra se. No man is bound to produce writings against himself. A rule of the Roman law, adhered to in criminal prosecutions, but departed from in civil questions. Bell.

Nemo tenetur informare qui nescit, sed quibus se liceat quod informet. Branch, Princ. No one is bound to give information about things he is ignorant of, but every one is bound to know that which he gives information about.

Nemo tenetur jurare in suam turpitudinem. No one is bound to swear to the fact of his own criminality; no one can be forced to give his own oath in evidence of his guilt. Bell; Halk. 100.

Nemo tenetur prodere seipsum. No one is bound to betray himself. In other words, no one can be compelled to criminate himself. Broom, Max. 968.

Nemo tenetur seipsum accusare. Wing. Max. 496. No one is bound to accuse himself; 14 M. & W. 285; 107 Mass. 151.

Nemo tenetur seipsum infortunii et perilios exponere. No one is bound to expose himself to misfortunes and dangers. Co. Litt. 253b.

Nemo tenetur seipsum prodere. No one is bound to betray himself. 10 N. Y. 10; 7 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 57, 58; Broom, Max. 968.

Nemo unquam judiet in se. No one can ever be a judge in his own cause.

Nemo unquam vir magnus fuit, sile aliquo divino affaturo. No one was ever a great man without some divine inspiration. Cicero.

Nemo videtur fraudare eos qui solvant et consentiunt. No one seems [is supposed] to defraud those who know and assent [to his acts.] Dig. 50, 17, 145.

NEMY. L. Fr. Not. Litt. § 3.

NEPHEW. The son of a brother or sister. But the term, as used in wills and other documents, may include the children of half brothers and sisters and also grandnephews, if such be the apparent intention, but not the nephew of a husband or wife, and not (presumptively) a nephew who is illegitimate. See Shephard v. Shephard, 57 Conn. 24, 17 A. 173; Lyon v. Lyon, 88 Me. 395, 34 A. 180; Brower v. Bowers, 1 Abb. Dec. (N. Y.) 214; Green's Appeal, 42 Pa. 25; In re Van Riepl, 99 Misc. 189, 165 N. Y. S. 558, 559; In re Logan, 131 N. Y. 456, 30 N. E. 485.

NEPOS. Lat. A grandson.

NEPTIS. Lat. A granddaughter; sometimes great-granddaughter.

NEPUOY. In Scotch law. A grandson Skene.

NERVINE. The word "nervine" is a descriptive word meaning a nerve tonic or a remedy for disorder of the nerves. Richmond Remedies Co. v. Dr. Miles Medical Co. (C. C. A.) 16 F.(2d) 598, 601.

NERVOUSNESS. A species of mental suffering. Southern Ry. in Kentucky v. Owen, 150 Ky. 827, 162 S. W. 110, 111.


NET EARNINGS. See Earnings.


NET PREMIUM. In the business of life insurance, this term is used to designate that portion of the premium which is intended to meet the cost of the insurance, both current and future; its amount is calculated upon the basis of the mortality tables and upon the assumption that the company will receive a certain rate of interest upon all its assets; it does not include the entire premium paid by the assured, but does include a certain sum for expenses. Fuller v. Metropolitan L. Ins. Co., 70 Conn. 647, 41 A. 4.

NET PRICE. The lowest price, after deducting all discounts.

NET PROFITS. This term does not mean what is made over the losses, expenses, and interest on the amount invested. It includes the gain that accrues on the investment, after deducting simply the losses and expenses of the business. Tutt v. Land, 50 Ga. 350.

NET TONNAGE. The net tonnage of a vessel is the difference between the entire cubic contents of the interior of the vessel numbered in tons and the space occupied by the crew and
by propelling machinery. The Thomas Melville, 62 F. 749, 10 C. C. A. 619.

NET WEIGHT. The weight of an article or collection of articles, after deducting from the gross weight the weight of the boxes, coverings, cases, etc., containing the same. The weight of an animal dressed for sale, after rejecting hide, offal, etc.

NETHER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT. A name given to the English house of commons in the time of Henry VIII.

NEURASTHENIA. In medical jurisprudence. A condition of weakness or exhaustion of the general nervous system, giving rise to various forms of mental and bodily inefficiency.

NEUTRAL. In international law. Indifferent; impartial; not engaged on either side; not taking an active part with either of the contending states. In an international war, the principal hostile powers are called "belligerents"; those actively co-operating with and assisting them, their "allies," and those taking no part whatever, " neutrals."

NEUTRAL PROPERTY. Property which belongs to citizens of neutral powers, and is used, treated, and accompanied by proper insignia as such.

NEUTRALITY. The state of a nation which takes no part between two or more other nations at war. U. S. v. The Three Friends, 166 U. S. 1, 17 S. Ct. 495, 41 L. Ed. 897; O'Neill v. Central Leather Co., 87 N. J. Law, 552, 94 A. 789, 790, L. R. A. 1917A, 276.

NEUTRALITY LAWS. Acts of congress which forbid the fitting out and equipping of armed vessels, or the enlisting of troops, for the aid of either of two belligerent powers with which the United States is at peace.

NEUTRALITY PROCLAMATION. A proclamation by the president of the United States, issued on the outbreak of a war between two powers with both of which the United States is at peace, announcing the neutrality of the United States and warning all citizens to refrain from any breach of the neutrality laws.

NEVER INDEBTED, PLEA OF. A species of traverse which occurs in actions of debt or simple contract, and is resorted to when the defendant means to deny in point of fact the existence of any express contract to the effect alleged in the declaration, or to deny the matters of fact from which such contract would by law be implied. Steph. Pl. 153, 158; Wharton.

NEW. As an element in numerous compound terms and phrases of the law, this word may denote novelty, or the condition of being previously unknown or of recent or fresh origin, but ordinarily it is a purely relative term and is employed in contrasting the date, origin, or character of one thing with the corresponding attributes of another thing of the same kind or class.

New and Useful

The phrase used in the patent laws to describe the two qualities of an invention or discovery which are essential to make it patentable, viz., novelty, or the condition of having been previously unknown, and practical utility. See In re Gould, 1 MacArthur (D. C.) 410; Adams v. Turner, 73 Conn. 35, 46 A. 247; Lowell v. Lewis, 1 Mason, 182, Fed. Cas. No. 8,585. To accomplish a new and useful result within meaning of Rev. St. § 4886 (35 USCA § 31), it is not necessary that result before unknown should be brought about, but it is sufficient if an old result is accomplished in a new and more effective way. Hirschy v. Wisconsin-Minnesota Gas & Electric Household Appliances Co. (D. C.) 15 F. (2d) 347, 354. An invention achieves a new result, where a function which had been performed by other means was performed to an efficient degree by an association of means never before combined, though all of them were old, and some of the changes seemed to be only in degree. American Ball Bearing Co. v. Finch (C. C. A.) 289 F. 885, 889.

New Assets

In the law governing the administration of estates, this term denotes assets coming into the hands of an executor or administrator after the expiration of the time when, by statute, claims against the estate are barred so far as regards recourse against the assets with which he was originally charged. See Littlefield v. Eaton, 74 Me. 521; Chenery v. Webster, 8 Allen (Mass.) 77; Robinson v. Hodge, 117 Mass. 222; Veazie v. Marrett, 6 Allen (Mass.) 372.

New Assignment

Under the common-law practice, where the declaration in an action is ambiguous, and the defendant pleads facts which are literally an answer to it, but not to the real claim set up by the plaintiff, the plaintiff's course is to reply by way of new assignment; i. e., allege that he brought his action not for the cause supposed by the defendant, but for some other cause to which the plea has no application. 3 Steph. Comm. 507; Sweet. See Bishop v. Travis, 51 Minn. 183, 53 N. W. 461.

New Cause of Action

With reference to the amendment of pleadings, this term may refer to a new state of facts out of which liability is claimed to arise, or it may refer to parties who are alleged to be entitled under the same state of facts, or it may embrace both features. Love v. Southern R. Co., 108 Tenn. 104, 65 S. W. 475, 55 L. R. A. 471. See Nelson v. First Nat. Bank, 139 Ala. 578, 36 So. 707, 101 Am. St. Rep. 52.

New For Old

In making an adjustment of a partial loss under a policy of marine insurance, the rule
is to apply the old materials towards the payment of the new, by deducting the value of them from the gross amount of the expenses for repairs, and to allow the deduction of one-third new for old upon the balance. 3 Kent, Comm. 339.

New Inn

An inn of chancery. See Inns of Chancery.

New Matter


New Promise

See Promise.

New Style

The modern system of computing time was introduced into Great Britain A. D. 1752, the 3d of September of that year being reckoned as the 14th.

New Trial

See Trial.

New Works

In the civil law. By a new work is understood every sort of edifice or other work which is newly commenced on any ground whatever. When the ancient form of work is changed, either by an addition being made to it or by some part of the ancient work being taken away, it is styled also a “new work.” Civ. Code La. art. 850.

New Year’s Day

The first day of January. The 25th of March was the civil and legal New Year’s Day, till the alteration of the style in 1752, when it was permanently fixed at the 1st of January. In Scotland the year was, by a proclamation, which bears date 27th of November, 1599, ordered thenceforth to commence in that kingdom on the 1st of January instead of the 25th of March. Enc. Lond.

Of New

See that title.

NEWGATE. The name of a prison in London, said to have existed as early as 1207. It was three times destroyed and rebuilt. For centuries the condition of the place was horrible, but it has been greatly improved since 1808. Since 1815, debtors have not been committed to this prison.

NEWLY-DISCOVERED EVIDENCE. See Evidence.


NEXT

Lat. In Roman law. Bound; bound persons. A term applied to such insolvent debtors as were delivered up to their creditors, by whom they might be held in bondage until their debts were discharged. Calvin; Adams, Rom. Ant. 49.


Nearest or highest, not in the sense of proincluity alone, as, for example, three persons on three chairs, one in the midst, those on each side of the middle one are equally near, each “next” to the middle one; but it signifies also order, or succession, or relation as well as proincluity. 27 L. J. Ch. 654. See 3 Q. B. 723; Couch v. Turnpike Co., 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 26.

NEXT DEVISEE. By the term “first devisee” is understood the person to whom the estate is first given by the will, while the term “next devisee” refers to the person to whom the remainder is given. Young v. Robinson, 5 N. J. Law, 689.

NEXT FRIEND. The legal designation of the person by whom an infant or other person disabled from suing in his own name brings and prosecutes an action either at law or in equity; usually a relative. Strictly speaking, a next friend (or “prochein amity”) is not appointed by the court to bring or maintain the suit, but is simply one who volunteers for that purpose, and is merely admitted or permitted to sue in behalf of the infant; but the practice of suing by a next friend has now been almost entirely superseded by the practice of appointing a guardian ad litem. See McKinney v. Jones, 55 Wis. 30, 11 N. W. 606; Guild v. Cranston, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 506; Tucker v. Dabbs, 12 Heisk. (Tenn.) 28; Leopold v. Meyers, 10 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 40; Zazove v. Minneapolis, St. P. &


NEXT PRESENTATION. In the law of ad-vowsons. The right of next presentation is the right to present to the first vacancy of a benefice.

NEXUM. Lat. In Roman law. In ancient times the nexum seems to have been a species of formal contract, involving a loan of money, and attended with peculiar consequences, solemnized with the "copper and balance." Later, it appears to have been used as a general term for any contract struck with those ceremonies, and hence to have included the special form of conveyance called "mancipatio." In a general sense it means the obligation or bond between contracting parties. See Maine, Anc. Law, 305, et seq.; Hadl. Rom. Law, 247.

In Roman law, this word expressed the tie or obligation involved in the old conveyance by mancipatio; and came latterly to be used interchangeably with (but less frequently than) the word "obligatio" itself. Brown.

NICHILLS. In English practice. Debts due to the exchequer which the sheriff could not levy, and as to which he returned null. These sums were transcribed once a year by the clerk of the nichills, and sent to the treasurer's remembrancer's office, whence process was issued to recover the "nichill" debts. Both of these offices were abolished in 1833. Mozley & Whitely.

NICKNAME. A short name; one nicked or cut off for the sake of brevity, without conveying an idea of approbation, and frequently evincing the strongest affection or the most perfect familiarity. North Carolina Inst. v. Norwood, 45 N. C. 74.

NIDERLING, NIDERING, or NITHING. A vile, base person, or sluggard; chicken-hearted. Spelman.

NIECE. The daughter of one's brother or sister. Amb. 514. Capps v. State, 37 Fla. 388, 100 So. 172, 173.

NIEFE. In old English law. A woman born in vassalage; a bondwoman.

NIENT. L. Fr. Nothing; not.

NIENT COMPRISE. Not comprised; not included. An exception taken to a petition because the thing desired is not contained in that deed or proceeding whereon the petition is founded. Tomlins.

NIENT CULPABLE. Not guilty. The name in law French of the general issue in tort or in a criminal action.

NIENT DEDIRE. To say nothing; to deny nothing; to suffer judgment by default.

NIENT LE FAIT. In pleading. Not the deed; not his deed. The same as the plea of non est factum.


NIGER LIBER. The black book or register in the exchequer; chartularies of abbeyes, cathedrals, etc.

NIGHT. As to what, by the common law, is reckoned night and what day, it seems to be the general opinion that, if there be daylight,
or crepusculum, enough begun or left to discern a man’s face, that is considered day; and night is when it is so dark that the countenance of a man cannot be discerned. 1 Hale, P. C. 350. However, the limit of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. has been fixed by statute, in England, as the period of night, in prosecutions for burglary and larceny. St. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 96, § 1; Brown. In American law, the common-law definition is still adhered to in some states, but in others “night” has been defined by statute. U. S. v. Lepper (D. C.) 238 F. 136, 137; Weatherred v. State, 101 Tex. Cr. R. 520, 276 S. W. 436, 437; Wilson v. State, 103 Tex. Cr. R. 403, 251 S. W. 844, 847; Port Huron & Sarnia Ferry Co. v. Lawson (D. C.) 292 F. 216, 219; U. S. v. Boston & M. R. R. (C. C. A.) 269 F. 89, 90.

NIGHT MAGISTRATE. A constable of the night; the head of a watch-house.

NIGHT WALKERS. Described in the statute 5 Edw. III. c. 14, as persons who sleep by day and walk by night. Persons who prowl about at night, and are of a suspicious appearance and behavior. Persons whose habit is to be abroad at night for the purpose of committing some crime or nuisance or mischief or disturbing the peace; not now generally subject to the criminal laws except in respect to misdemeanors actually committed, or in the character of vagrants or suspicious persons. See Thomas v. State, 55 Ala. 260, 261; State v. Dowers, 45 N. H. 543. In a narrower sense, a night walker is a prostitute who walks the streets at night for the purpose of soliciting men for lewd purposes. Stokes v. State, 92 Ala. 73, 9 So. 400, 25 Am. St. Rep. 22; Thomas v. State, 65 Ala. 260; People v. Berger (Gen. Sess.) 169 N. Y. S. 319, 321.

Nigrum nonquam excedere debet rubrum. The black should never go beyond the red. [i.e., the text of a statute should never be read in a sense more comprehensive than the rubric, or title.] Tray. Lat. Max. 373.

NIHIL. Lat. Nothing. Often contracted to “nihil.” The word standing alone is the name of an abbreviated form of return to a writ made by a sheriff or constable, the fuller form of which would be “nihil est” or “nihil habet,” according to circumstances.

Nihil alud potest rex quam quod de jure potest. 11 Coke, 74. The king can do nothing except what he can by law do.

NIHIL CAPIAT PER BREVE. In practice. That he take nothing by his writ. The form of judgment against the plaintiff in an action, either in bar or in abatement. When the plaintiff has commenced his proceedings by bill, the judgment is nihil capiat per bil- lam. Co. Litt. 363.

Nihil consensui tam contrarium est quam vis atque metus. Nothing is so opposed to consent as force and fear. Dig. 50, 17, 118.

Nihil dat qui non habet. He gives nothing who has nothing.

Nihil de re acorectei ei qui nihil in re quando jus acorecor et habet. Co. Litt. 188. Nothing of a matter accrues to him who, when the right accrues, has nothing in that matter.

NIHIL DIGIT. He says nothing. This is the name of the judgment which may be taken as of course against a defendant who omits to plead or answer the plaintiff’s declaration or complaint within the time limited. In some jurisdictions it is otherwise known as judgment “for want of a plea.” See Gilder v. McIntyre, 29 Tex. 91; Falken v. Houstonde R. Co., 63 Conn. 258, 27 A. 1117; Wilbur v. Maynard, 6 Colo. 486.

Nihil dictum quod non dictum prius. Nothing is said which was not said before. Said of a case where former arguments were repeated. Hardr. 464.

NIHIL EST. There is nothing. A form of return made by a sheriff when he has been unable to serve the writ. “Although non est inventus is the more frequent return in such a case, yet it is by no means as full an answer to the command of the writ as is the return of nihil. That amounts to an averment that the defendant has nothing in the bailiwick, no dwelling-house, no family, no residence, and no personal presence to enable the officer to make the service required by the act of assembly. It is therefore a full answer to the exigency of the writ.” Sherer v. Easton Bank, 33 Pa. 139.

Nihil est enim liberale quod non idem justum. For there is nothing generous which is not at the same time just. 2 Kent, Comm. 441, note a.

Nihil est magis rationi consentaneum quam eodem modo quodque dissociare quo confitatum est. Nothing is more consonant to reason than that a thing should be dissolved or discharged in the same way in which it was created. Shap. Touch. 322.

Nihil facit error nominis cum de corpore constat. 11 Coke, 21. An error as to a name is nothing when there is certainty as to the person.

NIHIL HABET. He has nothing. The name of a return made by a sheriff to a scire facias or other writ which he has been unable to serve on the defendant.

Nihil habet forum ex scena. The court has nothing to do with what is not before it. Bac. Max.

Nihil in lege intolerabilius est [quam] eodem rem diverso jure censeri. Nothing is more intolerable in law than that the same matter, thing, or case should be subject to different views of law. 4 Coke, 93a. Applied to the difference of opinion entertained by different courts, as to the law of a particular case. Id.
Nihil infra regnum subditos magis conservat in tranquilitate et concordia quam debita legum administratione. Nothing preserves in tranquillity and concord those who are subjected to the same government better than a due administration of the laws. 2 Inst. 158.

Nihil iniquius quam aequitatem nimis intendere. Nothing is more unjust than to extend equity too far. Halk. 163.

Nihil magis justum est quam quod necessarium est. Nothing is more just than that which is necessary. Dav. Tr. K. B. 12; Branch, Princ.

Nihil nequam est præsumendum. Nothing wicked is to be presumed. 2 P. Wms. 583.

Nihil perfectum est dum aliquid restat agendum. Nothing is perfect while anything remains to be done. 2 Coke, 96.

Nihil peti potest ante id tempus quo per rerum naturam persolvi possit. Nothing can be demanded before the time when, by the nature of things, it can be paid. Dig. 50, 17, 189.

Nihil possimus contra veritatem. We can do nothing against truth. Doct. & Studi. dial. 2, c. 6.

Nihil prescribitur nisi quod possitetur. There is no prescription for that which is not possessed. 5 Barn. & Ald. 277.

Nihil quod est contra rationem est lictum. Nothing that is against reason is lawful. Co. Litt. 377.

Nihil quod est inconveniens est lictum. Nothing that is inconvenient is lawful. Co. Litt. 69a, 378. A maxim very frequently quoted by Lord Coke, but to be taken in modern law with some qualification. Broom, Max. 166, 366.

Nihil simul inventum est et perfectum. Co. Litt. 239. Nothing is invented and perfected at the same moment.

Nihil tam conveniens est naturali aequitati quam unumquodque dissolvere eo ligamine quo ligatum est. Nothing is so consonant to natural equity as that a thing should be dissolved by the same means by which it was bound. 2 Inst. 359; Broom, Max. 877.

Nihil tam conveniens est naturali aequitati quam voluntatem domini rem suam in allum transferrre ratam habere. 1 Coke, 100. Nothing is so consonant to natural equity as to regard the intention of the owner in transferring his own property to another.

Nihil tam naturale est, quam eo generis quidque dissolvere, quo colligatum est; ideo verborum obligatio verbis tollitur; nudi consensus obligatio contracti consensu dissolvitur. Nothing is so natural as to dissolve anything in the way in which it was bound together; therefore the obligation of words is taken away by words; the obligation of mere consent is dissolved by the contrary consent. Dig. 50, 17, 35; Broom, Max. 887.

Nihil tam proprium imperio quam legibus vivere. Nothing is so becoming to authority as to live in accordance with the laws. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 17, § 11.

NIHILIST. A member of a secret association, (especially in Russia,) which is devoted to the destruction of the present political, religious, and social institutions. Webster.

NIL. Lat. Nothing. A contracted form of "nihil," which see.

Nil agit exemplum litem quod lite resolvit. An example does no good which settles one question by another. Hatch v. Mann, 15 Wend. (N. Y.) 44, 49.

Nil consensui tam contrarium est quam vis atque metus. Nothing is so opposed to consent as force and fear. Dig. 50, 17, 116.

NIL DEBET. He owes nothing. The form of the general issue in all actions of debt on simple contract.

Nil facit error nominis cum de corpore vel persona constat. A mistake in the name does not matter when the body or person is manifest. 11 Coke, 21; Broom, Max. 624.

NIL HABUIT IN TEMENTEMIS. He had nothing [no interest] in the tenements. A plea in debt on a lease indented, by which the defendant sets up that the person claiming to be landlord had no title or interest.

NIL LIGATUM. Nothing bound; that is, no obligation has been incurred. Tray. Lat. Max.

Nil sine prudenti faciet ratione votustas. Antiquity did nothing without a good reason. Co. Litt. 65.

Nil temere novandum. Nothing should be rashly changed. Jenk. Cent. 163.


Nimia subtilitas in jure reprobatur. Wing. Max. 26. Too much subtlety in law is disdained.

Nimum alterando veritas amittitur. Hob. 341. By too much altercation truth is lost.

NIMMER. A thief; a pilferer.

NISI. Lat. Unless. The word is often affixed, as a kind of elliptical expression, to the words "rule," "order," "decrees," "judgment," or "confirmation," to indicate that the adjudication spoken of is one which is to stand as valid and operative unless the party affected by it shall appear and show cause against it, or take some other appropriate
step to avoid it or procure its revocation. Thus a “decreet nisi” is one which will definitely conclude the defendant’s rights unless, within the prescribed time, he shows cause to set it aside or successfully appeals. The word, in this sense, is opposed to “absolute.” And when a rule nisi is finally confirmed, for the defendant’s failure to show cause against it, it is said to be “made absolute.”

NISI FECERIS. The name of a clause commonly occurring in the old manorial writs, commanding that, if the lords failed to do justice, the king’s court or officer should do it. By virtue of this clause, the king’s court usurped the jurisdiction of the private, manorial, or local courts. Stim. Law Gloss.

NISI PRIUS. The nisi prius courts are such as are held for the trial of issues of fact before a jury and one presiding judge. In America the phrase is familiarly used to denote the forum (whatever may be its statutory name) in which the cause was tried to a jury, as distinguished from the appellate court. See 3 Bl. Comm. 58.

NISI PRIUS CLAUSE. In practice. A clause entered on the record in an action at law, authorizing the trial of the cause at nisi prius in the particular county designated. It was first used by way of continuance.

NISI PRIUS ROLL. In practice. The roll or record containing the pleadings, issue, and jury process of an action, made up for use in the nisi prius court.

NISI PRIUS WRIT. The old name of the writ of venire, which originally, in pursuance of the statute of Westminster 2, contained the nisi prius clause. Reg. Jud. 29, 75. Cowell.

IVICOLLINI BRITONES. In old English law. Welshmen, because they live near high mountains covered with snow. Du Cange.

NO ARRIVAL NO SALE. In contract for sale of goods to be imported. If the goods do not arrive at destination buyer acquires no property in them and is not liable for the price. Wessel v. Seminole Phosphate Co, (C. C. A.) 13 F.(2d) 969, 1003.

NO AWARD. The name of a plea in an action on an award, by which the defendant traverses the allegation that an award was made.

NO BILL. This phrase, when indorsed by a grand jury on an indictment, is equivalent to “not found,” “not a true bill,” or “ignoramus.”

NO FUNDS. See Fund.

NO GOODS. This is the English equivalent of the Latin term “nulla bona,” being the form of the return made by a sheriff or constable, charged with an execution, when he has found no property of the debtor on which to levy.

NO man can hold the same land immediately of two several landlords. Co. Litt. 152.

No man is presumed to do anything against nature. 22 Vin. Abr. 154.

No man may be judge in his own case.

No man shall set up his infamy as a defense. 2 W. Bl. 364.

No man shall take by deed but parties, unless in remainder.


No one will be permitted to take the benefit under a will and at the same time defeat its provisions. 25 Wash. L. Rep. 50.

NOBILE OFFICIUM. In Scotch law. An equitable power of the court of session, to give relief when none is possible at law. Ersk. Inst. 1, 3, 22; Bell.

Nobiles magis plectuntur pecunia; plebes vero in corpore. 3 Inst. 220. The higher classes are more punished in money; but the lower in person.

Nobiles sunt, qui arma gentililia antecessorum suorum profere possunt. 2 Inst. 593. The gentry are those who are able to produce armorial bearings derived by descent from their own ancestors.

Nobiliores et benigniores praessumptiones in dubiis sunt praeferendae. In cases of doubt, the more generous and more benign presumptions are to be preferred. A civil-law maxim.

Nobiliitas est duplex, superior et inferior. 2 Inst. 588. There are two sorts of nobility, the higher and the lower.

NOBILITY. In English law. A division of the people, comprehending dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts, and barons. These had anciently duties annexed to their respective honors. They are created either by writ, i. e., by royal summons to attend the house of peers, or by letters patent, i. e., by royal grant of any dignity and degree of peerage; and they enjoy many privileges, exclusive of their senatorial capacity. 1 Bl. Comm. 396.


NOCTANTER. By night. An abolished writ which issued out of chancery, and returned to the queen’s bench, for the prostration of inclosures, etc.
NOCTES and NOCTEM DE FIRMA. Entertainment of meat and drink for so many nights. Domestay.

NOCUMENTUM. Lat. In old English law. A nuisance. Nocuentes domniosum, a nuisance occasioning loss or damage. Nocen tenum injurious, an injurious nuisance. For the latter only a remedy was given. Bract. fol. 221.

NOLENS VOLENS. Lat. Whether willing or unwilling; consenting or not.


NOLLE PROSEQUI. Lat. In practice. A formal entry upon the record, by the plaintiff in a civil suit, by the prosecuting officer in a criminal action, by which he declares that he "will no further prosecute" the case, either as to some of the counts, or some of the defendants, or altogether. State v. Primm, 61 Mo. 171; Com. v. Casey, 12 Allen (Mass.) 214; Davenport v. Newton, 71 Vt. 11, 42 A. 1087; Commonwealth v. Dascalakis, 246 Mass. 12, 140 N. E. 470, 475; State v. Coster, 141 Tenn. 539, 213 S. W. 910, 911; State v. Kopelow, 126 Me. 384, 138 A. 625, 626; Denham v. Robison, 72 W. Va. 243, 77 S. E. 970, 974, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1123, Ann. Cas. 1915d, 997; Schebler v. Steinburg, 129 Tenn. 614, 167 S. W. 896, Ann. Cas. 1915d, 1162.

A nolle prosequi is in the nature of an acknowledgment or undertaking by the plaintiff in an action to forbear to proceed any further either in the action altogether, or as to some part of it, or as to some of the defendants; and is different from a non pro, by which the plaintiff is put out of court with respect to all the defendants. Brown.

NOLO CONTENDERE. Lat. I will not contest it. The name of a plea in a criminal action, having the same legal effect as a plea of guilty, so far as regards all proceedings on the indictment, and on which the defendant may be sentenced. U. S. v. Hartwell, 3 Cliff. 221, Fed. Cas. No. 15,318. Like a demurrer this plea admits, for the purposes of the case, all the facts which are well pleaded, but is not to be used as an admission elsewhere. Com. v. Pliton, 8 Metc. (Mass.) 232. Not available as an estoppel in a civil action. Com. v. Horton, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 206; Olszewski v. Goldberg, 223 Mass. 27, 111 N. E. 404; Chester v. State, 107 Miss. 459, 65 So. 510; Hudson v. U. S., 272 U. S. 451, 47 S. Ct. 127, 129, 71 L. Ed. 347; Schad v. McNinch, 103 W. Va. 44, 136 S. E. 895, 896.

NOMEN. Lat. In the civil law. A name; the name, style, or designation of a person. Properly, the name showing to what gens or tribe he belonged, as distinguished from his own individual name, (the praenomen,) from his surname or family name, (cognomen,) and from any name added by way of a descriptive title, (agnomen.) The name or style of a class or genus of persons or objects. A debt or a debtor. Ainsworth; Calvin.

NOMEN COLLECTIVUM. A collective name or term; a term expressive of a class; a term including several of the same kind; a term expressive of the plural, as well as singular, number.

Nomen est quasi rei notamen. A name is, as it were, the note of a thing. 11 Coke, 20.

NOMEN GENERALE. A general name; the name of a genus. Ficta, lib. 4, c. 19, § 1.

NOMEN GENERALISSIMUM. A name of the most general kind; a name or term of the most general meaning. By the name of "land," which is nomen generalissimum, everything terrestrial will pass. 2 Bl. Comm. 19; 3 Bl. Comm. 172.

NOMEN JURIS. A name of the law; a technical legal term.

Nomen non sufficit, si res non sit de jure aut de facto. A name is not sufficient if there be not a thing [or subject for it] de jure or de facto. 4 Coke, 107b.

NOMEN TRANSCRIPTITIUM. See Nomen Transcriptia.

Nomena mutabilia sunt, res autem immobiles. Names are mutable, but things are immovable, [immutable.] A name may be true or false, or may change, but the thing itself always maintains its identity. 6 Coke, 66.

Nomena si nesols perit cognitio rerum; et nomena si perdas, certe distinctio rerum perditur. Co. Litt. 86. If you know not the names of things, the knowledge of things themselves perishes; and, if you lose the names, the distinction of the things is certainly lost.

Nomena sunt nota rerum. 11 Coke, 20. Names are the notes of things.

Nomena sunt symbola rerum. Gold. Names are the symbols of things.

NOMINA TRANSCRIPTITIA. In Roman law. Obligations contracted by littera (i.e., litteris obligationes) were so called because they arose from a peculiar transfer (transcrito) from the creditor's day-book (adversarius) into his ledger, (codex.)

NOMINA VILLARUM. In English law. An account of the names of all the villages and the possessors thereof, in each county, drawn up by several sheriffs, (9 Edw. II,) and returned by them into the exchequer, where it is still preserved. Wharton.

NOMINAL. Titular; existing in name only; not real or substantial; connected with the transaction or proceeding in name only; not
in interest. Park Amusement Co. v. McCaughn (D. C.) 14 F. (2d) 533, 556.

NOMINAL CONSIDERATION. See Consideration.

NOMINAL DAMAGES. See Damages.

NOMINAL DEFENDANT. A person who is joined as defendant in an action, not because he is immediately liable in damages or because any specific relief is demanded as against him, but because his connection with the subject-matter is such that the plaintiff's action would be defective, under the technical rules of practice, if he were not joined.

NOMINAL PARTNER. A person who appears to be a partner in a firm, or is so represented to persons dealing with the firm, or who allows his name to appear in the style of the firm or to be used in its business, in the character of a partner, but who has no actual interest in the firm or business. Story, Partn. § 80.

NOMINAL PLAINTIFF. One who has no interest in the subject-matter of the action, having assigned the same to another, (the real plaintiff in interest, or "use plaintiff").) but who must be joined as plaintiff, because, under technical rules of practice, the suit cannot be brought directly in the name of the assignee.

NOMINATE. To propose for an appointment; to designate for an office, a privilege, a living, etc.

NOMINATE CONTRACTS. In the civil law. Contracts having a proper or peculiar name and form, and which were divided into four kinds, expressive of the ways in which they were formed, viz.: (1) Real, which arose ex re, from something done; (2) verbal, ex verbis, from something said; (3) literal, ex literis, from something written; and (4) consensual, ex consensu, from something agreed to. Calvin.

NOMINATIM. Lat. By name; expressed one by one.

NOMINATING AND REDUCING. A mode of obtaining a panel of special jurors in England, from which to select the jury to try a particular action. The proceeding takes place before the under-sheriff or secondary, and in the presence of the parties' solicitors. Numbers denoting the persons on the sheriff's list are put into a box and drawn until forty-eight unchallenged persons have been nominated. Each party strikes off twelve, and the remaining twenty-four are returned as the "panel." (q. v.) This practice is now only employed by order of the court or judge. (Sm. Ac. 180; Jur. Act 1870, § 17.) Sweet.

NOMINATIO AUCTORIS. Lat. In Roman law. A form of plea or defense in an action for the recovery of real estate, by which the defendant, sued as the person apparently in possession, alleges that he holds only in the name or for the benefit of another, whose name he discloses by the plea, in order that the plaintiff may bring his action against such other. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 297.

NOMINATION. An appointment or designation of a person to fill an office or discharge a duty. The act of suggesting or proposing a person by name as a candidate for an office.

NOMINATION TO A LIVING. In English ecclesiastical law. The rights of nominating and of presenting to a living are distinct, and may reside in different persons. Presentation is the offering a clerk to the bishop. Nomination is the offering a clerk to the person who has the right of presentation. Brown.

NOMINATIVUS PENDENS. Lat. A nominative case grammatically unconnected with the rest of the sentence in which it stands. The opening words in the ordinary form of a deed inter partes, "This indenture," etc., down to "whereas," though an Intelligible and convenient part of the deed, are of this kind. Wharton.

NOMINE. Lat. By name; by the name of; under the name or designation of.

NOMINE PENNE. In the name of a penalty. In the civil law, a legacy was said to be left nomine penne where it was left for the purpose of coercing the heir to do or not to do something. Inst. 2, 29, 36.

The term has also been applied, in English law, to some kinds of covenants, such as a covenant inserted in a lease that the lessee shall forfeit a certain sum on non-payment of rent, or on doing certain things, as plowing up ancient meadow, and the like. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 171, § 158.

NOMINEE. One who has been nominated or proposed for an office.

NOMOCANON. (1) A collection of canons and imperial laws relative or conformable thereto. The first nomocanon was made by Johannes Scholasticus in 554. Photius, patriarch of Constantinople, in 883, compiled another nomocanon, or collation of the civil laws with the canons; this is the most celebrated. Balsamon wrote a commentary upon it in 1180. (2) A collection of the ancient canons of the apostles, councils, and fathers, without any regard to imperial constitutions. Such is the nomocanon by M. Cotelier. Enc. Lond.

NOMOGRAFER. One who writes on the subject of laws.

NOMOGRAPHY. A treatise or description of laws.

NOMOTHETA. A lawgiver; such as Solon and Lycurgus among the Greeks, and Cesar,
Pompey, and Sylla among the Romans. Calv.


**NON-ABILITY.** Want of ability to do an act in law, as to sue. A plea founded upon such cause. Cowell.

**NON-ACCEPTANCE.** The refusal to accept anything.

**NON ACCEPTavit.** In pleading. The name of a plea to an action of assumpsit brought against the drawee of a bill of exchange by which he denies that he accepted the same.

**NON-ACCESS.** Absence of opportunities for sexual intercourse between husband and wife; or the absence of such intercourse.

Non accipit debent verba in demonstrationem falsam, qua competent in limitationem veram. Words ought not to be taken to import a false demonstration which may have effect by way of true limitation. Bac. Max. p. 69, reg. 13; Broom, Max. 642.

**NON ACCREVIT INFRA SEX ANNOS.** It did not accrue within six years. The name of a plea by which the defendant sets up the statute of limitations against a cause of action which is barred after six years.

**NON-ADMISSION.** The refusal of admission.

**NON-AGE.** Lack of requisite legal age. The condition of a person who is under twenty-one years of age, in some cases, and under fourteen or twelve in others; minority.

Non alio modo puniatur aliquis quam secundum quod se habet condemnatione. 3 Inst. 217. A person may not be punished differently according to what the sentence enjoins.

Non aliter a significatio verborum recedit oportet quam cum manifestum est, allud sensisse testamentum. We must never depart from the significance of words, unless it is evident that they are not conformable to the will of the testator. Dig. 32, 69, pr.; Broom, Max. 565.

**NON-ANCESTRAL ESTATE.** One acquired by purchase or by act or agreement of the parties, as distinguished from one acquired by descent or by operation of law. Gray v. Chapman, 122 Okl. 130, 243 P. 522, 524.

**NON-APPARENT EASEMENT.** A non-continuous or discontinuous easement. Fetters v. Humphreys, 18 N. J. Eq. 262. See Easement.

**NON-APPEARANCE.** A failure of appearance; the omission of the defendant to appear within the time limited.

**NON-ASSESSABLE.** This word, placed upon a certificate of stock, does not cancel or impair the obligation to pay the amount due upon the shares created by the acceptance and holding of such certificate. At most its legal effect is a stipulation against liability from further assessment or taxation after the entire subscription of one hundred percent shall have been paid. Upton v. Triblecock, 91 U. S. 45, 23 L. Ed. 263; Porter v. Northern Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 36 N. D. 159, 161 N. W. 1012, 1014.

**NON ASSUMPSIT.** The general issue in the action of assumpsit; being a plea by which the defendant avers that "he did not undertake" or promise as alleged. Standard Fashion Co. v. Morgan, 48 Okl. 217, 149 P. 1160.

**NON ASSUMPSIT INFRA SEX ANNOS.** He did not undertake within six years. The name of the plea of the statute of limitations, in the action of assumpsit.

Non auditur perire volens. He who is desirous to perish is not heard. Best, Ev. 423, § 385. He who confesses himself guilty of a crime, with the view of meeting death, will not be heard. A maxim of the foreign law of evidence. Id.

**NON-BAILABLE.** Not admitting of bail; not requiring bail.

**NON BIS IN IDEM.** Not twice for the same; that is, a man shall not be twice tried for the same crime. This maxim of the civil law (Code 9, 2, 9, 11) expresses the same principle as the familiar rule of our law that a man shall not be twice "put in jeopardy" for the same offense.

**NON CEPIT.** He did not take. The general issue in replevin, where the action is for the wrongful taking of the property; putting in issue not only the taking, but the place in which the taking is stated to have been made. Steph. Pl. 157, 167.

**NON-CLAIM.** The omission or neglect of him who ought to claim his right within the time limited by law; as within a year and a day where a continual claim was required, or within five years after a fine had been levied. Terms de la Ley.

**Covenant of Non-Claim**

See Covenant.

**NON-COMBATANT.** A person connected with an army or navy, but for purposes other than fighting; such as the surgeons and chaplains. Also a neutral.

**NON-COMMISSIONED.** A non-commissioned officer of the army or militia is a subordinate officer who holds his rank, not by commission from the executive authority of the state or nation, but by appointment by a superior officer.
NON COMPOS MENTIS. Lat. Not sound of mind; insane. This is a very general term, embracing all varieties of mental derangement. See Insanity.

Coke has enumerated four different classes of persons who are deemed in law to be non compones mentis: First, an idiot, or fool natural; second, he who was of good and sound mind and memory, but by the act of God has lost it; third, a lunatic, lunaticus qui gaudet lucidis intervallis, who sometimes is of good sound mind and memory, and sometimes non compones mentis; fourth, one who is non compones mentis by his own act, as a drunkard. Co. Litt. 217a; 4 Coke, 121.

Non concedantur citationes priusquam exprimatur super qua re fieri debet citatio. 12 Coke, 47. Summons should not be granted before it is expressed on what matter the summons ought to be made.

NON CONCESSIT. Lat. He did not grant. The name of a plea denying a grant, which could be made only by a stranger.

NON-CONFORMIST. In English law. One who refuses to comply with others; one who refuses to join in the established forms of worship.

Non-conformists are of two sorts: (1) Such as absent themselves from divine worship in the Established Church through total irreligion, and attend the service of no other persuasion; (2) such as attend the religious service of another persuasion. Wharton.

Non consentit qui errat. Bract. fol. 44. He who mistakes does not consent.

NON CONSTAT. Lat. It does not appear; it is not clear or evident. A phrase used in general to state some conclusion as not necessarily following although it may appear on its face to follow.

NON-CONTINUOUS EASEMENT. A non-apparent or discontinuous easement. Fettes v. Humphreys, 18 N. J. Eq. 262. See Easement.

NON CULPABILIS. Lat. In pleading. Not guilty. It is usually abbreviated "non cul."

NON DAMNIFICATUS. Lat. Not injured. This is a plea in an action of debt on an indemnity bond, or bond conditioned "to keep the plaintiff harmless and indemnified," etc. It is in the nature of a plea of performance, being used where the defendant means to allege that the plaintiff has been kept harmless and indemnified, according to the tenor of the condition. Steph. Pl. (7th Ed.) 300, 301. State Bank v. Chetwood, 8 N. J. Law, 25.

Non dat qui non habet. He who has not does not give. Loftt, 258; Broom, Max. 407.

Non debeo molioris conditionis esse, quam auctor meus a quo jus in me transit. I ought not to be in better condition than he to whose rights I succeed. Dig. 50, 17, 175, 1.

Non debet alii necesse quod inter alios actum esset. No one ought to be injured by that which has taken place between other parties. Dig. 12, 2, 10.

Non debet actors licere quod reo non permititur. A plaintiff ought not to be allowed what is not permitted to a defendant. A rule of the civil law. Dig. 50, 17, 41.

Non debet adduci excepto ejus rei culsum petitur dissoluto. A plea of the same matter the dissolution of which is sought [by the action] ought not to be brought forward. Broom, Max. 106.

Non debet alii nocere, quod inter alios actum est. A person ought not to be prejudiced by what has been done between others. Dig. 12, 2, 10.

Non debet alteri per alterum iniqua conditio inferri. A burdensome condition ought not to be brought upon one man by the act of another. Dig. 50, 17, 74.

Non debet cui plus licet, quod minus est non licere. He to whom the greater is lawful ought not to be debarred from the less as unlawful. Dig. 50, 17, 21; Broom, Max. 176.

Non debet dioci tendere in prejudicium eclesiasticum liberalis quod pro rege et republica necessarium videtur. 2 Inst. 125. That which seems necessary for the king and the state ought not to be said to tend to the prejudice of spiritual liberty.

Non decet homines dedere causa non cognita. It is unbecoming to surrender men when no cause is shown. In re Washburn, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 106, 114, 8 Am. Dec. 548; Id., 3 Wheeler, Cr. Cas. (N. Y.) 473, 482.

NON DECIMANDO. See De Non Decimando.

Non decipitur qui scit se decipi. 5 Coke, 60. He is not deceived who knows himself to be deceived.

NON DEDIT. Lat. In pleading. He did not grant. The general issue in formedon.

Non definitur in jure quid sit consatus. What an attempt is, is not defined in law. 6 Co. 43. See Attempt.

NON-DELIVERY. Neglect, failure, or refusals to deliver goods, on the part of a carrier, vendor, bailee, etc.

NON DEMISIT (Lat. he did not demise). A plea proper to be pleaded to an action of debt for rent, when the plaintiff declares on a parcel lease. Gilb. Debt 436; Bull. N. P. 177; 1 Chitty, Pl. 477. A plea in bar, in replevin, to an averment for arrears of rent, that the avowant did not demise. Morris, Repl. 179. It cannot be pleaded when the demise is
stated to have been by indenture; 12 Viner, Abr. 178; Com. Dig. Pleader (2 W 48).

NON DETINET. Lat. He does not detain. The name of the general issue in the action of detinue. 1 Tidd, Pr. 645; Berlin Mach. Works v. Alabama City Furniture Co., 112 Ala. 488, 20 So. 418.

The general issue in the action of replevin, where the action is for the wrongful detention only. 2 Burril, Pr. 14.

Non differant quae concordant re, tametsi non in verbis idem. Those things do not differ which agree in substance, though not in the same words. Jenk. Cent. p. 70, case 32.

NON DIMISIT. L. Lat. He did not demise. A plea resorted to where a plaintiff declared upon a demise without stating the indenture in an action of debt for rent. Also, a plea in bar, in replevin, to an avowry for arrears of rent, that the avowant did not demise.

NON-DIRECTION. Omission on the part of a judge to properly instruct the jury upon a necessary conclusion of law.

NON DISTINGENDO. A writ not to distrain.

Non dubitatatur, etsi specialiter venditor evicit, non promiserit, re evicta, ex empto competere actionem. It is certain that, although the vendor has not given a special guaranty, an action ex empto lies against him, if the purchaser is evicted. Code, 8, 45, 6; Broom, Max. 708.

Non efficit affectus nisi sequatur effectus. The intention amounts to nothing unless the effect follow. 1 Rolle, 226.

NON-ENUMERATED DAY. A motion day in New York on which the court hears motions classified as "non-enumerated motions." Jackson v. ———, 2 Caines (N. Y.) 229. For a collection of cases holding particular motions to be either enumerated or non-enumerated motions, see 46 C. J. 489, note 8 [b, c].

Non erit alia lex Roma, alia Athenis; alia nunc, alia postea; sed et omnes gentes, et omni tempore, una lex, et sempiterna, et immortalis continebit. There will not be one law at Rome, another at Athens; one law now, another hereafter; but one eternal and immortal law shall bind together all nations throughout all time. Cle. Frag. de Repub. lb. 3; 3 Kent, Comm. 1.

Non est arctius vinculum inter homines quam jusjurandum. There is no closer [or firmer] bond between men than an oath. Jenk. Cent. p. 126, case 54.

Non est ortendam de regulis juris. There is no disputing about rules of law.

Non est consensus rationi, quod cognitio accessorii in curia christianitatis impediatur, ubi cog- nitio causa principalis ad forum eclesiasticum noscitur pertinere. 12 Coke, 65. It is unreasonable that the cognizance of an accessory matter should be impeded in an ecclesiastical court, when the cognizance of the principal cause is admitted to appertain to an ecclesiastical court.

Non est disputandum contra principia negantem. Co. Litt. 348. We cannot dispute against a man who denies first principles.

NON EST FACTUM. Lat. A plea by way of traverse, which occurs in debt on bond or other specialty, and also in covenant. It denies that the deed mentioned in the declaration is the defendant’s deed. Under this, the defendant may contend at the trial that the deed was never executed in point of fact; but he cannot deny its validity in point of law. Wharton: Haggart v. Morgan, 5 N. Y. 422, 55 Am. Dec. 350; Evans v. Southern Turnpike Co., 18 Ind. 101.

The plea of non est factum is a denial of the execution of the instrument sued upon, and applies to notes or other instruments, as well as deeds, and applies only when the execution of the instrument is alleged to be the act of the party filing the plea, or adopted by him. Code Ga. 1882, § 3472 (Civ. Code 1910, § 5676).

Special Non Est Factum

A form of the plea of non est factum, in debt on a specialty, by which the defendant alleges that, although he executed the deed, yet it is in law "not his deed," because of certain special circumstances which he proceeds to set out; as, where he delivered the deed as an escrow, and it was turned over to the plaintiff prematurely or without performance of the condition.

NON EST INVENTUS. Lat. He is not found. The sheriff's return to process requiring him to arrest the body of the defendant, when the latter is not found within his jurisdiction. It is often abbreviated "n. c. i.", or written, in English, "not found." The Bremena v. Card (D. C.) 38 Fed. 144.

Non est justum aliquem antenatum post mortem facere bastardum qui tuto tempora vitae sue pro legitime habebatur. It is not just to make an elder-born a bastard after his death, who during his lifetime was accounted legitimate. 12 Coke, 44.

Non est novum ut priores leges ad posteriores frahatur. It is no new thing that prior statutes should give place to later ones. Dig. 1, 3, 36; Broom, Max. 28.

Non est recendendum a communi observantia. There should be no departure from a common observance. 2 Co. 74.

Non est regula quin fallet. There is no rule but what may fail. Off. Exec. 212.

B.LAW DICT.(3d Ed.)
Non est reus nisi mens sit rea. One is not guilty unless his intention be guilty. This maxim is much criticized. See actus non reum facit, etc.; Mens Rea.

Non est singulis concedendum, quod per magistratum publico possit fieri, ne occasio sit majoris tumultus faciendi. That is not to be conceded to private persons which can be publicly done by the magistrate, lest it be the occasion of greater tumults. Dig. 50, 17, 176.

Non ex opinionibus singularum, sed ex communi usi, nomina exaudiri debent. The names of things ought to be understood, not according to the opinions of individuals, but according to common usage. Dig. 33, 10, 7, 2.

Non exemplis sed legibus judicandum est. Not by the facts of the case, but by the law must judgment be made. Dig. 7, 45, 13. (called by Albericus Gentilis lex aurea).

Non facias malum, ut inde fiat bonum. You are not to do evil, that good may be or result therefrom. 11 Coke, 74a; 5 Coke, 30b.

NON FECIT. Lat. He did not make it. A plea in an action of assumpsit on a promissory note. 3 Man. & G. 446.

NON FECIT VASTUM CONTRA PROHIBITIONEM. He did not commit waste against the prohibition. A plea to an action founded on a writ of estrempement for waste. 3 Bl. Comm. 226, 227.

NON HÆC IN FOEDERA VENI. I did not agree to these terms.

Non impedit clausula derogatoria quo minus ad eadem potestate res dissolvantur a qua constituantur. A derogatory clause does not impede things from being dissolved by the same power by which they are created. Broom, Max. 27.

NON IMPEDIVIT. Lat. He did not impede. The plea of the general issue in quaie impedit. The Latin form of the law French "ne disturba pas."

NON IMPLACANDO ALIQUEM DE LIBERO TENEMENTO SINE BREVI. A writ to prohibit bailiffs, etc., from distraining or impleading any man touching his freehold without the king's writ. Reg. Orig. 171.

Non in legendo sed in intelligendo legis consistunt. The laws consist not in being read, but in being understood. 8 Coke, 167a.

NON INFREGIT CONVENTIONEM. Lat. He did not break the contract. The name of a plea sometimes pleaded in the action of covenant, and intended as a general issue, but held to be a bad plea; there being, properly speaking, no general issue in that action. 1 Tidd, Pr. 356.

NON-INTERCOURSE. The refusal of one state or nation to have commercial dealings with another; similar to an embargo (q. v.). The absence of access, communication, or sexual relations between husband and wife.

NON INTERFUI. I was not present. A reporter's note. T. Jones. 10.

NON-INTERVENTION WILL. A term sometimes applied to a will which authorizes the executor to settle and distribute the estate without the intervention of the court and without giving bond. In re Macdonald's Estate, 29 Wash. 422, 69 P. 1111.

NON INTROMITTANT CLAUSE. In English law. A clause of a charter of a municipal borough, whereby the borough is exempted from the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace for the county.

NON INTROMITTENDO, QUANDO BREV PRECIPICE IN CAPITE SUBDOLE IMPERATRUR. A writ addressed to the justices of the bench, or in eyre, commanding them not to give one who, under color of entitling the king to land, etc., as holding of him in capite, had deceitfully obtained the writ called "precipe in capite," any benefit thereof, but to put him to his writ of right. Reg. Orig. 4.

NON-ISSUABLE PLEAS. Those upon which a decision would not determine the action upon the merits, as a plea in abatement. 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 249.

NON-JOINDER. See Joiner.

NON JURIDICUS. Not judicial; not legal. Dies non juridicus is a day on which legal proceedings cannot be had.

NON-JURORS. In English law. Persons who refuse to take the oaths, required by law, to support the government.

Non jus ex regula, sed regula ex jure. The law does not arise from the rule (or maxim), but the rule from the law. Tray. Lat. Max. 384.

Non jus, sed seisin, facit stipitem. Not right, but seisin, makes a stock. Fleta lib. 6, c. 2, § 2. It is not a mere right to enter on lands, but actual seisin, which makes a person the root or stock from which all future inheritance by right of blood must be derived. 2 Bl. Comm. 299, 312. See Broom, Max. 525, 527.

NON-LEVIALE. Not subject to be levied upon. Non-leviable assets are assets upon which an execution cannot be levied. Farmers' F. Ins. Co. v. Conrad, 102 Wis. 357, 78 N. W. 552.

Non lietit quod dispenderio liet. That which may be [done only] at a loss is not allowed to be done.] The law does not permit or require the doing of an act which will result only in loss. The law forbids such recoveries whose ends are vain, chargeable, and unprofitable. Co. Litt. 127b.
NON LIQUET. Lat. It is not clear. In the Roman courts, when any of the judges, after the hearing of a cause, were not satisfied that the case was made clear enough for them to pronounce a verdict, they were privileged to signify this opinion by casting a ballot inscribed with the letters “N. L.”, the abbreviated form of the phrase “non liquet.”

NON-MAILABLE. A term applied to all letters and parcels which are by law excluded from transportation in the United States mails, whether on account of the size of the package, the nature of its contents, its obscene character, or for other reasons. See U. S. v. Nathan (D. C.) 61 F. 936.

NON MERCHANDIZANDA VICTUALIA. An ancient writ addressed to justices of assize, to inquire whether the magistrates of a town sold victuals in gross or by retail during the time of their being in office, which was contrary to an obsolete statute; and to punish them if they did. Reg. Orig. 184.

NON MOLESTANDO. A writ that lay for a person who was molested contrary to the king’s protection granted to him. Reg. Orig. 184.

Non nasci, et natum mori, paria sunt. Not to be born, and to be dead-born, are the same.

NON-NEGOTIABLE. Not negotiable; not capable of passing title or property by indorsement and delivery.

Non obligat lex nisi promulgata. A law is not obligatory unless it be promulgated.

Non observata forma, infertur adnuillatio actus. Where form is not observed, an annulling of the act is inferred or follows. 12 Coke, 7.

NON OBSTANTE. Lat. Notwithstanding. Words anciently used in public and private instruments, intended to preclude, in advance, any interpretation contrary to certain declared objects or purposes. Burris.

A clause frequent in old English statutes and letters patent, (so termed from its initial words,) importing a license from the crown to do a thing which otherwise a person would be restrained by act of parliament from doing. Crabb, Com. Law, 670; Plowd. 601; Conwell.

A power in the crown to dispense with the laws in any particular case. This was abolished by the bill of rights at the Revolution. 1 Bl. Comm. 342.

NON OBSTANTE VEREDICTO. Notwithstanding the verdict. A judgment entered by order of court for the plaintiff, although there has been a verdict for the defendant, is so called. German Ins. Co. v. Frederick, 58 F. 144, 7 C. C. A. 122; Wentworth v. Wentworth, 2 Minn. 282 (G. L. 288), 72 Am. Dec. 97; Hill v. Ragland, 114 Ky. 200, 70 S. W. 634. See Judgment n. o. v.

Non officit conatus nisl sequatur effectus. An attempt does not harm unless a consequence follow. 11 Coke, 98.

NON OMITTAS. A clause usually inserted in writs of execution, in England, directing the sheriff “not to omit” to execute the writ by reason of any liberty, because there are many liberties or districts in which the sheriff has no power to execute process unless he has special authority. 2 Steph. Comm. 630.

Non omne damnnum inducit injuriain. It is not every loss that produces an injury. Bract. fol. 45b.

Non omne quod licet honestum est. It is not everything which is permitted that is honorable. Dig. 50, 17, 144; Howell v. Baker, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 121.

Non omnium quæ a majoribus nostris constituta sunt ratio reddi potest. There cannot be given a reason for all the things which have been established by our ancestors. Branch, Princ.; 4 Coke, 78; Broom, Max. 157.

NON-PERFORMANCE. Neglect, failure, or refusal to do or perform an act stipulated to be done. Failure to keep the terms of a contract or covenant, in respect to acts or doings agreed upon.

Non perteint ad judicem seculem cognoscere de his quæ sunt mere spiritualia annexe. 2 Inst. 488. It belongs not to the secular judge to take cognizance of things which are merely spiritual.

NON-PLEVIN. In old English law. Default in not replying land in due time, when the same was taken by the king upon a default. The consequence thereof (loss of seisin) was abrogated by St. 9 Edw. III. c. 2.

NON PONENDIS IN ASSISIS ET JURATIS. A writ formerly granted for freeing and discharging persons from serving on assizes and juries. Fitzh. Nat. Brav. 165.

Non possessori incumbit necessitas probandi possessiones adversum se pertinere. A person in possession is not bound to prove that the possession belongs to him. Broom, Max. 714.

Non potest adduci excepto ejus rei cujus petitor dissolutio. An exception of the same thing whose avoidance is sought cannot be made. Broom, Max. 166.

Non potest probari quod probatum non relevat. 1 Exch. 61, 92. That cannot be proved which, if proved, is immaterial.

Non potest quis sine brevi agere. No one can sue without a writ. Fleta. lib. 2, c. 13, § 4. A fundamental rule of old practice.

Non potest rex gratiam fasere eum injuriam et damno aliorum. The king cannot confer a favor on one subject which occasions injury
and loss to others. 3 Inst. 236; Broom, Max. 63.

Non potest rex subditum remittentem onerare impositionibus. The king cannot load a subject with imposition against his consent. 2 Inst. 61.

Non potest videri desisse habere qui nunquam habit. He cannot be considered as having ceased to have a thing who never had it. Dig. 50, 17, 208.

Non præstat impedimentum quo de jure non sortitur effectum. A thing which has no effect in law is not an impediment. Jenk. Cent. 162; Wing. Max. 727.

NON PROCEDENDO AD ASSISSAM REGE INCONSULTO. A writ to put a stop to the trial of a cause appertaining unto one who is in the king’s service, etc., until the king’s pleasure respecting the same be known. Cowell.

NON PROSEQUITUR. Lat. If, in the proceedings in an action at law, the plaintiff neglects to take any of those steps which he ought to take within the time prescribed by the practice of the court for that purpose, the defendant may enter judgment of non pross against him, whereby it is adjudged that the plaintiff does not follow up (non prosequitur) his suit as he ought to do, and therefore the defendant ought to have judgment against him. Smith, Act 96; Com. v. Casey, 12 Allen (Mass.) 218; Davenport v. Newton, 71 Vt. 11, 42 A. 1087; Buena Vista Freestone Co. v. Parrish, 34 W. Va. 652, 12 S. E. 817.

NON QUIETA MOVERE. Lat. Not to disturb what is settled. A rule expressing the same principle as that of stare decisis, (q. e.)

Non quod dictum est, sed quod factum est inspicitur. Not what is said, but what is done, is regarded. Co. Litt. 366.

Non referat an quis assensum suum praefert verbis, aut rebus ipsis at factis. 10 Coke, 52. It matters not whether a man gives his assent by his words or by his acts and deeds.

Non referat quid ex aequipollentibus fiat. 5 Coke, 122. It matters not which of [two] equivalents happen.

Non referat quid notum sit judici, si notum non sit in forma judicii. It matters not what is known to a judge, if it be not known in judicial form. 3 Blunt. 115. A leading maxim of modern law and practice. Best, Ev. Introd. 31, § 83.

Non referat verbis an factis fit revocatio. Cro. Car. 49. It matters not whether a revocation is made by words or deeds.

NON-RESIDENCE. Residence beyond the limits of the particular jurisdiction.

NON SUI JURIS. Lat. Not his own master. The opposite of sui juris (q. e.)

NON SUI JURIS

In Ecclesiastical Law

The absence of spiritual persons from their benefits.

NON-RESIDENT. One who is not a dweller within jurisdiction in question; not an inhabitant of the state of the forum. Gardner v. Meeker, 189 Ill. 40, 48 N. E. 397; Nagel v. Loomis, 33 Neb. 499, 50 N. W. 441; Morgan v. Nunes, 54 Miss. 310. For the distinction between “residence” and “domicile,” see Domicile.

NON-RESIDENTIO PRO CLERICO REGIS. A writ, addressed to a bishop, charging him not to molest a clerk employed in the royal service, by reason of his nonresidence; in which case he is to be discharged. Reg. Orig. 58.

Non respondit minor nisi in causa dotis, et hoc pro favore doti. 4 Coke, 71. A minor shall not answer unless in a case of dower, and this in favor of dower.


NON-SANE. As “sane,” when applied to the mind, means whole, sound, in a healthful state, “non-sane” must mean not whole, not sound, not in a healthful state; that is, broken, impaired, shattered, infirm, weak, diseased, unable, either from nature or accident, to perform the rational functions common to man upon the objects presented to it. Den v. Van Cleve, 5 N. J. Law, 589, 631.


NON SEQUITUR. Lat. It does not follow.

Non solent quae abundant viliare scripturas. Superfluities [things which abound] do not usually vitiate writings. Dig. 50, 17, 94.

Non solum quid licet, sed quid est conveniens, est considerandum; quia nihil quod est inconvenient est licitum. Not only what is lawful, but what is proper or convenient, is to be considered; because nothing that is inconvenient is lawful. Co. Litt. 66a.

NON SOLVENDO PECUNIUM AD QUAM

CLERICUS MULTATUR PRO NON-RESIDENTIA. A writ prohibiting an ordinary to take a pecuniary mulct imposed on a clerk of the sovereign for nonresidence. Reg. Writ. 59.

NON SUBMISSIT. Lat. He did not submit. A plea to an action of debt, on a bond to perform an award, to the effect that the defendant did not submit to the arbitration.

NON SUI JURIS. Lat. Not his own master. The opposite of sui juris (q. e.).
NON SUM INFORMATUS. Lat. I am not informed; I have not been instructed. The name of a species of judgment by default, which is entered when the defendant's attorney announces that he is not informed of any answer to be given by him; usually in pursuance of a previous arrangement between the parties.

NON-SUMMONS, WAGER OF LAW OF. The mode in which a tenant or defendant in a real action pleaded, when the summons which followed the original was not served within the proper time.

Non sunt longa ubi nihil est quod demere possis. There is no proximity where there is nothing that can be omitted. Vaugh. 138.

Non temere credere est nervus sapientiae. Coke, 114. Not to believe rashly is the nerve of wisdom.

NON TENENT INSIMUL. Lat. In pleading. A plea to an action in partition, by which the defendant denies that he and the plaintiff are joint tenants of the estate in question.

NON TENUIT. Lat. He did not hold. A plea in bar in replèvin, by which the plaintiff alleges that he did not hold in manner and form as averred, being given in answer to an averment for rent in arrear. See Rosc. Real. Act. 685.

NON-TENURE. A plea in a real action, by which the defendant asserts, either as to the whole or as to some part of the land mentioned in the plaintiff's declaration, that he does not hold it. Pub. St. Man. 1852, p. 1296.

NON-TERM. The vacation between terms of a court.

NON-TERMINUS. The vacation between term and term, formerly called the time or days of the king's peace.

NON-USER. Neglect to use. Neglect to use a franchise; neglect to exercise an office. 2 Bl. Comm. 153. Neglect or omission to use an easement or other right. 3 Kent, Comm. 448. A right acquired by use may be lost by non-user.

NON USURPAVIT. Lat. He has not usurped. A form of traverse, in an action or proceeding against one alleged to have usurped an office or franchise, denying the usurpation charged. See Com. v. Cross Cut R. Co., 53 Pa. 62.

Non valesit felonia generatio, nec ad haereditatem paternam vel maternam; si autem ante felonium generationem fecerit, tales generatio sucedit in haereditate patris vel matris a quo non fuerit felonia perpetra. 3 Coke, 41. The offspring of a felon cannot succeed either to a maternal or paternal inheritance; but, if he had offspring before the felony, such offspring may succeed as to the inheritance of the father or mother by whom the felony was not committed.

NON VALENTIA AGERE. Inability to sue. 5 Bell, App. Cas. 172.

Non valet confirmatio, nisi ille, qui confirmat, sit in possessione rei vel juris unde fieri debeat confirmatio; et eodem modo, nisi ille cui confirmatio fit sit in possessione. Co. Litt. 255. Confirmation is not valid unless he who confirms is either in possession of the thing itself or of the right of which confirmation is to be made, and, in like manner, unless he to whom confirmation is made is in possession.

Non valet donatio nisi subsequeatur traditio. A gift is not valid unless accompanied by possession. Bract. 39 b.

Non valet exception ejusdem rei cujus petitur disolutio. A plea of the same matter the dissolution of which is sought, is not valid. Called a "maxim of law and common sense." 2 Eden, 134.

Non valet impedimentum quod de jure non sortitur effectum. 4 Coke, 31 c. An impediment which does not derive its effect from law is of no force.

Non verbis, sed ipsis rebus, leges imponimus. Cod. 6, 43, 2. We impose laws, not upon words, but upon things themselves.

Non videntur qui errant consentire. They are not considered to consent who commit a mistake. Dig. 50, 17, 116, § 2; Broom, Max. 262.

Non videntur rem amittere quiosqu quippro non fuit. They are not considered as losing a thing whose own it was not. Dig. 50, 17, 55.

Non videntur consensum retinuuisse si quis ex praecepto minantis aliquid immutavit. He does not appear to have retained consent, who has changed anything through menaces. Broom, Max. 278.

Non videntur perfecte cujusque id esse, quod ex casu aufferi potest. That does not seem to be completely one's own which can be taken from him on occasion. Dig. 50, 17, 139, 1.

Non videntur quisquam id capere quod ei necessae est alii restitutere. Dig. 50, 17, 51. No one is considered entitled to recover that which he must give up to another.

Non videntur vim facere, qui jure suo utilitatem ordinaria actione servatur. He is not deemed to use force who exercises his own right, and proceeds by ordinary action. Dig. 50, 17, 165, 1.

NON VULT CONTENDERE. Lat. He (the defendant in a criminal case) will not contest it. A plea legally equivalent to that of guilty, being a variation of the form "nolo contendere," (q. v.) and sometimes abbreviated "non vult."
A voluntary nonsuit is one incurred by the act or omission of the plaintiff himself, who allows a judgment for costs to be entered against him as a consequence of his abandoning or not following up his cause, or being absent when his presence is required. Sandoval v. Rosser, 86 Tex. 652, 26 S. W. 933; Declerck v. Heintz, 169 N. Y. 129, 62 N. E. 158; Boyce v. Snow, 88 Ill. App. 405; Southern Cotton Oil Co. v. S. Breen & Co., 171 N. C. 51, 78 S. E. 938, 939.

An involuntary nonsuit is one which takes place where the plaintiff fails to appear when his case is before the court for trial or at the time when the jury are to deliver their verdict, or when he has given no evidence on which a jury may find a verdict, or when his case is put out of court by some adverse ruling which precludes a recovery. Boyce v. Snow, 187 Ill. 181, 58 N. E. 403; Deely v. Heintz, 109 N. Y. 129, 62 N. E. 158; Stults v. Forst, 135 Ind. 297, 34 N. E. 1125; Williams v. Finks, 156 Mo. 597, 57 S. W. 732.

A peremptory nonsuit is a compulsory or involuntary nonsuit, ordered by the court upon a total failure of the plaintiff to substantiate his claim by evidence. Jacques v. Fourthman, 137 Pa. 428, 26 A. 802.

Motion for Nonsuit


NOOK OF LAND. In English law. Twelve acres and a half.

NORI TSUKUDANI. Seaweed. When dried, cut up, cooked with soyoh and sugar, and canned, it is classifiable under paragraph 200 of the Tariff Act 1913, as "prepared vegetables." Tegasaki & Co. v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 463, 465.

NORMAL. According to, constituting, or not deviating from an established norm, rule, or principle; conform to a type, standard or regular form; performing the proper functions; regular; natural. Webster.

NORMAL LAW. A term employed by modern writers on jurisprudence to denote the law as it affects persons who are in a normal condition; i. e., sui juris and sound in mind.

NORMAL MIND. One which in strength and capacity ranks reasonably well with the average of the great body of men and women who make up organized human society in general and are by common consent recognized as sane and competent to perform the ordinary duties and assume the ordinary responsibilities of life. State v. Haner, 186 Iowa, 213, 173 N. W. 255, 256.

NORMAL SCHOOL. See School.

NORMALLY. As a rule; regularly; according to rule, general custom, etc. Palmer v. Jordan Mach. Co. (C. C.) 186 F. 504.
NORMAN FRENCH. The tongue in which several formal proceedings of state in England are still carried on. The language, having remained the same since the date of the Conquest, at which it was introduced into England, is very different from the French of this day, retaining all the peculiarities which at that time distinguished every province from the rest. A peculiar mode of pronunciation (considered authentic) is handed down and preserved by the officials who have, on particular occasions, to speak the tongue. Norman French was the language of English legal procedure till the 36 Edw. III. (A. D. 1362). Wharton.

NORROY. In English law. The title of the third of the three kings-at-arms, or provincial heralds.

NORTH. In a description in a deed, unless qualified or controlled by other words, it means due north. Northerly in a grant, where there is no object to direct its inclination to the east or west, must be construed to mean north. Brandt v. Ogden, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 156; Currier v. Nelson, 96 Cal. 505, 31 P. 531, 746, 31 Am. St. Rep. 239; Green v. Palmer, 68 Cal. App. 395, 229 P. 576, 870.

NORTHAMPTON TABLES. Longevity and annuity tables compiled from bills of mortality kept in All Saints parish, England, in 1705-1780.

NORTHAMPTON, ASSIZE OF. An assize held in 1176; in it, the king confirmed and perfected the judicial legislation which he had begun ten years before in the Assize of Clarendon. Stephen, Cr. Proc. in 2 Essays in Anglo-Amer. L. H. 445; Mrs. J. R. Green in id.

NORTHWEST TERRITORY. A name formerly applied to the territory northwest of the Ohio river.

Nosceitur a seolis. It is known from its associates. 1 Vent. 225. The meaning of a word is or may be known from the accompanying words. 3 Term R. 87; Broom, Max. 588. Under this rule general and specific words, capable of analogous meaning, when associated together, take color from each other, so that general words are restricted to a sense analogous to less general. Ex parte Amos, 93 Fla. 5, 112 So. 289, 293; Curtis & Hill Gravel & Sand Co. v. State Highway Commission, 91 N. J. Eq. 421, 111 A. 16, 19; State v. Western Union Telegraph Co., 196 Ala. 570, 72 So. 99, 100.

Nosceitur ex solo qui non cognosceitur ex se. Moore, 817. He who cannot be known from himself may be known from his associate.

NOSOCOMI. In the civil law. Persons who have the management and care of hospitals for paupers.

NOSTRUM. A quack, patent, or proprietary medicine recommended by its proprietor, or one the ingredients of which are kept secret for the purpose of restricting the profits of sale to the inventor or proprietor. World’s Dispensary Medical Ass’n v. Collier, 86 Misc. 217, 148 N. Y. S. 455, 400.


NOT FOUND. These words, indorsed on a bill of indictment by a grand jury, have the same effect as the indorsement “Not a true bill” or “Ignoramus.” See also, Non Est Inventus.

NOT GUILTY. A plea of the general issue in the actions of trespass and case and in criminal prosecutions. The form of the verdict in criminal cases, where the jury acquit the prisoner. 4 Bl. Comm. 961.

NOT GUILTY BY STATUTE. In English practice. A plea of the general issue by a defendant in a civil action, when he intends to give special matter in evidence by virtue of some act or acts of parliament, in which case he must add the reference to such act or acts, and state whether such acts are public or otherwise. But, if a defendant so plead, he will not be allowed to plead any other defense, without the leave of the court or a judge. Mozley & Whitley.


NOT LESS THAN. The words “not less than” signify in the smallest or lowest degree, at the lowest estimate; at least. Watson v. City of Salem, 84 Or. 666, 194 P. 567, 568; Miller v. Rodd, 285 Pa. 18, 131 A. 482, 483.

NOT POSSESSED. A special traverse used in an action of trover, alleging that defendant was not possessed, at the time of action brought, of the chattels alleged to have been converted by him.

NOT PROVEN. A verdict in a Scotch criminal trial, to the effect that the guilt of the accused is not made out, though his innocence is not clear.

NOT SATISFIED. A return sometimes made by sheriffs or constables to a writ of execution; but it is not a technical formula, and is condemned by the courts as ambiguous and insufficient. See Martin v. Martin, 59 N. C. 346; Langford v. Few, 146 Mo. 142, 47 S. W. 927, 89 Am. St. Rep. 696; Merrick v. Carter, 205 Ill. 73, 68 N. E. 750.

NOT TO BE PERFORMED WITHIN ONE YEAR. The clause “not to be performed within one year” includes any agreement which by
a reasonable interpretation in view of all the circumstances does not admit of its performance, according to its language and intention, within one year from the time of its making. Mrs. E. Edwards & Sons v. Farve, 110 Miss. 804, 71 So. 12, 13.

NOT TRANSFERABLE. These words, when written across the face of a negotiable instrument, operate to destroy its negotiability. Durr v. State, 59 Ala. 24.

NOTA. Lat. In the civil law, a mark or brand put upon a person by the law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135.

NOTE. In civil and old European law, short-hand characters or marks of contraction, in which the emperors' secretaries took down what they dictated. Spelman; Calvin.

NOTARIAL. Taken by a notaary; performed by a notaary in his official capacity; belonging to a notaary and evidencing his official character, as, a notaarial seal.

NOTARIAL WILL. A will executed by the testator in the presence of a Notary Public and two witnesses.

NOTARIUS. Lat. In Roman Law

A draughtsman; an amanuensis; a short-hand writer; one who took notes of the proceedings in the senate or a court, or of what was dictated to him by another; one who prepared draughts of wills, conveyances, etc.

In Old English Law

A scribe or scrivener who made short draughts of writings and other instruments; a notaary. Cowell.

NOTARY PUBLIC. A public officer whose function is to administer oaths; to attest and certify, by his hand and official seal, certain classes of documents, in order to give them credit and authenticity in foreign jurisdictions; to take acknowledgments of deeds and other conveyances, and certify the same; and to perform certain official acts, chiefly in commercial matters, such as the protesting of notes and bills, the noting of foreign drafts, and marble protests in cases of loss or damage. See Kirksey v. Bates, 7 Port. (Ala.) 531, 31 Am. Dec. 722; First Nat. Bank v. German Bank, 107 Iowa, 543, 78 N. W. 136, 44 L. R. A. 133, 70 Am. St. Rep. 219; In re Huron, 58 Kan. 152, 48 P. 574, 36 L. R. A. 822, 62 Am. St. Rep. 614; Bettsman v. Warwick, 108 F. 46, 47 C. C. A. 185; Patterson v. United States, 129 C. C. A. 650, 262 F. 208, 210.

NOTATION. In English probate practice, the act of making a memorandum of some special circumstance on a probate or letters of administration. Thus, where a grant is made for the whole personal estate of the deceased within the United Kingdom, which can only be done in the case of a person dying domiciled in England, the fact of his having been so domiciled is noted on the grant. Coote, Prob. Pr. 30; Sweet.

NOTCHELL, or NOCHELL. "Crying the wife's Notchell" seems to have been a means of preventing her running up debts against her husband. See 20 Law Mag. & Rev. 290.

It is the custom in Lancashire for a man to advertise that he will not be responsible for debts contracted by her [his wife] after that date. He is thus said to "notchel her" and the advertisement is termed a notchel notice. N. and Q., 7th ser., VIII, 285, quoted in Cent. Dict.

NOTE, v. To make a brief written statement; to enter a memorandum; as to note an exception.

—Note a bill. When a foreign bill has been dishonored, it is usual for a notaary public to present it again on the same day, and, if it be not then paid, to make a minute, consisting of his initials, the day, month, and year, and reason, if assigned, of non-payment. The making of this minute is called "noting the bill." Wharton.

NOTE, n. An abstract, a memorandum; an informal statement in writing. Also a negotiable promissory note. Road Improvement Dist. No. 4 of Cleveland County v. Southern Trust Co., 152 Ark. 422, 239 S. W. 8, 11; American Nat. Bank v. Marshall, 122 Kan. 763, 253 P. 214, 215. See Bought Note; Notes; Judgment Note; Promissory Note; Sold Note.

—Note of a fine. In old conveyancing. One of the parts of a fine of lands, being an abstract of the writ of covenant, and the concord; naming the parties, the parcels of land, and the agreement. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.

—Note of allowance. In English practice. A note delivered by a master to a party to a cause, who alleged that there was error in law in the record and proceedings, allowing him to bring error.


—Note of protest. A memorandum of the fact of protest, indorsed by the notaary upon the bill, at the time, to be afterwards written out at length.

—Note or memorandum. The statute of frauds requires a "note or memorandum" of the particular transaction to be made in writing and signed, etc. By this is generally understood an informal minute or memorandum made on the spot. See Clason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 492.

NOTES. In practice. Memoranda made by a judge on a trial, as to the evidence adduced, and the points reserved, etc. A copy of the judge's notes may be obtained from his clerk.
NOTHUS. Lat. In Roman law. A natural child or a person of spurious birth.

NOTICE. Information; the result of observation, whether by the senses or the mind; knowledge of the existence of a fact or state of affairs; the means of knowledge. Used in this sense in such phrases as "A had notice of the conversion," "a purchaser without notice of fraud," etc. See Abercrombie v. Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., 206 Ala. 615, 91 So. 311, 312; Knights and Ladies of Security v. Bell, 88 Okt. 272, 220 P. 594, 597.


Notice is either (1) statutory, i. e., made so by legislative enactment; (2) actual, which brings the knowledge of a fact directly to the party; or (3) constructive. Constructive notice may be subdivided into: (a) Where there exists actual notice of matter, to which equity has added constructive notice of facts, which an inquiry after such matter would have elicited; and (b) where there has been a designed abstinence from inquiry for the very purpose of escaping notice. Wharton.

In another sense, "notice" means information of an act to be done or required to be done; as of a motion to be made, a trial to be had, a plea or answer to be put in, costs to be taxed, etc. In this sense, "notice" means an advice, or written warning, in more or less formal shape, intended to apprise a person of some proceeding in which his interests are involved, or informing him of some fact which it is his right to know and the duty of the notifying party to communicate.


Classification

Notice is actual or constructive. Actual notice has been defined as notice express and actually given, and brought home to the party directly. Jordan v. Pollock, 14 Ga. 145; McCray v. Clark, 82 Pa. 457; Morey v. Milliken, 80 Me. 404, 30 A. 102. The term "actual notice," however, is generally given a wider meaning as embracing two classes, express and implied; the former includes all knowledge of a degree above that which depends upon collateral inference, or which imposes upon the party the further duty of inquiry; the latter imputes knowledge to the party because he is shown to be conscious of having the means of knowledge. In this sense actual notice is such notice as is positively proved to have been given to a party directly and personally, or such as he is presumed to have received personally because the evidence within his knowledge was sufficient to put him upon inquiry. Picklesimer v. Smith, 164 Ga. 600, 133 S. E. 72, 74; Brinkman v. Jones, 44 Wls. 498; White v. Fisher, 77 Ind. 65, 40 Am. Rep. 257; Clark v. Lambert, 55 Ws. Va. 512, 47 S. E. 312; Hopkins v. McCarthy, 121 Me. 27, 115 A. 513, 515; Rector v. Wildrick, 59 Okt. 172, 158 P. 610, 613; Citizens' State Bank of Greenup v. Johnson County, 182 Ky. 731, 207 S. W. 8, 11. Constructive notice is notice or knowledge of a fact implied by law to a person, (although he may not actually have it,) because he could have discovered the fact by proper diligence, and his situation was such as to cast upon him the duty of inquiring into it. Baltimore v. Whittington, 78 Md. 231, 27 A. 984; Wells v. Sheerer, 78 Ala. 142; Jordan v. Pollock, 14 Ga. 145; Jackson v. Waldstein (Tex. Civ. App.) 27 S. W. 26; Aecer v. Westcott, 46 N. Y. 384, 7 Am. Rep. 355; Charles v. Roxana Petroleum Corporation (C. C. A.) 282 F. 983, 988; City of Dallas v. Rutledge (Tex. Civ. App.) 238 S. W. 534, 538. Further as to the distinction between actual and constructive notice, see Baltimore v. Whittington, 78 Md. 231, 27 A. 984; Thomas v. Filtz, 125 Mich. 10, 81 N. W. 606, 47 L. R. A. 409; Vaughan v. Traey, 23 Mo. 492; Peterson v. Harper, 13 Ga. App. 112, 78 S. E. 942, 944.

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"Constructive notice" is a presumption of law, making it impossible for one to deny the matter concerning which notice is given, while "implied notice" is a presumption of fact, relating to what one can learn by reasonable inquiry, and arises from actual notice of circumstances, and not from constructive notice. Charles v. Roxana Petroleum Corporation (C. C. A.) 282 F. 983, 988. Or as otherwise defined, implied notice may be said to exist where the fact in question lies open to the knowledge of the party, so that the exercise of reasonable observation and watchfulness would not fail to apprise him of it, although
no one has told him of it in so many words. See Philadelphia v. Smith (Pa.) 16 A. 493.

Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

-Averment of Notice. The statement in a pleading that notice has been given.


-Judicial notice. The act by which a court, in conducting a trial, or framing its decision, will, of its own motion, and without the production of evidence, recognize the existence and truth of certain facts, having a bearing on the controversy at bar, which, from their nature, are not properly the subject of testimony, or which are universally regarded as established by common notoriety, e.g., the laws of the state, international law, historical events, the constitution and course of nature, main geographical features, etc. North Hempstead v. Gregory, 53 App. Div. 350, 65 N. Y. S. 567; State v. Main, 69 Conn. 123, 37 A. 86, 36 L. R. A. 623, 61 Am. St. Rep. 30. The cognizance of certain facts which judges and jurors may properly take and act upon without proof, because they already known them. United States v. Hammers (D. C.) 241 F. 542, 545. The true conception of what is "judicially known" is that of something which is not, or rather need not be, unless the tribunal wishes it, the subject of either evidence or argument. Chiulla de Luca v. Board of Park Com'rs of City of Hartford, 94 Conn. 7, 107 A. 611, 612. The limits of "judicial notice" cannot be prescribed with exactness, but notoriety is, generally speaking, the ultimate test of facts sought to be brought within the realm of judicial notice; in general, it covers matters so notorious that a production of evidence would be unnecessary, matters which the judicial function supposes the judge to be acquainted with actually or theoretically, and matters not strictly included under either of such heads. Gottstein v. Lister, 88 Wash. 402, 153 P. 595, 602, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 1005.

-Legal notice. Such notice as is adequate in point of law; such notice as the law requires to be given for the specific purpose or in the particular case. See Samborn v. Piper, 61 N. H. 335, 10 A. 680; People's Bank v. Etting, 17 Phila. (Pa.) 235.

-Notice in lieu of service. In lieu of personally serving a writ of summons (or other legal process,) in English practice, the court occasionally allows the plaintiff (or other party) to give notice in lieu of service, such notice being such as will in all probability reach the party. This notice is peculiarly appropriate in the case of a foreigner out of the jurisdiction, whom it is desired to serve with a writ of summons. Sweet.

-Notice of action. When it is intended to sue certain particular individuals, as in the case of actions against justices of the peace, it is necessary in some jurisdictions to give them notice of the action some time before.

-Notice of appearance. See Appearance.

-Notice of dishonor. See Dishonor.

-Notice of lis pendens. See Lis Pendens.

-Notice of protest. See Protest.

-Notice of judgment. It is required by statute in several of the states that the party for whom the verdict in an action has been given shall serve upon the other party or his attorney a written notice of the time when judgment is entered. The time allowed for taking an appeal runs from such notice.

-Notice of motion. A notice in writing, entitled in a cause, stating that, on a certain day designated, a motion will be made to the court for the purpose or object stated. Field v. Park, 29 Johns. (N. Y.) 140.

-Notice of trial. A notice given by one of the parties in an action to the other, after an issue has been reached, that he intends to bring the cause forward for trial at the next term of the court.

-Notice to admit. In the practice of the English high court, either party to an action may call on the other party by notice to admit the existence and execution of any document, in order to save the expense of proving it at the trial; and the party refusing to admit must bear the costs of proving it unless the judge certifies that the refusal to admit was reasonable. No costs of proving a document will in general be allowed, unless such a notice is given. Rules of Court, xxxii. 2; Sweet.

-Notice to plead. This is a notice which, in the practice of some states, is prerequisite to the taking judgment by default. It proceeds from the plaintiff, and warns the defendant that he must plead to the declaration or complaint within a prescribed time.

-Notice to produce. In practice. A notice in writing, given in an action at law, requiring the opposite party to produce a certain described paper or document at the trial. Chit. Archb. Pr. 230; 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 834.

-Notice to quit. A written notice given by a landlord to his tenant, stating that the former desires to repossess himself of the demised
premises, and that the latter is required to quit and remove from the same at a time designated, either at the expiration of the term, if the tenant is in under a lease, or immediately, if the tenency is at will or by sufferance. The term is also sometimes applied to a written notice given by the tenant to the landlord, to the effect that he intends to quit the demised premises and deliver possession of the same on a day named. Garner v. Hannah, 6 Duer (N. Y.) 270; Oakes v. Munroe, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 287.

—Personal notice. Communication of notice orally or in writing (according to the circumstances) directly to the person affected or to be charged, as distinguished from constructive or implied notice, and also from notice imputed to him because given to his agent or representative. See Loeb v. Huddleston, 105 Ala. 257, 16 So. 714; Pearson v. Lovejoy, 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 497.

—Presumptive notice. Implied actual notice. The difference between “presumptive” and “constructive” notice is that the former is an inference of fact which is capable of being explained or contradicted, while the latter is a conclusion of law which cannot be contradicted. Brown v. Baldwin, 121 Mo. 166, 25 S. W. 885; Drey v. Doyle, 99 Mo. 459, 12 S. W. 287; Brush v. Ware, 15 Pet. 98, 10 L. Ed. 672.

—Public notice. Notice given to the public generally, or to the entire community, or to all whom it may concern. See Pennsylvania Training School v. Independent Mut. F. Ins. Co., 127 Pa. 559, 18 A. 392.


NOTIFY. To make known. In legal proceedings, and in respect to public matters, this word is generally, if not universally, used as importing a notice given by some person, whose duty it was to give it, in some manner prescribed, and to some person entitled to receive it, or be notified. Appeal of Potwine, 31 Conn. 354. And see Home Benefit Ass'n of Angelina County v. Jordan (Tex. Civ. App.) 191 S. W. 723, 728.

NOTING. The act of a notary in minuting on a bill of exchange, after it has been presented for acceptance or payment, the initials of his name, the date of the day, month, and year when such presentment was made, and the reason, if any has been assigned, for non-acceptance or non-payment, together with his charge. The noting is not indispensable, it being only a part of the protest; it will not supply the protest; 4 Term 175.

NOTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The power of hearing and trying a matter of fact; the power or authority of a judex; the power of hearing causes and of pronouncing sentence, without any degree of jurisdiction. Calvin.

NOTITIA. Lat. Knowledge; information; intelligence; notice.

Notititia dicunt a noscendo; et notitia non debet claudicare. Notice is named from a knowledge being had; and notice ought not to halt, [i. e., be imperfect.] 6 Coke, 29.

NOTORIAL. The Scotch form of “notaril,” (q. v.) Bell.

NOTORIETY. The state of being notorious or universally well known.

Proof by Notoriety

In Scotch law, dispensing with positive testimony as to matters of common knowledge or general notoriety, the same as the “judicial notice” of English and American law. See Notice.


In the law of evidence, matters deemed notorious do not require to be proved. There does not seem to be any recognized rule as to what matters are deemed notorious. Cases have occurred in which the state of society or public feeling has been treated as notorious; e. g., during times of sedition. Best, Ev. 354; Sweet.

NOTORIOUS INSOLVENCY. A condition of insolvency which is generally known throughout the community or known to the general class of persons with whom the insolvent has business relations.

NOTORIOUS POSSESSION. In the rule that a prescriptive title must be founded on open and “notorious” adverse possession, this term means that the possession or character of the holding must in its nature possess such elements of notoriety that the owner may be presumed to have notice of it and of its extent. Watrous v. Morrison, 33 F11. 261, 14 So. 505, 39 Am. St. Rep. 139.

NOTOUR. In Scotch law. Open; notorious. A notour bankrupt is a debtor who, being under diligence by having and caption of his creditor, retires to sanctuary or absconds or defends by force, and is afterwards found insolvent by the court of session. Bell.

Nova constitutio futuris formam imponere debet non praetridi. A new state of the law ought to affect the future, not the past. 2 Inst. 292; Broom, Max. 34, 37.
NOVERINT UNIVERSI PER PRÆSENTES

NOVA CUSTUMA. The name of an imposition or duty. See Antiqua Custuma.

NOVA STATUTA. New statutes. An appeal sometimes given to the statutes which have been passed since the beginning of the reign of Edward III. 1 Steph. Comm. 68.

NOVÆ NARRATIONES. New counts. The collection called "Novæ Narrationes" contains pleadings in actions during the reign of Edward III. It consists principally of declarations, as the title imports; but there are sometimes pleas and subsequent pleadings. The Articuli ad Novas Narrationes is usually subjoined to this little book, and is a small treatise on the method of pleading. It first treats of actions and courts, and then goes through each particular writ, and the declaration upon it, accompanied with directions, and illustrated by precedents. 3 Reeve, Engl. Law, 152; Wharton.

NOVALE. Land newly plowed and converted into tillage, and which has not been tilled before within the memory of man; also fallow land.

NOVALID. In the civil law. Land that rested a year after the first plowing. Dig. 50, 16, 30, 2.


The substitution by mutual agreement of one debtor for another or of one creditor for another, whereby the old debt is extinguished, or the substitution of a new debt or obligation for an existing one, which is thereby extinguished. Pierce Fordyce Oil Ass'n v. Woods (Tex. Clv. App.) 180 S. W. 1181, 1183; Martin v. Breckenridge (C. C. A.) 14 F. 2d 290, 292; Peters v. Poro's Estate, 96 Vt. 95, 117 A. 244, 249, 25 A. L. R. 615; Russell v. Centers, 155 Ky. 496, 155 S. W. 1149, 1151.


Novation is a contract, consisting of two stipulations,—one to extinguish an existing obligation; the other to substitute a new one in its place. Clv. Code La. art. 2185. The term was originally a technical term of the civil law, but is now in very general use in English and American jurisprudence.

In the civil law, there are three kinds of novation: (1) Where the debtor and creditor remain the same, but a new debt takes the place of the old one; (2) where the debt remains the same, but a new debtor is substituted; (3) where the debt and debtor remain, but a new creditor is substituted. Adams v. Power, 48 Miss. 451.

Every novation embraces, necessarily, an accord and satisfaction; the principal distinguishing feature between them being that a novation implies the extinguishment of an existing debt by the parties thereto and its transition into a new existence between the same or different parties, whereas, an "accord and satisfaction" relates solely to the extinguishment of the debt or obligation. Cooke v. McAdoo, 85 N. J. Law, 692, 90 A. 392, 393.

NOVEL ASSIGNMENT. See New Assignment.

NOVEL DISSEISIN. See Assise of Novel Disseisin.

NOVELLÆ (or NOVELLÆ CONSTITUTIONES). New constitutions; generally translated in English, "Novels." The Latin name of those constitutions which were issued by Justinian after the publication of his Code; most of them being originally written in Greek. After his death, a collection of 168 Novels was made, 154 of which had been issued by Justinian, and the rest by his successors. These were afterwards included in the Corpus Juris Civilis, (q. v.) and now constitute one of its four principal divisions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 80; 1 Kent, Comm. 541.

NOVELLÆ LEONIS. The ordinances of the Emperor Leo, which were made from the year 887 till the year 892, are so called. These Novels changed many rules of the Justinian law. This collection contains 113 Novels, written originally in Greek, and afterwards, in 1590, translated into Latin by Agiheus. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 84.

NOVELS. The title given in English to the New Constitutiones (Novella Constitutiones) of Justinian and his successors, now forming a part of the Corpus Juris Civilis. See Novellæ.

NOVELTY. An objection to a patent or claim for a patent on the ground that the invention is not new or original is called an objection "for want of novelty."

NOVERCA. Lat. In the civil law. A stepmother.

NOVERINT UNIVERSI PER PRÆSENTES. Know all men by these presents. Formal
words used at the commencement of deeds of release in the Latin forms.

NOVI OPERIS NUNCIATIO. Lat. Denunciation of, or protest against, a new work. This was a species of remedy in the civil law, available to a person who thought his rights or his property were threatened by injury with the act of his neighbor in erecting or demolishing any structure, which was called a "new work." In such case, he might go upon the ground, while the work was in progress, and publicly protest against or forbid its completion, in the presence of the workmen or of the owner or his representative.

NOVIGILD. In Saxon law. A pecuniary satisfaction for an injury, amounting to nine times the value of the thing for which it was paid. Spelman.

NOVISSIMA RECOPILACION. (Latest Compilation.) The title of a collection of Spanish law compiled by order of Don Carlos IV. in 1805. 1 White, Recop. 355.

NOVITAS. Lat. Novelty; newness; a new thing.


NOVITER PERVента, or NOVITER AD NOTITIAM PERVента. In ecclesiastical procedure. Facts "newly come" to the knowledge of a party to a cause. Leave to plead facts noviter perverteta is generally given, in a proper case, even after the pleadings are closed. Phil. Ecc. Law, 1257; Rog. Ecc. Law, 722.

NOVODAMUS. In old Scotch law. (We give anew.) The name given to a charter, or clause in a charter, granting a renewal of a right. Bell.

Novum judicium non dat novum jus, sed declarat antiquum; quia judicium est juris dictum et per judicium jus est noviter revelatum quod diu factum. A new adjudication does not make a new law, but declares the old; because adjudication is the utterance of the law, and by adjudication the law is newly revealed which was for a long time hidden. 10 Coke, 42.

NOVUM OPUS. Lat. In the civil law. A new work. See Novi Operis Nunciatio.

NOVUS HOMO. Lat. A new man. This term is applied to a man who has been pardoned of a crime, and so made, as it were, a "new man."

NOW. At this time, or at the present moment; or at a time contemporaneous with something done. Pike v. Kennedy, 15 Or. 426, 15 P. 637. At the present time. Nutt v. U. S., 26 Ct. Cl. 15. Shubert v. Rosenberger (C. C. A.) 204 F. 934, 935; Walker v. Dwelle, 187 Iowa, 1384, 175 N. W. 957, 969.

"Now" as used in a statute ordinarily refers to the date of its taking effect, but the word is sometimes used, not with reference to the moment of speaking but to a time contemporaneous with something done, and may mean at the time spoken of or referred to as well as at the time of speaking. State v. City of St. Lawrence, 101 Kan. 223, 165 P. 826.


NOXA. Lat. In the civil law. Any damage or injury done to persons or property by an unlawful act committed by a man's slave or animal. An action for damages lay against the master or owner, who, however, might escape further responsibility by delivering up the offending agent to the party injured. "Noxa" was also used as the designation of the offense committed, and of its punishment, and sometimes of the slave or animal doing the damage.

Noxa sequitur caput. The injury [i.e., liability to make good an injury caused by a slave] follows the head or person, [i.e., attaches to his master.] Helncc. Elem. l. 4, t. 8, § 1231.

NOXÆ DEDITIO. The surrender of a slave who has committed a mischief. The master may elect whether he will pay the damages assessed or surrender the slave. Hunter, Rom. Law, 166.

NOXAL ACTION. An action for damage done by slaves or animals. Sanders, Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 457.

NOXALIS ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action which lay against the master of a slave, for some offense (as theft or robbery) committed or damage or injury done by the slave, which was called "noxa." Usually translated "noxal action."

NOXIA. Lat. In the civil law. An offense committed or damage done by a slave. Inst. 4, 8, 1.

NOXIOUS. Hurtful; offensive to the smell. Rex v. White, 1 Burrows, 337. The word "noxious" includes the complex idea both of insalubrity and offensiveness. Id. That which causes or tends to cause injury, especially to health or morals. Monbary v. G. & M. Improvement Co., 178 App. Div. 727, 165 N. Y. S. 842, 843.

NUBILIS. Lat. In the civil law. Marryable; who is of a proper age to be married.

NUCES COLLIGERE. Lat. To collect nuts. This was formerly one of the works or servic-
es imposed by lords upon their inferior tenants. Paroch. Antig. 495.

Nuda pacto obligationem non parit. A naked agreement [i.e., without consideration] does not beget an obligation. Dig. 2, 14, 7, 4; Broom, Max. 746.

NUDA PATIENTIA. Lat. Mere sufferance.

NUDA POSSESSIO. Lat. Bare or mere possession.

Nuda ratio et nuda pactio non ligant aliquem debiterem. Naked reason and naked promise do not bind any debtor. Pieta, 1, 2, c. 69, § 25.

NUDE. Naked. This word is applied metaphorically to a variety of subjects to indicate that they are lacking in some essential legal requisite.

NUDE CONTRACT. One made without any consideration; upon which no action will lie, in conformity with the maxim "ex nudo pacto non oritur actio." 2 Bl. Comm. 445.

NUDE MATTER. A bare allegation of a thing done, unsupported by evidence.

NUDUM PACTUM.

In Roman Law

Informal agreements not coming within any of the privileged classes. They could not be sued on. The term was sometimes used with a special and rather different meaning to express the rule that a contract without delivery will not pass property. Pollock, Contracts 743. Salmon, Jurisprudence 640.


Nudum pactum est ubi nulla subest causa prae
ter conventionem; sed ubi subest ob
gligatio, et pactum actionem. A naked contract is where there is no consideration except the agreement; but, where there is a consideration, it becomes an obligation and gives a right of action. Plowd. 309; Broom, Max. 745, 750.

Nudum pactum ex quo non oritur actio. Nudum pactum is that upon which no action arises. Cod. 2, 3, 19; Id. 5, 14, 1; Broom, Max. 676.


NUGATORY. Futile; ineffectual; invalid; destitute of constraining force or vitality. A legislative act may be "nugatory" because unconstitutional. Avery & Co. v. Sorrell, 157 Ga. 478, 121 S. E. 828, 829.

NUISANCE. Anything that unlawfully worketh hurt, inconvenience, or damage. 3 Bl. Comm. 216.

That class of wrongs that arise from the unreasonable, unwarrantable, or unlawful use by a person of his own property, either real or personal, or from his own improper, indecent, or unlawful personal conduct, working an obstruction of or injury to the right of another or of the public, and producing material annoyance, inconvenience, discomfort, or hurt. Wood, Nuis. § 1; District of Columbia v. Totten, 55 App. D. C. 312, 5 F. (2d) 374, 380, 40 A. L. R. 1461; Petroleum Re
ing Co. v. Commonwealth, 192 Ky. 272, 252 S. W. 421, 423.

Anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, or which unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin, or any public park, square, street, or highway, is a nuisance. Civ. Code Cal. § 3479. And see Venable v. Dwieluci, 50 Me. 479; People v. Metropolitan Tel. Co., 11 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 304; Bohan v. Port Jervis Gaslight Co., 122 N. Y. 18, 25 N. E. 246, 9 L. R. A. 711; Baltimore & P. R. Co. v. Fifth Baptist Church, 137 U. S. 568, 11 S. Ct. 185, 34 L. Ed. 784; Id., 108 U. S. 317, 2 S. Ct. 719, 27 L. Ed. 739; Cardington v. Frederick, 46 Ohio St. 442, 21 N. E. 783; Gifford v. Hulett, 62 Vt. 342, 19 A. 250; Ex parte Foote, 70 Ark. 12, 65 S. W. 706, 51 Am. St. Rep. 63; Carthage v. Munsell, 209 Ill. 474, 71 N. E. 831; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Whalen, 140 U. S. 147, 13 S. Ct. 722, 37 L. Ed. 656; Phinney v. City Council of Augusta, 47 Ga. 266; Allen v. Union Oil Co., 59 S. C. 571, 35 S. E. 274; Truexheart v. Parker (Tex. Civ. App.) 257 S. W. 640; Kroeker v. Camden Coke Co., 82 N. J. Eq. 373, 88 A. 955, 957.

In determining what constitutes a "nuisance," the question is whether the nuisance will or does produce such a condition of things as in the judgment of reasonable men is naturally productive of actual physical discomfort to persons of ordinary sensibility and ordinary tastes and habits. Weeks v. Wood, 68 Ind. App. 591, 118 N. E. 561, 592.

Classification

Nuisances are commonly classed as public and private, and mixed. A public nuisance is one which affects an indefinite number of persons, or all the residents of a particular locality, or all people coming within the extent of its range or operation, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal. See Burnham v. Hotchkiss, 14 Conn. 317; Chesh
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N. E. 478; Burlington v. Stockwell, 5 Kan. App. 569, 47 P. 988; Jones v. Chanute, 63 Kan. 213, 65 P. 243; Civ. Code Cal. § 3450; Lademann v. Lamb Const. Co. (Mo. App.) 297 S. W. 184, 186; Calkins v. Ponca City, 80 Okl. 100, 214 P. 188, 192. A private nuisance was originally defined as anything done to the hurt or annoyance of the lands, tenements, or hereditaments of another. 3 Bl. Comm. 216. See, also, Whittemore v. Baxter Laundry Co., 181 Mich. 564, 148 N. W. 437, 32 L. R. A. (N. S.) 630, Ann. Cas. 1910C, 818; State v. Ringold, 102 Or. 401, 202 P. 734, 735. As distinguished from public nuisance, it includes any wrongful act which destroys or deteriorates the property of an individual or of a few persons or Interferences with their lawful use or enjoyment thereof, or any act which unlawfully hinders them in the enjoyment of a common or public right and causes them a special injury different from that sustained by the general public. Therefore, although the ground of distinction between public and private nuisances is still the injury to the community at large or, on the other hand, to a single individual, it is evident that the same thing or act may constitute a public nuisance and at the same time a private nuisance. See Heeg v. Lichte, 80 N. Y. 582, 36 Am. Rep. 654; Baltzeger v. Carolina Midland R. Co., 54 S. C. 242, 32 S. E. 335, 31 Am. St. Rep. 789; Kavanaugh v. Barber, 131 N. Y. 211, 30 N. E. 235, 15 L. R. A. 659; Haggart v. Stehlin, 137 Ind. 43, 35 N. E. 997, 22 L. R. A. 577; Dorman v. Ames, 12 Minn. 451 (Gill. 347); Ackerman v. True, 175 N. Y. 333, 67 N. E. 629; Kissel v. Lewis, 156 Ind. 233, 59 N. E. 478; Willcox v. Hines, 160 Tenn. 538, 46 S. W. 297, 41 L. R. A. 275, 66 Am. St. Rep. 770; Harris v. Poulton, 99 W. Va. 41, 127 S. E. 647, 650, 651, 40 A. L. R. 334; City of Ft. Smith v. Western Hide & Fur Co., 153 Ark. 99, 239 S. W. 724, 725. A mixed nuisance is of the kind last described; that is, it is one which is both public and private in its effects,—public because it injures many persons or all the community, and private in that it also produces special injuries to private rights. Kelley v. New York, 6 Misc. 516, 27 N. Y. S. 164.

Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

—Abatement of a nuisance. The removal, prostration, or destruction of that which causes a nuisance, whether by breaking or pulling it down, or otherwise removing, disintegrating, or effacing it. Ruff v. Phillips, 50 Ga. 130.

The remedy which the law allows a party injured by a nuisance of destroying or removing it by his own act, so as he commits no riot in doing it, nor occasions (in the case of a private nuisance) any damage beyond what the removal of the inconvenience necessarily requires. 3 Bl. Comm. 5, 168; 3 Steph. Comm. 361; 2 Salk. 435.

—Actionable nuisance. See Actionable.
less the donor, at the time of the contract, is seised of two rights, namely, the right of possession, and the right of property.

**NULLISSEISIN.** In pleading. No diseseisin. A plea of the general issue in a real action, by which the defendant denies that there was any diseseisin.

**Nul ne doit s’enrichir aux depens des autres.** No one ought to enrich himself at the expense of others.

Nul prendra advantage de son tort demense. No one shall take advantage of his own wrong. 2 Inst. 713; Broom, Max. 260.

Nul sans damage avera error ou attaint. Jenk. Cent. 323. No one shall have error or attaint unless he has sustained damage.

**NUL TIEL CORPORATION.** No such corporation [exists]. The form of a plea denying the existence of an alleged corporation. Rialto Co. v. Miner, 183 Mo. App. 119, 166 S. W. 629, 632.

**NUL TIEL RECORD.** No such record. A plea denying the existence of any such record as that alleged by the plaintiff. It is the general plea in an action of debt on a judgment. Hoffheimer v. Stiefel, 17 Misc. 236, 39 N. Y. S. 714; Watters v. Freeman Bros., 16 Ga. App. 505, 85 S. E. 931.

**NUL TORT.** In pleading. A plea of the general issue to a real action, by which the defendant denies that he committed any wrong.

**NUL WASTE.** No waste. The name of a plea in an action of waste, denying the committing of waste, and forming the general issue.

**NULL.** Naught; of no validity or effect. Usually coupled with the word "void;" as "null and void." Forrester v. Boston, etc., Minn. Co., 29 Mont. 327, 7 P. 1088; Humm v. Eagon, 73 Mo. App, 270. The words "null and void," when used in a contract or statute are often construed as meaning "voidable." Marshall v. Porter, 73 W. Va. 258, 80 S. E. 350, 351; Jones v. Williams, 94 Vt. 175, 100 A. 803, 807; Jones v. Hert, 192 Ala. 111, 68 So. 259, 260.

**NULLA BONA.** Lat. No goods. The name of the return made by the sheriff to a writ of execution, when he has not found any goods of the defendant within his jurisdiction on which he could levy. Woodward v. Harbin, 1 Ala. 108; Reed v. Lowe, 168 Mo. 519, 63 S. W. 687, 85 Am. St. Rep. 578; Langford v. Few, 146 Mo. 142, 47 S. W. 927, 69 Am. St. Rep. 606.

Nulla curia qua recordum non habet potest imponere finem neque aliquem mandare carceri; quia ista spectant tantummodo ad curias de recordo. 8 Coke, 60. No court which has not a record can impose a fine or commit any person to prison; because those powers belong only to courts of record.

**NULLA empio sine pretio esse potest.** There can be no sale without a price. Brown v. Bel lows, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 189.

**NULLA impossibilita aut in honesta sunt prasmendae; vera autem et honesta et possibilis.** No things that are impossible or dishonorable are to be presumed; but things that are true and honorable and possible. Co. Litt. 78b.

**NULLA pactione effici potest ut dolus praestetur.** By no agreement can it be effected that a fraud shall be practiced. Fraud will not be upheld, though it may seem to be authorized by express agreement. 5 Maule & S. 466; Broom, Max. 696.

**NULLA virtus, nulla scientia, locum suum et dignitatem conservare potest sine modestia.** Co. Litt. 394. Without modesty, no virtue, no knowledge, can preserve its place and dignity.

**Nulle regle sans faute.** There is no rule without a fault.


**Nulli enim res sua servit jure servitutis.** No one can have a servitude over his own property. Dig. 8, 2, 26; 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1509; Grant v. Chase, 17 Mass. 443, 9 Am. Dec. 161.

**NULLITY.** Nothing; no proceeding; an act or proceeding in a cause which the opposite party may treat as though it had not taken place, or which has absolutely no legal force or effect. Sailer v. Hilgen, 40 Wis. 363; Jennens v. Lapeer County Circuit Judge, 42 Mich. 469, 4 N. W. 220; Johnson v. Hines, 61 Md. 122.

**Absolute Nulity.**

In Spanish law, nullity is either absolute or relative. The former is that which arises from the law, whether civil or criminal, the principal motive for which is the public interest, while the latter is that which affects one certain individual. Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 251. No such distinction, however, is recognized in American law, and the term "absolute nullity" is used more for emphasis than as indicating a degree of invalidity. As to the ratification or subsequent validation of "absolute nullities," see Means v. Robinson, 7 Tex. 502, 516.

**Nullity of Marriage.**

The entire invalidity of a supposed, pretended, or attempted marriage, by reason of relationship or incapacity of the parties or other diriment impediments. An action seeking a decree declaring such an assumed marriage to be null and void is called a suit of "nullity of marriage." It differs from an action for divorce, because the latter supposes the existence of a valid and lawful marriage. See 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. §§ 289−294.
NULLIUS FILIUS. Lat. The son of nobody: a bastard. A bastard is considered nullius filius as far as regards his right to inherit. But the rule of nullius filius does not apply in other respects, and has been changed by statute in most states so as to make the child of his mother, in respect of inheritance.

Nullius hominis auctoritas apud nos valere debet, ut meliora non sequemur si quis attuariet. The authority of no man ought to prevail with us, so far as to prevent our following better [opinions] if any one should present them. Co. Litt. 383b.

NULLIUS IN BONIS. Lat. Among the property of no person.


NULLUM ARBITRIUM. L. Lat. No award. The name of a plea in an action on an arbitration bond, for not fulfilling the award, by which the defendant traverses the allegation that there was an award made.


Nullum exemplum est idem omnibus. No example is the same for all purposes. Co. Litt. 212a. No one precedent is adapted to all cases. A maxim in conveyancing.

NULLUM FECERUNT ARBITRIUM. L. Lat. In pleading. The name of a plea to an action of debt upon an obligation for the performance of an award, by which the defendant denies that he submitted to arbitration, etc. Bac. Abr. "Arbitrium," etc., G.

Nullum iniquum est prasumendum in jure. 7 Coke, 71. No iniquity is to be presumed in law.


Nullum simile est idem nisi quatuor pedibus currit. Co. Litt. 3. No like is identical, unless it run on all fours.

Nullum simile quator pedibus currit. No simile runs upon four feet, (or all fours, as it is otherwise expressed.) No simile holds in everything. Co. Litt. 3a; Ex parte Foster, 2 Story, 143, Fed. Cas. No. 4960.

NULLUM TEMPS ACT. In English law. A name given to the statute 3 Geo. III, c. 16, because that act, in contravention of the maxim "Nullum tempus occurrit regi," (no lapse of time bars the king,) limited the crown's right to sue, etc., to the period of sixty years.

Nullum tempus aut locus occurrit regi. No time or place affects the king. 2 Inst. 273; Jenk. Cent. 83; Broom, Max. 65.

Nullum tempus occurrit reipublica. No time runs [time does not run] against the commonwealth or state. Levasser v. Washburn, 11 Grat. (Va.) 572.

Nullus alius quam rex possit episcopo demandare inquisitionem faciendam. Co. Litt. 134. No other than the king can command the bishop to make an inquisition.

Nullus commodum capere potest de injuria sua propria. No one can obtain an advantage by his own wrong. Co. Litt. 148; Broom, Max. 279.

Nullus debet agere de dolo, ubi alia actio subest. Where another form of action is given, no one ought to sue in the action de dolo. 7 Coke, 92.

Nullus dicitur accessorius post feloniam, sed ille qui novit principalem feloniam fecisse, et illum receptavit et confortavit. 3 Inst. 138. No one is called an "accessory" after the fact but who he knew the principal to have committed a felony, and received and comforted him.

Nullus dicitur fello principalis nisi actus, aut qui prasens est, abettans aut auxilians ad feloniam faciendam. No one is called a "principal felon" except the party actually committing the felony, or the party present aiding and abetting in its commission.

Nullus idoneus testis in re sua intelligitur. No person is understood to be a competent witness in his own cause. Dig. 22, 5, 10.

Nullus jus alienum foris facere potest. No man can forfeit another's right. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 28, § 11.

Nullus recedat e curia cancellaria sine remedia. No person should depart from the court of chancery without a remedy. 4 Hen. VII. 4; Branch, Princ.

Nullus simile est idem, nisi quatuor pedibus currit. No like is exactly identical unless it runs on all fours.

Nullus videtur dolo facere qui suo jure utitur. No one is considered to act with guile who uses his own right. Dig. 59, 17, 55; Broom, Max. 130.

NUMERATA PECUNIA. Lat. In the civil law. Money told or counted; money paid by tale. Inst. 3, 24, 2; Bract. fol. 35.

NUMMATA. The price of anything in money, as demeriatas is the price of a thing by computation of peace, and librae of pounds.

NUMMATA TERRÆ. An acre of land. Spelm.

NUN. A woman who lives in a convent under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Scott Co. v. Roman Catholic Archbishop for Diocese of Oregon, A. Christie, 53 Or. 97, 163 P. 85, 91.
NUNC PRO TUNC. Lat. Now for then. A phrase applied to acts allowed to be done after the time when they should be done, with a retroactive effect, i.e., with the same effect as if regularly done. Perkins v. Hayward, 132 Ind. 95, 31 N. E. 670; Secou v. Lerooux, 1 N. M. 388; Rinehart v. Rinehart, 91 N. J. Eq. 354, 110 A. 29; Ex parte Schantz, 26 N. D. 380, 144 N. W. 445, 447.

A nunc pro tune entry is an entry made now, of something which was actually previously done, to have effect as of the former date. Its office is not to supply omitted action by the court, but to supply an omission in the record of action really had where entry thereof was omitted through inadvertence or mistake. Perkins v. Perkins, 225 Mass. 392, 114 N. E. 713; People v. Rosenwald, 296 Ill. 548, 107 N. E. 584, 586, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 688; Grizzard v. Fite, 137 Tenn. 103, 191 S. W. 969, 971, L. R. A. 1917D, 652; Freeman v. Hulbert, 230 Mich. 455, 203 N. W. 158, 160.

NUNCIATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A solemn declaration, usually in prohibition of a thing; a protest.

NUNCIO. The permanent official representative of the pope at a foreign court or seat of government. Webster. They are called "ordinary" or "extraordinary," according as they are sent for general purposes or on a special mission.

NUNCIUS. In international law. A messenger; a minister; the pope's legate, commonly called a "nuncio."

NUNCUPARE. Lat. In the civil law. To name; to pronounce orally or in words without writing.

NUNCUPATE. To declare publicly and solemnly.

NUNCUPATIVE WILL. An oral will declared or dictated by the testator in his last sickness before a sufficient number of witnesses, and afterwards reduced to writing. Ex parte Thompson, 4 Bradf. Sur. (N. Y.) 134; Sykes v. Sykes, 2 Stew. (Ala.) 367, 29 Am. Dec. 40; Tally v. Butterworth, 10 Terg. (Tenn.) 502; Ellington v. Dillard, 42 Ga. 379; Succession of Morales, 16 La. Ann. 208; Starkis v. Lincoln, 310 Mo. 458, 201 S. W. 122, 134.

A will made by the verbal declaration of the testator, and usually dependent merely on oral testimony for proof. Cent. Dict.


NUNDINATION. Traffic at fairs and markets; any buying and selling.

Nunquam crescit ex post facto praeterit delicti aestimatione. The character of a past offense is never aggravated by a subsequent act or matter. Dig. 50, 17, 139, 1; Bae. Max. p. 38, reg. 8; Broom, Max. 42.

Nunquam decurrit ad extraordinarium sed ubi deficiat ordinariam. We are never to resort to what is extraordinary, but [until] what is ordinary fails. 4 Inst. 84.

Nunquam ficto sine lege. There is no fiction without law.

NUNQUAM INDEBITATUS. Lat. Never indebted. The name of a plea in an action of indebitatus assumptit, by which the defendant alleges that he is not indebted to the plaintiff.

Nunquam nimis dicitur quod nunquam satis dicitur. What is never sufficiently said is never said too much. Co. Litt. 375.

Nunquam prescriptur in falso. There is never a prescription in case of falsehood or forgery. A maxim in Scotch law. Bell.

Nunquam res humana prospera succedunt ubi negliguntur divinae. Co. Litt. 15. Human things never prosper where divine things are neglected.

NUNTIA. In old English practice. A messenger. One who was sent to make an excuse for a party summoned, or one who explained as for a friend the reason of a party's absence. Bract. fol. 345. An officer of a court; a summoner, appraiser, or beadle. Cowell.

NUPER OBIIT. Lat. In practice. The name of a writ (now abolished) which, in the English law, lay for a sister cohorsess dispossessed by her coparcener of lands and tenements whereof their father, brother, or any common ancestor died seised of an estate in fee-simple. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 197.

NUPTIÆ SECUNDÆ. Lat. A second marriage. In the canon law, this term included any marriage subsequent to the first.

Nuptial. Pertaining to marriage; constituting marriage; used or done in marriage.

Nuptias non concubitus sed consensus facit. Co. Litt. 33. Not cohabitation but consent makes the marriage.

NURTURE. The act of taking care of children, bringing them up, and educating them. Regina v. Clarke, 7 El. & Bl. 193.

NURUS. Lat. In the civil law. A son's wife; a daughter-in-law. Calvin.

NYCTHEMERON. The whole natural day, or day and night, consisting of twenty-four hours. Enc. Loud.

NYMPHOMANIA. See Insanity.
O. C. An abbreviation, in the civil law, for "opera consilio," (q. c.) In American law, these letters are used as an abbreviation for "Orphans' Court."


O. N. B. An abbreviation for "Old Natura Brevium." See Natura Brevium.

O. N.| It was the course of the English exchequer, as soon as the sheriff entered into and made up his account for issues, amercements, etc., to mark upon each head "O. N.," which denoted oneratur, nisi habeat sufficientem exoneracionem, and presently he became the king's debtor, and a debt was set upon his head; whereupon the parties para valle became debtors to the sheriff, and were discharged against the king, etc. 4 Inst. 116; Wharton.

O. S. An abbreviation for "Old Style," or "Old Series."

OATH. An external pledge or asseveration, made in verification of statements made or to be made, coupled with an appeal to a sacred or venerated object, in evidence of the serious and reverent state of mind of the party, or with an invocation to a supreme being to witness the words of the party and to visit him with punishment if they be false. See O'Reilly v. People, 86 N. Y. 154, 40 Am. Rep. 529; Atwood v. Welton, 7 Conn. 70; Clinton v. State, 23 Ohio St. 32; Brock v. Milligan, 10 Ohio, 123; Blocker v. Burness, 2 Ala. 354; Goolsby v. State, 17 Ala. App. 545, 60 So. 137, 138; In re Breidt, 84 N. J. Eq. 222, 94 A. 214, 218.

A solemn appeal to the Supreme Being in attestation of the truth of some statement, and an outward pledge that one's testimony is given under an immediate sense of responsibility to God. State v. Jones, 28 Idaho, 428, 154 P. 378, 381; Tyler, Oaths 15.

In its broadest sense, the term is used to include all forms of attestation by which a party signifies that he is bound in conscience to perform the act faithfully and truly. In a more restricted sense, it excludes all those forms of attestation or promise which are not accompanied by an imprecation.

The term has been variously defined: as, "a solemn invocation of the vengeance of the Deity upon the witness if he do not declare the whole truth, so far as he knows it."

1 Stark. Ev. 22; or, "a religious asseveration by which a person renounces the mercy and impregnates the vengeance of Heaven if he do not speak the truth."

1 Leach 430; or, as "a religious act by which the party invokes God not only to witness the truth and sincerity of his promise, but also to avenge his imposture or violated faith, or, in other words, to punish his perjury if he shall be guilty of it." 10 Toullier, n. 343; Puffendorf, b. 4, c. 2, § 4. The essential idea of an oath would seem to be, however, that of a recognition of God's authority by the party taking it, and an undertaking to accomplish the transaction to which it refers as required by his laws.

See Kissing the Book.

Assertory Oath

One relating to a past or present fact or state of facts, as distinguished from a "promissory" oath which relates to future conduct; particularly, any oath required by law other than in judicial proceedings and upon induction to office, such, for example, as an oath to be made at the custom-house relative to goods imported.

Corporal Oath

See Corporal.

Decisive or Decisory Oath

In the civil law. Where one of the parties to a suit, not being able to prove his charge, offered to refer the decision of the cause to the oath of his adversary, which the adversary was bound to accept, or tender the same proposal back again, otherwise the whole was taken as confessed by him. Cod. 4, 1, 12.

Extrajudicial Oath

One not taken in any judicial proceeding, or without any authority or requirement of law, though taken formally before a proper person. State v. Scatena, 54 Minn. 251, 57 N. W. 764.

Judicial Oath

One taken in some judicial proceeding or in relation to some matter connected with judicial proceedings. One taken before an officer in open court, as distinguished from a "non-judicial" oath, which is taken before an officer ex parte or out of court. State v. Dreifus, 88 Le. Ann. 877.
Oath against Bribery

One which could have been administered to a voter at an election for members of parliament. Abolished in 1854. Wharton.

Oath Ex Officio

The oath by which a clergyman charged with a criminal offense was formerly allowed to swear himself to be innocent; also the oath by which the compurgators swore that they believed in his innocence. 3 Bl. Comm. 101, 447; Mozley & Whitley.

Oath in Litem

In the civil law. An oath permitted to be taken by the plaintiff, for the purpose of proving the value of the subject-matter in controversy, when there was no other evidence on that point, or when the defendant fraudulently suppressed evidence which might have been available. See Greenl. Ev. § 348; 1 Eq. Cas. Abr. 229; Herman v. Drinkwater, 1 Greenl. (Me.) 27; Snelder v. Geiss, 1 Yeates (Pa.) 34.

Oath of Allegiance

An oath by which a plaintiff promises and binds himself to bear true allegiance to a particular sovereign or government, e. g., the United States; administered generally to high public officers and to soldiers and sailors, also to aliens applying for naturalization, and, occasionally, to citizens generally as a prerequisite to their suing in the courts or prosecuting claims before government bureaus. See Rev. St. U. S. §§ 1756, 2165, 5018, and section 3478 (31 USCA § 294).

Oath of Calumny

In the civil law. An oath which a plaintiff was obliged to take that he was not prompted by malice or trickery in commencing his action, but that he had bona fide a good cause of action. Poth. Pand. lib. 5, tt. 16, 17, s. 124.

Oath-Rite

The form used at the taking of an oath.

Official Oath

One taken by an officer when he assumes charge of his office, whereby he declares that he will faithfully discharge the duties of the same, or whatever else may be required by statute in the particular case.

Poor Debtor’s Oath

See the title Poor.

Promissory Oaths

Oaths which bind the party to observe a certain course of conduct, or to fulfill certain duties, in the future, or to demean himself thereafter in a stated manner with reference to specified objects or obligations; such, for example, as the oath taken by a high executive officer, a legislator, a judge, a person seeking naturalization, an attorney at law.


Purgatory Oath

An oath by which a person purges or clears himself from presumptions, charges, or suspicions standing against him, or from a contempt.

Qualified Oath

One the force of which as an affirmation or denial may be qualified or modified by the circumstances under which it is taken or which necessarily enter into it and constitute a part of it; especially thus used in Scotch law.

Solemn Oath

A corporal oath. Jackson v. State, 1 Ind. 184.

Suppetory Oath

In the civil and ecclesiastical law. The testimony of a single witness to a fact is called “half-proof;” on which no sentence can be founded; in order to supply the other half of proof, the party himself (plaintiff or defendant) is admitted to be examined in his own behalf, and the oath administered to him for that purpose is called the “suppetory oath,” because it supplies the necessary quantum of proof on which to found the sentence. 3 Bl. Comm. 370. This term, although without application in American law in its original sense, is sometimes used as a designation of a party’s oath required to be taken in authentication or support of some piece of documentary evidence which he offers, for example, his books of account.

Voluntary Oath

Such as a person may take in extrajudicial matters, and not regularly in a court of justice, or before an officer invested with authority to administer the same. Brown.

OB. Lat. On account of; for. Several Latin phrases and maxims, commencing with this word, are more commonly introduced by “in” (q. e.).

OB CAUSA ALIQUAM A RE MARITIMA ORTAM. For some cause arising out of a maritime matter. 1 Pet. Adm. 92. Said to be Selden’s translation of the French definition of admiralty jurisdiction, “pour le fait de la mer.” Id.

OB CONTINENTIAM DELICITI. On account of contiguity to the offense, i. e., being contaminated by conjunction with something illegal. For example, the cargo of a vessel, though not contraband or unlawful, may be condemned in admiralty, along with the vessel, when the vessel has been engaged in some service which renders her liable to seizure.
and confiscation. The cargo is then said to be condemned ob continentiam delicti, because found in company with an unlawful service. See 1 Kent, Comm. 152.

OB CONTINGENTIAM. On account of connection; by reason of similarity. In Scotch law, this phrase expresses a ground for the consolidation of actions.

OB FAVOREM MERCATORUM. In favor of merchants. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 63, § 12.

Ob infamiam non solet juxta legem terrae aliquis per legem apparentem se purgare, nisi prius convicitius fuerit vel confessus in curia. Glan. lib. 14, c. II. On account of evil report, it is not usual, according to the law of the land, for any person to purge himself, unless he have been previously convicted, or confessed in court.

OB TURPEM CAUSAM. For an immoral consideration. Dig. 12, 5.

OB/ERATUS. Lat. In Roman law. A debtor who was obliged to serve his creditor till his debt was discharged. Adams, Rom. Ant. 49.

OBEDIENCE. Compliance with a command, prohibition, or known law and rule of duty prescribed; the performance of what is required or enjoined by authority, or the abstaining from what is prohibited, in compliance with the command or prohibition. Webster.

OBEDIENTIA. An office, or the administration of it; a kind of rent; submission; obedience.

Obedientia est legis essentia. 11 Coke, 100. Obedience is the essence of the law.

OBLIGATION. See Obligation.

OBLIGATOR. A monastic officer. Du Cange; see 1 Poll. & Matti. 417.

OBLIT. A funeral solemnity, or office for the dead. Cowell. The anniversary of a person's death; the anniversary office. Cro. Jac. 51.


OBITER. Lat. By the way; in passing; incidentally; collaterally.

OBITER DICTUM. A remark made, or opinion expressed, by a judge, in his decision upon a cause, "by the way," that is, incidentally or collaterally, and not directly upon the question before him, or upon a point not necessarily involved in the determination of the cause, or introduced by way of illustration, or analogy or argument. See Dictum.

OBJECT, v. In legal proceedings, to object (e. g., to the admission of evidence) is to interpose: "a declaration to the effect that the particular matter or thing under consideration is not done or admitted with the consent of the party objecting, but is by him considered improper or illegal, and referring the question of its propriety or legality to the court.

OBJECT, n. That which is perceived, known, thought of, or signified: that toward which a cognitive act is directed. Cent. Dict. The term includes whatever may be presented to the mind as well as to the senses; whatever, also, is acted upon or operated upon affirmatively, or intentionally influenced by anything done, moved, or applied thereto; Wells v. Shook, 8 Blatchf. 257, Fed. Cas. No. 17,406; It may be used as having the sense of effect; Harland v. Territory, 3 Wash. T. 131, 33 P. 453.

The word "object" means the end aimed at, the thing sought to be accomplished, the aim or purpose, the thing sought to be attained. State v. Banks, 33 Idaho, 766, 188 P. 472, 474; Miller v. Tucker, 142 Miss. 166, 106 So. 774, 777.

OBJECT OF AN ACTION. The thing sought to be obtained by the action; the remedy demanded or the relief or recovery sought or prayed for; not the same thing as the cause of action or the subject of the action. Searborough v. Smith, 18 Kan. 406; Lassiter v. Norfolk & C. R. Co., 138 N. C. 89, 48 S. E. 643.

OBJECT OF A STATUTE. The "object" of a statute is the aim or purpose of the enactment, the end or design which it is meant to accomplish, while the "subject" is the matter to which it relates and with which it deals. Medical Examiners v. Fowler, 50 La. Ann. 1358; 24 So. 809; McNeely v. South Penn Oil Co., 52 W. Va. 616, 44 S. E. 598, 62 L. R. A. 562; Day Land & Cattle Co. v. State, 68 Tex. 542, 4 S. W. 865; Commonwealth v. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co., 118 Va. 261, 87 S. E. 622, 625; Mytinger v. Waldrip (Tex. Civ. App.) 200 S. W. 777, 779; Town of Ruston v. Dewey, 142 La. 295, 76 So. 719.

OBJECTION. The act of a party who objects to some matter or proceeding in the course of a trial, (see Object, v.) or an argument or reason urged by him in support of his contention that the matter or proceeding objected to is improper or illegal.

By the term "objections" by the Governor to a statute, as used in a state constitution, is meant his disapproval. State v. Forsyth, 21 Wyo. 329, 138 P. 521, 529.

OBJECTS OF A POWER. Where property is settled subject to a power given to any person or persons to appoint the same among a limited class, the members of the class are called the "objects" of the power. Thus, if a parent has a power to appoint a fund among
his children, the children are called the "objects" of the power. Mozley & Whitley.

**OBLIGATRIX.** In old English law. Scolds or unquiet women were referred to as obligatrixes and were punished with the cudgeling-stool (q. t.).

**OBLATA.** Gifts or offerings made to the king by any of his subjects; old debts, brought, as it were, together from preceding years, and put on the present sheriff's charge. Wharton.

**OBLATA TERRÆ.** Half an acre, or, as some say, half a perch, of land. Speelman.

**OBLATE.** See Oblati.

**OBLATE ROLLS.** Chancery Rolls (1199-1641), called also Fines Rolls, containing records of payments to the king by way of oblate or fine for the grant of privileges, or by way of amercement for breach of duty. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 141.

**OBLATI.** In old European law. Voluntary slaves of churches or monasteries.

**OBLATI ACTIO.** In the civil law. An action given to a party against another who had offered to him a stolen thing, which was found in his possession. Inst. 3, 1, 4.

**OBLATIO.** Lat. In the civil law. A tender of money in payment of a debt made by debtor or creditor. Whatever is offered to the church by the pious. Calvin.

**OBLLATION.** Oblations, or obventions, are offerings or customary payments made, in England, to the minister of a church, including fees on marriages, burials, mortuaries, etc., (q. v.) and Easter offerings. 2 Steph. Comm. 740; Phillim. Ecc. Law. 1598. They may be commuted by agreement.

**Oblationes dicuntur quaecunque a pilis fidelibusque Christianis offeruntur Deo et ecclesia, sive regis sive sive mobiles.** 2 Inst. 329. Those things are called "oblations" which are offered to God and to the Church by pious and faithful Christians, whether they are movable or immovable.

**OBLIGATE.** To bind or constrain; to bind to the observance or performance of a duty; to place under an obligation. To bind one's self by an obligation or promise; to assume a duty; to execute a written promise or covenant; to make a writing obligatory. Wachter v. Famachon, 62 Wis. 117, 22 N. W. 198; Maxwell v. Jacksonville Loan & Imp. Co., 45 Fla. 425, 34 So. 225; American Fuel Co. v. Interstate Fuel Agency (C. C. A.) 261 F. 120, 123.

**OBLIGATIO.** Lat. In Roman law. A legal bond which obliges the performance of something in accordance with the law of the land. Ortolan, Inst. 2, § 1178. It corresponded nearly to our word contract. The legal relation existing between two certain persons where-by one (the creditor) is authorized to demand of the other (the debtor) a certain performance which has a money value. In this sense *obligatio* signifies not only the duty of the debtor, but also the right of the creditor. The fact establishing such claim and debt, as also the instrument evidencing it, is termed "obligation." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 360.

That legal relation subsisting between two persons by which one is bound to the other for a certain performance. The passive relation sustained by the debtor to the creditor is likewise called an "obligation." Sometimes, also, the term "obligatio" is used for the *causa obligations*, and the contract itself is designated an "obligation." There are passages in which even the document which affords the proof of a contract is called an "obligation." Such applications, however, are but a loose extension of the term, which, according to its true idea, is only properly employed when it is used to denote the debt relationship, in its totality, active and passive, subsisting between the creditor and the debtor. Tomk. & J. Mod. Rom. Law, 301.

Obligations, in the civil law, are of the several descriptions enumerated below:

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**Obligatio civilis** is an obligation enforceable by action, whether it derives its origin from the *ius civilis*, as the obligation engendered by formal contracts or the obligation enforceable by bilaterally penal suits, or from such portion of the *ius gentium* as had been completely naturalized in the civil law and protected by all its remedies, such as the obligation engendered by formless contracts.

**Obligatio praetoria.** The Romans considered that obligations derived their validity solely from positive law. At first the only ones recognized were those established in special cases in accordance with the forms prescribed by the strict *ius civilis*. In the course of time, however, the praetorian jurisdiction, in mitigation of the primitive rigour of the law, introduced new modes of contracting obligations and provided the means of enforcing them; hence the twofold division made by Justinian of *obligationes civilis* and *obligations praetoria*  Inst. 1. 3. 13.

**Obligatio naturalis** is an obligation not immediately enforceable by action; one deriving its validity from the law of nature, or one imposed by that portion of the *ius gentium* which is only imperfectly recognized by civil law. These had not the binding force of the other classes, not being capable of enforcement by action, and are, therefore, not noticed by Justinian in his classification; but they had, nevertheless, a certain efficacy even in the civil law: for instance, though a debt founded upon a natural obligation could not be recovered by an action, yet if it was voluntarily paid by the debtor he could not recover it back, as he might do in the case of money paid by mistake, etc., where no natural obligation existed. L. 35, pr. D. 12. 6. And see Ortolan 2, § 1180.
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—Obligatio ex contractu, an obligation arising from contract, or an antecedent jus in personam. In this there are two stages,—first, a primary or sanctioned personal right antecedent to wrong, and, afterwards, a secondary or sanctioning personal right consequent on a wrong. Poste’s Gaius’ Inst. 359.

—Obligatio ex delicto, or obligatio ex maleficio, an obligation founded on wrong or tort, or arising from the invasion of a jus in rem. In this there is the second stage, a secondary or sanctioning personal right consequent on a wrong, but the first stage is not a personal right, (jus in personam) but a real right, (jus in rem,) whether a primordial right, right of status, or of property. Poste’s Gaius’ Inst. 359.

—Obligationes ex delicto or ex maleficio are obligations arising from the commission of a wrongful injury to the person or property of another. "Polidium" is not exactly synonymous with "tort," for while it includes most of the wrongs known to the common law as torts, it is also wide enough to cover some offenses (such as theft and robbery) primarily injurious to the individual, but now only punished as crimes. Such acts gave rise to an obligatio, which consisted in the liability to pay damages.

—Obligationes quasi ex contractu. Often persons who have not contracted with each other, under a certain state of facts, are regarded by the Roman law as if they had actually concluded a convention between themselves. The legal relation which then takes place between these persons, which has always a similarity to a contract obligation, is therefore termed obligatio quasi ex contractu. Such a relation arises from the conducting of affairs without authority, (negotiorum gestio) or unauthorized agency; from the management of property that is in common when the community arose from casualty, (communio incidens;) from the payment of what was not due (solutio indebiti;) from tutorship and curatorship (lucilia et cura), resembling the relation of guardian and ward; from taking possession of an inheritance (addito hereditatis and agnatio honorum possessionis;) and in many other cases. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 491.

—Obligationes quasi ex delicto, or obligations quasi ex malificio. This class embraces all torts not coming under the denomination of delicta and not having a special form of action provided for them by law. They differed widely in character, and at common law would in some cases give rise to an action on the case, in others to an action on an implied contract. Ort. Inst. §§ 1781-1792.

—Obligationes ex variis causarum figuris. Although Justinian confined the divisions of obligations to four classes, namely obligationes ex contractu, quasi ex contractu, ex maleficio and quasi ex maleficio, there are many species of obligations which cannot properly be reduced within any of these classes. Some authorities have, consequently, established a fifth class, to receive the odds and ends which belonged nowhere else, and have given to this class the above designation, borrowed from Gaius, 1, 1, pr. § 1, D. 44, 7. See Mackeldy § 474. See, generally, Hadley, Rom. Law 206, etc.

OBLIGATION. The binding power of a vow, promise, oath, or contract, or of law, civil, political, or moral, independent of a promise; that which constitutes legal or moral duty, and which renders a person liable to coercion and punishment for neglecting it. Webster.

A legal duty, by which a person is bound to do or not to do a certain thing. Civ. Code Cal. § 1427; Civ. Code Dak. § 798 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 5763; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 721); Fulgham v. State, 92 Fla. 662, 109 So. 641, 646.

A tie which binds us to pay or do something agreeably to the laws and customs of the country in which the obligation is made. Inst. 3, 14.

Obligation is (1) legal or moral duty, as opposed to physical compulsion; (2) a duty incumbent upon an individual, or a specific and limited number of individuals, as opposed to a duty imposed upon the world at large; (3) the right to enforce such a duty, (jus in personam,) as opposed to such a right as that of property, (jus in rem,) which avails against the world at large; (4) a bond containing a penalty, with a condition annexed, for the payment of money, performance of covenants, or the like. Mozley & Whitley.

"Obligation" is the correlative of "right." Taking the latter word in its politico-ethical sense, as a power of free action lodged in a person, "obligation" is the corresponding duty, constraint, or binding force which should prevent all other persons from denying, abridging, or obstructing such right, or interfering with its exercise. And the same is its meaning as the correlative of a "jus in rem." Taking "right" as meaning a "jus in personam," (a power, demand, claim, or privilege inherent in one person, and incident upon another,) the "obligation" is the coercive force or control imposed upon the person of incidence by the moral law and the positive law, (or the moral law as recognized and sanctioned by the positive law,) constraining him to accede to the demand, render up the thing claimed, pay the money due, or otherwise perform what is expected of him with respect to the subject-matter of the right.

A penal bond or "writing obligatory," that is, a bond containing a penalty, with a condition annexed for the payment of money, performance of covenants, or the like, and which differs from a bill, the latter being generally without a penalty or condition, though it may be obligatory. Co. Litt. 172.

and embraces all instruments of writing, however informal, whereby one party contracts with another for the payment of money or the delivery of specific articles. State v. Campbell, 105 N. C. 344, 9 S. E. 410; Morrison v. Scherrey, 6 Minn. 353 (Gill, 224); Sinton v. Carter Co., 23 Fed. 535; Jacobs v. Monaton Realty Investing Corporation, 212 N. Y. 48, 165 N. E. 988, 969.

In English expositions of the Roman law, and works upon general jurisprudence, "obligation" is used to translate the Latin "obligatio." In this sense its meaning is much wider than as a technical term of English law. See Obligatio.

Classification

The various sorts of obligations may be classified and defined as follows:

—Perfect or imperfect. A perfect obligation is one recognized and sanctioned by positive law; one of which the fulfillment can be enforced by the aid of the law. Aycock v. Martin, 3 Ga. 124, 82 Am. Dec. 550. But if the duty is created by the obligation operates only on the moral sense, without being enforced by any positive law, it is called an "imperfect obligation," and creates no right of action, nor has it any legal operation. The duty of exercising gratitude, charity, and the other merely moral duties are examples of this kind of obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 1757; Edwards v. Kearsey, 96 U. S. 600, 24 L. Ed. 783.

—Natural or civil. A natural obligation is one which cannot be enforced by action, but which is binding on the party who makes it in conscience and according to natural justice. Blair v. Williams, 4 Litt. (Ky.) 41. As, for instance, when the action is barred by the act of limitation, a natural obligation still subsists, although the civil obligation is extinguished; Jones v. Moore, 5 Binn. (Pa.) 573, 6 Am. Dec. 428; Sturges v. Crowninshield, 4 Wheat. 197, 4 L. Ed. 529; Ogden v. Saunders, 12 Wheat. 318, 337, 6 L. Ed. 606. A civil obligation is a legal tie, which gives the party with whom it is contracted the right of enforcing its performance by law. Civ. Code La. art. 1757; Poth. Obl. 173, 191.

—Express or implied. Express or conventional obligations are those by which the obligor binds himself in express terms to perform his obligation, while implied obligations are such as are raised by the implication or inference of the law from the nature of the transaction.

—Determinate or indeterminate. A determinate obligation is one which has for its object a certain thing: as, an obligation to deliver a certain horse named Bucephalus, in which case the obligation can be discharged only by delivering the identical horse. An indeterminate obligation is one where the obligor binds himself to deliver one of a certain species: as, to deliver a horse, where the delivery of any horse will discharge the obligation.

—Divisible or indivisible. A divisible obligation is one which, being a unit, may nevertheless be lawfully divided, with or without the consent of the parties. An indivisible obligation is one which is not susceptible of division; as, for example, if I promise to pay you one hundred dollars, you cannot assign one-half of this to another, so as to give him a right of action against me for his share.

—Joint or several. A joint obligation is one by which two or more obligors bind themselves jointly for the performance of the obligation. France v. France, 94 Or. 414, 185 P. 1108. A several obligation is one where the obligors promise, each for himself, to fulfill the engagement.

—Personal or real. A personal obligation is one by which the obligor binds himself to perform an act, without directly binding his property for its performance. A real obligation is one by which real estate, and not the person, is liable to the obligee for the performance. Thus, when an estate owes an easement, as a right of way, it is the thing, and not the owner, who owes the easement. Another instance of a real obligation occurs when a person buys an estate which has been mortgaged, subject to the mortgage: he is not liable for the debt, though the estate is. In these cases the owner has an interest only because he is seized of the servient estate or the mortgaged premises, and he may discharge himself by abandoning or parting with the property. The obligation is both personal and real when the obligor has bound himself and pledged his estate for the fulfillment of the obligations. In the civil law and in Louisiana, a real obligation is one which is attached to immovable property, and it passes with such property into whomever hands the property may come, without making the third possessor personally responsible. Civ. Code La. art. 1997. For the term personal obligation, as used in a different sense, see the next paragraph.

—Heritable or personal. An obligation is heritable when the heirs and assigns of one party may enforce the performance against the heirs of the other. Civ. Code La. art. 1997. It is personal when the obligor binds himself only, not his heirs or representatives. An obligation is strictly personal when none but the obligee can enforce the performance, or when it can be enforced only against the obligor. Civ. Code La. art. 1997. An obligation may be personal as to the obligee, and heritable as to the obligor, and it may in like manner be heritable as to the obligee, and personal as to the obligor. Civ. Code La. art. 1998.
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—Principal or accessory. A principal obligation is one which arises from the principal object of the engagement of the contracting parties; while an accessory obligation depends upon or is collateral to the principal. See Poth. Obl. no. 182. For example, in the case of the sale of a house and lot of ground, the principal obligation on the part of the vendor is to make title for it; the accessory obligation is to deliver all the title-papers which the vendor has relating to it, to take care of the estate until it is delivered, and the like. See, further, the title Accessory Obligation.

—Primitive or secondary. A primitive obligation, which in one sense may also be called a principal obligation, is one which is contracted with a design that it should itself be the first fulfilled. A secondary obligation is one which is contracted and is to be performed in case the primitive cannot be. For example, if one sells his house, he binds himself to give a title; but if he finds he cannot as when the title is in another, then his secondary obligation is to pay damages for non-performance of the obligation.

—Conjunctive or alternative. The former is one in which the several objects in it are connected by a copulative, or in any other manner which shows that all of them are severally comprised in the contract. This contract creates as many different obligations as there are different objects; and the debtor, when he wishes to discharge himself, may force the creditor to receive them separately. But where the things which form the object of the contract are separated by a disjunctive, then the obligation is alternative, and the performance of either of such things will discharge the obligor. The choice of performing one of the obligations belongs to the obligor, unless it is expressly agreed that it shall belong to the creditor. Civ. Code La. art. 2068; Doug1. 14; 1 La. Raym. 279; Galloway v. Legan, 4 Mart. N. S. (La.) 167. A promise to deliver a certain thing or to pay a specified sum of money is an example of an alternative obligation. Civ. Code La. arts. 2063, 2065, 2067.

—Simple or conditional. Simple obligations are such as are not dependent for their execution on any event provided for by the parties, and which are not agreed to become void on the happening of any such event. Conditional obligations are such as are made to depend on an uncertain event. If the obligation is not to take effect until the event happens, it is a suspensive condition; if the obligation takes effect immediately, but is liable to be defeated when the event happens, it is then a resolutory condition. Civ. Code La. arts. 2020, 2021; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 980. A simple obligation is also defined as one which is not suspended by any condition, either because it has been contracted without condition, or, having been contracted with one, the condition has been fulfilled; and a conditional obligation is also defined as one the execution of which is suspended by a condition which has not been accomplished, and subject to which it has been contracted.

—Single or penal. A penal obligation is one to which is attached a penal clause, which is to be enforced if the principal obligation be not performed. A single obligation is one without any penalty: as where one simply promises to pay another one hundred dollars. This is called a simple bill, when it is under seal.

Other Compound and Descriptive Terms

—Absolute obligation. One which gives no alternative to the obligor, but requires fulfillment according to the engagement.

—Contractual obligation. One which arises from a contract or agreement.


—Obediential obligation. One incumbent on parties in consequence of the situation or relationship in which they are placed. Ersk. Prin. 60.

—Obligation of a contract. As used in Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10, the term means the binding and coercive force which constrains every man to perform the agreements he has made; a force grounded in the ethical principle of fidelity to one’s promises, but deriving its legal efficacy from its recognition by positive law, and sanctioned by the law’s providing a remedy for the infraction of the duty or for the enforcement of the correlative right. See Story, Const. § 1378; Black, Const. Prohib. § 139. See Ogden v. Saunders, 12 Wheat. 215, 6 L. Ed. 606; Blair v. Williams, 4 Litt. (Ky.) 38; Sturges v. Crowninshield, 4 Wheat. 197, 4 L. Ed. 529; Wachter v. Famachon, 62.

-Obligation solidaire. This, in French law, corresponds to joint and several liability in English law, but is applied also to the joint and several rights of the creditors parties to the obligation.

-Primary obligation. An obligation which is the principal object of the contract. For example, the primary obligation of the seller is to deliver the thing sold, and to transfer the title to it. It is distinguished from the accessory or secondary obligation to pay damages for not doing so. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 702. The words "primary" and "direct," contrasted with "secondary," when spoken with reference to an obligation, refer to the remedy provided by law for enforcing the obligation, rather than to the character and limits of the obligation itself. Kilton v. Providence Tool Co., 22 R. I. 605, 48 A. 1039. See principal, accessory, primitive and secondary obligations under Classification, supra.

-Pure obligation. One which is not suspended by any condition, whether it has been contracted without any condition, or, when thus contracted, the condition has been accomplished. Poth. Obl. no. 176. See simple obligation under Classification, supra.

-Solidary obligation. In the law of Louisiana, one which binds each of the obligors for the whole debt, as distinguished from a "joint" obligation, which binds the parties each for his separate proportion of the debt. Groves v. Sentell, 153 U. S. 465, 14 S. Ct. 808, 38 L. Ed. 785. See Solidary.

OBLIGATOR. See Pact.

OBLIGATORY RIGHTS. See Right.

OBLIGATORY WRITING. See Writing Obligatory.

OBLIGEE. The person in favor of whom some obligation is contracted, whether such obligation be to pay money or to do or not to do something. Code La. art. 3522, no. 11 (Civ. Code, art. 3556, subd. 20). Jenkins v. Williams, 181 Ky. 165, 229 S. W. 94, 95. The party to whom a bond is given. Obligees are either several or joint. An obligee is several when the obligation is made to him alone; obligees are joint when the obligation is made to two or more; and in that event each is not a creditor for his separate share, unless the nature of the subject or the particularity of the expression in the instrument lead to a different conclusion. 2 Pothier, Obl., Evans ed. 56; Hob. 172; Cro. Jac. 251.

The words obliges and payees have been held to have a technical and definite meaning under an act relative to promissory notes, bonds, etc., and apply only to notes, bonds, or bills whether given for the payment of money or for the performance of covenants and conditions, and not to mortgages; Hall v. Byrne, 1 Scam. (III.) 182.

OBLIGOR. The person who has engaged to perform some obligation. Code La. art. 3522, no. 12 (Civ. Code, art. 3556, subd. 21). One who makes a bond.

Obligors are joint and several. They are joint when they agree to pay the obligation jointly. They are several when one or more bind themselves and each of them separately to perform the obligation. In order to become an obligor, the party must actually, either himself or by his attorney, enter into the obligation and execute it as his own.

OBLIGUUS. Lat.

In the Old Law of Descents

Oblique; cross; transverse; collateral. The opposite of rectus, right, or upright.

In the Law of Evidence

Indirect; circumstantial.

OBLITERATION. Erasure or blotting out of written words.

Obliteration is not limited to effacing the letters of a will or scratching them out or blotting them out so completely that they cannot be read. A line drawn through the writing is obliteration, though it may leave it as legible as it was before. See Bliss v. Scott, 14 Colo. App. 377, 60 P. 185; Evans' Appeal, 53 Pa. 244; Townsend v. Howard, 86 Me. 285, 28 A. 1077; State v. Knippa, 29 Tex. 268.

When the testator of a holographic will wrote across its face "WILL REVOKED," and "THIS WILL IS HERETOREVOKED," and signed his name with lines beneath the signature, the will was canceled, defaced, and obliterated, within Decedent Estate Law, § 34, subds. 5, 6 (Consol. Laws, c. 13). In re Parsons' Will, 119 Misc. 25, 195 N. Y. S. 743, 745.

OBLIVION. Act of forgetting, or fact of having forgotten; forgetfulness. Official ignoring of offenses; amnesty, or general pardon; as, an act of oblivion. State or fact of being forgotten. Webster, Dict.

"Oblivion" is a kind of annihilation; and for things to be as though they had not been is like unto never being. Gilbert v. Missouri Pac. Ry. Co., 92 Kan. 251, 149 P. 883.
OBLIVIOUS. Evincing oblivion; forgetful; forgetting. Webster, Diet.


A bicycle rider, who crossed a street car track in front of a car just coming to a stop and turned along the street in the direction the car was going, may be "oblivious" of the danger within the humanitarian doctrine in thereafter turning onto the track, though he knew that the car was approaching somewhere behind him. Strother v. Dunham (Mo. App.) 183 S. W. 882, 884. The function that "obliviousness" to peril plays in last chance cases is to show that the injured party did not purposely or wantonly expose himself to danger, and to inform the operator of the dangerous agency that the other party is going into danger or is not going to get out of it, and that therefore the operator must act to avoid injury. Bybee v. Dunham (Mo. App.) 185 S. W. 190, 193.

OBLIQUE. To expose one to "obliquity" is to expose him to censure and reproach, as the latter terms are synonymous with "obloquy." Bettner v. Holt, 70 Cal. 275, 11 Pac. 710.

Blame, reprehension, being under censure, a cause or object of reproach, a disgrace. Burr v. Winnett Times Pub. Co., 80 Mont. 70, 228 P. 242, 246.

OBNOXIOUS. "Obnoxious" and "offensive" in ordinary use are synonymous, and mean objectionable, disagreeable, displeasing, and distasteful. City of Muskogee v. Morton, 128 Okl. 17, 261 P. 183, 184.

OBRA. In Spanish law, Work. Obras, works or trades; those men carry on in houses or covered places. White, New Recop. b. 1, tlf. 5, c. 3, § 6.

OBREPTIO. Lat. The obtaining a thing by fraud or surprise. Calvin. Called, in Scotch law, "obruption."

OBERPTION. Obtaining anything by fraud or surprise. Acquisition of escheats, etc., from the sovereign, by making false representations. Bell. See, also, Subreption.

OBROGARE. Lat. In the civil law. To pass a law contrary to a former law, or to some clause of it; to change a former law in some part of it. Calvin.

OBROGATION. In the civil law. The annulling a law, in whole or in part, by passing a law contrary to it. The alteration of a law. Calv.


Matier is "obscene, lewd, or lascivious," within Criminal Code, § 211, as amended by Act March 4, 1911, § 2 (18 USCA § 334), if it is offensive to common sense of decency and modesty of community, and tends to suggest or arouse sexual desires or thoughts in minds of those who may be depraved or corrupted thereby. Dysart v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 4 F.(2d) 765, 766.

OBSCENE BOOK or PAPER. An obscene book or paper within the act relating to nonmailable matter means one which contains immodest and indecent matter, the reading whereof would have a tendency to deprave and corrupt the minds of those in whose hands the publication might fall, and whose minds are open to such immoral influences: U. S. v. Clarke (D. C.) 38 Fed. 732.

OBSCENITY. The character or quality of being obscene; conduct tending to corrupt the public morals by its indecency or lewdness. State v. Pfenninger, 76 Mo. App. 313; U. S. v. Lofftis (D. C.) 12 Fed. 671; U. S. v. Males (D. C.) 51 Fed. 41.

OBSCURE. When applied to words, statements or meanings, it signifies not perspicuous, not clearly expressed, hard to understand. Western Union Telegraph Co. v. Geo. F. Fish, Inc., 148 Md. 210, 129 A. 14, 16.

OBSERVE. In the civil law. To perform that which has been prescribed by some law or usage. Dig. 1, 3, 82. See Marshall County v. Knoll, 102 Iowa, 573, 69 N. W. 1146.

OBSES. Lat. In the law of war. A hostage. Obseides, hostages.

OBSIGNARE. Lat. In the civil law. To seal up; as money that had been tendered and refused.

OBSIGNATORY. Ratifying and confirming.


OBsolescent. Becoming obsolete; going out of use; not entirely disused, but gradually becoming so.

OBsolete. Disused; neglected; not observed.

The term is applied to statutes which have become inoperative by lapse of time, either because the reason for their enactment has passed away, or their subject-matter no longer exists, or they are not applicable to changed circumstances, or are tacitly disre-
OBSTRUCTIVE PROCESS

OBSTRACTION. Obligation; bond.

OBSTRACTION. To block up; to interpose obstacles; to render impassable; to fill with barriers or impediments; as to obstruct a road or way. U. S. v. Williams, 28 Fed. Cas. 625; Chase v. Oshkosh, 81 Wis. 313, 51 N. W. 590, 15 L. R. A. 553, 29 Am. St. Rep. 588; Overhouser v. American Cereal Co., 118 Iowa, 417, 92 N. W. 74; Gocham v. Withey, 52 Mich. 50, 17 N. W. 272.

A railroad may "obstruct" a highway if it impedes, hinders, or retards travel thereon, though it does not wholly block up the highway. Boston & M. R. R. v. County Com'rs of Middlesex County, 258 Mass. 127, 151 N. E. 252, 254.

As applied to the operation of railroads, an "obstruction" may be either that which obstructs or hinders the free and safe passage of a train, or that which may receive an injury or damage, such as it would be unlawful to inflict, if run over or against by the train, as in the case of cattle or a man approaching on the track. Nashville & C. R. Co. v. Carroll, 6 Heinik. (Tenn.) 385; Louisville & N. G. R. Co. v. Reidmond, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 205; South & North Alabama R. Co. v. Williams, 65 Ala. 77.

As applied to navigable waters, to "obstruct" them is to interpose such impediments in the way of free and open navigation that vessels are thereby prevented from going where ordinarily they have a right to go or where they may find it necessary to go in their maneuvers. See In re City of Richmond (D. C.) 43 Fed. 88; Terre Haute Drawbridge Co. v. Halliday, 4 Ind. 36; The Vancouver, 28 Fed. Cas. 960.

To impede or hinder; to interpose obstacles or impediments, to the hindrance or frustration of some act or service; as to obstruct an officer in the execution of his duty. Davis v. State, 76 Ga. 722. See Lamon v. Gold, 72 W. Va. 618, 79 S. E. 728, 730, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 883.


OBSTRUCTING AN OFFICER. "Obstruct," as used in a statute relating to obstructing an officer of the law implies forcible resistance; Harrison v. State, 26 Ga. App. 645, 107 S. E. 90, 91; State v. Le Blanc, 115 Me. 142, 98 A. 119, 120; but see, contra, State v. Estes, 185 N. C. 752, 117 S. E. 565, 562; To "obstruct" a public officer means to oppose that officer. It does not mean to oppose or impede the process with which the officer is armed, or to defeat its execution, but that the officer himself shall be obstructed. Knoff v. State, 18 Okl. Cr. 36, 192 P. 596, 597; Ratcliff v. State, 12 Okl. Cr. 448, 158 P. 293, 294.

OBSTRUCTING PROCEEDINGS OF LEGISLATURE. The term embraces not only things done in the presence of the legislature, but those done in disobedience of a committee. Ex parte Youngblood, 91 Tex. Cr. R. 320, 251 S. W. 509, 512.

OBSTRUCTING PROCESS. In criminal law. The act by which one or more persons
attempt to prevent or do prevent the execution of lawful process.

OBSTRUCTING THE RECRUITING OR ENLISTMENT SERVICE. The word "obstruct," as used in Espionage Act, tit. 1, § 3 (50 USCA § 33 note) making it an offense to "obstruct the recruiting or enlistment service," should be given a broad meaning, and includes to hinder, impede, embarrass, and retard, in whole or in part. Doe v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 253 F. 903, 906; U. S. v. Prieth (D. C.) 251 F. 948, 948. The term does not necessarily mean actual prevention of enlistments or recruiting, it being sufficient if one interferes with such service or renders it more difficult, Rhuberg v. United States (C. C. A.) 253 F. 865, 869; U. S. v. Pierce (D. C.) 245 F. 875, 884; Deason v. United States (C. C. A.) 254 F. 276, 280; U. S. v. Neuring (D. C.) 252 F. 222, 228; and the expression "obstruct" contemplates more than a physical obstruction. O'Hare v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 233 F. 538, 540.


This is the word properly descriptive of an injury to anyone's incorporeal hereditament, e. g., his right to an easement, or profil à prendre; an alternative word being "disturbance." On the other hand, "infringement" is the word properly descriptive of an injury to any one's patent-rights or to his copyright. But "obstruction" is also a very general word in law, being applicable to every hindrance of a man in the discharge of his duty, (whether official, public, or private.) Brown.

"Obstruction in highway includes anything interfering with highway easement. Andrew B. Hendryx Co. v. City of New Haven, 104 Conn. 622, 134 A. 77, 79.


OBSTRUCTION TO NAVIGATION. Any unnecessary interference with the free movements of vessels. The Steam Dredge No. 6 (D. C.) 222 F. 576, 579.

OBTAIN. To acquire; to get hold of by effort; to get and retain possession of; as, in the offense of "obtaining" money or property by false pretenses. See Com. v. Schmunk, 207 Pa. 544, 60 A. 1088, 99 Am. St. Rep. 501; People v. General Sessions, 13 Hun (N. Y.) 400; State v. Will, 40 La. Ann. 1357, 22 So. 375; Sundmacher v. Block, 39 Ill. App. 553.

The word "obtain," as used in a statute relating to obtaining money or property by false pretenses, is not limited to getting, securing, or appropriating money or property as owner. If includes as well the getting or securing of money or property by way of a loan. Tingue v. State, 90 Ohio St. 585, 108 N. E. 222, 223, Ann. Cas. 1916C, 1156. As used in a confidence game statute it means to acquire the possession of, or control of, and not necessarily to acquire title to. People v. Miller, 278 Ill. 490, 116 N. E. 131, 138, L. R. A. 1917E, 787.

"Take" does not signify the same as "obtain," which embraces many other ways of acquiring property. Allen v. State, 97 Tex. Cr. R. 467, 262 S. W. 502, 503.

OBTEMPER. See Obtemperare.

Obtemperandum est consuetudinis rationabilis taquam legi. A reasonable custom is to be obeyed as a law. 4 Coke, 38.

OBTEMPERARE. Lat. To obey. Hence the Scotch "obtenner," to obey or comply with a judgment of a court.

OBTEST. To protest.

OBTORO COLLO. In Roman law. Taken by the neck or collar; as a plaintiff was allowed to drag a reluctant defendant to court. Adams, Rom. Ant. 242.

OBUTILIT SE. (Offered himself.) In old practice. The emphatic words of entry on the record where one party offered himself in court against the other, and the latter did not appear. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 417.

OBEVENTIO. Lat. (from obvire, to fall in).

In the Civil Law

Rent; profits; income; the return from an investment or thing owned; as the earnings of a vessel. Generally used in the plural.

In Old English Law

The revenue of a spiritual living, so called. Also, in the plural, "offerings."

OBVENTION. See Obventio; Oblation.

OBVIOUS. The word "obvious" means easily discovered, seen, or understood, readily perceived by the eye or the intellect, plain, evident, apparent, and is synonymous with the words "plain," "clear," and "evident." Combs v. Colonial Casualty Co., 73 W. Va. 473, 80 S. E. 779, 781, 50 A. L. R. (N. S.) 1218. Apparent; evident; manifest. Fandeeck v. Barnett & Record Co., 161 Wis. 55, 159 N. W. 537, 541; Tolffree v. Wetsler (D. C.) 22 F.(2d) 214.

OBVIOUS DANGER. One that is plain and apparent to a reasonably observant person. Combs v. Colonial Casualty Co., 73 W. Va. 473, 80 S. E. 779, 780, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1218.

OBVIOUS RISK. One so plain that it would be instantly recognized by a person of ordinary intelligence. City of Atlanta v. Trussell, 21 Ga. App. 349, 94 S. E. 649, 653. An "obvious risk" within an accident policy, excepting
liability for injuries from exposure to such a risk, is one which would be plain and apparent to a reasonably prudent and cautious person in the use of his faculties. Rommel v. National Travelers' Benefit Ass'n, 153 Iowa, 776, 166 N. W. 455, 456. See Christensen v. National Travelers' Ben. Ass'n of Des Moines, Iowa, 196 Iowa, 375, 194 N. W. 194, 196, 29 A. L. R. 709. It does not mean an unnecessary risk. Hickman v. Ohio State Life Ins. Co., 52 Ohio St. 87, 110 N. E. 542, 543.

OCASION. In Spanish law. Accident. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 32, l. 21; White, New Recip. b. 2, tit. 9, c. 2.

OCCASIO. In feudal law. A tribute which the lord imposed on his vassals or tenants for his necessity. Hindrance; trouble; vexation by suit. See, also, Occasions.


OCCASION, v. To give occasion to, to cause, to produce; to cause incidentally or indirectly; bring about or be the means of bringing about or producing. Industrial Commission of Ohio v. Weigandt, 102 Ohio St. 1, 130 N. E. 58, 58. See Evans v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., 185 Mo. App. 438, 192 S. W. 112, 114.

OCCASIONARI. To be charged or loaded with payments or occasional penalties.

OCCASIONES. In old English law. Assarts. Spelman.

OCCUPANCY. Occupancy is a mode of acquiring property by which a thing which belongs to nobody becomes the property of the person who took possession of it with the intention of acquiring a right of ownership in it. Civ. Code La. art. 3412; Goddard v. Winchell, 89 Iowa, 71, 52 N. W. 1124, 17 L. R. A. 789, 41 Am. St. Rep. 451. The taking possession of things which before belonged to nobody, with an intention of appropriating them to one's own use. To constitute occupancy, there must be a taking of a thing corporeal, belonging to nobody, with an intention of becoming the owner of it; Co. Litt. 416.

Occupancy is sometimes used in the sense of occupation or holding possession; indeed it has come to be very generally so used in this country in homestead laws, public-land laws, and the like; Walters v. People, 21 Ill. 178; Redfield v. R. Co., 25 Barb. (N. Y.) 54; Act of Cong. May 25, 1839 (4 Stat. 420); Welsbord v. Daeincke, 36 Wis. 73; see Quill v. Peterson, 47 Minn. 13, 49 N. W. 390; 12 Q. B. Div. 356; 2 id. 585; but this does not appear to be a common legal use of the term, as recognized by English authorities.

There is a use of the word in public-land laws, homestead laws, "occupying-claimant" laws, cases of landlord and tenant, and like connections, which seems to require the broader sense of possession, although there is, in most of these uses, a shade of meaning discarding any prior title as a foundation of right. Perhaps both uses or views may be harmonized, by saying that in jurisprudence occupancy or occupation is possession, presented independently of the idea of a chain of title, of any earlier owner. Or "occupancy" and "occupier" might be used for assuming property which has no owner, and "occupation" and "occupier" for the more general idea of possession. Judge Bouvier's definitions seem partly founded on such a distinction, and there are indications of it in English usage. It does not appear generally known in American books. Abbott.

"Possession" and "occupancy," when applied to land, are nearly synonymous terms, and may exist through a tenancy. Thus, occupancy of a homestead, such as will satisfy the statute, may be by means other than that of actual residence on the premises by the widow or child. Walters v. People, 21 Ill. 178. Occupancy is always actual, as distinguished from possession, which may be actual or constructive. Occupancy is never constructive, save in the sense that land may be occupied through the actual possession of another. Davis v. State, 20 Ga. App. 53, 2 S. E. 651. "Occupancy" is act of taking or holding possession and does not necessarily include residence. Kornhauser v. National Surety Co., 114 Ohio St. 24, 150 N. E. 921, 923.

As used in a burglary insurance policy "occupancy" was held to imply an actual use of the house as a dwelling place not absolutely continuous, but as a place of usual return. Young v. Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York, 202 Mo. App. 319, 215 S. W. 496, 498. As used in a statute respecting adverse possession, the term was held to be synonymous with "actual possession," as distinguished from "constructive possession," and the possession must be such as, if continued uninterruptedly for the statutory period, may so far as possession is required, ripen into title. Hart v. All Persons, 26 Cal. App. 661, 149 P. 238, 240. "Occupancy" and ownership are treated in some decisions as synonymous. That someone should be actually living in the house was held not necessary to constitute occupancy in a prosecution for burglary. Carneal v. State, 66 Tex. Cr. R. 374, 215 S. W. 623.

See the titles Occupation; Occupy.

In International Law

The taking possession of a newly discovered or conquered country with the intention of holding and ruling it.

OCCUPANT. In a General Sense

One who takes the first possession of a thing, of which there is no owner.

One who occupies and takes possession, one who has the actual use, possession or control of a thing. See Lehler v. Chaplin, 12 Nev. 63; Wittkop v. Garner, 4 N. J. Misc. 234, 132 A. 339, 340; Kornhauser v. National Surety Co., 114 Ohio St. 24, 150 N. E. 921, 923; Schmidt v. Town of Almon, Shawano County, 181 Wis. 244, 194 N. W. 168.

In a Special Sense

One who takes possession of lands held pur autre vie, after the death of the tenant, and during the life of the cestui que vie.
In General

—Common occupant. See general occupant, below.

—General occupant. At common law where a man was tenant pur autre vie, or had an estate granted to himself only (without mentioning his heirs) for the life of another man, and died without alienation during the life of cestui que vie, or him by whose life it was held, he that could first enter on the land might lawfully retain the possession, so long as cestui que vie lived, by right of occupancy, and was hence termed a "general" or common "occupant." 1 Steph. Comm. 415.

—Special occupant. A person having a special right to enter upon and occupy lands granted pur autre vie, on the death of the tenant, and during the life of cestui que vie. Where the grant is to a man and his heirs during the life of cestui que vie, the heir, succeeds as special occupant, having a special exclusive right by the terms of the original grant. 2 Bl. Comm. 259; 1 Steph. Comm. 410. In the United States the statute provisions of the different states vary considerably upon this subject. In New York and New Jersey, special occupancy is abolished. Virginia, and probably Maryland, follow the English statutes. In Massachusetts and other states, where the real and personal estates of intestates are distributed in the same way and manner, the question does not seem to be material. 4 Kent 27.


OCCUPARE. Lat. In the civil law. To seize or take possession of; to enter upon a vacant possession; to take possession before another. Calvin.

OCCUPATILE. That which has been left by the right owner, and is now possessed by another.

OCCUPATIO. "The advisedly taking possession of that which is at the moment the property of no man, with a view of acquiring property in it for yourself." Maine, Anc. L. 245. The advised assumption of physical possession. Id. 256. See Occupancy.

OCCUPATION. Possession; control; tenure; use.

In its usual sense "occupation" is where a person exercises physical control over land. Thus, the lessee of a house is in occupation of it so long as he has the power of entering into and staying there at pleasure, and of excluding all other persons (or all except one or more specified persons) from the use of it. Occupation is therefore the same thing as actual possession. Sweet. The word "occupation," applied to real property, is, ordinarily, equivalent to "possession." In connection with other expressions, it may mean that the party should be living upon the premises; but, standing alone, it is satisfied by actual possession. Lawrence v. Fulton, 18 Cal. 688. See Kornhauser v. National Surety Co., 114 Ohio St. 24, 150 N. E. 922, 923.

"Occupation" of a dwelling house means living in it. The use for which premises are intended should be considered in determining what is meant by the word "unoccupied," as contained in a policy. Hoover v. Mercantile Town Mut. Ins. Co., 95 Mo. App. 111, 68 S. W. 42. As used in a fire insurance policy the word unoccupied, is not synonymous with vacant, but is in that condition where no one has the actual use or possession of the thing or property in question; Yost v. Ins. Co., 25 Pa. Super. Ct. 594; Hardiman v. Fire Ass'n, 215 Pa. 383, 61 A. 290.

A trade; employment; profession; business; means of livelihood.


The term "occupation," as used in a policy requiring notice to insurer of change of occupation, means the usual business of insured. Union Health & Accident Co. v. Anderson, 66 Colo. 195, 150 P. 81, 82. The word "occupation" must be held to have reference to the vocation, profession, trade or calling which the assured is engaged in for hire or for profit. Evans v. Woodman Acc. Ass'n, 162 Kan. 550, 171 P. 643, 644, L. R. A. 1913D, 122.

"Occupation" as used in Workmen's Compensation Act means that particular business, profession, trade or calling which engages the time and efforts of an individual, the employment in which he regularly engages or the vocation of one's life. Industrial Commission of Ohio v. Roth, 38 Ohio St. 34, 130 N. E. 172, 173, 6 A. L. R. 1462. See Kaplan v. Gasikl, 108 Neb. 455, 197 N. W. 943, 945.

A putting out of a man's freehold in time of war. Co. Litt. s. 412.

—Actual occupation. An open, visible occupancy as distinguished from the constructive one which follows the legal title. Cutting v. Patterson, 82 Minn. 375, 85 N. W. 172; People v. Ambrecht, 11 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 97; Bennett v. Burton, 44 Iowa 550.

—Occupation tax. A tax imposed upon an occupation or the prosecution of a business, trade, or profession; not a tax on property, or even the capital employed in the business, but an excise tax on the business itself; to be distinguished from a "license tax," which is a fee or excise for the privilege of engaging in the business, not for its prosecution. See Adler v. Whitbeck, 44 Ohio St. 539, 9 N. E. 672; Appeal of Banger, 109 Pa. 95; Pullman Palace Car Co. v. State, 64 Tex. 274, 35 Am. Rep. 758; Atkinson v. Brunswick-
Balke-Collender Co., 144 Ga. 694, 87 S. E. 801; Viquesney v. Kansas City, 305 Mo. 488, 278 S. W. 706, 702; Eastern Gulf Oil Co. v. Kentucky State Tax Commission (D. C.) 17 F.(2d) 394, 395. A "license tax" is based on the police power of the state to regulate or prohibit a particular business, and not to raise revenue, while an "occupation tax" is primarily intended to raise revenue; Provo City v. Provo Meat & Packing Co., 49 Utah, 528, 165 P. 477, 479, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 530; Duff v. Garden City, 122 Kan. 390, 251 P. 1091, 1092; though in some instances it may be for regulation incidentally; McMillan v. City of Knoxville, 139 Tenn. 319, 202 S. W. 65, 66. But see Thompson v. McLeod, 112 Miss. 383, 73 So. 193, 194, L. R. A. 1916C, 866, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 674.

OCCUPATIVE. Pertaining to or involving occupation or the right of occupation. Webster.

OCCUPAVIT. Lat. In old English law. A writ that lay for one who was ejected out of his land or tenement in time of war. Cowell.

OCCUPIER. An occupant; one who is in the enjoyment of a thing. A tenant, though absent, is, generally speaking, the occupier of premises; 1 B. & C. 175; but not a servant or other person who may be there virtute offici; 26 L. J. C. P. 12; 47 L. J. Ex. 112; L. R. 1 Q. B. 72.


The term, as used in a fire policy, implies an actual use by some person according to the purpose for which it is designed, and does not imply that some one shall remain in the building all of the time without interruption, but merely that there shall not be a cessation of occupancy for any considerable length of time. Washington Fire Ins. Co. v. Cobb (Tex. Civ. App.) 183 S. W. 668, 612. See Southern Nat. Ins. Co. v. Cobb (Tex. Civ. App.) 190 S. W. 155, 156. As used in connection with a homestead, it does not always require an actual occupancy, but may sometimes permit a constructive occupancy. Kerns v. Warden, 88 Okl. 297, 213 P. 70, 72.

See Occupation; Occupancy.

OCCUPIING CLAIMANT. See Benton v. Dumbarton Realty Co., 143 N. W. 586, 589, 161 Iowa, 600.

OCCUPIING CLAIMANT ACTS. Statutes providing for the reimbursement of a bona fide occupant and claimant of land, on its recovery by the true owner, to the extent to which lasting Improvements made by him have increased the value of the land, and generally giving him a lien therefor. Jones v. Great Southern Hotel Co., 86 F. 370, 30 C. C. A. 108.


To arise; begin. Murphy v. People, 78 Colo. 276, 242 P. 57, 59.

OCCURRENCE. A happening; an event. Dupre v. Atlantic Refining Co., 120 A. 258, 290, 98 Conn. 646.

OCEAN. The main or open sea; the high sea; that portion of the sea which does not lie within the body of any country and is not subject to the territorial jurisdiction or control of any country, but is open, free, and common to the use of all nations. See U. S. v. Rodgers, 150 U. S. 249, 14 Sup. Ct. 109, 37 L. Ed. 1071; U. S. v. New Bedford Bridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 120; De Lovio v. Bolt, 7 Fed. Cas. 428; U. S. v. Morel, 26 Fed. Cas. 1312; The Cuzco (D. C.) 225 F. 169, 176.

OCHIERN. In old Scotch law. A name of dignity; a freeholder. Skene’s de Verb. Sign.

OCHLOCRACY. Government by the multitude. A form of government wherein the populace has the whole power and administration in its own hands. The abuse of a democracy. Mob rule.

OCTAVE. In old English law. The eighth day inclusive after a feast; one of the return days of writs. 3 Bl. Comm. 278.

OCTO TALES. Lat. Eight such; eight such men; eight such jurors. The name of a writ, at common law, which issues when upon a trial at bar, eight more jurors are necessary to fill the panel, commanding the sheriff to summon the requisite number. 3 Bl. Comm. 364. See Decem Tales.

OCTROI. Fr. In French law. Originally, a toll or duty, which, by the permission of the seigneur, any city was accustomed to collect on liquors and same other goods, brought within its precincts, for the consumption of the inhabitants. Afterwards appropriated to the use of the king. Steph. Lect. p. 361.

OCULIST. One skilled in treating diseases of the eye. Webster, Dict.

The exemption of "oculists" and "ophthalmologists" from the provisions of an act regulating practice of "optometrists" was held applicable to sufficiently distinctive classes; the professions of oculist and ophthalmologist being recognized as learned professions relating to practice of medicine and surgery in treatment of eye diseases, and optometry as an occupation or vocation calling for a degree of mechanical skill and experience in fitting glasses to the eye. Saunders v. Swann, 165 Tenn. 219, 292 S. W. 458.

ODD LOT DOCTRINE. The "odd lot doctrine" is that, if the effects of an accident have not been removed, it is not sufficient, to entitle an employer to have a reduction in the weekly compensation ordered by the court, under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, that it appears the workman has the physical capacity to do some kind of work different from the general kind of work which he was engaged in at the time of the accident, but it must also be shown that the workman, either by his own efforts or that of his employer, can actually get such work. Lupoli v. Atlantic Tubing Co., 43 R. I. 299, 111 A. 766, 768.

Oderunt pecare boni, virtutis amore; oderunt pecare malum, formidine pann. Good men hate to sin through love of virtue; bad men, through fear of punishment.

ODHAL. Complete property, as opposed to feudal tenure. The transposition of the syllables of "odhal" makes it "alloh," and hence, according to Blackstone, arises the word "alloah" or "allodial." (q. v.). "Allod" is thus put in contradistinction to "feodah." Mooley & Whitley.

ODHAL RIGHT. An allodial right.

ODIO ET ATIA. See De Odio et Atia.


Odiosa non prasumuntur. Odious things are not presumed. Burrows, Sett. Cas. 130.

ECONOMICUS. L. Lat. In old English law. The executor of a last will and testament. Cowell.

ECONOMUS. Lat. In the civil law. A manager or administrator. Calvin.

OF. A term denoting that from which anything proceeds; indicating origin, source, descent, and the like; as, he is of a race of kings; he is of noble blood. Stone v. Riggs, 43 Okt. 209, 142 P. 298, 299.

Associated with or connected with, usually in some causal relation, efficient, material, formal, or final. Harlan v. Industrial Accident Commission, 194 Cal. 552, 225 P. 664, 667.

The word has been held equivalent to after; 10 L. J. Q. B. 10; at; belonging to; Davis v. State, 83 Ohio St. 506; in possession of; Bell County v. Hines (Tex. Civ. App.) 219 S. W. 556, 557; Stokes v. Great Southern Lumber Co. (D. C.) 21 F.(2d) 155, 158; manufactured by; 2 Bing. N. C. 668; by; Hannum v. Kingsey, 107 Mass. 355; residing at; Porter v. Miller, 3 Wend. (N. Y.) 329; 8 A. & E. 232; from; State v. Wong Fong, 75 Mont. 81, 241 P. 1072, 1074; in; Kellogg v. Ford, 70 Or. 213, 139 P. 751, 752.

OF COUNSEL. A phrase commonly applied in practice to the counsel employed by a party in a cause, and particularly to one employed to assist in the preparation or management of a cause, or its presentation on appeal, but who is not the principal attorney of record for the party.

OF COURSE. Any action or step taken in the course of judicial proceedings which will be allowed by the court upon mere application, without any inquiry or contest, or which may be effectually taken without even applying to the court for leave, is said to be "of course." Stoddard v. Treadwell, 29 Cal. 281; Merchants’ Bank v. Chrysler, 67 F. 390, 11 C. C. A. 444; Donovan v. Gibbs, 268 Mo. 279, 187 S. W. 48, 48.

OF FORCE. In force; extent; not obsolete; existing as a binding or obligatory power.

OF GRACE. A term applied to any permission or license granted to a party in the course of a judicial proceeding which is not claimable as a matter of course or of right, but is allowed by the favor or indulgence of the court. See Walters v. McElroy, 151 Pa. 549, 25 A. 125.

OF NEW. A Scotch expression, closely translated from the Latin “de novo,” (q. v.).

OF RECORD. Recorded; entered on the records; existing and remaining in or upon the appropriate records.


OFFA EXECRATA. In old English law. The morsel of execration; the corened, (q. v.). 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 21.

OFFENSE. A crime or misdemeanor; a breach of the criminal laws. Moore v. Illinois, 14 How. 13, 14 L. Ed. 306; Illies v. Knight, 3 Tex. 312; People v. French, 102 N. Y. 583, 7 N. E. 913; State v. West, 42 Minn. 147, 43 N. W. 845; People v. Chimovitz, 237 Mich. 247, 211 N. W. 650, 651; In re Egan, 36 S. D. 228, 154 N. W. 521, 523; State v. Rose, 89 Ohio St. 383, 106 N. E. 50, 51, L. R. A. 1915A, 256; In re Egan, 36 S. D. 228, 154 N. W. 521, 523; People v. Brenta, 64 Cal. App. 91, 220 P. 447; State v. Hirsch, 91 Vi. 390, 100 A. 877, 879; Ex parte Brady, 116 Ohio St. 512, 157 N. E. 69, 70.

It is used as a genus, comprehending every crime and misdemeanor, or as a species, signifying a crime not indictable, but punishable summarily or by the forfeiture of a penalty. In re Terry (C. C.) 37 F. 649.
The word "offense," while sometimes used in various senses, generally implies a crime or a misdemeanor infringing public as distinguished from mere private rights, and punishable under the criminal laws, though it may also include the violation of a civil statute for which the remedy is merely a civil suit to recover the penalty. Commonwealth v. Brown, 264 Pa. 85, 107 A. 676, 678.

Under a statute, declaring that one guilty of an offense or fault causing another damage is obliged to repair it, "offense or fault" has the same meaning as "tort"; Panama R. Co. v. Rock (C. C. A.) 272 F. 669, 671; and a criminal contempt has been held to be an "offense." Crockmore v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 237 F. 743, 744; Ex parte Grossman, 46 S. Ct. 333, 335, 267 U. S. 87, 69 L. Ed. 527, 38 A. L. R. 131; Vares v. Vares, 23 Hawaii, 291, 296.

**Continuing Offense**

A transaction or a series of acts set on foot by a single impulse, and operated by an uninterrupted force, no matter how long a time it may occupy. People v. Sullivan, 9 Utah, 195, 23 P. 701; Estep v. State, 11 Okl. Cr. 103, 143 P. 64, 66; State v. Brown, 10 Okl. Cr. 52, 133 P. 1143, 1144; Ex parte Dunn, 33 Okl. Cr. 190, 242 P. 574.

**Criminal Offense**

Criminal offense includes misdemeanors as well as felonies. People v. Scallsi, 224 Ill. 131, 154 N. E. 715, 721. It is an offense which subjects the offender to indictment. Letimer v. Wilson, 103 N. J. Law, 159, 134 A. 765, 761.

**Quasi Offense**

One which is imputed to the person who is responsible for its injurious consequences, not because he himself committed it, but because the perpetrator of it is presumed to have acted under his commands.

**Same Offense**

As used in a provision against double jeopardy, the term "same offense" means the same crime, not the same transaction, acts, circumstances, or situation. People v. Bronson, 76 Cal. App. 225, 233 P. 85, 89; State v. Billotto, 104 Ohio St. 15, 155 N. E. 285, 287; U. S. v. Bostow (D. C.) 273 F. 633, 538.

**Second Offense**


**Offensive and Defensive League.**

In international law, an "offensive and defensive league" is one binding the contracting powers not only to aid each other in case of aggression upon either of them by a third power, but also to support and aid each other in active and aggressive measures against a power with which either of them may engage in war.

**Offensive Language.** Language adapted to give offense; displeasing or annoying language. People v. Whitman (Co. Ct.) 157 N. Y. S. 1107, 1109.

**Offensive Weapon.** As occasionally used in criminal law and statutes, an "offensive weapon" is primarily one meant and adapted for attack and the infliction of injury, but practically the term includes anything that would come within the description of a "deadly" or "dangerous" weapon. See State v. Dineen, 10 Minn. 411 (Gill. 325); Rex v. Grice, 7 Car. & P. 508; Rex v. Noakes, 5 Car. & P. 326.

**Offer, v.** To bring to or before; to present for acceptance or rejection; to hold out or proffer; to make a proposal to; to exhibit something that may be taken or received or not. Morrison v. Springer, 15 Iowa, 348; Vincent v. Woodland Oil Co., 165 Pa. 402, 30 A. 901; People v. Ah Fook, 62 Cal. 494.

The word "offer," as used in a statute providing that the buyer, to rescind a sale, must offer within a reasonable time to return the goods, is synonymous with the word "tender." Collins v. Skillings, 224 Mass. 275, 123 N. E. 936, 939, Ann. Cas. 1913D, 424.

To attempt or endeavor; to make an effort to effect some object, as, to offer to bribe; in this sense used principally in criminal law. Com. v. Harris, 1 Leg. Gaz. R. (Pa.) 457; State v. Armijo, 19 N. M. 345, 142 P. 1126, 1127.

In trial practice, to "offer" evidence is to state its nature and purport, or to recite what is expected to be proved by a given witness or document, and demand its admission. Unless under exceptional circumstances, the term is not to be taken as equivalent to "introduce." See Anson v. Melkle, 81 Ind. 260; Lyon v. Davis, 111 Ind. 384, 12 N. E. 714; Harris v. Tomlinson, 130 Ind. 428, 30 N. E. 214.

**Offer, n.** A proposal; a proposal to do a thing.

An offer, as an element of a contract, is a proposal to make a contract. It must be made by the person who is to make the promise, and it must be made to the person to whom the promise is made. It may be made either by words or by signs, either orally or in writing, and either personally or by a messenger; but in whatever way it is made, it is not in law an offer until it comes to the knowledge of the person to whom it is made.

An "offer to sell" merely contemplates the proffer, proposal, presentation, or exhibition of something to another for acceptance or rejection. Friesell v. Nichols, 93 Fla. 468, 114 So. 421, 432.

An attempt; endeavor. Webster.

An offer of evidence. See the verb "offer," supra.

OFFER OF COMPROMISE. An offer to settle a dispute or difference amicably for the purpose of avoiding a lawsuit and without admitting liability. Freeman v. Vandruft, 126 Okl. 238, 259 P. 257, 259.

OFFERINGS. In English ecclesiastical law. Personal tithes, payable by custom to the persons vicar of a parish, either occasionally, as at marriages, baptisms, burials of women, burials, etc., or at constant times, as at Easter, Christmas, etc. See Obvortia.

OFFERTORIUM. In English ecclesiastical law. The offerings of the faithful, or the place where they are made or kept; the service at the time of the Communion.

OFFICE. Right to exercise public or private employment, and to take the fees and emoluments thereto belonging, whether public, as those of magistrates, or private, as of bailiffs, receivers, or the like. 2 Bl. Comm. 93. Rowland v. New York, 83 N. Y. 372; Dudley v. State, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 330; Blair v. Marve, 80 Va. 495; Worthy v. Barrett, 63 N. C. 292; People v. Duane, 121 N. Y. 397, 24 N. E. 845; U. S. v. Hartwell, 6 Wall. 593, 18 L. Ed. 580; Baird v. Lefor, 52 N. D. 155, 201 N. W. 997, 999, 58 A. L. R. 807; State v. Watkins, 88 Fln. 392, 102 So. 347, 359; Shelff v. Mortm, 797; Cruise, Dig. Index; Com. v. Sutherland, 3 S. & R. (Pa.) 149.

A right, and correspondent duty, to exercise a public trust. Whitehead v. Clark, 146 Tenn. 660, 244 S. W. 479, 482.


An "office" is defined to be a public charge or employment, and he who performs the duties of the office is an officer. Although an office is an employment, it does not follow that every employment is an office. A man may be employed under a contract, express or implied, to do an act, or to perform a service, without becoming an officer. But, if the duty be a continuance one, which is defined by rule prescribed by the government, which an individual is appointed by the government to perform, who enters upon the duties appertaining to his status, without any contract defining them, it seems very difficult to distinguish such a charge or employment from an office, or the person who performs the duty from an officer. Lacy v. State, 13 Ala. App. 212, 68 So. 766, 769.

The term "office" in the constitutional sense, implies an authority to exercise some portion of the sovereign power, either in making, executing, or administering the laws. State v. Jones, 73 Fla. 33, 84 So. 84, 85; Groves v. Barden, 196 N. C. 8, 84 S. E. 1042, L. R. A. 1917A, 228, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 316; Olson v. Scully, 256 Ill. 418, 126 N. E. 841, 842; State v. Christmas, 124 Miss. 565, 88 So. 851, 852.

The most frequent occasions to use the word arise with reference to a duty and power conferred on an individual by the government; and, when this is the connection, "public office" is a usual and more discriminating expression. But a power and duty may exist without immediate grant from government, and may be properly called an "office," as the office of executor, the office of steward. Here the individual acts towards legateses or towards tenants in performance of a duty, and in exercise of a power not derived from their consent, but devolved on him by an authority which quoad hoc is superior. Abbott.


"Office" is frequently used in the old books as an abbreviation for "inquest of office," (q. v.).

In General

—Civil office. Distinguished from military. Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 569.


—Judicial office. See the title Judicial.

—Lavtivative office. See Lavtivative.

—Military office. Military offices are such as are held by soldiers and sailors for military purposes.

—Ministerial office. One which gives the officer no discretion as to the matter to be done, and requires him to obey mandates of a superior. Vose v. Deane, 7 Mass. 280. See Savaceool v. Bonghton, 5 Wend. (N. Y.) 170, 21 Am. Dec. 181; Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 569. It is a general rule that a judicial office cannot be exercised by deputy, while a ministerial office may.

—Office-book. Any book for the record of official or other transactions, kept under author-
lity of the state, in public offices not connect-
ed with the courts.

Office-copy. A copy or transcript of a deed or record or any filed document, made by the officer having it in custody or under his san-
tion, and by him sealed or certified.

A copy made by an officer of the court, bound by law to make it, is equivalent to an exemplifica-
tion, though it is sometimes called an "office copy"; Steph. Dig. Ev. art. 77. Copies of public records, whether judicial or otherwise, made by a public of-
cer authorized by law to make them, are often termed "office copies," e. g., copies of recorded deeds: Ewell v. Cunningham, 74 Mo. 127. A copy made by an officer of the court, who is authorized to make it by a rule of court, but not required by law to make it, is equivalent to an exemplification in the same cause and court, but in other causes or courts is not admissible unless it can be proved as an examined copy; Steph. Dig. Ev. art. 73. These are called "office copies": Kellogg v. Kellogg, 6 Barb. (N. Y.) 139.

Office found. In English law. Inquest of office found; the finding of certain facts by a jury on an inquest or inquisition of office. 3 Bl. Comm. 263, 250. This phrase has been adopted in American law. 2 Kent, Comm. 61. See Phillips v. Moore, 100 U. S. 212, 25 L. Ed. 603; Baker v. Shy, 9 Heisk. (Tenn.) 59; Hau-
enstein v. Lynham, 100 U. S. 484, 25 L. Ed. 628; Finch v. Goldstein, 245 N. Y. 300, 157 N. E. 146, 147.

Office grant. A designation of a convey-
ance made by some officer of the law to effect certain purposes, where the owner is either unwilling or unable to execute the requisite deeds to pass the title; such, for example, as a tax-deed. 3 Washb. Real Prop. *537.

Office hours. That portion of the day dur-
ing which public offices are usually open for the transaction of business.

Office of honor. See Honor.

Office of judge. A criminal suit in an eccles-
iasiastical court, not being directed to the repa-
ration of a private injury, is regarded as a proceeding emanating from the office of the judge, and may be instituted by the mere mo-
tion of the judge. But, in practice, these suits are instituted by private individuals, with the permission of the judge or his surrogate; and the private prosecutor in any such case is, accordingly, said to "promote the office of the judge." Mozley & Whitley.

Political office. Civil offices are usually di-
vided into three classes,—political, judicial, and ministerial. Political offices are such as are not immediately connected with the ad-
ministration of justice, or with the execution of the mandates of a superior, such as the president or the head of a department. Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 509; Fitzpatrick v. U. S., 7 Ct. Cl. 209.

Principal office. The principal office of a corporation is its headquarters, or the place where the chief or principal affairs and busi-
ness of the corporation are transacted. Usu-
ally it is the office where the company's books are kept, where its meetings of stock-
holders are held, and where the directors, trustees, or managers assemble to discuss and transact the important general business of the company; but no one of these circumstances is a controlling test. See Jossey v. Georgia & A. Ry., 102 Ga. 706, 28 S. E. 273; Milwaukee Steamship Co. v. Milwaukee, 83 Wis. 590, 33 N. W. 389, 18 L. R. A. 303; Standard Oil Co. v. Com., 110 Ky. 821, 62 S. W. 897; Middletown Ferry Co. v. Middletown, 40 Conn. 69; In re Lone Star Shipbuilding Co. (C. C. A.) 6 F.(2d) 192, 196. Synonymous with "principal place of business," being the place where the principal affairs of a corporation are transacted. Forceman & Clark Mfg. Co. v. Bartle, 125 Misc. Rep. 759, 211 N. Y. S. 602, 604; Stewart v. Pacific Steam Nav. Co. (D. C) 3 F.(2d) 329, 330.

Public office. The right, authority, and duty created and conferred by law, by which for a given period, either fixed by law or enduring at the pleasure of the creating power, an indi-
vidual is invested with some portion of the sovereign functions of government for the benefit of the public. Walker v. Rich, 79 Cal. App. 139, 249 P. 56, 58. An agency for the state, the duties of which involve in their performance the exercise of some portion of the sovereign power, either great or small. Yaselli v. Goff (C. C. A.) 12 F.(2d) 396, 403; Wisnor v. Hunt, 29 Ariz. 504, 243 P. 407, 413; Truitt v. Collins, 122 Md. 526, 89 A. 860, 851; State ex rel. Zevely v. Hackmann, 300 Mo. 59, 254 S. W. 53, 55; State v. McLean, 35 N. D. 203, 159 N. W. 847, 851; State v. Bond, 94 W. Va. 255, 118 S. E. 276, 279; Commissioners' Court of Limestone County v. Garrett (Tex. Com. App.) 296 S. W. 977, 972; Board of Edu-
thority, but for such time as denotes dura-
tion and continuance, with independent pow-
er to control the property of the public, or with public functions to be exercised in the supposed interest of the people, the service to be compensated by a stated yearly salary, and the occupant having a designation or title, the position so created is a public office. State v. Brennan, 49 Ohio St. 53, 29 N. E. 500.


As to various particular offices, see Land Of-

officer. The incumbent of an office; one who is lawfully invested with an office. State
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v. Board of Examiners for Nurses, 52 Mont. 91, 156 P. 124, 125. See Evans v. Beattie, 157 S. C. 496, 135 S. E. 558, 554; State v. Bratton, 145 Tenn. 174, 283 S. W. 705, 706. One who is charged by a superior power (and particularly by government) with the power and duty of exercising certain functions.

An "officer" is one who is invested with some portion of the functions of the government to be exercised for the public benefit. Fox v. Lantrip, 162 Ky. 178, 172 S. W. 133, 126; Conley v. Daughters of the Republic, 106 Tex. 56, 156 S. W. 127, 200. In a popular sense, an officer is one holding a position of trust and authority in any kind of an organization—civil, military, political, ecclesiastical, or social. Illinois Commerce Commission v. Cleveland, C., C. & St. L. Ry. Co., 330 Ill. 214, 150 N. E. 678, 672.

The word "officer," as used in state statutes or constitutions, is sometimes held to refer only to elective officers; Cunningham v. Rockwood, 222 Mass. 571, 111 N. E. 401, 411, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 1100; and sometimes to both appointive and elective officers; State v. Campbell, 94 Ohio St. 400, 115 N. E. 29, 31. An "officer" is distinguished from an "employee" in the greater importance, dignity, and independence of his position, in requirement of oath, bond, more enduring tenure, and fact of duties being prescribed by law. Bowden v. Cumberland County, 123 Me. 399, 123 A. 196, 198; McClendon v. Board of Health of City of Hot Springs, 141 Ark. 114, 215 S. W. 289, 290.

For obstructing an officer, see the title Obstruct.

Civil Officer

The word "civil," as regards civil officers, is commonly used to distinguish those officers who are in public service but not of the military. U. S. v. American Brewing Co. (D. C.) 296 F. 772, 776; State v. Clarke, 21 Nev. 338, 31 P. 545, 18 L. R. A. 313, 37 Am. St. Rep. 517; State v. O'Driscoll, 3 Brev. (S. C.) 527. Hence, any officer of the United States who holds his appointment under the national government, whether his duties are executive or judicial, in the highest or the lowest departments of the government, with the exception of officers of the army and navy, is a "civil officer." 1 Story, Const. § 792. See also, Com'r v. Goldsborough, 50 Md. 193, 44 A. 1065.

Military Officer

Military officers are those who have command in the army. Non-commissioned officers are not officers in the sense in which that word is generally used; Babbitt v. U. S., 16 Ct. Cl. 214.

Officer de facto

As distinguished from an officer de jure; this is the designation of one who is in the actual possession and administration of the office, under some colorable or apparent authority, although his title to the same, whether by election or appointment, is in reality invalid or at least formally questioned. See Norton v. Shelby County, 118 U. S. 425, 6 S. Ct. 1121, 30 L. Ed. 78; State v. Carroll, 38 Conn. 449, 9 Am. Rep. 409; Trenton v. McDaniel, 52 N. C. 107; Barlow v. Stanford, 82 Ill. 298; Brown v. Lunt, 37 Me. 423; Gregg v. Jamison, 55 Pa. 468; Pierce v. Edington, 38 Ark. 150; Plymouth v. Painter, 17 Conn. 555, 44 Am. Dec. 374; Prescott v. Hayes, 42 N. H. 56; Jewell v. Gilbert, 64 N. H. 12, 5 A. 80, 10 Am. St. Rep. 557; Griffin v. Cunningham, 20 Grat. (Va.) 31; Ex parte Strang, 21 Ohio St. 610; Ex parte Crump, 10 Okl. Cr. 193, 125 P. 427, 425, 47 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1083; People v. Lyon, 314 Ill. 174, 145 N. E. 505, 506; Faucette v. Gerlach, 132 Ark. 58, 200 S. W. 279; Coe v. City of Douthan, 19 Ala. App. 33, 94 So. 186, 187; State v. Schuermann, 146 La. 110, 83 So. 426, 428. One who has the reputation of being the officer he assumes to be, and yet is not a good officer in point of law, 6 East 365; City of Terre Haute v. Burns, 69 Ind. App. 7, 116 N. E. 694, 698; Johnson v. State, 27 Ga. App. 679, 109 S. E. 526, 527; Mortgage Land Inv. Co. v. McMaIns, 172 Minn. 110, 215 N. W. 192, 195; Eckern v. McGovern, 154 Wls. 137, 142 N. W. 595, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 796. A de facto officer is also distinguished from a "usurper" who has neither lawful title nor color of right. Smith v. City of Jefferson, 75 Or. 179, 146 P. 809, 812.

To constitute an officer de facto it is not a necessary prerequisite that there shall have been an attempted exercise of competent prima facie power of appointment or election; a de facto officer being one whose title is not good in law, but who is in fact in the unobstructed possession of an office and is discharging its duties in full view of the public, in such manner and under such circumstances as not to present the appearance of being an intruder or usurper. U. S. v. Royer, 45 S. Ct. 519, 520, 268 U. S. 384, 60 L. Ed. 1011.

A person is a "de facto officer" where the duties of the office are exercised—First, without a known appointment or election; but under such circumstances of reputation or acquiescence as were calculated to induce people, without inquiry, to submit to or invoke his action, supposing him to be the officer he assumed to be. Second, under color of a known and valid appointment or election, but where the officer has failed to conform to some precedent requirement or condition, as to take an oath, give a bond, or the like. Third, under color of a known appointment or election, void because the officer was not eligible, or because there was a want of power in the electing or appointing body, or by reason of some defect or irregularity in its exercise, such as illegibility, want of power, or defect being unknown to the public. Fourth, under color of an election or appointment or by pursuant to a public unconstitutional law, before the same is adjudged to be such. People v. Brautigan, 310 Ill. 473, 142 N. E. 208, 210; Wendt v. Berry, 184 Ky. 690, 187 S. W. 1215, 1218; 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1102, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 492.

Officer de jure

One who is in all respects legally appointed and qualified to exercise the office. People v. Brautigan, 310 Ill. 472, 142 N. E. 208, 211.
Officer of Justice

A general name applicable to all persons connected with the administration of the judicial department of government, but commonly used only of the class of officers whose duty is to serve the process of the courts, such as sheriffs, constables, bailiffs, marshals, sequestrators, etc.

Officer of United States

Officers of the United States are those nominated by the president and confirmed by the senate or those who are appointed under an act of congress, by the president alone, a court of law, or a head of a department. U. S. v. Germaine, 99 U. S. 506, 25 L. Ed. 482; see U. S. v. Mouat, 124 U. S. 303, 8 S. Ct. 505, 31 L. Ed. 463.

Public Officer

An officer of a public corporation; that is, one holding office under the government of a municipality, state, or nation. One occupying a public office created by law is a "public officer." State v. Bond, 94 W. Va. 255, 118 S. E. 276, 279. See Hastings v. Jasper County, 314 Mo. 144, 252 S. W. 700, 701; Farley v. Board of Education of City of Perry, 62 Okl. 151, 162 P. 797, 799; Shanks v. Howes, 214 Ky. 613, 283 S. W. 966, 967; Schmitt v. Dooling, 145 Ky. 240, 140 S. W. 197, 36 L. R. A. (N. S.) 851, Ann. Cas. 1913B, 1078; Olmstead v. New York, 10 Jones & S. (N. Y.) 481. Within a constitutional provision prohibiting increase of salaries of public officers during their terms, "public officers" are not restricted to those who exercise important public duties, but include all whose duties are for public benefit for a stipulated compensation paid by the public, and who have a definite term and certain tenure, and the provision applies to officers created by the Legislature since the adoption of the Constitution. Commonwealth v. Moore, 266 Pa. 100, 100 A. 611, 612. In English law, an officer appointed by a joint-stock banking company, under the statutes regulating such companies, to prosecute and defend suits in its behalf.

Warrant Officer

One who holds as evidence of right a warrant signed by the Secretary of War or of the Navy. Stephens v. Civil Service Commission of New Jersey, 101 N. J. Law, 192, 127 A. 805, 811.


Oficia judiciaia non concedantur antiquam vacent. Judicial offices should not be granted before they are vacant. 11 Coke, 4.

Oficia magistratus non debet esse venalia. The offices of magistrates ought not to be sold. Co. Litt. 234.

Official, n. An officer; a person invested with the authority of an office.

In Civil Law

The minister or appraiser of a magistrate or judge.

In Canon Law

A person to whom a bishop commits the charge of his spiritual jurisdiction.

In Common and Statute Law

The person whom the archdeacon substitutes in the execution of his jurisdiction. Cowell.

Official, adj. Pertaining to an office; invested with the character of an officer; proceeding from, sanctioned by, or done by, an officer. Cohn v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 258 F. 355, 358.

Demi-official

Partly official or authorized. Having color of official right.

Official Act

One done by an officer in his official capacity under color and by virtue of his office. Turner v. Sisson, 137 Mass. 192; Lamon v. Feusire, 111 U. S. 17, 4 S. Ct. 286, 28 L. Ed. 337; Meeke v. Tilghman, 55 Okl. 208, 154 P. 1190, 1191; Miles v. Wright, 22 Ariz. 73, 194 P. 88, 91, 12 A. L. R. 970.

Official Assignee

In English practice. An assignee in bankruptcy appointed by the lord chancellor to co-operate with the other assignees in administering a bankrupt's estate.

Official Managers

Persons formerly appointed, under English statutes now repealed, to superintend the winding up of insolvent companies under the control of the court of chancery. Wharton.

Official Misconduct


Official Principal

An ecclesiastical officer whose duty it is to hear causes between party and party as the delegate of the bishop or archbishop by whom he is appointed. He generally also holds the office of vicar general and (if appointed by a bishop) that of chancellor. The official principal of the province of Canter-
bury is called the "dean of arches." Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1203, et seq.; Sweet.

Official Solicitor to the Court of Chancery

An officer in England whose functions are to protect the suitors' fund, and to administer, under the direction of the court, so much of it as now comes under the spending power of the court. He acts for persons suing or defending in forma pauperis, when so directed by the judge, and for those who, through ignorance or forgetfulness, have been guilty of contempt of court by not obeying process. He also acts generally as solicitor in all cases in which the chancery division requires such services. The office is transferred to the high court by the judicature acts, but no alteration in its name appears to have been made. Sweet.

Official Trustee of Charity Lands

The secretary of the English charity commissioners. He is a corporation sole for the purpose of taking and holding real property and leaseholds upon trust for an endowed charity in cases where it appears to the court desirable to vest them in him. He is a bare trustee, the possession and management of the land remaining in the persons acting in the administration of the charity. Sweet.


OFFICIALTY. The court or jurisdiction of which an official is head.

OFFICIARIIS NON FACIENDIS VEL AMOVENDIS. A writ addressed to the magistrates of a corporation, requiring them not to make such a man an officer, or to put one out of the office he has, until inquiry is made of his manners, etc. Reg. Orig. 128.

OFFICINA JUSTITIAE. The workshop or office of Justice. The chancery was formerly so called. See 3 Bl. Comm. 273; Yates v. People, 8 Johns. (N. Y.) 303.

OFFICIO, EX, OATH. An oath whereby a person may be obliged to make any presentment of any crime or offense, or to confess or accuse himself of any criminal matter or thing whereby he may be liable to any censure, penalty, or punishment. 3 Bl. Comm. 447.

OFFICIOUS WILL. A testament by which a testator leaves his property to his family. Sandars, Just. Inst. 207. See Inofficious Testament.

Oiffect conatus si effectus sequatur. The attempt becomes of consequence, if the effect follows. Jenk. Cent. 55.

Officium nemini debet esse damnosum. Office ought not to be an occasion of loss to any one. A maxim in Scotch law. Bell.

OFFSET. A deduction; a counterclaim; a contrary claim or demand by which a given claim may be lessened or canceled. See Leonard v. Charter Oak L. Ins. Co., 65 Conn. 529, 33 A. 511; Cable Flax Mills v. Early, 72 App. Div. 213, 76 N. Y. S. 191; Lang v. Collins (Tex. Civ. App.) 190 S. W. 754, 755. The more usual form of the word is "set-off," (q.v.)

OFFSPRING. This term is synonymous with "issue." See Barber v. Railroad Co., 166 U. S. 88, 17 S. Ct. 488, 41 L. Ed. 925; Allen v. Markle, 36 Pa. 117; Powell v. Brandon, 2 Cushm. (Miss.) 343.

OIKEI MANIA. See Insanity.

OIR. In Spanish law. To hear; to take cognizance. White, New Recip. b, 3, tit. 1, c. 7.

OKER. In Scotch law, Usury; the taking of interest for money, contrary to law. Bell.

OLD NATURA BREVIUM. The title of a treatise written in the reign of Edward III. containing the writs which were then most in use, annexing to each a short comment concerning their nature and the application of them, with their various properties and effects. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 152.

It is so called by way of distinction from the New Natura Breuim of Fitzherbert, and is generally cited as "O. N. B.," or as "Vet. Na. B.," using the abbreviated form of the Latin title.

OLD STYLE. The ancient calendar or method of reckoning time, whereby the year commenced on March 25th. It was superseded by the new style (that now in use) in most countries of Europe in 1532 and in England in 1752.

OLD TENURES. A treatise, so called to distinguish it from Littleton's book on the same subject, which gives an account of the various tenures by which land was held, the nature of estates, and some other incidents to landed property in the reign of Edward III. It is a very scanty tract, but has the merit of having led the way to Littleton's famous work. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 151.

OMNIA PERFORMAVIT


OLIGARCHY. A form of government where-in the administration of affairs is lodged in the hands of a few persons.

OLORGRAPH. An instrument (e. g., a will) wholly written by the person from whom it emanates.

OLOROGRAPHIC TESTAMENT. The olographic testament is that which is written by the testator himself. In order to be valid it must be entirely written, dated, and signed by the hand of the testator. It is subject to no other form, and may be made anywhere, even out of the state. Civil Code La. art. 1588.

OLYMPIAD. A Greek epoch; the space of four years.

OME BUENO. In Spanish law. A good man; a substantial person. Las Partidas, pt. 5, tit. 13, l. 38.

Omissio eorum quaerit insunt nihil operatur. The omission of those things which are tacitly implied is of no consequence. 2 Bulst. 131.

OMISSION. The neglect to perform what the law requires.

OMISSIS OMNIBUS ALIIS NEGOTIIS. Lat. Laying aside all other businesses. 9 East, 347.

OMITTANCE. Forbearance; omission.

Omne actum ab intentione agentis est judicandum. Every act is to be judged by the intention of the doer. Branch, Princ.

Omne crimen ebrietatis et incendii et detegit. Drunkenness both inflames (or aggravates) and reveals every crime. Co. Litt. 247a; 4 Bl. Comm. 28; Broom, Max. 17.

Omne jus aut consensus fecit, aut necessitas constituit aut firmavit consuetudo. Every right is either made by consent, or is constituted by necessity, or is established by custom. Dig. 1, 3, 40.

Omne magis dignum trahit ad se minus dignum, quamvis minus dignum sit antiquius. Every worthier thing draws to it the less worthy, though the less worthy be the more ancient. Co. Litt. 355b.

Omne magnum exemplum habet aliquid ex iniquo, quod publica utilitate compensatur. Hob.

270. Every great example has some portion of evil, which is compensated by the public utility.

Omne majus continet in se minus. Every greater contains in itself the less. 5 Coke, 115a. The greater always contains the less. Broom, Max. 174.

Omne majus dignum continet in se minus dignum. Co. Litt. 43. The more worthy contains in itself the less worthy.

Omne majus minus in se complectitur. Every greater embraces in itself the less. Jenk. Cent. 208.


Omne quo solis inadfectur solo ecedit. Everything which is built upon the soil belongs to the soil. Dig. 47, 3, 1; Broom, Max. 401.

Omne sacramentum debet esse de certa scientia. Every oath ought to be of certain knowledge. 4 Inst. 279.

Omne testamentum morte consummatum est. 3 Coke, 29. Every will is completed by death.

Omnem actionem in mundo infra certa tempora habent limitationem. All actions in the world are limited within certain periods. Bract. fol. 52.

Omnem hominem aut liberi sunt aut servi. All men are free men or slaves. Inst. 1, 3, pr.; Fleta, 1, 1, c. 1, § 2.

Omnem licentiam habere his quae pro se induita sunt, renunciare. [It is a rule of the ancient law that all persons shall have liberty to renounce those privileges which have been conferred for their benefit. Cod. 1, 3, 51; Id. 2, 3, 29; Broom, Max. 699.

Omnem prudentem illa admittere solent quae probantur et qui arte sua bene versati sunt. All prudent men are accustomed to admit those things which are approved by those who are well versed in the art. 7 Coke, 19.

Omnem sororem sunt quasi unus hors de una hereditate. Co. Litt. 67. All sisters are, as it were, one heir to one inheritance.

OMNIA EXCEPTIONE MAJUS. 4 Inst. 262. Above all exception.

Omnia delicta in aperto leviora sunt. All crimes that are committed openly are lighter, for have a less odious appearance than those committed secretly.] 8 Coke, 127a.

OMNIA PERFORMAVIT. He has done all. In pleading. A good plea in bar where all the covenants are in the affirmative. Bailey v. Rogers, 1 Me. 189.

Omnia prasumuntur contra spoliatorem. All things are presumed against a despoiler or

Omnia præsumuntur legitime facta donec probetur in contrarium. All things are presumed to be lawfully done, until proof be made to the contrary. Co. Litt. 2292; Best, Ev. p. 337, § 300.

Omnia præsumuntur rite et solemniter esse acta donec probetur in contrarium. All things are presumed to have been rightly and duly performed until it is proved to the contrary. Co. Litt. 232; Broom, Max. 944.

Omnia præsumuntur solemniter esse acta. Co. Litt. 6. All things are presumed to have been done rightly.

Omnia quæ jure contradantur contrario jure perent. Dig. 50, 17, 100. All things which are contracted by law perish by a contrary law.

Omnia quæ sunt uxoris sunt ipsius viri. All things which are the wife's are the husband's. Bract. fol. 32; Co. Litt. 112a. See 2 Kent, Comm. 130-143.

Omnia rite acta præsumuntur. All things are presumed to have been rightly done. Broom, Max. 944.

OMNIBUS. For all; containing two or more independent matters. Applied to a count in a declaration, and to a bill of legislation, and perhaps to a clause in a will, which comprises more than one general subject. Yenger v. Weaver, 64 Pa. 428; Parkinson v. State, 14 Md. 188, 74 Am. Dec. 522. See In Omnibus.

OMNIBUS AD QUOS PRESENTES LITERÆ PERVENIERT, SALUTEM. To all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. A form of address with which charters and deeds were anciently commenced.

OMNIBUS BILL. In legislative practice, a bill including in one act various separate and distinct matters, and particularly one joining a number of different subjects in one measure in such a way as to compel the executive authority to accept provisions which he does not approve or else defeat the whole enactment. See Com. v. Burnett, 100 Pa. 101, 43 A. 977, 55 L. R. A. 882; Yenger v. Weaver, 64 Pa. 425.

In equity pleading, a bill embracing the whole of a complex subject-matter by uniting all parties in interest having adverse or conflicting claims, thereby avoiding circuity or multiplicity of action.

Omnis actio est ius quiet. Every action is a plaint or complaint. Co. Litt. 292a.

Omnis conclusio boni et veri judicis sequitur ex huius et veris praemissis et dictis juratorum. Every conclusion of a good and true judgment follows from good and true premises, and the verdicts of jurors. Co. Litt. 226b.

Omnis consensus tollit errorem. Every consent removes error. Consent always removes the effect of error. 2 Inst. 123.

Omnis definitio in jure civilii periculosa est, parum est enim ut non subverti possit. Every definition in the civil law is dangerous, for there is very little that cannot be overthrown. (There is no rule in the civil law which is not liable to some exception; and the least difference in the facts of the case renders its application useless.) Dig. 50. 17, 202; 2 Wood. Lect. 196.

Omnis definitio in iure periculosa. All definition in law is hazardous. 2 Wood. Lect. 196.

Omnis exceptio est ipsa quoque regula. Every exception is itself also a rule.

Omnis indemnatus pro innoxio legibus habetur. Every uncondemned person is held by the law as innocent. Lofft. 121.

Omnis innovatio plus novitate perturbat quam utilitate prodest. Every innovation occasions more harm by its novelty than benefit by its utility. 2 Bulst. 338; Broom, Max. 147.

Omnis interpretatio si fieri potest ita fienda est in instrumentis, ut omnes contrarietates amovantur. Jenk. Cent. 96. Every interpretation, if it can be done, is to be so made in instruments that all contradictions may be removed.

Omnis interpretatio vel declarat, vel extendit, vel restringit. Every interpretation either declares, extends, or restraints.

Omnis nova constituio futuris formam imponere debet, non praeteritis. Every new statute ought to prescribe a form to future, not to past, acts. Bract. fol. 228; 2 Inst. 95.

Omnis persona est homo, sed non vicissim. Every person is a man, but not every man a person. Calvin.


Omnis querela et omnis actio injuriarum potest infra certa tempora. Co. Litt. 114b. Every plaint and every action for injuries is limited within certain times.

Omnis ratification retrogradatur et mandate priori equiparaatur. Every ratification relates back and is equivalent to a prior authority. Broom, Max. 757, 871; Chit. Cont. 196.

Omnis regulæ suas patitur exceptiones. Every rule is liable to its own exceptions.

OMNIUM. In mercantile law. A term used to express the aggregate value of the different
stock in which a loan is usually funded. Tomilsns.

Omnium contributione sacriatur quod pro omni usus dat um est. 4 Blng. 121. That which is given for all is recompensed by the contribution of all. A principle of the law of general average.

Omnium rerum quorum usus est, potest esse abusus, virtute solo excepta. There may be an abuse of everything of which there is a use, virtue only excepted. Dav. Ir. K. B. 79.


ON ACCOUNT. In part payment; in partial satisfaction of an account. The phrase is usually contrasted with "in full."

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. When a policy of insurance expresses that the insurance is made "on account of whom it may concern," it will cover all persons having an insurable interest in the subject-matter at the date of the policy and who were then contemplated by the party procuring the insurance. 2 Pars. Mar. Law, 30.

ON ALL FOURS. A phrase used to express the idea that a case at bar is in all points similar to another. The one is said to be on all fours with the other when the facts are similar and the same questions of law are involved.

ON CALL. There is no legal difference between an obligation payable "when demanded" or "on demand" and one payable "on call" or "at any time called for." In each case the debt is payable immediately. Bowman v. McChesney, 22 Grat. (Va.) 609.

The term "on call," according to the evidence, is a term known to persons engaged in the cotton business, and means that cotton placed "on call" is sold, but the price remains unfixed, and that the owner has until a certain set date in the future to name the market price of the cotton on any day between the day the cotton is placed "on call" and the set day as the price at which the owner is entitled to a settlement for the cotton. Bennett v. Well Bros., 28 Ga. App. 206, 110 S. E. 744.

ON DEFAULT. In case of default; upon failure of stipulated action or performance; upon the occurrence of a failure, omission, or neglect of duty.

ON DEMAND. A promissory note payable "on demand" is a present debt, and is payable without any demand. Young v. Weston, 30 Me. 492; Appeal of Andress, 99 Pa. 421; Dominion Trust Co. v. Hildner, 90 A. 69, 243 Pa. 253.

ON FILE.Filed; entered or placed upon the files; existing and remaining upon or among the proper files. Slosson v. Hall, 17 Minn. 95 (Gill 71); Snider v. Methvin, 60 Tex. 457.


ON OR BEFORE. These words, inserted in a stipulation to do an act or pay money, entitle the party stipulating to perform at any time before the day; and upon performance, or tender and refusal, he is immediately vested with all the rights which would have attached if performance were made on the day. Wall v. Simpson, 6 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 156, 22 Am. Dec. 72; Davis v. Burns (Tex. Civ. App.) 173 S. W. 476, 480; O. A. Talbot & Co. v. Byler (Mo. App.) 217 S. W. 852, 853; McGeorgy Stores Corporation v. Goldberg, 122 A. 113, 99 N. J. Eq. 152.

ON STAND. A term used in the law of landlord and tenant. A tenant of a farm who cannot carry away manure but has the right to sell it to his successor, is said to have the right of on stand on the farm for it till he can sell it; he may maintain trespass for the taking of it by the incoming tenant before it is sold. See 16 East 116.
Once a fraud, always a fraud. 18 Vin. Abr. 539.

ONEROUS CONTRACT. See Contract.

ONEROUS DEED. In Scotch law. A deed given for a valuable consideration. Bell.

ONEROUS GIFT. A gift made subject to certain charges imposed by the donor on the donee.

ONEROUS TITLE. A title acquired by the giving of a valuable consideration, as the payment of money or rendition of services or the performance of conditions or assumption or discharge of liens or charges. Scott v. Ward, 13 Cal. 458; Kircher v. Murray (C. C.) 54 F. 617; Noe v. Card, 14 Cal. 576; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 3566.

ONLY. Solely; alone; of or by itself; without anything more; exclusive; nothing else or more. Moore v. Stevens, 90 Fla. 789, 106 So. 901, 904, 43 A. L. R. 1127; Foley v. Ivey, 193 N. C. 453, 137 S. E. 418; City of Memphis, Tenn., v. Board of Directors of St. Francis Levee Dist. (D. C.) 228 F. 802, 804; Bacon v. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (D. C.) 289 F. 513, 519.

ONOMASTIC. A term applied to the signature of an instrument, the body of which is in a different handwriting from that of the signature. Best, Ev. 315.

ONROERENDE AND VAST STAAT. Dutch. Immovable and fast estate, that is, land or real estate. The phrase is used in Dutch wills, deeds, and antenuptial contracts of the early colonial period in New York. See Spraker v. Van Alstyne, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 208.

ONUS. Lat. A burden or load; a weight. The lading, burden, or cargo of a vessel. A charge; an incumbrance. Cum onere, (q. v.), with the incumbrance.

ONUS EPISCOPALE. Ancient customary payments from the clergy to their diocesan bishop, of synodals, pentecostals, etc.

ONUS IMPORTANDI. The charge of importing merchandise, mentioned in St. 12 Car. II. c. 28.

ONUS PROBANDI. Burden of proving; the burden of proof. The strict meaning of the term "onus probandi" is that, if no evidence is adduced by the party on whom the burden is cast, the issue must be found against him. Davis v. Rogers, 1 Houst. (Del.) 44.

OPE CONSILIO. Lat. By aid and counsel. A civil law term applied to accessories, similar in import to the "aliding and abetting" of the common law. Often written "ope et consilio." Burrill.

OPEN, v. To render accessible, visible, or available; to submit or subject to examination, inquiry, or review, by the removal of restrictions or impediments.
—Open a case. In practice. To open a case is to begin it; to make an initiatory explanation of its features to the court, jury, referee, etc., by outlining the nature of the transaction on which it is founded, the questions involved, and the character and general course of the evidence to be adduced.

—Open a commission. To enter upon the duties under a commission, or commence to act under a commission, is so termed in English law. Thus, the judges of assize and nisi prius derive their authority to act under or by virtue of commissions directed to them for that purpose; and, when they commence acting under the powers so committed to them, they are said to open the commissions; and the day on which they so commence their proceedings is thence termed the “commission day of the assizes.” Brown.

—Open a court. To open a court is to make a formal announcement, usually by the crier or bailiff, that its session has now begun and that the business before the court will be proceeded with.

—Open a credit. To accept or pay the draft of a correspondent who has not furnished funds. Pardessus, no. 296.

—Open a deposition. To break the seals by which it was secured, and lay it open to view, or to bring it into court ready for use.

—Open a judgment. To lift or relax the bar of finality and conclusiveness which it imposes so as to permit a re-examination of the merits of the action in which it was rendered. This is done at the instance of a party showing good cause why the execution of the judgment would be inequitable. It so far annuls the judgment as to prevent its enforcement until the final determination upon it, but does not in the mean time release its lien upon real estate. See Insurance Co. v. Beale, 110 Pa. 321, 1 A. 926.

—Open a rule. To restore or recall a rule which has been made absolute to its conditional state, as a rule nisi, so as to readmit of cause being shown against the rule. Thus, when a rule to show cause has been made absolute under a mistaken impression that no counsel had been instructed to show cause against it, it is usual for the party at whose instance the rule was obtained to consent to have the rule opened, by which all the proceedings subsequent to the day when cause ought to have been shown against it are in effect nullified, and the rule is then argued in the ordinary way. Brown.

—Open a street or highway. To establish it by law and make it passable and available for public travel. See Read v. Toledo, 18 Ohio, 161; Wilcoxon v. San Luis Obispo, 101 Cal. 508, 35 P. 988; Gaines v. Hudson County Ave. Comrs, 37 N. J. Law, 12; Patterson v. City of Baltimore, 130 Md. 615, 101 A. 589, 591; Royal v. City of Des Moines, 185 Iowa, 28, 191 N. W. 377, 383.

—Open bids. To open bids received on a foreclosure or other judicial sale is to reject or cancel them for fraud, mistake, or other cause, and order a resale of the property. Andrews v. Scotton, 2 Bland (Md.) 644.

—Open the pleadings. To state briefly at a trial before a jury the substance of the pleadings. This is done by the junior counsel for the plaintiff at the commencement of the trial.


—Open bulk. In the mass; exposed to view; not tied or sealed up. In re Sanders (C. C.) 52 F. 802, 18 L. R. A. 549.


—Open doors. In Scotch law. “Letters of open doors” are process which empowers the messenger, or officer of the law, to break open doors of houses or rooms in which the debtor has placed his goods. Bell.

—Open-end agreement. An agreement between employer and injured employee for compensation for indefinite period, approved by the labor commissioner, having effect of judgment so long as facts on which the award was predicated continue. Healey’s Case, 124 Me. 54, 126 A. 21, 22.

—Open fields, or meadows. In English law. Fields which are undivided, but belong to separate owners; the part of each owner is marked off by boundaries until the crop has been carried off, when the pasture is shared promiscuously by the joint herd of all the owners. Elton, Commons, 31; Sweet.

—Open law. The making or wagering of law. Magna Charta, c. 21.

—Open sea. The expanse and mass of any great body of water, as distinguished from its margin or coast, its harbors, bays, creeks, inlets. The Cuzco (D. C.) 225 F. 169, 176.

—Open season. That portion of the year wherein the laws for the preservation of game and fish permit the killing of a particular species of game or the taking of a particular variety of fish.

—Open shop. In trade union cant, one where nonunion men are employed. George J. Grant Const. Co. v. St. Paul Bldg. Trades Council, 136 Minn. 167, 161 N. W. 520, 521. A shop in which union and nonunion workmen are employed indiscriminately. Shime v. Fox Bros. Mfg. Co., 156 F. 357, 56 C. C. A. 311; Sackett & Wilhelms L. & P. Co. v. National Ass'n of Employing Lithographers, 113 N. Y. S. 110, 114, 61 Misc. 150. The term is frequently used in a deprecatory sense, as implying that the operator of such a shop, by employing nonunion men, is in effect discriminating against trade unions, and hampering their advancement.

—Open theft. In Saxon law. The same with the Latin "furtum manifestum," (q. v.)


OPENING. In American practice. The beginning; the commencement; the first address of the counsel.

OPENTIDE. The time after corn is carried out of the fields.

OPERA. A composition of a dramatic kind, set to music and sung, accompanied with musical instruments, and enriched with appropriate costumes, scenery, etc. The house in which operas are represented is termed an "opera-house." Rowland v. Kieber, 1 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 71.

OPERARI. Such tenants, under feudal tenures, as held some little portions of land by the duty of performing bodily labor and service works for their lord.

OPERATIO. One day's work performed by a tenant for his lord.

OPERATION. In general, the exertion of power; the process of operating or mode of action; an effect brought about in accordance with a definite plan. See Little Rock v. Parish, 36 Ark. 168; Fleming Oil Co. v. South Penn Oil Co., 37 W. Va. 653, 17 S. E. 203. In surgical practice, the term is of indefinite import, but may be approximately defined as an act or succession of acts performed upon the body of a patient, for his relief or restoration to normal conditions, either by manipulation or the use of surgical instruments or both, as distinguished from therapeutic treatment by the administration of drugs or other remedial agencies. See Akridge v. Noble, 114 Ga. 949, 41 S. E. 78.

Criminal Operation

In medical jurisprudence. An operation to procure an abortion. Miller v. Bayer, 94 Wis. 123, 68 N. W. 860.

Operation of Law

This term expresses the manner in which rights, and sometimes liabilities, devolve upon a person by the mere application to the particular transaction of the established rules of law, without the act or co-operation of the party himself.

OPERATIVE. A workman; a laboring man; an artisan; particularly one employed in factories. Cocking v. Ward ( Tenn. Ch. App.) 48 S. W. 287; In re City Trust Co., 121 F. 706, 55 C. C. A. 126; Rhodes v. Matthews, 67 Ind. 131.

OPERATIVE PART. That part of a conveyance, or of any instrument intended for the creation or transfer of rights, by which the main object of the instrument is carried into effect. It is distinguished from introductory matter, recitals, formal conclusion, etc.

OPERATIVE WORDS, in a deed or lease, are the words which effect the transaction intended to be consummated by the instrument.

OPERIS NOVI NUNTIAIIO. Lat. In the civil law. A protest or warning against [of] a new work. Dig. 39, 1.

OPETIDE. The ancient time of marriage, from Epiphany to Ash-Wednesday.

OPHTHALMOLOGIST. One who is skilled in, or practices, ophthalmology. See Oculist.

Opinio est duplex, sollicit, opinio vulgaris, or is inter gravera et discretos, et quum vultum veritatis habet; et opinio tantum oris inter leves et vulgares homines, absque specie veritatis. 4 Coke, 107. Opinion is of two kinds, namely, common opinion, which springs up among grave and discreet men, and which has the appearance of truth, and opinion which springs up only among light and foolish men, without the semblance of truth.

Opinio quam favit testamento est tenenda. The opinion which favors a will is to be followed. 1 W. Bl. 13, arg.

OPINION.

1. In the Law of Evidence

In the law of evidence, opinion is an inference or conclusion drawn by a witness from facts some of which are known to him and others assumed, or drawn from facts which, though tending to probability to the inference, do not evolve it by a process of absolutely necessary reasoning. See Lipscomb v. State, 75 Miss. 559, 23 So. 210.
An inference necessarily involving certain facts may be stated without the facts, the inference being an equivalent to a specification of the facts; but, when the facts are not necessarily involved in the inference (e.g., when the inference may be sustained upon either of several distinct phases of fact, neither of which it necessarily involves) then the facts must be stated. Whart. Ev. § 510.

2. A Document

A document prepared by an attorney for his client, embodying his understanding of the law as applicable to a state of facts submitted to him for that purpose.

3. A Statement by Judge or Court

The statement by a judge or court of the decision reached in regard to a cause tried or argued before them, expounding the law as applied to the case, and detailing the reasons upon which the judgment is based. See Craig v. Bennett, 155 Ind. 9, 62 N. E. 273; Coffey v. Gamble, 117 Iowa, 545, 91 N. W. 515; Houston v. Williams, 13 Cal. 24, 73 Am. Dec. 668; State v. Ramsburg, 43 Md. 353.

—Concurring opinion. An opinion, separate from that which embodies the views and decision of the majority of the court, prepared and filed by a judge who agrees in the general result of the decision, and which either reinforces the majority opinion by the expression of the particular judge's own views or reasoning, or (more commonly) voices his disapproval of the grounds of the decision or the arguments on which it was based, though approving the final result.

—Dissenting opinion. A separate opinion in which a particular judge announces his dissent from the conclusion held by a majority of the court, and expounds his own views.

—Per curiam opinion. One concurred in by the entire court, but expressed as being "per curiam" or "by the court," without disclosing the name of any particular judge as being its author.

OPIUM JOINT. A "joint" is usually regarded as a place of meeting or resort for persons engaged in evil and secret practices of any kind, as a tramps' joint, such a place as is usually kept by Chinese for the accommodation of persons addicted to the habit of opium smoking, and where they are furnished with pipes, opium, etc., for that purpose, and called an "opium joint," or, generally speaking, a rendezvous for persons of evil habits and practices. State v. Shaof, 179 N. C. 744, 102 S. E. 705, 706, 9 A. L. R. 426.

Oportet quod certa res deducatur in donationem. It is necessary that a certain thing be brought into the gift, or made the subject of the conveyance. Bract. fol. 159.

Oportet quod certa res deducatur in judicium. Jenk. Cent. 84. A thing certain must be brought to judgment.
Is best which confides as little as possible to the discretion of the judge; that judge the best who relies as little as possible on his own opinion. Broom, Max. 84; 1 Kent, Comm. 478.

Optima statuti interpretatrix est (omnibus particularis ejusdem inscriptis) ipsum statutum. The best interpreter of a statute is (all its parts being considered) the statute itself. Wing. Max. p. 239, max. 63; 8 Coke, 117b.

OPTICIAN. Optimal. For the highest rank.

Optimam esse legem, quæ minimum relinquit arbitrio judicis; id quod certitudé ejus praestat. That law is the best which leaves the least discretion to the judge; and this is an advantage which results from its certainty. Bac. Aphorisms, 3.

Optimus interpres rerum usus. Use or usage is the best interpreter of things. 2 Inst. 282; Broom, Max. 917, 930, 931.

Optimus Interpretandi modus est sic leges interpretari ut leges legibus coeunundat. 8 Coke, 169. The best mode of interpretation is so to interpret laws that they may accord with each other.

Optimus judex, qui minimum slbl. He is the best judge who relies as little as possible on his own discretion. Bacon, Aph. 46; Broom, Max. 84.

Optimus legum interpres consuetudo. 4 Inst. 75. Custom is the best interpreter of the laws.

OPTION. In English Ecclesiastical Law

A customary prerogative of an archbishop, when a bishop is consecrated by him, to name a clerk or chaplain of his own to be provided for by such suffragan bishop; in lieu of which it is now usual for the bishop to make over by deed to the archbishop, his executors and assigns, the next presentation of such dignity or benefice as the bishop's disposal within that see, as the archbishop himself shall choose, which is therefore called his "option." 1 Bl. Comm. 331; 3 Steph. Comm. 63, 64; Cowell.

In Contracts

An option is a privilege existing in one person, for which he has paid money, which gives him the right to buy certain merchandise or certain specified securities from another person, if he chooses, at any time within an agreed period, at a fixed price, or to sell such property to such other person at an agreed price and time. If the option gives the choice of buying or not buying, it is denominated a "call." If it gives the choice of selling or not, it is called a "put." If it is a combination of both these, and gives the privilege of either buying or selling or not, it is called a "straddle" or a "spread eagle." These terms are used on the stock-exchange. See Tenney v. Foote, 95 Ill. 99; Plank v. Jackson, 128 Ind. 424, 28 N. E. 668; Osgood v. Bauder, 75 Iowa, 550, 39 N. W. 887, 1 L. R. A. 655.

OPTIONAL WRIT. In old England practice. That species of original writ, otherwise called a "pracipe," which was framed in the alternative, commanding the defendant to do the thing required, or show the reason wherefore he had not done it. 3 Bl. Comm. 274.

OPTOMETRIST. One who is skilled in, or practices, optometry. Webster, Dict. See Oculist.

OPTOMETRY. The employment of any means other than the use of drugs for the measurement of the powers of vision and the adaptation of lenses for the correction and aid thereof. Martin v. Baldy, 249 Pa. 257, 94 A. 1061, 1062; People v. Griffith, 280 Ill. 18, 117 N. E. 195, 196.

OPUS. Lat. Work; labor; the product of work or labor.

OPUS LOCATUM. The product of work let for use to another; or the hiring out of work or labor to be done upon a thing.

OPUS MANIFICUM. In old English law. Labor done by the hands; manual labor; such as making a hedge, digging a ditch. Pleta, lib. 2, c. 48, § 3.

OPUS NOVUM. In the civil law. A new work. By this term was meant something newly built upon land, or taken from a work already erected. He was said opus novum facere (to make a new work) who, either by building or by taking anything away, changed the former appearance of a work. Dig. 39, 1, 1, 11.

OR. n. A term used in heraldry, and signifying gold; called "sol" by some heralds when it occurs in the arms of princes, and "topaz" or "turbuncle" when borne by peers. Engravers represent it by an indefinite number of small points. Wharton.

OR, conj. A disjunctive particle used to express an alternative or to give a choice of one among two or more things. It is also used to clarify what has already been said, and in such cases, means "in other words," "to-wit," or "that is to say." Swift & Co. v. Bonvilain, 139 La. 558, 71 So. 849, 857; Pomponio Horse Club v. State, 96 Fla. 415, 111 So. 801, 805, 52 L. R. 51; Peck v. Board of Directors of Public Schools for Parish of Catahoula, 137 La. 394, 68 So. 629, 630; Travelers Protective Ass'n v. Jones, 75 Ind. App. 29, 127 N. E. 783, 785.

Or is frequently misused; and courts will construe it to mean "and" when it was so used. Welsman v. Continental Life Ins. Co., 216 Mo. App. 13, 267 S. W. 21, 23; State v. Harwil, 117 Kan. 74, 290 P. 331, 332; Ex.

ORA. A Saxon coin, valued at sixteen pence, and sometimes at twenty pence.

ORACULUM. In the civil law. The name of a kind of response or sentence given by the Roman emperors.

ORAL. Uttered by the mouth or in words; spoken, not written.

ORAL CONTRACT. One which is partly in writing and partly depends on spoken words, or none of which is in writing; one which, so far as it has been reduced to writing, is incomplete or expresses only a part of what is intended, but is completed by spoken words; or one which, originally written, has afterwards been changed orally. See Snow v. Nelson (C. C.) 113 F. 333; Railway Passenger, etc., Ass'n v. Loomis, 142 Ill. 560, 32 N. E. 424; Moore v. Ohi, 65 Ind. App. 691, 119 N. E. 9, 10; Coleman v. St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., 110 Wash. 259, 186 P. 592, 597.

ORAL PLEADING. Pleading by word of mouth, in the actual presence of the court. This was the ancient mode of pleading in England, and continued to the reign of Edward III. Steph. Pl. 24-26.


ORANDO PRO REGE ET REGNO. An ancient writ which issued, while there was no standing collect for a sitting parliament, to pray for the peace and good government of the realm.

ORANGEMEN. A party in Ireland who keep alive the views of William of Orange. Whatton.

ORATOR. The plaintiff in a cause or matter in chancery, when addressing or petitioning the court, used to style himself "orator,"

and, when a woman, "oratrix." But these terms have long gone into disuse, and the customary phrases now are "plaintiff" or "petitioner."

In Roman law, the term denoted an advocate.

ORATRIX. A female petitioner; a female plaintiff in a bill in chancery was formerly so called.

OBRACTION. Deprivation of one's parents or children, or privation in general. Little used.

ORICINUS LIBERTUS. Lat. In Roman law. A freedman who obtained his liberty by the direct operation of the will or testament of his deceased master was so called, being the freedman of the deceased, (orcinus,) not of the hareus. Brown.


ORDAINERS. An elected body of 21 members appointed by Parliament in 1310 to make ordinances for the good of the realm. The whole administration passed into their hands. Stubbs, Early Plantagenets.

ORDEAL. The most ancient species of trial, in Saxon and old English law, being peculiarly distinguished by the appellation of "judicium Dei," or "judgment of God," it being supposed that supernatural intervention would rescue an innocent person from the danger of physical harm to which he was exposed in this species of trial. The ordeal was of two sorts,—either fire ordeal or water ordeal; the former being confined to persons of higher rank, the latter to the common people. 4 Bl. Comm. 342.

Fire Ordeal

The ordeal by fire or red-hot iron, which was performed either by taking up in the hand a piece of red-hot iron, of one, two, or three pounds weight, or by walking barefoot and blindfolded over nine red-hot plowshares, laid lengthwise at unequal distances. 4 Bl. Comm. 343; Cowell.

ORDEFFE, or ORDELFE. A liberty whereby by a man claims the ore found in his own land; also, the ore lying under land. Cowell.

ORDELS. In old English law. The right of administering oaths and adjudging trials by ordeal within a precinct or liberty. Cowell.

ORDENAMIENTO. In Spanish law. An order emanating from the sovereign, and differing from a cedula only in form and in the
mode of its promulgation. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 93, note.

ORDENAMIENTO DE ALCALA. A collection of Spanish law promulgated by the Cortes in the year 1348. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 75.

ORDER.

In a General Sense

A mandate, precept; a command or direction authoritatively given; a rule or regulation.

The distinction between "order" and "requisition" is that the first is a mandatory act, the latter a request. Mills v. Martin, 13 Johns. (N. Y.) 7.

In Practice

Every direction of a court or judge made or entered in writing, and not included in a judgment, is denominated an "order." An application for an order is a motion. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1603; Code N. Y. § 400 (Civil Practice Act, § 113). Tyvand v. McDonnell, 37 N. D. 263, 184 N. W. 1, 3; First Nat. Bank v. Poling, 42 Idaho 636, 248 P. 19, 20; Foreman v. Riley, 88 Okl. 75, 211 P. 495, 496.

Orders are also issued by subordinate legislative authorities. Such are the English orders in council, or orders issued by the privy council in the name of the king, either in exercise of the royal prerogative or in pursuance of an act of parliament. The rules of court under the judicature act are grouped together in the form of orders, each order dealing with a particular subject-matter. Sweet.

An order is also an informal bill of exchange or letter of request whereby the party to whom it is addressed is directed to pay or deliver to a person therein named the whole or part of a fund or other property of the person making the order, and which is in possession of the drawee. See Carr v. Summerville, 47 W. Va. 155, 34 S. E. 604; People v. Smith, 112 Mich. 192, 70 N. W. 468, 67 Am. St. Rep. 392; State v. Nevins, 23 Vt. 521.

It is further a designation of the person to whom a bill of exchange or negotiable promissory note is to be paid. It is also used to designate a rank, class, or division of men; as the order of nobles, order of knights, order of priests, etc.

In French Law

The name order (ordre) is given to the operation which has for its object to fix the rank of the preferences claimed by the creditors in the distribution of the price [arising from the sale] of an immovable affected by their liens. Dalloz, mot "Ordre."

In General

—Agreed order. See Agreed.

—Charging order. The name bestowed, in English practice, upon an order allowed by St. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 110, § 14, and 3 & 4 Vict. c. 82, to be granted to a judgment creditor, that the property of a judgment debtor in government stock, or in the stock of any public company in England, corporate or otherwise, shall (whether standing in his own name or in the name of any person in trust for him) stand charged with the payment of the amount for which judgment shall have been recovered, with interest. 3 Stepa. Comm. 587, 588.

—Decretal order. In chancery practice. An order made by the court of chancery, in the nature of a decree, upon a motion or petition. Thompson v. McKim, 6 Har. & J. Md. 319; Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co. v. Goshen Sweeper Co., 72 F. 545, 19 C. C. A. 25. An order in a chancery suit made on motion or otherwise not at the regular hearing of a cause, and yet not of an interlocutory nature, but finally disposing of the cause, so far as a decree could then have disposed of it. Moxley & Whitney.

—Final order. One which either terminates the action itself, or decides some matter litigated by the parties, or operates to divest some right; or one which completely disposes of the subject-matter and the rights of the parties. Hobbs v. Beckwith, 6 Ohio St. 254; Entrop v. Williams, 11 Minn. 382 (Gil. 270); Strull v. Louisville & N. R. Co. (Ky.) 76 S. W. 150; American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co. v. New York Rys. Co. (C. C. A.) 282 F. 523, 527; Oklahoma City Land & Development Co. v. Patterson, 73 Okl. 234, 175 P. 984, 985; Brooks v. J. R. Watkins Medical Co., 81 Okl. 290, 196 P. 956, 960; Lowe v. Cravens, 112 Okl. 190, 240 P. 638, 639; Haygood v. Pinkney, 112 Okl. 30, 239 P. 456, 458; In re Simmons, 206 N. Y. 577, 100 N. E. 455, 456; Salem King's Products Co. v. La Follette, 100 Or. 11, 196 P. 416, 417; Stockham v. Knollenberg, 122 Md. 317, 105 A. 305, 307; Marchant & Taylor v. Mathews County, 139 Va. 723, 124 S. E. 420, 423.

—General orders. Orders or rules of court, promulgated for the guidance of practitioners and the regulation of procedure in general, or in some general branch of its jurisdiction; as opposed to a rule or an order made in an individual case; the rules of court.

—Interlocutory order. "An order which decides not the cause, but only settles some intervening matter relating to it; as when an order is made, on a motion in chancery, for the plaintiff to have an injunction to quiet his possession till the hearing of the cause. This or any such order, not being final, is interlocutory." Terms de la Ley: Gas & Electric Securities Co. v. Manhattan & Queens Traction Corporation (C. C. A.) 266 F. 625, 632; Johnson v. Roberson, 88 S. E. 231, 171 N. C. 194; Theo. Hirsch Co. v. Scott, 87 Fla. 336, 100 So. 157, 158; Evans State Bank v. Skees, 30 Idaho, 703, 167 P. 1165, 1166; Noble v. Kendall, 225 N. Y. 673, 122 N. E. 223, 224; Perry v. Covington Sav. Bank & Trust Co., 195 Ky. 40, 241 S. W. 850, 854.

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ORDINANCE OF 1647


—Money order. See Money.

—Order and disposition of goods and chattels. When goods are in the "order and disposition" of a bankrupt, they go to his trustee, and have gone so since the time of James I. Wharton.

—Order nisi. A provisional or conditional order, allowing a certain time within which to do some required act, on failure of which the order will be made absolute.

—Order of discharge. In England. An order made under the bankruptcy act of 1869, by a court of bankruptcy, the effect of which is to discharge a bankrupt from all debts, claims, or demands provable under the bankruptcy.

—Order of filiation. An order made by a court or judge having jurisdiction, fixing the paternity of a bastard child upon a given man, and requiring him to provide for its support.

—Order of revivor. In English practice. An order as of course for the continuance of an abated suit. It superseded the bill of revivor.

—Restraining order. In equity practice. An order which may issue upon the filing of an application for an injunction forbidding the defendant to do the threatened act until a hearing on the application can be had. Though the term is sometimes used as a synonym of "injunction," a restraining order is properly distinguishable from an injunction, in that the former is intended only as a restraint upon the defendant until the propriety of granting an injunction, temporary or perpetual, can be determined, and it does no more than restrain the proceedings until such determination.

ORDERS. The directions as to the course and purpose of a voyage given by the owner of the vessel to the captain or master. For other meanings, see Order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY. Any member of the English house of commons who wishes to propose any question, or to "move the house," as it is termed, must, in order to give the house due notice of his intention, state the form or nature of his motion on a previous day, and have it entered in a book termed the "order-book;" and the motions so entered, the house arranges, shall be considered on particular days, and such motions or matters, when the day arrives for their being considered, are then termed the "orders of the day." Brown. A similar practice obtains in the legislative bodies of this country.

ORDINANCE. A rule established by authority; a permanent rule of action; a law or statute. In a more limited sense, the term is used to designate the enactments of the legislative body of a municipal corporation.

ORDINANCE OF 1647. A law passed by the Colony of Massachusetts, still in force, in a modified form, whereby the state owns the
great ponds within its confines, which are held in trust for public uses. Watupps Reservoir Co. v. Fall River, 147 Mass. 548, 18 N. E. 465, 1 L. R. A. 466.


ORDINANCE OF 1681. An ordinance of France relating to maritime affairs. See Bened. Adm. § 173.

ORDINANCE OF 1787. A statute for the government of the Northwest Territory. Religious and legal freedom, encouragement of education, just treatment of the Indians, the future division into States, and the exclusion of slavery were ordained. Webster, Dict.

ORDINANCE OF THE FOREST. In English law. A statute made touching matters and causes of the forest. 33 & 34 Edw. 1.

ORDINANCES OF EDWARD I. Two laws and ordinances published by Edward I in the second year of his reign, at Hastings, relating to admiralty jurisdiction. These are said to have been the foundation of a consistent usage for a long time. See Bened. Adm. § 55.

ORDINANDI LEX. Lat. The law of procedure, as distinguished from the substantial part of the law.

Ordinarius sita die curiam habet ordinariam jurisdictionem, in jure proprio, et non propter deputationem. Co. Litt. 96. The ordinary is so called because he has an ordinary jurisdiction in his own right, and not a deputed one.

ORDINARY, n. At Common Law
One who has exempt and immediate jurisdiction in causes ecclesiastical. Also a bishop; and an archbishop is the ordinary of the whole province, to visit and receive appeals from inferior jurisdictions. Also a commissary or official of a bishop or other ecclesiastical judge having judicial power; an archdeacon; officer of the royal household. Wharton.

In American Law
A judicial officer, in several of the states, clothed by statute with powers in regard to wills, probate, administration, guardianship, etc. Darrow v. Darrow, 201 Ala. 477, 78 So. 383, 384.

A public house where food and lodging are furnished to the traveler and his beast, at fixed rates, open to whoever may apply for accommodation, and where intoxicating liquor is sold at retail. Tolbott v. Southern Seminary, 131 Va. 576, 100 S. E. 440, 441, 19 A. L. R. 534.

In Scotch Law
A single judge of the court of session, who decides with or without a jury, as the case may be. Brande.

In the Civil Law
A judge who has authority to take cognizance of causes in his own right, and not by deputation. Murden v. Death, 1 Mill. Const. (S. C.) 269.

—Ordinary of Newgate. The clergyman who is attendant upon condemned malefactors in that prison to prepare them for death; he records the behavior of such persons. Formerly it was the custom of the ordinary to publish a small pamphlet upon the execution of any remarkable criminal. Wharton.

—Ordinary of assize and sessions. In old English law. A deputy of the bishop of the diocese, customarily appointed to give malefactors their neck-voices, and judge whether they read or not; also to perform divine services for them, and assist in preparing them for death. Wharton.

ORDINARY, adj. Regular; usual; common; often recurring; according to established order; settled; customary; reasonable; not characterized by peculiar or unusual circumstances; belonging to, exercised by, or characteristic of, the normal or average individual. See Zulleh v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 83; Chicago & A. R. Co. v. House, 172 Ill. 601, 50 N. E. 151; Jones v. Angell, 95 Ind. 376; U. S. v. Tod (C. C. A.) 296 F. 888, 889; Albrecht v. Schultz Belting Co., 299 Mo. 12, 252 S. W. 400, 402; Syracuse Malleable Iron Works v. Travelers' Ins. Co., 94 Misc. 411, 157 N. Y. S. 572, 574; Terre Haute I. & E. Tracton Co. v. Maherry, 52 Ind. App. 114, 100 N. E. 401, 404; State v. Coulter (Mo. Sup.) 294 S. W. 5; Albrecht v. Schultz Belting Co., 289 Mo. 12, 252 S. W. 400, 402.

—Ordinary calling. Those things which are repeated daily or weekly in the course of business. Ellis v. State, 5 Ga. App. 615, 68 S. E. 588.

—Ordinary conveyances. Those deeds of transfer which are entered into between two or more persons, without an assurance in a superior court of justice. Wharton.

—Ordinary course of business. The transaction of business according to the usages and customs of the commercial world generally or of the particular community or (in some cases) of the particular individual whose acts are under consideration. See Blasson v. Knapp, 20 Fed. Cas. 835; Christianson v. Farmers' Warehouse Ass'n, 5 N. D. 458, 67 N. W. 500, 32 L. R. A. 739; In re Dibble, 7 Fed. Cas. 654.

—Ordinary expense. An expense is "ordinary" if it is in an ordinary class, if in the ordinary course of the transaction of municipal business or the maintenance of municipal property it may and is likely to become necessary; and it will be assumed that if by law a specific duty is imposed, and the mode of performance is prescribed, so that no discretion is left with the officer, the expense necessarily incurred in

—Ordinary handling. As in a railroad's baggage cargo, providing that cases marked "Fragile" and likely to be damaged by ordinary handling will not be accepted, except at owner's risk, means merely ordinary care and tear, and necessary incidental to transportation of such articles, where reasonable care is used. Perkins v. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co., 232 Mass. 336, 122 N. E. 306, 307.

—Ordinary hazards of occupation. Those arising without negligence on part of master. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co. v. Coleman, 220 Ky. 64, 294 S. W. 809, 810.

—Ordinary inspection. As applied to railroad equipment. That degree of care and of inspection which ordinarily prudent railroad companies, their officers and employees, commonly use under similar circumstances. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Senske (C. C. A.) 201 F. 337, 422.


—Ordinary proceeding. Such a proceeding as was known to the common law and was formerly conducted in accordance with the proceedings of the common-law courts, and as is generally known under the modern Codes to be such a proceeding as is started by the issuance of a summons, and results in a judgment enforceable by execution. Dow v. Lillie, 26 N. D. 512, 144 N. W. 1082, 1084, L. R. A. 1915D, 764.


—Ordinary seaman. A sailor who is capable of performing the ordinary or routine duties of a seaman, but who is not yet so proficient in the knowledge and practice of all the various duties of a sailor at sea as to be rated as an "able" seaman.

—Ordinary services of administrators include all the services incident to the closing and distribution of an estate, and not merely the receiving and disbursing of the funds and to justify an allowance of further compensation the administrator must have rendered services of an extraordinary character necessary to the protection of the estate, and, if he employs another to perform services which he is required to perform under the law, he cannot charge such services as an expense of administration. In re Carmody's Estate, 163 Iowa, 463, 145 N. W. 16, 17.

—Ordinary skill in an art, means that degree of skill which men engaged in that particular art usually employ; not that which belongs to a few men only, of extraordinary endowments and capacities. Baltimore Baseball Club Co. v. Pickett, 78 Md. 375, 28 A. 279, 22 L. R. A. 926, 44 Am. St. Rep. 394; Waugh v. Shunk, 20 Pa. 130; Burrichter v. Bell, 196 Iowa, 529, 184 N. W. 947, 948.

—Ordinary travel. Moving a house along a village street is not using the street for the purpose of ordinary travel; and the statutory requirement that a telephone company shall locate its lines so as not to interfere with the safety and convenience of "ordinary travel" does not make it the duty of the company to remove its wires from the street to permit the passage of a house along the same. Collar v. Bingham Lake Rural Telephone Co., 132 Minn. 110, 155 N. W. 1075, 1076, L. R. A. 1916C, 1249.

—Ordinary written law. Law made, within constitutional restrictions, by the Legis-
Dangers ordinarily incident to employment are those commonly and usually pertaining to and incident to it, which a reasonably prudent person might anticipate, and do not include danger by acts of negligence, unless habitual and known to the servant. Chicago, R. I. & G. Ry. Co. v. Smith (Tex. Civ. App.) 187 S. W. 614, 618.

As to ordinary "Care," "Diligence," "Negligence," see those titles.

ORDINATION is the ceremony by which a bishop confers on a person the privileges and powers necessary for the execution of sacerdotal functions in the church. Philiim. Ecc. Law, 110.

ORDINATIONE CONTRA SERVIENTES. A writ that lay against a servant for leaving his master contrary to the ordinance of St. 23 & 24 Edw. III. Reg. Orig. 189.

ORDINATUM EST. In old practice. It is ordered. The initial words of rulings of court when entered in Latin. Ordine placandi servato, servatur et jus. When the order of pleading is observed, the law also is observed. Co. Litt. 303a; Broom, Max. 158.

ORDINES. A general chapter or other solemn convention of the religious of a particular order.

ORDINES MAiores ET MINoRES. In ecclesiastical law. The holy orders of priest, deacon, and subdeacon, any of which qualified for presentation and admission to an ecclesiastical dignity or cure were called "ordines maiores"; and the inferior orders of chanter, psalmists, ostiary, reader, exorcist, and acolyte were called "ordines minores." Persons ordained to the ordines minores had their prima tonsura, different from the tonsura clericula. Cowell.

ORDINIS BENEFICII. Lat. In the civil law. The benefit or privilege of order; the privilege which a surety for a debtor had of requiring that his principal should be discussed, or thoroughly prosecuted, before the creditor could resort to him. Nov. 4, c. 1; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 3, tit. 21, § 883.

ORDINUM FUGITIVI. In old English law. Those of the religious who deserted their houses, and, throwing off the habits, renounced their particular order in contempt of their oath and other obligations. Paroch. Antiq. 388.

ORDO. Lat. That rule which monks were obliged to observe. Order; regular succession. An order of a court.

-Ordo albus. The white friars or Augustines. Du Cange.


-Ordo griseus. The gray friars, or order of Cistercians. Du Cange.

-Ordo judiciorum. In the canon law. The order of judgments; the rule by which the due course of hearing each cause was prescribed. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 17.

-Ordo niger. The black friars, or Benedictines. The Cîlunacs likewise wore black. Du Cange.

ORDONNANCE. Fr. In French law, an ordinance; an order of a court; a compilation or systematized body of law relating to a particular subject-matter, as, commercial law or maritime law. Particularly, a compilation of the law relating to prizes and captures at sea. See Coolidge v. Ingle, 18 Mass. 43.

ORE-LEAVE. A license or right to dig and take ore from land. Ege v. Kille, 84 Pa. 340.

ORE TENUS. Lat. By word of mouth; orally. Pleading was anciently carried on ore tenus, at the bar of the court. 3 Bl. Comm. 293.

ORFGILD. In Saxon law. The price or value of a beast. A payment for a beast. The payment or forfeiture of a beast. A penalty for taking away cattle. Spelman.

ORGANIC ACT. An act of congress conferring powers of government upon a territory. In re Lane, 135 U. S. 443, 10 Sup. Ct. 760, 34 L. Ed. 219. A statute by which a municipal corporation is organized and created is its "organic act" and the limit of its power, so that all acts beyond the scope of the powers there granted are void. Tharp v. Blake (Tex. Civ. App.) 171 S. W. 549, 550.

ORGANIC LAW. The fundamental law, or constitution, of a state or nation, written or unwritten; that law or system of laws or principles which defines and establishes the organization of its government. St. Louis v. Dorr, 145 Mo. 466, 48 S. W. 976, 42 L. R. A. 689, 68 Am. St. Rep. 375.

ORGANIZE. To establish or furnish with organs; to systematize; to put into working order; to arrange in order for the normal exercise of its appropriate functions. The word "organize," as used in railroad and other charters, ordinarily signifies the choice and qualification of all necessary officers for the transaction of the business of the corporation. This is usually done after all the capital stock has been subscribed for. New Haven & D. R. Co. v. Chapman, 58 Conn. 80.
ORGANIZED COUNTY. A county which has its lawful officers, legal machinery, and means for carrying out the powers and performing the duties pertaining to it as a quasi municipal corporation. In re Section No. 6, 66 Minn. 32, 68 N. W. 323.

ORGILD. In Saxon law. Without recompense; as where no satisfaction was to be made for the death of a man killed, so that he was judged lawfully slain. Spelman.

ORIGINAL. Primitive; first in order; bearing its own authority, and not deriving authority from an outside source; as original jurisdiction, original writ, etc. As applied to documents, the original is the first copy or archetype; that from which another instrument is transcribed, copied, or imitated.

A carbon impression of a letter written on a typewriter, made by the same stroke of the keys as the companion impression, is an "original." Either impression is primary evidence of the contents of the letter, and notice to produce the original mailed letter in order to introduce one of the retained copies in evidence is not necessary. U. S. Fire Ins. Co. of City of New York v. L. C. Adam Mercantile Co., 117 Okl. 73, 245 P. 885, 887; Anglo-Texas Oil Co. v. Manatt, 125 Okl. 92, 256 P. 740, 742; Areson v. Jackson, 162 N. Y. S. 142, 143, 97 Misc. Rep. 606.

—Original bill. In equity plening. A bill which relates to some matter not before litigated in the court by the same persons standing in the same interests. Mitf. Eq. Pl. 33; Longworth v. Sturges, 4 Ohio St. 639; Christmas v. Russell, 14 Wall. 69, 20 L. Ed. 762. In old practice. The ancient mode of commencing actions in the English court of king's bench. See Bill.

—Original charter. In Scotch law. One by which the first grant of land is made. On the other hand, a charter by progress is one renewing the grant in favor of the heir or singular successor of the first or succeeding vassals. Bell.


—Original conveyances. Those conveyances at common law, otherwise termed "primary," by which a benefit or estate is created or first arises; comprising feoffments, gifts, grants, leases, exchanges, and partitions. 2 Bl. Comm. 399.


—Original estates. See Estate.

—Original evidence. See Evidence.

—Original inventor. In patent law, a pioneer in the art; one who evolves the original idea and brings it to some successful, useful and tangible result; as distinguished from an improver. Norton v. Jensen, 90 F. 415, 33 C. C. A. 141.

—Original jurisdiction. See Jurisdiction.


—Original plat. The first plat of a town from the subsequent additions, and "original town" is employed in the same way. State v. City of Victoria, 97 Kan. 698, 158 P. 706, 708.

—Original vein. Is used to describe the different veins found within the same surface boundaries and may refer to the relative importance or value of the different veins, or the relations to each other, or to the time of discovery, but most frequently is used to distinguish between the discovery vein and other veins within the same surface boundaries. Northport Smelting & Refining Co. v. Lone Pine-Surprise Consol. Mines Co. (D. C. Wash.) 271 F. 105, 111.

—Original promise. An original promise, without the statute of frauds, is one in which the direct and leading object of the promisor is to further or promote some purpose or interest of his own, although the incidental effect may be the payment of the debt of an-

—Original process. See Process.

—Original writ. See Writ.

—Single original. An original instrument which is executed singly, and not in duplicate.

ORIGINALIA. In English law. Transcripts sent to the remembrancer's office in the exchequer out of the chancery, distinguished from records, which contain the judgments and pleadings in actions tried before the barons. The treasurer-remembrancer's office was abolished in 1833.

Origine propria neminem posse voluntate sua eximii manifestum est. It is evident that no one is able of his own pleasure, to do away with his proper origin. Code 10, 38, 4; Broom, Max. 77.

Origo rei inspici debet. The origin of a thing ought to be regarded. Co. Lit. 248b.

ORNEST. In old English law. The trial by battle, which does not seem to have been usual in England before the time of the Conqueror, though originating in the kingdoms of the north, where it was practiced under the name of "holmgang," from the custom of fighting duels on a small island or holm. Wharton.

ORPHAN. Any person (but particularly a minor or infant) who has lost both (or one) of his or her parents. More particularly, a fatherless child. Soohan v. Philadelphia, 32 Pa. 24; Poston v. Young, 7 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 501; Chicago Guaranty Fund Life Soc. v. Wheeler, 79 Ill. App. 241; Stewart v. Morrison, 38 Miss. 419; Downing v. Shoenberger, 9 Watts (Pa.) 250.

ORPHANAGE PART. That portion of an intestate's effects which his children were entitled to by the custom of London. This custom appears to have been a remnant of what was once a general law all over England, namely, that a father should not by his will bequeath the entirety of his personal estate away from his family, but should leave them a third part at least, called the "children's part," corresponding to the "bains' part" or legitim of Scotch law, and also (although not in amount) to the legitima quarta of Roman law. (Inst. 2, 18.) This custom of London was abolished by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 94. Brown.

ORPHANOTROPHI. In the civil law. Managers of houses for orphans.

ORPHANS' COURT. In American law. Courts of probate jurisdiction, in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

ORTELLI. The claws of a dog's foot. Kitch.

ORTOLAGIUM. A garden plot or hortilage.

ORWIGE, SINE WITÁ. In old English law. Without war or feud, such security being provided by the laws, for homicides under certain circumstances, against the feochth, or deadly feud, on the part of the family of the slain. Anc. Inst. Eng.

OSCULI, JUS. The right to kiss. According to the old phraseology there could be no marriage within the circle of the jus osculi—the seventh degree. Second cousins (sixth degree) could not marry. Muirhead, Rom. L. 26.

OSTENDIT VOBIS. Lat. In old pleading. Shows to you. Formal words with which a demandant began his count. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 38, § 2.

OSTENSIBLE AGENCY. An implied or presumptive agency, which exists where one, either intentionally or from want of ordinary care, induces another to believe that a third person is his agent, though he never in fact employed him. Bibb v. Bancroft (Cal.) 22 P. 484; First Nat. Bank v. Elevator Co., 11 N. D. 250, 91 N. W. 487.

OSTENSIBLE PARTNER. One whose name appears to the world as such, though he have no interest in the firm. Clv. Code 1910, § 3157. Roberts v. Curry Grocery Co., 18 Ga. App. 53, 88 S. E. 796.

OSTENSIO. A tax annually paid by merchants, etc., for leave to show or expose their goods for sale in markets. Du Cange.

OSTENTUM. Lat. In the civil law. A monstrous or prodigious birth. Dig. 50, 16, 38.

OSTEOPATH. One who practices osteopathy. State v. Chase, 76 N. H. 553, 86 A. 144.

OSTEOPATHY. A method or system of treating various diseases of the human body without the use of drugs, by manipulation applied to various nerve centers, rubbing, pulling, and kneading parts of the body, flexing and manipulating the limbs, and the mechanical readjustment of any bones, muscles, or ligaments not in the normal position, with a view to removing the cause of the disorder and aiding the restorative force of nature in cases where the trouble originated in misplacement of parts, irregular nerve action, or defective circulation. See Little v. State, 60 Neb. 749, 84 N. W. 248, 51 L. R. A. 717; Nelson v. State Board of Health, 106 Ky. 769, 57 S. W. 501, 50 L. R. A. 383; State v. Liifring, 61 Ohio St. 39, 55 N. E. 188, 76 Am. St. Rep. 358; Parks v. State, 159 Ind. 211, 64 N. E. 862, 59 L. R. A.
190. A system of treatment based on the theory that diseases are chiefly due to deranged mechanism of the bones, nerves, blood vessels, and other tissues, and can be remedied by manipulations of these parts. Special attention is given to the readjustment of any bones, muscles, or ligaments not in the normal position. Waldo v. Poe (D. C.) 14 F. (2d) 749, 751; Arnold v. Schmidt, 155 Wis. 55, 143 N. W. 1055, 1058. The term does not include the practice of optometry. Ex parte Rust, 131 Cal. 73, 183 P. 548, 550, nor, at least under some statutes, the practice of medicine or surgery. State v. Sawyer, 39 Idaho, 814, 214 P. 222.


OSTIUM ECCLESÆ/Æ. Lat. In old English law. The door or porch of the church, where dower was anciently conferred.

OSWALD'S LAW. The law by which was effected the ejection of married priests, and the introduction of monks into churches, by Oswald, bishop of Worcester, about A. D. 964. Wharton.

OSWALD'S LAW HUNDRED. An ancient hundred in Worcestershire, so called from Bishop Oswald, who obtained it from King Edgar, to be given to St. Mary's Church in Worcester. It was exempt from the sheriff's jurisdiction, and comprehends 300 hides of land. Camden, Brit.

OTER LA TOUAILLE. In the laws of Oleron. To deny a seaman his mess. Literally, to deny the table-cloth or victuals for three meals.

OTHER. Different or distinct from that already mentioned; additional, or further. State v. Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co., 128 Minn. 26, 150 N. W. 172, 173; City of Port Huron v. Gunther, 106 Ark. 371, 154 S. W. 181, 183; State v. Blumenthal, 136 Ark. 532, 208 S. W. 36, 37, L. R. A. 1918E, 452.


OTHESWORTH. In Saxon law. Oathsworth; oathworthy; worthy or entitled to make oath. Bract. fol. 185, 292b.

OUGHT. This word, though generally directory only, will be taken as mandatory if the context requires it. Pract. fol. 185, 292b.

Life Ass'n v. St. Louis County Assessors, 49 Mo. 518.

OUNCE. The twelfth part; the sixteenth part of a pound troy or the sixteenth part of a pound avoirdupois.

OUNCE LANDS. Certain districts or tracts of land in the Orkney Islands were formerly so called, because each paid an annual tax of one ounce of silver.

OURLUP. The lessee or tenant to be charged to the lord by the inferior tenant when his daughter was debauched. Cowell.

OUST. To put out; to eject; to remove or deprive; to deprive of the possession or enjoyment of an estate or franchise.


Actual Ouster

By "actual ouster" is not meant a physical eviction, but a possession attended with such circumstances as to evince a claim of exclusive right and title, and a denial of the right of the other tenants to participate in the profits. Burns v. Byrne, 45 Iowa 287.

OUSTER LE MAIN. L. Fr. Literally, out of the hand.

1. A delivery of lands out of the king's hands by judgment given in favor of the petitioner in a monstrum de droit.

2. A delivery of the ward's lands out of the hands of the guardian, on the former arriving at the proper age, which was twenty-one in males, and sixteen in females. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24. Mozley & Whitley.

OUSTER LE MER. L. Fr. Beyond the sea; a cause of excuse if a person, being summoned, did not appear in court. Cowell.

OUT-BOUNDARIES. A term used in early Mexican land laws to designate certain boundaries within which grants of a smaller tract, which designated such out-boundaries, might be located by the grantee. U. S. v. Maxwell Land Grant Co., 121 U. S. 328, 7 S. Ct. 1015, 30 L. Ed. 949.

OUT OF BENEFIT. A term descriptive of insurance policy holders who have been suspended for nonpayment of premiums. Ameri-

OUT OF COURT. He who has no legal status in court is said to be "out of court." i. e., he is not before the court. Thus, when the plaintiff in an action, by some act of omission or commission, shows that he is unable to maintain his action, he is frequently said to put himself "out of court." Brown. The expression is colloquially applied to a litigant party when his case breaks down, equivalent to saying, "he has not a leg to stand on;" Moz. & W.

The phrase is also used with reference to agreements and transactions in regard to a pending suit which are arranged or take place between the parties or their counsel privately and without being referred to the judge or court for authorization or approval. Thus, a case which is compromised, settled, and withdrawn by private agreement of the parties, after its institution, is said to be settled "out of court." So attorneys may make agreements with reference to the conduct of a suit or the course of proceedings therein; but if these are made "out of court," that is, not made in open court or with the approval of the judge, it is a general rule that they will not be noticed by the court unless reduced to writing. See Welsh v. Blackwell, 14 N. J. Law, 345.

OUT OF REPAIR. In a West Virginia statute relating to streets, sidewalks, and the like, this term means unsafe for reasonable use in the ordinary modes of travel by day or night, whether the danger exists overhead or on the surface. Johnson v. City of Huntington, 52 W. Va. 458, 95 S. E. 1044, 1045; Carder v. City of Clarksburg, 100 W. Va. 665, 131 S. E. 349, 351; Williams v. Main Island Creek Coal Co., 83 W. Va. 464, 98 S. E. 511, 513. Thus, the term is applicable to a road or street that lacks a guard rail or other barrier which is reasonably necessary to protect persons traveling over them in the ordinary way and with due care on their part. Pollock v. Wheeling Traction Co., 83 W. Va. 768, 99 S. E. 207, 270.

OUT OF TERM. At a time when no term of the court is held; in the vacation or interval which elapses between terms of the court. See McNell v. Hodges, 99 N. C. 246, 6 S. E. 127.

OUT OF THE STATE. In reference to rights, liabilities, or jurisdictions arising out of the common law, this phrase is equivalent to "beyond sea," which see.

In other connections, it means physically beyond the territorial limits of the particular state in question, or constructively so, as in the case of a foreign corporation. See Faw v. Roberdeau, 3 Cranch, 177, 2 L. Ed. 402; Foster v. Givens, 67 F. 654, 14 C. C. A. 625; Meyer v. Roth, 61 Cal. 532; Yost v. Willia, 9 Ind. 550; Larson v. Aultman & Taylor Co., 80 Wis. 251, 56 N. W. 915, 39 Am. St. Rep. 593. But a foreign corporation maintaining an agent within the state is not deemed to be "out of the state," within various statutes. Hamilton v. North. Pac. S. S. Co., 84 Or. 71, 164 P. 573, 561; American Surety Co. of New York v. Blake, 45 Idaho 156, 261 P. 239, 240.

OUT OF TIME. A mercantile phrase applied to a ship or vessel that has been so long at sea as to justify the belief of her total loss.

In another sense, a vessel is said to be "out of time" when, computed from her known day of sailing, the time that has elapsed exceeds the average duration of similar voyages at the same season of the year. The phrase is identical with "missing ship." 2 Duer, Ins. 489.

OUTAGE. A tax or charge formerly imposed by the state of Maryland for the inspection and marking of hogsheads of tobacco intended for export. See Turner v. Maryland, 107 U. S. 38, 2 S. Ct. 44, 27 L. Ed. 370; Turner v. State, 55 Md. 264.


OUTCAST. This term, applied to a person, has been held to be libelous per se, because it represents him as being a degraded and disgraced character. Herald Pub. Co. v. Feltner, 158 Ky. 83, 164 S. W. 370, 372.

OUTCROP. In mining law. The edge of a stratum which appears at the surface of the ground; that portion of a vein or lode which appears at the surface or immediately under the soil and surface débris. See Duggan v. Daver, 4 Dak. 110, 26 N. W. 857; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 40. The term is not, in itself, definitive of quantity or area in respect of the mineral involved. Sloss-Shffield Iron & Steel Co. v. Payne, 186 Ala. 341, 64 So. 617, 618.

OUTER BAR. In the English courts, barristers at law have been divided into two classes, viz., king's counsel, who are admitted within the bar of the courts, in seats specially reserved for themselves, and junior counsel, who sit without the bar; and the latter are thence frequently termed barristers of the "outer bar," or "utter bar," in contradistinction to the former class. Brown.

OUTER DOOR. In connection with the rule, statutory or otherwise, forbidding an officer to break open the outer door to serve civil process, this term designates the door of each separate apartment, where there are different apartments having a common outer door. Fourrette v. Griffin, 92 Conn. 388, 103 A. 123, 124, L. R. A. 1918D, 876; Schork v. Calloway, 205 Ky. 346, 263 S. W. 807, 808.
OUTER HOUSE. The name given to the great hall of the parliament house in Edinburgh, in which the lords ordinary of the court of session sit as single judges to hear causes. The term is used colloquially as expressive of the business done there in contradistinction to the "Inner House," the name given to the chambers in which the first and second divisions of the court of session hold their sittings. Bell.

OUTFANGTHEF. A liberty or privilege in the ancient common law, whereby a lord was enabled to call any man dwelling in his manor, and taken for felony in another place out of his fee, to judgment in his own court. Du Cange. See Infangenthef.

OUTFIT. Originally, as applying to ships, those objects connected with a ship which were necessary for the sailing of her, and without which she would not in fact be navigable. But in ships engaged in whaling voyages the word has acquired a much more extended signification. Macy v. Whaling Ins. Co., 9 Metc. (Mass.) 364.

An allowance made by the United States government to one of its diplomatic representatives, as an ambassador, a minister plenipotentiary, or chargé d'affaires, but not a consul, for the expense of his equipment on going from the United States to any foreign country.


OUTGO. In taxation, a flow of disservice (negative service) or negative income;—distinguished from "income," or the flow of capital service. U. S. v. Guggenheim Exploration Co. (D. C.) 238 F. 231, 234.

OUTHEST, or OUTHOM. A calling men out to the army by sound of horn. Jacob.

OUTHOUSE. Any house necessary for the purposes of life, in which the owner does not make his constant or principal residence. State v. O'Brien, 2 Root (Conn.) 516.

A building subservient to, yet distinct from, the principal mansion-house, located either within or without the curtilage. State v. Brooks, 4 Conn. 446; Jones v. Hungerford, 4 Gill & J. (Md.) 402; 2 Cr. & D. 479. Parks v. State, 22 Ga. App. 621, 96 S. E. 1050, 1061.

A smaller or subordinate building connected with a dwelling, usually detached from it and standing at a little distance from it, not intended for persons to live in, but to serve some purpose of convenience or necessity; as a barn, a dairy, a toolhouse, and the like.

Under statutes, such a building may be subservient to and adjoin a business building as well as a dwelling house. State v. Marks, 43 Idaho, 92, 260 P. 697, 698.

OUTLAND. The Saxon thanes divided their hereditary lands into inland, such as lay nearest their dwelling, which they kept to their own use, and outland, which lay beyond the demesnes, and was granted out to tenants, at the will of the lord, like copyhold estates. This outland they subdivided into two parts. One part they disposed among those who attended their persons, called "theodans," or lesser thanes; the other part they allotted to their husbandmen, or churls. Jacob.

OUTLAW. In English law. One who is put out of the protection or aid of the law. 22 Viner, Abr. 316; Bacon Abr. Outlawry; 2 Sel. Pr. 277; Doctr. Plac. 331; 3 Bla. Comm. 283, 284.


As used in an Alabama act of 1868, the term merely referred in a loose sense to the disorderly persons then roving through the state, committing acts of violence. Dale Co. v. Gunter, 46 Ala. 118, 137.

OUTLAWED. Of a promissory note, barred by the statute of limitations. Drew v. Drew, 37 Me. 359.

OUTLAWRY. In English law. A process by which a defendant or person in contempt on a civil or criminal process was declared an outlaw. If for treason or felony, it amounted to conviction and attainder. Stu. Law Gloss. See Respublica v. Doan, 1 Dall. (Pa.) 86, 1 L. Ed. 47; Dale County v. Gunter, 46 Ala. 138; Drew v. Drew, 37 Me. 359; 3 Bla. Comm. 283; Co. Litt. 128. Outlawry for a misdemeanor does not amount to a conviction for the offense itself. 4 Steph. Comm. 317. The "minor outlawry" for "trespasses" did not involve sentence of death; otherwise of the higher crimes. 2 Poll. & Mait. 551.

In the United States, the process of outlawry seems to be unknown, at least in civil cases. Dye, Abr. ch. 213 a, 34; Hall v. Lansing, 91 U. S. 169, 23 L. Ed. 271; 37 Harvard Law Review, 799.

OUTLINE. The line which marks the outer limits of an object or figure; an exterior line or edge; contour. Taggart v. Great Northern Ry. Co. (D. C.) 208 F. 455, 456.

OUTLOT. In early American land law, (particularly in Missouri,) a lot or parcel of land lying outside the corporate limits of a town or village but subject to its municipal jurisdiction or control. See Kissell v. St. Louis Public Schools, 16 Mo. 502; St. Louis v. Towny, 21 Mo. 243; Fieberle v. St. Louis Public Schools, 11 Mo. 252; Vasques v. Ewing, 42 Mo. 256.

OUTPARTERS. Stealers of cattle. Cowell.

OUTPUTERS. Such as set watches for the robbing of any manor-house. Cowell.

OUTRAGE. A grave injury; injurious violence; in general, any species of serious

OUTRIDERS. In English law. Bailiffs-errant employed by sheriffs or their deputies to ride to the extremities of their counties or hundreds to summon men to the county or hundred court. Wharton.

OUTRIGHT. Free from reserve or restraint; direct; positive; down-right; altogether; entirely; openly. Hughes v. First State Bank of Wagoner, 106 Okl. 146, 235 P. 1097, 1099.

OUTROPER. A person to whom the business of selling by auction was confined by statute. 2 H. Bl. 557.

OUTSETTER. In Scotch law. Publisher. 3 How. State Tr. 608.

OUTSIDE. To the exterior of; without; outside from. Union Fishermen’s Co-operative Packing Co. v. Shoemaker, 98 Or. 659, 193 P. 476, 480. See, also, Frankel v. Massachusetts Bonding & Ins. Co. (Mo. App.) 177 S. W. 775.


Existing as an adverse claim or pretense; not united with, or merged in, the title or claim of the party; as an outstanding title.

OUTSTANDING CROP. One not harvested or gathered. It is outstanding from the day it commences to grow until gathered and taken away. Sullins v. State, 53 Ala. 474.

OUTSTANDING TERM. A term in gross at law, which, in equity, may be made attendant upon the inheritance, either by express declaration or by implication.

OUTSTROKE. To mine by outstroke is to take out mineral from adjoining property through the tunnels and shafts of the demised premises. Percy La Salle Mining & Power Co. v. Newman Mining, Milling & Leasing Co. (D. C.) 300 F. 141, 142.

OUTSUCKEN MULTURES. In Scotch law. Out-town mülteries; mülteries, duties, or tolls paid by persons voluntarily grinding corn at any mill to which they are not thiried, or bound by tenure. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 140.

OUVERTURE DES SUCCESSIONS. In French law. The right of succession which arises to one upon the death, whether natural or civil, of another.

OVE. L. Fr. With. Modern French avec.

OVELL. L. Fr. Equal.

OVELTY. In old English law. Equality.


Continued;—sometimes written on one page or sheet to indicate a continuation of matter on a separate sheet. In re Johnston’s Estate, 64 Cal. App. 197, 221 P. 382, 384.

In Conveyancing

The word is used to denote a contingent limitation intended to take effect on the failure of a prior estate. Thus, in what is commonly called the “name and arms clause” in a will or settlement there is generally a proviso that if the devisee fails to comply with the condition the estate is to go to some one else. This is a limitation or gift over. Wats. Comp. Eq. 1110; Sweet.

OVER SEA. Beyond the sea; outside the limits of the state or country. See Gustin v. Brattle, Kirby (Conn.) 300. See Beyond Sea.

OVERAWE. To subjugate or restrain by awe, or profound reverence. Columb v. State, 21 Ala. App. 220, 107 So. 35.


OVERBREAK. In blasting, that portion of material removed which is outside and beyond slopes indicated by slope stakes. Porter v. State, 141 Wash. 51, 250 P. 449.


OVERCOME. As used in a statute providing that a presumption may be overcome by other evidence, this term is not synonymous with overbalance or outweigh, but requires merely that such evidence counterbalance the presumption, where the party relying on it has the burden of proof. Hansen v. Oregon-Washington R. & N. Co., 97 Or. 190, 191 P. 655, 656.
OVERCYTED, or OVERCYHSED. Proved guilty or convicted. Blount.

OVERDRAFT. The act of checking out more money than one has on deposit in a bank. Bank of Jeanerette v. Drulhett, 149 La. 506, 69 So. 674, 675; State v. Larson, 119 Wash. 259, 206 P. 373, 374. It is in the nature of a loan made at the request of the depositor, and implies a promise to pay. Becker v. Fuller, 60 Misc. Rep. 672, 164 N. Y. S. 495.

OVERDRAW. To draw upon a person or a bank, by bills or checks, to an amount in excess of the funds remaining to the drawer's credit with the drawer, or to an amount greater than what is due. See State v. Jackson, 21 S. D. 494, 113 N. W. 850, 16 Ann. Cas. 87.

The term has a definite and well-understood meaning. Money is drawn from the bank by him who draws the check, not by him who receives the money; and it is drawn upon the account of the individual by whose check it is drawn, though it be paid to and for the benefit of another. No one can draw money from bank upon his own account, except by means of his own check or draft, nor can he overdraw his account with the bank in any other manner. State v. Stimson, 24 N. J. Law, 478, 484.

OVERDUE. A negotiable instrument or other evidence of debt is overdue when the day of its maturity is past and it remains unpaid. Camp v. Scott, 14 Vt. 387; La Due v. First Nat. Bank, 31 Minn. 29, 16 N. W. 426.

A vessel is said to be overdue when she has not reached her destination at the time when she might ordinarily have been expected to arrive.

OVERHAUL. To inquire into; to review; to disturb. "The merits of a judgment can never be overhauled by an original suit." 2 H. Bl. 414.

To examine thoroughly, as machinery, with a view to repairs. Holloway v. Wheeler (Tex. Civ. App.) 201 S. W. 467, 468.

OVERHEAD. All administrative or executive costs incident to the management, supervision, or conduct of the capital outlay, or business; distinguished from "operating charges," or those items which are inseparably connected with the productive end and may be seen as the work progresses, and are the subject of knowledge from observation. Lytle, Campbell & Co. v. Somers, Fitch & Todd Co., 278 Pa. 409, 120 A. 406, 410, 27 A. L. R. 41. See, also, New York Canning Crops Co-op. Ass'n v. Slocum, 212 N. Y. S. 534, 535, 126 Misc. Rep. 50.

"Overhead charges" is a term which, as applied to a public service corporation, includes the expense that would necessarily be incurred in the reproduction of the property; the legal expenses of organization and expenses for office, engineering, inspection, supervision, and management during construction; fire and casualty insurance, taxes and interest during the period, contractors' profits, and other minor expenses of like character. Bonbright v. Geary (D. C.) 210 F. 44, 54.

OVERHERNISSA. In Saxon law. Contumacy or contempt of court. Leg. Eth. c. 25.

OVER-INSURANCE. See Double Insurance.

OVERISSUE. To issue in excessive quantity; to issue in excess of fixed legal limits. Thus, "overissued stock" of a private corporation is capital stock issued in excess of the amount limited and prescribed by the charter or certificate of incorporation. Hayden v. Charter Oak Driving Park, 63 Conn. 142, 27 A. 232; State v. Hardister, 108 Ohio 64, 237 P. 75, 77; New York & N. H. R. Co. v. Schuyler, 34 N. Y. 30.

OVERLIVE. To survive; to live longer than another. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 35; 1 Leon. 1.

OVERLOAD. To cause to bear too heavy a burden; to load too heavily. But to say of a business, such as an insurance business, that it is overloaded, implies nothing defamatory on its face in the sense of imputing dishonesty, lack of fair dealing, want of fidelity, integrity, or business ability. Talbot v. Mack, 41 Nev. 245, 169 P. 25, 29.

OVERPLUS. What is left beyond a certain amount; the residue; the surplus; the remainder of a thing. Lyon v. Tomkies, 1 Mees. & W. 603; Page v. Leapingwell, 18 Ves. 406.

OVERRATE. In its strictest signification, a rating by way of excess and not one which ought not to have been made at all. 2 Ex. 352; Shawmut Mfg. Co. v. Inhabitants of Benton, 123 Me. 121, 122 A. 49, 51.

OVERREACHING CLAUSE. In a resettlement, a clause which saves the powers of sale and leasing annexed to the estate for life created by the original settlement, when it is desired to give the tenant for life the same estate and powers under the resettlement. The clause is so called because it provides that the resettlement shall be overreached by the exercise of the old powers. If the resettlement were executed without a provision to this effect, the estate of the tenant for life and the annexed powers would be subject to any charges for portions, etc., created under the original settlement. 3 Dav. Conv. 480; Sweet.

OVERRULE. To supersede; annul; make void; reject by subsequent action or decision. A judicial decision is said to be overruled when a later decision, rendered by the same court or by a superior court in the same system, expresses a judgment upon the same question of law directly opposite to that.
which was before given, thereby depriving the earlier opinion of all authority as a precedent. The term is not properly applied to conflicting decisions on the same point by co-ordinate or independent tribunals. It also signifies that a majority of the judges of a court have decided against the opinion of the minority, in which case the minority judges are said to be overruled.

To refuse to sustain, or recognize as sufficient, an objection made in the course of a trial, as to the introduction of particular evidence, etc.

OVERS. In the meat packing business, the increase in the weight of meat resulting from salt put on it. G. H. Hammond Co. v. Joseph Mercantile Co., 144 Ark. 108, 222 S. W. 27, 28.

OVERSAMESSA. In old English law. A forfeiture for contempt or neglect in not pursuing a malefactor. 3 Inst. 116.

OVERSEER. A superintendent or supervisor; a public officer whose duties involve general superintendence of routine affairs.

OVERSEERS OF HIGHWAYS. The name given, in some of the states, to a board of officers of a city, township, or county, whose special function is the construction and repair of the public roads or highways.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR. Persons appointed or elected to take care of the poor with moneys furnished to them by the public authority. Their duties are regulated by local statutes.

OVERSMAN. In Scotch law. An umpire appointed by a submission to decide where two arbiters have differed in opinion, or he is named by the arbiters themselves, under powers given them by the submission. Bell.

OVERT. Open; manifest; public; issuing in action, as distinguished from that which rests merely in intention or design.

Market Overt
See Market.

Overt Act
In criminal law. An open, manifest act from which criminality may be implied. An open act, which must be manifestly proved. 3 Inst. 12. An overt act essential to establish an attempt to commit a crime is an act done to carry out the intention, and it must be such as would naturally effect that result unless prevented by some extraneous cause. People v. Mills, 178 N. Y. 274, 70 N. E. 796, 67 L. R. A. 131; State v. Enano, 96 Conn. 420, 114 A. 386, 389; State v. Lehman, 44 N. D. 372, 175 N. W. 796, 740. It must be something done that directly moves toward the crime, and brings the accused nearer to its commission than mere acts of preparation or of planning, and will apparently result, in the usual and natural course of events, if not hindered by extraneous causes, in the commission of the crime itself. State v. Thomason, 23 Okl. Cr. 104, 212 P. 1026, 1027; Powell v. State, 128 Miss. 107, 90 So. 625, 626; State v. Roby, 194 Iowa, 1032, 188 N. W. 709, 714. In reference to the crime of treason, and the provision of the federal constitution that a person shall not be convicted thereof unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same "overt act," the term means a step, motion, or action really taken in the execution of a treasonable purpose, as distinguished from mere words, and also from a treasonable sentiment, design, or purpose not issuing in action. It is an act in furtherance of the crime. U. S. v. Pricke (D. C.) 259 F. 672, 676. One which manifests the intention of the traitor to commit treason. Archib. Cr. Pl. 379: 4 Bla. Comm. 79; Co. 3d Inst. 12; Republica v. Malin, 1 Dall. 33, 1 L. Ed. 25; U. S. v. Vigil, 2 Dal. 346, 1 L. Ed. 499; Re Bollman, 4 Cranch, 75, 2 L. Ed. 554; U. S. v. Pryor, 3 Wash. C. C. 234, Fed. Cas. No. 16,696. An overt act which will justify the exercise of the right of self-defense is such as would manifest to the mind of a reasonable person a present intention to kill him or do him great bodily harm. Cooke v. State, 18 Ala. App. 416, 95 So. 86, 88.

Overt Word
An open, plain word, not to be misunderstood. Cowell.

OVERTIME. After regular working hours; beyond the regular fixed hours. Ferguson v. Port Huron & Sarnia Ferry Co. (D. C.) 13 F. (2d) 489, 492.

OVERTURE. An opening; a proposal.

OWE. To be bound to do or omit something, especially to pay a debt. Robinson v. Ramsey, 161 Ga. 1, 129 S. E. 837, 839; Humphreys v. County Court, 90 W. Va. 315, 110 S. E. 701, 703.

OWLTY. Equality; an equalization charge. Bagg v. Osborn, 169 Minn. 126, 210 N. W. 862, 863.

This word is used in law in several compound phrases, as follows:

Owlet of partition. A sum of money paid by one of two coparceners or co-tenants to the other, when a partition has been effected between them, but, the land not being susceptible of division into exactly equal shares, such payment is required to make the portions respectively assigned to them of equal value. Littleton, § 251; Co. Litt. 169 a; Long v. Long, 1 Watts (Pa.) 266; 16 Viner, Abr. 223, pl. 3. See Barkley v. Adams, 158 Pa. 396, 27 A. 808; Reed v. Deposit Co., 113 Pa. 573, 6 A. 168. The power to grant owlet has been exercised by the courts of equity from time immemorial. Town of Morganton v. Avery, 103 S. E. 138, 179 N. C. 551.

Owlet of services. In the feudal law, the condition obtaining when there is lord, mesne, and tenant, and the tenant holds the
mesne by the same service that the mesne holds over the lord above him. Tomlin.

Oweity of exchange. A sum of money given, when two persons have exchanged lands, by the owner of the less valuable estate to the owner of the more valuable, to equalize the exchange.

OWING. Unpaid. A debt, for example, is owing while it is unpaid, and whether it be due or not. Coquard v. Bank of Kansas City, 12 Mo. App. 261; Musselman v. Wise, 54 Ind. 248; Jones v. Thompson, 1 El. Bl. & Bl. 64; Succession of Guidry, 40 La. Ann. 671, 4 So. 893.

OWLERS. In English law. Persons who carried wool, etc., to the sea-side by night, in order that it might be shipped off contrary to law. Jacob.

OWLING. In English law. The offense of transporting wool or sheep out of the kingdom; so called from its being usually carried on in the night. 4 El. Comm. 154.

OWN. To have a good legal title; to hold as property; to have a legal or rightful title to; to have; to possess. Shepherd v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 112 Me. 350, 92 A. 189; McKenna v. Warnicke, 115 Or. 163, 236 P. 1051, 1052; Miller-Link Lumber Co. v. Stephenson (Tex. Civ. App.) 205 S. W. 215, 220; Melvin v. Scowley, 215 Ala. 414, 104 So. 817, 820. The term does not necessarily signify absolute ownership in fee. Glover v. Webb, 205 Ala. 551, 88 So. 675, 676; State v. Leuch, 155 Wis. 500, 144 N. W. 1122, 1123; Rydeen v. Clearwater County, 139 Minn. 320, 106 N. W. 334, 335; Makemson v. Dillon, 24 N. M. 302, 171 P. 673, 676; Bush v. State, 125 Ark. 448, 194 S. W. 537. It is not synonymous with "acquire." State v. District Court of Third Judicial Dist. in and for Granite County, 79 Mont. 1, 254 P. 863, 865.

OWNED BY. Although these words may be used synonymously with "belonging to" or "forming part of"; Galpatric v. City of Hartford, 98 Conn. 471, 120 A. 317, 319; in a stricter sense they denote an absolute and unqualified title, whereas the words "belonging to" do not import that the whole title to property or thing is meant, for a thing may belong to one who has less than an unqualified and absolute title; Baltimore Dry Docks & Shipbuilding Co. v. New York & P. R. S. Co. (C. A.) 262 F. 485, 488.


He who has dominion of a thing, real or personal, corporeal or incorporeal, which he has a right to enjoy and do with as he pleases, even to spoil or destroy it, as far as the law permits, unless he be prevented by some agreement or covenant which restrains his right. Miller-Link Lumber Co. v. Stephenson (Tex. Civ. App.) 265 S. W. 215, 220; Newborn v. Peart, 200 N. Y. S. 890, 892, 121 Misc. Rep. 221; Hare v. Young, 28 Idaho, 682, 146 P. 104, 106; Johnson v. Crookshanks, 21 Or. 389, 25 P. 78.


The term is, however, a nomen generality, and its meaning is to be gathered from the connection in which it is used, and from the subject-matter to which it is applied. Warren v. Lower Salt Creek Drainage Dist. of Logan County, 316 Ill. 345, 147 N. E. 248, 249. The primary meaning of the word as applied to land is one who owns the fee and who has the right to dispose of the property, but the term also includes one having a possessory right to land or the person occupying or cultivating it. Dunbar v. Texas Irr. Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 193 S. W. 614, 616; McCarthy v. Hansel, 4 Ohio App. 425; Thompson v. Thompson, 79 Or. 513, 155 P. 1190, 1191; McLevis v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 165 Minn. 468, 206 N. W. 940, 942; McCullough v. St. Edward Electric Co., 101 Neb. 802, 165 N. W. 157; Hayes v. Fridge, 156 La. 932, 101 So. 270, 272; Corona Coal & Iron Co. v. Ferrier, 187 Ala. 530, 65 So. 780; Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Oakland, 135 Wash. 279, 237 P. 990, 992; In re Opinion of the Justices, 234 Mass. 597, 127 N. E. 525, 529. Sometimes it includes a lessee;

In theft and burglary cases, the “owner” is the person in possession, having care, control, and management at the time. Cantrell v. State, 105 Tex. Cr. R. 500, 289 S. W. 406, 407; Allen v. State, 94 Tex. Cr. R. 648, 252 S. W. 505; Carson v. State, 30 Okl. Cr. 438, 236 P. 627, 628.

In embezzlement, the principal to whom an agent looks for authority, under whose control he acts, and from whom he receives compensation and takes direction, is the owner within the meaning of statute. Coney v. State, 100 Tex. Cr. R. 339, 272 S. W. 197, 198.

Equitable Owner

One who is recognized in equity as the owner of property, because the real and beneficial use and title belong to him, although the bare legal title is vested in another, e. g., a trustee for his benefit. One who has a present title in land which will ripen into legal ownership upon the performance of conditions subsequent. Hawkins v. Stiles (Tex. Civ. App.) 156 S. W. 1011, 1021. There may therefore be two “owners” in respect of the same property, one the nominal or legal owner, the other the beneficial or equitable owner. In re Fulham’s Estate, 96 Vt. 308, 119 A. 433, 437.

General Owner

He who has the primary or residuary title to it; as distinguished from a special owner, who has a special interest in the same thing, amounting to a qualified ownership, such, for example, as a baillee’s lien. Farmers’ & Mechanics’ Nat. Bank v. Logan, 74 N. Y. 581. One who has both the right of property and of possession.

General and Beneficial Owner

The person whose interest is primarily one of possession and enjoyment in contemplation of an ultimate absolute ownership,—not the person whose interest is primarily in the enforcement of a collateral pecuniary claim, and does not contemplate the use or enjoyment of the property as such. Ex parte State, 206 Ala. 575, 90 So. 896.

Joint Owners

Two or more persons who jointly own and hold title to property, e. g., joint tenants, and also partners and tenants in common. In re Huggins’ Estate, 96 N. J. Eq. 275, 125 A. 27, 30. In its most comprehensive sense, the term embraces all cases where the property in question is owned by two or more persons regardless of the special nature of their relationship or how it came into being. Halferty v. Karr, 188 Mo. App. 241, 175 S. W. 146, 147.

Legal Owner

One who is recognized and held responsible by the law as the owner of property. In a more particular sense, one in whom the legal title to real estate is vested, but who holds it in trust for the benefit of another, the latter being called the “equitable” owner.

Part Owners

Joint owners; co-owners; those who have shares of ownership in the same thing, particularly a vessel.

Real Owners

The “real owners” who must be joined in actions of scire facias sur mortgage under Pennsylvania statutes are the present owners of the title under which the mortgagor claimed when he executed the mortgages, and do not include persons claiming by titles antagonistic to the mortgagor. Orient Building & Loan Ass’n v. Gould, 238 Pa. 336, 86 A. 863.

Record Owner

This term, particularly used in statutes requiring notice of tax delinquency or sale, means the owner of record, not the owner described in the tax roll; Okanagan Power & Irrigation Co. v. Quackenbush, 107 Wash. 651, 182 P. 618, 619, 5 A. L. R. 966; the owner of the title at time of notice; Hunt v. State, 110 Tex. 294, 217 S. W. 1064, 1065.

Reputed Owner

One who has to all appearances the title to, and possession of, property; one who, from all appearances, or from supposition, is the owner of a thing. Lowell Hardware Co. v. May, 59 Colo. 475, 140 P. 831, 832. He who has the general credit or reputation of being the owner or proprietor of goods. See Santa Cruz Rock Pav. Co. v. Lyons, 5 Cal. Unrep. Cas. 200, 43 P. 601. This phrase is chiefly used in English bankruptcy practice, where the bankrupt is styled the “reputed owner” of goods lawfully in his possession, though the real owner may be another person. The word “reputed” has a much weaker sense than its derivation would appear to warrant; importing merely a supposition or opinion derived or made up from outward appearances, and often unsupport-
ed by fact. The term "reputed owner" is frequently employed in this sense. 2 Steph. Comm. 206.

Riparian Owner

See Riparian.

Sole and Unconditional Owner


Special Owner

One who has a special interest in an article of property, amounting to a qualified ownership of it, such, for example, as a bailee's lien; as distinguished from the general owner, who has the primary or residuary title to the same thing. Frazier v. State, 18 Tex. App. 441. Some person holding property with the consent of, and as representative of, the actual owner. Mathieu v. Roberts, 31 N. M. 469, 247 P. 1066, 1068.


OWNERSHIP. The complete dominion, title, or proprietary right in a thing or claim. See Property.

The entirety of the powers of use and disposal allowed by law.

The right of one or more persons to possess and use a thing to the exclusion of others. Civ. Code Cal. § 654.

The right by which a thing belongs to some one in particular, to the exclusion of all other persons. Civ. Code La. art. 488.

The exclusive right of possession, enjoyment, and disposal; Thompson v. Kreutzer, 112 Miss. 165, 72 So. 891; involving as an essential attribute the right to control, handle, and dispose; Hardinge v. Empire Zinc Co., 17 Ariz. 75, 145 P. 306, 310.

Ownership is divided into perfect and imperfect. Ownership is perfect when it is perpetual, and when the thing is unincumbered with any real right towards any other person than the owner. On the contrary, ownership is imperfect when it is to terminate at a certain time or on a condition, or if the thing which is the object of it, being an immoveable, is charged with any real right towards a third person; as a usufruct, use, or servitude. When an immovable is subject to a usufruct, the owner of it is said to possess the naked ownership. Civ. Code La. art. 490; Maestri v. Board of Assessors, 110 La. 617, 34 So. 653.

In Criminal Law


When considered as an element of larceny, "ownership" means the same as "possession." People v. Edwards, 72 Cal. App. 102, 236 P. 844, 850.

OXFILD. A restitution anciently made by a hundred or county for any wrong done by one that was within the same. Lamb. Arch. 125.

OXGANG. In old English law. As much land as an ox could till. Co. Litt. 5a. A measure of land of uncertain quantity. In the north of England a division of a carucate. According to some, fifteen acres. Co. Litt. 69a; Crompton, Jurisd. 220. According to Balfour, the Scotch oxgang, or ozyate, contained twelve acres; but this does not correspond with ancient charters. See Bell, Dict. Ploughgate. Skene and Spelman say thirteen acres. Cowell. See 1 Poll. & Matil. 347.

Oyer.

In Old Practice

Hearing; the hearing a deed read, which a party sued on a bond, etc., might pray or
demand, and it was then read to him by the other party; the entry on the record being, "et eis legitur in haeo verba," (and it is read to him in these words). Steph. Pl. 67, 68; 3 Bl. Comm. 289; 3 Salk. 119.

In Modern Practice

A copy of a bond or speciality sued upon, given to the opposite party, in lieu of the old practice of reading it.

OYER AND TERMINER. A half French phrase applied in England to the assizes, which are so called from the commission of oyer and terminer directed to the judges, empowering them to "inquire, hear, and determine" all treasons, felonies, and misdemeanors. This commission, is now issued regularly, but was formerly used only on particular occasions, as upon sudden outrage or insurrection in any place. In the United States, the higher criminal courts are called "courts of oyer and terminer." Burrl.

OYER DE RECORD. A petition made in court that the judges, for better proof’s sake, will hear or look upon any record. Cowell.

OYEZ. Hear ye. A word used in courts by the public crier to command attention when a proclamation is about to be made. Usually pronounced "O yes." 4 Bla. Comm. 340, n.

Bl. Law Diet. (3d Ed.)
P. An abbreviation for "page;" also for "Paschalins," (Easter term,) in the Year Books, and for numerous other words of which it is the initial.


P. H. V. An abbreviation for "pro hac vice," for this turn, for this purpose or occasion.

P. J. An abbreviation for "president" (or presiding) "judge," (or justice).

P. L. An abbreviation for "Pamphlet Laws" or "Public Laws."

P. M. An abbreviation for "postmaster;" also for "post-meridiem," afternoon.

P. O. An abbreviation of "public officer;" also of "post-office."

P. P. An abbreviation for "propria persona," in his proper person, in his own person, and for "per praecoracion (q. v.)."

P. P. I. Policy proof of interest, & c., in the event of loss, the insurance policy is to be deemed sufficient proof of interest. Frank B. Hall & Co. v. Jefferson Ins. Co. (D. Ct.) 279 F. 582, 585.

P. S. An abbreviation for "Public Statutes;" also for "postscript."

PAAGE. In old English law. A toll for passage through another's land. The same as "pedage."

PACARE. L. Lat. To pay.

PACATIO. Payment. Mat. Par. A. D. 1248.

PACE. A measure of length containing two feet and a half, being the ordinary length of a step. The geometrical pace is five feet long, being the length of two steps, or the whole space passed over by the same foot from one step to another.

PACEATUR. Lat. Let him be freed or discharged.

Paei sunt maxime contraria vis et injuria. Co. Litt. 181. Violence and Injury are the things chiefly hostile to peace.

PACIFICATION. The act of making peace between two hostile or belligerent states; re-establishment of public tranquillity.

PACK. To deceive by false appearances; to counterfeit; to delude; to put together in sorts with a fraudulent design. To pack a jury is to use unlawful, improper, or deceitful means to have the jury made up of persons favorably disposed to the party so contriving, or who have been or can be improperly influenced to give the verdict he seeks. The term imports the improper and corrupt selection of a jury sworn and impaneled for the trial of a cause. Mix v. Woodward, 12 Conn. 288.

PACK OF WOOL. A horse load, which consists of seventeen stone and two pounds, or two hundred and forty pounds weight. Fleta, l. 2, c. 12; Cowell.

PACKAGE. A bundle put up for transportation or commercial handling; a thing in form to become, as such, an article of merchandise or delivery from hand to hand. A parcel is a small package; "parcel" being the diminutive of "package." Each of the words denotes a thing in form suitable for transportation or handling, or sale from hand to hand. U. S. v. Goldback, 1 Hughes, 529, Fed. Cas. No. 15, 578; Haley v. State, 42 Neb. 556, 60 N. W. 982, 47 Am. St. Rep. 715; State v. Parsons, 124 Mo. 436, 27 S. W. 1102, 46 Am. St. Rep. 457. As ordinarily understood in the commercial world, it means a shipping package. Noble v. People, 67 Colo. 429, 180 P. 562, 563. See, also, Southern Exp. Co. v. Crook, 44 Ala. 468, 4 Am. Rep. 149; where a bale of cotton was held not a package; contra, Lamb v. Transp. Co., 2 Daly (N. Y.) 454.

The word as used in the Food and Drugs Act (21 USCA §§ 8–10) refers to the immediate container of the article which is intended for consumption by the public. Seven Cases v. U. S., 239 U. S. 510, 36 S. Ct. 190, 192, 60 L. Ed. 411, L. R. A. 1916D, 164; and not simply to the outside wrapping or box containing the packages intended to be purchased by the consumer. McDermott v. State of Wisconsin, 225 U. S. 115, 32 S. Ct. 431, 57 L. Ed. 754, 47 L. R. A. (N. S.) 984, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 39.

In Old English Law

One of various duties charged in the port of London on the goods imported and exported by aliens, or by denizens the sons of aliens. Tomlins. Now abolished. Wharton. Lex.

In General

—Original package. See Original.

PACKED PARCELS. The name for a consignment of goods, consisting of one large parcel made up of several small ones, each bearing a different address, collected from different persons by the immediate consignor, (a carrier,) who unites them into one for his own profit, at the expense of the railway by which they are sent, since the railway company would have been paid more for the carriage of the parcels singly than together. Wharton.

PACKER. A person employed in England by merchants to receive and (in some instances) to select goods from manufacturers, dyers, calenders, etc., and pack the same for exportation. Arch. Bankr., 11th ed. 37.

In the United States, one engaged in the
business of slaughtering and packing cattle, sheep, and hogs, and preparing their products for sale. See Williams v. Schehl, 84 W. Va. 495, 100 S. E. 280, 282.

PACT. A bargain; compact; agreement. This word is used in writings on Roman law and on general jurisprudence as the English form of the Latin "pactum," (which see.)

Nudum Pact
A translation of the Latin "nudum pactum," a bare or naked pact, that is, a promise or agreement made without any consideration on the other side, which is therefore not enforceable.

Obligatory Pact
In Civil Law. An informal obligatory declaration of consensus, which the Roman law refused to acknowledge. Sohm, Rom. L. 321.

Pact De Non Alienando
An agreement not to alienate incumbered (particularly mortgaged) property. This stipulation, sometimes found in mortgages made in Louisiana, and derived from the Spanish law, binds the mortgagor not to sell or incumber the mortgaged premises to the prejudice of the mortgagee; it does not avoid a sale made to a third person, but enables the mortgagee to proceed directly against the mortgaged property in a proceeding against the mortgagor alone and without notice to the purchaser. See Dodds v. Lanzau, 45 La. Ann. 287, 12 So. 345.

Pacta conventa quae neque contra leges neque dolo malo inita sunt omni modo observanda sunt. Agreements which are not contrary to the laws nor entered into with a fraudulent design are in all respects to be observed. Cod. 2, 3, 39; Broom, Max. 688, 732.

Pacta dant legem contractui. Hob. 118. The stipulations of parties constitute the law of the contract. Agreements give the law to the contract. Halkers, Max. 118.

Pacta privata juri publico derogare non possunt. 7 Coke, 23. Private compacts cannot derogate from public right.

Pacta quae contra leges constitutionesque, vel contra bonos mores sunt, nullam vim habere, indubitati juris est. That contracts which are made against law or against good morals have no force is a principle of undoubted law. Cod. 2, 3, 6; Broom, Max. 685.

Pacta quae turpem causam continent non sunt observanda. Agreements founded upon an immoral consideration are not to be observed. Dig. 2, 14, 27, 4; Broom, Max. 722; 2 Pet. 530, 7 L. Ed. 508.

Pactio. Lat. In the civil law. A bargaining or agreement of which pactum (the agreement itself) was the result. Calvin. It is used, however, as the synonym of "pactum."

Pactio. Relating to or generating an agreement; by way of bargain or covenant.

Pactiou. In international law. Contracts between nations which are to be performed by a single act, and of which execution is at an end at once. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 100.

Pactis privatorum juri publico non derogatur. Private contracts do not derogate from public law. Broom, Max., 695; per Dr. Lushington, Arg. 4 Cl. & F. 241; Arg. 3 Id. 621.

Pactious. Settled by covenant.

Pacto aliquod lioitum est, quod sine pacto non admittitur. Co. Litt. 166. By special agreement things are allowed which are not otherwise permitted.

Pactum. Lat.

In the Civil Law
A pact. An agreement or convention without specific name, and without consideration, which, however, might, in its nature, produce a civil obligation. Helneece. Elem. lib. 3, tit. 14, § 775; Merlin, Rép. Pacte.

In Roman Law
With some exceptions, those agreements that the law does not directly enforce, but which it recognizes only as a valid ground of defense, were called "pacta." Those agreements that are enforced, in other words, are supported by actions, are called "contractus." The exceptions are few, and belong to a late period. Hunter, Rom. Law, 546.

In General
—Nudum Pactum. A bare or naked pact or agreement; a promise or undertaking made without any consideration for it, and therefore not enforceable.

Pactum Commissorium. An agreement of forfeiture. See Lex Commissoria.

Pactum Constitutæ Pecuniae. In the Civil Law. An agreement by which a person appointed to his creditor a certain day, or a certain time, at which he promised to pay; or it may be defined simply an agreement by which a person promises a creditor to pay him. There is a striking conformity between the pactum constituere pecuniae, as above defined, and our indebitatus assumptus. 4 Co. 91, 93. See 1 H. Bla. 550, 859; Brooke, Atr. Action sur le Case (Pl. 7, 69, 72); 4 B. & B. 295; 1 Chitty, Pl. 89.

Pactum De Non Alienando. A pact or agreement binding the owner of property not to alienate it, intended to protect the interests of another; particularly an agreement by the mortgagor of real estate that he will not transfer the title to a third person until after satisfaction of the mortgage. See Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 461. A clause inserted in mortgages in Louisiana to secure the mortgage creditor the right to foreclose his

PACTUM DE NON PETENDO. In the civil law. An agreement not to sue. A simple convention whereby a creditor promises the debtor that he will not enforce his claim. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 542.

PACTUM DE QUOTA LITIS. In the civil law. An agreement by which a creditor promised to pay a portion of a debt difficult to recover to a person who undertook to recover it. Wharton.

PAD. To stuff or furnish with padding. A charge that a contractor padded his pay roll would imply a charge of deceit or artifice. Smith v. Aultman, 118 S. E. 459, 30 Ga. App. 507.

PADDER. A robber; a foot highwayman; a foot-pad.

PADDOCK. A small inclosure for deer or other animals.


PAGARCHUS. A petty magistrate of a pagus or little district in the country.


PAGODA. A gold or silver coin, of several kinds and values, formerly current in India. It was valued at the United States custom-house, at $1.94.

PAGUS. A county. Jacob.

PAIN. A disagreeable feeling, usually in its intenser degrees, resulting from, or accompanying, deranged or otherwise abnormal action of the physical powers. Merriam v. Hamilton, 64 Or. 476, 130 P. 406, 407.

PAINE FORTE ET DURE. See Pelne Forte et Dure.

PAINS AND PENALTIES, BILLS OF. The name given to acts of parliament to attain particular persons of treason or felony, or to inflict pains and penalties beyond or contrary to the common law, to serve a special purpose. They are in fact new laws, made pro re nata. See, also, Bill of Pains and Penalties.

PAINTING. A likeness, image, or scene depicted with paints. Cent. Dict.

The term does not necessarily mean anything upon which painting has been done by a workman, but rather something of value as a painting and something on which skill has been bestowed in producing it. Colored imitations of rugs and carpets and colored working designs, each of them valuable and designed by skilled persons and hand painted, but having no value as works of art, are not “paintings,” within the meaning of a statute on the liability of carriers. 3 Ex. Div. 121.

PAIRING-OFF. In the practice of legislative bodies, a species of negative proxies, by which two members, who belong to opposite parties or are on opposite sides with regard to a given question, mutually agree that they will both be absent from voting, either for a specified period or when a division is had on the particular question. By this mutual agreement a vote is neutralized on each side of the question, and the relative numbers on the division are precisely the same as if both members were present. May, Parl. Pr. 370. It is said to have originated in the house of commons in Cromwell’s time.

PAIS, PAYS. Fr. The country; the neighborhood.

A trial per pais signifies a trial by the country; that is, by jury.

An assurance by matter in pais is an assurance transacted between two or more private persons “in the country;” that is, upon the very spot to be transferred.

Matter in pais signifies matter of fact, probably because matters of fact are triable by the country; i. e., by jury.

Estoppels in pais are estoppels by conduct, as distinguished from estoppels by deed or by record.

Conveyances in pais are ordinary conveyances between two or more persons in the country; i. e., upon the land to be transferred.

See In pais.

PALACE COURT. See Court of the Steward and Marshall.

PALAGIUM. A duty to lords of manors for exporting and importing vessels of wine at any of their ports. Jacob.

PALAM. Lat. In the civil law. Openly; in the presence of many. Dig. 50, 16, 33.

PALATINE. Possessing royal privileges. See County Palatine.

PALATINE COURTS. Formerly, the court of common pleas at Lancaster, the chancery court of Lancaster, and the court of pleas at Durham, the second of which alone now exists. Sweet. (See the respective titles.)

PALATIUM. Lat. A palace. The emperor’s house in Rome was so called from the Mons Palatinus on which it was built. Adams, Rom. Ant. 613.

PALFRIDUS. A palfrey; a horse to travel on.
PALINGMAN. In old English law. A merchant denizen; one born within the English pale. Blount.

PALLIO COOPERIRE. In old English law. An ancient custom, where children were born out of wedlock, and their parents afterwards intermarried. The children, together with the father and mother, stood under a cloth extended while the marriage was solemnized. It was in the nature of adoption. The children were legitimate by the civil, but not by the common law. Jacob. They were called "mantle children" in Germany, France, and Normandy. 2 Poll. & Maitl. 397. The custom existed in Scotland almost to our own time. Bryce, Studies in Hist. etc., Essay xvi.

PALM OFF. To impose by fraud; to put off by unfair means. Sayre v. McGill Ticket Punch Co. (D. C.) 200 F. 771, 773.

PALMARIUM. In civil law. A conditional fee for professional services in addition to the lawful charge.

PALMER ACT. A name given to the English statute 19 & 20 Vict. c. 16, enabling a person accused of a crime committed out of the jurisdiction of the central criminal court, to be tried in that court.

PALMISTRY. The practice of telling fortunes by a feigned interpretation of the lines and marks on the hand. Also, a trick with the hand. 2 Exch. Div. 268.


PAMPHLET LAWS. The name given in some states, such as Pennsylvania, to the publication, in pamphlet or book form, containing the acts passed by the state legislature at each of its biennial sessions.

PANDECTS. A compilation of Roman law, consisting of selected passages from the writings of the most authoritative of the older jurists, methodically arranged, prepared by Tribonian with the assistance of sixteen associates, under a commission from the emperor Justinian. This work, which is otherwise called the "Digest," because in his compilation the writings of the jurists were reduced to order and condensed quasi digesta, comprises fifty books, and is one of the four great works composing the Corpus Juris Civilis. It was first published in A. D. 533, when Justinian gave to it the force of law.

PANDER, n. One who caters to the lust of others; a male bawd, a pimp, or procurer. Hewitt v. State, 158 S. W. 1120, 1125, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 243.

PANDER, v. To pimp; to cater to the gratification of the lust of another. State v. Thibodeaux, 136 La. 933, 67 So. 973, 974. To entice or procure a female, by promises, threats, fraud, or artifice, to enter any place in which prostitution is practiced, for the purpose of prostitution. Boyle v. State, 110 Ark. 316, 161 S. W. 1049, 1051; Crawford & Moses' Dig. § 2707; Act Pa. June 7, 1911, P. L. 698 (18 PS § 807); Humphries v. State, 79 Tex. Cr. R. 332, 186 S. W. 334; Acts Tex. 324 Leg. c. 33; St. Cal. 1911, p. 9. To take and detain a female for the purpose of sexual intercourse, on pretense of marriage. Crawford & Moses' Dig. (Ark.) § 2703.

PANDOXATOR. In old records. A brewer.

PANDOXATRIX. An ale-wife; a woman that both brewed and sold ale and beer.

PANEL. The roll or slip of parchment returned by the sheriff in obedience to a servire facias, containing the names of the persons whom he has summoned to attend the court as jurors. Beasley v. People, 80 Ill. 571; People v. Coyodo, 40 Cal. 592; Co. Litt. 1589.

A list of jurors returned by a sheriff, to serve at a particular court or for the trial of a particular action. Pen. Code Cal. § 2567.

The word may be used to denote either the whole body of persons summoned as jurors for a particular term of court, or those selected by the clerk by lot. State v. Gurlagh, 76 Iowa, 141, 49 N. W. 141.

In Scotch Law

The prisoner at the bar, or person who takes his trial before the court of justiciary for any crime. This name is given to him after his appearance. Bell.

PANIER. In the parlance of the English bar societies, is an attendant or domestic who waits at table and gives bread, (pania) wine, and other necessary things to those who are dining. The phrase was in familiar use among the knights templar, and from them has been handed down to the learned societies of the inner and middle temples, who at the present day occupy the halls and buildings once belonging to that distinguished order, and who have retained a few of their customs and phrases. Brown.

PANIS. Lat. In old English law. Bread; loaf; a loaf. Flata, lib. 2, c. 9.

PANNAGE. A common of pannage is the right of feeding swine on mast and acorns at certain seasons in a commoneable wood or forest. Elton, Commons, 25; Williams, Common, 168.

Pannagium est pastus porcorum, in nemoribus et in silvis, ut puta, de glandibus, etc. 1 Bulst. 7. A pannagium is a pasture of hogs, in woods and forests, upon acorns, and so forth.
PANNELLATION. The act of impaneling a jury.

PANTOMIME. A dramatic performance in which gestures take the place of words. See 3 C. B. 871.

PAPAL SUPREMACY. The supremacy which the Pope claimed not only over the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, but over all other Christian princes.

The theory was that they stood to the Pope as feudal vassals to a supreme lord; as such, the Pope claimed the right to enforce the duties due to him from his feudal subordinates through an ascending scale of penalties culminating in the abdication of the prince’s subjects from the bonds of allegiance, and in the disposition of the sovereign himself. The papal supremacy was overthrown in England by acts of the Parliament which met in 1529 and was dissolved in 1536, ending in the Act of Supremacy. See Hannis Taylor, Science of Jurispr.; Boyce, Holy Rom. Emp.; Freeman, Sel. Hist. Essays; 2 Phill. Intern. Law.

PAPER. A manufactured substance composed of fibres (whether vegetable or animal) adhering together in forms consisting of sheets of various sizes and of different thicknesses, used for writing or printing or other purposes to which flexible sheets are applicable. 4 H. & N. 470.

A written or printed document or instrument. A document filed or introduced in evidence in a suit at law, as, in the phrase “papers in the case” and in “papers on appeal.” Any writing or printed document, including letters, memoranda, legal or business documents, and books of account, as in the constitutional provision which protects the people from unreasonable searches and seizures in respect to their “papers” as well as their houses and persons. A written or printed evidence of debt, particularly a promissory note or a bill of exchange, as in the phrases “accommodation paper” and “commercial paper.”

Books are not paper within the meaning of the tariff act: Pott v. Arthur, 104 U. S. 735, 26 L. Ed. 909.

The term “papers” does not mean newspapers or perhaps even include them within the meaning of a statute, the object of which is to prevent a jury from receiving any evidence, papers, or documents not authorized by the court. State v. Jackson, 9 Mont. 506, 24 P. 225. But the word includes photographs of deceased showing the nature of his wounds. People v. Balesier, 23 Cal. App. 708, 179 P. 521, 522.

Generally, the words “documents” and “papers” refer to particular instruments and writings bearing upon specific transactions, whereas “books of accounts” and “records” have reference to serial, continuous, and more permanent memorials of a concern’s business and affairs. Gudabey Packing Co. v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 15 F.(2d) 133, 134.

In English Practice

The list of causes or cases intended for argument, called “the paper of causes.” 1 Tidd, Pr. 504. See Paper Days.

In General

-Accommodation paper. See that title.

-Commercial paper. See Commercial.

-Paper blockade. See Blockade.

-Paper book. In practice. A printed collection or abstract, in methodical order, of the pleadings, evidence, exhibits, and proceedings in a cause, or whatever else may be necessary to a full understanding of it, prepared for the use of the judges upon a hearing or argument on appeal. Copies of the proceedings on an issue in law or demurrer, of cases, and of the proceedings on error, prepared for the use of the judges, and delivered to them previous to bringing the cause to argument, 3 Bl. Comm. 307; Archibb. New Pr. 353; 5 Man. & G. 98. In proceedings on appeal or error in a criminal case, copies of the proceedings with a note of the points intended to be argued, delivered to the judges by the parties before the argument. Archibb. Crim. Pr. 205; Sweet.

-Paper credit. Credit given on the security of any written obligation purporting to represent property.

-Paper days. In English law. Certain days in term-time appointed by the courts for hearings or arguments in the cases set down in the various special papers.


-Paper mill. See Paper office.

-Paper money. Bills drawn by a government against its own credit, engaging to pay money, but which do not profess to be immediately convertible into specie, and which are put into compulsory circulation as a substitute for coined money.

-Paper office. In English law. An ancient office in the palace of Whitehall, where all the public writings, matters of state and council, proclamations, letters, intelligences, negotiations of the queen’s ministers abroad, and generally all the papers and dispatches that pass through the offices of the secretaries of state, are deposited. Also an office or room in the court of queen’s bench where the records belonging to that court are deposited; sometimes called “paper-mill.” Wharton.

-Paper title. See Title.
PAPIST. One who adheres to the communion of the Church of Rome. The word seems to be considered by the Roman Catholics themselves as a nickname of reproach, originating in their maintaining the supreme ecclesiastical power of the pope. Wharton.

PAR. In commercial law. Equal; equality. An equality subsisting between the nominal or face value of a bill of exchange, share of stock, etc., and its actual selling value. When the values are thus equal, the instrument or share is said to be "at par;" if it can be sold for more than its nominal worth, it is "above par;" if for less, it is "below par." Ft. Edward v. Fish, 156 N. Y. 363, 50 N. E. 973; Evans v. Tillman, 38 S. C. 258, 17 S. E. 49; Conover v. Smith, 53 Cal. App. 227, 226 P. 835, 838; Town of Buffalo v. Walker, 126 Okl. 6, 257 P. 766, 770; Boston & M. R. R. v. U. S. (C. A.) 265 F. 578, 579.

Par of exchange. In mercantile law. The precise equality or equivalency of any given sum or quantity of money in the coin of one country, and the like sum or quantity of money in the coin of any other foreign country into which it is to be exchanged, supposing the money of such country to be of the precise weight and purity fixed by the mint standard of the respective countries. Story, Bills, § 30. Murphy v. Kastner, 50 N. J. Eq. 220, 24 A. 564; Blue Star S. S. Co. v. Keyser (D. C.) 81 F. 510; Delafield v. Illinois, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 224. The par of the currencies of any two countries means the equivalence of a certain amount of the currency of the one in the currency of the other, supposing the currency of both to be of the precise weight and purity fixed by their respective mints. The exchange between the two countries is said to be at par when bills are negotiated on this footing; i.e., when a bill for £100 drawn on London sells in Paris for 2,520 frs., and vice versa. Bowen, Pol. Econ. 284. See 11 East, 267.

PAR. Lat. Equal.

Par delictum. Equal guilt. "This is not a case of par delictum. It is oppression on one side and submission on the other. It never can be predicated as par delictum when one holds the rod and the other bows to it." 6 Maule & S. 165. See In Pari Deliceto.

Par oneri. Equal to the burden or charge, or to the detriment or damage.

Par in parem imperium non habet. Jenk. Cent. 174. An equal has no dominion over an equal.

PARACHRONISM. Error in the computation of time.

PARACON. The tenure between parceners, viz., that which the youngest owes to the eldest without homage or service. Domesday.

PARAGE, or PARAGIUM. An equality of blood or dignity, but more especially of land, in the partition of an inheritance between coheirs. Co. Litt. 166b. More properly, however, an equality of condition among nobles, or persons holding by a noble tenure. Thus, when a fief is divided among brothers, the younger hold their part of the elder by parage; i.e., without any homage or service. Also the portion which a woman may obtain on her marriage. Cowell.

PARAGRAP. A distinct part of a discourse or writing relating to a particular point. An entire or integral statement of a cause of action equivalent to a count at common law. Bailey v. Mosher, 63 F. 488, 11 C. C. A. 304.

A part or section of a statute, pleading, affidavit, etc., which contains one article, the sense of which is complete. McClellan v. Helm, 56 Neb. 600, 77 N. W. 120; Hill v. Fairhaven & W. R. Co., 75 Conn. 177, 52 A. 725; Marine v. Packham, 52 F. 578, 3 C. C. A. 210. The term in an act of congress will be construed to mean section whenever to do so accords with the legislative intent; Alfrey v. Colbert, 168 F. 221, 93 C. C. A. 517.

PARALLEL. Extending in the same direction and in all parts equidistant; having the same direction or tendency. Postal Tel. C. Co. v. R. Co., 88 Va. 920, 14 S. E. 503.

In the specification of a patent the word has been construed in its popular sense of going side by side and not in its purely mathematical sense; 2 App. Cas. 423; and so in Pratt v. Woodward, 32 Cal. 223, 91 Am. Dec. 573; Williams v. Jackson, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 459; where it was held that parallel lines were not necessarily straight lines.

For two lines of street railway to be "parallel," within the meaning of a statute, it may not be necessary that the two lines should be parallel for the whole length of each or either route. Exact parallelism is not contemplated. Cronin v. Highland St. Ry. Co., 144 Mass. 254, 10 N. E. 333. And see East St. Louis Connecting Ry. Co. v. Jarvis, 34 C. C. A. 659, 32 F. 726; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Kentucky, 16 S. Ct. 714, 161 U. S. 677, 40 L. Ed. 849.

PARALYSIS. In its popular rather than medical sense, signifies that the part of the body so afflicted, as an arm, is numb. Hudson v. Kansas City Rys. Co. (Mo. Sup.) 246 S. W. 576, 578.


Higher; superior. Malone v. Kansas City Rys. Co. (Mo. App.) 232 S. W. 782, 785. That which is superior; usually applied to the highest lord of the fee of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, as distinguished from the mesne (or Intermediate) lord. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 135.

PARAMOUNT EQUITY. An equitable right or claim which is prior, superior, or preferable to that with which it is compared.
PARAMOUNT TITLE. In the law of real property, properly one which is superior to the title with which it is compared. In the sense that the former is the source or origin of the latter. It is, however, frequently used to denote a title which is simply better or stronger than another, or will prevail over it (Jas. v. Maupin, 131 Ky. 527, 281 S. W. 49, 51). But this use is scarcely correct unless the superiority consists in the seniority of the title spoken of as "paramount." See Hoopes v. Meyer, 1 Nev. 444; Jones & Brindisi, Inc., v. Bernstein, 119 Misc. Rep. 697, 197 N. Y. S. 263, 265.

PARANOIA. See Insanity.

PARAPH. A flourish at the end of a signature. In the Middle Ages this was a sort of rude safeguard against forgery. Webster, Dict.

Also, as in Louisiana, the signature itself, such as the official signature of a notary. Harz v. Gowland, 126 La. 674, 52 So. 986-988.


In medieval times the "res paraphernas" were all the goods other than the "dos." These the husband did not own and of them the wife could make her will. 3 Holdaw. Hist. E. 1. 465.

PARAPHERNAL PROPERTY. See Paraphernalia.

PARAPHERNALIA. The separate property of a married woman, other than that which is included in her dowry, or dos.

The separate property of the wife is divided into dotal and extradotal. Dotal property is that which the wife brings to the husband to assist him in bearing the expenses of the marriage establishment. Extradotal property, otherwise called "paraphernal property," is that which forms no part of the dowry. Civ. Code La. art. 2335. It is property brought to the marriage by one of the spouses. There can be no such thing as paraphernal property prior to marriage; Le Boeuf v. Melancon, 131 La. 148, 59 South. 102.

Those goods which a woman is allowed to have, after the death of her husband, besides her dower, consisting of her apparel and ornaments, suitable to her rank and degree. 2 Bl. Comm. 435.

Those goods which a wife could bequeath by her testament. 2 Poll. & Midl. 427.

PARAPHERNAUX, BIENS. Fr. In French law. All the wife's property which is not subject to the régime dotal; and of these articles the wife has the entire administration; but she may allow the husband to enjoy them, and in that case he is not liable to account. Brown.

PARASCEVE. The sixth day of the last week in Lent, particularly called "Good Friday." In English law, it is a dies non juridicus.

PARASYNEXIS. In the civil law. A convenicle, or unlawful meeting.

PARATITLA. In the civil law. Notes or abstractions prefixed to titles of law, giving a summary of their contents. Cod. 1, 17, 1, 12. An abbreviated explanation of some titles or books of the Code or Digest.

PARATUM HABEO. Lat. I have him in readiness. The return by the sheriff to a copias ad respondendum, signifying that he has the defendant in readiness to be brought into court. This was a fiction, where the defendant was at large. Afterwards he was required, by statute, to take bail from the defendant, and he returned cepi corpus and bail-bond. But still he might be ruled to bring in the body; White v. Fitter, 7 Pa. 533.

PARATUS EST VERIFICARE. Lat. He is ready to verify. The Latin form for concluding a pleading with a verification, (q. v.)

PARAVAIL. Inferior; subordinate. Tenant paravail signified the lowest tenant of land, being the tenant of a mesne lord. He was so called because he was supposed to make "aval" or profit of the land for another. Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 60.


PARCEL, v. A small package or bundle. See Package.

The word "parcel" is not a sufficient description of the property alleged in an indictment to have been stolen. The prisoner was indicted for stealing "one parcel, of the value of one shilling, of the goods," etc. The parcel in question was taken from the hold of a vessel, out of a box broken open by the prisoner. Held an insufficient description; 7 Cox, C. C. 13.


PARCEL MAKERS. Two officers in the exchequer who formerly made the parcels or items of the escheaters' accounts, wherein they charged them with everything they had levied for the king during the term of their office. Cowell.

PARCELLA TERRÆ. A parcel of land.
PARCELS. A description of property, formerly set forth in a conveyance, together with the boundaries thereof, in order to its easy identification.

PARCELS, BILL OF. An account of the items composing a parcel or package of goods, transmitted with them to the purchaser. See further, Bill of Parcels under "Bill," §.

PARCHMENT. Sheep-skins dressed for writing, so called from Pergamus, Asia Minor, where they were invented. Used for deeds, and used for writs of summons in England previous to the judicature act, 1875. Wharton.

The skin of a lamb, sheep, goat, young calf, or other animal, prepared for writing on; also, any of various papers made in imitation thereof. Webster, Diet.

PARCO FRACTO. Pound-breach; also the name of an old English writ against one who violently breaks a pound and takes beasts which, for some trespass done, or some other just cause, were lawfully impounded.

PARCUS. A park, (q. v.) A pound for stray cattle. Spelman.

PARDON. An act of grace, proceeding from the power intrusted with the execution of the laws, which exempts the individual on whom it is bestowed from the punishment the law inflicts for a crime he has committed. U. S. v. Wilson, 7 Pet. 190, 8 L. Ed. 640; Ex parte Garland, 4 Wall. 350, 18 L. Ed. 396; Ex parte Wells, 15 How. 307, 15 L. Ed. 421; Moore v. State, 43 N. J. Law. 241, 39 Am. Rep. 558; Rich v. Chamberlain, 104 Mich. 436, 62 N. W. 584, 27 L. R. A. 573; Edwards v. Com., 78 Va. 39, 49 Am. Rep. 877; Jamison v. Flanner, 116 Kan. 624, 228 P. 32, 86, 35 A. L. R. 973; Dover v. Bickle, 171 Ark. 683, 255 S. W. 386, 387; Ex parte Rice, 72 Tex. Cr. R. 587, 162 S. W. 891, 890; People v. Hale, 64 Cal. App. 523, 222 P. 148, 151. It releases punishment and blots out the existence of guilt, so that in the eyes of the law the offender is as innocent as if he had never committed the offense. U. S. ex rel. Palermo v. Smith (C. C. A.) 17 F. (2d) 534, 555; Ex parte Jones, 25 Okl. Cr. 547, 220 P. 978, 34 A. L. R. 206. A "pardon" releases the offender from the entire punishment prescribed for the offense, and from all the disabilities consequent on his conviction, while by a "parole" a convict is merely released before the expiration of his term, to remain subject during the remainder thereof to supervision by the public authority, and to return to imprisonment on violation of the condition of the parole. Board of Prison Com'rs v. De Moss, 157 Ky. 289, 163 S. W. 183, 187.

A pardon, to be effective, must be accepted; Burdick v. U. S., 236 U. S. 79, 35 S. Ct. 267, 288, 59 L. Ed. 476; but a commutation is merely a cessation of the exercise of sovereign authority, and does not oblige the guilty nor restore civil rights, and need not be accepted by the convict to be operative; Chapman v. Scott (D. C.) 10 F. (2d) 156, 159; In re Charles, 115 Kan. 323, 222 P. 696, 698. A commutation is simply a remission of a part of the punishment, a substitution of a less penalty for the one originally imposed; State v. District Court of Eighteenth Judicial Dist. in and for Blaine County, 73 Mont. 541, 237 P. 525, 527; while a "pardon" avoids or terminates punishment for crime; U. S. v. Commissioner of Immigration at Port of New York (C. C. A.) 5 F. (2d) 182, 165.

The distinction between amnesty and pardon is one rather of philological interest than of legal importance. Knotts v. U. S., 96 U. S. 149, 153, 24 L. Ed. 442, 443. This is so as to their ultimate effect, but there are incidental differences of importance. They are of different character and have different purposes. The one overlooks offenses; the other relieves punishment. The former is usually addressed to crimes against the sovereignty of the state, to political offenses, offenses being deemed more expedient for the public welfare than prosecution and punishment. The second condones infractions of the peace of the state. Amnesty is usually general, addressed to classes or even communities—a legislative act, or under legislation, constitutional or statutory—the act of the supreme magistrate. There may or may not be distinct acts of acceptance. If other rights are dependent upon it and are asserted, there is affirmative evidence of acceptance. Burdick v. U. S., 236 U. S. 79, 35 S. Ct. 267, 271, 59 L. Ed. 476. "Pardon" applies only to the individual, releases him from the punishment fixed by law for his specified offense, but that does not affect the criminality of the same or similar acts when performed by other persons or repeated by the same person.

Absolute or Unconditional Pardon
One which frees the criminal without any condition whatever.

That which reaches both the punishment prescribed for the offense and the guilt of the offender. It obliterates in legal contemplation the offense itself. Ex parte Collins, 32 Okl. Cr. 6, 269 P. 693, 696.

Conditional Pardon
One to which a condition is annexed, performance of which is necessary to the validity of the pardon. Ex parte Hunt, 10 Ark. 264; State v. Fuller, 1 McCord (S. C.) 178. A pardon which does not become operative until the grantee has performed some spe-
cific act, or where it becomes void when some specific event transpires. Ex parte Collins, 32 Okl. Cr. 6, 259 P. 693, 697. One granted on the condition that it shall only endure until the voluntary doing of some act by the person pardoned, or that it shall be revoked by a subsequent act on his part, as that he shall leave the state and never return. Ex parte Janes, 1 Nev. 319; State v. Wolfer, 53 Minn. 135, 54 N. W. 1063, 19 L. R. A. 783, 39 Am. St. Rep. 682; State v. Barnes, 32 S. C. 14, 10 S. E. 611, 6 L. R. A. 743, 17 Am. St. Rep. 852; People v. Burns, 77 Hun, 92, 28 N. Y. S. 309.

General Pardon

One granted to all the persons participating in a given criminal or treasonable offense (generally political), or to all offenders of a given class or against a certain statute or within certain limits of time. But "amnesty" is the more appropriate term for this. It may be express, as when a general declaration is made that all offenders of a certain class shall be pardoned, or implied, as in case of the repeal of a penal statute. Roberts v. State, 2 Over. (Tenn.) 423.

PARDONERS. In old English law. Persons who carried about the pope's indulgences, and sold them to any who would buy them.

PARENS. Lat. In Roman law. A parent; originally and properly only the father or mother of the person spoken of; but also, by an extension of its meaning, any relative, male or female, in the line of direct ascent.

"Parens" est nomen generale ad omne genus cognationis. "Parent" is a name general for every kind of relationship. Co. Litt. 80; Littleton § 105; Mag. Catt. Joh. c. 50.

PARENS PATRÆ. Father of his country; parent of the country. In England, the king. In the United States, the state, as a sovereign—referring to the sovereign power of guardianship over persons under disability; In re Turner, 145 P. 871, 872, 94 Kan. 115, Ann. Cas. 1916E, 1022; such as minors, and insane and incompetent persons; McIntosh v. Dill, 86 Okl. 1, 205 P. 917, 925.


This word is distinguished from "ancestors" in including only the immediate progenitors of the person, while the latter embraces his more remote relatives in the ascending line. The word "parents" should therefore not ordinarily be construed to include grandparents. In re Spooner's Estate, 172 Wis. 174, 177 N. W. 598, 600. But by the civil law, grandfathers and grandmothers, and other ascendants, were, in certain cases, considered parents. Diet. de Jur. Parents. See Com. v. Anderson, 1 Ashm. (Pa.) 55; 2 Kent 169; 5 East 223.

The term literally can apply only to a father or mother related by blood, including the parent of an illegitimate child; Commonwealth v. Wibner, 73 Pa. Super. Ct. 349, 351; and excluding a stepfather or stepmother or one standing in loco parentis; State v. District Court of Second Judicial Dist. of Montana in and for Silver Bow County, 216 P. 802, 804, 66 Mont. 427; State v. Barger, 14 Ohio App. 127, 128; In re Remke, 95 Misc. 390, 169 N. Y. S. 715, 719; Oakley v. Conkley, 216 Mass. 71, 102 N. E. 900, 902; Ann. Cas. 1915A, 867. In statutes, however, the word is commonly construed as including a stepmother; State v. Juvenile Court of Ramsey County, 163 Minn. 312, 204 N. W. 21, 22 (see, also, Sovereign Camp, W. O. W., v. Cole, 124 Miss. 296, 86 So. 802, 804); and likewise adopting parents; Ransom v. New York C. & St. L. Ry. Co., 93 Ohio St. 223, 112 N. E. 586, L. R. A. 1916E, 704; Commonwealth v. Kirk, 212 Ky. 460, 279 S. W. 1061, 1062, 44 A. L. R. 816; In re Yates' Estate, 106 Kan. 721, 196 P. 1077; but not as including the father of an illegitimate child; People v. Rupp, 219 Ill. App. 209, 271; Howard v. U. S. (D. C.) 2 F. (2d) 170, 173; Ex parte Newsom, 212 Ala. 168, 102 So. 216, 218; People v. Fitzgerald, 157 App. Div. 85, 152 N. Y. S. 641, 643; State ex rel. Canfield v. Porterfield, 222 Mo. App. 553, 292 S. W. 85, 86.


PARENTELA. The sum of those persons who trace descent from one ancestor. 2 Poll. & Maitl. 296.

In Old English Law

Parentela, or de parentelæ se tollere, signified a renunciation of one's kindred and family. This was, according to ancient custom, done in open court, before the judge, and in the presence of twelve men, who made oath that they believed it was done for a just cause. We read of it in the laws of Henry I. After such abjuration, the person was incapable of inheriting anything from any of his relations, etc. Enc. Lond.

PARENTHESE. Part of a sentence occurring in the middle thereof, and inclosed between marks like ( ), the omission of which part would not injure the grammatical construction of the rest of the sentence. Wharton; In re Schilling, 53 Fed. S1, 3 C. C. A. 440. A word, phrase, or sentence, by way of comment or explanation, inserted in, or attached to, a sentence which would be grammatically complete without it. State v. Morgan, 133 La. 1063, 63 So. 500, 512.

PARENTICIDE. One who murders a parent; also the crime so committed.
PARENTICIDE

Parentem est liberis alere etiam nothos. It is the duty of parents to support their children even when illegitimate. Lofft, 222.

PARERGON. One work executed in the intervals of another; a subordinate task. Particularly, the name of a work on the Canons, in great repute, by Ayiffe.

PARES. Lat. A person's peers or equals; as the jury for the trial of causes, who were originally the vassals or tenants of the lord, being the equals or peers of the parties litigant; and, as the lord's vassals judged each other in the lord's courts, so the sovereign's vassals, or the lords themselves, judged each other in the sovereign's courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 349.

PARES CURIÆ. Peers of the court. Vassals who were bound to attend the lord's court.


PARESIS. In medical jurisprudence. Progressive general paralysis, involving or leading to the form of insanity known as "dementia paralytica." Popularly, but not very correctly, called "softening of the brain." See Insanity.

The term is applied to a group of mental and bodily symptoms, developing usually late in life and as a result of previous syphilis. The condition differs from the various insanities, in that definite alterations of the surface of the brain and its membranes are found, in the form of chronic inflammation. Loss of memory, passionate outbursts, delusions of grandeur, restlessness and insomnia, with final absolute dementia, are the chief mental symptoms, while physically muscular weakness, tremor, particularly of the lips and tongue, ataxia, and various convulsive seizures are seen.

PARI CAUSA. Lat. With equal right; upon an equal footing; equivalent in rights or claims.

PARI DELICTO. Lat. In equal fault; in a similar offense or crime; equal in guilt or in legal fault. See In pari delicto.

PARI MATERIA. Lat. Of the same matter; on the same subject; as, laws pari materia must be construed with reference to each other. Bac Abr. "Statute," I, 3.

PARI MUTUEL. A mutual state or wager; a betting pool. Utah State Fair Ass'n v. Green, 68 Utah, 251, 249 P. 1016, 1028. See, also, Pompano Horse Club v. State, 98 Fla. 415, 111 So. 801, 813, 52 A. L. R. 51.

PARI PASSU. Lat. By an equal progress; equally; ratably; without preference. Coote, Mortg. 56. Used especially of creditors who, in marshalling assets, are entitled to receive out of the same fund without any precedence over each other.

PARI PASSU BONDS. A name given in Scotland to certain bonds secured upon lands which share an equal benefit of the security. Where several securities are created over the same lands by separate bonds and dispositions in security, they would ordinarily have priority according to the date of registration of the sasine or bond, as the case may be. If it is intended to have them rank as pari passu, it is usual to insert a clause in each bond declaring that they shall be so ranked without regard to their priority of registration. 9 Jurid. Rev. 74.

PARI RATIONE. Lat. For the like reason; by like mode of reasoning.

Paria copulantur paribus. Like things unite with like. Bac. Max.

Paribus sententias reus absolvitur. Where the opinions are equal, [where the court is equally divided] the defendant is acquitted. 4 Inst. 64.


PARIES. Lat. In the civil law. A wall. Paries est, sive murus, sive macearia est. Dig. 50, 16, 157.

PARIES COMMUNIS. A common wall; a party-wall. Dig. 29, 2, 39.

PARIS, DECLARATION OF. See Declaration.

PARISH.

In English Ecclesiastical Law

A circuit of ground, committed to the charge of one parson or vicar, or other minister having cure of souls therein. 1 Bl. Comm. 111. Wilson v. State, 34 Ohio St. 159. The precinct of a parish church, and the particular charge of a secular priest. Cowell. An ecclesiastical division of a town or district, subject to the ministry of one pastor. Brande.

In New England

A division of a town, originally territorial, but which now constitutes a quasi-corporation, consisting of those connected with a certain church. See Weston v. Hunt, 2 Mass. 501. Synonymous with church and used in the same sense as society. Ayres v. Weed, 16 Conn. 290. A corporation established for the maintenance of public worship, which may be coterminous with a town, or include only part of it.

A precinct or parish is a corporation established solely for the purpose of maintaining public worship, and its powers are limited to that object. It may raise money for building and keeping in repair its meeting-
house and supporting its minister, but for no other purpose. A town is a civil and political corporation, established for municipal purposes. They may both subsist together in the same territory, and be composed of the same persons. Milford v. Godfrey, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 91.

In Pennsylvania the term has no legal significance and is used merely in its general sense. If used there in ecclesiastical divisions, it has just such importance and significance as may be given it under ecclesiastical regulations. In re St. Casimir’s Polish Roman Catholic Church of Shenandoah, 273 Pa. 494, 117 A. 219, 220.

In Louisiana


PARISH APPRENTICE. In English law. The children of parents unable to maintain them may, by law, be apprenticed, by the guardians or overseers of their parish, to such persons as may be willing to receive them as apprentices. Such children are called "parish apprentices." 2 Steph. Comm. 230.

PARISH CHURCH. This expression has various significations. It is applied sometimes to a select body of Christians, forming a local spiritual association, and sometimes to the building in which the public worship of the inhabitants of a parish is celebrated; but the true legal notion of a parochial church is a consecrated place, having attached to it the rights of burial and the administration of the sacraments. Story, J., Pawlet v. Clark, 9 Cranch, 326, 3 L. Ed. 735.

PARISH CLERK. In English law. An officer, in former times often in holy orders, and appointed to officiate at the altar; now his duty consists chiefly in making responses in church to the minister. By common law he has a freehold in his office, but it seems now to be falling into desuetude. 2 Steph. Comm. 700; Mosley & Whitley.

PARISH CONSTABLE. A petty constable exercising his functions within a given parish. Mosley & Whitley. See Constable.

PARISH COURT. The name of a court established in each parish in Louisiana, and corresponding to the county courts or common pleas courts in the other states. It has a limited civil jurisdiction, besides general probate powers.

PARISH OFFICERS. Church-wardens, overseers, and constables.

PARISH PRIEST. In English law. The person; a minister who holds a parish as a benefice. If the predial titles are appropriated, he is called "rector;" if improperly, "vicar." Wharton.

PARISHIONERS. Members of a parish. In England, for many purposes they form a body politic.

PARITOR. A beadle; a summoner to the courts of civil law.

Parium eadem est ratio, idem jus. Of things equal, the reason is the same, and the same is the law.

PARIUM JUDICUM. The judgment of peers; trial by a jury of one's peers or equals.

PARK, v. Voluntarily and temporarily to leave an automobile, especially on a street or highway, when not in use. Kastler v. Tares, 191 Wis. 120, 216 N. W. 415, 417; Ex parte Corvey, 220 Mo. App. 602, 287 S. W. 879, 881.

PARK, n. In English Law

A tract of inclosed ground privileged for keeping wild beasts of the chase, particularly deer; an inclosed chase extending only over a man's own grounds. 2 Bl. Comm. 38; 13 Car. II. c. 10. A pound. Reg. Orig. 166; Cowell.

In American Law


As applied to pleasure grounds and spaces or open places for public use or public recre-
ation owned by towns, the term is largely one of quite modern usage, and until recent years such places were in popular speech spoken of as "squares" and "commons." Woodward v. City of Des Moines, 182 Iowa, 1102, 165 N. W. 312, 314.

PARK-BOTE. To bequit of inclosing a park or any part thereof.

PARKER. A park-keeper.

PARKING. In municipal law and administration. A strip of land, lying either in the middle of the street or in the space between the building line and the sidewalk, or between the sidewalk and the driveway, intended to be kept as a park-like space, that is, not built upon, but beautified with turf, trees, flower-beds, etc. See Downing v. Des Moines, 124 Iowa, 299, 99 N. W. 1066. See, also, Parkway.

PARKING PLACE. A place where motor vehicles may be left parked or standing and removed by the owner at pleasure. Mobile Light & R. Co., 211 Ala. 525, 101 So. 177, 178, 34 A. L. R. 921.

PARKWAY. An ornamental part of a street which may be used for recreation purposes. Kupelian v. Andrews, 233 N. Y. 278, 135 N. E. 502. In that sense, substantially synonymous with "parking" (q. v.). Also, an attractive street or highway, ornamented with shrubbery and the like. Municipal Securities Corporation v. Kansas City, 265 Mo. 252, 177 S. W. 856, 860.

PARLE HILL, or PARLING HILL. A hill where courts were anciently held. Cowell.

PARLIAMENT. The supreme legislative assembly of Great Britain and Ireland, consisting of the king or queen and the three estates of the realm, viz., the lords spiritual, the lords temporal, and the commons. 1 Bl. Comm. 153.

High Court of Parliament

In English law. The English parliament, as composed of the house of peers and house of commons; or the house of lords sitting in its judicial capacity.

PARLIAMENTARY. Relating or belonging to, connected with, enacted by or proceeding from, or characteristic of, the English parliament in particular, or any legislative body in general.

PARLIAMENTARY AGENTS. Persons who act as solicitors in promoting and carrying private bills through parliament. They are usually attorneys or solicitors, but they do not usually confine their practice to this particular department. Brown.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. A committee of members of the house of peers or of the house of commons, appointed by either house for the purpose of making inquiries, by the examination of witnesses or otherwise, into matters which could not be conveniently inquired into by the whole house. Wharton.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW. The general body of enacted rules and recognized usages which governs the procedure of legislative assemblies and other deliberative bodies.

PARLIAMENTARY TAXES. See Tax.

PARLIAMENTUM. L. Lat. A legislative body in general or the English parliament in particular.

PARLIAMENTUM DIABOLICUM. A parliament held at Coventry, 38 Hen. VI., wherein Edward, Earl of March, (afterwards King Edward IV.,) and many of the chief nobility were attained, was so called; but the acts then made were annulled by the succeeding parliament. Jacob.

PARLIAMENTUM INDOCTUM. Unlearned or lack-learning parliament. A name given to a parliament held at Coventry in the sixth year of Henry IV., under an ordinance requiring that no lawyer should be chosen knight, citizen, or burgess; "by reason whereof," says Sir Edward Coke, "this parliament was fruitless, and never a good law made thereat." 4 Inst. 48; 1 Bl. Comm. 177.

PARLIAMENTUM INSANUM. A parliament assembled at Oxford, 41 Hen. III., so styled from the madness of their proceedings, and because the lords came with armed men to it, and contentions grew very high between the king, lords, and commons, whereby many extraordinary things were done. Jacob.

PARLIAMENTUM RELIGIOSORUM. In most convents there has been a common room into which the brethren withdrew for conversation; conferences there being termed "parliamentum." Likewise, the societies of the two temples, or inns of court, call that assembly of the benchers or governors wherein they confer upon the common affairs of their several houses a "parliament." Jacob.

Parochia est locus quo degit populus alienus ecclesias. 5 Coke, 67. A parish is a place in which the population of a certain church resides.

PARROCHIAL. Relating or belonging to a parish.

PARROCHIAL CHAPELS. In English law. Places of public worship in which the rites of sacrament and seclusion are performed.

PAROL. A word; speech; hence, oral or verbal; expressed or evidenced by speech only; not expressed by writing; not expressed by sealed instrument.

The pleadings in an action are also, in old law French, denominated the "parol," because they were formerly actual viva voce.
pleadings in court, and not mere written allegations, as at present. Brown.


PAROLE. In military law. A promise given by a prisoner of war, when he has leave to depart from custody, that he will return at the time appointed, unless discharged.

Webster.

An engagement by a prisoner of war, upon being set at liberty, that he will not again take up arms against the government by whose forces he was captured, either for a limited period or while hostilities continue.

In criminal law. A conditional release; condition being that, if prisoner makes good, he will receive an absolute discharge from balance of sentence, but, if he does not, he will be returned to serve unexpired time. In re Eddinger, 236 Mich. 628, 211 N. W. 54, 55; Ex parte Collins, 82 Okl. Cr. 6, 229 P. 688, 697; Ex parte Mason, 29 Okl. Cr. 297, 233 P. 785, 786; State v. Asher (Mo. Sup.) 246 S. W. 911, 913; In re Court of Pardons, 97 N. J. Eq. 555, 129 A. 624, 630; Ex parte Patterson, 94 Kan. 439, 146 P. 1009, 1010, L. R. A. 1915F, 541; Ex parte Thornberry, 254 S. W. 1087, 300 Mo. 661; State v. Yates, 183 N. C. 753, 111 S. E. 337, 338; Crooks v. Sanders, 123 S. C. 28, 115 S. E. 760, 792, 28 A. L. R. 940; Board of Prison Com'rs v. De Moss, 157 Ky. 289, 165 S. W. 183, 187; Duehay v. Thompson (C. C. A.) 223 F. 305, 307; In re Sutton, 50 Mont. 88, 145 P. 6, 8, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 1223.

PAROLS DE LEY. L. Fr. Words of law; technical words.

Parols font plea. Words make the plea. 5 Mod. 458.

PARQUET. In French law. 1. The magistrates who are charged with the conduct of proceedings in criminal cases and misdemeanors. 2. That part of the bourse which is reserved for stock-brokers.

PARRICIDE. The crime of killing one's father; also a person guilty of killing his father.

PARRICIDIO. Lat. In the civil law. Parricide; the murder of a parent. Dig. 48, 9, 9.

PARS. Lat. A part; a party to a deed, action, or legal proceeding.

PARS ENITIA. In old English law. The privilege or portion of the eldest daughter in the partition of lands by lot.

PARS GRAVATA. In old practice. A party aggrieved; the party aggrieved. Hardr. 50; 3 Leon. 237.

PARS PRO TOTO. Part for the whole; the name of a part used to represent the whole; as the roof for the house, ten spears for ten armed men, etc.

PARS RATIONABILIS. That part of a man's goods which the law gave to his widow and children. 2 Bl. Comm. 492.


PARS VISCRUM MATRIS. Part of the bowels of the mother; i.e., an unborn child.

PARSON. The rector of a church; one that has full possession of all the rights of a parochial church. The appellation of "parson," however it may be deprecated by familiar, clownish, and indiscriminate use, is the most legal, most beneficial, and most honorable title that a parish priest can enjoy, because such a one, Sir Edward Coke observes, and he only, is said vicem seu personam ecclesiae gerere, (to represent and bear the person of the church.) 1 Bl. Comm. 384.

PARSON IMPARSONEE. In English law. A clerk or parson in full possession of a benefice. Cowell.

PARSON MORTAL. A rector instituted and inducted for his own life. But any collegiate or conventional body, to whom a church was forever appropriated, was termed "persona immortalia." Wharton.

PARSONAGE. A certain portion of lands, tithe, and offerings, established by law, for the maintenance of the minister who has the cure of souls. Tomlins.

The word is more generally used for the house set apart for the residence of the minister. Mozley & Whittle. See Wells' Estate v. Congregational Church, 63 VT. 116, 21 A. 270; Everett v. First Presbyterian Church, 53 N. J. Eq. 500, 32 A. 747; Reeves v. Reeves, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 644; State v. Kittle, 87 W. Va. 526, 105 S. E. 775, 776; St. Joseph's Church v. City of Detroit, 189 Mich. 408, 155 N. W. 588, 590.

PART. A portion, share, or purport. One of two duplicate originals of a conveyance or covenant, the other being called "counter-part." Also, in composition, partial or incomplete; as part payment, part performance. Cairo v. Bross, 9 Ill. App. 406.

PART AND PERTINENT. In the Scotch law of conveyancing. Formal words equivalent to the English "appurtenances." Bell. As to part "Owner," "Payment," and "Performance," see those titles.

PARTAGE. In French law. A division made between co-proprietors of a particular estate held by them in common. It is the operation by means of which the goods of a succession are divided among the co-heirs; while liquidation (q. v.) is an adjudication to the highest bidder of objects which are not divisible. Duverger.
PARTÉ INAUDITA. Lat. One side being unheard. Spoken of any action which is taken ex parte.

PARTÉ NON COMPARENTE. Lat. The party not having appeared. The condition of a cause called “default.”

Parte quaeque integrae sublata, tollitur totum. An integral part being taken away, the whole is taken away. 8 Coke, 41.

Partem aliquam recte intelligere nemo potest, antequam totum, iterum atque iterum, perlegatur. 3 Coke, 52. No one can rightly understand any part until he has read the whole again and again.

PARTES FINIS NIHIL HABUERUNT. In old pleading. The parties to the fine had nothing; that is, had no estate which could be conveyed by it. A plea to a fine which had been levied by a stranger. 2 Bl. Comm. 357; 1 P. Wms. 520.

PARTIAL. Relating to or constituting a part; not complete; not entire or universal.

PARTIAL ACCOUNT. An account of an executor, administrator, guardian, etc., not exhibiting his entire dealings with the estate or fund from his appointment to final settlement, but covering only a portion of the time or of the estate. See Marshall v. Coleman, 187 Ill. 506, 58 N. E. 628.


PARTIAL EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

PARTIAL INSANITY. Mental unsoundness always existing, although only occasionally manifest; monomania. 3 Add. 70.

PARTIAL LOSS. See Loss.

PARTIAL PAYMENT. See Payment.

PARTIAL VERDICT. See Verdict.

PARTIARIUS. Lat. In Roman law. A legatee who was entitled, by the directions of the will, to receive a share or portion of the inheritance left to the heir.

PARTIBLE LANDS. Lands which might be divided; lands held in gavelkind. See 2 Poll. & Maitl. 268, 271; Gavelkind.

PARTICIPES. Lat. A participate; a sharer; anciently, a part owner, or parecere.

PARTICIPES CRIMINIS. A participate in a crime; an accomplice. One who shares or co-operates in a criminal offense, tort, or fraud. Alberger v. White, 117 Mo. 347, 23 S. W. 92; State v. Fox, 70 N. J. Law, 358, 57 A. 270.

PARTICIPATE. To receive or have a part or share of; to partake of; experience in common with others; to have or enjoy a part or share in common with others; partake; as to “participate” in a discussion. To take a part in; as to participate in joys or sorrows. Beh v. Travelers’ Ins. Co., 95 N. J. Law, 533, 112 A. 839, 860, 14 A. L. R. 983. To take equal shares and proportions; to share or divide. 6 Ch. 986. Participate in an estate. To take as tenants in common. 28 Beav. 266.

Participes plures sunt quasi unum corpus in eo quod unum hanc habent, et oporpet quod corpus sit integrum, et quod in nullu parte sit defectus. Co. Litt. 4. Many parceners are as one body, insmuch as they have one right, and it is necessary that the body be perfect, and that there be a defect in no part.

PARTICULA. A small piece of land.

PARTICULAR. This term, as used in law, is almost always opposed to “general,” and means either individual, local, partial, special, or belonging to a single person, place, or thing. Lang v. Collins (Tex. Civ. App.) 190 S. W. 751, 755; Albus v. Toomey, 273 Pa. 303, 116 A. 917, 918; Charles Broadway Rouss, Inc., v. Winchester Co. (D. C.) 290 F. 463, 467; Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Co. v. Casey Land Agency, 61 N. D. 532, 201 N. W. 172, 173.

As to particular “Average,” “Custom,” “Estate,” “Lien,” “Malice,” and “Partnership,” see those titles.

PARTICULAR STATEMENT. This term, in use in Pennsylvania, denotes a statement which a plaintiff may be required to file, exhibiting in detail the items of his claim, (or its nature, if single,) with the dates and sums. It is a species of declaration, but is informal and not required to be methodical. Dixon v. Sturgeon, 6 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 28.

PARTICULAR TENANT. The tenant of a particular estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 274. See Estate.

PARTICULARITY. In a pleading, affidavit, or the like, is the detailed statement of particulars.

PARTICULARS. The details of a claim, or the separate items of an account. When these are stated in an orderly form, for the information of a defendant, the statement is called a “bill of particulars;” (q. e.)

PARTICULARS OF BREACHES AND OBJECTIONS. In an action brought, in England, for the infringement of letters patent, the plaintiff is bound to deliver with his declaration (now with his statement of claim) particulars (i.e., details) of the breaches which he complains of. Sweet.

PARTICULARS OF CRIMINAL CHARGES. A prosecutor, when a charge is general, is frequently ordered to give the defendant a statement of the acts charged, which is called, in England, the “particulars” of the charges.
PARTICULARS OF SALE. When property such as land, houses, shares, reversions, etc., is to be sold by auction, it is usually described in a document called the “particulars,” copies of which are distributed among intending bidders. They should fairly and accurately describe the property. Dart, Vend. 113; 1 Dav. Conv. 511.

PARTIDA. Span. Part; a part. See Las Partidas.

PARTIES. The persons who take part in the performance of any act, or who are directly interested in any affair, contract, or conveyance, or who are actively concerned in the prosecution and defense of any legal proceeding. U. S. v. Henderlong (C. C.) 102 F. 2; Robbins v. Chicago, 4 Wall. 972, 18 L. Ed. 427; Green v. Bogie, 155 U. S. 478, 15 S. Ct. 975, 39 L. Ed. 1061; Hughes v. Jones, 118 N. Y. 67, 22 N. E. 446, 5 L. R. A. 637, 15 Am. St. Rep. 386. See also Party.

In the Roman civil law, the parties were designated as “actor” and “reus.” In the common law, they are called “plaintiff” and “defendant;” in real actions, “demandant” and “tenant;” in equity, “complainant” or “plaintiff” and “defendant;” in Scotch law, “pursuer” and “defender;” in admiralty practice, “ibibant” and “respondent;” in appeals, “appellant” and “respondent,” sometimes, “plaintiff in error” and “defendant in error;” in criminal proceedings, “prosecutor” and “prisoner.”

Classification

Formal, or proper parties are those who have no interest in the controversy between the immediate litigants, but have an interest in the subject-matter which may be conveniently settled in the suit, and thereby prevent further litigation; they may be made parties or not, at the option of the complainant. Chadbourne v. Coe, 51 F. 478, 2 C. C. A. 327; Sexton v. Sutherland, 37 N. D. 500, 164 N. W. 278, 283; Consolidated Gas Co. of New York v. Newton (D. C.) 256 F. 238, 245; State v. Municipal Savings & Loan Co., 111 Ohio St. 178, 144 N. E. 736, 740. Necessary parties are those parties who have such an interest in the subject-matter of a suit in equity, or whose rights are so involved in the controversy, that no complete and effective decree can be made, disposing of the matters in issue and dispensing complete justice, unless they are before the court in such a manner as to entitle them to be heard in vindication or protection of their interests. See Chandler v. Ward, 188 Ill. 322, 55 N. E. 919; Phenix Nat. Bank v. Cleveland Co., 55 Hun. 606, 11 N. Y. 375; Chadbourne v. Coe, 51 F. 480, 2 C. C. A. 327; Burrill v. Garst, 19 R. I. 38, 31 A. 493; Castle v. Madison, 113 Wis. 245, 89 N. W. 156; Iowa County Sup’r v. Mineral Point R. Co., 24 Wis. 132. Nominal parties are those who are joined as plaintiffs or defendants, not because they have any real interest in the subject-matter or because any relief is demanded as against them, but merely because the technical rules of pleading require their presence on the record. It should be noted that some courts make a further distinction between “necessary” parties and “indispensable” parties. Thus, it is said that the supreme court of the United States divides parties in equity suits into three different classes: (1) Formal parties, who have no interest in the controversy between the immediate litigants, but have such an interest in the subject-matter as may be conveniently settled in the suit, and thereby prevent further litigation; (2) necessary parties, who have an interest in the controversy, but whose interests are separable from those of the parties before the court, and will not be directly affected by a decree which does complete and full justice between them; (3) indispensable parties, who not only have an interest in the subject-matter of the controversy, but an interest of such a nature that a final decree cannot be made without either affecting their interests or leaving the controversy in such a condition that its final determination may be wholly inconsistent with equity and good conscience. Hicklin v. Marco, 66 F. 562, 6 C. C. A. 10, citing Shildes v. Barrow, 17 How. 129, 15 L. Ed. 158; Ribon v. Railroad Co., 16 Wall. 458, 21 L. Ed. 337; Williams v. Bankhead, 19 Wall. 571, 22 L. Ed. 181; Kendall v. Dean, 97 U. S. 425, 24 L. Ed. 1061; Barrmore v. Darrah (Tex. Civ. App.) 227 S. W. 522, 523; Jones v. Bryant, 204 Ill. App. 699; Sexton v. Sutherland, 37 N. D. 500, 164 N. W. 278, 281; State v. Municipal Savings & Loan Co., 111 Ohio St. 178, 144 N. E. 736, 740; Consolidated Gas Co. of New York v. Newton (D. C.) 256 F. 238, 245; Wilson v. Reeves County Water Improvement Dist. No. 1 (Tex. Civ. App.) 256 S. W. 346, 347; Morton v. Boshore, 317 Ill. 535, 148 N. E. 317; Collins v. Herd (Tex. Civ. App.) 296 S. W. 216, 218; Morse v. International Trust Co., 259 Mass. 285, 156 N. E. 413, 415; Hansen v. Carr, 73 Cal. App. 511, 238 P. 1048, 1050; Ex parte Equitable Trust Co. of New York (C. C. A.) 291 F. 571, 592; De Bolt v. Farmers Exchange Bank, 46 Okl. 258, 148 P. 890, 892; Bingham v. Graham (Tex. Civ. App.) 220 S. W. 105, 112; U. S. v. United Shoe Machinery Co. (D. C.) 234 F. 127, 140; Nell v. Chrisman, 26 Ariz. 566, 229 P. 92, 93; Komalty v. Cassidy-Southwest Commission Co., 62 Okl. 81, 161 P. 1061, 1062; Hughes v. Yates, 195 Ind. 182, 144 N. E. 863, 864; Hymas v. Old Dominion Co., 113 Me. 337, 93 A. 899; Tupelo Townsite Co. v. Cook, 52 Okl. 703, 153 P. 104, 167; Shed v. American Maize Products Co., 60 Ind. App. 146, 108 N. E. 610, 621.

PARTIES AND PRIVIES. Parties to a deed or contract are those with whom the deed or contract is actually made or entered into. By the term “privies,” as applied to a contract, is frequently meant those between whom the contract is mutually binding, although not literally parties to such contract. Thus, in the
case of a lease, the lessor and lessee are both parties and privies, the contract being literally made between the two, and also being mutually binding; but, if the lessee assign his interest to a third party, then a privity arises between the assignee and the original lessor, although such assignee is not literally a party to the original lease. Brown.

PARTIES IN INTEREST. Under General Order 6 (11 USCA § 53) respecting transfer of bankruptcy proceedings for the greatest convenience of “parties in interest,” the term “parties in interest” includes not only general creditors, but prior and secured creditors as well, and also the bankrupt and every other party, whose pecuniary interest is affected by the proceedings. In re Devonian Mineral Spring Co. (D. C.) 272 F. 527, 532.

PARTITIO. Lat. In the civil law. Partition; division. This word did not always signify dimidium, a dividing into halves. Dig. 50, 16, 164, 1.

PARTITIO LEGATA. A testamentary partition. This took place where the testator, in his will, directed the heir to divide the inheritance and deliver a designated portion thereof to a named legatee. See Mackel. Rom. Law, §§ 781, 785.

PARTITION. The dividing of lands held by joint tenants, coparceners, or tenants in common, into distinct portions, so that they may hold them in severality. And, in a less technical sense, any division of real or personal property between co-owners or co-proprietors. Meacham v. Meacham, 91 Tenn. 532, 19 S. W. 757; Hodgins v. Sansom, 72 Tex. 226, 10 S. W. 104; Welser v. Welser, 5 Watts (Pa.) 278, 30 Am. Dec. 313; Gay v. Partpar, 106 U. S. 679, 1 S. Ct. 456, 25 L. Ed. 256; Black v. Sylvania Producing Co., 105 Ohio St. 346, 137 N. E. 904, 905; Thomas v. Thompson, 123 Okl. 218, 235 P. 99, 102; Gillespie v. Jackson, 153 Tenn. 150, 251 S. W. 929, 932.

Oweity of Partition
See Owelty.

Partition, Deed of
In conveyancing. A species of primary or original conveyance between two or more joint tenants, coparceners, or tenants in common, by which they divide the lands so held among them in severality, each taking a distinct part. 2 Bl. Comm. 323, 324.

Partition of a Succession
The partition of a succession is the division of the effects of which the succession is composed, among all the co-heirs, according to their respective rights. Partition is voluntary or judicial. It is voluntary when it is made among all the co-heirs present and of age, and by their mutual consent. It is judicial when it is made by the authority of the court, and according to the formalities prescribed by law. Every partition is either definite or provisional. Definitive partition is that which is made in a permanent and irrevocable manner. Provisional partition is that which is made provisionally, either of certain things before the rest can be divided, or even of everything that is to be divided, when the parties are not in a situation to make an irrevocable partition. Civ. Code La. art. 1268, et seq.

PARTNER. A member of copartnership or firm; one who has united with others to form a partnership in business. See Partnership.

Dormant Partners
Those whose names are not known or do not appear as partners, but who nevertheless are silent partners, and partake of the profits, and thereby become partners, either absolutely to all intents and purposes, or at all events in respect to third parties. Dormant partners, in strictness of language, mean those who are merely passive in the firm, whether known or unknown, in contradistinction to those who are active and conduct the business of the firm, as principals. See Story, Partn. § 80; Rowland v. Estes, 196 Pa. 111, 42 A. 529; National Bank of Salem v. Thomas, 47 N. Y. 15; Metcalf v. Officer (C. C.) 2 F. 640; Pooley v. Driver, 5 Ch. Div. 458; Jones v. Figely, 4 Phila. (Pa.) 1.

Liquidating Partner
The partner who, upon the dissolution or insolvency of the firm, is appointed to settle its accounts, collect assets, adjust claims, and pay debts.

Nominal Partner
One whose name appears in connection with the business as a member of the firm, but who has no real interest in it.

Ostensible Partner
One whose name appears to the world as such, or who is held out to all persons having dealings with the firm in the character of a partner, whether or not he has any real interest in the firm. Civ. Code Ga. 1882, § 1889 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3157).

Quasi Partners
Partners of lands, goods, or chattels who are not actual partners are sometimes so called. Poth. de Société, App. no. 184.

Secret Partner
A dormant partner; one whose connection with the firm is really or professely concealed from the world. In re Victor (D. C.) 246 F. 727, 731.

Silent Partner, Sleeping Partner
Popular names for dormant partners or special partners.

BL. LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)
SOLVERNT PARTNER

A "solvent partner" does not mean one who has assets sufficient to pay his debts, but one who is not in bankruptcy, so that his property is open to joint creditors' appropriation by legal action and not subject to distribution in bankruptcy proceedings. Robinson v. Security Co., 87 Conn. 268, 87 A. 879, 881, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 1170.

SPECIAL PARTNER

A member of a limited partnership, who furnishes certain funds to the common stock, and whose liability extends no further than the fund furnished. A partner whose responsibility is restricted to the amount of his investment. 3 Kent, Comm. 34.

SURVIVING PARTNER

The partner who, on the dissolution of the firm by the death of his copartner, occupies the position of a trustee to settle up its affairs.

PARTNERSHIP. A voluntary contract between two or more competent persons to place their money, effects, labor, and skill, or some or all of them, in lawful commerce or business, with the understanding that there shall be a proportional sharing of the profits and losses between them. Story, Partn. § 2; Colly. Partn. § 2; 3 Kent, Comm. 25.

A partnership is an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit. Uniform Partnership Act, § 6(l).

Partnership is a synallagmatic and commutative contract made between two or more persons for the mutual participation in the profits which may accrue from property, credit, skill, or industry, furnished in determined proportions by the parties. Civ. Code La. art. 2501.


COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIP

See Trading.

GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

A partnership in which the parties carry on all their trade and business, whatever it may be, for the joint benefit and profit of all the parties concerned, whether the capital stock be limited or not, or the contributions there-to be equal or unequal. Story, Partn. § 74; Bigelow v. Elliot, 3 Fed. Cas. 351; Eldridge v. Troost, 3 Abb. Prac., N. S. (N. Y.) 23.

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

A partnership consisting of one or more general partners, jointly and severally responsible as ordinary partners, and by whom the business is conducted, and one or more special partners, contributing in cash payments a specific sum as capital to the common stock, and who are not liable for the debts of the partnership beyond the fund so contributed. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. 704. And see Moorhead v. Seymour (City Ct. N. Y.) 77 N. Y. 1054; Taylor v. Webster, 39 N. J. Law. 104.

MINING PARTNERSHIP

See Mining.

PARTICULAR PARTNERSHIP

One existing where the parties have united to share the benefits of a single individual transaction or enterprise. Spencer v. Jones (Tex. Civ. App.) 47 S. W. 665.

PARTNERSHIP ASSETS

Property of any kind belonging to the firm as such (not the separate property of the individual partners) and available to the recourse of the creditors of the firm in the first instance.

PARTNERSHIP AT WILL

One designed to continue for no fixed period of time, but only during the pleasure of the parties, and which may be dissolved by any partner without previous notice.

PARTNERSHIP DEBT

One due from the partnership or firm as such and not (primarily) from one of the individual partners.

PARTNERSHIP IN COMMENDAM

Partnership in commendam is formed by a contract by which one person or partnership agrees to furnish another person or partnership a certain amount, either in property or money, to be employed by the person or partnership to whom it is furnished, in his or their own name or firm, on condition of receiving a share in the profits, in the proportion determined by the contract, and of being liable to losses and expenses to the amount furnished and no more. Civ. Code La. art. 2639.

SECRET PARTNERSHIP

One where the existence of certain persons as partners is not avowed to the public by any of the partners. Deering v. Flanders, 49 N. H. 225.

SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP

At common law. One formed for the prosecution of a special branch of business, as distinguished from the general business of the parties, or for one particular venture or subject. Bigelow v. Elliot, 3 Fed. Cas. 351. A joint adventure. McDaniel v. State Fair
PARTNERSHIP


Subpartnership

One formed where one partner in a firm makes a stranger a partner with him in his share of the profits of that firm.

Trading Partnership

See Trading.

Universal Partnership

One in which the partners jointly agree to contribute to the common fund of the partnership the whole of their property, of whatever character, and future, as well as present. Poth. Société, 29; Civ. Code La. art. 2829.

PARTURITION. The act of giving birth to a child.

PURTUS. Lat. Child; offspring; the child just before it is born, or immediately after its birth.

Partus ex iegito thoros non certos non aiut matrem quam genitoreum suum. Fortes. 42. The offspring of a legitimate bed knows not his mother more certainly than his father.

Partus sequitur ventrem. The offspring follows the mother; the brood of an animal belongs to the owner of the dam; the offspring of a slave belongs to the owner of the mother, or follow the condition of the mother. A maxim of the civil law, which has been adopted in the law of England in regard to animals, though never allowed in the case of human beings. 2 Bl. Comm. 390, 94; Fortes. 42.

PARTY. A person concerned or having or taking part in any affair, matter, transaction, or proceeding, considered individually. See Parties.

The term "parties" includes all persons who are directly interested in the subject-matter in issue, who have a right to make defense, control the proceedings, or appeal from the judgment. Strangers are persons who do not possess these rights. Hunt v. Haven, 32 N. H. 102.

"Party" is a technical word, and has a precise meaning in legal parlance. By it is understood he or she by or against whom a suit is brought, whether in law or equity; the party plaintiff or defendant, whether composed of one or more individuals, and whether natural or legal persons, (they are parties in the writ, and parties on the record;) and all others who may be affected by the suit, indirectly or consequentially, are persons interested, but not parties. Merchants' Bank v. Cook, 4 Pick. 405.

—Party and party. This phrase signifies the contending parties in an action; i.e., the plaintiff and defendant, as distinguished from the attorney and his client. It is used in connection with the subject of costs, which are differently taxed between party and party and between attorney and client. Brown.

—Party to be charged. A phrase used in the statute of frauds, meaning the party against whom the contract is sought to be enforced; Dominion Oil Co. v. Pou (Tex. Civ. App.) 283 S. W. 317, 320; Kingshier Mill & Elevator Co. v. Westbrook, 79 Okl. 159, 192 P. 290, 292; the party to be charged in the action—that is, the defendant; Jones v. School Dist. No. 48, 137 Ark. 414, 208 S. W. 786, 796; Graham v. Henderson Elevator Co., 69 Ind. App. 697, 111 N. E. 322, 325; Lewis v. Murray, 177 N. C. 17, 97 S. E. 750, 751; Kamens v. Anderson, 99 N. J. Eq. 490, 133 A. 718. Also, the vendor; Henry v. Reeser, 153 Ky. 8, 154 S. W. 371, 373; Kiser v. Jones, 157 Ky. 607, 163 S. W. 741, 742; the owner of the realty rather than the party attempted to be charged or held liable in an action based on the memorandum; Lusky v. Keiser, 128 Tenn. 705, 184 S. W. 777, 778, L. R. A. 1915C, 460.

—Real party. In statutes requiring suits to be brought in the name of the "real party in interest," this term means the person who is actually and substantially interested in the subject-matter, as distinguished from one who has only a nominal, formal, or technical interest in it or connection with it. Hoagland v. Van Etten, 22 Neb. 681, 35 N. W. 570; Gruber v. Baker, 20 Nev. 453, 23 P. 585, 9 L. R. A. 302; Chew v. Brannigan, 13 Wall. 504, 20 L. Ed. 653; First Nat. Bank v. Perkins, 81 Fla. 341, 87 So. 912, 916; Elders v. Memphis Land & Lumber Co. (Mo. App.) 257 S. W. 515, 516; Jackson v. McGillbray, 46 Okl. 295, 145 P. 703, 705; Miller v. Grayson, 64 Okl. 122, 166 P. 1077, 1078; Gay v. Jackson County Board of Education, 205 Ky. 277, 275 S. W. 772, 773; Taylor v. Hurst, 180 Ky. 71, 216 S. W. 95, 96; Rothwell v. Knight, 37 Wyo. 11, 258 P. 576, 582.

—Third parties. A term used to include all persons who are not parties to the contract, agreement, or instrument of writing by which their interest in the thing conveyed is sought to be affected. Morrison v. Trudeau (La.) 1 Mart. (N. S.) 384. But it is difficult to give a very definite idea of third persons; for sometimes those who are not parties to the contract, but who represent the rights of the original parties, as executors, are not to be considered third persons. See 1 Bouvier, Inst. n. 1335. In statutes the words may have special meanings, and are often used to refer to creditors. Fleming v. Drake, 132 Ga. 782, 137 S. E. 266, 270; Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. v. Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. (D. C.) 291 F. 803, 871. For other uses, see Behr v. Soth, 170 Minn. 278, 212 N. W. 461, 463; In re Thomas (D. C.) 238 F. 676; Cartwright v. Ennis, 215 Ky. 3, 284 S. W. 87; Oakdale Bank & Trust Co. v. Young & Leggett, 12 La. App. 558, 650; Bobson v. Fort, 76 Colo. 221, 225 P. 247, 248; Churchill v. Stephenson, 91 N. J. Law, 105, 102 A. 657, 655.
PARTY, adj. Relating or belonging to, or composed of, two or more parts or portions, or two or more persons or classes of persons.

—Party jury. A jury de mediate lingue; (which title see.)

—Party structure is a structure separating buildings, stories, or rooms which belong to different owners, or which are approached by distinct staircases or separate entrances from without, whether the same be a partition, arch, floor, or other structure. (St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 122, § 3.) Mosley & Whitley.

—Party-wall. A wall built partly on the land of one owner, and partly on the land of another, for the common benefit of both in supporting timbers used in the construction of contiguous buildings. Brown v. Werner, 40 Md. 19. In the primary and most ordinary meaning of the term, a party-wall is (1) a wall of which the two adjoining owners are tenants in common. But it may also mean (2) a wall divided longitudinally into two strips, one belonging to each of the neighboring owners; (3) a wall which belongs entirely to one of the adjoining owners, but is subject to an easement or right in the other to have it maintained as a dividing wall between the two tenements, (the term is so used in some of the English building acts,) or (4) a wall divided longitudinally into two moieties, each moiety being subject to a cross-easement in favor of the owner of the other moiety. Sweet. Gates v. Friedman, 83 W. Va. 710, 98 S. E. 892, 893; Carroll Blake Const. Co. v. Boyle, 140 Tenn. 168, 203 S. W. 945, 946; Smoot v. Heyl, 33 S. Ct. 336, 337, 227 U. S. 518, 57 L. Ed. 621; Feder v. Solomon, 3 N. J. Misc. 1189, 131 A. 290; Freedman v. Kensico Realty Co., 99 N. J. Eq. 115, 131 A. 216, 917; Holden v. Tidwell, 37 Okl. 553, 133 P. 54, 65, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 369, Ann. Cas. 1015C, 304.

PARUM. Lat. Little; but little.


PARUM CAVISSE VIDETUR. Lat. in Roman law. He seems to have taken too little care; he seems to have been incautious, or not sufficiently upon his guard. A form of expression used by the judge or magistrate in pronouncing sentence of death upon a criminal. Festus, 325; Tayl. Civil Law, 81; 4 Bl. Comm. 362, note.

Parum diferunt que re concordant. 2 Blust. 86. Things which agree in substance differ but little.

Parum est latam esse sententiam nisi mandetur executione. It is little [for to little purpose] that judgment be given unless it be committed to execution. Co. Litt. 288.

Parum profert sedra que filii debet, si non cognoscas quomodo sit factumur. 2 Inst. 503. It profits little to know what ought to be done, if you do not know how it is to be done.

PARVA SERJEANTIA. Petty serjeanty (q. v.).

PARVISE. An afternoon's exercise or moot for the instruction of young students, bearing the same name originally with the Parvisio (little-go) of Oxford. Wharton.

PARVUM CAPE. See Petit Cape.

PAS. In French. Precedence; right of going foremost.

PASCH. The passover; Easter.


PASCHA CLAUSUM. The octave of Easter, or Low-Sunday, which closes that solemnity.

PASCHA FLORIDUM. The Sunday before Easter, called "Palm-Sunday."

PASCHA RENTS. In English ecclesiastical law. Yearly tributes paid by the clergy to the bishop or archdeacon at their Easter visitations.

PASCUA. A particular meadow or pasture land set apart to feed cattle.

PASCUA SILVA. In the civil law. A feeding wood; a wood devoted to the feeding of cattle. Dig. 50, 16, 39, 5.

PASCUAGE. The grazing or pasturage of cattle.

PASS, v. In practice. To utter or pronounce; as when the court passes sentence upon a prisoner. Also to proceed; to be rendered or given; as when judgment is said to pass for the plaintiff in a suit.

In legislative prudence, a bill or resolution is said to pass when it is agreed to or enacted by the house, or when the body has sanctioned its adoption by the requisite majority of votes; in the same circumstances, the body is said to pass the bill or resolution.

When an auditor appointed to examine into any accounts certifies to their correctness, he is said to pass them; i.e., they pass through the examination without being detained or sent back for inaccuracy or imperfection. Brown.

The term also means to examine into anything and then authoritatively determine the disputed questions which it involves. In this sense a jury is said to pass upon the rights or issues in litigation before them.

In the language of conveyancing, the term means to move from one person to another; to be transferred or conveyed from one owner to another; as in the phrase "the word 'heire' will pass the fee."
To publish; utter; transfer; circulate; impose fraudulently. This is the meaning of the word when the offense of passing counterfeit money or a forged paper is spoken of. "Pass," "utter," "publish," and "sell" are in some respects convertible terms, and, in a given case, "pass" may include utter, publish, and sell. The words "uttering" and "passing," used of notes, do not necessarily import that they are transferred as genuine. The words include any delivery of a note to another for value, with intent that it shall be put into circulation as money. U. S. v. Nelson, 1 Abb. 135, Fed. Cas. No. 15,861; Smith v. State, 15 Ga. App. 663, 79 S. E. 764, 766.

Passing a paper is putting it off in payment or exchange. Uttering it is a declaration that it is good, with an intention to pass, or an offer to pass it.

PASS. n. Permission to pass; a license to go or come; a certificate, emanating from authority, wherein it is declared that a designated person is permitted to go beyond certain boundaries which, without such authority, he could not lawfully pass. Also a ticket issued by a railroad or other transportation company, authorizing a designated person to travel free on its lines, between certain points or for a limited time.

PASS-BOOK. A book in which a bank or banker enters the deposits made by a customer, and which is retained by the latter. Also a book in which a merchant enters the items of sales on credit to a customer, and which the latter carries or keeps with him.

PASSAGE. A way over water; an easement giving the right to pass over a piece of private water.

Travel by sea; a voyage over water; the carriage of passengers by water; money paid for such carriage.

Enactment; the act of carrying a bill or resolution through a legislative or deliberative body in accordance with the prescribed forms and requisites; the emergence of the bill in the form of a law, or the motion in the form of a resolution. Passage may mean when bill has passed both houses of legislature or when it is signed by Governor.


PASSAGE COURT. An ancient court of record in Liverpool, once called the "mayor's court of pays sage," but now usually called the "court of the passage of the borough of Liverpool." This court was formerly held before the mayor and two bailiffs of the borough, and had jurisdiction in actions where the amount in question exceeded forty shillings. Mozley & Whitely.

PASSAGE MONEY. The fare of a passenger by sea; money paid for the transportation of persons in a ship or vessel; as distinguished from "freight" or "freight-money," which is paid for the transportation of goods and merchandise.

PASSAGIO. An ancient writ addressed to the keepers of the ports to permit a man who had the king's leave to pass over sea. Reg. Orig. 193.

PASSAGIUM REGIS. A voyage or expedition to the Holy Land made by the kings of England in person. Cowell.

PASSATOR. He who has the interest or command of the passage of a river; or a lord to whom a duty is paid for passage. Wharton.

Passenger. A person whom a common carrier has contracted to carry from one place to another, and has, in the course of the performance of that contract, received under his care either upon the means of conveyance, or at the point of departure of that means of conveyance. Bricker v. Philadelphia & R. R. Co., 132 Pa. 1, 18 A. 983, 19 Am. St. Rep. 585; Schepers v. Union Depot R. Co., 126 Mo. 665, 29 S. W. 712; Pennsylvania R. Co. v. Price, 96 Pa. 256; The Main v. Williams, 152 U. S. 122, 14 S. Ct. 456, 38 L. Ed. 381; Norfolk & W. R. Co. v. Tanner, 100 Va. 379, 41 S. E. 721.


A passenger train is one which carries passengers, their baggage, mail and express only, while a freight train is one which carries freight alone, having a cabooses attached for the use of the crew. Arizona Eastern R. Co. v. State, 29 Ariz. 446, 242 P. 570, 571.

PASSIAGIARIS. A ferryman. Jacob.

PASSIM (Lat.) Everywhere. Often used to indicate a very general reference to a book or legal authority.

PASSING-TICKET. In English law. A kind of permit, being a note or check which the toll-clerks on some canals give to the boatmen, specifying the lading for which they have paid toll. Wharton.

PASSIO. Pannage; a liberty for hogs to run in forests or woods to feed upon mast. Mon. Angl. 1, 682.

PASSION. In the definition of manslaughter as homicide committed without premeditation but under the influence of sudden "passion," this term means any intense and vehement emotional excitement of the kind prompting to violent and aggressive action, as, rage, anger, hatred, furious resentment, or terror. See Stell v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 75; State v. Johnson, 23 N. C. 362, 35 Am. Dec. 742; Winton v. State, 151 Tenn. 177, 285 S. W. 633, 637; Collins v. State, 88 Fla. 578, 102 So. 880, 882; McKaskle v. State, 96 Tex. Cr. R. 638, 260 S. W. 588, 589; Commonwealth v. Croson, 246 Pa. 536, 92 A. 754, 756; State v. Smith (R. I.) 98 A. 1, 4; Lamb v. State, 75 Tex. Cr. R. 75, 169 S. W. 1158, 1163.

PASSIVE. As used in law, this term means inactive; permissive; consisting in endurance or submission, rather than action; and in some connections it carries the implication of being subjected to a burden or charge.

As to passive "Debt," "Title," "Trust," and "Use," see those titles.

PASSPORT. In International Law

A document issued to a neutral merchant vessel, by her own government, during the progress of a war, to be carried on the voyage, to evidence her nationality and protect her against the cruisers of the belligerent powers. This paper is otherwise called a "pass," "sea-pass," "sea-letter," "sea-brief." It usually contains the captain's or master's name and residence, the name, property, description, tonnage, and destination of the ship, the nature and quantity of the cargo, the place from whence it comes, and its destination, with such other matters as the practice of the place requires.

A license or safe-conduct, issued during the progress of a war, authorizing a person to remove himself or his effects from the territory of one of the belligerent nations to another country, or to travel from country to country without arrest or detention on account of the war.

In American Law


In Modern Law

A warrant of protection and authority to travel, granted by the competent officer to persons moving from place to place. Brande.

PASTO. In Spanish law. Feeding; pasture; a right of pasture. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 4.

PASTOR. Lat. A shepherd. Applied to a minister of the Christian religion, who has charge of a congregation or parish hence called his "flock." See First Presbyterian Church v. Myers, 5 Okl. 809, 50 P. 70, 38 L. R. A. 687; Griswold v. Quinn, 97 Kan. 611, 156 P. 761, 762; Dupont v. Pelletier, 120 Me. 114, 113 A. 11, 13.

PASTURE. Land on which cattle are fed; also the right of pasture. Co. Litt. 4b.
PASTUS. In feudal law. The procurement or provision which tenants were bound to make for their lords at certain times, or as often as they made a progress to their lands. It was often converted into money.

PATEAT UNIVERIS PER PRESENTES. Know all men by these presents. Words with which letters of attorney anciently commenced. Reg. Orig. 3055, 306.

PATENT, adj. Open; manifest; evident; unsealed. Used in this sense in such phrases as “patent ambiguity,” “patent writ,” “letters patent.”

—Letters patent. Open letters, as distinguished from letters close. An instrument proceeding from the government, and conveying a right, authority, or grant to an individual, as a patent for a tract of land, or for the exclusive right to make and sell a new invention. Familiarly termed a “patent.” See International Tooth Crown Co. v. Hanks Dental Ass’n (C. C) 111 F. 918; Ulman v. Thompson, 57 Ind. App. 126, 106 N. E. 611, 613.

—Patent ambiguity. See Ambiguity.

—Patent defect. In siles of personal property, one which is plainly visible or which can be discovered by such an inspection as would be made in the exercise of ordinary care and prudence. See Lawson v. Baer, 52 N. C. 461.

—Patent writ. In old practice. An open writ; one not closed or sealed up. See Close Writs.

PATENT, n. A grant of some privilege, property, or authority, made by the government or sovereign of a country to one or more individuals. Phil. Pat. 1.

In English Law
A grant by the sovereign to a subject or subjects, under the great seal, conferring some authority, title, franchise, or property; termed “letters patent” from being delivered open, and not closed up from inspection.

In American Law
The instrument by which a state or government grants public lands to an individual. Bovey-Shute Lumber Co. v. Erickson, 41 N. D. 365, 170 N. W. 628, 630; McCarty v. Helbling, 73 Or. 356, 144 P. 499, 503. A grant made by the government to an inventor, conveying and securing to him the exclusive right to make and sell his invention for a term of years. Atlas Glass Co. v. Simonds Mfg. Co., 42 C. C. A. 554, 102 F. 847; Société Anonyme v. General Electric Co. (C. C.) 87 F. 605; Pegram v. American Alkali Co. (C. C.) 122 F. 1000; Luten v. Kansas City Bridge Co. (C. C. A.) 285 F. 840, 844. Strictly speaking a “patent” is not a grant of a right to make, use or sell, and does not directly or indirectly imply any such right, but grants only the right to exclude others. Waterbury Buckle Co. v. G. E. Prentice Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 238 F. 358, 360; Bird’s-Eye Veneer Co. v. Franck-Philipson & Co. (C. C. A.) 259 F. 266.

In General
—Patent bill office. The attorney general’s patent bill office is the office in which were formerly prepared the drafts of all letters patent issued in England, other than those for inventions. The draft patent was called a “bill,” and the officer who prepared it was called the “clerk of the patents to the queen’s attorney and solicitor general.” Sweet.

—Patent of precedence. Letters patent granted, in England, to such barristers as the crown thinks fit to honor with that mark of distinction, whereby they are entitled to such rank and precedence as are assigned in their respective patents, which is sometimes next after the attorney general, but more usually next after her majesty’s counsel then being. These rank promiscuously with the king’s (or queen’s) counsel, but are not the sworn servants of the crown. 3 Bl. Comm. 28; 3 Steph. Comm. 274.

—Patent office. In the administrative system of the United States, this is one of the bureaus of the department of the interior. It has charge of the issuing of patents to inventors and of such business as is connected therewith.


—Patent-right dealer. Any one whose business it is to sell, or offer for sale, patent-rights. 11 St. at Large, 118.

—Patent rolls. The official records of royal charters and grants; covering from the reign of King John to recent times. They contain grants of offices and lands, restitutions of temporalities to ecclesiastical persons, confirmations of grants made to bodies corporate, patents of creation of peers, and licenses of all kinds. Hubb. Susc. 617; 32 Phila. Law Lib. 429.

—Pioneer patent. A patent for an invention covering a function never before performed, or a wholly novel device, or one of such novelty and importance as to mark a distinct step in the progress of the art, as distinguished from a mere improvement or perfection of what has gone before. Westinghouse v. Boyden Power-Brake Co., 170 U. S. 337, 18 S. Ct. 707, 42 L. Ed. 1136; Yancey v. Enright (C. C. A.) 230 F. 841, 846; Spengler Core Drilling Co. v. Spencer (D. C.) 16 F. (2d) 578, 582.
PATENTABLE. Suitable to be patented; entitled by law to be protected by the issuance of a patent. Heath Cycle Co. v. Hay (C. C.) 67 F. 246; Maler v. Bloom (C. C.) 33 F. 166; Boyd v. Cherry (C. C.) 50 F. 282; Providence Rubber Co. v. Goodyear, 9 Wall. 793, 19 L. Ed. 596.

PATENTEE. He to whom a patent has been granted. The term is usually applied to one who has obtained letters patent for a new invention.

PATER. Lat. A father; the father. In the civil law, this word sometimes included avus, (grandfather.) Dig. 50, 18, 201.

PATER PATRÆ. Father of the country. See Prens Patriæ.

Pater est quem nuptia demonstrant. The father is he whom the marriage points out. 1 Bl. Comm. 448; Tate v. Penne, 7 Mart. (N. S. La.) 548, 553; Dig. 2, 4, 5; Broom, Max. 516.

PATERFAMILIAS. The father of a family.

In Roman Law

The head or master of a family. This word is sometimes employed, in a wide sense, as equivalent to sui juris. A person sui juri is called "paterfamilias" even when under the age of puberty. In the narrower and more common use, a paterfamilias is any one invested with potestas over any person. It is thus as applicable to a grandfather as to a father. Hunter, Rom. Law, 49.

PATERNA PATERNIS. Lat. Paternal estates to paternal heirs. A rule of the French law, signifying that such portion of a decedent's estate as came to him from his father must descend to his heirs on the father's side.

PATERNAL. That which belongs to the father or comes from him.

PATERNAL POWER. The authority lawfully exercised by parents over their children. This phrase is also used to translate the Latin "patria potestas," (q. v.)

PATERNAL PROPERTY. That which descends or comes to one from his father, grandfather, or other descendant or collateral on the paternal side of the house.

Paternity. The state or condition of a father; the relationship of a father. The Latin "paterfamilias" is used in the canon law to denote a kind of spiritual relationship contracted by baptism. Heinene. Elem. lib. 1, tit. 10, § 161, note.


PATIBULARY. Belonging to the gallows.

PATIBULATED. Hanged on a gibbet.


PATIENS. Lat. One who suffers or permits; one to whom an act is done; the passive party in a transaction.

PATRIA. Lat. The country, neighborhood, or vicinage; the men of the neighborhood; a jury of the vicinage. Synonymous, in this sense, with "pais."

Patria laboribus et expensis non debet fatigari. A jury ought not to be harassed by labors and expenses. Jenk. Cent. 6.

PATRIX POTESTAS. Lat. In Roman law. Paternal authority; the paternal power. This term denotes the aggregate of those peculiar powers and rights which, by the civil law of Rome, belonged to the head of a family in respect to his wife, children, (natural or adopted,) and any more remote descendants who sprang from him through males only. Anciently, it was of very extensive reach, embracing even the power of life and death, but was gradually curtailed, until finally it amounted to little more than a right in the paterfamilias to hold as his own any property or acquisitions of one under his power. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 569.

Patria potestas in piéctate debet, non in atrocitate, consistere. Paternal power should consist [or be exercised] in affection, not in atrocity.

PATRIARCH. The chief bishop over several countries or provinces, as an archbishop is of several dioceses. Godb. 20.

PATRICIDE. One who has killed his father. As to the punishment of that offense by the Roman law, see Sandars' Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 496.

PATRICIUS. In the civil law. A title of the highest honor, conferred on those who enjoyed the chief place in the emperor's esteem.

PATRIMONIAL. Pertaining to a patrimony; inherited from ancestors, but strictly from the direct male ancestors.

PATRIMONIUM.

In Civil Law

That which is capable of being inherited. The private and exclusive ownership or dominion of an individual. Things capable of being possessed by a single person to the exclusion of all others (or which are actually so possessed) are said to be in patrimonio; if not capable of being so possessed, (or not act-
unal so possessed,) they are said to be *extra patrimonium.* See Galus, bk. 2, § 1.

**PATRIMONY.** Any kind of property. Such estate as has descended in the same family; estates which have descended or been devised in a direct line from the father, and, by extension, from the mother or other ancestor. It has been held that the word is not necessarily restricted to property inherited directly from the father. *5 Ir. Ch. Rep. 625.*

**PATRINUS.** In old ecclesiastical law. A godfather. Spelman.

**PATRITIUS.** An honor conferred on men of the first quality in the time of the English Saxon kings.

**PATROCININUM.** In Roman law. Patronage; protection; defense. The business or duty of a patron or advocate.

**PATROLMAN.** A policeman assigned to duty in patrolling a certain beat or district; also the designation of a grade or rank in the organized police force of large cities, a patrolman being generally a private in the ranks, as distinguished from roundsmen, sergeants, lieutenants, etc. See State v. Walbridge, 153 Mo. 194, 54 S. W. 447.

**PATRON.** In ordinary usage one who protects, countenances, or supports some person or thing; one who habitually extends material assistance; a regular customer; a protector or benefactor. State v. Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, 129 Tenn. 279, 164 S. W. 1151, 1170; Carroll v. Leemon Special School Dist., 175 Ark. 274, 299 S. W. 11, 12.

**In Ecclesiastical Law**

He who has the right, title, power, or privilege of presenting to an ecclesiastical benefice.

**In Roman Law**

The former master of an emancipated slave.

**In French Marine Law**

The captain or master of a vessel.

**PATRONAGE.** In English ecclesiastical law. The right of presentation to a church or ecclesiastical benefice; the same with advowson (*q.v.*). 2 Bl. Comm. 21.

The right of appointing to office, considered as a perquisite, or personal right; not in the aspect of a public trust.

**PATRONATUS.** Lat.

**In Roman Law**

The condition, relation, right, or duty of a patron.

**In Ecclesiastical Law**

Patronage, (*q.v.*)

**PATRONIZE.** To act as a patron, extend patronage, countenance, encourage, favor.

State v. Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, 129 Tenn. 279, 164 S. W. 1151, 1170.

**Patronum faciunt dos, modiatio, fundus.** Dod. Adv. 7. Endowment, building, and land make a patron.

**PATRONUS (Lat.).**

**In Roman Law**

A modification of the Latin word *pater,* father. A denomination applied by Romulus to the first senators of Rome, and which they always afterwards bore.

A person who stood in the relation of protector to another who was called his "client." One who advised his client in matters of law, and advocated his causes in court. Glib. Forum Rom. 25.

**PATROON.** The proprietors of certain manors created in New York in colonial times were so called.

**PATRUELIS.** Lat. In the civil law. A cousin-german by the father's side; the son or daughter of a father's brother. Wharton.

**PATRUS.** Lat. An uncle by the father's side; a father's brother.

**PATRUS MAGNUS.** A grandfather's brother; granduncle.

**PATRUS MAJOR.** A great-grandfather's brother.

**PATRUS MAXIMUS.** A great-grandfather's father's brother.

**PAUPER.** A person so poor that he must be supported at public expense; also a suitor who, on account of poverty, is allowed to sue or defend without being chargeable with costs. In re Hoffen's Estate, 70 Wis. 522, 36 N. W. 407; Hutchings v. Thompson, 10 Cush. (Mass.) 238; Charleston v. Groveland, 15 Gray (Mass.) 15; Lee County v. Lackie, 30 Ark. 764; Allegheny County v. City of Pittsburgh, 231 Pa. 300, 127 A. 72, 73.

**Dispauper**

To deprive one of the status of a pauper and of any benefits incident to thereto: particularly, to take away the right to sue in forma pauperis because the person so suing, during the progress of the suit, has acquired money or property which would enable him to sustain the costs of the action.

**PAUPERIES.** Lat. In Roman law. Damage or injury done by an irrational animal, without active fault on the part of the owner, but for which the latter was bound to make compensation. Inst. 4, 9; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 510.

**PAVAGE.** Money paid towards paving the streets or highways.

**PAVE.** To cover with stone, brick, concrete, or any other substantial matter, making a
smooth and level surface. A sidewalk is paved when it is laid or flagged with flat stones, as well as when paved with brick, as is frequently done. In re Phillips, 60 N. Y. 22; Buell v. Ball, 20 Iowa, 292; Harrisburg v. Segelbaum, 151 Pa. 172, 24 A. 1070, 29 L. R. A. 884.


PAWN, n. To deliver personal property to another in pledge, or as security for a debt or sum borrowed.

PAWN, n. A bailment of goods to a creditor, as security for some debt or engagement; a pledge. Story, Bailm. § 7; Coggs v. Bernard, 2 Id. Raym. 913; Barrett v. Cole, 49 N. C. 40; Surber v. McClintic, 10 W. Va. 242; Commercial Bank v. Flowers, 110 Ga. 219, 42 S. E. 474; Jacobs v. Grossman, 310 Ill. 247, 141 N. E. 714, 715.

Paw, or pledge, is a bailment of goods by a debtor to his creditor, to be kept till the debt is discharged. Wharton. Also the specific chattel delivered to the creditor as a pledge.

In the law of Louisiana, pawn is known as one species of the contract of pledge, the other being antichresis; but the word "pawn" is sometimes used as synonymous with "pledge," thus including both species. Civ. Code La. art. 3134.

PAWNBROKER. A person whose business is to lend money, usually in small sums, on security of personal property deposited with him or left in pawn. Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 441; Schau v. Charlotte, 118 N. C. 733, 24 S. E. 526; Chicago v. Hulbert, 118 Ill. 632, 8 N. E. 152, 59 Am. Rep. 400.

Any person engaged in the business of lending money on deposit or pledges of personal property or other valuable thing, other than securities or printed evidence of indebtedness, or in the business of purchasing personal property, or choses in action, or other valuable thing, and selling or agreeing to sell the same back to the seller at a price other than the original price of purchase, or in the business of purchasing personal property such as articles containing gold, silver, platinum or other precious metals or jewels for the purpose of reducing or melting them into a different form and reselling the product. Gen. Code Ohio, § 6338.

PAWNEE. The person receiving a pawn, or to whom a pawn is made; the person to whom goods are delivered by another in pledge.

PAWNER. The person pawning goods or delivering goods to another in pledge.

PAX ECCLESIAE. Lat. In old English law, the Peace of the church. A particular privilege attached to a church; sanctuary, (q. v.) Crabbe, Eng. Law, 41; Cowell.

PAX REGIS. Lat. The peace of the king; that is, the peace, good order, and security for life and property which it is one of the objects of government to maintain, and which the king, as the personification of the power of the state, is supposed to guaranty to all persons within the protection of the law.

This name was also given, in ancient times, to a certain privileged district or sanctuary. The pax regis, or verge of the court, as it was afterwards called, extended from the palace-gate to the distance of three miles, three fur- longer, three acres, nine feet, nine palms, and nine barleycorns. Crabbe, Eng. Law, 41.


The term, however, is sometimes limited to discharging an indebtedness by the use of money. Krahn v. Goodrich, 164 Wis. 600, 160 N. W. 1072, 1075. In re Bailey's Estate, 276 Pa. 147, 119 A. 907, 909.

PAYABLE. Capable of being paid; suitable to be paid; admitting or demanding payment; justly due; legally enforceable. In re Advisory Opinion to the Governor, 74 Fla. 250, 77 So. 102, 103.

A sum of money is said to be payable when a person is under an obligation to pay it. "Payable" may therefore signify an obligation to pay at a future time, but, when used without qualification, "payable" means that the debt is payable at once, as opposed to "owing." Sweet. And see First Nat. Bank v. Greenville Nat. Bank, 81 Tex. 40, 19 S. W. 334; Easton v. Hyde, 13 Minn. 91 (Gly. 33).


PAYABLE ON DEMAND. A bill payable on demand is payable on its date or within a reasonable time without grace. Waggoner Banking Co. v. Gray County State Bank (Tex. Civ. App.) 163 S. W. 922, 925.

PAYEE. In mercantile law. The person in whose favor a bill of exchange, promissory note, or check is made or drawn; the person
to whom or to whose order a bill, note, or check is made payable. 3 Kent, Comm. 78; Thomson v. Fladlader Hardware Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 156 S. W. 301, 303.

PAYOR, or PAYEE. One who pays, or who is to make a payment; particularly the person who is to make payment of a bill or note. Correlative to “payee.”

PAYING QUANTITIES. This phrase, as used in oil and gas leases, when applied to the production of oil, means such a quantity as will pay a profit on the cost of operating the well. Pine v. Webster, 118 Okl. 12, 246 P. 429, 430. Sufficient quantities to pay a reasonable profit on the whole sum required to be expended, including the cost of drilling, equipping, and operating the well, Pelham Petroleum Co. v. North, 78 Okl. 39, 158 P. 1069, 1073; Aycock v. Paraffine Oil Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 210 S. W. 531, 533. If the well pays a profit, even small, over operating expenses, it produces in paying quantities, though it may never repay its cost, and the operation as a whole may prove unprofitable. Gypsy Oil Co. v. Marsh, 121 Okl. 135, 248 P. 529, 533, 48 A. L. R. 876; Masterson v. Amarillo Oil Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 253 S. W. 508, 515.

PAYMASTER. An officer of the army or navy whose duty is to keep the pay-accounts and pay the wages of the officers and men. Any official charged with the disbursement of public money.

PAYMASTER GENERAL. In English law. The officer who makes the various payments out of the public money required for the different departments of the state by issuing drafts on the Bank of England. Sweet. In American law, the officer at the head of the pay corps of the army is so called, also the naval officer holding corresponding office and rank with reference to the pay department of the navy.

PAYMENT. In a broad sense payment is the fulfillment of a promise, or the performance of an agreement.

In a more restricted legal sense payment is the performance of a duty, promise, or obligation, or discharge of debt or debt by the delivery of money or other value by a debtor to a creditor, where the money or other valuable thing is tendered and accepted as extinguishing debt or obligation in whole or in part. Also the money or other thing so delivered. Brady v. Wason, 6 Heisk. (Tenn.) 125; Bloodworth v. Jacobs, 2 La. Ann. 24; Root v. Kelley, 39 Misc. 530, 60 N. Y. Supp. 482; Moulton v. Robison, 27 N. H. 554; Clay v. Lakenan, 101 Mo. App. 563, 74 S. W. 391; Claffin v. Continental Works, 85 Ga. 27, 11 S. E. 721; Huffman v. Walker, 26 Grat. (Va.) 316; Sokoloff v. National City Bank of New York, 130 Misc. 66, 224 N. Y. S. 102, 119; Hall Bidg. Corporation v. Edwards, 142 Va. 209, 128 S. E. 521, 523; Roberts v. Vonneut, 68 Ind. App. 142, 104 N. E. 321, 326; Buhl Highway Dist. v. Alired, 41 Idaho, 51, 238 P. 298, 304.

Satisfaction of a debt in coin of the realm. Hettick Mfg. Co. v. Barish, 129 Misc. Rep. 673, 190 N. Y. S. 755, 760. By “payment” is meant not only the delivery of a sum of money, when such is the obligation of the contract, but the performance of that which the parties respectively undertook, whether it be to give or to do. Civ. Code La. art. 2131.

Performance of an obligation for the delivery of money only is called “payment.” Civ. Code Cal. § 1478.

Though “payment” in a broad sense includes money or anything else of value which the creditor accepts in satisfaction of his debt, it means in its restricted sense full satisfaction paid by money and not by exchange or compromise or by an accord and satisfaction. Roach v. McDonald, 187 Ala. 64, 65 So. 523. “Payment” is generally understood to mean a discharge by a compliance with the terms of the obligation or its equivalent, while in an “accord and satisfaction” the discharge is effected by the performance of terms other than those originally agreed on. Barber v. J. I. Case Threshing Mach. Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 197 S. W. 472, 493.

The execution and delivery of negotiable papers is not payment unless it is accepted by the parties in that sense. Seamen v. Muir, 72 Or. 563, 144 P. 121, 123; Cleve v. Craven Chemical Co. (C. C. A.) 13 F. (2d) 711, 722; Morrison v. Chapman; 155 App. Div. 699, 140 N. Y. S. 706, 705; Reid v. Topper, 32 Ariz. 281, 230 P. 967, 969; People v. Davis, 257 Mich. 366, 211 N. W. 36, 37.

In pleading

When the defendant alleges that he has paid the debt or claim laid in the declaration, this is called a “plea of payment.”

In General

—Part payment. The reduction of any debt or demand by the payment of a sum less than the whole amount originally due. Young v. Perkins, 29 Minn. 173, 12 N. W. 515; Modaff v. Carr, 46 Neb. 403, 57 N. W. 190, 58 Am. St. Rep. 996.

—Partial payments. The United States rule of partial payments is to apply the payment, in the first place, to the discharge of the interest then due. If the payment exceeds the interest, the surplus goes toward discharging the principal, and the subsequent interest is to be computed on the balance of principal remaining due. If the payment be less than the interest, the surplus of the interest must not be taken to augment the principal; but interest continues on the former principal until the period of time when the payments, taken together, exceed the interest then due, to discharge which they are applied, and the surplus, if any, is to be applied towards the discharge of the principal, and the interest is to be computed on the balance as aforesaid, and this process continues until final settle-

—Payment into court. In practice. The act of a defendant in depositing the amount which he admits to be due, with the proper officer of the court, for the benefit of the plaintiff and in answer to his claim.


PAYS. Fr. Country. Trial per pays, trial by jury, (the country.) See Pays.

PEACE. The concord or final agreement in a fine of land. 18 Edw. I. modus levandi finis.

The tranquillity enjoyed by a political society, internally by the good order which reigns among its members, and externally by the good understanding it has with all other nations. Applied to the internal regulations of a nation, peace imports, in a technical sense, not merely a state of repose and security as opposed to one of violence or warfare, but likewise a state of public order and decorum. Hamm. N. P. 139; 12 Mod. 566; People v. Johnson, 86 Mich. 175, 48 N. W. 870, 13 L. R. A. 163, 24 Am. St. Rep. 118; State v. Relichman, 135 Tenn. 685, 188 S. W. 597, 601, Ann. Cas. 1918B, 889; Miles v. State, 30 Okl. Cr. 302, 236 P. 57, 59, 44 A. L. R. 129; State v. Dean, 98 W. Va. 88, 126 S. E. 411, 413.

Articles of The Peace
See Articles.

Bill of Peace
See Bill.

Breach of Peace
See Breach.

Conservator of The Peace
See Conservator.

Justice of The Peace
See that title.

Peace and Quietude
Public tranquillity and obedience to law, and that public order and security which is commanded by the laws of a particular sovereign, lord or superior. Wenkle v. State, 169 Ark. 1067, 273 S. W. 374, 377.

Peace of God
The words, "in the peace of God and the said commonwealth, then and there being," as used in indictments for homicide and in the definition of murder, mean merely that it is not murder to kill an alien enemy in time of war, provided such killing occur in the actual exercise of war. Whart. Cr. Law, § 310; State v. Gut, 13 Minn. 341 (Gil. 315).

Peace of God and The Church
In old English law. That rest and cessation which the king's subjects had from trouble and suit of law between the terms and on Sundays and holidays. Cowell; Spelman.

Peace of The State
The protection, security, and immunity from violence which the state undertakes to secure and extend to all persons within its jurisdiction and entitled to the benefit of its laws. This is part of the definition of murder, it being necessary that the victim should be "in the peace of the state," which now practically includes all persons except armed public enemies. See Murder. And see State v. Dunkley, 25 N. C. 121.

Peace Officers
This term is variously defined by statute in the different states; but generally it includes sheriffs and their deputies, constables, marshals, members of the police force of cities, and other officers whose duty is to enforce and preserve the public peace. See People v. Clinton, 28 App. Div. 475, 51 N. Y. S. 115; Jones v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 66 S. W. 82.

Public Peace
The peace or tranquillity of the community in general; the good order and repose of the people composing a state or municipality. See Neuendorff v. Duryea, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 250; State v. Mancini, 91 Vt. 507, 101 A. 581, 583; State ex rel. Pollock v. Becker, 259 Mo. 660, 233 S. W. 641, 649. That invisible sense of security which every man feels so necessary to his comfort, and for which all governments are instituted. Redfield, J., in State v. Benedict, 11 Vt. 236, 34 Am. Dec. 688.

Public Peace and Quiet
Peace, tranquillity, and order and freedom from agitation or disturbance, the security, good order, and decorum guaranteed by civil society and by the law. State v. Brooks, 146 La. 325, 83 So. 637, 639.
PECABLE. Free from the character of force, violence, or trespass; as, a “pecable entry” on lands. “Pecable possession” of real estate is such as is acquired in by all other persons, including rival claimants, and not disturbed by any forcible attempt at ouster nor by adverse suits to recover the possession or the estate. See Stanley v. Schwalby, 147 U. S. 508, 13 S. Ct. 418, 37 L. Ed. 259; Allaire v. Ketcham, 55 N. J. Eq. 168, 35 A. 900; Bowes v. Cherokee Bob, 45 Cal. 504; Gitten v. Lowery, 15 Ga. 336; North Fort Worth Townsite Co. v. Taylor (Tex. Civ. App.) 262 S. W. 505; Mascal v. Murray, 76 Or. 637, 149 P. 517, 519.

Pecata contra naturam sunt gravissimae. 3 Inst. 20. Crimes against nature are the most heinous.

Pecatum peccato addit qui culpa quem facit patrocinia defensionis adjungit. 5 Coke, 49. He adds fault to fault who sets up a defense of a wrong committed by him.

PECK. A measure of two gallons; a dry measure.

PECIA. A piece or small quantity of ground. Paroch. Antiq. 240.

PECORA. Lat. In Roman law. Cattle; beasts. The term included all quadrupeds that fed in flocks. Dig. 32, 65, 4.

PECULATION. In the civil law. The unlawful appropriation, by a depositary of public funds, of the property of the government intrusted to his care, to his own use, or that of others. Domat. Supp. au Droit Public, I. 3, tit. 5. See Bork v. People, 91 N. Y. 16.

PECULATUM. Lat. In the civil law. The offense of stealing or embezzelement the public money. Hence the common English word “peculation,” but “embezzelement” is the proper legal term. 4 Bl. Comm. 121, 122.

PECULIAR. In ecclesiastical law. A parish or church in England which has jurisdiction of ecclesiastical matters within itself, and independent of the ordinary, and is subject only to the metropolitan.

PECULIARS, COURT OF. In English law. A branch of and annexed to the court of arches. It has a jurisdiction over all those parishes dispersed through the province of Canterbury, in the midst of other dioceses, which are exempt from the ordinary’s jurisdiction, and subject to the metropolitan only.

PECULIUM. Lat. In Roman law. Such private property as might be held by a slave, wife, or son who was under the patria potestas, separate from the property of the father or master, and in the personal disposal of the owner.

PECULIUM CASTRENSE. In Roman law. That kind of peculium which a son acquired in war, or from his connection with the camp, (castrum.) Heinece. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 9, § 474.

PECUNIA. Lat. Originally and radically, property in cattle, or cattle themselves. So called because the wealth of the ancients consisted in cattle, Co. Litt. 207b.

In the Civil Law

Property in general, real or personal; anything that is actually the subject of private property. In a narrower sense, personal property; fungible things. In the strictest sense, money. This has become the prevalent, and almost the exclusive, meaning of the word.

In Old English Law

Goods and chattels. Spelman.

PECUNIA CONSTITUTA. In Roman law. Money owing (even upon a moral obligation) upon a day being fixed (constituta) for its payment, became recoverable upon the implied promise to pay on that day, in an action called “de pecunia constiuta,” the implied promise not amounting (of course) to a stipulatio. Brown.

Pecunia dieiuta a pecus, omnem enim veterem divitiae in anmibus consistant. Co. Litt. 207. Money (pecunia) is so called from cattle, (pecus,) because all the wealth of our ancestors consisted in cattle.

PECUNIA NON NUMERATA. In the civil law. Money not paid. The subject of an exception or plea in certain cases. Inst. 4, 13, 2.

PECUNIA NUMERATA. Money numbered or counted out: i.e., given in payment of a debt.

PECUNIA SEPULCHRALIS. Money anciently paid to the priest at the opening of a grave for the good of the deceased’s soul.

PECUNIA TRAJECTIA. In the civil law. A loan in money, or in wares which the debtor or purchases with the money to be sent by sea, and whereby the creditor, according to the contract, assumes the risk of the loss from the day of the departure of the vessel till the day of her arrival at her port of destination. Interest does not necessarily arise from this loan, but when is stipulated for it is termed “nautesim fons,” (maritime interest,) and, because of the risk which the creditor assumes, he is permitted to receive a higher interest than usual. Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 433.

PECUNIARY. Monetary; relating to money; consisting of money or that which can be valued in money. El Paso Electric Ry. Co. v. Benjamin (Tex. Civ. App.) 292 S. W. 906, 908. As to pecuniary “Consideration,” “Damages,” and “Legacy,” see those titles.

PECUNIARY CAUSES. In English ecclesiastical practice. Causes arising from the withholding of ecclesiastical dues, or the doing or neglecting some act relating to the church,
PECUNIARY CONDITION. "PECUNIARY condition," within statute relative to obtaining goods by false pretenses, comprehends, not only money in hand, but property and all other assets of value constituting an existing fact that go to make up financial responsibility as a basis of credit. Dennis v. State, 18 Ala. App. 115, 75 So. 707, 708.

PECUNIARY LOSS. A pecuniary loss is a loss of money, or of something by which money or something of money value may be acquired. Green v. Hudson River R. Co., 32 Barb. (N. Y.) 33. As applied to a defendant’s loss from death pecuniary loss means the reasonable expectation of pecuniary benefit from the continued life of the deceased, to be inferred from proof of assistance by way of money, services, or other material benefits rendered prior to death. Standard Forgings Co. v. Holmstrom, 58 Ind. App. 306, 104 N. E. 872, 875; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Holloway’s Adm’r, 165 Ky. 262, 181 S. W. 1126, 1129. "Pecuniary loss" is a term employed judicially to discriminate between a material loss which is susceptible of pecuniary valuation, and that inestimable loss of the society and companionship of the deceased relative upon which, in the nature of things, it is not possible to set a pecuniary valuation. Kennedy v. Byers, 107 Ohio St. 90, 140 N. E. 639, 632; Michigan Cent. R. Co. v. Vreeland, 227 U. S. 50, 33 S. Ct. 192, 196, 57 L. Ed. 417, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 176.

PECUS. Lat. In Roman law. Cattle; a beast. Under a bequest of pecudes were included oxen and other beasts of burden. Dig. 52, 81, 2.

PEDAGE. In old English law. A toll or tax paid by travelers for the privilege of passing, on foot or mounted, through a forest or other protected place. Spelman.

PEDAGIUM. L. Lat. Pedage, (q. v.)

PEDANEUS. Lat. In Roman law. At the foot; in a lower position; on the ground. See Judex Pedaneus.

PEDAULUS (Lat. pes foot).

In Civil Law
A judge who sat at the foot of the tribunal, i. e. on the lowest seats, ready to try matters of little moment at command of the praetor. Calvinius, Lex.; Viat, Voc. Jur.


Persons, except those peddling newspapers, Bibles, or religious tracts, who sell, or offer to sell, at retail, goods, wares, or other commodities, traveling from place to place, in the street, or through different parts of the country are peddlers. 12 U. S. St. at Large, p. 458, § 27.

PEDE PULVEROSUS. In old English and Scotch law. Dusty-foot. A term applied to itinerant merchants, chapmen, or peddlers who attended fairs.

PEDERASTY. In criminal law. The unnatural carnal copulation of male with male, particularly of a man with a boy; a form of sodomy. (q. v.)


The rule admitting hearsay evidence in matters of "pedigree" embraces, not only descent and relationship, but also facts and dates of birth, marriage, and death. Lincoln Reserve Life Ins. Co. v. Morgan, 126 Ark. 615, 191 S. W. 236; In re Paulsen’s Estate, 179 Cal. 528, 178 P. 143, 145; Tuite v. Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle, 193 Mo. App. 619, 187 S. W. 137, 140.

PEDIS ABSCISSIO. Lat. In old criminal law. The cutting off a foot; a punishment ancienly inflicted instead of death. Ficta, lb. 1 c. 38.

PEDIS POSITIO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A putting or placing of the foot. A term used to denote the possession of lands by actual corporal entry upon them. Waggoner v. Hastings, 5 Pa. 303.

PEDIS POSSESSIO. Lat. A foothold; an actual possession. To constitute adverse possession there must be pedis possessio, or a substantial inclusion. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2183: Bailey v. Irby, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 343, 10 Am. Dec. 609.

PEDONES. Foot-soldiers.

PEERAGE. The rank or dignity of a peer or nobleman. Also the body of nobles taken collectively.

PEERESS. A woman who belongs to the nobility, which may be either in her own right or by right of marriage.

PEERS. In feudal law. The vassals of a lord who sat in his court as judges of their co-vassals, and were called "peers," as being each other's equals, or of the same condition.
The nobility of Great Britain, being the lords temporal having seats in parliament, and including dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts, and barons.

Equals; those who are a man's equals in rank and station; thus "trial by a jury of his peers" means trial by jury of citizens. In re Grill, 110 Misc. 45, 179 N. Y. S. 796, 707. For "judgment of his peers," see Judgment.

PEERS OF FEES. Vassals or tenants of the same lord, who were obliged to serve and attend him in his courts, being equal in function. These were termed "peers of fees," because holding fees of the lord, or because their business in court was to sit and judge, under their lords', of disputes arising upon fees; but, if there were too many in one lordship, the lord usually chose twelve, who had the title of peers, by way of distinction; whence, it is said, we derive our common juries and other peers. Cowell.

PEINE FORTE ET DURE. L. Fr. In old English law. A special form of punishment for those who, being arraigned for felony, obstinately "stood mute" or refused to plead or to put themselves upon trial. It is described as a combination of solitary confinement, slow starvation, and crushing the naked body with a great load of iron. This atrocious punishment was vulgarly called "pressing to death." See 4 Bl. Comm. 324-328; Britt. co. 4, 22; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law 134; Cowell.

PELA. A peal, pile, or fort. Cowell.

PELES. Issues arising from or out of a thing. Jacob.

PELFE, or PELFRE. Booty; also the personal effects of a felon convicted. Cowell.

PELLAGE. The custom or duty paid for skins of leather.

PELLEX. Lat. In Roman law. A concumine. Dig. 50, 16, 14.

PELLICIA. A pitch or surplise. Spelman.

PELLIPARIUS. A leather-seller or skinner. Jacob.

PELLOTA. The ball of a foot. 4 Inst. 308.

PELLS, CLERK (or MASTER) OF THE. Formerly, an officer in the English exchequer, who entered every teller's bill on the parchment rolls, i.e., "pells," commonly two in number, one being the pel or roll of receipts, and the other the pel or roll of disbursements.

PELT-WOOL. The wool pulled off the skin or pelt of dead sheep. 8 Hen. VI. c. 22.


PENAL ACTION. In practice. An action upon a penal statute; an action for the recovery of a penalty given by statute. 3 Steph. 555, 556. Distinguished from a popular or qui tam action, in which the action is brought by the informs, to whom part of the penalty goes. A penal action or information is brought by an officer, and the penalty goes to the king. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 25, note; 2 Archb. Pr. 188. But in American law, the term includes actions brought by informers or other private persons, as well as those instituted by governments or public officers. In a broad sense, the term has been made to include all actions in which there may be a recovery of exemplary or vindictive damages, as suits for libel and slander, or in which special, double, or treble damages are given by statute, such as actions to recover money paid as usury or lost in gaming. See Bailey v. Deen, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 303; Ashley v. Frame, 4 Kan. App. 263, 45 P. 927; Cole v. Groves, 134 Mass. 472. But in a more particular sense it means (1) an action on a statute which gives a certain penalty to be recovered by any person who will sue for it. (In re Barker, 56 VI. 29; Gawthrop v. Fairmount Coal Co., 74 W. Va. 39, 51 S. E. 569, 561; McNeeley v. City of Natchez, 148 Miss. 298, 114 So. 484, 487) or (2) an action in which the judgment against the defendant is in the nature of a fine or is intended as a punishment, actions in which the recovery is to be compensatory in its purpose and effect not being penal actions but civil suits, though they may carry special damages by statute. See Moller v. U. S., 57 F. 490. 6 C. C. A. 459; Atlanta v. Chattanooga Foundry & Pipe Works, 127 F. 23, 61 C. C. A. 387, 64 L. R. A. 721.

PENAL BILL. An instrument formerly in use, by which a party bound himself to pay a certain sum or sums of money, or to do certain acts, or, in default thereof, to pay a certain specified sum by way of penalty; hence termed a "penal sum." These instruments have been superseded by the use of a bond in a penal sum, with conditions. Brown.

PENAL BOND. A bond promising to pay a named sum of money (the penalty) with a condition underwritten that, if a stipulated collateral thing, other than the payment of money, be done or forborne, as the case may be, the obligation shall be void. Burnside v. Ward, 170 Mo. 531, 71 S. W. 337, 62 L. R. A. 427.

PENAL CLAUSE. A penal clause is a secondary obligation, entered into for the purpose of enforcing the performance of a primary obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 2117. Also a clause in a statute declaring a penalty for a violation of the preceding clauses.

PENAL LAWS. Those which prohibit an act and impose a penalty for the commission of it.

The terms “fine,” “forfeiture,” and “penalty” are often used loosely, and even confusedly; but, when a discrimination is made, the word “penalty” is found to be generic in its character, including both fine and forfeiture. A “fine” is a pecuniary penalty, and is commonly (perhaps always) to be collected by suit in some form. A “forfeiture” is a penalty by which one loses his rights and interest in his property. Gosselin v. Campbell, 4 Iowa, 300; Bankers' Trust Co. v. State, 96 Conn. 361, 114 A. 104, 107; State ex rel. Jones v. Howe Scale Co. of Illinois, 182 Mo. App. 658, 166 S. W. 328, 320.

The term also denotes money recoverable by virtue of a statute imposing a payment by way of punishment. City of Buffalo v. Neuberg, 200 App. Div. 386, 201 N. Y. S. 737, 738; State v. Franklin, 63 Utah, 442, 226 P. 674, 676.

PENANCE. In ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical punishment inflicted by an ecclesiastical court for some spiritual offense. Ayl. Par. 420.

PENCIL. An instrument made of plumbago, red chalk, or other suitable substance, for writing without ink.

PENDENCY. Suspense; the state of being pendent or undecided; the state of an action, etc., after it has been begun, and before the final disposition of it.

PENDENS. Lat. Pendency; as his pendens, a pending suit.

PENDENTE LITE. Lat. Pending the suit; during the actual progress of a suit; during litigation. In re Morrissey's Will, 91 N. J. Eq. 289, 107 A. 70, 71.

Pendente lite nihil innovatur. Co. Litt. 344. During a litigation nothing new should be introduced.

PENDENTES. In the civil law. The fruits of the earth not yet separated from the ground; the fruits hanging by the roots. Ersk. Inst. 2, 2, 4.

PENDICLE. In Scotch law. A piece or parcel of ground.

PENDING. Begun, but not yet completed; unsettled; undetermined; in process of settlement or adjustment. Thus, an action or suit is “pending” from its inception until the rendition of final judgment. Wentworth v. Farmaning, 48 N. H. 210; Mauney v. Pemberton, 75 N. C. 221; Ex parte Munford, 57

PEL·NAL SERVITUDE, in English criminal law, is a punishment which consists in keeping an offender in confinement, and compelling him to labor. Step. Crim. Dig. 2.

PEL·NAL STATUTES. See Penal Laws.

PEL·NAL SUM. A sum agreed upon in a bond, to be forfeited if the condition of the bond is not fulfilled.

PEL·NALTY. The sum of money which the obligor of a bond undertakes to pay in the event of his omitting to perform or carry out the terms imposed upon him by the conditions of the bond. Brown v. Taylor v. Sandford, 7 Wheat. 13, 5 L. Ed. 384; Watt v. Sheppard, 2 Ala. 445; Stennick v. J. K. Lammer Co., 85 Or. 444, 161 P. 97, 106.

A penalty is an agreement to pay a greater sum, to secure the payment of a less sum. It is conditional, and can be avoided by the payment of the less sum before the contingency agreed upon shall happen. By what name it is called is immaterial. Henry v. Thompson, Minor (Ala.) 209, 227; McClain v. Continental Supply Co., 66 Okl. 225, 168 P. 815, 816.

A penal obligation differs from an alternative obligation, for the latter is but one in its essence; while a penalty always includes two distinct engagements, and when the first is fulfilled the second is void. When a breach has taken place, the obligor has his option to require the fulfilment of the first obligation, or the payment of the penalty, in these cases which cannot be relieved in equity. Dalloz, Dict. Obligation avec Clause pénale.

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Mo. 603; Middkiz v. Colton (C. C. A.) 242 F. 373, 381; Ex parte Craig (C. C. A.) 274 F. 177, 187; Cain v. French, 29 Cal. App. 725, 156 P. 518.

A criminal case is pending, in the sense that a court may correct its records, until the judgment is finally satisfied. Dunn v. State, 18 Oal. Cr. 493, 108 P. 739, 741.


PENETRATION. A term used in criminal law, and denoting (in cases of alleged rape) the insertion of the male part into the female parts to however slight an extent; and by which insertion the offense is complete without proof of emission. Brown.

PENITENTIALS. A compilation or list of sins and other penances, compiled in the Eastern Church and in the extreme west about the sixth century. Stubbs, Canon Law, in 1 Sel. Essays in Anglo-Amer. L. H. 252.

PENITENTIARY. A prison or place of punishment; the place of punishment in which convicts sentenced to confinement and hard labor are confined by the authority of the law. Millar v. State, 2 Kan. 175; Bowers v. Bowers, 114 Ohio St. 585, 151 N. E. 750, 751; Howell v. State, 194 Ga. 204, 133 S. E. 206, 209.

PENN. A standard, banner, or ensign carried in war.

PENNY. An English coin, being the twelfth part of a shilling. It was also used in America during the colonial period.

PENNYWEIGHT. A Troy weight, equal to twenty-four grains, or one-twentieth part of an ounce.

PENSAM. The full weight of twenty ounces.

PENSIO. Lat. In the civil law. A payment, properly, for the use of a thing. A rent; a payment for the use and occupation of another’s house.


"Pensions" are in the nature of bounties of the government, which it has the right to give, withhold, distribute, or recall at its discretion. Pecoy v. City of Chicago, 265 Ill, 78, 106 N. E. 435, 436.

In English Practice

An annual payment made by each member of the inns of court. Cowell: Holthouse.

Also an assembly of the members of the society of Gray’s Inn, to consult of their affairs.

In the Civil, Scotch, and Spanish Law

A rent; an annual rent.

PENSION OF CHURCHES. In English ecclesiastical law. Certain sums of money paid to clergymen in lieu of tithes. A spiritual person may sue in the spiritual court for a pension originally granted and confirmed by the ordinary, but, where it is granted by a temporal person to a clerk, he cannot; as, if one grant an annuity to a parson, he must sue for it in the temporal courts. Cro. Eliz. 675.

PENSION WRIT. A peremptory order against a member of an inn of court who is in arrear for his pensions, (that is, for his periodical dues), or for other duties. Cowell.

PENSIONARY PARLIAMENT. A parliament of Charles II which was prolonged for nearly 18 years.

PENSIONER. One who is supported by an allowance at the will of another; a dependent. It is usually applied (in a public sense) to those who receive pensions or annuities from government, who are chiefly such as have retired from places of honor and emolument. Jacob.

Persons making periodical payments are sometimes so called. Thus, resident undergraduates of the university of Cambridge, who are not on the foundation of any college, are spoken of as "pensioners." Mozley & Whitely.

The head of one of the Inns of Court, otherwise the Treasurer. Pension was used to designate meetings of the Benchers in Gray’s Inn.

PENT-ROAD. A road shut up or closed at its terminal points. Wolcott v. Whitcomb, 40 Vt. 41.

PENTECOSTALS. In ecclesiastical law. Pious oblations made at the feast of Pentecost by parishioners to their priests, and sometimes by inferior churches or parishes to the principal mother churches. They are also called "Whitsun farthings." Wharton.

PEON. In Mexico

A debtor held by his creditor in a qualified servitude to work out the debt; a serf. Webster.

Bl. Law Dict. (3d Ed.)
PEONAGE. The state or condition of a peon as above defined; a condition of enforced servitude by which the servitor is restrained of his liberty and compelled to labor in liquidation of some debt or obligation, real or pretended, against his will. Peoneage Cases (D. C.) 123 F. 671; In re Lewis (C. C.) 114 F. 903; U. S. v. McClellan (D. C.) 127 F. 971; Rev. St. U. S. § 5526 (18 USCA § 444); Goode v. Nelson, 73 Fln. 39, 74 So. 17, 18; State v. Oliva, 144 La. 51, 80 So. 135, 106.

PEONIA.

In Spanish Law

A portion of land which was formerly given to a simple soldier on the conquest of a country. It is now a quantity of land of different size in different provinces. In the Spanish possessions in America it may extend fifty feet front and one hundred feet deep. 2 White, N. Rec. 49; Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. (U. S.) 444, 9 L. Ed. 1137.


In neutrality laws, a government recognized by the United States. The Three Friends (D. C.) 75 F. 175.

The word "people" may have various significations according to the connection in which it is used. When we speak of the rights of the people, or of the government of the people by law, or of the people as a non-political aggregate, we mean all the inhabitants of the state or nation, without distinction as to sex, age, or otherwise. But when reference is made to the people as the repository of sovereignty or as the source of governmental power, or to popular government, we are in fact speaking of that selected and limited class of citizens to whom the constitution accords the elective franchise and the right of participation in the offices of government. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 30.

PEPPERCORN. A dried berry of the black pepper. In English law, the reservation of a merely nominal rent, on a lease, is sometimes expressed by a stipulation for the payment of a peppercorn.

PER. Lat. By, through, or by means of. Lea v. Helgerson (Tex. Civ. App.) 228 S. W. 902, 903. When a writ of entry is stayed out against the allene of the original intruder or disseisor, or against his heir to whom the land has descended, it is said to be brought "in the per," because the writ then states that the tenant had not entry but by (per) the original wrong-doer. 3 Bl. Comm. 181.

PER AES ET LIBRAM. Lat. In Roman law. The sale per aes et libram (with copper and scales) was a ceremony used in transferring res municipi, in the emancipation of a son or slave, and in one of the forms of making a will. The parties having assembled, with a number of witnesses, and one who held a balance or scales, the purchaser struck the scales with a copper coin, repeating a formula by which he claimed the subject-matter of the transaction as his property, and handed the coin to the vendor.

PER ALLUVIONEM. Lat. In the civil law. By alluvion, or the gradual and imperceptible increase arising from deposit by water.

Per alluvionem id videtur adiaci quod illa paulatim adiutur ut intelligere non possimus quantum quoque momento temporis adiuturat. That is said to be added by alluvion which is so added little by little that we cannot tell how much is added at any one moment of time. Dig. 41; 1, 7, 1; Fleta, 1, 3, c. 2, § 6.

PER AND CUI. When a writ of entry is brought against a second allenee or descendant from the disseisor, it is said to be in the per and cui, because the form of the writ is that the tenant had not entry but by and under a prior allenee, to whom the intruder himself demised it. 3 Bl. Comm. 181.

PER AND POST. To come in in the per is to claim by or through the person last entitled to an estate; as the heirs or assigns of the grantee. To come in in the post is to claim by a paramount and prior title; as the lord by escheat.

PER ANNULUM ET BACOLUM. L. Lat. In old English law. By ring and staff, or crozier. The symbolical mode of conferring an ecclesiastical investiture. 1 Bl. Comm. 378, 379.

PER AUTRE VIE. L. Fr. For or during another's life; for such period as another person shall live.

PER AVERSIONEM. Lat. In the civil law. By turning away. A term applied to that kind of sale where the goods are taken in bulk, and not by weight or measure, and for a single price; or where a piece of land is sold as containing in gross, by estimation, a certain number of acres. Poth. Cont. Sale, 356, 309. So called because the buyer acts without particular examination or discrimination, turning his face, as it were, away. Calvin.

PER BOUCHE. L. Fr. By the mouth; orally. 3 How. St. T. 1024.

PER CAPITA. Lat. By the heads or polls; according to the number of individuals; share and share alike. This term, derived from the civil law, is much used in the law of descent and distribution, and denotes that method of dividing an intestate estate by which an equal share is given to each of a number of persons, all of whom stand in equal degree to the decedent, without reference to their stocks or the right of representation. It is the antithesis of per stirpes, (q. v.).

PER CENT. An abbreviation of the Latin "per centum," meaning by the hundred, or so many parts in the hundred, or so many hundredths. See Blakelee v. Mansfield, 66 Ill. App. 119; Code Va. 1857, § 5 (Code 1904, p. 7; Code 1930, § 5, cl. 11).


PER EUNDREM. Lat. By the same. This phrase is commonly used to express "by, or from the mouth of, the same judge." So "per eundem in cadem" means "by the same judge in the same case."

PER EXTENSUM. Lat. In old practice. At length.

PER FORMAM DONI. L. Lat. In English law. By the form of the gift; by the designation of the giver, and not by the operation of law. 2 Bl. Comm. 113, 391.

PER FRAUDEM. Lat. By fraud. Where a plea alleges matter of discharge, and the replication avers that the discharge was fraudulently obtained and is therefore invalid, it is called a "replication per fraudem."

PER INCIURIAM. Lat. Through inadvertence. 35 Eng. Law & Eq. 392.

PER INDUSTRIAM HOMINIS. Lat. In old English law. By human industry. A term applied to the reclaiming or taming of wild animals by art, industry, and education. 2 Bl. Comm. 391.

PER INFORTUNIUM. Lat. By misadventure. In criminal law, homicide per infortunium is committed where a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another. 4 Bl. Comm. 182. See Homicide.

PER LEGEM ANGLIÆ. Lat. By the law of England; by the curtesy. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 54, § 18.


PER METAS ET BUNDAS. L. Lat. In old English law. By metes and bounds.

PER MINAS. Lat. By threats. See Duress.

PER MISADVENTURE. In old English law. By mischance. 4 Bl. Comm. 182. The same with per infortunium (q. v.).

PER MITTER LE DROIT. L. Fr. By passing the right. One of the modes by which releases at common law were said to inure was "per mitter le droit," as where a person who had been dispossessed released to the dispossessor or his heir or feoffee. In such case, by the release, the right which was in the releasor was added to the possession of the releasee, and the two combined perfected the estate. Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 387.

PER MITTER L'ESTATE. L. Fr. By passing the estate. At common law, where two or more are seised, either by deed, devise, or descent, as joint tenants or coparceners of the same estate, and one of them releases to the other, this is said to inure by way of "per mitter l'estate." Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 388.

PER MY ET PER TOUT. L. Fr. By the half and by the whole. A phrase descriptive of the mode in which joint tenants hold the joint estate, the effect of which, technically considered, is that for purposes of tenure and survivorship each is the holder of the whole, but for purposes of alienation each has only his own share, which is presumed in law to be equal. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 469.

PER PAIS, TRIAL. Trial by the country; a, e., by jury.
PER PROCURATION. By proxy; by one acting as an agent with special powers; as under a letter of attorney. These words "give notice to all persons that the agent is acting under a special and limited authority." 10 C. B. 689. The phrase is commonly abbreviated to "per proc." or "p. p." and is more used in the civil law and in England than in American law.

PER QUE SERVITIA. Lat. A real action by which the grantee of a solernity could compel the tenants of the grantor to attend to himself. It was abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV, c. 27, § 35.

PER QUOD. Lat. Whereby. When the declaration in an action of tort, after stating the acts complained of, goes on to allege the consequences of those acts as a ground of special damage to the plaintiff, the recital of such consequences is prefixed by these words, "per quod," whereby; and sometimes the phrase is used as the name of that clause of the declaration.

Words "actionable per quod" are those not actionable per se upon their face, but are only actionable in consequence of extrinsic facts showing circumstances under which they were said or the damages resulting to slandered party therefrom. Smith v. Mustain, 210 Ky. 445, 276 S. W. 154, 155, 44 A. L. R. 386.

PER QUOD CONSORTIUM AMISIT. Lat. In old pleading. Whereby he lost the company [of his wife.] A phrase used in the old declarations in actions of trespass by a husband for beating or ill using his wife, descriptively of the special damage he had sustained. 3 Bl. Comm. 140; Cro. Jac. 501, 535; Crocker v. Crocker (C. C.) 98 F. 703.

PER QUOD SERVITIUM AMISIT. Lat. In old pleading. Whereby he lost the service [of his servant.] A phrase used in the old declarations in actions of trespass by a master, for beating or ill using his servant, descriptively of the special damage he had himself sustained. 3 Bl. Comm. 142; 9 Coke, 113a; Callaghan v. Lake Hopatcong Ice Co., 69 N. J. Law, 100, 54 A. 223. This action is commonly brought by the father for the seduction of his daughter, in which case very slight evidence of the relation of master and servant is necessary; but still some loss of service, or some expense, must be shown; 5 B. & P. 466; 5 Price, 641; Kendrick v. McCravy, 11 Ga. 603; Phelin v. Kenderline, 20 Pa. 354.

Per rationes pervenit ad legitimam rationem. Litt. § 386. By reasoning we come to true reason.

Per rerum naturam factum negantis nulla probatio est. It is in the nature of things that he who denies a fact is not bound to give proof.

PER SALTUM. Lat. By a leap or bound; by a sudden movement; passing over certain proceedings. 8 East, 511.

PER SAMPLE. By sample. A purchase so made is a collateral engagement that the goods shall be of a particular quality. 4 B. & Ald. 387.

PER SE. Lat. By himself or itself; in itself; taken alone; inherently; In isolation; unconnected with other matters. Findley v. Wilson, 115 Okt. 280, 242 P. 595, 596; Rowan v. Gazette Printing Co., 74 Mont. 529, 239 P. 1055, 1057.

PER STIRPES. Lat. By roots or stocks; by representation. This term, derived from the civil law, is much used in the law of descents and distribution, and denotes that method of dividing an intestate estate where a class or group of distributees take the share which their deceased would have been entitled to, taking thus by their right of representing such ancestor, and not as so many individuals. See Rotmanskey v. Heles, 38 A. 415, 86 Md. 653; In re Shoch's Estate, 271 Pa. 165, 114 A. 505, 506; Petition of Gee, 44 R. I. 132, 115 A. 719, 717.

PER TOTAM CURIAM. Lat. By the whole court. A common phrase in the old reports.

PER TOUT ET NON PER MY. L. Fr. By the whole, and not by the moiety. Where an estate in fee is given to a man and his wife, they cannot take the estate by moieties, but both are seised of the entirety, per tout et non per my. 2 Bl. Comm. 182.

PER UNIVERSITATEM. Lat. In the civil law. By an aggregate or whole; as an entirety. The term described the acquisition of an entire estate by one act or fact, as distinguished from the acquisition of single or detached things.


Per varios actus legem experientia facit. By various acts experience frames the law. 4 Inst. 50.

PER VERBA DE FUTURO. Lat. By words of the future [ tense.] A phrase applied to contracts of marriage. 1 Bl. Comm. 439; 2 Kent, Comm. 87.

PER VERBA DE PRESENTI. Lat. By words of the present [tense.] A phrase applied to contracts of marriage. 1 Bl. Comm. 439.

PER VISUM ECCLESIAE. Lat. In old English law. By view of the church; under the supervision of the church. The disposition of intestates' goods per visum ecclesiae was one of the articles confirmed to the prelates by King John's Magna Charta. 3 Bl. Comm. 96.

PER VIVAM VOCEM. Lat. In old English law. By the living voice; the same with vitia voce. Bract. fol. 96.
PER YEAR, in a contract, is equivalent to the word "annually." Curtiss v. Howell, 39 N. Y. 211; Larson v. Augustana Colonization Ass'n of North America, 155 Minn. 1, 192 N. W. 108.

PERAMBULATION. The act or custom of walking over the boundaries of a district or piece of land, either for the purpose of determining them or of preserving evidence of them. Thus, in many parishes in England, it is the custom for the parishioners to perambulate the boundaries of the parish in rotation week in every year. Such a custom entitles them to enter any man's land and abate nuisances in their way. Philim. Ecc. Law, 1867; Hunt, Bound. 103; Sweet. See Green ville v. Mason, 57 N. H. 385.

The custom has now largely fallen into disuse. Cent. Diet.

PERAMBULATION FACIENDA, WRIT DE. In English law. The name of a writ which is sued by consent of both parties when they are in doubt as to the bounds of their respective estates. It is directed to the sheriff to make perambulation, and to set the bounds and limits between them in certainty. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 183.

PERCA. A perch of land; sixteen and one-half feet. See Perch.

PERCEPTION. Taking into possession. Thus, perception of crops or of profits is reducing them to possession. Used of money, it means the counting out and payment of a debt. Also used for food due to soldiers. Vicat, Voc. Jur.

PERCEPTURA. In old records. A wear; a place in a river made up with banks, dams, etc., for the better convenience of preserving and taking fish. Cowell.

PERCH. A measure of land containing five yards and a half, or sixteen feet and a half in length; otherwise called a "rod" or "pole." Cowell.

As a unit of solid measure, a perch of masonry or stone or brick work contains, according to some authorities and in some localities, sixteen and one-half cubic feet, but elsewhere, or according to others, twenty-five. Unless defined by statute, it is a very indefinite term and must be explained by evidence. See Baldwin Quarry Co. v. Clements, 39 Ohio St. 587; Harris v. Rutledge, 19 Iowa, 385, 37 Am. Dec. 441; Sullivan v. Richardson, 33 Ala. 1, 14 So. 602; Wood v. Vermont Cent. R. Co., 24 Vt. 608.

PERCOLATE, as used in the cases relating to the right of land-owners to use water on their premises, designates any flowage of sub-surface water other than that of a running stream, open, visible, clearly to be traced. Mosler v. Caldwell, 7 Nev. 363.

PERCOLATING WATERS. See Water.

PERDONATIO UTLAGARII/E. L. Lat. A pardon for a man who, for contempt in not yielding obedience to the process of a court, is outlawed, and afterwards of his own accord surrenders. Reg. Orig. 23.

PERDUELLIO. Lat. In Roman law. Hostility or enmity towards the Illyrian republic; traitorous conduct on the part of a citizen, subversive of the authority of the laws or tending to overthrow the government. Calvin; Vieat.

PERDURABLE. As applied to an estate, perdurable signifies lasting long or forever. Thus, a disseisor or tenant in fee upon condition has as high and great an estate as the rightful owner or tenant in fee-simple absolute, but not so perdurable. The term is chiefly used with reference to the extinguishment of rights by unity of seisin, which does not take place unless both the right and the land out of which it issues are held for equally high and perdurable estates. Co. Litt. 313a, 313b; Gale Easem. 552; Sweet.

PEREGRINI. Lat. The name given to aliens in Rome. The class of peregrini embraced at the same time both those who had no capacity in law (capacity for rights or jural relations,) namely, the slaves, and the members of those nations which had not established amicable relations with the Roman people. Sav. Dr. Rom. § 66.

PEREMPT. In ecclesiastical procedure, to waive or bar an appeal by one's own act so as partially to comply with or acquiesce in a sentence of a court. Phil. Eccl. L. 1275; Rog. Eccl. L. 47.

PEREMPTION. A nonsuit; also a quashing or killing.

PEREMPTORIUS. Lat. In the civil law. That which takes away or destroys forever; hence, exceptio peremptoria, a plea which is a perpetual bar. Calvin.


PEREMPTORY DAY. A day assigned for trial or hearing in court, absolutely and without further opportunity for postponement.

PEREMPTORY EXCEPTION. In the civil law. Any defense which denies entirely the ground of action.

PEREMPTORY PAPER. A list of the causes which were enlarged at the request of the parties; or which stood over from press of business in court.
PEREMPTORY RULE. In practice. An absolute rule; a rule without any condition or alternative of showing cause.

PEREMPTORYUNDERTAKING. An undertaking by a plaintiff to bring on a cause for trial at the next sitting or assizes. Lush, Pr. 640.


PERFECT CONDITION. In a statement of the rule that, when two claims exist in "perfect condition" between two persons, either may insist on a set-off, this term means that state of a demand when it is of right demandable by its terms. Taylor v. New York, 82 N. Y. 17.

PERFECT INSTRUMENT. An instrument such as a deed or mortgage is said to become perfect when recorded (or registered) or filed for record, because it then becomes good as to all the world. See Wilkins v. McCorkle, 112 Tenn. 688, 80 S. W. 384.

PERFECT TRUST. An executed trust, (q. e.)

PERFECTION. A certain qualifications of a property character being required of persons who tender themselves as bail, when such persons have justified, i. e., established their sufficiency by satisfying the court that they possess the requisite qualifications, a rule or order of court is made for their allowance, and the bail is then said to be perfected, i. e., the process of giving bail is finished or completed. Brown.

Perfectum est cui nihil deest secundum sum perfectionis vel naturae modum. That is perfect to which nothing is wanting, according to the measure of its perfection or nature. Hob. 151.

PERFIDY. The act of one who has engaged his faith to do a thing, and does not do it, but does the contrary. Wolff, Inst. § 390.

PERFORM. To perform an obligation or contract is to execute, fulfill, or accomplish it according to its terms. This may consist either in action on the part of the person bound by the contract or in omission to act, according to the nature of the subject-matter; but the term is usually applied to any action in discharge of a contract other than payment.

PERFORMANCE. The fulfillment or accomplishment of a promise, contract, or other obligation according to its terms.

Part Performance
The doing some portion, yet not the whole, of what either party to a contract has agreed to do. Borrow v. Borrow, 34 Wash. 684, 76 P. 305.

Specific Performance
Performance of a contract in the specific form in which it was made, or according to the precise terms agreed upon. This is frequently compelled by a bill in equity filed for the purpose. 2 Story, Eq. Pl. § 712, et seq. The actual accomplishment of a contract by a party bound to fulfill it. Guadalupe County Board of Education v. O'Bannon, 26 N. M. 606, 193 P. 591, 593; Municipal Gas Co. v. Lone Star Gas Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 230 S. W. 684, 690. The doctrine of specific performance is that, where damages would be an inadequate compensation for the breach of an agreement, the contractor will be compelled to perform specifically what he has agreed to do. Sweet. As the exact fulfillment of an agreement is not always practicable, the phrase may mean, in a given case, not literal, but substantial performance. Waterman, Spec. Perf. § 1.

PERGAMENUM. In old practice. Parchment. In pergamento scribi facta. 1 And. 54.

PERICARDITIS. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the lining membrane of the heart.

Periculosest res novas et insitutas indure. Co. Litt. 379a. It is perilous to introduce new and untried things.

Periculosest exstimo quod honorum virorum ac probatio exemplo. 3 Coke, 97b. I consider that dangerous which is not approved by the example of good men.

PERICULOSUS. Lat. Dangerous; perils.

PERICULUM. Lat. In the civil law. Peril; danger; hazard; risk.

Periculum rei vendita, nondum tradita, est emptoris. The risk of a thing sold, and not yet delivered, is the purchaser's. 2 Kent, Comm. 498, 499.

PERIL. The risk, hazard, or contingency insured against by a policy of insurance.

PERILS OF THE LAKES. As applied to navigation of the Great Lakes, this term has the same meaning as "perils of the sea." See infra.

PERILS OF THE SEA. In maritime and insurance law. Natural accidents peculiar to the sea, which do not happen by the intervention of man, nor are to be prevented by human prudence. 3 Kent, Comm. 216. Perils of the sea are from (1) storms and waves; (2) rocks,

PERINDE VALERE. A dispensation granted to a clerk, who, being defective in capacity for a benefice or other ecclesiastical function, is de facto admitted to it. Cowell.

PERIOD. Any point, space, or division of time. "The word 'period' has its etymological meaning, but it also has a distinctive signification, according to the subject with which it may be used in connection. It may mean any portion of complete time, from a thousand years or less to the period of a day; and when used to designate an act to be done or to be begun, though its completion may take an uncertain time, as, for instance, the act of exportation, it must mean the day on which the exportation commences, or it would be an unmeaning and useless word in its connection in the statute." Sampson v. Peaslee, 20 How. 579, 15 L. Ed. 1022.

PERIODICAL. Recurring at fixed intervals; to be made or done, or to happen, at successive periods separated by determined intervals of time; as periodical payments of interest on a bond.

PERIPHRASSIS. Circumlocution: use of many words to express the sense of one.

PERISH. To come to an end; to cease to be; to die.

PERISHABLE ordinarily means subject to speedy and natural decay. But, where the time contemplated is necessarily long, the term may embrace property liable merely to material depreciation in value from other causes than such decay. Webster v. Peek, 31 Conn. 465; Poole Co. v. U. S., 9 Ct. Cust. App. 271, 275; Callahan v. Damsger, 172 Cal. 738, 155 P. 760, 761; Marston v. Rue, 92 Wash. 129, 159 P. 111, 113; In re Pedlow (C. C. A.) 269 F. 841, 842; Falmouth Co-Op. Marketing Ass'n v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 237 Mich. 406, 212 N. W. 84, 85.

PERISHABLE GOODS. Goods which decay and lose their value if not speedily put to their intended use.

Perjuri sunt qui servatis verbis juramenti decipiant aures eorum qui accipient. 3 Inst. 108. They are perjured, who, preserving the words of an oath, deceive the ears of those who receive it.

PERJURY. In criminal law. The willful assertion as to a matter of fact, opinion, belief, or knowledge, made by a witness in a judicial proceeding as part of his evidence, either upon oath or in any form allowed by law to be substituted for an oath, whether such evidence is given in open court, or in an affidavit, or otherwise, such assertion being material to the issue or point of inquiry and known to such witness to be false. 2 Whart. Crim. Law § 1244; Herring v. State, 119 Ga. 709, 46 S. E. 878; Beccher v. Anderson, 45 Mich. 543, 8 N. W. 539; Schmidt v. Witherlick, 29 Minn. 156, 12 N. W. 48; State v. Simons, 30 Vt. 620; Miller v. State, 15 Fla. 555; Clark v. Clark, 51 N. J. Eq. 404, 26 A. 1012; Hood v. State, 44 Ala. 81; State v. Singleton, 53 N. D. 573, 207 N. W. 226; Goosby v. State, 17 Ala. App. 545, 86 So. 137; Black v. State, 13 Ga. App. 541, 79 S. E. 173, 174; State v. Larson, 171 Minn. 246, 213 N. W. 900, 901; People v. Glenn, 294 Ill. 333, 128 N. E. 532, 533; Mathes v. State, 15 Okl. Cr. 382, 177 P. 129; Commonwealth v. Hinkle, 177 Ky. 22, 197 S. W. 455, 456; People v. Rendigs, 128 Misc. Rep. 32, 205 N. Y. S. 133, 136.

Perjury shall consist in willfully, knowingly, absolutely, and falsely swearing, either with or without laying the hand on the Holy Evangelist of
Almighty God, or affirming, in a matter material to the issue or point in question, in some judicial proceeding, by a person to whom a lawful oath or affirmation is administered. Code Ga. 1882, § 4450 (Pen. Code 1919, § 259).

Every person who, having taken an oath that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly before any competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any of the cases in which such an oath may by law be administered, willfully, and contrary to such oath, states as truth any material matter which he knows to be false, is guilty of perjury. Pen. Code Cal. § 138.

The willful giving, under oath, in a judicial proceeding or course of justice, of false testimony material to the issue or point of inquiry. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 1015.

Perjury, at common law, is the "taking of a willful false oath by one who, being lawfully sworn by a competent court to depose the truth in any judicial proceeding, swears absolutely and falsely in a matter material to the point in issue, whether he believed or not." Comm. v. Powell, 2 Metc. (Ky.) 10; Cothran v. State, 33 Miss. 541.

It will be observed that, at common law, the crime of perjury can be committed only in the course of a suit or judicial proceeding. But statutes have very generally extended both the definition and the punishment of this offense to willful false swearing in many different kinds of affidavits and depositions, such as those required to be made in tax returns, pension proceedings, transactions at the custom house, and various other administrative or non-judicial proceedings.

**PERMUTATION.** The exchange of one movable subject for another: barter. Dig. 19, 4.

**PERMUTATION.** A writ to an ordinary, commanding him to admit a clerk to a benefice upon exchange made with another. Reg. Orig. 307.

**PERNANCY.** Taking; a taking or receiving; as of the profits of an estate. Actual pernancy of the profits of an estate is the taking, perception, or receipt of the rents and other advantages arising therefrom. 2 Bl. Comm. 193.

**PERNOR OF PROFITS.** He who receives the profits of lands, etc.; he who has the actual pernancy of the profits.

**PERNOUR.** L. Fr. A taker. Le pernour ou le detenour; the taker or the detainer. Brit. c. 27.

**PERPARS.** L. Lat. A purpur; a part of the inheritance.

**PERPETRATOR.** Generally, this term denotes the person who actually commits a crime or delict, or by whose immediate agency it occurs. But, where a servant of a railroad company is killed through the negligence of a co-employee, the company itself may be regarded as the "perpetrator" of the act, within the meaning of a statute giving an action against the perpetrator. Phio v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 33 Iowa, 47.

Perpetua lex est nullam legem humanam ac positivam perpetuam esse, et clausula que abrogationem excludit ab initio non valet. It is
a perpetual law that no human and positive law can be perpetual, and a clause [in a law] which precludes the power of abrogation is void ab initio. Bac. Max. p. 77, in reg. 19

PERPETUAL. Never ceasing; continuous; enduring; lasting; unlimited in respect of time; continuing without intermission or interval. See Scanlan v. Crawshaw, 5 Mo. App. 237.

As to perpetual "Curacy," "Injunction," "Lease," and "Statute," see those titles.

PERPETUAL EDICT. In Roman law. Originally the term "perpetual" was merely opposed to "occasional" and was used to distinguish the general edicts of the prætors from the special edicts or orders which they issued in their judicial capacity. But under Hadrian the edict was revised by the jurist Julianus, and was republished as a permanent act of legislation. It was then styled "perpetual," in the sense of being calculated to endure in perpetuum, or until abrogated by competent authority. Aust. Jur. 885.

PERPETUAL SUCCESSION. That continuous existence which enables a corporation to manage its affairs, and hold property without the necessity of perpetual conveyances, for the purpose of transmitting it. By reason of this quality, this ideal and artificial person remains, in its legal entity and personality, the same, though frequent changes may be made of its members. Field, Corp. § 58; Scanlan v. Crawshaw, 5 Mo. App. 340.

PERPETUATING TESTIMONY. A proceeding for taking and preserving the testimony of witnesses, which otherwise might be lost before the trial in which it is intended to be used. It is usually allowed where the witnesses are aged and infirm or are about to remove from the state. 3 Bl. Comm. 450.


Any limitation tending to take the subject of it out of commerce for a longer period than a life or lives in being, and twenty-one years beyond, and, in case of a posthumous child, a few months more, allowing for the term of gestation. Rand, Perp. 45.


PERPETUITY OF THE KING. That fiction of the English law which for certain political purposes ascribes to the king in his political capacity the attribute of immortality; for, though the reigning monarch may die, yet by this fiction the king never dies, i.e., the office is supposed to be reoccupied for all political purposes immediately on his death. Brown.

PERQUISITES. In its most extensive sense, "perquisites" signifies anything obtained by industry or purchased with money, different from that which descends from a father or ancestor. Bract. i. 2, c. 30, n. 3.

Profits accruing to a lord of a manor by virtue of his court-baron, over and above the yearly profits of his land; also other things that come casually and not yearly. Mozley & Whitley.

In Modern Use


PERQUISITIO. Purchase. Acquisation by one's own act or agreement, and not by descent.

PERQUISITOR. In old English law. A purchaser; one who first acquired an estate to his family; one who acquired an estate by sale, by gift, or by any other method, 'except only that of descent. 2 Bl. Comm. 220.

PERSECUTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A following after; a pursuing at law; a suit or prosecution. Properly that kind of judicial proceeding before the prætor which was called "extraordinary." In a general sense, any judicial proceeding, including not only "actions," (actiones,) properly so called, but other proceedings also. Calvin.
PERSEQUII. Lat. In the civil law. To follow after; to pursue or claim in form of law. An action is called a "fus persequendi."

PERSON. A man considered according to the rank he holds in society, with all the right to which the place he holds entitles him, and the duties which it imposes. People v. R. Co., 134 N. Y. 506, 31 N. E. 873.

The term is, however, more extensive than man. It may include artificial beings, as corporations; 1 Bll. Com. 123; 4 Bingh. 626; People v. Com'r's of Taxes, 23 N. Y. 242; quasi-corporations; Sedg. Stat. & Const. L. 372; L. R. 5 App. Cas. 357; territorial corporations; Seymour v. School District, 53 Conn. 507, 3 A. 552; and foreign corporations; People v. McLean, 80 N. Y. 259; under statutes, forbidding the taking of property without due process of law and giving to all persons the equal protection of the laws; Smyth v. Ames, 169 U. S. 466, 18 S. Ct. 418, 42 L. Ed. 819; Gulf, C. & S. F. R. Co. v. Ellis, 105 U. S. 150, 17 S. Ct. 255, 41 L. Ed. 666; concerning "claims arising from Indian deprivations;" U. S. v. Transp. Co., 164 U. S. 698, 17 S. Ct. 205, 41 L. Ed. 599; relating to taxation and the revenue laws; People v. McLean, 80 N. Y. 254; to attachments; Bray v. Wallingford, 20 Conn. 410; usurious contracts; Philadelphia Loan Co. v. Towner, 13 Conn. 249; applying to limitation of actions; Ollcett v. R. Co., 29 N. Y. 210, 75 Am. Dec. 393; North Mo. R. Co. v. Akers, 4 Kan. 453, 46 Am. Dec. 153; and concerning the admisibility as a witness of a party in his own behalf when the opposite party is a living person; La Farge v. Ins. Co., 22 N. Y. 352. A corporation is also a person under a penal statute; U. S. v. Amedy, 11 Wheat. 302, 6 L. Ed. 502. Corporations are "persons" as that word is used in the first clause of the XIVth Amendment; Corning & L. Tunn. Co. v. Sandford, 164 U. S. 578, 17 S. Ct. 198, 41 L. Ed. 590; Smyth v. Ames, 169 U. S. 466, 18 S. Ct. 418, 42 L. Ed. 819; People v. Fire Ass'n, 92 N. Y. 311, 44 Am. Rep. 380; U. S. v. Supply Co., 215 U. S. 30, 30 S. Ct. 15, 54 L. Ed. 87; contra, Central P. R. Co. v. Board, 60 Cal. 55. But a corporation of another state is not a "person" within the jurisdiction of the state until it has complied with the conditions of admission to do business in the state; Fire Ass'n of Phila. v. New York, 119 U. S. 110, 7 S. Ct. 108, 30 L. Ed. 342; and a statutory requirement of such conditions is not in conflict with the XIVth Amendment; Pemehna Consol. S. M. & M. Co. v. Pennsylvania, 125 U. S. 181, 189, 8 S. Ct. 737, 31 L. Ed. 650.

It has been held that when the word person is used in a legislative act, "natural persons will be intended unless something appears in the context to show that it applies to artificial persons;" Blair v. Worley, 1 Scam. (Ill.) 175; Appeal of Fox, 112 Pa. 537, 4 A. 149; but as a rule corporations will be considered persons within the statutes unless the intention of the legislature is manifestly to exclude them; Stribbling v. Bank, 5 Rand. (Va.) 132.

A county is a person in a legal sense; Lancaster Co. v. Trimble, 34 Neb. 752, 52 N. W. 711; but a sovereign is not; In re Fox, 52 N. Y. 535, 11 Am. Rep. 751; U. S. v. Fox, 94 U. S. 315, 24 L. Ed. 192; but contra within the meaning of a statute, providing a penalty for the fraudulent alteration of a public record with intent that any "person" be defrauded; Martin v. State, 24 Tex. 61; and within the meaning of a covenant for quiet and peaceful possession against all and every person or persons; Giddings v. Holter, 10 Mont. 203, 48 P. S. An Indian is a person; U. S. v. Crook, 5 Dill. 459, Fed. Cas. No. 14,891; and a slave was so considered, in so far, as to be capable of committing a riot in conjunction with white men; State v. Thacham, 1 Bay (S. C.) 378. The estate of a decedent is a person; Billings v. State, 107 Ind. 54, 6 N. E. 914, 7 N. E. 703, 57 Am. Rep. 77; and where the statute makes the owner of a dog liable for injuries to any person, it includes the property of such person; Brewer v. Crosby, 11 Gray (Mass.) 29; but where the statute provided damages for the bite of a dog which had previously bitten a person, it was held insufficient to show that the dog had previously bitten a goat; 1886 2 Q. B. 109; a dog will not be included in the word in an act which authorizes a person to kill dogs running at large; Heirsrodt v. Hackett, 34 Mich. 252, 22 Am. Rep. 529.

It includes women; Opinion of Justices, 136 Mass. 550; Warwick v. State, 25 Ohio St. 21; Delles v. Burr, 76 Mich. 1, 43 N. W. 24; but see In re Goddell, 39 Wis. 232, 29 Am. Rep. 42; In re Bradwell, 55 Ill. 553, where the statute was in reference to admission to the bar, and it was held that, while the term was broad enough to include them, such a construction could not be presumed to be the legislative intent.

Where the statute prohibited any person from pursuing his usual vocation on the Lord's Day, it was held to apply to a judge holding court; Bass v. Irvin, 49 Ga. 436.

A child en vente sa mere is not a person; Dietrich v. Northampton, 138 Mass. 14, 52 Am. Rep. 242; but an infant is so considered; Madden v. Springfield, 131 Mass. 441.

In the United States bankruptcy act of 1808, it is provided that the word "persons" shall include corporations, except where otherwise specified, and officers, partnerships, and womcn, and, when used with reference to the commission of acts which are therein forbidden, shall include persons who are participants in the forbidden acts, and the agents, officers, and members of the board of directors or trustees, or their controlling bodies, of corporations.

Persons are the subject of rights and duties; and, as a subject of a right, the person
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is the object of the correlative duty, and conversely. The subject of a right has been called by Professor Holland, the person of inherence; the subject of a duty, the person of incidence. "Entitled" and "bound" are the terms in common use in English and for most purposes they are adequate. Every full citizen is a person; other human beings, namely, subjects who are not citizens, may be persons. But not every human being is necessarily a person, for a person is capable of rights and duties, and there may well be human beings having no legal rights, as was the case with slaves in English law. * * *

A person is such, not because he is human, but because rights and duties are ascribed to him. The person is the legal subject or substance of which the rights and duties are attributes. An individual human being considered as having such attributes is what lawyers call a natural person. Pollock, First Book of Jurispr. 110. See Gray, Nature and Sources of Law, ch. II.

PERSONA. Lat.

In the Civil Law

Character, in virtue of which certain rights belong to a man and certain duties are imposed upon him. Thus one man may unite many characters, (personae,) as, for example, the characters of father and son, of master and servant. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 129.

In Ecclesiastical Law

The rector of a church instituted and inducted, for his own life, was called "persona mortalis;" and any collegiate or conventual body, to whom the church was forever appropriated, was termed "persona immortalis." Jacob.

Persona conjuncta equiperatur interesse proprio. A personal connection [literally, a united person, union with a person] is equivalent to one's own interest; nearness of blood is as good a consideration as one's own interest. Bac. Max. 72, reg.

PERSONA DESIGNATA. A person pointed out or described as an individual, as opposed to a person ascertained as a member of a class, or as filling a particular character.

PERSONA ECCLESIAE. The person or personality of the church.

Persona est homo cum statu quodam consideratur. A person is a man considered with reference to a certain status. Helnecce. Elem. 1, 1, tit. 3, § 75.

PERSONA NON GRATAT. In international law and diplomatic usage, a person not acceptable (for reasons peculiar to himself) to the court or government to which it is proposed to accredit him in the character of an ambassador or minister.


PERSONA STANDI IN JUDICIO. Capacity of standing in court or in judgment; capacity to be a party to an action; capacity or ability to sue.

PERSONABLE. Having the rights and powers of a person; able to hold or maintain a plea in court; also capacity to take anything granted or given.


PERSONAL. Appertaining to the person; belonging to an individual; limited to the person; having the nature or partaking of the qualities of human beings, or of movable property.


Personal things cannot be done by another. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 14.

Personal things cannot be granted over. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 15.

Personal things die with the person. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 16.

Personalia personam sequuntur. Personal things follow the person. Flanders v. Cross, 10 Cush. (Mass.) 516.

PERSONALIS ACTIO. Lat.

In the Civil Law

A personal action; an action against the person, (in personam,) Dig. 50, 16, 178, 2.

In Old English Law

A personal action. In this sense, the term was borrowed from the civil law by Bracton. The English form is constantly used as the designation of one of the chief divisions of civil actions.

PERSONALITER. In old English law. Personally; in person.

PERSONALITY. In modern civil law. The incidence of a law or statute upon persons, or that quality which makes it a personal law rather than a real law. "By the personality of laws, foreign jurists generally mean all laws which concern the condition, state, and capacity of persons." Story, Confl. Laws, § 18.
PERSONALTY. Personal property; movable property; chattels.

An abstract of personal. In old practice, an action was said to be in the personality, where it was brought against the right person or the person against whom it lay. Old Nat. Brev. 92; Cowell.

Quasi Personality

Things which are movable in point of law, though fixed to things real, either actually, as emblements, (fructus industriales,) fixtures, etc.; or fictitiously, as chattels-real, leases for years, etc.

PERSONATE. In criminal law. To assume the person (character) of another, without his consent or knowledge, in order to deceive others, and, in such feigned character, to fraudulently do some act or gain some advantage, to the harm or prejudice of the person counterfeited. See 2 East, P. C. 1030. To pass one's self off as another having a certain identity. Lane v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 17 F. (2d) 923.

PERSONERO. In Spanish law. An attorney. So called because he represents the person of another, either in or out of court. Las Partidas, pt. 2, tit. 5, l. 1.

PERSONNE. Fr. A person. This term is applicable to men and women, or to either. Civ. Code Lat. art. 3556, par. 23.

Perspicua vera non sunt probanda. Co. Litt. 16. Plain truths need not be proved.


PERSUASION. The act of persuading; the act of influencing the mind by arguments or reasons offered, or by anything that moves the mind or passions, or inclines the will to a determination. See Marx v. Threet, 191 Ala. 940, 90 So. 831.

PERTAIN. To belong or relate to, whether by nature, appointment, or custom. See People v. Chicago Theological Seminary, 174 Ill. 177, 51 N. E. 198.

PERTENENCIA. In Spanish law. The claim or right which one has to the property in anything; the territory which belongs to any one by way of jurisdiction or property; that which is accessory or consequent to a principal thing, and goes with the ownership of it, as when it is said that such an one buys such an estate with all its appurtenances, (pertenencias,) Escribano. See Castiliero v. United States, 2 Black. 17, 17 L. Ed. 360.

PERTICATA TERRÆ. The fourth part of an acre. Cowell.

PERTICULAS. A pittance; a small portion of alms or victuals. Also certain poor scholars of the Isle of Man. Cowell.

PERTINENT. Applicable; relevant. Evidence is called "pertinent" when it is directed to the issue or matters in dispute, and legitimately tends to prove the allegations of the party offering it; otherwise it is called "impertinent." A pertinent hypothesis is one which, if sustained, would logically influence the issue. Whitaker v. State, 106 Ala. 30, 17 So. 456.

PERTINENTS. In Scotch law. Appurtenances. "Parts and pertinents" are formal words in old deeds and charters. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, pp. 112, 118.

PERTURBATION. In the English ecclesiastical courts, a "suit for perturbation of seat" is the technical name for an action growing out of a disturbance or infringement of one's right to a pew or seat in a church. 2 Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1813.

PERTURBATRIX. A woman who breaks the peace.

PERVERSE VERDICT. A verdict whereby the jury refuse to follow the direction of the judge on a point of law. Callahan v. Chicago & N. W. Ry. Co., 161 Wis. 288, 154 N. W. 449, 462.

PERVISE, PARVISE. In old English law. The court or yard of the king's palace at Westminster. Also an afternoon exercise or moot for the instruction of students. Cowell; Blount.

PESA. A weight of two hundred and fifty-six pounds. Cowell.

PESAGE. In England. A toll charged for weighing avoirdupois goods other than wool. 2 Chit. Com. Law, 16.

PESQUISIDOR. In Spanish law. Coroner. White, New Recop. b. 7, tit. 1, § 3.

PRESSIMI EXEMPLI. Lat. Of the worst example.

PESSONA. Mast of oaks, etc., or money taken for mast, or feeding hogs. Cowell.

PESSURABLE WARES. Merchandise which takes up a good deal of room in a ship. Cowell.

PETENS. Lat. In old English law. A demandant; the plaintiff in a real action. Bract. fols. 102, 106b.

PETER-PENCE. An ancient levy or tax of a penny on each house throughout England, paid to the pope. It was called "Peter-pence," because collected on the day of St. Peter, ad
víncula; by the Saxons it was called "Romefeoh," "Rome-sect," and "Rome-pennyng," because collected and sent to Rome; and, lastly, it was called "hearth money," because every dwelling-house was liable to it, and every religious house, the abbey of St. Albans alone excepted. Wharton.

PETIT. Fr. Small; minor; inconsiderable. Used in several compounds, and sometimes written "petty." People v. Sprado, 72 Cal. App. 582, 237 P. 1057, 1059.


PETIT CAPE. A judicial writ, issued in the old actions for the recovery of land, requiring the sheriff to take possession of the estate, where the tenant, after having appeared in answer to the summons, made default in a subsequent stage of the proceedings.

PETITE ASSIZE. Used in contradistinction from the grand assize, which was a jury to decide on questions of property. Petite assize, a jury to decide on questions of possession. Brit. c. 42; Glan. lib. 2, cc. 6, 7.

PETITIO. Lat.

In the Civil Law

The plaintiff's statement of his cause of action in an action in rem. Calvin.

In Old English Law

Petition or demand; the count in a real action; the form of words in which a title to land was stated by the demandant, and which commenced with the word "peto." 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 176.

PETITIO PRINCIPII. In logic. Begging the question, which is the taking of a thing for true or for granted, and drawing conclusions from it as such, when it is really dubious, perhaps false, or at least wants to be proved, before any inferences ought to be drawn from it.

PETITION. A written address, embodying an application or prayer from the person or persons preferring it, to the power, body, or person to whom it is presented, for the exercise of his or their authority in the redress of some wrong, or the grant of some favor, privilege, or license. Enderson v. Hildenbrand, 52 N. D. 533, 294 N. W. 338; Benton Coal Mining Co. v. Industrial Commission, 321 Ill. 208, 151 N. E. 520, 522; In re L. M. Axle Co. (C. C. A.) 3 F.2d 581, 582; State ex inf. Barrett v. Imhoff, 291 Mo. 603, 238 S. W. 122, 124; State v. American Sugar Refining Co., 138 La. 1005, 71 So. 137, 140.

In Practice

An application made to a court ex parte, or where there are no parties in opposition, praying for the exercise of the judicial powers of the court in relation to some matter which is not the subject for a suit or action, or for authority to do some act which requires the sanction of the court; as for the appointment of a guardian, for leave to sell trust property, etc.

The word "petition" is generally used in judicial proceedings to describe an application in writing, in contradistinction to a motion, which may be viva voce. Bergen v. Jones, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 371. The principal distinction between motions and petitions lies in the fact that motions, though usually made in writing, may sometimes be made orally, while a petition is always in writing. So, also, motions can usually be made only by a party to the record, while petitions may in some cases be presented by persons not parties. Gibbs v. Ewing, 94 Fla. 236, 113 So. 720, 735.

In the practice of some of the states, the word "petition" is adopted as the name of that initiatory pleading in an action which is elsewhere called a "declaration" or "complaint."

In Equity Practice

An application in writing for an order of the court, stating the circumstances upon which it is founded; a proceeding resorted to whenever the nature of the application to the court requires a fuller statement than can be conveniently made in a notice of motion. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 575.

PETITION DE DROIT. L. Fr. In English practice. A petition of right; a form of proceeding to obtain restitution from the crown of either real or personal property, being of use where the crown is in possession of any hereditaments or chattels, and the petitioner suggests such a right as controverts the title of the crown, grounded on facts disclosed in the petition itself. 3 Bl. Comm. 266.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY. A paper filed in a court of bankruptcy, or with the clerk, by a debtor praying for the benefits of the bankruptcy act, or by creditors alleging the commission of an act of bankruptcy by their debtor and praying an adjudication of bankruptcy against him.

PETITION OF RIGHT. In English law. A proceeding in chancery by which a subject may recover property in the possession of the king. See Petition de Droit.

PETITION OF RIGHTS. A parliamentary declaration of the liberties of the people, assented to by King Charles I, in 1629. It is to be distinguished from the bill of rights, (1689), which has passed into a permanent constitutional statute. Brown.

PETITIONER. One who presents a petition to a court, officer, or legislative body. In legal proceedings begun by petition, the person against whom action or relief is prayed, or who opposes the prayer of the petition, is called the "respondent."
PETITIONING CREDITOR. The creditor at whose instance an adjudication of bankruptcy is made against a bankrupt.

PETITORY ACTION. A droultual action; that is, one in which the plaintiff seeks to establish and enforce, by an appropriate legal proceeding, his right of property, or his title, to the subject-matter in dispute; as distinguished from a possessory action, where the right to the possession is the point in litigation, and not the mere right of property. The term is chiefly used in admiralty. 1 Kent. Comm. 571; The Tilton, 5 Mason, 465; Fed. Cas. No. 14,654.

In Scotch Law

Actions in which damages are sought.

PETO. Lat. In Roman law. I request. A common word by which a fideicommissum, or trust, was created in a will. Inst. 2, 24, 3.

PETRA. A stone weight. Cowell.

PETTIFOGGER. A lawyer who is employed in a small or mean business, or who carries on a disreputable business by unprincipled or dishonorable means.

"We think that the term 'pettifogging shyster' needed no definition by witnesses before the jury. This combination of epithets, every lawyer and citizen knows belongs to none but unscrupulous practitioners who disgrace their profession by doing mean work and resort to sharp practice to do it." Bailey v. Kalamazoct Pub. Co., 40 Mich. 256.

PETTY. Small, minor, of less or inconsiderable importance. The English form of "petit," and sometimes used instead of that word in such compounds as "petty jury," "petty larceny," and "petty treason." See Petit.

As to petty "Average," "Constable," and "Sessions," see those titles.

PETTY BAG OFFICE. In English law. Any officer in the court of chancery, for suits against attorneys and officers of the court, and for process and proceedings by extent on statutes, recognizances, ad quod damnum, and the like. Termes de la Ley.

PETTY OFFICERS. Inferior officers in the naval service, of various ranks and kinds, corresponding to the non-commissioned officers in the army. See U. S. v. Fuller, 160 U. S. 593, 16 S. Ct. 386, 40 L. Ed. 549.


PHARMACY. "Pharmacy" is the science and art of preserving medicines and of compounding and dispensing medicines according to prescriptions of physicians; the occupation of an apothecary or pharmaceutical chemist.

Ballard v. Goldsby, 142 La. 15, 78 So. 219. Also the shop of a pharmacist.

PHAROS. A watch-tower, light-house, or sea-mark.

PHLEBITIS. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the veins, which may originate in septicemia (bacterial blood-poisoning) or pyaemia (poisoning from pus), and is capable of being transmitted to other tissues, as, the brain or the muscular tissue of the heart. In the latter case, an inflammation of the heart is produced which is called "endocarditis" and which may result fatally. See Succession of Bidwell, 52 La. Ann. 741, 27 So. 251.

PHOTOGRAPHER. Any person who makes for sale photographs, ambrototypes, daguerrotypes, or pictures, by the action of light. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9 (14 St. at Large, 120).

PHYLASIST. A jailer.

PHYSICAL. Relating or pertaining to the body, as distinguished from the mind or soul or the emotions; material, substantive, having an objective existence, as distinguished from imaginary or fictitious; real, having relation to facts, as distinguished from moral or constructive.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY. See Disability.

PHYSICAL FACT. In the law of evidence. A fact having a physical existence, as distinguished from a mere conception of the mind; one which is visible, audible, or palpable; such as the sound of a pistol shot, a man running, impressions of human feet on the ground. Burrell, Circ. Er. 130. A fact considered to have its seat in some inanimate being, or, if in an animate being, by virtue, not of the qualities by which it is constituted animate, but of those which it has in common with the class of inanimate beings. 1 Benth. Jud. Ev. 45.

PHYSICAL FORCE. Force applied to the body; actual violence. State v. Wells, 31 Conn. 212.

PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY. Practical Impossibility according to the knowledge of the day. State v. Hillis, 70 Ind. App. 360, 124 N. E. 515, 516.

PHYSICAL INCAPACITY. In the law of marriage and divorce, impotence, inability to accomplish sexual coition, arising from incurable physical imperfection or malformation. Anonymous, 89 Ala. 291, 7 So. 100, 7 L. R. A. 425, 18 Am. St. Rep. 110; Franke v. Franke (Cal.) 31 P. 574, 18 L. R. A. 375.

PHYSICAL INJURY. Bodily harm or hurt, excluding mental distress, fright, or emotional disturbance. Deming v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 80 Mo. App. 157.
PHYSICAL NECESSITY. A condition in which a person is absolutely compelled to act in a particular way by overwhelming superior force; as distinguished from moral necessity, which arises where there is a duty incumbent upon a rational being to perform, which he ought at the time to perform. The Fortitude, 3 Summ. 248, Fed. Cas. No. 4,933.


PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION. A physician's order for morphine issued to a habitual user, not in the course of professional treatment for a cure, but to keep him comfortable by maintaining his customary use, is not a "physician's prescription" within Harrison Narcotic Drug Act, § 2 (26 USCA §§ 606, 697), exception (b). Webb v. U. S., 249 U. S. 96, 39 S. Ct. 217, 218, 63 L. Ed. 497.

PIA FRAUS. Lat. A pious fraud; a subterfuge or evasion considered morally justifiable on account of the ends sought to be promoted. Particularly applied to an evasion or disregard of the laws in the interests of religion or religious institutions, such as circumventing the statutes of mortmain.

PIACLE. An obsolete term for an enormous crime.

PICARON. A robber; a plunderer.

PICK-LOCK. An instrument by which locks are opened without a key.

PICK OF LAND. A narrow slip of land running into a corner.

PACKAGE. Money paid at fairs for breaking ground for booths.

PICKERY. In Scotch law. Petty theft; stealing of trifles, punishable arbitrarily. Bell.

PICKETING, by members of a trade union on strike, consists in pestering members at all the approaches to the works struck against, for the purpose of observing and reporting the workmen going to or coming from the works, and of using such influence as may be in their power to prevent the workmen from accepting work there. See Beck v. Railway Teamsters' Protective Union, 118 Mich. 497, 77 N. W. 13, 42 L. R. A. 407, 74 Am. St. Rep. 421; Cumberland Glass Mfg. Co. v. Glass Bottle Blowers' Ass'n, 59 N. J. Eq. 49, 46 A. 208.

PICKLE, PYCLE, or PIGHTEL. A small parcel of land inclosed with a hedge, which, in some countries, is called a "pingle." Enc. Lond.

PICKPOCKET. A thief who secretly steals money or other property from the person of another.

PIEPOUDRE. See Court of Piepoudre.

PIER. A structure extending from the solid land out into the water of a river, lake, harbor, etc., to afford convenient passage for persons and property to and from vessels along the sides of the pier. Seabright v. Allgor, 69 N. J. Law, 641, 56 A. 287.

PIERAGE. The duty for maintaining piers and harbors.

PIGNORATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The contract of pledge; and also the obligation of such contract. L. 9 D. de pignor. Sealing up (obsignatio). A shutting up of an animal caught in one's field and keeping it till the expenses and damage have been paid by its master. Now Decils. 1, 34, 13.

PIGNORATITIA ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action of pledge, or founded on a pledge, which was either directa, for the debtor, after payment of the debt, or contraria, for the creditor. Heinem. Elem. lib. 3, tit. 13, §§ 824-826.

PIGNORATIVE CONTRACT. In the civil law. A contract of pledge, hypothecation, or mortgage of realty.

PIGNORIS CAPIO. Lat. In Roman law. This was the name of one of the legis actions. It was employed only in certain particular kinds of pecuniary cases, and consisted in that the creditor, without preliminary suit and without the co-operation of the magistrate, by reciting a prescribed formula, took an article of property from the debtor to be treated as a pledge or security. The proceeding bears a marked analogy to distress at common law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 203; Galus, bk. 4, §§ 26-29.

PIGNUS. Lat. In the civil law. A pledge or pawn; a delivery of a thing to a creditor, as security for a debt. Also a thing delivered to a creditor as security for a debt. Hanes v. Shapiro & Smith, 165 N. C. 24, 54 S. E. 33, 35.

PILA. In old English law. That side of coined money which was called "pilé," because it was the side on which there was an
impression of a church built on piles. Fleita, lib. 1, c. 39.

PILETTUS. In the ancient forest laws. An arrow which had a round knob a little above the head, to hinder it from going far into the mark. Cowell.

PILFER. To pilfer, in the plain and popular sense, means to steal. To charge another with pilfering is to charge him with stealing, and is slander. Becket v. Sterrett, 4 Blackf. (Ind.) 499.


The word “pilferage,” in a policy against theft of trunks of merchandise in transit, excluding all pilferage, must be construed as having been used in the sense of pilfering; of taking a small part only, rather than the whole; of stealing privately. Tamarin v. Insurance Co. of North America, 68 Pa. Super. Ct. 914, 915; Goldman v. Insurance Co. of North America, 194 App. Div. 296, 185 N. Y. S. 210, 211.

PILFERER. One who steals petty things, or a small part of a thing.

PILLAGE. Plunder; the forcible taking of private property by an invading or conquering army from the enemy’s subjects. American Ins. Co. v. Bryan, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 573, 37 Am. Dec. 278.

PILLAR-AND-STALL SYSTEM. In mining of limestone. Beginning at mine opening, cutting tunnels or entries in the limestone ledge and taking off rooms therefrom leaving limestone roof of varying thickness, theoretically sufficient to sustain the hundred foot overburden when pillars of sufficient size are allowed to remain and when boundary is reached such part of pillars and roof is taken as is practicable as the work recedes. Marquette Cement Mining Co. v. Oglesby Coal Co. (D. C.) 263 F. 107, 109.

PILLORY. A frame erected on a pillar, and made with holes and movable boards, through which the heads and hands of criminals were put.

PILOT. A particular officer serving on board a ship during the course of a voyage, and having the charge of the helm and the ship’s route; or a person taken on board at any particular place for the purpose of conducting a ship through a river, road, or channel, or from or into a port. People v. Francisco, Bll. Law Dict. (3d Ed.)—86


Branch Pilot


PILOTAGE. The navigation of a vessel by a pilot; the duty of a pilot. The charge or compensation allowed for piloting a vessel.

PILOTAGE AUTHORITIES. In English law. Boards of commissioners appointed and authorized for the regulation and appointment of pilots, each board having jurisdiction within a prescribed district.

PIMP. One who provides for others the means of gratifying lust; a procurer; a pandeer. The word pimp is not a technical one, nor has it acquired any peculiar or appropriate meaning in the law; and is therefore to be construed and understood according to the common and approved usage of the language; People v. Gastro, 75 Mich. 127, 42 N. W. 937, where the court disapproved the action of the judge at nisi prius who defined the term to mean a man who has intercourse with a loose woman, who usually is supporting him. It is frequently defined by ordinance or statute. Fleming v. City of Atlanta, 21 Ga. App. 797, 95 S. E. 271; Powell v. State, 108 Miss. 497, 66 So. 973, 980; Landers v. Waid, 215 App. Div. 514, 219 N. Y. S. 57, 58; People v. Fuski, 49 Cal. App. 4, 192 P. 532, 533; People v. Simpson, 79 Cal. App. 555, 250 P. 493, 494; State v. Thibodeaux, 136 La. 935, 67 So. 973, 974.

PIMP-TENURE. A very singular and odious kind of tenure mentioned by the old writers. "Wilhelmus Hoppeshort tenet dimidiam virgatum terrae per servitium custodiendi sec domus annos domini regis." Wharton.

PIN-MONEY. An allowance set apart by a husband for the personal expenses of his wife, for her dress and pocket money.

PINGANNA. In old English law. Butler; the king’s butler, whose office it was to select out of the cargo of every vessel laden with wine, one cask at the prow and another at the stern, for the king’s use. Fleita, lib. 2, c. 22.

PINNAGE. Poundage of cattle.

PINNER. A pounder of cattle; a pound-keeper.
PINT. A liquid measure of half a quart, or the eighth part of a gallon.

PIONEER PATENT. See Patent.

PIOUS USES. See Charitable Uses.

PIPE. A roll in the exchequer; otherwise called the “great roll.” A liquid measure containing two hogsheads.

PIPE LINE. A connected series of pipes for the transportation of oil, gas, or water.

PIPE ROLLS. These were the Great Rolls of the Exchequer and contained the account of the king’s profits and rents in all the counties of England. They exist in a continuous series (675 rolls) from 1158 to 1833 (except 1216 and 1403). The Chancellor’s Roll from 1255 to 1833 is a duplicate of the Pipe Rolls. A single roll of Henry I, but not complete, is extant. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 120. The Pipe Rolls are our earliest records; id. 138. They are said to be most instructive as to legal rules and institutions; Brunner, 2 Sel. Essays in Anglo-American Law, 24.

PIRACY. In criminal law. A robbery or forcible depredation on the high seas, without lawful authority, done animo furandi, in the spirit and intention of universal hostility. United States v. Palmer, 3 Wheat. 610, 4 L. Ed. 471. This is the definition of this offense by the law of nations. 1 Kent, Comm. 183. And see Talbot v. Janson, 3 Dell. 152, 1 L. Ed. 540; Dole v. Insurance Co., 51 Me. 467; U. S. v. Smith, 5 Wheat. 161, 5 L. Ed. 57; U. S. v. The Ambrose Light (D. C.) 25 F. 408; Davison v. Seal-skins, 7 Fed. Cas. 192.

There is a distinction between the offense of piracy, as known to the law of nations, which is justiciable anywhere, and offenses created by statutes of particular nations, cognizable only before the municipal tribunals of such nations. Dole v. Insurance Co., 2 Cliff. 394, 418, Fed. Cas. No. 3,903.

The term is also applied to the illicit reprinting or reproduction of a copyrighted book or print or to unlawful plagiarism from it.

Pirata est hostis humani generis. 3 Inst. 113. A pirate is an enemy of the human race.

PIRATE. A person who lives by piracy; one guilty of the crime of piracy. A sea-rober, who, to enrich himself, by subtlety or open force, seteth upon merchants and others trading by sea, despoiling them of their loading, and sometimes bereaving them of life and sinking their ships. Ridley, Civil & Ecc. Law, pt. 2, c. 1, § 3.

A pirate is one who acts solely on his own authority, without any commission or authority from a sovereign state, seizing by force, and appropriating to himself without discrimination, every vessel he meets with. Robbery on the high seas is piracy; but to constitute the offense the taking must be felonious. Consequently the quo animo may be inquired into. Davison v. Seal-skins, 2 Paine, 324, Fed. Cas. No. 3,661.

Pirates are common sea-rovers, without any fixed place of residence, who acknowledge no sovereign and no law, and support themselves by pillage and depredations at sea; but there are instances wherein the word “pirata” has been formerly taken for a sea-captain. Spelman.

PIRATICAL. “Where the act uses the word ‘piratical,’ it does so in a general sense; importing that the aggression is unauthorized by the law of nations, hostile in its character, wanton and criminal in its commission, and utterly without any sanction from any public authority or sovereign power. In short, it means that the act belongs to the class of offenses which pirates are in the habit of perpetrating, whether they do it for purposes of plunder, or for purposes of hatred, revenge, or wanton abuse of power.” U. S. v. The Malek Adhel, 2 How. 292, 11 L. Ed. 239.

PIRATICALY. A technical word which must always be used in an indictment for piracy. 3 Inst. 112.

PISCARY. The right of fishing. Thus, common of piscary is the right of fishing in waters belonging to another person.


PIF. In old Scotch law. An excavation or cavity in the earth in which women who were under sentence of death were drowned. A cavity or hole in the ground, natural or artificial; a large hole from which some mineral deposit is dug or quarried, as a gravel pit, a stone pit. Walker v. Dwellie, 187 Iowa, 1384, 175 N. W. 957, 961.

PIT AND GALLOWS. In Scotch law. A privilege of inflicting capital punishment for theft, given by King Malcolm, by which a woman could be drowned in a pit, (fossa,) or a man hanged on a gallows, (farca.) Bell.

PITCHING-PENCE. In old English law. Money, commonly a penny, paid for pitching or setting down every bag of corn or pack of goods in a fair or market. Cowell.

PITTANCE. A slight repast or refect of fish or flesh more than the common allowance; and the pittance was the officer who distributed this at certain appointed festivals. Cowell.

PIX. A mode of testing coin. The ascertaining whether coin is of the proper standard is in England called “pixing” it; and there are occasions on which resort is had for this purpose to an ancient mode of inquisition called the “trial of the pix,” before a jury of
members of the Goldsmiths' Company. 2 Steph. Comm. 540; note.

PIX JURY. A jury consisting of the members of the corporation of the goldsmiths of the city of London, assembled upon an inquisition of very ancient date, called the "trial of the pix."

PLACARD. An edict; a declaration; a manifesto. Also an advertisement or public notification.

PLACE. An old form of the word "pleas." Thus the "Court of Common Pleas" was sometimes called the "Court of Common Place."

PLACE. This word is a very indefinite term. It is applied to any locality, limited by boundaries, however large or however small. It may be used to designate a country, state, county, town, or a very small portion of a town. The extent of the locality designated by it must generally be determined by the connection in which it is used. Law v. Fairfield, 46 Vt. 432; Henderson v. State, 53 Okl. Cr. 197, 249 P. 429, 430; State v. White, 111 Kan. 196, 296 P. 603, 604; Roche Valley Land Co. v. Burch, 67 Mont. 333, 215 P. 654, 655; Carlin v. City of Chicago, 262 Ill. 554, 104 N. E. 905, 907, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 213; Allison v. Hern, 102 Kan. 48, 169 P. 157, 188; Kansas City Brewerles Co. v. Kansas City, 96 Kan. 731, 153 P. 523, 524; Robinson v. State, 143 Miss. 247, 108 So. 903, 905; Hammell v. State, 198 Ind. 45, 152 N. E. 161, 163; State v. Cahalan, 204 Iowa, 410, 214 N. W. 612, 613.

PLACE OF CONTRACT. The place (country or state) in which a contract is made, and whose law must determine questions affecting the execution, validity, and construction of the contract. Scudder v. Union Nat. Bank, 91 U. S. 412, 23 L. Ed. 245.

PLACE OF DELIVERY. The place where delivery is to be made of goods sold. If no place is specified in the contract, the articles sold must, in general, be delivered at the place where they are at the time of the sale. Hatch v. Standard Oil Co., 100 U. S. 134, 25 L. Ed. 554.

PLACE WHERE. A phrase used in the older reports, being a literal translation of locus in quo (q. v.).

PLACEMAN. One who exercises a public employment, or fills a public station.

The distinction between an officer and a placeman is that the former must take an oath of office, the latter not. Worthy v. Barrett, 63 N. C. 190.

PLACER. In mining law. A superficial deposit of sand, gravel, or disintegrated rock, carrying one or more of the precious metals, along the course or under the bed of a water-cours, ancient or current, or along the shore of the sea. Under the acts of congress, the term includes all forms of mineral deposits, except veins of quartz or other rock in place. Rev. St. U. S. § 2329 (30 USCA § 35). See Montana Coal & Coke Co. v. Livingston, 21 Mont. 59, 52 P. 780; Gregory v. Pershing 73 Cal. 109, 14 P. 401; Freezer v. Sweeney, 8 Mont. 508, 21 P. 20; Duffield v. San Francisco Chemical Co. (C. C. A.) 205 F. 480, 484; San Francisco Chemical Co. v. Duffield (C. C. A.) 201 F. 830, 835.

PLACER CLAIM. A mining claim located on the public domain for the purpose of placer mining, that is, ground within the defined boundaries which contains mineral in its earth, sand, or gravel; ground which includes valuable deposits not "in place," that is, not fixed in rock, or which are in a loose state. U. S. v. Iron Silver Min. Co., 128 U. S. 672, 9 Sup. Ct. 193, 32 L. Ed. 571; Clipper Min. Co. v. Ell Min. Co., 194 U. S. 220, 24 S. Ct. 632, 48 L. Ed. 944; Wheeler v. Smith, 5 Wash. 704, 32 P. 784; U. S. v. Ohio Oil Co. (D. C.) 210 F. 396, 399; Duffield v. San Francisco Chemical Co. (C. C. A.) 205 F. 480, 483.

PLACER LOCATION. A placer claim located and occupied on the public domain.

PLACET. (Fr.) The name of a document in French practice requesting an audience of the court. Outside of Paris the request is made orally, in Paris the avocé of the plaintiff sends his request to the clerk of the court who puts the case on the list.

PLACIT, or PLACITUM. Decree; determination.

PLACITA. See Placitum.

PLACITA COMMUNIA. Common pleas. All civil actions between subject and subject. 3 Bl. Comm. 38, 49.

PLACITA CORONAE. Pleas of the crown. All trials for crimes and misdemeanors, wherein the king is plaintiff, on behalf of the people. 3 Bl. Comm. 40; Cowell, Plea.

Placita de transgressione contra pacem regis, in regno Angliae vi et armis facta, secundum legem et consuetudinem Angliae sine brevi regis placitari non debent. 2 Inst. 311. Pleas of trespass against the peace of the king in the kingdom of England, made with force and arms, ought not, by the law and custom of England, to be pleaded without the king's writ.

PLACITA JURIS. Pleas or rules of law; "particular and positive learnings of laws;" "grounds and positive learnings received with the law and set down;" as distinguished from maxims or the formulated conclusions of legal reason. Bac. Max. pref., and reg. 12.

Placita negativa due exitum non faciunt. Two negative pleas do not form an issue. Loft, 418.
PLACITABLE. In old English law. Pleadable. Spelman.

PLACITAMENTUM. In old records. The pleading of a cause. Spelman.

PLACITARE. To plead.

PLACITATOR. In old records. A pleader. Cowell; Spelman.

PLACITORY. Relating to pleas or pleading.

PLACITUM.

In Old English Law

A public assembly at which the king presided, and which comprised men of all degrees, met for consultation about the great affairs of the kingdom. Cowell.

A court; a judicial tribunal; a lord's court. Placita was the style or title of the courts at the beginning of the old nisi prius record.

A suit or cause in court; a judicial proceeding; a trial. Placita were divided into placita coronae (crown cases or pleas of the crown, i.e., criminal actions) and placita communis, (common cases or common pleas, i.e., private civil actions.)

A fine, mulct, or pecuniary punishment.

A pleading or plea. In this sense, the term was not confined to the defendant’s answer to the declaration, but included all the pleadings in the cause, being nomen generalissimum. 1 Sand. 388, n. 6.

In the old reports and abridgments, “placitum” was the name of a paragraph or subdivision of a title or page where the point decided in a cause was set out separately. It is commonly abbreviated “pl.”

PLACITUM.

In the Civil Law

An agreement of parties; that which is their pleasure to arrange between them.

An imperial ordinance or constitution; literally, the prince’s pleasure. Inst. 1, 2, 6.

A judicial decision; the judgment, decree, or sentence of a court. Calvin.

Placitum aliud personale, aliud reale, aliud mixtum. Co. Litt. 284. Pleas [i.e., actions] are personal, real, and mixed.

PLACITUM FRACTUM. A day past or lost to the defendant. 1 Hen. I. c. 59.

PLACITUM NOMINATUM. The day appointed for a criminal to appear and plead and make his defense. Cowell.

PLAGIARISM. The act of appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages of his writings, or the ideas or language of the same, and passing them off as the product of one’s own mind.

PLAGIARIST, or PLAGIARY. One who publishes the thoughts and writings of another as his own.

PLAGIARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A man-stealer; a kidnapper. Dig. 48, 15, 1; 4 Bl. Comm. 219.

PLAGIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Manslaughtering; stealing; the act of enticing away and stealing men, children, and slaves. Calvin. The persuading a slave to escape from his master, or the concealing or harboring him without the knowledge of his master. Dig. 48, 15, 6.

PLAGUE. Pestilence; a contagious and malignant fever.

PLAIDEUR. Fr. An obsolete term for an attorney who pleaded the cause of his client; an advocate.

PLAINT.

In English Practice

A private memorial tendered in open court to the judge, wherein the party injured sets forth his cause of action. A proceeding in inferior courts by which an action is commenced without original writ. 3 Bl. Comm. 373. This mode of proceeding is commonly adopted in cases of replevin. 3 Steph. Comm. 666.

In the Civil Law

A complaint; a form of action, particularly one for setting aside a testament alleged to be invalid. This word is the English equivalent of the Latin “quercula.”

PLAINTIFF. A person who brings an action; the party who complains or sues in a personal action and is so named on the record. Gulf, etc., R. Co. v. Scott (Tex. Civ. App.) 28 S. W. 458; Cansan v. Greenwoods Turnpike Co., 1 Conn. 1.

Plaintiff In Error

The party who sues out a writ of error to review a judgment or other proceeding at law.

Use Plaintiff

One for whose use (benefit) an action is brought in the name of another. Thus, where the assignee of a chose in action is not allowed to sue in his own name, the action would be entitled “A. B. (the assignor) for the use of C. D. (the assignee) against E. F.” In this case, C. D. is called the “use plaintiff.”

PLAN. A map, chart, or design; being a delineation or projection on a plane surface of the ground lines of a house, farm, street, city, etc., reduced in absolute length, but preserving their relative positions and proportion. Jenney v. Des Moines, 103 Iowa, 347, 72 N. W. 550; Wetherill v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 196 Pa. 156, 45 A. 658.


PLANT. The fixtures, tools, machinery, and apparatus which are necessary to carry on a trade or business. Wharton. Southern Bell
In an action at law makes to the plaintiff's declaration, and in which he sets up matter of fact as defense, thus distinguished from a demurrer, which interposes objections on grounds of law.

In Equity

A special answer showing or relying upon one or more things as a cause why the suit should be either dismissed or delayed or barred. Mitif. Eq. Pl. 219; Coop. Eq. Pl. 223.

A short statement, in response to a bill in equity, of facts which, if inserted in the bill, would render it demannable; while an answer is a complete statement of the defendant's case, and contains answers to any interrogatories the plaintiff may have administered. Hunt, Eq. pt. 1, c. 3.

In General

Affirmative plea. One which sets up a single fact, not appearing in the bill, or sets up a number of circumstances all tending to establish a single fact, which fact, if existing, destroys the complainant's case. Potts v. Potts (N. J. Ch.) 42 A. 1055.

Anomalous plea. One which is partly affirmative and partly negative. Baldwin v. Elizabeth, 42 N. J. Eq. 11, 6 A. 273; Potts v. Potts (N. J. Ch.) 42 A. 1065.

Bad plea. One which is unsound or insufficient in form or substance, or which does not technically answer or correspond with the pleading which preceded it in the action.

Common pleas. Common causes or suits; civil actions brought and prosecuted between subjects or citizens, as distinguished from pleas of the crown or criminal cases.

Counter-plea. A plea to some matter incidental to the main object of the suit, and out of the direct line of pleadings. In the more ancient system of pleading, counter-plea was applied to what was, in effect, a replication to aid prayer, (q. v.) that is, where a tenant for life or other limited interest in land, having an action brought against him in respect to the title to such land, prayed in aid of the lord or reversioner for his better defense, that which the demandant alleged against either request was called a "counter-plea." Cowell.

Dilatory pleas. See Dilatory.

Double plea. One having the technical fault of duplicity; one consisting of several distinct and independent matters alleged to the same point and requiring different answers.


Foreign plea. A plea objecting to the jurisdiction of a judge, on the ground that he had
not cognizance of the subject-matter of the suit. Cowell.

—Negative plea. One which does not undertake to answer the various allegations of the bill, but specifically denies some particular fact or matter the existence of which is essential to entitle the complainant to any relief. See Potts v. Potts (N. J. Ch.) 42 A. 1066.

—Peremptory pleas. "Plies in bar" are so termed in contradistinction to that class of pleas called "dilatory pleas." The former, viz., peremptory pleas, are usually pleaded to the merits of the action, with the view of raising a material issue between the parties; while the latter class, viz., dilatory pleas, are generally pleaded with a view of retarding the plaintiff's proceedings, and not for the purpose of raising an issue upon which the parties may go to trial and settle the point in dispute. Peremptory pleas are also called "pleas in bar," while dilatory pleas are said to be in abatement only. Brown.


—Plea in bar. In practice. A plea which goes to bar the plaintiff's action; that is, to defeat it absolutely and entirely. 1 Burrill, Pr. 182; 3 El. Comm. 309; Rawson v. Knight, 71 Mo. 100; Raley v. Winter, 1 Or. 48, 92 Am. Dec. 297; Wilson v. Knox County, 132 Mo. 387, 34 S. W. 45.

—Plea in discharge. One which admits that the plaintiff had a cause of action, but shows that it was discharged by some subsequent or collateral matter, as, payment or accord and satisfaction. Nichols v. Cecil, 106 Tenn. 453, 61 S. W. 703.

—Plea in reconvention. In the civil law. A plea which sets up new matter, not in defense to the action, but by way of cross-complaint, set-off, or counterclaim.


—Plea of release. One which admits the cause of action, but sets forth a release subsequent-
interposing it to be false. Fidelity Mut. Life
Ins. Co. v. Wilkes Barre & H. R. Co., 98 N.
J. Law, 507, 120 A. 734, 735.
—Special plea. A special kind of plea in bar,
distinguished by this name from the general
issue, and consisting usually of some new
affirmative matter, though it may also be in
the form of a traverse or denial. See Steph.
Pl. 32, 162; Allen v. New Haven & N. Co.,
49 Conn. 243.

—Special plea in bar. One which advances new
matter. It differs from the general, in this;
that the latter denies some material allega-
tion, but never advances new matter. Gould,
Pl. c. 2, § 38.

PLEAD. To make, deliver, or file any plead-
ing: to conduct the pleadings in a cause. To
interpose any pleading in a suit which con-
tains allegations of fact; in this sense the word is the antithesis of "demur." More
particularly, to deliver in a formal manner the
defendant's answer to the plaintiff's decla-
ration, or to the indictment, as the case may
be.

To appear as a pleader or advocate in a
cause; to argue a cause in a court of jus-
tice. But this meaning of the word is not
technical, but colloquial.

PLEAD A STATUTE. Pleading a statute is
stating the facts which bring the case within
it, and "counting" on it, in the strict lan-
guage of pleading, is making express refer-
ence to it by apt terms to show the source
of right relied on. McCullough v. Colfax
County, 4 Neb. (Unof.) 513, 95 N. W. 31.

PLEAD ISSUALLY. This means to interpose
such a plea as is calculated to raise a materi-
al issue, either of law or of fact.

PLEAD OVER. To pass over, or omit to
notice, a material allegation in the last plead-
ing of the opposite party; to pass by a de-
fect in the pleading of the other party with-
out taking advantage of it. In another sense,
to plead the general issue, after one has in-
terposed a demurrer or special plea which
has been dismissed by a judgment of re-
spondeat sueris.

PLEAD TO THE MERITS. This is a phrase
of long standing and accepted usage in the
law, and distinguishes those pleas which an-
swer the cause of action and on which a trial
may be had from all pleas of a different char-
acter. Rahm v. Gunnison, 12 Wis. 529.

PLEADED. Alleged or averred, in form, in
a judicial proceeding.

It more often refers to matter of defense,
but not invariably. To say that matter in a
declaration or replication is not well pleaded
would not be deemed erroneous. Abbott.

PLEADER. A person whose business it is
to draw pleadings. Formerly, when pleading
at common law was a highly technical and
difficult art, there was a class of men known
as "special pleaders not at the bar," who held
a position intermediate between counsel and
attorneys. The class is now almost extinct,
and the term "pleaders" is generally applied,
in England, to junior members of the com-
mon-law bar. Sweet.

Special Pleader

In English practice. A person whose pro-
fessional occupation is to give verbal or writ-
ten opinions upon statements made verbally
or in writing, and to draw pleadings, civil
or criminal, and such practical proceedings
as may be out of the usual course. 2 Chit.
Pr. 42.

Special ploders were not necessarily at
the bar; but those that were not required to
take out annual certificates under 33 & 34
Vic. c. 97, §§ 60, 63; Moz. & W.

PLEADING. The peculiar science or system
of rules and principles, established in the
common law, according to which the plead-
ings or responsive allegations of litigating
parties are framed, with a view to preserve
technical propriety and to produce a proper
issue.

The process performed by the parties to
a suit or action, in alternately presenting
written statements of their contention, each
responsive to that which precedes, and each
serving to narrow the field of controversy,
until there evolves a single point, affirmed
on one side and denied on the other, called
the "issue," upon which they then go to trial.

The act or step of interposing any one of
the pleadings in a cause, but particularly
one on the part of the defendant; and, in the
strictest sense, one which sets up allegations
of fact in defense to the action.

The name "a pleading" is also given to any
one of the formal written statements of ac-
cusation or defense presented by the parties
alternately in an action at law; the aggre-
gate of such statements filed in any one cause
are termed "the pleadings."

The oral advocacy of a client's cause in
court, by his barrister or counsel, is some-
times called "pleading;" but this is a popu-
lar, rather than technical, use.

In Chancery Practice

Consists in making the formal written al-
egations or statements of the respective par-
ties on the record to maintain the suit, or to
defeat it, of which, when contested in mat-
ters of fact, they propose to offer proofs, and
in matters of law to offer arguments to the
court. Story, Eq. Pl. § 4, note.

In General

—Double pleading. This is not allowed either
in the declaration or subsequent pleadings.
Its meaning with respect to the former is
that the declaration must not, in support of
a single demand, allege, several distinct mat-
ters, by any one of which that demand is sufficiently supported. With respect to the subsequent pleadings, the meaning is that none of them is to contain several distinct answers to that which preceded it; and the reason of the rule in each case is that such pleading tends to several issues in respect of a single claim. Wharton.

—Special pleading. When the allegations (or "pleadings," as they are called) of the contending parties in an action are not of the general or ordinary form, but are of a more complex or special character, they are denominated "special pleadings;" and, when a defendant pleads a plea of this description, (i.e., a special plea,) he is said to plead specially, in opposition to pleading the general issue. These terms have given rise to the popular denomination of that science which, though properly called "pleading," is generally known by the name of "special pleading." Brown. The allegation of special or new matter in opposition or explanation of the last previous averments on the other side, as distinguished from a direct denial of matter previously alleged by the opposite party. Gould, Pl. c. 1, § 15; Gelston v. Hoyt, 3 Wheat. 246; 4 L. Ed. 381; Com. Dig. Pleader (E 15); Steph. Pl., And. ed. 240, n. In popular language, the adroit and plausible advocacy of a client's case in court. Stimson, Law Gloss.


The individual allegations of the respective parties to an action at common law, proceeding from them alternately, in the order and under the distinctive names following: The plaintiff's declaration, the defendant's plea, the plaintiff's replication, the defendant's rejoinder, the plaintiff's surrejoinder, the defendant's rebuttal, the plaintiff's surrebuttal; after which they have no distinctive names. Burrill.

The term "pleadings" has a technical and well-defined meaning. Pleadings are written allegations of what is affirmed on the one side, or denied on the other, disclosing to the court or jury having to try the cause the real matter in dispute between the parties. Desnoyer v. Hereux, 1 Minn. 17 (Gil. 1).

PLEBANUS. In old English ecclesiastical law. A rural dean. Cowell.

PLEBEIAN. One who is classed among the common people, as distinguished from the nobles.

PLEBEITY, or PLEBITY. The common or meaner sort of people; the plebeians.

PLEBEYOS. In Spanish law. Commons; those who exercise any trade, or who cultivate the soil. White, New Recip. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 6, and note.

PLEBIANA. In old records. A mother church.

PLEBISCITE. In modern constitutional law, the name "plebiscite" has been given to a vote of the entire people, (that is, the aggregate of the enfranchised individuals composing a state or nation,) expressing their choice for or against a proposed law or enactment, submitted to them, and which, if adopted, will work a radical change in the constitution, or which is beyond the powers of the regular legislative body. The proceeding is extraordinary, and is generally revolutionary in its character; an example of which may be seen in the plebiscites submitted to the French people by Louis Napoleon, whereby the Second Empire was established. But the principle of the plebiscite has been incorporated in the modern Swiss constitution, (under the name of "referendum,"') by which a revision of the constitution must be undertaken when demanded by the vote of fifty thousand Swiss citizens. Maine, Popular Govt. 40, 96.

PLEBISCITUM. Lat. In Roman law. A law enacted by the plebs or commonalty, (that is, the citizens, with the exception of the patricians and senators,) at the request or on the proposition of a plebeian magistrate, such as a "tribune." Inst. 1, 2, 4.

PLEBS. Lat. In Roman law. The commonalty or citizens, exclusive of the patricians and senators. Inst. 1, 2, 4.

PLEDABLE. L. Fr. That may be brought or conducted; as an action or "plea," as it was formerly called. Britt. c. 32.


The necessary elements to constitute a contract one of "pledge" are: Possession of the pledged property must pass from the pledgor to the pledgee; the legal title to the property must remain in the pledgor; and the pledgee must have a lien on the property for the payment of a debt or the performance of an obligation due him by the pledgor or some other person—while, in a "chattel mortgage," the legal title passes to the mortgagee subject to a defeasance. Rice v. Garnett, 17 Ala. App. 239, 84 So. 557, 568; Campbell v. Redwine
PLEDEE. The party to whom goods are pledged, or delivered in pledge. Story, Balim. § 287.

PLEDEGY. Suretyship, or an undertaking or answering for another. Gloucester Bank v. Worcester, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 531.

PLEDES. In Pleading

Those persons who became sureties for the plaintiff's prosecution of the suit. Their names were ancienly appended at the foot of the declaration. In time it became purely a formal matter, because the plaintiff was no longer liable to be amerced for a false claim, and the fictitious persons John Doe and Richard Roe became the universal pledges, or they might be omitted altogether; 1 Tidd, Pr. 455; Archb. Civ. Pl. 171; or inserted at any time before judgment; they are now omitted.

PLEDGOR. The party delivering goods in pledge; the party pledging. Story, Balim. § 287.

PLEGIABILIS. In old English law. That may be pledged; the subject of pledge or security. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 20, § 88.

PLEGII DE PROSEQUENDO. Pledges to prosecute with effect an action of replevin.

PLEGII DE RETORNO HABENDO. Pledges to return the subject of distress, should the right be determined against the party bringing the action of replevin. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 422n.

PLEGIS ACQUIETANDIS. A writ that ancienly lay for a surety against him for whom he was surety, if he paid not the money at the day. Pitts. Nat. Brev. 137.

PLENA ÆTAS. Lat. In old English law. Full age.

Plena et celeris justitia fiat partibus. 4 Inst. 67. Let full and speedy justice be done to the parties.

PLENA FORISFACTURA. A forfeit of all that one possesses.

PLENA PROBATIO. In the civil law. A term used to signify full proof, (that is, proof by two witnesses,) in contradistinction to semi-plena probatio, which is only a presumption. Cod. 4, 19, 5.

PLENARY. In English law. Fullness: a state of being full. A term applied to a benefice when full, or possessed by an incumbent. The opposite state to a vacation, or vacancy. Cowell.

PLENARY. Full; entire; complete; unabridged.

In the ecclesiastical courts, (and in admiralty practice,) causes are divided into plenary and summary. The former are those in whose proceedings the order and solemnity of
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The law is required to be exactly observed, so that if there is the least departure from that order, or disregard of that solemnity, the whole proceedings are annulled. Summary causes are those in which it is unnecessary to pursue that order and solemnity. Brown.

PLENARY CONFESSION. A full and complete confession. An admission or confession, whether in civil or criminal law, is said to be “plenary” when it is, if believed, conclusive against the person making it. Best, Ev. 664; Rose, Crim. Ev. 39.

PLENE. Lat. Completely; fully; sufficiently.

PLENE ADMINISTRATIV. In practice. A plea by an executor or administrator that he has fully administered all the assets that have come to his hands, and that no assets remain out of which the plaintiff’s claim could be satisfied.

PLENE ADMINISTRATIV PRÆTER. In practice. A plea by an executor or administrator that he has “fully administered” all the assets that have come to his hands, “except” assets to a certain amount, which are not sufficient to satisfy the plaintiff. 1 Tidd, Pt. 644.

PLENE COMPUTATIV. He has fully accounted. A plea in an action of account rendered, alleging that the defendant has fully accounted.

PLENIPOTENTIARY. One who has full power to do a thing; a person fully commissioned to act for another. A term applied in international law to ministers and envoys of the second rank of public ministers. Wheat, Hist. Law Nat. 266.

PLENUM DOMINIVM. Lat. In the civil law. Full ownership; the property in a thing united with the usufruct. Calvin.

PLEVIN. A warrant, or assurance.

PLEYTO. In Spanish law. The pleadings in a cause. White, New Recop. b. 3, lit. 7.

PLIGHT. In old English law. An estate, with the habit and quality of the land; extending to a rent charge and to a possibility of dower. Co. Litt. 221b; Cowell.

PLOK-PENNIN. A kind of earnest used in public sales at Amsterdam. Wharton.

PLOTTAGE. A term used in appraising land values and particularly in eminent domain proceedings, to designate the additional value given to city lots by the fact that they are contiguous, which enables the owner to utilize them as large blocks of land. See In re Armory Board, 73 App. Div. 152, 76 N. Y. S. 796; In re Certain Lands on North Shore of Harlem River in City of New York, 12 T Misc. 710, 217 N. Y. S. 544, 562; Erlanger v. New York Theatre Co., 296 App. Div. 148, 290 N. Y. S. 666, 668; People ex rel. Frederick Loeser & Co. v. Goldfogle, 220 App. Div. 326, 221 N. Y. S. 342, 346.

PLOW-ALMS. The ancient payment of a penny to the church from every plow-land. 1 Mon. Angl. 256.

PLOW-BOTE. An allowance of wood which tenants are entitled to, for repairing their plows and other implements of husbandry.

PLOW-LAND. A quantity of land “not of any certain content, but as much as a plow can, by course of husbandry, plow in a year.” Co. Litt. 69a.

Tillable, Gower v. Brechler, 159 Wis. 157, 149 N. W. 740, 742.

PLOW-MONDAY. The Monday after twelfth-day.

PLOW-SILVER. Money formerly paid by some tenants, in lieu of service to plow the lord’s lands.

PLUMBATURA. Lat. In the civil law. Soldering. Dig. 6, 1, 23, 5.

PLUMBUM. Lat. In the civil law. Lead. Dig. 50, 16, 242, 2.

PLUNDER, v. The most common meaning of the term “to plunder” is to take property from persons or places by open force, and this may be in course of a lawful war, or by unlawful hostility, as in the case of pirates or banditti. But in another and very common meaning, though in some degree figurative, it is used to express the idea of taking property from a person or place, without just right, but not expressing the nature or quality of the wrong done. Carter v. Andrews, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 9; U. S. v. Stone (C. C.) 8 F. 249; U. S. v. Pitman, 27 Fed. Cas. 540.

PLUNDER, n. Personal property belonging to an enemy, captured and appropriated on land; booty. Also the act of seizing such property. See Booty; Prize.

PLUNDERAGE. In maritime law. The embezzlement of goods on board of a ship is so called.

PLURAL. Containing more than one; consisting of or designating two or more. Webster.

PLURAL MARRIAGE. See Marriage.

Pluralis numerus est duobus contentus. 1 Rolle, 476. The plural number is satisfied by two.

PLURALIST. One that holds more than one ecclesiastical benefice, with cure of souls.

PLURALITER. In the plural. 10 East, 158, arg.
PLURALITY. In the law of elections. The excess of the votes cast for one candidate over those cast for any other. Where there are only two candidates, he who receives the greater number of the votes cast is said to have a majority; when there are more than two competitors for the same office, the person who receives the greatest number of votes has a plurality, but he has not a majority unless he receives a greater number of votes than those cast for all his competitors combined, or, in other words, more than one-half of the total number of votes cast.

In ecclesiastical law, "plurality" means the holding two, three, or more benefices by the same incumbent; and he is called a "pluralist." Pluralities are now abolished, except in certain cases. 2 Steph. Comm. 691, 692.

Plures coheredas sunt quasi unum corpus propter unitatem juris quod habent. Co. Litt. 163. Several co-heirs are, as it were, one body, by reason of the unity of right which they possess.

Plures particeps sunt quasi unum corpus, in eo quod unum jus habent. Co. Litt. 164. Several partners are as one body, in that they have one right.

PLURIES. Lat. Often; frequently. When an original and alias writ have been issued and proved ineffectual, a third writ, called a "pluries writ," may frequently be issued. It is to the same effect as the two former, except that it contains the words, "as we have often commanded you," ("sic ut pluries preceperimus") after the usual commencement, "We command you." 3 Bl. Comm. 253; Archb. Pr. 585.

PLURIES FI. FA. A writ issued where other commands of the court have proved ineffectual. United States v. Board of Directors of Public Schools, Parish of Orleans (C. C. A.) 229 F. 1, 3.

PLURIS PETITIO. Lat. In Scotch practice. A demand of more than is due. Bell.

Plus exempla quam pecata nocent. Examples hurt more than crimes.

Plus pecatum author quam actor. The originator or instigator of a crime is a worse offender than the actual perpetrator of it. 5 Coke, 89a. Applied to the crime of subornation of perjury. Id.

PLUS PETITIO. In Roman law. A phrase denoting the offense of claiming more than was just in one's pleadings. This more might be claimed in four different respects, viz.: (1) Re, i. e., in amount, (e. g., £50 for £50); (2) loco, i. e., in place (e. g., delivery at some place more difficult to effect than the place specified); (3) tempore, i. e., in time, (e. g., claiming payment on the 1st of August of what is not due till the 1st of September); and (4) causa, i. e., in quality, (e. g., claiming a dozen of champagne, when the contract was only for a dozen of wine generally.) Prior to Justinian's time, this offense was in general fatal to the action; but, under the legislation of the emperors Zeno and Justinian, the offense (if re, loco, or causa) exposed the party to the payment of three times the damage, if any, sustained by the other side, and (if tempore) obliged him to postpone his action for double the time, and to pay the costs of his first action before commencing a second. Brown.

Plus valet consuetudo quam concessa. Custom is more powerful than grant.

Plus valet unus oculatus testis quam aurii decem. One eye-witness is of more weight than ten ear-witnesses, [for those who speak from hearsay.] 4 Inst. 270.

Plus vident ocul quam oculus. Several eyes see more than one. 4 Inst. 100.

PO. LO. SUO. An old abbreviation for the words "ponit loco suo," (puts in his place,) used in warrants of attorney. Townsh. Pl. 431.

POACH. To steal game on a man's land.

POACHING. In English criminal law. The unlawful entry upon land for the purpose of taking or destroying game; the taking or destruction of game upon another's land, usually committed at night. Stepb. Crim. Law 119, et seq.; 2 Steph. Comm. 82.

POBLADOR. In Spanish law. A colonizer; he who peoples; the founder of a colony.

POCKET. This word is used as an adjective in several compound legal phrases, carrying a meaning suggestive of, or analogous to, its signification as a pouch, bag, or secret receptacle. For these phrases, see "Borough," "Judgment," "Record," "Sheriff," and "Veto."

PENA. Lat. Punishment; a penalty. Inst. 4, 8, 18, 19.

Pena ad paucos, metus ad omnes pervenit. If punishment be inflicted on a few, a dread comes to all.

PENA CORPORALIS. Corporal punishment.

Pena ex delicio defuncti hares teneri non debet. The heir ought not to be bound by a penalty arising out of the wrongful act of the deceased. 2 Inst. 198.

Pena non potest, culpa perennis erit. Punishment cannot be, crime will be, perpetual. 21 Vin. Abr. 271.

PENA PILLORALIS. In old English law. Punishment of the pillory. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 38, § 11.
Pena suos tenere debet actores et non alios. Punishment ought to bind the guilty, and not others. Bract. fol. 3809.

Pena tolli potest, culpa perennis est. The punishment can be removed, but the crime remains. 1 Park. Cr. Rep. (N. Y.) 241.

Penae potius mollendi quam exasperanda sunt. 3 Inst. 220. Punishments should rather be softened than aggravated.

Penae sint restringenda. Punishments should be restrained. Jenk. Cent. 29.

Penae suos tenere debet actores et non alios. Punishment ought to be inflicted upon the guilty, and not upon others. Bract. 390 b; Fleta, l. 1, c. 38, § 12; l. 4, c. 17, § 17.

PEINALIS. Lat. In the civil law. Penal; imposing a penalty; claiming or enforcing a penalty. Actiones penales, penal actions. Inst. 4, 6, 12.

PEENITENTIA. Lat. In the civil law. Repentance; reconsideration; changing one’s mind; drawing back from an agreement already made, or rescinding it.

Locus Penitentiae
Room or place for repentance or reconsideration; an opportunity to withdraw from a negotiation before finally concluding the contract or agreement. Also in criminal law, an opportunity afforded by the circumstances to a person who has formed an intention to kill or to commit another crime, giving him a chance to reconsider and relinquish his purpose.

POINDING. The process of the law of Scotland which answers to the distress of the English law. Poinding is of three kinds:

Real poinding or poinding of the ground. This is the action by which a creditor, having a security on the land of his debtor, is enabled to appropriate the rents of the land, and the goods of the debtor or his tenants found thereon, to the satisfaction of the debt.

Personal poinding. This consists in the seizure of the goods of the debtor, which are sold under the direction of a court of justice, and the net amount of the sales paid over to the creditor in satisfaction of his debt; or, if no purchaser appears, the goods themselves are delivered.

Poinding of stray cattle, committing depredations on corn, grass, or plantations, until satisfaction is made for the damage. Bell.


POINT RESERVED. When, in the progress of the trial of a cause, an important or difficult point of law is presented to the court, and the court is not certain of the decision that should be given, it may reserve the point, that is, decide it provisionally as it is asked by the party, but reserve its more mature consideration for the hearing on a motion for a new trial, when, if it shall appear that the first ruling was wrong, the verdict will be set aside. The point thus treated is technically called a “point reserved.”

POINTS. The distinct propositions of law, or chief heads of argument, presented by a party in his paper-book, and relied upon on the argument of the cause. Also the marks used in punctuation. Duncan v. Kohler, 37 Minn. 379, 34 N. W. 594; Commonwealth Ins. Co. v. Pierro, 6 Minn. 570 (Gib. 404).

POISON. In medical jurisprudence. A substance having an inherent deleterious property which renders it, when taken into the system, capable of destroying life. 2 Whart. & S. Med. Jur. § 1.

A substance which, on being applied to the human body, internally or externally, is capable of destroying the action of the vital functions, or of placing the solids and fluids in such a state as to prevent the continuance of life. Wharton. See Boswell v. State, 114 Ga. 40, 30 S. E. 897; People v. Van Debeer, 53 Cal. 148; Douglahy v. People, 1 Colo. 314; State v. Sigle, 83 N. C. 650; United States Mut. Acc. Ass'n v. Newman, 84 Va. 52, 3 S. E. 805.

POLE. A measure of length, equal to five yards and a half.

POLICE. Police is the function of that branch of the administrative machinery of government which is charged with the preservation of public order and tranquillity, the promotion of the public health, safety, and morals, and the prevention, detection, and punishment of crimes. See State v. Hislop, Conn. 50, 21 A. 1024, 10 L. R. A. 83; Monet v. Jones, 10 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 247; People v. Squire, 107 N. Y. 593, 14 N. E. 820, 1 Am. St. Rep. 803; Logan v. State, 5 Tex. App. 314.

The police of a state, in a comprehensive sense, embraces its whole system of internal regulation, by which the state seeks not only to preserve the public order and to prevent offenses against the state, but also to establish for the intercourse of citizen with citizen those rules of good manners and good neighborhood which are calculated to prevent a conflict of rights, and to insure to each the uninterrupted enjoyment of his own, so far as is reasonably consistent with a like enjoyment of rights by others. Cooley, Const. Lim. *572.

It is defined by Jeremy Bentham in his works: “Police is in general a system of precaution, either for the prevention of crime or of calamities. Its business may be distributed into eight distinct branches: (1) Police for the prevention of offenses; (2) police for the prevention of calamities; (3) police for the prevention of epidemic diseases; (4) police of charity; (5) police of interior communications; (6) police of public amusements; (7) police for recent intelligence; (8) police for registration.” Canal Com'rs v. Willamette Transp. Co., 5 Or. 222.
POLICE COURT. The name of a kind of inferior court in several of the states, which has a summary jurisdiction over minor offenses and misdemeanors of small consequence, and the powers of a committing magistrate in respect to more serious crimes, and, in some states, a limited jurisdiction for the trial of civil causes. In English law, courts in which stipendiary magistrates, chosen from barristers of a certain standing, sit for the dispatch of business. Their general duties and powers are the same as those of the unpaid magistrate, except that one of them may usually act in cases which would require to be heard before two other justices. Wharton.


POLICE JURY, in Louisiana, is the designation of the board of officers in a parish corresponding to the commissioners or supervisors of a county in other states.

POLICE JUSTICE. A magistrate charged exclusively with the duties incident to the common-law office of a conservator or justice of the peace; the prefix "police" serving merely to distinguish them from justices having also civil jurisdiction. Wenzler v. People, 58 N. Y. 530.

POLICE MAGISTRATE. See Magistrate.

POLICE OFFICER. One of the staff of men employed in cities and towns to enforce the municipal police, i.e., the laws and ordinances for preserving the peace and good order of the community. Otherwise called "policeman."

POLICE POWER. The power vested in a state to establish laws and ordinances for the regulation and enforcement of its police as above defined. The power vested in the legislature to make, ordain, and establish all manner of wholesome and reasonable laws, statutes, and ordinances, either with penalties or without, not repugnant to the constitution, as they shall judge to be for the good and welfare of the commonwealth, and of the subjects of the same. Com. v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 85. The police power of the state is an authority conferred by the American constitutional system upon the individual states, through which they are enabled to establish a special department of police; adopt such regulations as tend to prevent the commission of fraud, violence, or other offenses against the state; aid in the arrest of criminals; and secure generally the comfort, health, and prosperity of the state, by preserving the public order, preventing a conflict of rights in the common intercourse of the citizens, and insuring to each an uninterrupted enjoyment of all the privileges conferred upon him by the laws of his country. Lalor, Pol. Enc. s. v. It is true that the legislation which secures to all protection in their rights, and the equal use and enjoyment of their property, embraces an almost infinite variety of subjects. Whatever affects the peace, good order, morals, and health of the community comes within its scope; and every one must use and enjoy his property subject to the restrictions which such legislation imposes. What is termed the "police power" of the state, which, from the language often used respecting it, one would suppose to be an undefined and irresponsible element in government, can only interfere with the conduct of individuals in their intercourse with each other; and in the use of their property, so far as may be required to secure these objects. Munn v. Illinois, 94 U. S. 145, 24 L. Ed. 77. For other definitions, see Slaughterhouse Cases, 16 Wall. 62, 21 L. Ed. 391; Stone v. Mississippi, 101 U. S. 518, 25 L. Ed. 1079; Thorpe v. Rutland & B. R. Co., 27 Vt. 140, 62 Am. Dec. 623; People v. Steele, 231 Ill. 340, 83 N. E. 233, 14 L. R. A. (N. S.) 361, 121 Am. St. Rep. 321; Dreyfus v. Boone, 88 Ark. 353, 114 S. W. 171, Carpenter v. Reliance Realty Co., 103 Mo. App. 450, 77 S. W. 1091; State v. Dalton, 22 R. I. 77, 46 A. 234, 48 L. R. A. 773, 54 Am. St. Rep. 518; Deems v. Baltimore, 80 Md. 164, 30 A. 648, 26 L. R. A. 541, 45 Am. St. Rep. 359; In re Clark, 63 Conn. 17, 31 A. 522, 28 L. R. A. 242; Mathews v. Board of Education, 127 Mich. 599, 96 N. W. 1096, 54 L. R. A. 736.

POLICE REGULATIONS. Laws of a state, or ordinances of a municipality, which have for their object the preservation and protection of public peace and good order, and of the health, morals, and security of the people. State v. Greer, 78 Mo. 194; Ex parte Bourgeois, 60 Miss. 663, 45 Am. Rep. 420; Sonora v. Curtin, 137 Cal. 558, 70 P. 674; Roanoke Gas Co. v. Roanoke, 88 Va. 810, 14 S. E. 665.

POLICE SUPERVISION. In England, subjection to police supervision is where a criminal offender is subjected to the obligation of notifying the place of his residence and every change of his residence to the chief officer of police of the district, and of reporting himself once a month to the chief officer or his substitute. Offenders subject to police supervision are popularly called "habitual criminals." Sweet.

POLICIES OF INSURANCE, COURT OF. A court established in pursuance of the statutes 43 Eliz. c. 12, and 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 23. Composed of the judge of the admiralty, the recorder of London, two doctors of the civil law, two common lawyers, and eight merchants; any three of whom, one being a civilian or a barrister, could determine in a summary way causes concerning polices of assurance in London, with an appeal to chan-
cery. No longer in existence. 3 Bl. Comm. 74.

POLICY. The general principles by which a government is guided in its management of public affairs, or the legislature in its measures.

This term, as applied to a law, ordinance, or rule of law, denotes its general purpose or tendency considered as directed to the welfare or prosperity of the state or community.

Policy of a Statute

The "policy of a statute," or "of the legislature," as applied to a penal or prohibitive statute, means the intention of discouraging conduct of a mischievous tendency. See L. R. 6 P. C. 134; 5 Barn. & Ald. 335; Pol. Cont. 235.

Policy of the Law

By this phrase is understood the disposition of the law to discountenance certain classes of acts, transactions, or agreements, or to refuse them its sanction, because it considers them immoral, detrimental to the public welfare, subversive of good order, or otherwise contrary to the plan and purpose of civil regulations.

Public Policy

That principle of the law which holds that no subject can lawfully do that which has a tendency to be injurious to the public or against the public good. 4 H. L. Cas. 1; Greenh. Pub. Pol. 2. The principles under which the freedom of contract or private dealings is restricted by law for the good of the community. Wharton. The term "policy," as applied to a statute, regulation, rule of law, course of action, or the like, refers to its probable effect, tendency, or object, considered with reference to the social or political well-being of the state. Thus, certain classes of acts are said to be "against public policy," when the law refuses to enforce or recognize them, on the ground that they have a mischievous tendency, so as to be injurious to the interests of the state, apart from illegality or immorality. Sweet. And see Eggerton v. Earl Brownlow, 4 H. L. Cas. 235; Smith v. Railroad Co., 115 Cal. 584, 47 P. 552, 35 L. R. A. 300, 56 Am. St. Rep. 119; Tarrbell v. Railroad Co., 73 Vt. 347, 51 A. 56, 56 L. R. A. 655, 87 Am. St. Rep. 734; Hartford F. Ins. Co. v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 175 U. S. 91, 20 S. Ct. 32, 44 L. Ed. 84; Enders v. Enders, 164 Pa. 269, 30 A. 129, 27 L. R. A. 50, 44 Am. St. Rep. 358; Smith v. Du Bose, 73 Ga. 413, 3 S. E. 306, 6 Am. St. Rep. 260; Bilngsley v. Cleland, 41 W. Va. 294, 29 S. E. 813; Marfield v. Cinclnmati, D. & T. Tracttion Co., 111 Ohio St. 139, 144 N. E. 689, 40 A. L. R. 357; Spaulding v. Maillet, 57 Mont. 318, 185 P. 377, 378; Brown v. Brown, 88 Conn. 42, 89 A. 889, 891, 52 L. R. A. (N. S.) 185, Ann. Cas. 1915D. 70; Walsh v. Hibberd, 122 Md. 108, 89 A. 396, 397, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 398; Hiroshima v. Bank of Italy, 78 Cal. App. 302, 248 P. 947, 951; Workmen's Compensation Board of Kentucky v. Abbott, 212 Ky. 123, 278 S. W. 533, 536, 47 A. L. R. 789; Driver v. Smith, 89 N. J. Eq. 339, 104 A. 717, 725; Nashville Ry. & Light Co. v. Lawson, 144 Tenn. 75, 229 S. W. 741, 743; American Nat. Ins. Co. v. Coates, 112 Tex. 207, 246 S. W. 356, 359; People v. Herrin, 254 Ill. 305, 120 N. E. 274, 275; Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland v. Moore (D. C.) 3 F.(2d) 652, 653.

"Public policy" is the community common sense and common conscience extended and applied throughout the state to matters of public morals, public health, public safety, public welfare, and the like; it is that general and well-settled public opinion relating to man's plain, palpable duty to his fellow men having due regard to all the circumstanc-es of each particular relation and situation. Pittsburgh, C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. v. Kinney, 95 Ohio St. 64, 115 N. E. 505, 506, L. R. A. 1917D, 641, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 256.


"Public policy" is a variable quantity; it must and does vary with the habits, capacities, and opportunities of the public. 36 Ch. Div. 359; Chaffee v. Farmers' Co-Op. Elevator Co., 39 N. D. 583, 198 N. W. 616, 618.

POLICY OF INSURANCE

A mercantile instrument in writing, by which one party, in consideration of a premium, engages to indemnify another against a contingent loss, by making him a payment in compensation, whenever the event shall happen by which the loss is to accrue. 2 Steph. Comm. 172.

The written instrument in which a contract of insurance is set forth is called a "policy of insurance." Civ. Code Cal. § 2256.

Blanket Policy

A policy of fire insurance which contemplates that the risk is shifting, fluctuating, or varying, and is applied to a class of property rather than to any particular article or thing. Insurance Co. v. Baltimore Warehouse Co., 93 U. S. 541, 23 L. Ed. 808.
Class of Life Insurance Policies

Those policies issued in the same calendar year, upon the lives of persons of the same age, and on the same plan of insurance. Miller v. New York Life Ins. Co., 170 Ky. 246, 200 S. W. 482, 484.

Endowment Policy

In life insurance. A policy the amount of which is payable to the assured himself at the end of a fixed term of years, if he is then living, or to his heirs or a named beneficiary if he shall die sooner.

Floating Policy

A policy of fire insurance not applicable to any specific described goods, but to any and all goods which may at the time of the fire be in a certain building.

Interest Policy

One where the assured has a real, substantial, and assignable interest in the thing insured; as opposed to a wager policy.

Mixed Policy

A policy of marine insurance in which not only the time is specified for which the risk is limited, but the voyage also is described by its local termini; as opposed to policies of insurance for a particular voyage, without any limits as to time, and also to pure time policies, in which there is no designation of local termini at all. Mozley & Whitley. And see Wilkins v. Tobacco Ins. Co., 30 Ohio 340, 27 Am. Rep. 455.

Open Policy

In insurance. One in which the value of the subject insured is not fixed or agreed upon in the policy as between the assured and the underwriter, but is left to be estimated in case of loss. The term is opposed to “valued policy,” in which the value of the subject insured is fixed for the purpose of the insurance, and expressed on the face of the policy. Mozley & Whitley. Riggs v. Fire Protection Ass’n, 61 S. C. 448, 39 S. E. 614; Cox v. Insurance Co., 3 Rich. Law, 331, 45 Am. Dec. 771; Insurance Co. v. Butler, 38 Ohio St. 128. But this term is also sometimes used in America to describe a policy in which an aggregate amount is expressed in the body of the policy, and the specific amounts and subjects are to be indorsed from time to time. London Assur. Corp. v. Paterson, 106 Ga. 533, 32 S. E. 650.

Paid-Up Policy

In life insurance. A policy on which no further payments are to be made in the way of annual premiums.

Time Policy

In fire insurance, one made for a defined and limited time, as, one year. In marine insurance, one made for a particular period of time, irrespective of the voyage or voyages upon which the vessel may be engaged during that period. Wilkins v. Tobacco Ins. Co., 30 Ohio St. 239, 27 Am. Rep. 455; Greenleaf v. St. Louis Ins. Co., 37 Mo. 29.

Valued Policy


Voyage Policy

A policy of marine insurance effected for a particular voyage or voyages of the vessel, and not otherwise limited as to time. Wilkins v. Tobacco Ins. Co., 30 Ohio St. 350, 27 Am. Rep. 455.

Wager Policy

An insurance upon a subject-matter in which the party assured has no real, valuable, or insurable interest. A mere wager policy is that in which the party assured has no interest in the thing assured, and could sustain no possible loss by the event insured against, if he had not made such wager. Sawyer v. Insurance Co., 37 Wis. 539; Embler v. Insurance Co., 8 App. Div. 186, 40 N. Y. S. 450; Amory v. Gilman, 2 Mass. 1; Gumbs v. Insurance Co., 50 Mo. 47; Moving Picture Co. of America v. Scottish Union & National Ins. Co. of Edinburgh, 244 Pa. 398, 50 A. 642, 644; Avery v. Mechanics’ Ins. Co. of Philadelphia (No. App.) 205 S. W. 596, 512.

Political. Legibus non legis politia adiunctae. Politics are to be adapted to the laws, and not the laws to politics. Hob. 154.

Political. Pertaining or relating to the policy or the administration of government, state or national. See People v. Morgan, 90 Ill. 558; In re Kemp, 18 Wis. 396.

Political Arithmetic. An expression sometimes used to signify the art of making calculations on matters relating to a nation; the revenues, the value of land and effects; the produce of lands and manufactures; the population, and the general statistics of a country. Wharton.

Political Corporation. A public or municipal corporation; one created for political purposes, and having for its object the administration of governmental powers of a subordinate or local nature. Winspear v. Holman Dist. Tp., 37 Iowa, 514; Auryansen v. Hackensack Imp. Com’n, 45 N. J. Law, 115; Curry v. District Tp., 62 Iowa, 102, 17 N. W. 191.

Political Economy. The science which describes the methods and laws of the production, distribution, and consumption of wealth, and treats of economic and industrial
conditions and laws, and the rules and principles of rent, wages, capital, labor, exchanges, money, population, etc. The science which determines what laws men ought to adopt in order that they may, with the least possible exertion, procure the greatest abundance of things useful for the satisfaction of their wants, may distribute them justly, and consume them rationally. De Laveleye, Pol. Econ. The science which treats of the administration of the revenues of a nation, or the management and regulation of its resources, and productive property and labor. Wharton.

**POLITICAL LAW.** That branch of jurisprudence which treats of the science of politics, or the organization and administration of government.

**POLITICAL LIBERTY.** See Liberty.

**POLITICAL OFFENSES.** As a designation of a class of crimes usually excepted from extradition treaties, this term denotes crimes which are incidental to and form a part of political disturbances; but it might also be understood to include offenses consisting in an attack upon the political order of things established in the country where committed, and even to include offenses committed to obtain any political object. 2 Steph. Crim. Law, 70.

**POLITICAL OFFICE.** See Office.

**POLITICAL QUESTIONS.** Questions of which the courts of justice will refuse to take cognizance, or to decide, on account of their purely political character, or because their determination would involve an encroachment upon the executive or legislative powers; e.g., what sort of government exists in a state, whether peace or war exists, whether a foreign country has become an independent state, etc. Luther v. Borden, 7 How. 1, 12 L. Ed. 581; Kennedy v. Chambers, 14 How. 38, 14 L. Ed. 316; U. S. v. 129 Packages, Fed. Cas. No. 15,341.

**POLITICAL RIGHTS.** Those which may be exercised in the formation or administration of the government. People v. Morgan, 90 Ill. 563. Rights of citizens established or recognized by constitutions which give them the power to participate directly or indirectly in the establishment or administration of government. People v. Barrett, 293 Ill. 99, 67 N. E. 742, 66 Am. St. Rep. 296; People v. Washington, 36 Cal. 662; Winnett v. Adams, 71 Neb. 517, 99 N. W. 684.

**POLITICS.** The science of government; the art or practice of administering public affairs.

**POLITY.** The form of government; civil constitution.

**POLL.** v. In practice. To single out, one by one, of a number of persons. To examine each juror separately, after a verdict has been given, as to his concurrence in the verdict. 1 Burrill, Pr. 238.

**POLL.** n. A head; an individual person; a register of persons. In the law of elections, a list or register of heads or individuals who may vote in an election; the aggregate of those who actually cast their votes at the election, excluding those who stay away. De Soto Parish v. Williams, 49 La., Ann., 422, 21 So. 647, 37 L. R. A. 701. See, also, Polls.

**POLL, adj.** Cut or shaved smooth or even; cut in a straight line without indentation. A term anciently applied to a deed, and still used, though with little of its former significance. 2 Bl. Comm. 296.

**POLL-MONEY.** A tax ordained by act of parliament (18 Car. II. c. 1), by which every subject in the kingdom was assessed by the head or poll, according to his degree. Cowell. A similar personal tribute was more anciently termed "poll-silver."

**POLL-TAX.** A capitation tax; a tax of a specific sum levied upon each person within the jurisdiction of the taxing power and within a certain class (as, all males of a certain age, etc.) without reference to his property or lack of it. See Southern Ry. Co. v. St. Clair County, 124 Ala. 491, 27 So. 23; Short v. State, 50 Md. 332, 31 A. 322, 22 L. R. A. 404; People v. Ames, 24 Colo. 422, 51 P. 426; Parker v. Bushy (Tex. Civ. App.) 170 S. W. 1042, 1046; Huttlesburg Grocery Co. v. Robertson, 126 Miss. 34, 88 So. 4, 5, 25 A. L. R. 748; Marion Foundry Co. v. Landes, 112 Ohio St. 106, 147 N. E. 302, 304.

**POLLARDS.** A foreign coin of base metal, prohibited by St. 27 Edw. L. c. 3, from being brought into the realm, on pain of forfeit of life and goods. 4 Bl. Comm. 98. It was computed at two pollards for a sterling or penny. Dyer, 829.

**POLLENGERS.** Trees which have been lopped; distinguished from timber-trees. Plowd. 640.

**POLLICITATION.** In the civil law. An offer not yet accepted by the person to whom it is made. Langd. Cont. § 1. See McCulloch v. Dagle Ins. Co., 1 Pick. (Mass.) 283.

**POLIGAR, POLYGAR.** In Hindu law. The head of a village or district; also a military chief in the peninsula, answering to a hill zemindar in the northern circars. Wharton.

**POLLING THE JURY.** To poll a jury is to require that each juror shall himself declare what is his verdict.

**POLLS.** The place where electors cast in their votes. Adams v. Corwin, 118 Misc. 701, 195 N. Y. S. 41, 42.
heads; individuals; persons singly considered. A challenge to the polis (in capite) is a challenge to the individual jurors composing the panel, or an exception to one or more particular jurors. 3 Bl. Comm. 358, 361.

POLLUTE. To corrupt or defile. Young v. State, 194 Ind. 221, 141 N. E. 309, 311.

POMACE WINE. Any product made by the addition of water and sugar to the pomace of grapes from which the juice has been partially expressed, and by fermenting the mixture until a fermented beverage is produced. United States v. Sixty Barrels of Wine (D. C.) 225 F. 846, 848.

POLYANDRY. The civil condition of having more husbands than one to the same woman; a social order permitting plurality of husbands.

Polygamy est plurium simul virorum uxerumque coniunxium. 3 Inst. 88. Polygamy is the marriage with many husbands or wives at one time.

POLYGAMY. In criminal law. The offense of having several wives or husbands at the same time, or more than one wife or husband at the same time. 3 Inst. 88. And see Reynolds v. U. S., 98 U. S. 145, 25 L. Ed. 244; McBride v. Graeber, 85 S. E. 86, 89, 16 Ga. App. 240.

The offense committed by a layman in marrying while any previous wife is living and undivorced; as distinguished from bigamy in the sense of a breach of ecclesiastical law involved in any second marriage by a clerk.

Polygamy, or bigamy, shall consist in knowingly having a plurality of husbands or wives at the same time. Code Ga. 1882, § 4530 (Pen. Code 1910, § 367).

A bigamist or polygamist. In the sense of the eighth section of the act of congress of March 22, 1882, is a man who, having contracted a bigamous or polygamous marriage, and became the husband at one time, of two or more wives, means that relation and status at the time when he offers to be registered as a voter; and this without reference to the question whether he was at any time guilty of the offense of bigamy or polygamy, or whether any prosecution for such offense was barred by the lapse of time; neither is it necessary that he should be guilty of polygamy under the first section of the act of March 22, 1882. Murphy v. Ramsey, 5 S. Ct. 747, 114 U. S. 76, 29 L. Ed. 47; Cannon v. U. S., 6 S. Ct. 278, 116 U. S. 55, 29 L. Ed. 561.

Bigamy literally means a second marriage distinguished from a third or other; while polygamy means many marriages,—implies more than two.

POLYGARCHY. A term sometimes used to denote a government of many or several; a government where the sovereignty is shared by several persons; a collegiate or divided executive.

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POMARIUM. In old pleading. An apple-tree; an orchard.

POND. A body of stagnant water without an outlet, larger than a puddle and smaller than a lake; or a like body of water with a small outlet. Webster. And see Rockland Water Co. v. Camden & R. Water Co., 80 Me. 544, 15 A. 785, 1 L. R. A. 388; Concord Mfg. Co. v. Robertson, 66 N. H. 1, 25 A. 718, 15 L. R. A. 679; Munn v. Board of Sup'rs of Greene County, 163 Iowa, 26, 141 N. W. 711, 714; Humphreys-Mexia Co. v. Araeneaux, 116 Tex. 608, 297 S. W. 225, 229, 53 A. L. R. 1147.

A standing ditch cast by labor of man's hand, in his private grounds, for his private use, to serve his house and household with necessary waters; but a pool is a low plat of ground by nature, and is not cast by man's hand. Call. Sew. 103.

Great Ponds

In Maine and Massachusetts, natural ponds having a superficial area of more than ten acres, and not appropriated by the proprietors to their private use prior to a certain date. Barrows v. McDermott, 73 Me. 441; West Roxbury v. Stoddard, 7 Allen (Mass.) 108.

Public Pond

In New England, a great pond; a pond covering a superficial area of more than ten acres. Brastow v. Rockport Ice Co., 77 Me. 100; West Roxbury v. Stoddard, 7 Allen (Mass.) 170.

Private Pond

A body of water wholly on the lands of a single owner, or of a single group of joint owners or tenants in common, which did not have any such connection with any public waters that fish could pass from one to the other. If pond was so connected with public waters that at time of high water, fish could go in and out, it was not "private pond" from which defendants could seise fish whether fish might go out same day or next season. State v. Lowder, 198 Ind. 234, 153 N. E. 399, 400.

Ponderatur testes, non numerantur. Witnesses are weighed, not counted. 1 Starke, Ev. 554; Best Ev. p. 426, § 289; Bakeman v. Rose, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 105, 109.

PONDUS. In old English law. Poundage; i. e., a duty paid to the crown according to the weight of merchandise.

PONDUS REGIS. The king's weight; the standard weight appointed by the king. Cowell.

PONE. In English practice. An original writ formerly used for the purpose of removing suits from the court-baron or county court into the superior courts of common law. It was also the proper writ to remove all suits which were before the sheriff by writ of jus-
ties. But this writ is now in disuse, the writ of certiorari being the ordinary process by which at the present day a cause is removed from a county court into any superior court. Brown.

PONE PER VADUIM. In English practice. An obsolete writ to the sheriff to summon the defendant to appear and answer the plaintiff's suit, on his putting in sureties to prosecute. It was so called from the words of the writ, "pone per vaduim et salvos plegius," "put by gage and safe pledges, A. B., the defendant."

PONENDIS IN ASSISIS. An old writ directing a sheriff to impanel a jury for an assize or real action.

PONENDUM IN BALLIUM. A writ commanding that a prisoner be bailed in cases bailable. Reg. Orig. 193.

PONENDUM SIGILLUM AD EXCEPTIONEM. A writ by which justices were required to put their seals to exceptions exhibited by a defendant against a plaintiff's evidence, verdict, or other proceedings, before them, according to the statute Westm. 2, (13 Edw. i. St. 1, c. 31).

PONERE. Lat. To put, place, lay, or set. Often used in the Latin terms and phrases of the old law.

PONIT SE SUPER PATRIAM. Lat. He puts himself upon the country. The defendant's plea of not guilty in a criminal action is recorded, in English practice, in these words, or in the abbreviated form "po. se."

PONTAGE. In old English law. Duty paid for the reparation of bridges; also a due to the lord of the fee for persons or merchandise that pass over rivers, bridges, etc. Cowell.

PONTIBUS REPARANDIS. An old writ directed to the sheriff, commanding him to charge one or more to repair a bridge.

POOL. A combination of persons or corporations engaged in the same business, or for the purpose of engaging in a particular business or commercial or speculative venture, where all contribute to a common fund, or place their holdings of a given stock or other security in the hands and control of a managing member or committee, with the object of eliminating competition as between the several members of the pool, or of establishing a monopoly or controlling prices or rates by the weight and power of their combined capital, or of raising or depressing prices on the stock market, or simply with a view to the successful conduct of an enterprise too great for the capital of any member individually, and on an agreement for the division of profits or losses among the members, either equally or pro rata. Also, a similar combination not embracing the idea of a pooled or contributed capital, but simply the elimination of destructive competition between the members by an agreement to share or divide the profits of a given business or venture, as, for example, a contract between two or more competing railroads to abstain from "rate wars" and (usually) to maintain fixed rates, and to divide their earnings from the transportation of freight in fixed proportions. See Green v. Higham, 161 Mo. 333, 61 S. W. 798; Mollynoux v. Wittenberg, 39 Neb. 547, 58 N. W. 205; Kilbourn v. Thompson, 163 U. S. 195, 26 L. Ed. 377; American Biscuit Co. v. Klotz (C. C.) 44 F. 725; U. S. v. Trans-Missouri Freight Ass'n, 53 F. 665; 7 C. C. A. 15, 24 L. R. A. 73; Georgia Fruit Exchange v. Turnipseed, 9 Ala. App. 123, 62 So. 542, 546.

In various methods of gambling, a "pool" is a sum of money made up of the stakes contributed by various persons, the whole of which is then wagered as a stake on the event of a race, game, or other contest, and the winnings (if any) are divided among the contributors to the pool pro rata. Or it is a sum similarly made up by the contributions of several persons, each of whom then makes his guess or prediction as to the event of a future contest or hazard, the successful better taking the entire pool. See Ex parte Powell, 43 Tex. Cr. R. 391, 66 S. W. 298; Com. v. Ferry, 146 Mass. 203, 15 N. E. 484; James v. State, 63 Md. 248; Lacey v. Palmer, 33 Va. 159, 24 S. E. 930, 31 L. R. A. 822, 57 Am. St. Rep. 735; People v. McCue, 57 App. Div. 72, 83 N. Y. S. 1058; Commonwealth v. Sullivan, 218 Mass. 231, 105 N. E. 855, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 98; Pompano Horse Club v. State, 35 Fla. 415, 111 So. 919, 512, 52 A. L. R. 51.

A body of standing water, without a current or issue, accumulated in a natural basin or depression in the earth, and not artificially formed. Stephens v. State, 81 Tex. Cr. R. 177, 194 S. W. 400, 401. See Pond.

POOLROOM. A room in which pools on races are sold. In another sense, a room where the game of pool is played. Town of Eros v. Powell, 137 La. 342, 68 So. 632, 634.

POOLING CONTRACTS. Agreements between competing railroads for a division of the traffic, or for a pro rata distribution of their earnings united into a "pool" or common fund. 15 Fed. 667, note. See Pool.

POOR. As used in law, this term denotes those who are so destitute of property or of the means of support, either from their own labor or the care of relatives, as to be a public charge, that is, dependent either on the charity of the general public or on maintenance at the expense of the public. The term is synonymous with "indigent persons" and "paupers." See State v. Osawkee Tp., 14 Kan. 421, 19 Am. Rep. 99; In re Hoffen's Es-Bl. Law Dicr.(3d Ed.)

POOR DEBTOR'S OATH. An oath allowed, in some jurisdictions, to a person who is arrested for debt. On swearing that he has not property enough to pay the debt, he is set at liberty.

POOR LAW. That part of the law which relates to the public or compulsory relief of paupers.

POOR-LAW BOARD. The English official body appointed under St. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 109, passed in 1847, to take the place of the poor-law commissioners, under whose control the general management of the poor, and the funds for their relief throughout the country, had been for some years previously administered. The poor-law board is now superseded by the local government board, which was established in 1871 by St. 34 & 35 Vict. c. 70. 3 Steph. Comm. 49.

POOR-LAW GUARDIANS. See Guardians of the Poor.

POOR RATE. In English law. A tax levied by parochial authorities for the relief of the poor.


POPE NICHOLAS' TAXATION. The first year's profits of all the spiritual prelatures in the kingdom, according to a rate made by Walter, bishop of Norwich, in the time of Pope Innocent II., and afterwards advanced in value in the time of Pope Nicholas IV. This last valuation was begun A. D. 1288, and finished 1292, and is still preserved in the exchequer. The taxes were regulated by it till the survey made in the twenty-sixth year of Henry VII. 2 Steph. Comm. 567.

POPERY. The religion of the Roman Catholic Church, comprehending doctrines and practices.

POPLACER, or POPULACY. The vulgar; the multitude.

POPULAR ACTION. An action for a statutory penalty or forfeiture, given to any such person or persons as will sue for it; and action given to the people in general. 3 Bl. Comm. 169.

POPULAR SENSE. In reference to the construction of a statute, this term means that sense which people conversant with the subject-matter with which the statute is dealing would attribute to it. 1 Exch. Div. 248; Westerlund v. Black Bear Mining Co. (C. C. A.) 203 F. 599, 605.

POPULUS. Lat. In Roman law. The people; the whole body of Roman citizens, including as well the patricians as the plebeians.

PORCION. In Spanish law. A part or portion; a lot or parcel; an allotment of land. See Downing v. Díaz, 50 Tex. 436, 18 S. W. 49.

PORRECTING. Producing for examination or taxation, as porrecting a bill of costs, by a proctor.

PORT. A place for the lading and unloading of the cargoes of vessels, and the collection of duties or customs upon imports and exports. A place, either on the seacoast or on a river, where ships stop for the purpose of loading and unloading, from whence they depart, and where they finish their voyages. The Wharf Case, 3 Bland (Md.) 361; Packwood v. Walden, 7 Mart. N. S. (La.) 88; Devato v. Barrels of Plumago (D. C.) 20 F. 515; Petrel Guano Co. v. Jarnette (C. C.) 45 F. 675; De Longuemiere v. Insurance Co, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 125.

While Rev. St. §§ 4178, 4334 (46 USCA §§ 46, 257), declare that the word "port" may mean the place where a vessel is built, or where one or more of the owners reside, a "port," in ordinary significance, is a place where ships are accustomed to load and unload goods, or to take on and let off passengers, and where persons and merchandise are allowed to pass in and out of the realm, and implies that it is something more than a roadstead; therefore a place on the high seas, fixed by latitude and longitude, where vessels were to be met and provisioned and coal, is not a port. Hamburg-American Steam Packet Co. v. United States (C. C. A.) 250 F. 747, 759.

In French Maritime Law

Burden, (of a vessel;) size and capacity.

In General

—Foreign port. A foreign port is properly one exclusively within the jurisdiction of a foreign nation, hence one without the
United States. King v. Parks, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 375; Bigley v. New York & P. R. S. S. Co. (D. C.) 105 F. 74. But the term is also applied to a port in any state other than the state where the vessel belongs or her owner resides. The Canada (D. C.) 7 F. 121; The Lulu, 10 Wall. 200, 19 L. Ed. 906; Negus v. Simpson, 99 Mass. 303.

-Home port. The port at which a vessel is registered or enrolled or where the owner resides.


-Port-greave. The chief magistrate of a seaport town is sometimes so called.

-Port of delivery. In maritime law. The port which is to be the terminus of any particular voyage, and where the vessel is to unload or deliver her cargo, as distinguished from any port at which she may touch, during the voyage, for other purposes. The Two Catharines, 24 Fed. Cas. 429.

-Port of departure. As used in the United States statutes requiring a ship to procure a bill of health from the consular officer at the place of departure, it is not the last port at which the ship stops while bound for the United States, but the port from which she cleared. The Dago, 61 F. 980, 10 C. C. A. 224.

-Port of destination. In maritime law and marine insurance, the term includes both ports which constitute the termini of the voyage, the home port and the foreign port to which the vessel is consigned as well as any usual stopping places for the receipt or discharge of cargo. Gookin v. New England Mut. Marine Ins. Co., 12 Gray (Mass.) 501, 74 Am. Dec. 609.

-Port of discharge, in a policy of marine insurance, means the place where the substantial part of the cargo is discharged, although there is an intent to complete the discharge at another basin. Bramhall v. Sun Mut. Ins. Co., 104 Mass. 510, 6 Am. Rep. 261.

-Port of entry. One of the ports designated by law, at which a custom-house or revenue office is established for the execution of the laws imposing duties on vessels and importations of goods. Cross v. Harrison, 16 How. 164, 14 L. Ed. 889.

-Port-reeve, or port-warden. An officer maintained in some ports to oversee the administration of the local regulations; a sort of harbor-master.


-Port toll. The toll paid for bringing goods into a port.

PORTATICA. In English law. The generic name for port duties charged to ships. Harg. Law Tract, 64.

PORTEOUS. In old Scotch practice. A roll or catalogue containing the names of indicted persons, delivered by the justice-clerk to the coroner, to be attached and arrested by him. Otherwise called the "Porteous Roll." Bell.

PORTER. In old English law, this title was given to an officer of the courts who carried a rod or staff before the justices.

A person who keeps a gate or door; as the door-keeper of the houses of parliament.

One who carries or conveys parcels, luggage, etc., particularly from one place to another in the same town.

PORTERAGE. A kind of duty formerly paid at the English custom-house to those who attended the water-side, and belonged to the package-office; but it is now abolished. Also the charge made for sending parcels.

PORTIO LEGITIMA. Lat. In the civil law. The birthright portion; that portion of an inheritance to which a given heir is entitled, and of which he cannot be deprived by the will of the decedent, without special cause, by virtue merely of his relationship to the testator.

PORTION. The share falling to a child from a parent's estate or the estate of any one bearing a similar relation. State v. Crossley, 69 Ind. 209; Lewis's Appeal, 108 Pa. 136; In re Miller's Will, 2 Lea (Tenn.) 57; Stubbs v. Abel, 114 Or. 610, 233 P. 853, 857.

Portion is especially applied to payments made to younger children out of the funds comprised in their parents' marriage settlement, and in pursuance of the trusts thereof. Mozley & Whitley.

PORTION DISPONIBLE. Fr. In French law. That part of a man's estate which he may bequeath to other persons than his natural heirs. A parent leaving one legitimate child may dispose of one-half only of his property; one leaving two, one-third only; and one leaving three or more, one-fourth only; and it matters not whether the disposition is inter vivos or by will.
PORTIONER.

In Old English Law
A minister who serves a benefice, together with others; so called because he has only a portion of the tithes or profits of the living; also an allowance which a vicar commonly has out of a rectory or impropriation. Cowell.

In Scotch Law
The proprietor of a small feu or portion of land. Bell.

PORTIONIBUS. Is properly employed to mean a portion of the tithes of one parish claimed by the rector of another parish. 4 Cl. & F. 1.

PORTIONIST. One who receives a portion; the allottee of a portion. One of two or more incumbents of the same ecclesiastical benefice.

PORTMEN. The burgesses of Ipswich and of the Cinque Ports were so called.

PORTMOTE. In old English law. A court held in ports or haven towns, and sometimes in inland towns also. Cowell; Blount.

PORTORIA. In the civil law. Duties paid in ports on merchandise. Taxes levied in old times at city gates. Tolls for passing over bridges.

PORTSALE. In old English law. An auction; a public sale of goods to the highest bidder; also a sale of fish as soon as it is brought into the haven. Cowell.

PORTSOKA, or PORTSOKEN. The suburbs of a city, or any place within its jurisdiction. Sommer; Cowell.

Portus est locus in quo exportantur et importatur mercis. 2 Inst. 148. A port is a place where goods are exported or imported.

POSITIVE. Laid down, enacted, or prescribed. Express or affirmative. Direct, absolute, explicit.

POSITIVE LAW. Law actually and specifically enacted or adopted by proper authority for the government of an organized juridical society.

"A 'law,' in the sense in which that term is employed in jurisprudence, is enforced by a sovereign political authority. It is thus distinguished not only from all rules which, like the principles of morality and the so-called laws of honor and of fashion, are enforced by an indeterminate authority, but also from all rules enforced by a determinate authority which is either, on the one hand, superhuman, or, on the other hand, politically subordinate. In order to emphasize the fact that 'law,' in the strict sense of the term, are thus authoritatively imposed, they are described as positive laws." Holl. Jur. 27.

POSITIVI JURIS. Lat. Of positive law.
"That was a rule positivae juris; I do not mean to say an unjust one." Lord Ellenborough, 12 East, 639.

Posito uno oppositorum, negatur alterum. One of two opposite positions being affirmed, the other is denied. 3 Rolle, 422.

POSE. Lat. A possibility. A thing is said to be in poase when it may possibly be; in case when it actually is.

POSE COMITATUS. Lat. The power or force of the county. The entire population of a county above the age of fifteen, which a sheriff may summon to his assistance in certain cases; as to aid him in keeping the peace, in pursuing and arresting felons, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 343. See Com. v. Martin, 7 Pa. Dist. R. 224.

POSSESS. To occupy in person; to have in one's actual and physical control; to have the exclusive detention and control of; also to own or be entitled to. See Fuller v. Fuller, 84 Me. 475, 24 A. 946; Bramlet v. Kee, 58 N. C. 337; Bingham's Adm'r v. Commonwealth, 196 Ky. 318, 244 S. W. 751, 755; Davis v. State, 102 Tex. Cr. R. 546, 278 S. W. 843, 849; Ex parte Okahura, 191 Cal. 253, 216 P. 614, 617; State v. Huff, 317 Mo. 299, 296 S. W. 121, 122; Gomeson v. Gameson (Tex. Civ. App.) 162 S. W. 1169, 1171; Thomas v. State, 89 Tex. Cr. R. 609, 232 S. W. 826, 827; Melvin v. Scowley, 213 Ala. 414, 104 So. 817, 820.

Within Vealstead Act, tit. II, § 3 (27 USC § 23), providing that no person shall deliver or possess intoxicating liquor, except as authorized in the act, a storage warehouseman, who merely leased a room in which the owner of liquor stored it, does not "possess" the liquor, nor does he "deliver" it to the owner, by permitting the owner to remove it from the warehouse. Street v. Lincoln Safe Deposit Co., 41 S. Ct. 31, 32, 54 U. S. 82, 65 L. Ed. 151, 10 A. L. R. 1348.

POSSESSED. This word is applied to the right and enjoyment of a termor, or a person having a term, who is said to be possessed, and not seised. Bac. Tr. 335; Poph. 76; Dyer, 369.

"Possessed" is a variable term in the law, and has different meanings as it is used in different circumstances. It sometimes implies a temporary interest in lands; as we say a man is possessed, in contradistinction to being seised. It sometimes implies the corporal having; as we say a man is seised and possessed. But it sometimes implies no more than that one has a property in a thing; that he has it as owner; that it is his; Thompson v. Moran, 44 Mich. 603, 7 N. W. 180; In re Dillingham's Estate, 196 Cal. 525, 238 P. 367, 369; O'Connor v. Halpin, 166 Iowa, 101, 147 N. W. 185, 186; United States Trust Co. v. Guilick, 107 Misc. 316, 178 N. Y. S. 769, 771; Thompson v. Fidelity Trust Co., 268 Pa. 203, 110 A. 770, 773; Hollowell v. Man-
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POSSESSIO. Lat.

In the Civil Law

That condition of fact under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure, to the exclusion of all others. This condition of fact is called "detention," and it forms the substance of possession in all its varieties. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 238.

"Possession," in the sense of "detention," is the actual exercise of such a power as the owner has a right to exercise. The term "possessio" occurs in the Roman jurisprudence in various senses. There is possessio simply, and possessio civilis, and possessio naturalis. Possessio denoted, originally, bare detention. But this detention, under certain conditions, becomes a legal state, inasmuch as it leads to ownership, through usufruit. Accordingly, the word "possessio," which required no qualification so long as there was no other notion attached to possessio, requires such qualification when detention becomes a legal state. This detention, then, when it has the conditions necessary to usufruit, is called "possessio civilis," and all other possessio as opposed to civilis is naturalis. Sandifer, Just. Inst. 274. Wharton.

In Old English Law

Possession; seisin. The detention of a corporeal thing by means of a physical act and mental intent, aided by some support of right. Bract. fol. 38b.

In General

-Pedis possessio. A foothold; an actual possession of real property, implying either actual occupancy or enclosure and use. See Lawrence v. Fulton, 19 Cal. 660; Porter v. Kennedy, 1 McMul. (S. C.) 357.

-Possessio bona fide. Possession in good faith. Possessio malo fide, possession in bad faith. A possessio bona fide is one who believes that no other person has a better right to the possession than himself. A possessio malo fide is one who knows that he is not entitled to the possession. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 243.

-Possessio honorum. In the civil law. The possession of goods. More commonly termed "honorum possessio," (q. v.)

-Possessio civilis. In Roman law. A legal possession, i.e., a possession accompanied with the intention to be or thereby become owner; and, as so understood, it was distinguished from "possessio naturalis," otherwise called "nuda detentio," which was a possessing without any such intention. Possessio civilis was the basis of usufruit or of longi temporis possessio, and was usually (but not necessarily) adverse possession. Brown.

-Possessio fratris. The possession or seisin of a brother; that is, such possession of an estate by a brother as would entitle his sister of the whole blood to succeed him as heir, to the exclusion of a half-brother. Hence, derivatively, that doctrine of the older English law of descent which shut out the half-blood from the succession to estates; a doctrine which was abolished by the descent act, 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106. See 1 Steph. Comm. 385; Broom, Max. 532.

-Possessio longi temporis. See Usucapio.

-Possessio naturalis. See Possessio Civilis.

Possessio est quasi pedis positio. Possession is, as it were, the position of the foot. 3 Coe, 41; Broom, Max. 532.

Possessio fratri de foedo simplici facit sororem esse heradem. The brother's possession of an estate in fee-simple makes the sister to be heir. 3 Coke, 41; Broom, Max. 532.


POSESSION. The detention and control, or the manual or ideal custody, of anything which may be the subject of property, for one's use and enjoyment, either as owner or as the proprietor of a qualified right in it, and either held personally or by another who exercises it in one's place and name. That condition of facts under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure to the exclusion of all other persons. See Staton v. Mullis, 92 N. C. 632; Sumo v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 203; Cox v. Devlinney, 65 N. J. Law, 389, 47 A. 570; Churchill v. Onderdonk, 59 N. Y. 138; Rice v. Frayer (C. C.) 24 F. 490; Travers v. McElvain, 181 Ill. 282, 55 N. E. 135; Emmerson v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 89, 25 S. W. 280; Slater v. Rawson, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 444; Davis v. State, 29 Ga. App. 68, 92 S. E. 550, 551; Starits v. Avery, 204 Iowa, 401, 213 N. W. 789, 771; Schenck v. State, 106 Tex. Cr. R. 584, 233 S. W. 1101, 1102; State v. Compton (Mo. App.) 297 S. W. 413, 414.

Possession of liquor which is made unlawful is possession under some claim of right, control, or dominion, with knowledge of facts. Schwartz v. State, 192 Wis. 414, 212 N. W. 604, 605.

In the older books, "possession" is sometimes used as the synonym of "seisin;" but, strictly speaking, they are entirely different terms. "The difference between possession and seisin is: Lessee for years is possessed, and yet the lessor is still seised; and therefore the terms of law are that of chattels a man is possessed, whereas in fee简单ments, gifts in tail, and leases for life he is described as 'seised.'" Noy, Max. 64.

"Possession" is used in some of the books in the sense of property. "A possession is an hereditament or chattel." Finch, Law, b. 2, c. 3.

Actual Possession

This term, as used in the provisions of Rev. St. N. Y. p. 312, § 1, authorizing proceedings to compel the determination of claims to real property, means a possession in fact effected by actual entry upon the premises; an actual occupation. Churchill v. Onderdonk, 59 N. Y. 184. It means an actual occupation or possession in fact, as contrasted with possession from that constructive one which the legal title draws after it. The word "actual" is used in the statute in opposition to virtual or constructive, and calls for an open, visible occupancy. Cleveland v. Crawford, 7 Hun (N. Y.) 616; Shannon v. Long, 180 Ala. 128, 69 So. 273, 276; Eaton v. Woman's Home Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church, 298 Ill. 476, 131 N. E. 553, 584; Willows Cattle Co. v. Connell, 23 Ariz. 592, 220 P. 1062, 1063.

Adverse Possession


Chose in Possession

A thing (subject of personal property) in actual possession, as distinguished from a "chose in action," which is not presently in the owner's possession, but which he has a right to demand, receive, or recover by suit.

Civil Possession

In modern civil law and in the law of Louisiana, that possession which exists when a person ceases to reside in a house or on the land which he occupied, or to detain the movable which he possessed, but without intending to abandon the possession. It is the denouncement of a thing by virtue of a just title and under the conviction of possessing as owner. Civ. Code La. art. 3429 et seq.

Constructive Possession

Possession not actual but assumed to exist, where one claims to hold by virtue of some title, without having the actual occupancy, as, where the owner of a tract of land, regularly laid out, is in possession of a part, he is constructively in possession of the whole. Fleming v. Maddox, 30 Iowa, 241.

Corporal Possession

The continuing exercise of a claim to the exclusive use of a material thing. The elements of this possession are first, the mental attitude of the claimant, the intent to possess, to appropriate to oneself; and second, the effective realization of this attitude. Effective realization involves the relation of the claimant to other persons, amounting to a security for their noninterference, and the relation of the claimant to the material thing itself, amounting to a security for exclusive use at will. All the authorities agree that an intent to exclude others must coexist with the external facts, and must be fulfilled in the external physical facts in order to constitute possession. State v. Wagoner, 123 Kan. 591, 256 P. 357, 358.

Derivative Possession

The kind of possession of one who is in the lawful occupation or custody of the property, but not under a claim of title of his own, but under a right derived from another, as, for example, a tenant, baillee, licensee, etc.

Dispossession

The act of ousting or removing one from the possession of property previously held by him, which may be tortious and unlawful, as in the case of a forcible eviction, or in pursuance of law, as where a landlord "dispossesses" his tenant at the expiration of the term in order to recover the property.

Estate in Possession

An estate whereby a present interest passes to and resides in the tenant, not depending on any subsequent circumstance or contingency; an estate where the tenant is in
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actual pernancy or receipt of the rents and profits.

Naked Possession

The actual occupation of real estate, but without any apparent or colorable right to hold and continue such possession; spoken of as the lowest and most imperfect degree of title. 2 Bl. Comm. 195; Birdwell v. Burleson, 31 Tex. Civ. App. 31, 72 S. W. 446.

Natural Possession

That by which a man detains a thing corporeally, as, by occupying a house, cultivating ground, or retaining a movable in possession; natural possession is also defined to be the corporeal detention of a thing which we possess as belonging to us, without any title to that possession or with a title which is void. Civ. Code La. arts. 3428, 3430. And see Railroad Co. v. Le Rosen, 52 La. Ann. 192, 26 So. 854; Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 262.

Open Possession

Possession of real property is said to be "open" when held without concealment or attempt at secrecy, or without being covered up in the name of a third person, or otherwise attempted to be withdrawn from sight, but in such a manner that any person interested can ascertain who is actually in possession by proper observation and inquiry. See Bass v. Pease, 79 Ill. App. 318.

Peaceable Possession

See Peaceable.

Possession Money.

In English law. The man whom the sheriff puts in possession of goods taken under a writ of fieri facias is entitled, while he continues so in possession, to a certain sum of money per diem, which is thence termed "possession money." The amount is 3s. 6d. per day if he is boarded, or 5s. per day if he is not boarded. Brown.

Possession, Writ of

Where the judgment in an action of ejectment is for the delivery of the land claimed, or its possession, this writ is used to put the plaintiff in possession. It is in the nature of execution.

Quasi Possession

Quasi possession is to a right what possession is to a thing; it is the exercise or enjoyment of the right, not necessarily the continuous exercise, but such an exercise as shows an intention to exercise it at any time when desired. Sweet.

Scrambling Possession

By this term is meant a struggle for possession on the land itself, not such a contest as is waged in the courts, or possession gained by an act of trespass, such as building a fence. Spiers v. Duane, 54 Otd. 177; Lobedell v. Keene, 56 Minn. 90, 88 N. W. 428; Dyer v. Reitz, 14 Mo. App. 45.

Unity of Possession

Joint possession of two rights by several titles, as where a lessee of land acquires the title in fee-simple, which extinguishes the lease. The term also describes one of the essential properties of a joint estate, each of the tenants having the entire possession as well of every parcel as of the whole. 2 Bl. Comm. 182.

Vacant Possession

An estate which has been abandoned, vacated, or forsaken by the tenant. The abandonment must be complete in order to make the possession vacant, and, therefore, if the tenant have goods on the premises it will not be so considered. 2 Chitty, Bail. 177; 2 Stra. 1064.

Possession is a good title where no better title appears. 20 Vin. Abr. 278.

Possession is nine-tenths of the law. This adage is not to be taken as true to the full extent, so as to mean that the person in possession can only be ousted by one whose title is nine times better than his, but it places in a strong light the legal truth that every claimant must succeed by the strength of his own title, and not by the weakness of his antagonist’s. Wharton.

POSESSION VAUT TITRE. Fr. In English law, as in most systems of jurisprudence, the fact of possession raises a prima facie title or a presumption of the right of property in the thing possessed. In other words, the possession is as good as the title (about) Brown.

POSSESSOR. One who possesses; one who has possession.

POSSESSOR BONA FIDE. He is a bona fide possessor who possesses as owner by virtue of an act sufficient in terms to transfer property, the defects of which he was ignorant of. He ceases to be a bona fide possessor from the moment these defects are made known to him, or are declared to him by a suit instituted for the recovery of the thing by the owner. Civ. Code La. art. 503.

POSSESSOR MALA FIDE. The possessor in bad faith is he who possesses as master, but who assumes this quality, when he well knows that he has no title to the thing, or that his title is vicious and defective. Civ. Code La. art. 3452.

POSSESSORY. Relating to possession; founded on possession; contemplating or claiming possession.

—Possessor action. See next title.

—Possessor claim. The title of a pre-emptor of public lands who has filed his declaratory statement but has not paid for the land. Enoch v. Spokane Falls & N. Ry., Co., 6 Wash. 323, 53 P. 993.
Possessor judgment. In Scotch practice. A judgment which entitles a person who has uninterruptedly been in possession for seven years to continue his possession until the question of right be decided in due course of law. Bell.

Possessor lien. One which attaches to such articles of another’s as may be at the time in the possession of the lienor, as, for example, an attorney’s lien on the papers and documents of the client in his possession. Weed Sewing Mach. Co. v. Boutelle, 56 Vt. 570, 48 Am. Rep. 821.

Possessory action. An action which has for its immediate object to obtain or recover the actual possession of the subject-matter; as distinguished from an action which merely seeks to vindicate the plaintiff’s title, or which involves the bare right only; the latter being called a “petitory” action.

An action founded on possession. Trespass for injuries to personal property is called a “possessory” action, because it lies only for a plaintiff who, at the moment of the injury complained of, was in actual or constructive, immediate, and exclusive possession. 1 Chit. Pl. 108, 109.

In Admiralty Practice

A possessory suit is one which is brought to recover the possession of a vessel, had under a claim of title. The Tilton, 5 Mason, 405, Fed. Cas. No. 14,054; 1 Kent, Comm. 371.

In Old English Law

A real action which had for its object the regaining possession of the freehold, of which the demandant or his ancestors had been unjustly deprived by the present tenant or possessor thereof.

In Scotch Law

An action for the vindication and recovery of the possession of heritable or movable goods; e. g., the action of molestation. Paters, Comp.

In Louisiana

An action by which one claims to be maintained in the possession of an immovable property, or of a right upon or growing out of it, when he has been disturbed, or to be reinstated to that possession, when he has been divested or evicted. Code Prac. La. art. 6.

Possibilitas. Lat. Possibility; a possibility. Possibilitas post dissolutionem executionis nunquam restitucatur, a possibility will never be revived after the dissolution of its execution. 1 Rolle, 321. Post executionem status, lex non patrii possibilitatem, after the execution of the estate the laws does not suffer a possibility. 3 Bulst. 108.


It is either near, (or ordinary,) as where an estate is limited to one after the death of another, or remote, (or extraordinary,) as where it is limited to a man, provided he marries a certain woman, and that she shall die and he shall marry another.

Bare Possibility

The same as a “naked” possibility. See infra.

Naked Possibility

A bare chance or expectation of acquiring a property or succeeding to an estate in the future, but without any present right in or to it which the law would recognize as an estate or interest. See Rogers v. Felton, 98 Ky. 148, 32 S. W. 406.

Possibility Coupled with an Interest

An expectation recognized in law as an estate or interest, such as occurs in executory devises and shifting or springing uses; such a possibility may be sold or assigned.

Possibility of Reverter

This term denotes no estate, but only a possibility to have the estate at a future time. Of such possibilities there are several kinds, of which two are usually denoted by the term under consideration, (1) the possibility that a common-law fee may return to the grantor by breach of a condition subject to which it was granted, (2) the possibility that a common-law fee other than a fee simple may revert to the grantor by the natural determination of the fee. Carney v. Kaln, 40 Wa. 73S, 23 S. E. 650; Sorrels v. McNally, 89 Fla. 457, 105 So. 106, 109; Des Moines City Ry. Co. v. City of Des Moines, 153 Iowa, 1261, 159 N. W. 450, 452, L. R. A. 1915D, 839; Hart v. Lake, 273 Ill. 69, 112 N. E. 286, 288; Trustees of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Buffalo v. Putnam, 221 App. Div. 502, 224 N. Y. S. 651, 654.

Possibility on a Possibility

A remote possibility, as if a remainder be limited in particular to A’s son John, or Edward, it is bad if he have no son of that name. For it is too remote a possibility that he should not only have a son, but a son of that particular name. 2 Coke, 51.

Possible. Capable of existing or happening; feasible. In another sense, the word denotes extreme improbability, without excluding the idea of feasibility. It is also sometimes equivalent to “practicable” or “reasonable,” as in some cases where action is required to be taken “as soon as possible.” See Palmer v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 44 Wis. 208; Norris v. Elmsdale Elevator Co., 216 Mich. 548, 185 N. W. 696, 698; Miller v. Southern Express Co., 59 S. C. 333, 53 S. E. 449, 451; Lauck v. Reis, 310 Mo. 154, 274
S. W. 527, 882; National Enameling & Stamping Co. v. Zirkovies (C. C. A.) 251 F. 184, 189.

POST. Lat. After; occurring in a report or a text-book, is used to send the reader to a subsequent part of the book.

POST, n. A conveyance for letters or dispatches. The word is derived from "gosell," the horses carrying the letters or dispatches being kept or placed at fixed stations. The word is also applied to the person who conveys the letters to the houses where he takes up and lays down his charge, and to the stages or distances between house and house. Hence the phrases, post-boy, post-horse, post-house, etc. Wharton.


POST-FACTO. An after-act; an act done afterwards.

POST CONQUESTUM. After the Conquest. Words inserted in the king's title by King Edward I., and constantly used in the time of Edward III. Tomlins.

POST-DATED CHECK. One delivered prior to its date, generally payable at sight or on presentation on or after day of its date. It differs from an ordinary check by carrying on its face implied notice that there is no money presently on deposit available to meet it, but with implied assurance that such funds will exist when check becomes due. Lovell v. Enton, 99 Vt. 253, 133 A. 742, 743; State v. Langer, 46 N. D. 462, 177 N. W. 408, 419.

POST DIEM. After the day; as, a plea of payment post diem, after the day when the money became due. Com. Dig. "Pleader," 2.

In Old Practice
The return of a writ after the day assigned. A fee paid in such case. Cowell.

POST DISSEISIN. In English law. The name of a writ which lies for him, having recovered lands and tenements by force of a novel disseisin, is again disseised by a former disseisor. Jacob.

POST ENTRY. When goods are weighed or measured, and the merchant has got an account thereof at the custom-house, and finds his entry already made too small, he must make a post or additional entry for the surplusage, in the same manner as the first was done. As a merchant is always in time, prior to the clearing of the vessel, to make his post, he should take care not to over-enter, to avoid as well the advance as the trouble of getting back the overplns. McCul. Dict.

POST EXCHANGE. A voluntary association of companies, detachments, or other army units at military posts, permitted by a special regulation of the War Department for the purpose of conducting for the benefit of the members of such units is in effect a co-operative store and place of entertainment. Keane v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 272 F. 577, 578.

Post executionem status lex non patitur posibilitatem. 3 Bulst. 108. After the execution of the estate the law suffers not a possibility.

POST FACTO. After the fact. See Ex Post Facto.

POST-FACTUM, or POSTFACTEM. An after-act; an act done afterwards; a post-act.

POST-FINE. In old conveyancing. A fine or sum of money, (otherwise called the "king's silver") formerly due on granting the licentia concordandi, or leave to agree, in levying a fine of lands. It amounted to three-tenths of the supposed annual value of the land, or ten shillings for every five marks of land. 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

POST HAC. Lat. After this; after this time; hereafter.

POST LITEM MOTAM. Lat. After suit moved or commenced. Depositions in relation to the subject of a suit, made after litigation has commenced, are sometimes so termed. 1 Starkie, Ev. 319.

POST-MARK. A stamp or mark put on letters received at the post-office for transmission through the mails.

POST NATUS. Born afterwards. A term applied by old writers to a second or younger son. It is used in private international law to designate a person who was born after some historic event, (such as the American Revolution or the act of union between England and Scotland,) and whose rights or status will be governed or affected by the question of his birth before or after such event.

POST-NOTES. A species of bank-notes payable at a distant period, and not on demand.

They are a species of obligation reported to by banks when the exchanges of the country, and especially of the banks, have become embarrassed by excessive speculations. Much concern is then felt for the country, and through the newspapers it is urged that post-notes be issued by the banks "for aiding domestic and foreign exchanges," as a "mode of relief," or a "remedy for the distress," and "to take the place of the southern and foreign exchanges." And so presently this is done. Post-notes are therefore intended to enter into the circulation of the country as a part of its medium of exchanges; the smaller ones for ordinary business, and the larger ones for heavier operations. They are intended to supply the place of demand notes, which the banks cannot afford to issue or reissue, to relieve the necessities of commerce or of the banks, or to avoid a compulsory suspension. They are under seal, or without seal, and at long or short dates, at more or less interest, or without interest, as the necessities of the bank may require. Appeal of Hogg, 22 Pa. 463.

POST-NUPITAL. After marriage. Thus, an agreement entered into by a father after the marriage of his daughter, by which he engages to make a provision for her, would be termed a "post-nuptial agreement." Brown.

POST-NUPITAL SETTLEMENT. A settlement made after marriage upon a wife or children; otherwise called a "voluntary" settlement. 2 Kent, Comm. 173.

POST-OBIT (Lat.). An agreement by which the obligor borrows a certain sum of money and promises to pay a larger sum, exceeding the lawful rate of interest, upon the death of a person from whom he has some expectation, if the obligor be then living. Boynton v. Hubbard, 7 Mass. 119; 6 Madd. 111; 5 Ves. 57; 19 id. 628.

POST OBIT BOND. A bond given by an expectant, to become due on the death of a person from whom he will have property. A bond or agreement given by a borrower of money, by which he undertakes to pay a larger sum, exceeding the legal rate of interest, on or after the death of a person from whom he has expectations, in case of surviving him. Crawford v. Russell, 62 Barb. (N. Y.) 92; Boynton v. Hubbard, 7 Mass. 119.

POST-OFFICE. A bureau or department of government, or under governmental superintendence, whose office is to receive, transmit, and deliver letters, papers, and other mail-

matter sent by post. Also the office established by government in any city or town for the local operations of the postal system, for the receipt and distribution of mail from other places, the forwarding of mail there deposited, the sale of postage stamps, etc.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT. The name of one of the departments of the executive branch of the government of the United States, which has charge of the transmission of the mails and the general postal business of the country.

POST-OFFICE ORDER. A letter of credit furnished by the government, at a small charge, to facilitate the transmission of money.

POST PROLEM SUSITATAM. After issue born, (raised.) Co. Litt. 19b.

POST ROADS. The roads or highways, by land or sea, designated by law as the avenues over which the mails shall be transported. Railway Mail Service Cases, 13 Ct. Cl. 204. A "post route," on the other hand, is the appointed course or prescribed line of transportation of the mail. U. S. v. Kochersperger, 26 Fed. Cas. 885; Blackham v. Gresham (C. C.) 16 Fed. 611.

POST-TERMINAL SITTINGS. Situations after term. See Sittings.

POST TERMINUM. After term, or post-term. The return of a writ not only after the day assigned for its return, but after the term also, for which a fee was due. Cowell.

POST, WRIT OF ENTRY IN. In English law. An abolished writ given by statute of Marlbridge, 52 Hen. III. c. 30, which provided that when the number of alienations or descents exceeded the usual degrees, a new writ should be allowed, without any mention of degrees at all.

POSTAGE. The fee charged by law for carrying letters, packets, and documents by the public mails.

POSTAGE STAMP. A ticket issued by government, to be attached to mail-matter, that represents the postage or fee paid for the transmission of such matter through the public mails.

POSTAL. Relating to the mails; pertaining to the post-office.

POSTAL CURRENCY. During a brief period following soon after the commencement of the civil war in the United States, when specie change was scarce, postage stamps were popularly used as a substitute; and the first issues of paper representatives of parts of a dollar, issued by authority of congress, were called "postal currency." This issue was soon merged in others of a more perma-
neat character, for which the later and more appropriate name is "fractional currency." Abbott.

POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORIES. The act of congress of June 25, 1910, c. 386, 36 Stat. 814 (39 USCA § 751 et seq.), created a board of trustees (the postmaster general, the secretary of the treasury, and the attorney general) to establish such depositaries. Deposits may be made by any person of ten years or over, in his or her own name, or by a married woman in her own name and free from her husband's control. Deposits may be made of $1 or multiples thereof, and any person may purchase for 10 cents "postal savings stamps" and attach them to a card furnished for the purpose, and a card with ten stamps affixed will be accepted as a deposit of $1, or may be redeemed in cash. Interest at the rate of 2 per cent. a year is paid, but not on fractions of a dollar. No balance shall exceed $2,500.

Deposits may be withdrawn, in whole or in part, on demand. A depositor may surrender his deposit in sums of $20, $40, $60, $80, $100, and multiples of $100 and of $500, and receive United States bonds of corresponding denominations, bearing interest at 2½ per cent. per annum, payable half yearly and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after one year, and payable in gold at the end of twenty years.

By section 16 of Act June 25, 1910, c. 386, 36 Stat. 819 (39 USCA § 760), "the faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment of the deposits."

POSTAL UNION. A treaty made at Berne in October, 1874, for the regulation of rates of postage and other matters connected with the postoffice between England and various other countries. See 38 & 39 Vict. c. 22; 1 Hall. Int. L. 226. Several international conferences have since been held on the subject; Paris, 1878; Lisbon, 1885; Vienna, 1891; Washington, 1897; Rome, 1906.

POSTEA. In the common-law practice, a formal statement, indorsed on the nisi prius record, which gives an account of the proceedings at the trial of the action. Smith, Act. 167.

POSTED WATERS. In Vermont. Waters flowing through or lying upon inclosed or cultivated lands, which are preserved for the exclusive use of the owner or occupant by his posting notices (according to the statute) prohibiting all persons from shooting, trapping, or fishing thereon, under a prescribed penalty. See State v. Thierlaut, 70 Vt. 617, 41 Atl. 1090, 43 L. R. A. 250, 67 Am. St. Rep. 985.

Posteriora derogant prioribus. Posterior things derogate from things prior. 1 Bouv. Inst. n. 90.

POSTERIORES. Lat. This term was used by the Romans to denote the descendants in a direct line beyond the sixth degree.

POSTERIORITY. This is a word of comparison and relation in tenure, the correlative of which is the word "priority." Thus, a man who held lands or tenements of two lords was said to hold of his more ancient lord by priority, and of his less ancient lord by posteriorty. Old Nat. Brev. 24. It has also a general application in law consistent with its etymological meaning, and, as so used, it is likewise opposed to priority. Brown.

POSTERITY. All the descendants of a person in a direct line to the remotest generation. Breekinridge v. Denny, 8 Bush (Ky.) 527.

POSTHUMOUS CHILD. One borne after the death of its father; or, when the Cæsarean operation is performed, after that of the mother.

Quasi-Posthumous Child

In civil law. One who, born during the life of his grandfather or other male ascendant, was not his heir at the time he made his testament, but who by the death of his father became his heir in his lifetime. Inst. 2, 13, 2; Dig. 28. 3. 13.

Posthumus pro nato habetur. A posthumous child is considered as though born, [at the parent's death.] Hall v. Hancock, 15 Pick. (Massa) 295, 29 Am. Dec. 598.

POSTLIMINIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A doctrine or fiction of the law by which the restoration of a person to any status or right formerly possessed by him was considered as relating back to the time of his original loss or deprivation; particularly in the case of one who, having been taken prisoner in war, and having escaped and returned to Rome, was regarded, by the aid of this fiction, as having never been abroad, and was thereby reinstated in all his rights. Inst. 1, 12, 5.

The term is also applied in international law, to the recapture of property taken by an enemy, and its consequent restoration to its original owner.

Postliminium fugit eum qui captus est in civitate semper riusse. Postliminy feigas that he who has been captured has never left the state. Inst. 1, 12, 5; Dig. 49, 51.

POSTLIMINY. See Postliminium.

POSTMAN. A senior barrister in the court of exchequer, who has precedence in motions; so called from the place where he sits. 2 Bl. Comm. 28. A letter-carrier.

POSTMASTER. An officer of the United States, appointed to take charge of a local post-office and transact the business of re-
celing and forwarding the mails at that point, and such other business as is committed to him under the postal laws.

POSTMASTER GENERAL. The head of the post-office department. He is one of the president's cabinet.

POSTNATI. Those born after. See Post Natus.

POSTPONE. To put off; defer; delay; continue; adjourn; as when a hearing is postponed. Also to place after; to set below something else; as when an earlier lien is for some reason postponed to a later lien.

The word "postponement," in speaking of legal proceedings, is nearly equivalent to "continuance;" except that the former word is generally preferred when describing an adjournment of the cause to another day during the same term, and the latter when the case goes over to another term. See State v. Underwood, 76 Mo. 623; State v. Nathanial, 32 La. Ann. 528, 28 So. 1858.

POSTREMO-GENITURE. Borough-English, (q. v.)

POSTULATIO. Lat.

In Roman Law

A request or petition. This was the name of the first step in a criminal prosecution, corresponding somewhat to "swearing out a warrant" in modern criminal law. The accuser appeared before the praetor, and stated his desire to institute criminal proceedings against a designated person, and prayed the authority of the magistrate therefor.

In Old English Ecclesiastical Law

A species of petition for transfer of a bishop.

POSTULATIO ACTIONIS. In Roman law. The demand of an action; the request made to the praetor by an actio or plaintiff for an action or formula of suit; corresponding with the application for a writ in old English practice. Or, as otherwise explained, the actio's asking of leave to institute his action, on appearance of the parties before the praetor. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 12.


POT-DE-VIN. In French law. A sum of money frequently paid, at the moment of entering into a contract, by the price agreed upon. It differs from arrha, in this: that it is no part of the price of the thing sold, and that the person who has received it cannot, by returning double the amount, or the other party by losing what he has paid, rescind the contract. 18 Toullier, no. 52.

POTENTATE. A person who possesses great power or sway; a prince, sovereign, or monarch.

By the naturalization law of the United States, an alien is required to renounce all allegiance to any foreign "prince, potentate, or sovereign whatever."

POTENTIA. Lat. Possibility; power.


Potentia debet sequi justitiam, non antecedere. 3 Bulst. 198. Power ought to follow Justice, not go before it.

Potentia est duplex, remota et propinqua; et potentia remotissima et vana est que nunquam venit in actum. 11 Coke, 51. Possibility is of two kinds, remote and near; that which never comes into action is a power the most remote and vain.

Potentia inutilis frustra est. Useless power is to no purpose. Branch, Princ.

Potentia non est nisi ad bonum. Power is not conferred but for the public good.

POTENTIAL. Existing in possibility but not in act; naturally and probably expected to come into existence at some future time, though not now existing; for example, the future product of grain or trees already planted, or the successive future installments or payments on a contract or engagement already made. Things having a "potential existence" may be the subject of mortgage, assignment, or sale. See Campbell v. Grant Co., 36 Tex. Civ. App. 641, 82 S. W. 796; Dickey v. Waldo, 97 Mich. 255, 56 N. W. 608, 23 L. R. A. 419; Cole v. Kerr, 19 Neb. 553, 26 N. W. 598; Long v. Hines, 40 Kan. 220, 19 P. 798, 10 Am. St. Rep. 192; Carter v. Rector, 38 Okl. 12, 210 P. 1033, 1037.

Poset quis renunciare pro se et suis juri quod pro se introductum est. Bract. 20. One may relinquish for himself and his heirs a right which was introduced for his own benefit.

POTESTAS. Lat. In the civil law. Power; authority: domination; empire. Imperium, or the jurisdiction of magistrates. The power of the father over his children, patria potestas. The authority of masters over their slaves. See Inst. 1, 9, 12; Dig. 2, 1, 13, 1; 1d., 14, 1; 1d. 14, 4, 1, 4.


Potestas suprema solipsam dissolvere potest, ligare non potest. Supreme power can dissolve [unloose] but cannot bind itself. Branch, Princ.; Bacon.

Potior est conditio defendentis. Better is the condition of the defendant, [than that of the

Poter est conditionis possidentis. Better is the condition of the possessor. Broom, Max. 215, n. 719; 6 Mass. 84; 21 Pick. (Mass.) 140.

POTTS’ FRACTURE. A fracture of the lower part of the fibula, accompanied with injury to the ankle joint, so that the foot is dislocated outward. Marchand v. Bellin, 158 Wis. 184, 147 N. W. 1033, 1034.

POTWALLOPER. A term formerly applied to voters in certain boroughs of England, where all who boil (walkap) a pot were entitled to vote. Webster.

POULTRY COUNTER. The name of a prison formerly existing in London. See Counter.


A pound-over is said to be one that is open overhead; a pound-covert is one that is close, or covered over, such as a stable or other building.

A measure of weight. The pound avoirdupois contains 7,000 grains; the pound troy 5,760 grains.

In New York, the unit or standard of weight from which all other weights shall be derived and ascertained, is declared to be the pound, of such magnitude that the weight of a cubic foot of distilled water, at its maximum density, weighed in a vacuum with brass weights, shall be equal to sixty-two and a half such pounds. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 617, § 8.

"Pound" is also the name of a denomination of English money, containing twenty shillings. It was also used in the United States, in computing money, before the introduction of the federal coinage.

POUND BREACH. The act or offense of breaking a pound, for the purpose of taking out the cattle or goods impounded. 3 Bl. Comm. 12, 146; State v. Young, 18 N. Y. 544.

POUND OF LAND. An uncertain quantity of land, said to be about fifty-two acres.

POUNDAGE. In Practice


The money which an owner of animals impounded must pay to obtain their release.

In Old English Law

A subsidy to the value of twelve pence in the pound, granted to the king, of all manner of merchandise of every merchant, as well denizen as alien, either exported or imported. Cowell.

POUNDKEEPER. An officer charged with the care of a pound, and of animals confined there.

POUR ACQUIT. Fr. In French law. The formula which a creditor prefixes to his signature when he gives a receipt.

POUR COMpte DE Qui rL ATTAPPient. Fr. For account of whom it may concern.

POUR FAIRE PROCLAIMER. L. Fr. An ancient writ addressed to the mayor or bailiff of a city or town, requiring him to make proclamation concerning nuisances, etc. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 176.

POUR SEISIR TErrES. L. Fr. An ancient writ whereby the crown seized the land which the wife of its deceased tenant, who held in capite, had for her dower, if she married without leave. It was grounded on the statute De Praerogativa Regis, 7, (17 Edw. II. St. 1, c. 4.) It is abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24.

POURPARLER. Fr. In French law. The preliminary negotiations or bargainings which lead to a contract between the parties. As in English law, these form no part of the contract when completed. The term is also used in this sense in international law and the practice of diplomacy.

POURPARTY. To make pourparty is to divide and sever the lands that fall to parceners, which, before partition, they held jointly and pro indiviso. Cowell.

POURPRESTURE. An inclosure. Anything done to the nuisance or hurt of the public demesnes, or the highways, etc., by inclosure or building, endeavoring to make that private which ought to be public. The difference between a pourpresture and a public nuisance is that pourpresture is an invasion of the jus privatum of the crown; but where the jus publicum is violated it is a nuisance. Skene makes three sorts of this offense: (1) Against the crown; (2) against the lord of the fee; (3) against a neighbor. 2 Inst. 53; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 156.

POURSUIVANT. The king’s messenger; a royal or state messenger. In the heralds’ college, a functionary of lower rank than a herald, but discharging similar duties, called also “poursuivant at arms.”

POURVEYANCE. In old English law. The providing corn, fuel, victuals, and other necessaries for the king’s house. Cowell.

POURVEYOR, or PURVEYOR. A buyer; one who provided for the royal household.
POUSTIE. In Scotch law. Power. See Liege Poustie. A word formed from the Latin "potestas."

POVERTY AFFIDAVIT. An affidavit, made and filed by one of the parties to a suit, that he is not able to furnish security for the final costs. The use of the term is confined to a few states. Cole v. Hoeburg, 36 Kan. 263, 13 P. 275.

POWER. The right, ability, or faculty of doing something.

In a restricted sense a "power" is a liberty or authority reserved by, or limited to, a person to dispose of real or personal property, for his own benefit, or benefit of others, or enabling one person to dispose of interest which is vested in another. In re Vanatta's Estate, 99 N. J. Eq. 339, 131 A. 515, 518; Hupp v. Union Coal & Coke Co., 284 Pa. 629, 131 A. 364, 365; Security Trust & Safe Deposit Co. v. Ward, 10 Del. Ch. 408, 93 A. 385, 388.

In Real Property Law

An authority to do some act in relation to real property, or to the creation or revocation of an estate therein, or a charge thereon, which the owner granting or reserving such power might himself perform for any purpose. Civ. Code Duk. § 298 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 5838; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 580); How. St. Mich. § 5591 (Comp. Laws 1929, § 1298).

"Power" is sometimes used in the same sense as "right," as when we speak of the powers of user and disposition which the owner of property has over it, but, strictly speaking, a power is that which creates a special or exceptional right, or enables a person to do something which he could not otherwise do. Sweet.

Technically, an authority by which one person enables another to do some act for him. 2 Litt. Abr. 339.

An authority enabling a person to dispose, through the medium of the statute of uses, of an interest, vested either in himself or in another person. Sugd. Powers, 82. An authority expressly reserved to a grantor, or expressly given to another, to be exercised over lands, etc., granted or conveyed at the time of the creation of such power. Wak. Conv. 157. A proviso, in a conveyance under the statute of uses, giving to the grantor or grantee, or a stranger, authority to revoke or alter by a subsequent act the estate first granted. 1 Steph. Comm. 365. See also Burleigh v. Chlouch, 52 N. E. 287, 15 Am. Rep. 23; Griffith v. Maxfield, 66 Ark. 513, 51 S. W. 582; Bouton v. Doty, 69 Conn. 531, 37 A. 1061; Dana v. Murray, 122 N. Y. 604, 26 N. E. 21; Carson v. Cochran, 52 Minn. 67, 53 N. W. 1130; Law Guarantee & Trust Co. v. Jones, 103 Tenn. 245, 58 S. W. 219.

There is a clear distinction between a power and a trust, since "powers" are never imperative, but leave the act to be done at the will of the donee of the power, while "trusts" are always imperative, and are obligatory on the conscience of the trustee. People v. Kaiser, 306 Ill. 313, 137 N. E. 295, 283; Hirshmann v. Gantt, 136 S. C. 1, 134 S. E. 230, 221.

In General

—Appendant or appurtenant powers. Those existing where the donee of the power has an estate in the land and the power is to take effect wholly or in part out of that estate, and the estate created by its exercise affects the estate and interest of the donee of the power. Baker v. Wilmer, 288 Ill. 434, 123 N. E. 627, 629; Taylor v. Phillips, 147 Ga. 761, 95 S. E. 289.

—Collateral powers. Those in which the donee of the power has no interest or estate in the land which is the subject of the power. Also called "naked powers." 2 Washb. R. P. 305; Baker v. Wilmer, 288 Ill. 434, 123 N. E. 627, 629.

—General and special powers. A power is general when it authorizes the alienation in fee, by means of a conveyance, will, or charge, of the lands embraced in the power to any alinee whatsoever. It is special (1) when the persons or class of persons to whom the disposition of the lands under the power is to be made are designated, or (2) when the power authorizes the alienation, by means of a conveyance, will, or charge, of a particular estate or interest less than a fee. Coster v. Lorillard, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 324; Thompson v. Garwood, 3 Whart. (Pa.) 503, 31 Am. Dec. 502.

—General and special powers in trust. A general power is in trust when any person or class of persons other than the grantee of such power is designated as entitled to the proceeds or any portion of the proceeds or other benefits to result from the alienation. A special power is in trust (1) when the disposition or charge which it authorizes is limited to be made to any person or class of persons other than the holder of the power, or (2) when any person or class of persons other than the holder is designated as entitled to any benefit from the disposition or charge authorized by the power. Cutting v. Cutting, 20 Hun (N. Y.) 360; Dana v. Murray, 122 N. Y. 612, 23 N. E. 23; Wilson's Rev. & Ann. St. Ohio. 1903, §§ 4107, 4108 (Comp. St. 1921, §§ 8451, 8452).

Inherent powers. Those which are enjoyed by the possessors of natural right, without having been received from another. Such are the powers of a people to establish and defend their government, of a father to control his children. Some of these are regulated and restricted in their exercise by law, but are not technically considered in the law as powers.

—Ministerial powers. A phrase used in English conveyancing to denote powers given for
the good, not of the donee himself exclusively, or of the donee himself necessarily at all, but for the good of several persons, including or not including the donee also. They are so called because the donee of them is as a minister or servant in his exercise of them. Brown.

—Naked power. One which is simply collateral and without interest in the donee, which arises when, to a mere stranger, authority is given of disposing of an interest, in which he had not before, nor has by the instrument creating the power, any estate whatsoever. Bergen v. Bennett, 1 Calnes Cas. (N. Y.) 15, 2 Am. Dec. 281; Atwater v. Perkins, 51 Conn. 198; Clark v. Hornthal, 47 Miss. 334; Hunt v. Ennis, 12 Fed. Cas. 915; Atzingor v. Berger, 151 Ky. 500, 152 S. W. 971, 972, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 622.

—Powers in gross. Those which give a donee of the power, who has an estate in the land, authority to create such estates only as will not attach on the interest limited to him or take effect out of his interest, but will take effect after donee’s estate has terminated. Wilson v. Troup, 2 Cow. (N. Y.) 236, 14 Am. Dec. 458. Tudor, Lead. Cas. 293; Baker v. Wilmert, 288 Ill. 434, 123 N. E. 627; Taylor v. Phillips, 147 Ga. 761, 95 S. E. 289, 290.

—Power of revocation. A power which is to divest or abridge an existing estate. Distinguished from those of appointment; but the distinction is of doubtful exactness, as every new appointment must divest or revoke a former use. Sanders, Uses 154.

—Power of visitation. A power vested by the founder in an appointed visitor, or the trustees or governors of an institution, to regulate its internal affairs and to appoint professors, elect scholarships, officers, and the like. In re Norton, 97 Misc. Rep. 289, 161 N. Y. S. 710, 717.

For other compound terms, such as “Power of Appointment,” “Power of Sale,” etc., see the following titles.

In Constitutional Law

The right to take action in respect to a particular subject-matter or class of matters, involving more or less of discretion, granted by the constitutions to the several departments or branches of the government, or reserved to the people. Powers in this sense are generally classified as legislative, executive, and judicial. See those titles.

—Implied powers are such as are necessary to make available and carry into effect those powers which are expressly granted or conferred, and which must therefore be presumed to have been within the intention of the constitutional or legislative grant. Madison v. Daley (C. C.) 38 F. 756; People v. Fullman’s Palace Car Co., 175 Ill. 125, 61 N. E. 664, 64 L. R. A. 388; First M. E. Church v. Dixon, 178 Ill. 260, 52 N. E. 887; In re Board of Com’rs of Cook County, 146 Minn. 108, 177 N. W. 1013, 1014; Shelly Oil Co. v. Prull & McCrory, 94 Okl. 232, 221 P. 709, 710; Citizens’ Electric Illuminating Co. v. Lackawanna & W. V. Power Co., 255 Pa. 178, 99 A. 465, 467.

In the Law of Corporations

The right or capacity to act or be acted upon in a particular manner or in respect to a particular subject; as, the power to have a corporate seal, to sue and be sued, to make by-laws, to carry on a particular business or construct a given work. See Freiligh v. Sautergles, 70 Hun, 559, 24 N. Y. S. 152; In re Lima & H. F. Ry. Co., 68 Hun, 252, 22 N. Y. S. 907; Baltimore v. Marriott, 9 Md. 160.

POWER COUPLED WITH AN INTEREST. A right or power to do some act, together with an interest in the subject-matter on which the power is to be exercised. It is distinguished from a naked power, which is a mere authority to act, not accompanied by any interest of the donee in the subject-matter of the power.

Is it an interest in the subject on which the power is to be exercised, or is it an interest in that which is produced by the exercise of the power? We hold it to be clear that the interest which can protect a power after the death of a person who creates it must be an interest in the thing itself. In other words, the power must be engrafted on an estate in the thing. The words themselves would seem to import this meaning. “A power coupled with an interest” is a power which accompanies or is connected with an interest. The power and the interest are united in the same person. But, if we are to understand by the word “interest” an interest in that which is to be produced by the exercise of the power, then they are never united. The power to produce the interest must be exercised, and by its exercise is extinguished. The power ceases when the interest commences, and therefore cannot, in the ordinary law language, be said to be “coupled with” it. Hunt v. Rousemann, 8 Wheat. 203, 5 L. Ed. 589. And see Missouri v. Walker, 8 S. Ct. 529, 125 U. S. 339, 31 L. Ed. 799; Griffith v. Maxwell, 66 Ark, 632, 61 S. W. 823; Johnson v. Johnson, 27 S. C. 393, 5 S. E. 606, 16 Am. St. Rep. 636; Testes v. Pryor, 11 Ark, 78; Allworth v. Seymour, 42 Minn. 596, 41 N. W. 1659; Hunt v. Ennis, 12 Fed. Cas. 925; Chase Nat. Bank of New York v. Sayles (C. C. A.) 11 F. (2d) 945, 957; Spher v. Michael, 115 Or. 229, 22 P. 1100, 1101; Drake v. O’Brien, 99 W. Va. 582, 130 S. E. 275, 278.

POWER OF APPOINTMENT. A power or authority conferred by one person by deed or will upon another (called the “donee”) to appoint, that is, to select and nominate, the person or persons who are to receive and enjoy an estate or an income therefrom or from a fund, after the testator’s death, or the donee’s death, or after the termination of an existing right or interest. See Heluemann v. De Wolf, 25 R. I. 245, 55 A. 707; People v. Kaiser, 306 Ill. 313, 137 N. E. 826, 828.

The distinction between a “will” and a “power of appointment” is that a will con-
cerns the estate of the testator, while an appointment under a power concerns that of the donor of the power. Thompson v. Pew, 214 Mass. 290, 102 N. E. 122, 125.

Powers are either: Collateral, which are given to strangers; i.e., to persons who have neither a present nor future estate or interest in the land. These are also called simply "collateral," or powers not coupled with an interest, or powers not being interests. Or they are powers relating to the land. These are called "appendant" or "appurtenant," because they strictly depend upon the estate limited to the person to whom they are given. Thus, where an estate for life is limited to a man, with a power to grant leases in possession, a lease granted under the power may operate wholly out of the life-estate of the party executing it, and must in every case have its operation out of his estate during his life. Such an estate must be created, which will attach on an interest actually vested in himself. Or they are called "in gross." If given to a person who had an interest in the estate at the execution of the deed creating the power, or to whom the estate is given by the deed, but which enabled him to create such estates only as will not attach on the interest limited to him. Of necessity, therefore, where a man settled in fee settles his estate on others, reserving to himself only a particular power, the power is in gross. A resultant fee interest in the estate after his death among his children, a power to jointure a wife after his death, a power to raise a term of years to commence from his death, for securing younger children's portions, are all powers in gross. An important distinction is established between general and particular powers. By a general power we understand a right to appoint to whomsoever the donee pleases. By a particular power it means that the donee is restricted to some objects designated in the deed creating the power, as to his own children. Wharton.

A general power is beneficial if no person other than the grantee has, by the terms of its creation, any interest in its execution. A general power is in trust when any person or class of persons, other than the grantee of such power, is designated as entitled to the proceeds, or any portion of the proceeds, or other benefits to result from the alienation. Cutting v. Cutting, 29 Hun (N. Y.) 364.

When a power of appointment among a class requires that each shall have a share, it is called a "distributive" or "non-exclusive" power; when it authorizes, but does not direct, a selection of one or more to the exclusion of others, it is called an "exclusive" power, and is also distributive; when it gives the power of appointing to a certain number of the class, but not to all, it is exclusive only, and not distributive. Leake, 288. A power authorizing the donee either to give the whole to one of a class or to give it equally among such of them as he may select (but not to give one a larger share than the others) is called a "mixed" power. Sugd. Powers, 448. Sweet.

**General Power of Appointment**

A "general power of appointment," the exercise of which will subject the property passing under it to estate tax, must be of such a character that the donee of it has actual and practical dominion of the property as fully to all practical intents and purposes as if it were owned outright. Fidelity Trust Co. v. McCaughn (D. C.) 1 F.2d 957, 985.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY.** An instrument authorizing another to act as one's agent or attorney. A letter of attorney. See Attorney.

**POWER OF DISPOSITION.** Every power of disposition is deemed absolute, by means of which the donee of such power is enabled in his life-time to dispose of the entire fee for his own benefit; and, where a general and beneficial power to devise the inheritance is given to a tenant for life or years, it is absolute, within the meaning of the statutes of some of the states. Code Ala. 1888, § 1853 (Code 1923, § 8331). See Power of Appointment.

**POWER OF SALE.** A clause sometimes inserted in mortgages and deeds of trust, giving the mortgagor (or trustee) the right and power, on default in the payment of the debt secured, to advertise and sell the mortgaged property at public auction (but without resorting to a court for authority), satisfy the creditor out of the net proceeds, convey by deed to the purchaser, return the surplus, if any, to the mortgagor, and thereby divest the latter's estate entirely and without any subsequent right of redemption. See Capron v. Attleborough Bank, 11 Gray (Mass.) 493; Appeal of Clark, 70 Conn. 195, 39 A. 155.

**POYNINGS ACT.** An act of parliament, made in Ireland, (10 Hen. VII. c. 22, A. D. 1495;) so called because Sir Edward Poyning was lieutenant there when it was made, whereby all general statutes before then made in England were declared of force in Ireland, which, before that time, they were not. 1 Broom & H. Comm. 112.

**PRACTICABLE, PRACTICABLY.** Practicable is that which may be done, practiced, or accomplished, that which is performable, feasible, possible; and the adverb practicably means in a practicable manner. Streeter v. Streeter, 43 Ill. 165; Beck v. Board of Com's of Shawnee County, 103 Kan. 325, 152 P. 397, 400; Lauck v. Reis, 310 Mo. 184, 274 S. W. 827, 832.

**PRACTICAL.** A practical construction of a constitution or statute is one determined, not by judicial decision, but practice sanctioned by general consent. Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank v. Smith, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 69; Bloxham v. Consumers' Electric Light, etc., Co., 36 Fla. 319, 18 So. 444, 29 L. R. A. 507, 51 Am. St. Rep. 44.

**PRACTICE.** Repeated or customary action; habitual performance; a succession of acts of similar kind; habit; custom; application of science to the wants of men; the exercise of any profession. Marker v. Cleveland, 212 Mo. App. 497, 252 S. W. 96, 96; Columbia Life Ins. Co. v. Tousey, 152 Ky. 447, 153 S. W. 767, 785; U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation v. Levensaler, 53 App.
D. C. 322, 290 F. 297, 300. "Practice" of a profession implies a continuing occupation, and a practitioner of veterinary science is one who habitually held himself out to the public as such. Sanborn v. Weir, 95 Vt. 1, 112 A. 228, 231; Beaver Brook Resort Co. v. Stevens, 76 Colo. 135, 230 P. 121, 122.

The form or mode of proceeding in courts of justice for the enforcement of rights or the redress of wrongs, as distinguished from the substantive law which gives the right or denounces the wrong. The form, manner, or order of instituting and conducting a suit or other judicial proceeding, through its successive stages to its end, in accordance with the rules and principles laid down by law or by the regulations and precedents of the courts. The term applies as well to the conduct of criminal actions as to civil suits, to proceedings in equity as well as at law, and to the defense as well as the prosecution of any proceeding. See Fleischman v. Walker, 91 Ill. 321; People v. Central Pac. R. Co., 53 Cal. 393, 23 P. 505; Kring v. Missouri, 107 U. S. 221, 2 Sup. Ct. 443, 27 L. Ed. 506; Opp v. Ten Eyck, 39 Ind. 351; Beardsley v. Litell, 14 Blatchf. 102, Fed. Cas. No. 1,185; Union Nat. Bank v. Donnan, 131 Ill. 131; Hill v. N. E. 842; Mahoning Valley R. Co. v. Sanford, 93 Ohio St. 53, 112 N. E. 190, 191; In re McCormick's Estate, 72 Or. 608, 144 P. 435, 426; Theren vs. Theren's, 267 Ill. 592, 108 N. E. 712, 713.

It may include pleading, but is usually employed as excluding both pleading and evidence, and to designate all the incidental acts and steps in the course of bringing matters pleaded to trial and proof, and procuring and enforcing judgment on them.

—Practice of medicine. The discovery of the cause and nature of disease, and the administration of remedies, or the prescribing of treatment therefor. State v. Heffeman, 40 R. L. 121, 100 A. 55, 60. Statutes, regulating the "practice of medicine" and providing penalties for failure to comply therewith, include all who practice the art of healing. State v. Collins, 178 Iowa, 73, 159 N. W. 604, 607, and diagnosing, prescribing and treating ailments are constituent parts of "practice of medicine," People v. T. Wah Hing, 79 Cal. App. 286, 249 P. 229, 230.

—Practice of law. "Practicing law" is not limited to appearing in court, or advising and assisting in the conduct of litigation, but embraces the preparation of pleadings, and other papers incident to actions and special proceedings, conveyancing, the preparation of legal Instruments of all kinds, and the giving of all legal advice to clients. In re Pace, 170 App. Div. 818, 156 N. Y. S. 641, 642; L. Meisel & Co. v. National Jewelers' Board of Trade, 90 Misc. Rep. 19, 152 N. Y. S. 913, 916; State v. Chamberlain, 132 Wash. 520, 282 P. 337, 338.

PRACTICE COURT. In English law. A court attached to the court of king's bench, which heard and determined common matters of business and ordinary motions for writs of mandamus, prohibition, etc. It was usually called the "ball court." It was held by one of the puisne justices of the king's bench.

PRACTICES. A succession of acts of a similar kind or in a like employment.

PRACTICKS. In Scotch law. The decisions of the court of session, as evidence of the practice or custom of the country. Bell.

PRACTITIONER. He who is engaged in the exercise or employment of any art or profession.

PRÆCEPTORES. Lat. Masters. The chief clerks in chancery were formerly so called, because they had the direction of making out remedial writs. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 251.

PRÆCEPTORIES. In feudal law. A kind of benefices, so called because they were possessed by the more eminent tenants whom the chief master by his authority created and called "Præceptores Templi."

PRÆCIPÆ. Lat. In practice. An original writ, drawn up in the alternative, commanding the defendant to do the thing required, or show the reason why he had not done it. 3 BL Comm. 274.

A slip of paper upon which the particulars of a writ are written. It is lodged in the office out of which the required writ is to issue. Wharton, Dict.

Also an order, written out and signed, addressed to the clerk of a court, and requesting him to issue a particular writ.

PRÆCIPÆ IN CAPITE. When one of the king's immediate tenants in capite was deforced, his writ of right was called a writ of "precipe in capite."

PRÆCIPÆ QUOD REDDAT. Command that he render. A writ directing the defendant to restore the possession of land, employed at the beginning of a common recovery.

PRÆCIPÆ QUOD TENÈAT CONVENTIONÈM. The writ which commenced the action of covenant in fines, which are abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.

PRÆCIPÆ, TENANT TO THE. A person having an estate of freehold in possession, against whom the præcipæ was brought by a tenant in tail, seeking to bar his estate by a recovery.

PRÆCIPITIUM. The punishment of casting headlong from some high place.

PRÆCIPUT CONVENTIONNEL. In French law. Under the régime en communautè, when that is of the conventional kind, if the surviving husband or wife is entitled to take any portion of the common property by a paramount title and before partition thereof, this right is called by the somewhat barba-

**PRÆCO.** Lat. In Roman law. A herald or crier.

**PRÆCOGNITA.** Things to be previously known in order to the understanding of something which follows. Wharton.

**PRÆDIA.** In the civil law. Lands; estates; tenements; properties. See Prædium.

**PRÆDIA BELLICA.** Booty. Property seized in war.

**PRÆDIA STIPENDIARIA.** In the civil law. Provincial lands belonging to the people.

**PRÆDIA TRIBUTARIA.** In the civil law. Provincial lands belonging to the emperor.

**PRÆDIA VOLANTIA.** In the duchy of Brabant, certain things movable, such as beds, tables, and other heavy articles of furniture, were ranked among immovables, and were called "prædia volantia," or "volatile estates." 2 Bl. Comm. 429.

**PRÆDIAL.** That which arises immediately from the ground: as, grain of all sorts, hay, wood, fruits, herbs, and the like.

**PRÆDIAL SERVITUTE.** A right which is granted for the advantage of one piece of land over another, and which may be exercised by every possessor of the land entitled against every possessor of the servient land. It always presupposes two pieces of land (prædia) belonging to different proprietors; one burdened with the servitude, called "prædium servientes," and one for the advantage of which the servitude is conferred, called "prædium dominans." Mackeld Rom. Law, § 314.

**PRÆDIAL TITHES.** Such as arise merely and immediately from the ground; as grain of all sorts, hops, hay, wood, fruit, herbs. 2 Bl. Comm. 28; 2 Steph. Comm. 722.

**PRÆDICATUS.** Lat. Aforesaid. Hob. 6. Of the three words, "idem," "prædictus," and "præfatus," "idem" was most usually applied to plaintiffs or demandants; "prædictus," to defendants or tenants, places, towns, or lands; and "præfatus," to persons named, not being actors or parties. Townsh. Pl. 15. These words may all be rendered in English by "said" or "aforesaid."

**PRÆDIA.** Lat. In the civil law. Land; an estate; a tenement; a piece of landed property. See Digg. 50, 16, 115.

**PRÆDIA DOMINANS.** In the civil law. The name given to an estate to which a servitude is due; the dominant tenement. Morgan v. Mason, 20 Ohio, 409, 55 Am. Dec. 464.

**PRÆDIA RUSTICUM.** In Roman law. A rustic or rural estate. Primarily, this term denoted an estate lying in the country, i.e., beyond the limits of the city, but it was applied to any landed estate or heritage other than a dwelling-house, whether in or out of the town. Thus, it included gardens, orchards, pastures, meadows, etc. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 316. A rural or country estate: an estate or piece of land principally destined or devoted to agriculture; an empty or vacant space of ground without buildings.

**PRÆDIUM SERVIENS.** In the civil law. The name of an estate which suffers a servitude or easement to another estate; the servient tenement. Morgan v. Mason, 20 Ohio, 409, 55 Am. Dec. 464.

**PRÆDIUM servit prædio.** Land is under servitude to land. [i.e., servitudes are not personal rights, but attach to the dominant tenement.] Tray. Lat. Max. 435.

**PRÆDIA URBANUM.** In the civil law. A building or edifice intended for the habitation and use of man, whether built in cities or in the country. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 937.

**PRÆDO.** Lat. In Roman law. A robber. See Digg. 50, 17, 126.

**PRÆFATUS.** Lat. Aforesaid. Sometimes abbreviated to "præfat," and "p. fat."

**PRÆFECTI APOSTOLICI.** Officers of the same character as the Vicarius Apostolicus. (q. v.), but without the power of exercising episcopal functions. 2 Phill. Int. L. 529.

**PRÆFECTURÆ.** In Roman law. Conquered towns, governed by an officer called a "prefect," who was chosen in some instances by the people, in others by the praetors. Butl. Hor. Jur. 29.

**PRÆFECTUS URB.** Lat. In Roman law. An officer who, from the time of Augustus, had the superintendence of the city and its police, with jurisdiction extending one hundred miles from the city, and power to decide both civil and criminal cases. As he was considered the direct representative of the emperor, much that previously belonged to the prætor urbanaus fell gradually into his hands. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 2305.

**PRÆFECTUS VIGILUM.** Lat. In Roman law. The chief officer of the night watch. His jurisdiction extended to certain offenses affecting the public peace, and even to larcenies; but he could inflict only slight punishments. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 2305.

**PRÆFECTUS VILLÆ.** The mayor of a town.

**PRÆFINE.** The fee paid on suing out the writ of covenant, on levyings fines, before the fine was passed. 2 Bl. Comm. 356.

**PRÆJURAMENTUM.** In old English law. A preparatory oath.
PRÆLEGATUM. Lat. In Roman law. A payment in advance of the whole or part of the share which a given heir would be entitled to receive out of an inheritance; corresponding generally to "advancement" in English and American law. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 762.


PRÆEMIUM EMANCIPATIONIS. In Roman law. A reward or compensation anciently allowed to a father on emancipating his child, consisting of one-third of the child's separate and individual property, not derived from the father himself. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 605.

PRÆEMIUM PUDICITIÆ. The price of chastity; or compensation for loss of chastity. A term applied to bonds and other engagements given for the benefit of a seduced female. Sometimes called "premium pudoris." 2 Wils. 339, 340.

PRÆEMINIRE. In English law. An offense against the king and his government, though not subject to capital punishment. So called from the words of the writ which issued preparatory to the prosecution: "Præminire facias A. B. quad sit coram nobis," etc.; "Cause A. B. to be forewarned that he appear before us to answer the contempt with which he stands charged." The statutes establishing this offense, the first of which was made in the thirty-first year of the reign of Edward I, were framed to encounter the papal usurpations in England; the original meaning of the offense called "præminire" being the introduction of a foreign power into the kingdom, and creating imperium in imperio, by paying that obedience to papal process which constitutionally belonged to the king alone. The penalties of præminire were afterwards applied to other heinous offenses. 4 Bl. Comm. 103–117; 4 Steph. Comm. 215–217.

PRÆNOMEN. Lat. Forename, or first name. The first of the three names by which the Romans were commonly distinguished. It marked the individual, and was commonly written with one letter; as "A." for "Aulus;" "C." for "Caius," etc. Adams, Rom. Ant. 35.

PRÆPOSITUS. In old English law. An officer next in authority to the alderman of a hundred, called "præpositus regius;" or a steward or bailiff of an estate, answering to the "vicerever;" Also the person from whom descents are traced under the old canons.

PRÆPOSITUS ECCLESÆ. A church-reeve, or warden. Spelman.

PRÆPOSITUS VILLÆ. A constable of a town, or petty constable.

Præpropra consilia raro sunt prospera. 4 Inst. 57. Hasty counsels are rarely prosperous.

PRÆSCRIPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. That mode of acquisition whereby one becomes proprietor of a thing on the ground that he has for a long time possessed it as his own: prescription. Dig. 41, 3. It was anciently distinguished from "uscupio" (q. v.) but was blended with it by Justinian.

Præscriptio est titulus ex usu et tempore substantiam captiunis ab auctoritate legis. Co. Litt. 113. Prescription is a title by authority of law, deriving its force from use and time.


PRÆSCRIPTIONES. Lat. In Roman law. Forms of words (of a qualifying character) inserted in the formula in which the claims in actions were expressed: and, as they occupied an early place in the formula, they were called by this name, i.e., qualifications preceding the claim. For example, in an action to recover the arrears of an annuity, the claim was preceded by the words "so far as the annuity is due and unpaid," or words to the like effect, ("cujus rei dies fuit.") Brown.

Præsantare nihil aliud est quam praesto dare seu offerre. To present is no more than to give or offer on the spot. Co. Litt. 120.

Præsentia corporis tollit erremenominis; et veritas nominis tollit erremen demonstrations. The presence of the body cures error in the name; the truth of the name cures an error of description. Broom, Max. 637, 639, 640.

PRÆSES. Lat. In Roman law. A president or governor. Called a "nomen generale," including pro-consuls, legates, and all who governed provinces.

PRÆSTARE. Lat. In Roman law. "Præstare" meant to make good, and, when used in conjunction with the words "dare;" "facere;" "operae;" denoted obligations of a personal character, as opposed to real rights.

Præstat cautela quam medelia. Prevention is better than cure. Co. Litt. 304b.

PRÆSTITA ROLLS. In these were entered the sums of money which issued out of the royal treasury, by way of Imprest, advance, or accommodation, in the 12th year of King
John; also roll of the 7th, and one of the 14th, 15th and 16th years of the same reign. See Record Commission (1844).

Præsumatur pro justitia sententia. The presumption should be in favor of the justice of a sentence. Best, Ev. Introd. 42.

Præsumitur pro legitimatim. The presumption is in favor of legitimacy. 1 Bl. Comm. 457; 5 Coke, 956.

Præsumitur pro negante. It is presumed for the negative. The rule of the house of lords when the numbers are equal on a motion. Wharton.


Præsumptio fortior. A strong presumption; a presumption of fact entitled to great weight. One which determines the tribunal in its belief of an alleged fact, without, however, excluding the belief of the possibility of its being otherwise; the effect of which is to shift the burden of producing evidence to the opposite party, and, if this proof be not made, the presumption is held for truth. Hüb. Præl. J. C. lib. 22, tit. 2, n. 16; Burrill, Circ. Ev. 65.

Præsumptio hominis. The presumption of the man or individual; that is, natural presumption unfettered by strict rule.

Præsumptio juris. A legal presumption or presumption of law; that is, one in which the law assumes the existence of something until it is disproved by evidence; a conditional, inconclusive, or rebuttable presumption. Best, Ev. § 43.

Præsumptio juris et de jure. A presumption of law and of right; a presumption which the law will not suffer to be contradicted; a conclusive or irrebuttable presumption.

Præsumptio muciana. In Roman law. A presumption of law that property in the hands of a wife came to her as a gift from her husband and was not acquired from other sources; available only in doubtful cases and until the contrary is shown. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 560.

Præsumptio violenta plena probatio. Co. Litt. 69. Strong presumption is full proof.


Præteritio. Lat. A passing over or omission. Used in the Roman law to describe the act of a testator in excluding a given heir from the inheritance by silently passing him by, that is, neither instituting nor formally disinheriting him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 711.

Prætextu litii non debet admitter illicitum. Under pretext of legality, what is illegal ought not to be admitted. Wing. Max. p. 728, max. 196.

Prætextus. Lat. A pretext; a pretense or color. Prætextu causs, by pretext, or under pretext whereof. 1 Ld. Raym. 412.

Prætor. Lat. In Roman law. A municipal officer of the city of Rome, being the chief judicial magistrate, and possessing an extensive equitable jurisdiction.

Prætor Fidei-Commissarius. In the civil law. A special pretor created to pronounce judgment in cases of trusts or fideicommissa. Inst. 2, 23, 1.

Prævaricator. Lat. In the civil law. One who betrays his trust, or is unfaithful to his trust. An advocate who aids the opposite party by betraying his client's cause. Dig. 47, 15, 1.

Prævento termino. In old Scotch practice. A form of action known in the forms of the court of session, by which a delay to discuss a suspension or advocacy was got the better of. Bell.

Pragmatica Sanction. In French Law

A solemn ordinance or decree of a sovereign dealing with matters of primal importance and regarded as constituting a part of the fundamental law of the land. It originated in the Byzantine Empire; in later European history it was especially used to designate an ordinance of Charles VI, emperor of Germany, issued April, 1718, to settle the succession on his daughter, Maria Theresa. It was ratified by the Great Powers. On the death of the emperor, it was repudiated by Prussia, France and others, which led to the War of the Austrian Succession. Int. Encycl.

In the Civil Law

The answer given by the emperors on questions of law, when consulted by a corporation or the citizens of a province or of a municipality. Lec. El. Dr. Rom. § 93.

Pragmatica. In Spanish colonial law. An order emanating from the sovereign, and differing from a cédula only in form and in the mode of promulgation. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 93, note.
PRAIRIE. An extensive tract of level or rolling land, destitute of trees, covered with coarse grass, and usually characterized by a deep, fertile soil. Webster. See Buxton v. Railroad Co., 58 Mo. 45; Brunell v. Hopkins, 42 Iowa, 429.

PRACTIQUE. A license for the master of a ship to traffic in the ports of a given country, or with the inhabitants of a given port, upon the lifting of quarantine or production of a clean bill of health.

PRAXIS. Lat. Use; practice. Praxis judicium est interpres legis. Hob. 96. The practice of the judges is the interpreter of the laws.

PRAY IN AID. In old English practice. To call upon for assistance. In real actions, the tenant might pray in aid or call for assistance of another, to help him to plead, because of the feebleness or imbecility of his own estate. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

PRAYER. The request contained in a bill in equity that the court will grant the process, aid, or relief which the complainant desires. Also, by extension, the term is applied to that part of the bill which contains this request.

PRAYER OF PROCESS is a petition with which a bill in equity used to conclude, to the effect that a writ of subpoena might issue against the defendant to compel him to answer upon oath all the matters charged against him in the bill.


PREAPPOINTED EVIDENCE. The kind and degree of evidence prescribed in advance (as, by statute) as requisite for the proof of certain facts or the establishment of certain instruments. It is opposed to casual evidence, which is left to grow naturally out of the surrounding circumstances.

PREAUDIENCE. The right of being heard before another. A privilege belonging to the English bar, the members of which are entitled to be heard in their order, according to rank, beginning with the king's attorney general, and ending with barristers at large. 3 Steph. Comm. 387, note.

PREBEND. In English ecclesiastical law. A stipend granted in cathedral churches; also, but improperly, a prebendary. A simple prebend is merely a revenue; a prebend with dignity has some jurisdiction attached to it. The term "prebend" is generally confounded with "canonicate;" but there is a difference between them. The former is the stipend granted to an ecclesiastic in consideration of his officiating and serving in the church; whereas the canonicate is a mere title or spiritual quality which may exist independently of any stipend. 2 Steph. Comm. 674, note.

PREBENDARY. An ecclesiastical person serving on the staff of a cathedral, and receiving a stated allowance or stipend from the income or endowment of the cathedral, in compensation for his services.

PRECARIE, or PRECES. Day-works which the tenants of certain manors were bound to give their lords in harvest time. Magna precaria was a great or general reaping day. Cowell.

PRECARIOUS. Liable to be returned or rendered up at the mere demand or request of another; hence held or retained only on sufferance or by permission; and by an extension of meaning, doubtful, uncertain, dangerous, very liable to break, fall, or terminate.

PRECARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. The circumstances of an executor are precarious, within the meaning and intent of a statute, only when his character and conduct present such evidence of improvidence or recklessness in the management of the trust-estate, or of his own, as in the opinion of prudent and discreet men endangers its security. Shields v. Shields, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 56.

PRECARIOUS LOAN. A ballment by way of loan which is not to continue for any fixed time, but may be recalled at the mere will and pleasure of the lender.

PRECARIOUS POSSESSION. In modern civil law, possession is called "precarious" which one enjoys by the leave of another and during his pleasure. Civ. Code La. art. 3555, subd. 25.

PRECARIOUS RIGHT. The right which the owner of a thing transfers to another, to enjoy the same until it shall please the owner to revoke it.

PRECARIOUS TRADE. In international law. Such trade as may be carried on by a neutral between two belligerent powers by the mere sufferance of the latter.

PRECARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A convention whereby one allows another the use of a thing or the exercise of a right gratuitously till revocation. The ballei acquires thereby the lawful possession of the thing, except in certain cases. The ballei can demand the thing at any time, even should he
have allowed it to the bailee for a designated period. Mackold, Rom. Law, § 447.

PREGATORY. Having the nature of prayer, request, or entreaty; conveying or embodying a recommendation or advice or the expression of a wish, but not a positive command or direction.

PREGATORY TRUST. A trust created by certain words, which are more like words of entreaty and permission than of command or certainty. Examples of such words, which the courts have held sufficient to constitute a trust, are “wish and request,” “have fullest confidence,” “heartily beseech,” and the like. Rapalje & Lawrence. See Hunt v. Hunt, 18 Wash. 14, 50 P. 578; Bohon v. Barrett, 79 Ky. 378; Aldrich v. Aldrich, 172 Mass. 101, 51 N. E. 449; Keppler v. Keppler, 185 Ind. 81, 113 N. E. 322, 323; Simpson v. Corder, 185 Mo. App. 398, 170 S. W. 397, 398; Paton v. Baugh (Tex. Civ. App.) 265 S. W. 250, 254.

PREGATORY WORDS. Words of entreaty, request, desire, wish, or recommendation, employed in wills, as distinguished from direct and imperative terms. 1 Williams, Ex’rs, 88, 89, and note. And see Pratt v. Miller, 23 Neb. 496, 37 N. W. 263; Pratt v. Pratt Hospital, 88 Md. 610, 42 A. 51; Wemmes v. First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Portland, 110 Or. 179, 219 P. 618, 627.

PRECAUTION. A measure taken beforehand to ward off evil or secure good or success. Harris v. Hicks, 143 Ark. 613, 221 S. W. 472, 473.

PRECEDENCE, or PRECEDENCY. The act or state of going before; adjustment of place. The right of being first placed in a certain order.

PRECEDECE, PATENT OF. In English law. A grant from the crown to such barristers as it thinks proper to honor with that mark of distinction, whereby they are entitled to such rank and precedence as are assigned in their respective patents. 3 Steph. Comm. 274.

PRECEDE. An adjudged case or decision of a court of justice, considered as furnishing an example or authority for an identical or similar case afterwards arising, or a similar question of law. A draught of a conveyance, settlement, will, pleading, bill, or other legal instrument, which is considered worthy to serve as a pattern for future instruments of the same nature.

PRECEDECE CONDITION. Such as must happen or be performed before an estate can vest or be enlarged. See Condition Precedent.

PRECEDECTS SUB SILENTIO. Silent uniform course of practice, uninterrupted though not supported by legal decisions. See Calton v. Bragg, 15 East, 226; Thompson v. Musser, 1 Dall. 464, 1 L. Ed. 222.

Precedents that pass sub silentio are of little or no authority. 16 Vln. Abr. 498.

PRECEEDING. The word “preceding” generally means “next before.” Smith v. Gibson, 181 Ala. 305, 68 So. 149.

PRECEPARTUM. The continuance of a suit by consent of both parties. Cowell.

PRECEPT.

In English and American Law
An order or direction, emanating from authority, to an officer or body of officers, commanding him or them to do some act within the scope of their powers.

Precept is not to be confined to civil proceedings, and is not of a more restricted meaning than “process.” It includes warrants and processes in criminal as well as civil proceedings. Adams v. Vose, 1 Gray (Mass.) 51, 58.

“Precept” means a command in writing, sent out by a justice of the peace or other like officer, for the bringing of a person or record before him. Cowell.

The direction formerly issued by a sheriff to the proper returning officers of cities and boroughs within his jurisdiction for the election of members to serve in parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 178.

The direction by the judges or commissioners of assize to the sheriff for the summoning a sufficient number of jurors. 3 Steph. Comm. 516.

The direction issued by the clerk of the peace to the overseers of parishes for making out the jury lists. 3 Steph. Comm. 516, note.

In Old English Criminal Law
Instigation to commit a crime. Bract. fol. 139; Cowell.

In Scotch Law
An order, mandate, or warrant to do some act. The precept of seisin was the order of a superior to his bailiff, to give infeftment of certain lands to his vassal. Bell.

In Old French Law
A kind of letters issued by the king in subversion of the laws, being orders to the judges to do or tolerate things contrary to law.

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT. A deed in the Scotch law by which a superior acknowledges the title of the heir of a deceased vassal to succeed to the lands.


PRECES PRIMARIE. In English ecclesiastical law. A right of the crown to name to the first prebend that becomes vacant after
the accession of the sovereign, in every church of the empire. This right was exercised by the crown of England in the reign of Edward I. 2 Steph. Comm. 670, note.


PRECIPICE. Another form of the name of the written instructions to the clerk of court; also spelled "precipice," (q. v.)

PRECIPITATION. Hastening occurrence of event or causing to happen or come to crisis suddenly, unexpectedly or too soon. Knock v. Industrial Acc. Commission of California, 200 Cal. 456, 255 P. 712, 714.

PRECIPITIN TEST. Precipitins are formations in the blood of an animal induced by repeated injections into its veins of the blood-serum of an animal of another species; and their importance in diagnosis lies in the fact that when the blood-serum of an animal so treated is mixed with that of any animal of the second species (or a closely related species) and the mixture kept at a temperature of about 98 degrees for several hours, a visible precipitate will result, but not so if the second ingredient of the mixture is drawn from an animal of an entirely different species. In medico-legal practice, therefore, a suspected stain or clot having been first tested by other methods and demonstrated to be blood, the question whether it is the blood of a human being or of other origin is resolved by mixing a solution of it with a quantity of blood-serum taken from a rabbit or some other small animal which has been previously prepared by injections of human blood-serum. After treatment as above described, the presence of a precipitate will furnish strong presumptive evidence that the blood tested was of human origin. The test is not absolutely conclusive, for the reason that blood from an anthropoid ape would produce the same result, in this experiment, as human blood. But if the alternative hypothesis presented attributed the blood in question to some animal of an unrelated species (as, a dog, sheep, or horse) the precipitin test could be fully relied on, as also in the case where no precipitate resulted.

PRÉCIPITUT. In French law. A portion of an estate or inheritance which falls to one of the co-heirs over and above his equal share with the rest, and which is to be taken out before partition is made.


PRECLUDI NON. Lat. In pleading. The commencement of a replication to a plea in bar, by which the plaintiff "says that, by reason of anything in the said plea alleged, he ought not to be barred from having and maintaining his aforesaid action against him, the said defendant, because he says," etc. Steph. Pl. 440.


PRECONOSCE. In Scotch practice. To examine beforehand. Arkley, 232.

PRECONIZATION. Proclamation.

PRECONTRACT. A contract or engagement made by a person, which is of such a nature as to preclude him from lawfully entering into another contract of the same nature. See 1 Bish. Mar. & Div. §§ 112, 272.

PREDECESSOR. One who goes or has gone before; the correlative of "successor." One who has filled an office or station before the present incumbent. Applied to a body politic or corporate, in the same sense as "ancestor" is applied to a natural person. Lorillard Co. v. Peper (C. C.) 65 F. 598.

In Scotch Law
An ancestor. 1 Kames, Eq. 371.

PREDIAL SERVITUDE. A real or predial servitude is a charge laid on an estate for the use and utility of another estate belonging to another owner. Civil Code La. art. 647. See Predial Servitude.

PREDICATE. In logic. That which is said concerning the subject in a logical proposition; as, "The law is the perfection of common sense." "Perfection of common sense," being affirmed concerning the law, (the subject,) is the predicate or thing predicated. Wharton; Bourland v. Hildreth, 29 Cal. 222.

PREDOMINANT. Something greater or superior in power and influence to others with which it is connected or compared. Matthews v. Bliss, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 53.

PRE-EMPTION.

In International Law
The right of pre-emption is the right of a nation to detain the merchandise of strangers passing through her territories or seas, in order to afford to her subjects the preference of purchase. 1 Chit. Com. Law, 108.

According to general modern usage the doctrine of pre-emption, as applied in time of war rests upon the distinction between articles which are contraband (q. v.) universally, and those which are contraband only under the particular circumstances of the case. The carrying of the former class entails the penalty of confiscation, either of ship or cargo, or both. The latter class, while confiscable accord-
To give advantage, priority, or privilege; to select for first payment, as to prefer one creditor over others.

**PREFERENCE.** The paying or securing to one or more of his creditors, by an insolvent debtor, the whole or a part of their claim, to the exclusion of the rest. The act of an insolvent debtor who, in distributing his property or in assigning it for the benefit of his creditors, pays or secures to one or more creditors the full amount of their claims or a larger amount than they would be entitled to receive on a pro rata distribution. Citizens' State Bank of Chautauqua v. First Nat. Bank of Sedan, 98 Kan. 109, 157 P. 392, 394, L. R. A. 1917A, 696; In re Bloomberg (D. C.) 253 F. 94, 96.

The trustee in bankruptcy, to establish a recoverable “preference” under the Federal Bankruptcy Act, must show a transfer of property or money to the creditor, during insolvency and within four months of bankruptcy, that the creditor had reasonable grounds for believing that the bankruptcy was then insolvent, and that the effect of the transfer was to give the creditor a greater percentage of his debt than other creditors of the same class. Walker v. Wilkinson (C. A.) 286 F. 850, 853. There must be a parting with the bankrupt’s property for the benefit of the creditor and a subsequent diminution of his estate. Continental & Commercial T. & S. Bk. v. Trust Co., 33 S. Ct. 829, 230 U. S. 455, 57 L. Ed. 1268; N. Bk. of Newport v. Bank, 32 S. Ct. 633, 225 U. S. 178, 56 L. Ed. 1042.

Also the right held by a creditor, in virtue of some lien or security, to be preferred above others (i.e., paid first) out of the debtor’s assets constituting the fund for creditors. See Pirie v. Chicago Title & Trust Co., 182 U. S. 498, 21 S. Ct. 906, 45 L. Ed. 1171; Ashby v. Steere, 2 Fed. Cas. 15; Chadbourne v. Harding, 80 Me. 686, 16 A. 245; Chism v. Citizens’ Bank, 77 Miss. 590, 27 So. 657; In re Ratliff (D. C.) 107 F. 80; In re Stevens, 33 Minn. 432, 38 N. W. 111.

**PREFERENCE SHARES.** A term used in English law to designate a new issue of shares of stock in a company, which, to facilitate the disposal of them, are accorded a priority or preference over the original shares.

Such shares entitle their holders to a preferential dividend, so that a holder of them is entitled to have the whole of his dividend (or so much thereof as represents the extent to which his shares are, by the constitution of the company, to be deemed preference shares) paid before any dividend is paid to the ordinary shareholders. Mozley & Whitlcy.

**PREFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENT.** An assignment of property for the benefit of creditors, made by an insolvent debtor, in which it is directed that a preference (right to be paid first in full) shall be given to a creditor or creditors therein named.
PREFERENTIAL DEBTS. Preferential debts, in bankruptcy, are those prior to all others; as, wages of a clerk, servant, or workman, rates due and taxes. Brett, Comm. 800.

PREFERRED. Possessing or accorded a priority, advantage, or privilege. Generally denoting a prior or superior claim or right of payment as against another thing of the same kind or class. See State v. Cheraw & O. R. Co., 16 S. C. 328.

PREFERRED DEBT. A demand which has priority; which is payable in full before others are paid at all.

PREFERRED DIVIDEND. See Dividend.

PREFERRED DOCKETS. Lists of preference cases prepared by the clerks when the cases are set for trial. King v. New Orleans Ry. & Light Co., 140 La. 843, 74 So. 165, 169.

PREFERRED STOCK. See Stock.

PRÉFET. In French Law

A chief officer invested with the superintendence of the administration of the laws in each department. Merlin, Répert.

PREGNANCY. In medical jurisprudence. The state of a female who has within her ovary or womb a fecundated germ. Dungl. Med. Diet.

"Pregnancy" is the existence of the condition beginning at the moment of conception and terminating with delivery of the child. State v. Loomis, 90 N. J. Law, 216, 100 A. 190, 191; Gray v. State, 77 Tex. Cr. R. 221, 175 S. W. 337, 338.

Extra uterine or ectopic pregnancy is the development of the ovum outside of the uterine cavity, as in the Fallopian tubes or ovary. Extra uterine pregnancy commonly terminates by rupture of the sac, profuse internal hemorrhage, and death if not relieved promptly by a surgical operation.

PREGNANCY, PLEA OF. A plea which a woman capitably convicted may plead in stay of execution; for this, though it is no stay of judgment, yet operates as a respite of execution until she is delivered. Brown.

PREGNANT NEGATIVE. See Negative Pregnant.


The word "prejudice" seemed to imply nearly the same thing as "opinion," a prejudgment of the case, and not necessarily an enmity or ill will against either party. Comm. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 29, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Hamill v. Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co., 165 Iowa, 256, 145 N. W. 99, 169.

Prejudice of judge is the presence of such a state of feeling as will incline the judge against defendant in his rulings and instructions on the trial. State v. Williams, 197 Iowa, 513, 197 N. W. 927, 933.

"Prejudice" also means injury, loss, or damage, anything which places party in a more unfavorable position. Roberto v. Catino, 140 Md. 38, 116 A. 873, 875.

A person is "prejudiced" in the legal sense, when a legal right is invaded by an act complained of or his pecuniary interest is directly affected by a decree or judgment. Glos v. People, 259 Ill. 232, 102 N. E. 763, 766, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 119. Where an offer or admission is made "without prejudice," or a motion is denied or a bill in equity dismissed "without prejudice," it is meant as a declaration that no rights or privileges of the party concerned are to be considered as thereby waived or lost, except in so far as may be expressly conceded or decided. See also Dismissal Without Prejudice.

PRELATE. A clergyman of a superior order, as an archbishop or a bishop, having authority over the lower clergy; a dignitary of the church. Webster.

PRÉLEVEMENT. Fr. In French law. A preliminary deduction; particularly, the portion or share which one member of a firm is entitled to take out of the partnership assets before a division of the property is made between the partners.

PRELIMINARY. Introductory; initiatory; proceeding; temporary and provisional; as preliminary examination, injunction, articles of peace, etc.

PRELIMINARY ACT. In English admiralty practice. A document stating the time and place of a collision between vessels, the names of the vessels, and other particulars, required to be filed by each solicitor in actions for damage by such collision, unless the court or a judge shall otherwise order. Wharton.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OR HEARING. See Hearing.

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION. See Injunction.

PRELIMINARY PROOF. In insurance. The first proof offered of a loss occurring under the policy, usually sent in to the underwriters with the notification of claim.

PREMEDITATE. To think of an act beforehand; to contrive and design; to plot or lay plans for the execution of a purpose. See Deliberate.
PREMEDITATED DESIGN. "Premeditated design" in homicide cases is merely the mental purpose, the formed intent, to take human life. Radej v. State, 153 Wis. 503, 140 N. W. 21, 22.

PREMEDITATEDLY. Thought of beforehand, for any length of time, however short. State v. Young, 314 Mo. 612, 286 S. W. 29, 34; State v. Johnson, 92 Kan. 441, 140 P. 589, 590.

PREMEDITATION. The act of meditating in advance; deliberation upon a contemplated act: plotting or conspiring; a design formed to do something before it is done. See State v. Spivey, 132 N. C. 989, 43 S. E. 475; Fahnstock v. State, 23 Ind. 231; Com. v. Perrier, 3 Phila. (Pa.) 232; Atkinson v. State, 20 Tex. 531; State v. Reed, 117 Mo. 604, 23 S. W. 886; King v. State, 91 Tenn. 617, 29 S. W. 169; State v. Carr, 55 Vt. 46; State v. Dowden, 118 N. C. 1145, 24 S. E. 722; Savage v. State, 18 Fla. 666; Com. v. Drum, 58 Pa. 19; State v. Lindgren, 33 Wash. 424, 74 P. 565; State v. Terry, 173 N. C. 761, 92 S. E. 154, 155; Parker v. State, 24 Wyo. 401, 161 P. 552, 554.

“Premeditation” is a prior determination to do an act, but such determination need not exist for any particular period before it is carried into effect. State v. Cameron, 156 N. C. 379, 61 S. E. 749, 749; Powell v. State, 93 Fla. 756, 112 So. 608, 610; Csanay v. Csanay, 93 N. J. Eq. 11, 115 A. 75, 78; Commonwealth v. Dreher, 274 Pa. 325, 118 A. 215, 216.

Premeditation differs essentially from will, which constitutes the crime; because it supposes, besides an actual will, a deliberation, and a continued persistence.

PREMIER. A principal minister of state; the prime minister.

PREMIER SERJEANT, THE QUEEN'S. This officer, so constituted by letters patent, has precedence over the bar after the attorney and solicitor general and queen's advocate. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 274, note.

PREMISES. That which is put before; that which precedes; the foregoing statements. Thus, in logic, the two introductory propositions of the syllogism are called the "premises," and from them the conclusion is deduced. So, in pleading, the expression “in consideration of the premises” means “in consideration of the matters hereinbefore stated.” See Teutonia F. Ins. Co. v. Mund, 102 Pa. 93; Alaska Imp. Co. v. Hirsch, 119 Cal. 248, 47 P. 124; Meese v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 211 F. 254, 255.

In Conveyancing
That part of a deed which precedes the habendum, in which are set forth the names of the parties with their titles and additions, and in which are recited such deeds, agreements, or matters of fact as are necessary to explain the reasons upon which the present transaction is founded; and it is here, also, the consideration on which it is made is set down and the certainty of the thing granted. 2 Bl. Comm. 298. And see Miller v. Graham, 47 S. C. 288, 25 S. E. 165; Brown v. Manter, 21 N. H. 533, 53 Am. Dec. 223; Rouse v. Steamboat Co., 59 Hun, 80, 93 N. Y. S. 126; Liles v. Pitts, 145 La. 660, 82 So. 735, 738.

In Estates

The term “premises” is used in common parlance to signify land, with its appurtenances; but its usual and appropriate meaning in a conveyance is the interest in real estate demised or granted by the deed. New Jersey Zinc Co. v. New Jersey Franks Franchise Co., 13 N. J. Eq. 322; Ta re Rohrbacher's Estate, 168 Pa. 158, 29 A. 30; Cummings v. Dearborn, 56 Vt. 411; State v. French, 120 Ind. 223, 22 N. E. 198; Cooper v. Robinson, 111 Ill. 183, 134 N. E. 119, 129.

The area of land surrounding a house, and actually or by legal construction forming one inclosure with it. Ratzell v. State (Okl.) 225 P. 166, 168.

The word is used to signify a distinct and definite locality. It may mean a room, shop, building, or other definite area. Robinson v. State, 143 Miss. 247, 108 So. 903, 905, or a distinct portion of real estate. Ruble v. Ruble (Tex. Civ. App.) 254 S. W. 1013, 1020.

"Premises," as used in Workmen's Compensation Act, embraces all property used in connection with the actual place of work, where the employer carries on the business in which the employee is engaged. Muscotel v. Gallatin Coal Co., 279 Pa. 184, 122 A. 766, 767.

The words “premises" and "plant" are sometimes distinguished; "premises" refers to place and territory, while "plant" includes place and territory, together with the appliances and things which go to make the facilities for the execution of the design and purposes of the enterprise. Martin v. Matson Nav. Co. (D. C.) 344 F. 976, 977.

The word is also used to denote the subject-matter insured in a policy. 4 Campb. 59.

In Equity Pleading
The stating part of a bill. It contains a narrative of the facts and circumstances of the plaintiff's case, and the wrongs of which he complains, and the names of the persons by whom done and against whom he seeks redress. Story, Eq. Pl. § 27.

PREMIUM. The sum paid or agreed to be paid by an assured to the underwriter as the consideration for the insurance. 1 Phill. Ins. 205; State v. Pittsburg, etc., Ry. Co., 68.

A bounty or bonus; a consideration given to invite a loan or a bargain; as the consideration paid to the assignor by the assignee of a lease, or to the transferrer by the transferee of shares of stock, etc. So stock is said to be "at a premium" when its market price exceeds its nominal or face value. Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. v. Armington, 21 R. I. 35, 41 A. 571; White v. Williams, 90 Md. 719, 45 A. 1001; Washington, etc., Ass'n v. Stanley, 38 Or. 319, 63 P. 489, 58 L. R. A. 816, 84 Am. St. Rep. 793; Building Ass'n v. Eklund, 190 Ill. 257, 60 N. E. 521, 52 L. R. A. 637; Boston & M. R. R. v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 265 F. 578, 579. See Par.

In granting a lease, part of the rent is sometimes capitalized and paid in a lump sum at the time the lease is granted. This is called a "premium."

**Premium Note**

A promissory note given by the insured for part or all of the amount of the premium.

**Unearned Premium**

That portion which must be returned to insured on cancellation of policy. Atna Ins. Co. v. Hyde, 315 Mo. 113, 285 S. W. 65, 71.

**PREMIUM PUDICITÆ**. The price of chastity.

A compensation for the loss of chastity, paid or promised to, or for the benefit of, a seduced female.

**PREMUNIRE.** See Premunire.

**PREnda.** In Spanish law. Pledge. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 7.

**PRENDER, PRÉNDRÉ.** L. Fr. To take. The power or right of taking a thing without waiting for it to be offered. See À Prendre.

**PRENDER DE BARON.** L. Fr. In old English law. A taking of husband; marriage. An exception or plea which might be used to disable a woman from pursuing an appeal of murder against the killer of her former husband. Staunton, P. C. lib. 3, c. 59.

**PRENOMEN.** (Lat.) The first or Christian name of a person. See Cas. Hardw. 286; 1 Tayl. 148.

**PREPARATION.** "Preparation" for offense consists in devising or arranging means or measures necessary for its commission, while attempt is direct movement toward commission after preparations are made. People v. George, 74 Cal. App. 440, 241 P. 97, 100; Wilburn v. State, 22 Ga. App. 613, 97 S. E. 87, 88.

**PREPARE.** "To provide with necessary means"; "to make ready"; "to provide with what is appropriate or necessary." Brennan v. Northern Electric Co., 72 Mont. 35, 231 P. 388, 389.


**PREPENSE.** Forethought; preconceived; premeditated. See Territory v. Bannigan, 1 Dak. 451, 46 N. W. 597; People v. Clark, 7 N. Y. 385.

**PREPONDERANCE.** This word means more than "weight:" it denotes a superiority of weight, or outweighing. The words are not synonymous, but substantially different. There is generally a "weight" of evidence on each side in case of contested facts. But juries cannot properly act upon the weight of evidence, in favor of the one having the onus, unless it overbear, in some degree, the weight upon the other side, not necessarily in quantity, but in effect. Shinn v. Tucker, 37 Ark. 588. And see Hoffman v. Loud, 111 Mich. 158, 69 N. W. 231; Wilecox v. Hines, 100 Tenn. 524, 45 S. W. 781, 68 Am. St. Rep. 761; Mortimer v. McMullen, 202 Ill. 413, 67 N. E. 29; Bryan v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 63 Iowa, 464, 19 N. W. 203; Mathes v. Agger & Masser Seed Co., 179 Cal. 97, 178 P. 713, 715; Barnes v. Phillips, 184 Ind. 415, 111 N. E. 419.

Preponderance rests with that evidence which, when fairly considered, produces the stronger impression, and has the greater weight, and is more convincing as to its truth when weighed against the evidence in opposition thereto. S. Yamamoto v. Puget Sound Lumber Co., 84 Wash. 411, 146 P. 801, 863; Carter v. Carter, 139 Md. 265, 114 A. 902, 903; Barkow v. Donovan Wire & Iron Co., 190 Mich. 503, 157 N. W. 55, 60.

**PREROGATIVE.** An exclusive or peculiar privilege. The special power, privilege, immunity, or advantage vested in an official person, either generally, or in respect to the things of his office, or in an official body, as a court or legislature. See Attorney General v. Blossom, 1 Wils. 317; Attorney General v. Eau Claire, 37 Wils. 443.

In English Law

A power or will which is discretionary, and above and uncontrolled by any other will. That special pre-eminence which the king (or queen) has over and above all other persons, in right of his (or her) regal dignity. A term used to denote those rights and capacities which the sovereign enjoys alone, in contradistinction to others. 1 Bl. Comm. 239.

It is sometimes applied by law writers to the thing over which the power or will is exercised, as fiscal prerogatives, meaning king's revenues; 1 Halleck, Int. L 147.

**PREROGATIVE COURT.** In English law. A court established for the trial of all testa-
mentary causes, where the deceased left bona notabilia within two different dioceses; in which case the probate of wills belonged to the archbishop of the province, by way of special prerogative. And all causes relating to the wills, administrations, or legacies of such persons were originally cognizable herein, before a judge appointed by the archbishop, called the "judge of the prerogative court," from whom an appeal lay to the privy council. 3 Bl. Comm. 66; 3 Steph. Comm. 432. In New Jersey the prerogative court is the court of appeal from decrees of the orphans' courts in the several counties of the state. The court is held before the chancellor, under the title of the "ordinary." See In re Courseys' Will, 4 N. J. Eq. 413; Flanigan v. Guggenheim Smelting Co., 63 N. J. Law, 647, 44 A. 762; Robinson v. Fair, 128 U. S. 53, 9 S. Ct. 30, 32 L. Ed. 415.

PREROGATIVE LAW. That part of the common law of England which is more particularly applicable to the king. Com. Dig. tit. "Ley," A.

PREROGATIVE WRITS. In English law, the name is given to certain judicial writs issued by the courts only upon proper cause shown, never as a mere matter of right, the theory being that they involve a direct interference by the government with the liberty and property of the subject, and therefore are justified only as an exercise of the extraordinary power (prerogative) of the crown. In America, a theory has sometimes been advanced that these writs should issue only in cases publici juris and those affecting the sovereignty of the state, or its franchises or prerogatives, or the liberties of the people. But their issuance is now generally regulated by statute, and the use of the term "prerogative," in describing them, amounts only to a reference to their origin and history. These writs are the writs of mandamus, procedendo, prohibition, quo warranto, habeas corpus, and certiorari. See 3 Steph. Comm. 629; Territory v. Ashenfelter, 4 N. M. 93, 12 P. 879; State v. Archibald, 5 N. D. 339, 66 N. W. 234; Duluth Elevator Co. v. White, 11 N. D. 534, 90 N. W. 12; Attorney General v. Eau Claire, 37 Wis. 400; Ex parte Thompson, 85 N. J. Eq. 221, 86 A. 102, 110; Click v. Click, 98 W. Va. 413, 127 S. E. 194, 195.

PRES. L. Fr. Near. Cy pres, so near; as near. See Cy Pres.

PRESBYTER. Lat. In civil and ecclesiastical law. An elder; a presbyter; a priest. Cod. 1, 3, 6, 20; Nov. 6.

PRESBYTERIUM. That part of the church where divine offices are performed; formerly applied to the choir or chancel, because it was the place appropriated to the bishop, priest, and other clergy, while the laity were confined to the body of the church. Jacob.

PREREABLE. That to which a right may be acquired by prescription.

PRESCRIBE. To assert a right or title to the enjoyment of a thing, on the ground of having hitherto had the uninterrupted and immemorial enjoyment of it.

To lay down authoritatively as a rule, direction, or rule; to impose as a peremptory order; to dictate. State v. Truax, 130 Wash. 69, 226 P. 259, 260, 33 A. L. R. 1206; Sevier v. Riley, 186 Cal. 170, 244 P. 323, 324; State v. Home Brewing Co. of Indianapolis, 152 Ind. 75, 105 N. E. 909, 913; Philips v. Guy Drilling Co., 143 La. 951, 79 So. 549, 550.

To direct; define; mark out. In modern statutes relating to matters of an administrative nature, such as procedure, registration, etc., it is usual to indicate in general terms the nature of the proceedings to be adopted, and to leave the details to be prescribed or regulated by rules or orders to be made for that purpose in pursuance of an authority contained in the act. Sweet. And see Mansfield v. People, 164 Ill. 611, 45 N. E. 976; Ex parte Lathrop, 118 U. S. 113, 6 S. Ct. 984, 30 L. Ed. 106; Field v. Marye, 83 Va. 822, 3 S. E. 707.

In a medical sense prescribe means to direct, designate, or order use of a remedy. State v. Hueser, 205 Iowa 132, 215 N. W. 643, 644; State v. Whipple, 143 Minn. 406, 173 N. W. 801, 802.


In Real Property Law


"Prescription" is the term usually applied to incorporeal hereditaments, while "adverse possession" is applied to lands. Hindley v. Metropolitan Ed. R. Co., 42 Misc. 35, 85 N. Y. S. 561.
PRESCRIPTION

In Louisiana, prescription is defined as a manner of acquiring the ownership of property, or discharging debts, by the effect of time, and under the conditions regulated by law. Each of these prescriptions has its special and particular definition. The prescription by which the ownership of property is acquired, is a right by which a mere possessor acquires the ownership of a thing which he possesses by the continuance of his possession during the time fixed by law. The prescription by which debts are released, is a peremptory and perpetual bar to every species of action, real or personal, when the creditor has been silent for a certain time without urging his claim. Civ. Code La. arts. 9437-9459. In this sense of the term it is very nearly equivalent to what is elsewhere expressed by “limitation of actions,” or rather, the “bar of the statute of limitations.”

There is a distinction between title by “limitation” and a “prescriptive title,” in that the latter is based upon a presumed grant to the property or use, while the former is not. Martin v. Durr (Tex. Civ. App.) 171 S. W. 1044, 1046; Abel v. Lore, 81 Ind. App. 328, 148 N. E. 615, 620, while the distinction between a highway by prescription and one by dedication is that “prescription” is an adverse holding under color of right, while a “dedication,” whether expressed or implied, rests upon the consent of the owner. Hatch Bros. Co. v. Black, 26 Wyo. 415, 171 P. 267, 270.

“Prescription” and “custom” are frequently confused in common parlance, arising perhaps from the fact that immemorial usage was essential to both of them; but, strictly, they materially differ from one another, in that custom is properly a local impersonal usage, such as borough-English, or post-remognition, which is annexed to a given estate, while prescription is simply personal, as that a certain man and his ancestors, or those whose estate he enjoys, have immemorially exercised a right of pasture-common in a certain parish, and usage differs from both, for it may be either to persons or places. Again, prescription has its origin in a grant, evidenced by usage, and is allowed on account of its loss, either actual or supposed, and therefore only those things can be prescribed for which could be raised by a grant previously to § 9 Vict. c. 106, § 2; but this principle does not necessarily hold in the case of a custom. Wharton v. Kingsbury, 133 App. Div. 248, 158 N. Y. S. 765, 770.

In General

—Corporations by prescription. In English law. Those which have existed beyond the memory of man, and therefore are looked upon in law to be well created, such as the city of London.

—Prescription act. The statute 2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 71, passed to limit the period of prescription in certain cases.

—Prescription in a qua estate. A claim of prescription based on the immemorial enjoyment of the right claimed, by the claimant and those former owners “whose estate” he has succeeded to and holds. See Donnell v. Clark, 19 Me. 182.

—Time of prescription. The length of time necessary to establish a right claimed by prescription or a title by prescription. Before the act of 2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 71, the possession required to constitute a prescription must have existed “time out of mind” or “beyond the memory of man,” that is, before the reign of Richard I.; but the time of prescription, in certain cases, was much shortened by that act. 2 Steph. Comm. 35.

PRESENCE. The existence of a person in a particular place at a given time particularly with reference to some act done there and then. Besides actual presence, the law recognizes constructive presence, which latter may be predicated of a person who, though not on the very spot, was near enough to be accounted present by the law, or who was actively co-operating with another who was actually present. See Mitchell v. Com., 33 Grat. (Va.) 585.

PRESENCE OF AN OFFICER. A crime is committed “in the presence of an officer” when the facts and circumstances occurring within his observation, in connection with what, under the circumstances, may be considered as common knowledge, give him probable cause to believe or reasonable ground to suspect, that such is the case. Agnello v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 290 F. 671, 679; State v. Koll, 103 W. Va. 19, 136 S. E. 510, 511; Garske v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 1 F.(2d) 620, 623.

PRESENCE OF THE COURT. A contempt is in the “presence of the court,” if it is committed in the ocular view of the court, or where the court has direct knowledge of the contempt. People v. Cochran, 138 N. E. 291, 293, 307 Ill. 126.

PRESENT, v.

In English Ecclesiastical Law

To offer a clerk to the bishop of the diocese, to be instituted. 1 Bl. Comm. 389.

In Criminal Law

To find or represent judicially; used of the official act of a grand jury when they take notice of a crime or offense from their own knowledge or observation, without any bill of indictment laid before them. To lay before judge, magistrate, or governing body for action or consideration; submit as a petition or remonstrance for a decision or settlement to proper authorities. Haynes v. State, 108 Tex. Cr. R. 62, 296 S. W. 234, 235.

In the Law of Negotiable Instruments

Primarily, to present is to tender or offer. Thus, to present a bill of exchange for acceptance or payment is to exhibit it to the drawee or acceptor, (or his authorized agent,) with an express or implied demand for acceptance or payment. Byles, Bills, 183, 291.
As to Claims

Claims are "presented" to the probate court when placed in the custody of the court, or filed or made a matter of record therein, State v. Probate Court of Hennepin County, 145 Minn. 544, 177 N. W. 554, 11 A. L. R. 242; and to present claim against city, within statute providing that claims for damages against the city must be "presented" to the city or town council and filed with the city or town clerk, means to hand to and leave with. Titus v. City of Montesano, 106 Wash. 605, 181 P. 43, 46.

PRESENT, n. A gift; a gratuity; anything presented or given.

PRESENT, adj. Now existing; at hand; relating to the present time; considered with reference to the present time.

—Present conveyance. A conveyance made with the intention that it take effect at once and not at a future time. Prior v. Newsom, 144 Ark. 553, 223 S. W. 21, 22.

—Present enjoyment. The immediate or present possession and use of an estate or property, as distinguished from such as is postponed to a future time.

—Present estate. An estate in immediate possession; one now existing, or vested at the present time; as distinguished from a future estate, the enjoyment of which is postponed to a future time.


—Present time. "Present time" usually means a period of appreciable and generally considerable duration within which certain transactions are to take place. Corse v. State, 178 Wis. 661, 190 N. W. 465, 468.

—Present use. One which has an immediate existence, and is at once operated upon by the statute of uses.

PRESENTATION. In ecclesiastical law. The act of a patron or proprietor of a living in offering or presenting a clerk to the ordinary to be instituted in the benefice.

PRESENTATION OFFICE. The office of the lord chancellor's official, the secretary of presentations, who conducts all correspondence having reference to the twelve canonicities and six hundred and fifty livings in the gift of the lord chancellor, and draws and issues the fiats of appointment. Sweet.

PRESENTATIVE ADVOWSON. See Advowson.

PRESENTEE. In ecclesiastical law. A clerk who has been presented by his patron to a bishop in order to be instituted in a church.

PRESEETER. One that presents.

PRESENTLY. Immediately; now; at once. A right which may be exercised "presently" is opposed to one in reversion or remainder.

PRESENTMENT. In Criminal Practice


An informal statement in writing, by the grand jury, representing to the court that a public offense has been committed which is triable in the county, and that there is reasonable ground for believing that a particular individual named or described therein has committed it. See re Gresolski, 190 Cal. 445, 42 F. 444; Com. v. Green, 126 Pa. 531, 17 A. 875, 12 Am. St. Rep. 591; Mack v. People, 82 N. Y. 227; Eason v. State, 11 Ark. 452; State v. Kiefer, 90 Mo. 368, 44 A. 1663.

A statement by the grand jury of an offense from their own knowledge, without any bill of indictment laid before them, setting forth the name of the party, place of abode, and the offense committed, informally, upon which the officer of the court afterwards frames an indictment. Collins v. State, 13 Fla. 651, 663. An instruction by the grand jury to the public prosecutor for framing a bill of indictment. Kirkland v. State, 86 Fla. 64, 97 So. 502, 504.

The writing which contains the accusation so presented by a grand jury. U. S. v. Hill, 1 Brock. 135, 101 U. S. 470, 4 L. Ed. 781.

An accusation of crime made by a grand jury from their own knowledge or from evidence furnished them by witnesses or by one or more of their members. In re Report of Grand Jury of Baltimore City, 152 Md. 616, 157 A. 370, 372.

In an extended sense, the term includes not only presentments properly so called, but also inquisitions of office and indictments found by a grand jury. 2 Hawk. Pl. Cr. c. 25, § 1.

The difference between a presentment and an inquisition is this: that the former is found by a grand jury authorized to inquire of offenses generally, whereas the latter is an accusation found by a jury specially returned to inquire concerning the particular offense. 2 Hawk. Pl. Cr. c. 23, § 6.

An indictment differs from a presentment in that the former must be indorsed "a true bill," followed by the signature of the grand jury foreman; a presentment is to be signed by all the grand jurors, and hence does not have to be indorsed "a true bill." Martin v. State, 127 Tenn. 324, 155 S. W. 129, 130.

The distinction between a special presentment and a bill of indictment, even under the old practice,
was very thin; and in Georgia even this distinction has been abolished in practice for many years. The solicitor is not now required to frame any indictment on a special presentment, but the special presentment of the grand jury is returned into court, and upon it the defendant is arraigned and tried. It has the same force and effect as a bill of indictment. The only formal difference between the two is that a prosecutor prefers a bill of indictment, and a special presentment has no prosecutor, but, in theory, originates with the grand jury (Process Club v. State, 22 Ga. App. 174, 78 S. E. 1059, 1059.) Even this difference between a bill of indictment and a special presentment no longer exists, and the finding of the grand jury is prepared by the solicitor-general and called a bill of indictment, or a special presentment, at his will. Head v. State, 22 Ga. App. 331, 123 S. E. 34.

In Contracts

The production of a bill of exchange to the drawee for his acceptance, or to the drawer or acceptor for payment, or of a promissory note to the party liable, for payment of the same.

PRESENTS. The present Instrument. The phrase “these presents” is used in any legal document to designate the instrument in which the phrase itself occurs.

PRESERVATION. Keeping safe from harm; avoiding injury, destruction, or decay. This term always presupposes a real or existing danger. See Gribble v. Wilson, 101 Tenn. 612, 49 S. W. 756; Neuenorff v. Duryea, 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 289; State ex rel. Pollock v. Becker, 259 Mo. 600, 223 S. W. 641, 649. It is not creation, but the saving of that which already exists, and implies the continuance of what previously existed. McKeon v. Central Stamping Co. (C. C. A.) 264 F. 385, 387.

PRESERVE. With reference to foodstuffs, to prepare in such a manner as to resist decomposition or fermentation; to prevent from spoiling by the use of preservative substances with or without the use of the agency of heat. U. S. v. Dodson (D. C.) 288 F. 397, 403. The word “preserved,” when applied to meat, implies that it has been so processed that its preservation is of permanent character. U. S. v. Conkey & Co., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 332, 334.

PRESIDE. To sit in any cause or proceeding. Faulkner v. Walker, 36 Ga. App. 636, 137 S. E. 909, 910. To preside over a court is to “hold” it,—to direct, control, and govern it as the chief officer. A judge may “preside” whether sitting as a sole judge or as one of several judges. Smith v. People, 47 N. Y. 334.

PRESIDENT. One placed in authority over others; a chief officer; a presiding or managing officer; a governor, ruler, or director. The chairman, moderator, or presiding officer of a legislative or deliberative body, appointed to keep order, manage the proceed-

ings, and govern the administrative details of their business.


The chief executive magistrate of a state or nation, particularly under a democratic form of government; or of a province, colony, or dependency.

In the United States, the word is commonly used in reference to the private as well as public character of the nation’s chief executive. U. S. v. Metadorf (D. C. Mont.) 252 F. 953, 957.

In English Law

A title formerly given to the king’s lieutenant in a province; as the president of Wales. Cowell.

This word is also an old though corrupted form of “precedent,” (q. v.), used both as a French and English word. Le president est rare. Dyer, 136.

PRESIDENT JUDGE. A title sometimes given to the presiding judge. It was formerly used in England and is now used in the courts of common pleas in Pennsylvania. So in the old Virginia court of appeals. The lord chief justice is now permanent president of the high court of justice in England. The title president is said to have a high Norman flavor. Inderwick, King’s Peace 223.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. In English law. A great officer of state; a member of the cabinet. He attends on the sovereign, proposes business at the council-table, and reports to the sovereign the transactions there. 1 Bl. Comm. 230.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. The official title of the chief executive officer of the federal government in the United States.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. A body of electors chosen in the different states, whose sole duty it is to elect a president and vice-president of the United States. Each state appoints, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in congress. Const. U. S. art. 2, § 1; McPherson v. Blacker, 146 U. S. 1, 13 S. Ct. 3, 36 L. Ed. 899. The usual method of appointment is by general ballot, so that each voter in a state votes for the whole number of electors to which his state is entitled.

PRESIDING JUDGE. This term, in statutes requiring exceptions to be signed by the judge who presides at the trial, means the judge pre-
PRESS. In old practice. A piece or skin of parchment, several of which used to be sewed together in making up a roll or record of proceedings. See 1 Bl. Comm. 183; Townsh. Pl. 486.

Metaphorically, the aggregate of publications issuing from the press, or the giving publicity to one's sentiments and opinions through the medium of printing; as in the phrase "liberty of the press."

PRESSING SEAMEN. See Impressment.

PRESSING TO DEATH. See Peine Forte et Dure.

PREST. In old English law. A duty in money to be paid by the sheriff upon his account in the exchequer, or for money left or remaining in his hands. Cowell.

PREST-MONEY. A payment which binds those who receive it to be ready at all times appointed, being meant especially of soldiers. Cowell.

PRESTATION.

In Old English Law

A presting or payment of money. Cowell. A payment or performance; the rendering of a service.

In International Law

The term is sometimes used of a right by which neutral vessels may be appropriated by way of hire by a belligerent on payment of freight beforehand. In 1870 the Prussian troops sank six British vessels to obstruct navigation in the river Seine. Indemnification was subsequently made. 1 Halleck, Int. L. Baker's Ed. 520.

PRESTATION-MONEY. A sum of money paid by archdeacons yearly to their bishop; also purveyance. Cowell.

PRESTIMONY, or PRÆSTIMONIA. In canon law. A fund or revenue appropriated by the founder for the subsistence of a priest, without being erected into any title or benefice, chapel, prebend, or priory. It is not subject to the ordinary; but of it the patron, and those who have a right from him, are the collators. Wharton.

PRESUME. To assume beforehand. Hickman v. Union Electric Light & Power Co. (Mo. Sup.) 226 S. W. 570, 576. In a more technical sense, to believe or accept upon probable evidence. It is not so strong a word as "infer"; Morford v. Peck, 46 Conn. 935; though often used with substantially the same meaning;

STATE v. SCHUNK, 51 N. D. 875, 201 N. W. 342, 345; REEVES v. WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO., 110 S. C. 293, 96 S. E. 250, 267.

PREJUDICIAL. See Presumptio; Presumption.

PREJUDICIAL. Of Fact

An inference affirmative or disaffirmative of the truth or falsehood of any proposition or fact drawn by a process of probable reasoning in the absence of actual certainty of its truth or falsehood, or until such certainty can be ascertained. Best, Pres. § 3.

An inference affirmative or disaffirmative of the existence of a disputed fact, drawn by a judicial tribunal, by a process of probable reasoning, from some one or more matters of fact, either admitted in the cause or otherwise satisfactorily established. Best, Pres. § 12.


An inference as to the existence of some fact drawn from the existence of some other fact; an inference which common sense draws from circumstances usually occurring in such cases. 1 Phill. Ev. 436; 2 B. & Ad. 890.

A strong probability or reasonable supposition. In re Van Tassel's Will, 119 Misc. 478, 196 N. Y. S. 491, 494.


Presumptions of fact are not the subject of fixed rules, but are merely natural presumptions, such as appear, from common experience, to arise from the particular circumstances of any case. Some of these are "founded upon a knowledge of the human character, and of the motives, passions, and feelings by which the mind is usually influenced." 1 Stark Ev. 27. They may be said to be the conclusions drawn by the mind from the natural connection of the circumstances disclosed in each case, or, in other words, from circumstantial evidence.

OF LAW

A rule which, in certain cases, either forbids or dispenses with any ulterior inquiry. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 14.

A deduction which the law expressly directs to be made from particular facts. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1529.

A consequence which the law or the judge draws from a known fact to a fact unknown. Civ. Code La. art. 2284; In re Cowdry’s Will, 77 Vt. 359, 60 A. 141, 142.

A rule of law laid down by the judge and attaching to evidentiary facts certain procedural consequences as to the duty of production of other evidence by the opponent. If the opponent does offer evidence to the contrary, the presumption disappears, and the case stands upon the facts and the reasonable inferences to be drawn therefrom. Kramer v. Nichols-Chandler Home Building & Brokerage Co., 101 Okl. 260, 229 P. 767, 769.

A conclusion, which, in the absence of evidence upon the exact question, the law draws from other proof made or from facts judicially noticed or both, the burden of proof cast by it being satisfied by the presentation of evidence sufficient to convince the jury that the probabilities of truth are against the party whom the presumption relieves of the burden of proof. State ex rel. Detroit Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Ellison, 298 Mo. 226, 187 S. W. 23, 26.


“Presumptions” may be looked on as the basis of the law, fitting in the twilight, but disappearing in the sunshine of actual facts. Mackovich v. Kansas City St. J. & C. B. R. Co., 196 Mo. 550, 94 S. W. 258, 262.

Presumptions of law are divided into conclusive presumptions and disputable presumptions. A conclusive presumption, called also an “absolute” or “irrebuttable” presumption, is a rule of law determining the quantity of evidence requisite for the support of a particular averment which is not permitted to be overthrown by any proof that the fact is otherwise. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 16; U. S. v. Clark, 5 Utah, 226, 14 P. 268; Brandt v. Morning Journal Ass’n, 81 App. Div. 183, 89 N. Y. S. 1002. It is an inference which the court will draw from the proof, which no evidence, however strong, will be permitted to overturn. Lyon v. Guild, 5 Heisk. (Tenn.) 175, 182; Best, Pres. § 20.

A disputable presumption, called also an “inconclusive” or “rebuttable” presumption, is an inference of law which holds good only until it is invalidated by proof or a stronger presumption. Best, Pres. § 25; Livingston v. Livingston, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 237, 8 Am. Dec. 562.

Mixed

There are also certain mixed presumptions, or presumptions of fact recognized by law, or presumptions of mixed law and fact. These are certain presumptive inferences, which, from their strength, importance, or frequent occurrence, attract, as it were, the observation of the law. The presumption of a “lost grant” falls within this class. Best, Ev. 436. See Dickson v. Wilkinson, 3 How. 57, 11 L. Ed. 491.

Distinction

The distinctions between presumptions of law and presumptions of fact are, first, that in regard to presumptions of law a certain inference must be made whenever the facts appear which furnish the basis of the inference; while in case of other presumptions a discretion more or less extensive is vested in the tribunal as to drawing the inference. See 9 B. & C. 613. Second, in case of presumptions of law, the court may draw the inference whenever the requisite facts are developed in pleading; Steph. Pl. 382; while other presumptions can be made only by the intervention of a jury. Presumptions of law are reduced to fixed rules, and form a part of the system of jurisprudence to which they belong; presumptions of fact are derived wholly and directly from the circumstances of the particular case, by means of the common experience of mankind. See 2 Stark Ev. 684; Douglass v. Mitchell’s Ex’r, 35 Pa. 440.

It has been suggested as the characteristic distinction between presumptions of law and presumptions of fact, either simple or mixed, that when the former are disregarded by a jury, a new trial is granted as matter of right, but that the disregard of any of the latter, however strong and obvious, is only ground for a new trial at the discretion of the court; Chamb. Best, Ev. § 327; 1 Term 167; Turnley v. Black, 44 Ala. 159; Goggans v. Monroe, 31 Ga. 331. “A presumption of law is a juridical postulate that a particular predicate is universally assignable to a particular subject. A presumption of fact is a logical argument from a fact to a fact; or, as the distinction is sometimes put, it is an argument which infers a fact otherwise doubtful from a fact which is proved.” 2 Whart. Ev. § 1226. See Civ. Code Ga. 1810, § 5785; Home Ins. Co. v. Weide, 11 Wall. 436, 20 L. Ed. 967; Polski v. Stone, 158 Ill. 540, 38 N. E. 310; McIntyre v. Ajay Min. Co., 20 Utah, 323, 60 Pac. 552; U. S. v. Sykes (D. C.) 58 Fed. 1000; Sun Mut. Ins. Co. v. Ocean Ins. Co., 107 U. S. 485, 1 S. Ct. 552, 27 L. Ed. 337; Lyon v. Guild, 5 Heisk. (Tenn.) 182; Com. v. Frew, 3 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 496; Smith v. Gardner, 56 N. W. 245, 36 Neb. 741.

Presumptions are divided into presumptiones juris et de jure, otherwise called “irrebuttable presumptions,” (often, but not necessarily, fictitious,) which the law will not suffer to be rebutted by any counter-evidence; as, that an infant under seven years is not responsible for his actions; presumptiones juris tantum, which hold good in the absence of counter-evidence, but against which counter-evidence may be admitted; and presumptiones hominum, which are not necessarily conclusive, though no proof to the contrary be adduced. Mozley & Whitney.

BL. LAW DICT. (3D ED.)
A natural presumption is that species of presumption, or process of probable reasoning, which is exercised by persons of ordinary intelligence, in inferring one fact from another, without reference to any technical rules. Otherwise called "praesumptio hominis." Bur- rill, Circ. Ev. 11, 12, 22, 24.

Legitimate presumptions have been denominated "violent" or "probable," according to the amount of weight which attaches to them. Such presumptions as are drawn from inadequate grounds are termed "light" or "rash" presumptions. Brown.

PRESUMPTION OF SURVIVORSHIP. A presumption of fact, to the effect that one person survived another, applied for the purpose of determining a question of succession or similar matter, in a case where the two persons perished in the same catastrophe, and there are no circumstances extant to show which of them actually died first, except those on which the presumption is founded, viz., differences of age, sex, strength, or physical condition.

PRESUMPTIVE. Resting on presumption; created by or arising out of presumption; inferred; assumed; supposed; as, "presumptive" damages, evidence, heir, notice, or title. See those titles.

PRÉT. In French law. Loan. A contract by which one of the parties delivers an article to the other, to be used by the latter, on condition of his returning, after having used it, the same article in nature or an equivalent of the same species and quality. Duverger.

PRÉT À INTÉRÊT. Loan at interest. A contract by which one of the parties delivers to the other a sum of money, or commodities, or other movable or fungible things, to receive for their use a profit determined in favor of the lender. Duverger.

PRÉT À USAGE. Loan for use. A contract by which one of the parties delivers an article to the other, to be used by the latter, the borrower agreeing to return the specific article after having used it. Duverger. A contract identical with the commodatum (q. v.) of the civil law.

PRÉT DE CONSOMMATION. Loan for consumption. A contract by which one party delivers to the other a certain quantity of things, such as are consumed in the use, on the undertaking of the borrower to return to him an equal quantity of the same species and quality. Duverger. A contract identical with the mutuum (q. v.) of the civil law.

PRETEND. To feign or simulate; to hold that out as real which is false or baseless. Brown v. Perez (Tex. Civ. App.) 26 S. W. 983; Powell v. Yeazel, 46 Neb. 225, 44 N. W. 685; State v. Kansas City & M. Ry. & Bridge Co., 106 Ark. 248, 153 S. W. 614, 616; King v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 270 F. 102. As to the rule against the buying and selling of "any pretended right or title," see Pretended Right or Title.

PRETENSE. See False Pretense.

PRETENDED, or PRETENDED, TITLE STATUTE. The English statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 9, § 2. It enacts that no one shall sell or purchase any pretended right or title to land, unless the vendor has received the profits thereof for one whole year before such grant, or has been in actual possession of the land, or of the reversion or remainder, on pain that both purchaser and vendor shall each forfeit the value of such land to the king and the prosecutor. See 4 Broom & H. Comm. 159.

PRETENDED RIGHT or TITLE. Where one is in possession of land, and another, who is out of possession, claims and sues for it. Here the pretended right or title is said to be in him who so claims and sues for the same. Mod. Cas. 302.


False Pretenses

See False.

PRÉTENTION. In French law. The claim made to a thing which a party believes himself entitled to demand, but which is not admitted or adjudged to be his.

The words right, action, and pretention are usually joined: not that they are synonymous, for right is something positive and certain, action is what is demanded, while pretention is sometimes not even accompanied by a demand.

PRETER LEGAL. Not agreeable to law; exceeding the limits of law; not legal.

PRETERITION. In the civil law. The omission by a testator of some one of his heirs who is legally entitled to a portion of the inheritance.

PRETEXT. Ostensible reason or motive assigned or assumed as a color or cover for the real reason or motive; false appearance, pretense. State v. Ball, 27 Neb. 604, 43 N. W. 393.

In International Law

A reason alleged as justificatory, but which is so only in appearance, or which is even absolutely destitute of all foundation. The name of "pretexts" may likewise be applied to reasons which are in themselves true and well-founded, but, not being of sufficient importance for undertaking a war, [or other international act,] are made use of only to cov-
er ambitious views. Vatt. Law Nat. bk. 3, c. 3, § 32.

PRETIUM. Lat. Price; cost; value; the price of an article sold.

PRETIUM AFFECTIONIS. An imaginary value put upon a thing by the fancy of the owner, and growing out of his attachment for the specific article, its associations, his sentiment for the donor, etc. Bell; The H. F. Dimock, 77 F. 235, 23 C. C. A. 123; Burr v. Bloomsburg, 101 N. J. Eq. 615, 138 A. 876, 878.

PRETIUM PERICULI. The price of the risk, e. g. the premium paid on a policy of insurance; also the interest paid on money advanced on bottomry or respondentia.

PRETIUM SEPULCHRI. A mortuary (q. v.).

Prettium suceedit in locum rel. The price stands in the place of the thing sold. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 939; 2 Bulst. 312.

PRETORIAL COURT. In the colony of Maryland, a court for the trial of capital crimes, consisting of the lord proprietor or his lieutenant-general, and the council. Also called Pretorial. Murray, New English Dict.

PRETORIUM. In Scotch law. A courthouse, or hall of justice. 3 How. State Tr. 425.

PREUVE. Fr. "Evidence" in the sense of the term in English law, and of probatio in the canon and civil law. The French word évidence, Latin evidentia, is commonly restricted to the testimony of the senses. 1 Bent, Evid. § 11.


The party prevailing in interest, and not necessarily the prevailing person. Gertz v. Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co., 153 Wis. 415, 140 N. W. 256, 214.

To be such does not depend upon the degree of success at different stages of the suit, but whether, at the end of the suit, or other proceeding, the party who has made a claim against the other, has successfully maintained it. Bangor & P. R. Co. v. Chamberlain, 60 Me. 286. Thus, where the court grants defendant a new trial after verdict for plaintiff, defendant is the "prevailing party" on that trial, and entitled to costs, although the plaintiff again gets verdict on retrial. Klock Produce Co. v. Diamond Ice & Storage Co., 98 Wash. 567, 168 P. 476, 478.

PREVAILING PRICES. This term, as used in a contract for the sale of paper which had no market price, as it required special manufacture and came only from one source, means such prices as were set by that source in the usual course of business, without undue enlargement of cost, and with a reasonable profit in addition. New York Oversea Co. v. China, Japan & South American Trading Co., 206 App. Div. 242, 200 N. Y. S. 449, 451.

PREVARICATION. In the Civil Law

In the Civil Law

The acting with unfaithfulness and want of probity; deceitful, crafty, or unfaithful conduct; particularly, such as is manifested in concealing a crime. Dig. 47, 15, 6.

In English Law

A collusion between an informer and a defendant, in order to a feigned prosecution. Cowell. Also any secret abuse committted in a public office or private commission; also the willful concealment or misrepresentation of truth, by giving evasive or equivocating evidence.


PREVENTION. In the Civil Law

The right of a judge to take cognizance of an action over which he has concurrent jurisdiction with another judge.

In Canon Law

The right which a superior person or officer has to lay hold of, claim, or transact an affair prior to an inferior one, to whom otherwise it more immediately belongs. Wharton.

PREVENTION OF CRIMES ACT. The statute 34 & 35 Vict. c. 112, passed for the purpose of securing a better supervision over habitual criminals. This act provides that a person who is for a second time convicted of crime may, on his second conviction, be subjected to police supervision for a period
of seven years after the expiration of the punishment awarded him. Penalties are imposed on lodging-house keepers, etc., for harboring thieves or reputed thieves. There are also provisions relating to receivers of stolen property, and dealers in old metals who purchase the same in small quantities. This act repeals the habitual criminals act of 1869, (32 & 33 Vict. c. 99.) Brown.

PREVENTIVE JUSTICE. The system of measures taken by government with reference to the direct prevention of crime. It generally consists in obliging those persons whom there is probable ground to suspect of future misbehavior to give full assurance to the public that such offense as is apprehended shall not happen, by finding pledges or securities to keep the peace, or for their good behavior. See 4 Bl. Comm. 251; 4 Steph. Comm. 200; Bradley v. Malen, 37 N. D. 296, 164 N. W. 24, 25.

PREVENTIVE SERVICE. The name given in England to the coast-guard, or armed police, forming a part of the customs service, and employed in the prevention and detection of smuggling.

PREVIOUS. Antecedent; prior. Webster, Dict. Sometimes limited in meaning to “next prior to” or “next preceding.” State v. Board of Education of New Haven, 88 Conn. 436, 91 A. 529, 530.

Previous intentions are judged by subsequent acts. Dumont v. Smith, 4 Denlo (N. Y.) 319, 320.

PREVIOUS QUESTION. In parliamentary practice, the question whether a vote shall be taken on the main issue, or not, brought forward before the main or real question is put by the speaker and for the purpose of avoiding, if the vote is in the negative, the putting of this question. The motion is in the form “that the question be now put,” and the mover and second vote against it. It is described in May, Parl. Prac. 277.

In the house of representatives of the United States and in many state legislatures the object of moving the previous question is to cut off debate and secure immediately a vote on the question under consideration. See Hinds, Precedents in the House of Repr.

PREVIOUSLY. An adverb of time, used in comparing an act or state named with another act or state, subsequent in order of time, for the purpose of asserting the priority of the first. Lebrecht v. Wilcoxon, 40 Iowa, 94.

PREVISORS, STATUTE OF. A statute of 25 Edw. III. St. 6, for the protection of spiritual patrons against the pope. See Maitl, Canon L. 69.


“Price” generally means the sum of money which an article is sold for; but this is simply because property is generally sold for money, not because the word has necessarily such a restricted meaning. Among writers on political economy, who use terms with philosophical accuracy, the word “price” is not always or even generally used as denoting the money equivalent of property sold. They generally treat and regard price as the equivalent or compensation, in whatever form received, for property sold. The Latin word from which “price” is derived sometimes means “reward,” “value,” “estimation,” “equivalent.” Hudson Iron Co. v. Alger, 51 N. Y. 17.

Also, the amount which a prospective seller indicates as the sum for which he is willing to sell; market value. Ara v. Rutland (Tex. Civ. App.) 172 S. W. 903, 994.

The term may be synonymous with cost, Williams v. Hybskman, 311 Mo. 352, 278 S. W. 571, 573, and with value, Southeastern Express Co. v. Nightingale, 32 Ga. App. 615, 135 S. E. 215, as well as with consideration, though price is not always identical either with consideration, Oregon Home Builders v. Crowley, 77 Or. 517, 170 P. 718, 721, or with value, Chicago, K. & W. R. Co. v. Parsons, 51 Kan. 408, 32 P. 196.

PRICE CURRENT. A list or enumeration of various articles of merchandise, with their prices, the duties, if any, payable thereon, when imported or exported, with the drawbacks occasionally allowed upon their exportation, etc. Wharton.

PRICE EXPECTANCY. In the moving picture industry, the minimum receipts which distributors expect to realize from the exhibition of pictures;—used interchangeably with “minimum sale” and “exhibition value.” Export & Import Film Co. v. B. P. Schulberg Productions, 125 Misc. 756, 211 N. Y. S. 885, 889.

PRICKING FOR SHERIFFS. In England, when the yearly list of persons nominated for the office of sheriff is submitted to the sovereign, he takes a pin, and to insure impartiality, as it is said, lets the point of it fall upon one of the three names nominated for each county, etc., and the person upon whose name it chances to fall is sheriff for the ensuing year. This is called “pricking for sheriffs.” Atk. Sher. 18.

PRICKING NOTE. Where goods intended to be exported are put direct from the station of the warehouse into a ship alongside, the exporter fills up a document to authorize the receiving the goods on board. This document is called a “pricking note,” from a practice of pricking holes in the paper correspond-
ing with the number of packages counted into the ship. Hamel, Cust. 181.

PRIDE GAVEL. A rent or tribute. Tayl. Gavelk, 112.

PRIEST. A minister of a church. A person in the second order of the ministry, as distinguished from bishops and deacons.

A pastor is a permanent official of a parish, and more than a priest, who holds a position of spiritual power without reference to locality. Dupont v. Puttellor, 120 Me. 114, 123 A. 11, 15.

PRIMA FACIE. Lat. At first sight; on the first appearance; on the face of it; so far as can be judged from the first disclosure; presumably.

PRIMA FACIE CASE. A litigating party is said to have a prima facie case when the evidence in his favor is sufficiently strong for his opponent to be called on to answer it. A prima facie case, then, is one which is established by sufficient evidence, and can be overthrown only by rebutting evidence adduced on the other side. In some cases the only question to be considered is whether there is a prima facie case or no. Thus a grand jury are bound to find a true bill of indictment, if the evidence before them creates a prima facie case against the accused; and for this purpose, therefore, it is not necessary for them to hear the evidence for the defense. Mozley & Whittley. And see State v. Hardejian, 169 Mo. 579, 70 S. W. 130; State v. Lawlor, 28 Minn. 216, 9 N. W. 698.

PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

Prima pars aequitatis aequalitas. The radical element of equity is equality.

PRIMA TONSURA. The first mowing; a grant of a right to have the first crop of grass. 1 Chit. Pr. 151.

PRIME IMPRESSIONS. A case prime impressionis (of the first impression) is a case of a new kind, to which no established principle of law or precedent directly applies, and which must be decided entirely by reason as distinguished from authority.

PRIME PRECES. Lat. In the civil law. An imperial prerogative by which the emperor exercised the right of naming to the first prebend that became vacant after his accession, in every church of the empire. 1 Bl. Comm. 381.

PRIMAGE. In mercantile law. Formerly, a small allowance or compensation payable to the master and mariners of a ship or vessel; to the former for the use of his cables and ropes to discharge the goods of the merchant; to the latter for lading and unlading in any port or haven. Abb. Shipp. 494; Peters v. Speights, 4 Md. Ch. 331; Blake v. Morgan, 3 Mart. O. S. (La.) 381. It is sometimes called the master's hat-money.

It is no longer, however, a gratuity to the master, unless especially stipulated; but it belongs to the owners or freighters, and is nothing but an increase of the freight rate. Carr v. Austin & N. W. R. Co. (C. C.) 14 F. 421.

PRIMARIA ECCLESIA. The mother church. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 118.

PRIMARY. First; principal; chief; leading. First in order of time, or development, or in intention. State v. Erickson, 44 S. D. 63, 182 N. W. 315, 316, 13 A. L. R. 1189.

PRIMARY ALLEGATION. The opening pleading in a suit in the ecclesiastical court. It is also called a "primary plea."

PRIMARY DISPOSAL OF THE SOIL. In acts of congress admitting territories as states, and providing that no laws shall be passed interfering with the primary disposal of the soil, this means the disposal of it by the United States government when it parts with its title to private persons or corporations acquiring the right to a patent or deed in accordance with law. See Oury v. Goodwin, 3 Ariz. 255, 26 P. 577; Topeka Commercial Security Co. v. McPherson, 7 Okl. 322, 54 P. 489.

PRIMARY POWERS. The principal authority given by a principal to his agent. It differs from "mediate powers." Story, Ag. § 58.

PRIMARY PURPOSE. That which is first in intention; which is fundamental. State v. Erickson, 44 S. D. 63, 182 N. W. 315, 317, 13 A. L. R. 1189. The principal or fixed intention with which an act or course of conduct is undertaken. Carlson v. Carpenter Contractors' Ass'n, 224 Ill. App. 430, 447.


PRIMATE. A chief ecclesiastic; an archbishop who has jurisdiction over his province, or one of several metropolitans presiding over others. Exarch comes nearest to it in the Greek church. Thus the archbishop of Canterbury is styled "Primate of all England;" the archbishop of York is "Primate of England." Wharton.

PRIME, n. In French law. The price of the risk assumed by an insurer; premium of insurance. Emerig. Traite des Assur. c. 3, § 1, nn. 1, 2.

PRIME, v. To stand first or paramount; to take precedence or priority of; to outrank; as, in the sentence "taxes prime all other liens."

PRIME MINISTER. The responsible head of a ministry or executive government, especially of a monarchical government. Webster, Dict. In England, he is the head of the cabinet, and usually holds the office of First Lord of the Treasury. The office was unknown to the law until 1906, when the prime minister was accorded a place in the order of precedence. Lowell, Gov. of Engl. 68. “He is the principal executive of the British constitution, and the sovereign a cog in the mechanism.” Bagehot.

PRIME SERJEANT. In English law. The king’s first serjeant at law.

PRIMER. A law French word, signifying first; primary.

PRIMER ELECTION. A term used to signify first choice; e.g., the right of the eldest co-parcener to first choose a purport.

PRIMER FINE. On suing out the writ or praecipe called a “writ of covenant,” there was due to the crown, by ancient prerogative, a primer fine, or a noble for every five marks of land sued for. That was one-tenth of the annual value. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 560.

PRIMER SEISIN. See Seisin.

PRIMICERIUS. In old English law. The first of any degree of men. 1 Mon. Angl. 338.

PRIMITÆ. In English law. First fruits; the first year’s whole profits of a spiritual preferment. 1 Bl. Comm. 284.

PRIMITIVE OBLIGATION. See Obligation.

PRIMO BENEFICIO. Lat. A writ directing a grant of the first benefice in the sovereign’s gift. Cowell.

Primo executienda est verbi vis, ne sermonis vitio obstruerat oratio, sive lex sine argumentis. Co. Litt. 68. The full meaning of a word should be ascertained at the outset, in order that the sense may not be lost by defect of expression, and that the law be not without reasons [or arguments].

PRIMO VENIENTI. Lat. To the one first coming. An executor anciently paid debts as they were presented, whether the assets were sufficient to meet all debts or not. Stim. Law Gloss.

PRIMOGENITURE. The state of being the first-born among several children of the same parents; seniority by birth in the same family.

The superior or exclusive right possessed by the eldest son, and particularly, his right to succeed to the estate of his ancestor, in right of his seniority by birth, to the exclusion of younger sons.


And see 1 Ves. 290; 3 Maule & S. 25; 8 Taunt. 408.

PRIMUM DECRETUM. Lat. In the canon law. The first decree; a preliminary decree granted on the non-appearance of a defendant, by which the plaintiff was put in possession of his goods, or of the thing itself which was demanded. Giff. Forum Rom. 32, 33. In the courts of admiralty, this name is given to a provisional decree. Bacon, Abr. The Court of Admiralty (E).

PRINCE. In a general sense, a sovereign; the ruler of a nation or state. More particularly, the son of a king or emperor, or the issue of a royal family; as princes of the blood. The chief of any body of men. Webster; The Lucy H. (D. C.) 225 F. 610, 612.

—Prince of Wales. A title given to the eldest son of the British sovereign or to the heir apparent to the crown. He is so created by letters patent, and is also created Earl of Chester. He is Duke of Cornwall by inheritance. Mary and Elizabeth, though each, at the time, was only heiress presumptive, were created Princesses of Wales by Henry VIII. See Princess royal.

—Princes and princesses of the royal blood. In English law. The younger sons and daughters of the sovereign, and other branches of the royal family who are not in the immediate line of succession.

PRINCES. Lat. In the civil law. The prince; the emperor.

Princes et respublica ex justa causa possunt rem meanus esse. 12 Coke, 13. The prince and the commonwealth, for a just cause, can take away my property.

Princps legibus solutus est. The emperor is released from the laws; is not bound by the laws. Dig. 1, 3, 31; Halifax, Anal. prev. vi, vii, note.

Princps mavult domesticos milites quam stipendios belliicis opponere casibus. Co. Litt. 69. A prince, in the chances of war, had better employ domestic than stipendiary troops.

PRINCESS ROYAL. In English law. The eldest daughter of the sovereign. 3 Steph. Comm. 460.

PRINCIPAL, adj. Chief; leading; most important or considerable; primary; original. Highest in rank, authority, character, importance, or degree. Bland v. Board of Trustees of Galt Joint Union High School Dist., 67 Cal. App. 784, 228 P. 395, 397.

As to principal “Challenge,” “Contract,” “Fact,” “Obligation,” “Office,” and “Vela,” see those titles.

—Principal establishment. In the law concerning domicilie, the principal domestic estab-

**PRINCIPAL, n.** The source of authority or right.


The capital sum of a debt or obligation, as distinguished from interest or other additions to it. Christian v. Superior Court, 122 Cal. 117, 54 P. 518. The corpus or capital of an estate in contradistinction to the income; "income" being merely the fruit of capital. Carter v. Rector, 88 Okl. 12, 210 P. 1095, 1097.

**In Old English Law**

An heirloom, mortuary, or cese-present. Wharton.

**In Property Law**

A term used as the correlative of "accessory" or "incident" to denote the more important or valuable subject, with which others are connected in a relation of dependence or subservience, or to which they are incident or appurtenant. Thus, it is said that the incident shall pass by the grant of the principal; but not the principal by the grant of the incident. Co. Litt. 152 a.

**In the Law of Agency**

The employer or constitutor of an agent; the person who gives authority to an agent or attorney to do some act for him. Adams v. Whittlesley, 3 Conn. 567. Called also constituent or chief; Mech. Agency § 3.

One, who, being competent sui juris to do any act for his own benefit or on his own account, consides it to another person to do for him. 1 Domat, b. 1, tit. 15.

The relation of principal and agent arises wherever one person, expressly or by implication, authorizes another to act for him, or subsequently ratifies the acts of another in his behalf. Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 582.

**In the Law of Guaranty and Suretyship**

The person primarily liable, for whose performance of his obligation the guarantor or surety has become bound. See Rollugs v. Gunter, 211 Ala. 671, 101 So. 446, 448.

**In Criminal Law**

A chief actor or perpetrator, or an alder and abettor actually or constructively present at the commission of the crime, as distinguished from an "accessory." At common law, a principal in the first degree is he that is the actor or absolute perpetrator of the crime; and, in the second degree, he who is present, aiding and abetting the fact to be done. § 8 Bl. Comm. 54. And see Bean v. State, 17 Tex. App. 60; Mitchell v. Comm., 33 Grat. (Vt.) 808; Cooney v. Burke, 11 Neb. 228, 9 N. W. 57; Red v. States, 39 Tex. Cr. R. 697, 47 S. W. 1006, 75 Am. St. Rep. 965; State v. Phillips, 24 Mo. 431; Travis v. Comm., 96 Ky., 77, 27 S. W. 863; Castillo v. State, 75 Tex. Cr. R. 643, 172 S. W. 788, 789; Hately v. State, 15 Ga. 348; McCabe v. State, 149 Ark. 585, 233 S. W. 771, 772; State v. Walters, 135 La. 1070, 66 So. 364, 375. Neither a principal in the first degree nor one in the second degree need be actually present when the offense is consummated; People v. Adams, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 190, 45 Am. Dec. 468; Smith v. State, 21 Tex. App. 107, 17 S. W. 552; State v. Morey, 126 Me. 323, 128 A. 474, 475; People v. Marx, 291 Ill. 40, 125 N. E. 719, 722; for the presence of a principal in the second degree may be merely constructive; e. g., where he stays outside and keeps watch or guard; Pierce v. State, 130 Tenn. 24, 168 S. W. 851, 856, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 137; Brown v. Commonwealth, 130 Va. 733, 107 S. E. 800, 810, 18 A. L. R. 1092; Coleman v. State, 83 Tex. Cr. R. 85, 200 S. W. 1057; Com. v. Knapp, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 496, 20 Am. Dec. 491; 9 C. & P. 437; Brennan v. People, 15 Ill. 511. In misdemeanor, anyone participating is a principal. Boggs v. Commonwealth, 218 Ky. 762, 292 S. W. 324, 325; DeFreese v. City of Atlanta, 12 Ga. App. 201, 76 S. E. 1077; Farriss v. State, 74 Tex. Cr. R. 607, 170 S. W. 310, 311.

A criminal offender is either a principal or an accessory. A principal is either the actor (i. e., the actual perpetrator of the crime) or else is present, aiding and abetting, the fact to be done; an accessory is he who is not the chief actor in the offense, nor yet present at its performance, but is some way concerned therein, either before or after the fact committed. People v. Hale, 326 Ill. 42; People v. Ah Gee, 37 Cal. App. 1, 174 P. 371, 373; State v. Powell, 168 N. C. 134, 83 S. E. 310, 313.

A person concerned in the commission of a crime, whether he directly commits the act constituting the offense or aids in the commission of the same or present or absent, and a person who directly or indirectly counsels, commands, induces, or procures another to commit a crime. Penal Law N. Y. (Consol. Laws, c. 49) § 2: Mason's St. Minn. 1927, § 9917; Rem. & Bal. Code (Wash.) § 2260 (Rem. Comp. Stat. § 2260).

In General

—Principal of the house. In English law. The chief person in some of the lains of chancery.


—Vice principal. In the law of master and servant, this term means one to whom the employer has confided the entire charge of the business or of a distinct branch of it, giving him authority to superintend, direct, and control the workmen and make them obey his orders, the master himself exercising no particular oversight and giving no particular orders, or one to whom the master has delegated a duty of his own, which is a direct, personal, and absolute obligation. See Durkin v. Kingston Coal Co., 171 Pa. 195, 33 A. 237, 29 L. R. A. 588, 50 Am. St. Rep. 801; Moore v. Railway Co., 85 Mo. 593; Railroad Co. v. Bell, 112 Pa. 400, 4 A. 30; Lewis v. Selfert, 116 Pa. 628, 11 A. 514, 2 Am. St. Rep. 451; Minneapolis v. Lundin, 58 F. 525, 7 C. C. A. 344; Lindvall v. Woods (C. C.) 44 F. 855; Perras v. Booth, 82 Minn. 191, 84 N. W. 739; Van Dusen v. Letellier, 78 Misc. 492, 44 N. W. 572; Hanna v. Granger, 18 R. I. 507, 28 A. 656. The term "vice principal," as used in the fellow-servant law, includes any servant who represents the master in the discharge of those personal or absolute duties which every master owes to his servants; such duties being often referred to as the nonassignable duties of the master, among which are, providing suitable machinery and appliances, a safe place to work, the proper inspection and repair of premises and appliances, the selection and retention of suitable servants, the establishment of proper rules and regulations, and the instruction of servants as to the kind and manner of work to be done by them. International Cotton Mills v. Webb, 22 Ga. App. 309, 96 S. E. 16; Wolverline Oil Co. v. Kingsbury, 66 Okl. 271, 168 P. 1921, 1022; Morelli v. Twohry Bros. Co., 54 Mont. 366, 170 P. 757, 759. To make a servant a vice principal, it is only necessary that he have authority to direct and supervise the work and to hire and discharge subordinate servants engaged in the work. Modern Order of Praetorians v. Nelson (Tex. Civ. App.) 162 S. W. 17, 18; Buckeye Cotton Oil Co. v. Everett, 24 Ga. App. 783, 102 S. E. 177; Shields v. W. R. Grace & Co., 91 Or. 187, 179 P. 265, 271; Daggert v. American Car & Foundry Co. (Mo. App.) 284 S. W. 555, 566. However, a servant may be a vice principal, though he has no power to employ and discharge men under him. Wilson v. Counsell, 182 Ill. App. 78, 84.

PRINCIPALIS. Lat. Princípal; a principal debtor; a principal in a crime.

Principalis debet semper exorti antiquam perversitatem ad fidélissores. The principal should always be exhausted before coming upon the sureties. 2 Inst. 19.

Principia data sequuntur concomitantia. Given principles are followed by their concomitants.

Principia probant, non probantur. Principles prove; they are not proved. 3 Coke, 59a. Fundamental principles require no proof; or, in Lord Coke's words, "they ought to be approved, because they cannot be proved." Id.

Principis obstat. Withstand beginnings; oppose a thing in its early stages, if you would do so with success. Branch, Princ.

Principorum non est ratio. There is no reason of principles; no argument is required to prove fundamental rules. 2 Bulst. 239.

Principium est potissima pars cujusque rei. 10 Coke, 49. The principle of anything is its most powerful part.

PRINCIPLE. A fundamental truth or doctrine, as of law; a comprehensive rule or doctrine which furnishes a basis or origin for others; a settled rule of action, procedure, or legal determination. A truth or proposition so clear that it cannot be proved or contradicted unless by a proposition which is still clearer. That which constitutes the essence of a body or its constituent parts. 8 Term. 197. That which pertains to the theoretical part of a science. Hemler v. Richland Parish School Board, 142 La. 193, 76 So. 856, 857.

In Patent Law

The principle of a machine is the particular means of producing a given result by a mechanical contrivance. Parker v. Stiles, 5 McLean, 44, 68, Fed. Cas. No. 10,749. It is the modus operandi, or that which applies, modifies, or combines mechanical powers to produce a certain result; and, so far, a principle, if new in its application to a useful purpose, may be patentable. See Barrett v. Hull, 1 Mason, 470, Fed. Cas. No. 1,047.


PRINT. n. A term which includes most of the forms of figures or characters or representa-

PRINT, n. To stamp by direct pressure as from the face of types, plates, or blocks covered with ink or pigments, or to impress with transferred characters or delineations by the exercise of force as with a press or other mechanical agency. Acme Coal Co. v. Northrup Nat. Bank of Jolna, Kan., 23 Wyo. 66, 146 P. 563, L. R. A. 1915D, 1054.

The term properly refers to the mechanical work of production, whereas "publish" pertains to the issuance from the place where printed. In re Monrovia Evening Post, 199 Cal. 263, 248 P. 1017, 1018; In re McDonald, 187 Cal. 115, 201 P. 110, 111. But a finding that a newspaper is "published" in a certain county may be deemed sufficient to show that it was "printed" in such county. McCormick v. Higgins, 199 Ill. App. 241, 261. Similarly, a requirement that matter be "printed" in a particular county may be construed as a direction that it be "published" there. In re Publication of Docket of Supreme Court (Mo. Sup.) 232 S. W. 664, 456, overruling In re Publishing Docket in Local Newspaper, 236 Mo. 48, 187 S. W. 1174, 1175.


—Public printing. Such as is directly ordered by the legislature, or performed by the agents of the government authorized to procure it to be done. Ellis v. State, 4 Ind. 1.

PRIOR, Lat. The former; earlier; preceding; preferable or preferred.

—Prior creditor. Generally, the creditor who is accorded priority in payment from the assets of his debtor. Richey v. Ferguson, 83 Kan. 152, 145 P. 497.

Prior tempore potior jure. He who is first in time is preferred in right. Co. Litt. 14a; Broom, Max. 354, 358; 2 P. Wms. 491; 1 Term 733; 9 Wheat. 24, 6 L. Ed. 23; 15 A. (Pa.) 730.

PRIORI PETENTI. To the person first applying. In probate practice, where there are several persons equally entitled to a grant of administration, (e. g., next of kin of the same degree,) the rule of the court is to make the grant priori petenti, to the first applicant. Browne, Prob. Pr. 174; Coote, Prob. Pr. 173, 180.

PRIORITY. Precedence; going before. A legal preference or precedence. When two persons have similar rights in respect of the same subject-matter, but one is entitled to exercise his right to the exclusion of the other, he is said to have priority.

In Old English Law

An antiquity of tenure, in comparison with one not so ancient. Cowell.

PRISAGE. An ancient hereditary revenue of the crown, consisting in the right to take a certain quantity from cargoes of wine imported into England. In Edward I.'s reign it was converted into a pecuniary duty called "butlerage." 2 Steph. Comm. 561.


PRISON. A public building or other place for the confinement or safe custody of persons, whether as a punishment imposed by the law or otherwise in the course of the administration of justice. See Scarborough v. Thornton, 9 Pa. 451; Sturtevant v. Com., 153 Mass. 598, 33 N. E. 418; Copeland v. Commonwealth, 214 Ky. 209, 282 S. W. 1077; Pen. Code N. Y. 1903, § 92.

Originally it was distinguished from jail, which was a place for confinement, not for punishment, and the popular modern tendency is to use the term in contradistinction to jail, to denote particularly a state penitentiary. Copeland v. Commonwealth, 283 S. W. 1077, 214 Ky. 209. But the term may also properly apply to a county jail. State v. Killian, 173 N. C. 765, 96 S. E. 499, 501.

As used in a statute pertaining to escapes, the word may include territory outside a state prison, where an inmate, when at work outside, is under the surveillance of prison guards. People v. Vanderburg, 67 Cal. App. 217, 227 P. 552.
PRISON BOUNDS. The limits of the territory surrounding a prison, within which an imprisoned debtor, who is out on bonds, may go at will. See Gaol.

PRISON-BREAKING, or BREACH. The common-law offense of one who, being lawfully in custody, escapes from the place where he is confined, by the employment of force and violence. This offense is to be distinguished from “rescue,” (q. v.) which is a delivery of a prisoner from lawful custody by a third person. 2 Blis. Crim. Law, § 1065.

PRISONAM FRANGENTIBUS, STATUTE DE. The English statute 1 Edw. II. St. 2, (in Rev. St. 23 Edw. I.) whereby it is felony for a felon to break prison, but misdemeanor only for a misdemeanant to do so. 1 Hale, P. C. 612.

PRISONER. One who is deprived of his liberty; one who is against his will kept in confinement or custody. U. S. v. Curran (C. C. A) 297 F. 946, 950; People v. Vanderburg, 67 Cal. App. 217, 227 P. 623.

A person restrained of his liberty upon any action, civil or criminal, or upon commandment. Cowell.

A person on trial for crime. “The prisoner at the bar.” The jurors are told to “look upon the prisoner.” The court, after passing sentence, gives orders to “remove the prisoner.” See Hairston v. Com., 97 Va. 754; 32 S. E. 797; Joyce v. Salt Lake City, 15 Utah, 401, 49 P. 290.

PRISONER AT THE BAR. An accused person, while on trial before the court, is so called. One accused of crime, who is actually on trial, is in legal effect a “prisoner at the bar,” notwithstanding he has given bond for his appearance at the trial. He is a “prisoner” if held in custody either under bond or other process of law, or when physically held under arrest, and when actually on trial he is a “prisoner at the bar.” The term is as applicable to one on trial for a misdemeanor as for a felony. Allen v. State, 18 Ga. App. 1, 88 S. E. 100.

PRISONER OF WAR. One who has been captured in war while fighting in the army of the public enemy.

PRIST. L. Fr. Ready. In the old forms of oral pleading, this term expressed a tender or joinder of issue.

Prium vitis laboravimus, nunc legibus. 4 Inst. 76. We labored first with vices, now with laws.


PRIVATE. Affecting or belonging to private individuals; as distinct from the public generally. Not official; not clothed with office.

PRIVATE BILL OFFICE. An office of the British parliament where the business of securing private acts of parliament is conducted.

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW. A name used by some writers to indicate that branch of the law which is now more commonly called “Conflict of Laws” (q. v.)

PRIVATE LAW. As used in contradistinction to public law, the term means all that part of the law which is administered between citizen and citizen, or which is concerned with the definition, regulation, and enforcement of rights in cases where both the person in whom the right inures and the person upon whom the obligation is incident are private individuals. See Public Law.

PRIVATE PERSON. An individual who is not the incumbent of an office.

PRIVATE STREET. Literally speaking, this is an impossibility, for no way can be both private and a street. It may be one or the other, but not both. Grell v. Stollenwerck, 201 Ala. 305, 78 So. 79, 82.


PRIVATEER. A vessel owned, equipped, and armed by one or more private individu-
als, and duly commissioned by a belligerent power to go on cruises and make war upon the enemy, usually by preying on his commerce. A private vessel commissioned by the state by the issue of a letter of marque to its owner to carry on all hostilities by sea, presumably according to the laws of war. Formerly a state issued letters of marque to its own subjects, and to those of neutral states as well, but a privateer who accepted letters of marque from both belligerents was regarded as a pirate. By the Declaration of Paris (April, 1858), privateering was abolished, but the United States, Spain, Mexico, and Venezuela did not accede to this declaration. It has been thought that the constitutional provision empowering Congress to issue letters of marque deprives it of the power to join in a permanent treaty abolishing privateering. See 28 Am. L. Rev. 615; 24 Am. L. Rev. 902; 19 Law Mag. & Rev. 35.

Privatio præsupponit habitum. 2 Rolle, 419. A deprivation presupposes a possession.

PRIVATION. A taking away or withdrawing. Co. Litt. 239.

Privatis pactio non dubium est non iudicium judicium est. There is no doubt that the rights of others [third parties] cannot be prejudiced by private agreements. Dlg. 2, 15, 3, pr.; Broom, Max. 697.

Privatorum conventio juri publico non derogat. The agreement of private individuals does not derogate from the public right, [law.] Dlg. 59, 17, 45, 1; 9 Coke, 141; Broom, Max. 685.


Privatum commodium publico cedit. Private good yields to public. Jenk. Cent. p. 223, case 80. The interest of an individual should give place to the public good. 1d.

Privatum incommodium publico bene peassatur. Private inconvenience is made up for by public benefit. Jenk. Cent. p. 85, case 65; Broom, Max. 7.

PRIVEMENT ENCEINTE. Fr. Pregnant privately. A term used to signify that a woman is pregnant, but not yet quick with child.

PRIVES. Persons connected together, or having a mutual interest in the same action or thing, by some relation other than that of actual contract between them; persons whose interest in an estate is derived from the contract or conveyance of others. Quoted in Woodward v. Jackson, 85 Iowa, 432, 22 N. W. 355, 356; Beta v. Moore-Shenkberg Grocery Co., 197 Iowa, 1948, 199 N. W. 254, 255.

Those who are partners or have an interest in any action or thing, or any relation to another. They are of six kinds:

(1) Prives of blood; such as the heir to his ancestor.
(2) Prives in representation; as executors or administrators to their deceased testator or intestate.
(3) Prives in estate; as grantor and grantee, lessor and lessee, assignor and assignee, etc.
(4) Privities, in respect of contract, are personal privities, and extend only to the persons of the lessor and lessee.
(5) Prives in respect of estate and contract; as where the lessee assigns his interest, but the contract between lesser and lessee continues, the lessee not having accepted of the assignee.
(6) Prives in law; as the lord by escheat, a tenant by the curtesy, or in dower, the incumbent of a benefice, a husband suing or defending in right of his wife, etc. Wharton; H. Weston Lumber Co. v. Lacey Lumber Co., 58 So. 336, 336, 336 Misc. 288, 19 A. L. R. 436.

"Privies," in the sense that they are bound by the judgment, are those who acquired an interest in the subject-matter after the rendition of the judgment. Village Mills Co. v. Houston Oil Co. of Texas (Tex. Civ. Apps.) 199 S. W. 285, 270; Central Oregon Irr. Co. v. Young, 513 F. 782, 384, 197 Or. 29.


PRIVIGNA. Lat. In the civil law. A stepdaughter.

PRIVIGNUS. Lat. In the civil law. A son of a husband or wife by a former marriage; a step-son. Calvin.


An exemption from some burden or attendance, with which certain persons are indulged, from a supposition of law that the stations they fill, or the offices they are engaged in, are such as require all their time and care, and that, therefore, without this indulgence, it would be impracticable to execute such offices to that advantage which the public good requires. See Lawyers' Tax Cases, 8 Hel. (Tenn.) 649; E. S. v. Patrick (O. C.) 54 F. 345; Dike v. State, 33 Minn. 368, 38 N. W. 96; International Trust Co. v. American L. & T. Co., 62 Minn. 501, 65 N. W. 78; Com,

That which releases one from the performance of a duty or obligation, or exempts one from a liability which he would otherwise be required to perform, or sustain in common with all other persons. State v. Groenickle, 189 Wis. 17, 206 N. W. 895, 896.


As used in a grant of a “privilege” of mining and taking coal from the land of the grantor, the word imports permissive use. Saltsburg Colliery Co. v. Trucks Coal Mining Co., 273 Pa. 447, 123 A. 459, 461.

In the Civil Law

A right which the nature of a debt gives to a creditor, and which entitles him to be preferred before other creditors. Civil Code La. art. 3156. It is merely an accessory of the debt which it secures, and falls with the extinguishment of the debt. A. Baldwin & Co. v. McCuin, 150 La. 966, 966 80. 459, 460. The civil-law privilege became, by adoption of the admiralty courts, the admiralty lien. Howe, Stud. Civ. L. 56; The J. E. Rumbell, 148 U. S. 1, 13 S. Ct. 405, 37 L. Ed. 345.

In the Maritime Law

An allowance to the master of a ship of the same general nature with primage, being compensation, or rather a gratuity, customary in certain trades, and which the law assumes to be a fair and equitable allowance, because the contract on both sides is made under the knowledge of such usage by the parties. 3 Chit. Commer. Law. 431.

In the Law of Libel and Slander

An exemption from liability for the speaking or publishing of defamatory words concerning another, based on the fact that the statement was made in the performance of a duty, political, judicial, social, or personal. Privilege is either absolute or conditional. The former protects the speaker or publisher without reference to his motives or the truth or falsity of the statement. This may be claimed in respect, for instance, to statements made in legislative debates, in reports of military officers to their superiors in the line of their duty, and statements made by judges, witnesses, and jurors in trials in court. Conditional privilege (called also “qualified privilege”) will protect the speaker or publisher unless actual malice and knowledge of the falsity of the statement is shown. This may be claimed where the communication related to a matter of public interest, or where it was necessary to protect one’s private interest and was made to a person having an interest in the same matter. Ramsey v. Cheek, 109 N. C. 270, 13 S. E. 775; Nichols v. Eaton, 110 Iowa, 509, 81 N. W. 792, 47 L. R. A. 483, 80 Am. St. Rep. 319; Knapp & Co. v. Campbell, 14 Tex. Civ. App. 199, 38 S. W. 705; Hill v. Drainage Co., 79 Hun, 385, 29 N. Y. S. 427; Cooley v. Galyon, 106 Tenn. 1, 70 S. W. 697, 60 L. R. A. 139, 97 Am. St. Rep. 823; Ruohs v. Backer, 6 Helsk. (Tenn.) 405, 19 Am. Rep. 598; Cranfill v. Hayden, 97 Tex. 544, 80 S. W. 613.

“Absolute privilege” is confined to cases in which the public service or the administration of justice requires complete immunity from being called to account for language used. Taber v. Aransas Harbor Terminal Ry. (Tex. Civ. App.) 319 S. W. 860, 861. It is based upon the theory that the publication of defamatory matter must be protected in the interest of and for the necessities of society, even though it be both false and malicious. Light Pub. Co. v. Huntress (Tex. Civ. App.) 139 S. W. 1185, 1171.

“Qualified privilege” extends to all communications made in good faith upon any subject matter in which the party communicating has an interest or in reference to which he has a duty to a person having a corresponding interest or duty, although the duty be not a legal one, but of a moral or social character of imperfect obligation; and it arises from the necessity of full and unrestricted communication concerning a matter in which the parties have an interest or duty. Southern Ice Co. v. Black, 120 Tenn. 391, 189 S. W. 881, 883, Ann. Cas. 1917E, 695.

In Parliamentary Law

The right of a particular question, motion, or statement to take precedence over all other business before the house and to be considered immediately, notwithstanding any consequent interference with or setting aside the rules of procedure adopted by the house. The matter may be one of “personal privilege,” where it concerns one member of the house in his capacity as a legislator, or of the “privilege of the house,” where it concerns the rights, immunities, or dignity of the entire body, or of “constitutional privilege,” where it relates to some action to be taken or some order of proceeding expressly enjoined by the constitution.

In General

—Privilege from arrest. A privilege extended to certain classes of persons, either by the rules of international law, the policy of the law, or the necessities of justice or of the administration of government, whereby they are exempted from arrest on civil process, and, in some cases, on criminal charges, either permanently, as in the case of a foreign minister and his suite, or temporarily, as in the case of members of the legislature, parties and witnesses engaged in a particular suit, etc. See 1 Kent 249; 8 R. 43; 2 Stra. 985; 1 M. & W. 488; Parker v. March, 123 N. Y. 583, 29 N. E. 989, 29 L. R. A. 453, 32 Am. St. Rep. 770; Barber v. Knowles, 77 Ohio St. 81, 82 N. E. 1065, 11 Ann. Cas. 1144, 14 L. R. A. (N. S.) 665.
-Privilege of transit. In railroading, the right of a shipper to have a car stopped at some intermediate point, the commodity shipped unloaded and treated or changed into some other form, and then reloaded and shipped to its destination as though it had been a continuous shipment and at the same rate as originally billed. Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co. v. Board of Railroad Com'rs, 47 S. D. 395, 199 N. W. 453, 454.


-Privileges and immunities. Within the meaning of the 14th amendment of the United States constitution, such privileges are deemed to be fundamental, which belong to the citizens of all free governments and which have at all times been enjoyed by citizens of the United States. Slaughter House Cases, 16 Wall. (U. S.) 76, 21 L. Ed. 304; Spies v. Illinois, 128 U. S. 150, 8 S. Ct. 21, 31 L. Ed. 80; O'Neil v. Vermont, 144 U. S. 361, 12 S. Ct. 693, 36 L. Ed. 450; La Tourette v. Mc MASTER, 104 S. C. 501, 89 S. E. 308, 309. They are only those which owe their existence to the federal government, its national character, its Constitution, or its laws. Ownbey v. Morgan, 256 U. S. 94, 41 S. Ct. 433, 65 L. Ed. 837, 17 A. L. R. 873, affirming Judgment (1919) 105 A. 853, 7 Boyce, 297; Prudential Ins. Co. of America v. Check, 25 U. S. 330, 42 S. Ct. 816, 66 L. Ed. 1944, 27 A. L. R. 27; Rosenthal v. New York, 226 U. S. 208, 33 S. Ct. 27, 57 L. Ed. 222, Am. Cas. 1914B, 71.

-Real privilege. In English law. A privilege granted to, or concerning, a particular place or locality.

-Special privilege. In constitutional law. A right, power, franchise, immunity; or privilege granted to, or vested in, a person or class of persons, to the exclusion of others, and in derogation of common right. Plattssmouth v. Nebraska Teleph. Co., 80 Neb. 460, 114 N. W. 588, 14 L. R. A. (N. S.) 654, 127 Am. St. Rep. 779, quoted in Old Colony Trust Co. v. Omaha, 230 U. S. 100, 33 S. Ct. 967, 971, 57 L. Ed. 1410. See, also, City of Elk Point v. Vaughn, 1 Dak. 118, 46 N. W. 577; Ex parte Douglass, 1 Utah, 111.

-Writ of privilege. A process to enforce or maintain a privilege; particularly to secure the release of a person arrested in a civil suit contrary to his privilege.

PRIVILEGED. Possessing or enjoying a privilege; exempt from burdens; entitled to priority or precedence.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS. See Communication.

PRIVILEGED COPYHOLDS. See Copyhold.

PRIVILEGED DEBTS. Those which an executor or administrator, trustee in bankruptcy, and the like, may pay in preference to others; such as funeral expenses, servants' wages, and doctors' bills during last sickness, etc.

PRIVILEGED DEED. In Scotch law. An instrument, for example, a testament, in the execution of which certain statutory formalities usually required are dispensed with, either from necessity or expediency. Ersk. Inst. 3, 22; Bell.

PRIVILEGED VESSEL. That one of two vessels which, as against the other, ordinarily has the right or duty to hold her course and speed. Under International Rules, arts. 20, 22 (33 USCA §§ 105, 107), a sailing vessel, except when the overtaking vessel, is always the privileged vessel, as against a steamer. The Buenos Aires (C. C. A.) 5 F.(2d) 425, aff (D. C.) The Windrush, 268 F. 251. But the fact that a vessel is privileged does not excuse her from failing to observe the rules, inattention to signals, or failure to answer where an answer is required, or from adopting such precautions as may be necessary to avoid a collision. The West Hartland (C. C. A.) 2 F.(2d) 834, affirming decrees (D. C.) 295 F. 547, and 297 F. 330.

PRIVILEGED VILLENAGE. In old English law. A species of villenage in which the tenants held by certain and determinate services; otherwise called "villed-soague." Bract. fol. 209. Now called "privileged copyhold," including the tenure in ancient demesne. 2 Bl. Comm. 99, 100.

Privilegium qua re vera sunt in praedulcium reipublicae, magis tamen habent speciem fronte viclia, et boni publici pretexutus, quam haece et legales concessiones; sed pretexutum nihil de deb admissi ilicitum. 11 Coke, 88. Privileges which are truly in prejudice of public good have, however, a more specious front and pretext of public good than good and legal grants; but, under pretext of legality, that which is illegal ought not to be admitted.

PRIVILGIUM.

In Roman Law

A special constitution by which the Roman emperor conferred on some single person some anomalous or irregular right, or imposed upon some single person some anomalous or irregular obligation, or inflicted on some single person some anomalous or irregular punishment. When such privilegia conferred anomalous rights, they were styled "favorable." When they imposed anomalous obligations, or inflicted anomalous punishments, they were styled "odious." Aust. Jur. § 748.
A private law inflicting a punishment or conferring a reward. Calvins, Lex.; Cioiro, de Lege 3, 19; pro Domine 17; Vitae, Voc. Jur.

In Modern Civil Law

"Privilegium" is said to denote, in its general sense, every peculiar right or favor granted by the law, contrary to the common rule. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 197.

A species of lien or claim upon an article of property, not dependent upon possession, but continuing until either satisfied or released. Such is the lien, recognized by modern maritime law, of seamen upon the ship for their wages. 2 Pars. Mar. Law, 561.

PRIVILEGIO CLERICALE. The benefit of clergy, (q. v.)

Privilegium est beneficium personale, et extinguitur cum persona. 2 Bulst. 8. A privilege is a personal benefit, and dies with the person.

Privilegium est quasi privata lex. 2 Bulst. 159. Privilege is, as it were, a private law.

Privilegium non valet contra rem publicam. Privilege is of no force against the commonwealth. Even necessity does not excuse, where the act to be done is against the commonwealth. Bac. Max. p. 32, in reg. 5; Broom. Max. 18; Noy. Max. 9th ed. 54.

PRIVILEGIO, PROPERTY PROPER A qualified property in animals fera natura; i. e., a privilege of hunting, taking, and killing them, in exclusion of others. 2 Bl. Comm. 394; 2 Steph. Comm. 9.


A. 222; Litchfield v. Crane, 123 U. S. 549, 8 S. Ct. 31, 31 L. Ed. 199.

Derivative interest founded on, or growing out of, contract, connection, or bond of union between parties; mutuality of interest. Hodgson v. Midwest Oil Co. (C. C. A.) 17 F. (2d) 71, 75.

In a general, nontechnical sense, private knowledge; joint knowledge with another of a private concern, which is often supposed to imply consent or concurrence; cognizance implying consent or concurrence. Roussel v. Railways Realty Co., 137 La. 506, 509 So. 27, 31; Waring v. Bass, 76 Fla. 583, 80 So. 515, 515.

In a strict and technical sense a judgment creditor does not occupy such a relation to his debtor as to fall within the meaning of the word "privity," for there is no succession to the property of the debtor until a sale under execution is had and the judgment creditor has become vested with the title thereof. But a majority of the courts have enlarged the meaning of the word, and consequently have held that there is privity between the two before there is an actual delivery of the title of the property owned by the debtor. Buck v. Kemp Lumber Co., 22 N. M. 567, 170 F. 54, 56; L. R. A. 1918C, 1015.

Privity of contract is that connection or relationship which exists between two or more contracting parties. It is essential to the maintenance of an action on any contract that there should subsist a privity between the plaintiff and defendant in respect of the matter sued on. Brown.

Privity of estte is that which exists between lessor and lessee, tenant for life and remainder-man or reversioner, etc., and their respective assignees, and between joint tenants and coparceners. Privity of estte is required for a release by enlargement. Sweet.

Privity of blood exists between all heir and his ancestor, (privity in blood inheritable,) and between coparceners. This privity was formerly of importance in the law of descent cast. Co. Litt. 271a, 242a; 2 Inst. 516; 8 Coke, 428.

PRIVITY OR KNOWLEDGE. Under Rev. St. §§ 4253-4286 (46 USCA §§ 139-159) withholding the right to limit liability if the shipowner had "privity or knowledge" of the fault which occasioned damages, privity or knowledge must be actual and not merely constructive, and must involve a personal participation of the owner in some fault or act of negligence causing or contributing to the injury suffered. The 54-H (C. C. A.) 296 F. 427, 431.

The words import actual knowledge of the things causing or contributing to the loss, or knowledge or means of knowledge of a condition of things likely to produce or contribute to the loss without adopting proper means to prevent it. Petition of Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. (D. C.) 278 F. 180, 189.

PRIVY. A person who is in privity with another. One who is a partaker or has any part
or Interest in any action, matter, or thing. See Privies; Privity.

Also, a water-closet. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Commonwealth, 175 Ky. 282, 194 S. W. 313, 314.

As an adjective, the word has practically the same meaning as "private." •

PRIVY COUNCIL. In English law. The principal council of the sovereign, composed of the cabinet ministers, and other persons chosen by the king or queen as privy councillors. 2 Steph. Comm. 479, 480. The judicial committee of the privy council acts as a court of ultimate appeal in various cases.

PRIVY COUNCILLOR. A member of the privy council.

PRIVY PURSE. In English law. The income set apart for the sovereign's personal use.

PRIVY SEAL. In English law. A seal used in making out grants or letters patent, preparatory to their passing under the great seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 347. A seal which the king uses to such grants or things as pass the great seal. Co. 2d Inst. 554. A seal of the British government which affixed to documents not requiring the great seal. Encycl. Br.

PRIVY SIGNET. In English law. The signet or seal which is first used in making out grants and letters patent, and which is always in the custody of the principal secretary of state. 2 Bl. Comm. 347.

PRIVY TOKEN. A false mark or sign, forged object, counterfeited letter, key, ring, etc., used to deceive persons, and thereby fraudulently get possession of property. St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 1. A false privy token is a false privy document or sign, not such as is calculated to deceive men generally, but designed to defraud one or more individuals. Cheating by such false token was not indictable at common law. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1294.

PRIVY VERDICT. In practice. A verdict given privyly to the judge out of court, but which was of no force unless afterwards affirmed by a public verdict given openly in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 377. Kramer v. Kister, 187 Pa. 227, 40 A. 1008, 44 L. R. A. 452; Barrett v. State, 1 Wis. 175; Young v. Seymour, 4 Neb. 89; Com. v. Heller, 5 Phila. (Pa.) 123. Now generally superseded by the "sealed verdict," i.e., one written out, sealed up, and delivered to the judge or the clerk of the court.

PRIZE. In Admiralty Law

A vessel or cargo, belonging to one of two belligerent powers, apprehended or forcibly captured at sea by a war- vessel or privateer of the other belligerent, and claimed as enemy's property, and therefore liable to appropriation and condemnation under the laws of war. See 1 C. Rob. Adm. 228.

The apprehension and detention at sea of a ship or other vessel, by authority of a belligerent power, either with the design of appropriating it, with the goods and effects it contains, or with that of becoming master of the whole or a part of its cargo. 1 C. Rob. 228.

Captured property regularly condemned by the sentence of a competent prize court. 1 Kent, Comm. 102.

Goods taken on land from a public enemy are called "booty"; and the distinction between a prize and booty consists in this, that the former is taken at sea and the latter on land.

In Contracts

Anything offered as a reward of contest; a reward offered to the person who, among several persons or among the public at large, shall first (or best) perform a certain undertaking or accomplish certain conditions.

PRIZE COURTS. Courts having jurisdiction to adjudicate upon captures made at sea in time of war, and to condemn the captured property as prize if lawfully subject to that sentence. In England, the admiralty courts have jurisdiction as prize courts, distinct from the jurisdiction on the instance side. A special commission issues in time of war to the judge of the admiralty court, to enable him to hold such court. In America, the federal district courts have jurisdiction in cases of prize. 1 Kent, Comm. 101-108, 333-360. See Penhallow v. Doane, 3 Dall. 91, 1 L. Ed. 507; Maley v. Shattuck, 3 Cranch. 488; 2 L. Ed. 498; Cushing v. Laird, 107 U. S. 69, 2 S. Ct. 196, 27 L. Ed. 391.

PRIZE GOODS. Goods which are taken on the high seas, jure belli, out of the hands of the enemy. The Adeline, 9 Cranch. 244, 284, 3 L. Ed. 719.

PRIZE LAW. The system of laws and rules applicable to the capture of prize at sea; its condemnation, rights of the captors, distribution of the proceeds, etc. The Buena Ventura (D. C.) 87 F. 929.


PRIZE-FIGHT. A bout between two persons who fight each other by means of their fists, by consent, and who have an expectation of reward to be gained by the contest or competition, either to be won from the contestant or to be otherwise awarded, where there is an intent to inflict some degree of bodily harm on the contestant. People v. Taylor, 96 Mich. 575, 66 N. W. 27, 21 L. R. A. 287; Com. v. Colberg, 119 Mass. 350, 20 Am. Rep. 228; Magnus v. Isgrig, 145 Ark. 222, 225 S. W. 332, 334. An exhibition contest of pugilists for a
stake or reward. Sampson v. State, 18 Okl. Cr. 191, 194 P. 279, 280; Fitzsimmons v. New York State Athletic Commission (Sup.) 146 N. Y. S. 117, 120. See State on inf. of Wear v. Business Men’s Athletic Club, 178 Mo. App. 548, 163 S. W. 901, 909. It is not essential that the fight should be with the naked fist or hand. State v. Moore, 4 Ohio N. P. 81; Sampson v. State, 18 Okl. Cr. 191, 194 P. 279, 280. Statutes prohibiting prize-fights have been passed in nearly all the states.

PRO. For; in respect of; on account of; in behalf of. The introductory word of many Latin phrases.

PRO AND CON. For and against. A phrase descriptive of the presentation of arguments or evidence on both sides of a disputed question.

PRO BONO ET MALO. For good and ill; for advantage and detriment.

PRO BONO PUBLICO. For the public good; for the welfare of the whole.

PRO CONFESSO. For confessed; as confessed. A term applied to a bill in equity, and the decree founded upon it, where no answer is made to it by the defendant. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 96; Thomson v. Wooster, 114 U. S. 104, 5 S. Ct. 788, 29 L. Ed. 105; The Richmond (D. C.) 2 F. (2d) 908.

PRO CONSILIO. For counsel given. An annuity pro consilio amounts to a condition, but in a fee simple or lease for life, etc., it is the consideration, and does not amount to a condition; for the state of the land by the fee-simple is executed, and the grant of the annuity is executory. Plowd. 412.

PRO-CONSUL. Lat. In the Roman law. Originally a consul whose command was prolonged after his office had expired. An officer with consular authority, but without the title of “consul.” The governor of a province. Calvin.

PRO CORPORIS REGNI. In behalf of the body of the realm. Hale, Com. Law, 32.

PRO DEFECTU EMPTORUM. For want (failure) of purchasers.

PRO DEFECTU EXITUS. For, or in case of, default of issue. 2 Salk. 620.

PRO DEFECTU HÆREDIS. For want of an heir.

PRO DEFECTU JUSTITÆ. For defect or want of justice. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 62, § 2.

PRO DEFENDENTE. For the defendant. Commonly abbreviated “pro def.”

PRO DERELICTO. As derelict or abandoned. A species of usucaption in the civil law. Dig. 41, 7.

PRO DIGNITATE REGALI. In consideration of the royal dignity. 1 Bl. Comm. 223.

PRO DIVISO. As divided; i.e., in severalty.

PRO DOMINO. As master or owner; in the character of master. Calvin.

PRO DONATO. As a gift; as in case of gift; by title of gift. A species of usucaption in the civil law. Dig. 41, 6. See Id. 5, 3, 13, 1.

PRO DOTE. As a dowry; by title of dowry. A species of usucaption. Dig. 41, 9. See Id. 5, 3, 13, 1.

PRO EMTORE. As a purchaser; by the title of a purchaser. A species of usucaption. Dig. 41, 4. See Id. 5, 3, 13, 1.

PRO EO QUOD. In pleading. For this that. This is a phrase of affirmation, and is sufficiently direct and positive for introducing a material averment. 1 Saund. 117, no. 4; 2 Chit. Pl. 369-393.

PRO FACTI. For the fact; as a fact; considered or held as a fact.

PRO FALSO CLAMORE SUO. A nominal amercement of a plaintiff for his false claim, which used to be inserted in a judgment for the defendant. Obsolete.

PRO FORMA. As a matter of form. 3 East, 232; 2 Kent, Comm. 245.

The phrase “pro forma,” in an appealable decree or judgment, usually means that the decision was rendered, not on a conviction that it was right, but merely to facilitate further proceedings. Harvey Hubbell, Inc., v. General Electric Co. (C. C. A.) 297 F. 564, 568. See Cramp & Sons S. & E. Bldg. Co. v. Turbine Co., 238 U. S. 645, 33 Sup. Ct. 722, 57 L. Ed. 1003.

PRO HAC VICE. For this turn; for this one particular occasion.

PRO ILLA VICE. For that turn. 3 Wils. 223, arg.

PRO INDEFENSO. As undefended; as making no defense. A phrase in old practice. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 41, § 7.

PRO INDIVIBUS. As undivided; in common. The joint occupation or possession of lands. Thus, lands held by coparceners are held pro indiviso; that is, they are held undividedly, neither party being entitled to any specific portions of the land so held, but both or all having a joint interest in the undivided whole. Cowell; Bract. 1, 5.

PRO INTERESIS SUO. According to his interest; to the extent of his interest. Thus, a third party may be allowed to intervene in a suit pro interesse suo.

PRO LÆSIONE FIDEI. For breach of faith. 3 Bl. Comm. 52.
PRO LEGATO. As a legacy; by the title of a legacy. A species of usuaption. Dig. 41, 8.

PRO MAJORI CAUTELA. For greater caution; by way of additional security. Usually applied to some act done, or some clause inserted in an instrument, which may not be really necessary, but which will serve to put the matter beyond any question.

PRO NON SCRIPTO. As not written; as though it had not been written; as never written. Amb. 139.

PRO OPERE ET LABORE. For work and labor. 1 Comyns, 18.

PRO PARTIBUS LIBERANDIS. An ancient writ for partition of lands between co-heirs. Reg. Orig. 316.

PRO POSSE SUO. To the extent of his power or ability. Bract. fol. 169.

Pro possessione praestitit de jure. From possession arises a presumption of law.

PRO POSSESSORE. As a possessor; by title of a possessor. Dig. 41, 5. See Id. 5, 3, 13.

Pro possessore habetur qui dolet injuriave desit possidere. He is esteemed a possessor whose possession has been disturbed by fraud or injury. Off. Exec. 169.

PRO QUERENTE. For the plaintiff; usually abbreviated pro quer.


Thus, the creditor (of the same class) of an insolvent estate are to be paid pro rata; that is, each is to receive a dividend bearing the same ratio to the whole amount of his claim that the aggregate of assets bears to the aggregate of debts.

PRO RE NATA. For the affair immediately in hand; for the occasion as it may arise; adapted to meet the particular occasion. Thus, a course of judicial action adopted under pressure of the exigencies of the affair in hand, rather than in conformity to established precedents, is said to be taken pro re nata.

PRO SALUTE ANIMÆ. For the good of his soul. All prosecutions in the ecclesiastical courts are pro salute animarum; hence it will not be a temporal damage founding an action for slander that the words spoken put any one in danger of such a suit. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 806n, 437; 4 Steph. Comm. 207.

PRO SE. For himself; in his own behalf; in person.

PRO SOCIIO. For a partner; the name of an action in behalf of a partner. A title of the civil law. Dig. 17, 2; Cod. 4, 37.

PRO SOLIDO. For the whole; as one; jointly; without division. Dig. 50, 17, 141, 1.

PRO TANTO. For so much; for as much as may be; as far as it goes. See Donley v. Hays, 17 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 400.

PRO TEMPORE. For the time being; temporarily; provisionally.

PROAMITA. Lat. In the civil law. A great paternal aunt; the sister of one's grandfather.

PROAMITA MAGNA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-aunt.

PROAVIA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandmother. Inst. 3, 6, 3; Dig. 38, 10, 1, 5.

PROAVUNCULUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather's or great-grandmother's brother. Inst. 3, 6, 3; Bract. fol. 685; Ainsworth, Dict.

PROAVUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fols. 67, 68. Employed in making genealogical tables.

PROBABILITY. Likelihood; appearance of truth; verisimilitude; consonance to reason. The likelihood of a proposition or hypothesis being true, from its conformity to reason or experience, or from superior evidence or arguments adduced in its favor. People v. O'Brien, 130 Cal. 1, 62 P. 297; Shaw v. State, 125 Ala. 80, 28 So. 390; State v. Jones, 64 Iowa, 349, 17 N. W. 911, 20 N. W. 470; Brown v. Beck, 63 Cal. App. 688, 220 P. 14, 19; Webb v. State, 19 Okl. Cr. 450, 200 P. 719, 720.

Inference; assumption; presumption. Ohio Bd. of Safety V. Vault Co. v. Industrial Board, 277 Ill. 96, 115 N. E. 149, 164.

A condition or state created when there is more evidence in favor of the existence of a given proposition than there is against it. Bingham Mines Co. v. Allsop, 58 Utah 306, 203 P. 644, 645; Page v. State, 17 Ala. App. 70, 81 So. 548, 549; Harris v. State, 8 Ala. App. 33, 62 So. 477, 479.

High Probability Rule

A rule relating to the right of insured to abandon a vessel, by virtue of which the right of abandonment does not depend upon the certainty, but upon the high probability of a total loss, either of the property, or voyage, or both. The result is to act not upon certainties, but upon probabilities; and if the facts present a case of extreme hazard, and of probable expense, exceeding half the value of the ship, the insured may abandon, though it should happen that she was afterwards recovered at a less expense. Fireman's Fund Ins. Co. v. Globe Nav. Co. (C. C. A.) 236 F. 618, 635.


PROBABLE CONSEQUENCE. One that is more likely to follow its supposed cause than it is not to follow it. Armour & Co. v. Harcrow (C. C. A.) 217 F. 224, 227. See, also, Collins v. Pecos & N. T. Ry. Co., 110 Tex. 577, 212 S. W. 477, 478.

PROBABLE EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

PROBABLE FUTURE PAYMENTS. This expression in the Workmen's Compensation Act, providing for commutation at an amount which will equal the total sum of the probable future payments capitalized at their present value upon the basis of interest calculated at 3 per cent. per annum, means such payments as would ordinarily become payable in the natural course of events, taking into consideration the expectancy of the beneficiary. H. W. Clark Co. v. Industrial Commission, 291 Ill. 563, 120 N. E. 579, 582.
PROBABLE GROUND. As used in the Illinois Quo Warranto Act, requiring the judge to be satisfied there is probable ground for the proceeding before granting leave to file the information in quo warranto, "probable ground" means a reasonable ground of presumption that a charge is or may be well founded. People v. Burson, 307 Ill. 553, 139 N. E. 139, 140; People v. Hartquist, 311 Ill. 127, 142 N. E. 475, 476.

PROBABLE REASONING. In the law of evidence. Reasoning founded on the probability of the fact or proposition sought to be proved or shown; reasoning in which the mind exercises a discretion in deducing a conclusion from premises. Burrill.

Probando necessitas incumbit illi qui agit. The necessity of proving lies with him who sues. Inst. 2, 90, 4. In other words, the burden of proof of a proposition is upon him who advances it affirmatively.

PROBARE. In Saxon Law
To claim a thing as one's own. Jacob.

In Modern Law Language
To make proof, as in the term "onus probandi," the burden or duty of making proof.

PROBATE. Originally, relating to proof; afterwards, relating to the proof of wills. The act or process of proving a will. Ross' Estate v. Abrams (Tex. Civ. App.) 239 S. W. 705, 707. The proof before an ordinary, surrogate, register, or other duly authorized person that a document produced before him for official recognition and registration, and alleged to be the last will and testament of a certain deceased person, is such in reality.


Also, the copy of the will, made out in parchment or due form, under the seal of the ordinary or court of probate, and usually delivered to the executor or administrator of the deceased, together with a certificate of the will's having been proved.

In American law, now a general name or term used to include all matters of which probate courts have jurisdiction. Johnson v. Harrison, 47 Minn. 573, 50 N. W. 223, 28 Am. St. Rep. 382. See also, Ingraham v. Baum, 196 Ark. 101, 206 S. W. 67, 65.

In the canon law, "probate" consisted of probatio, the proof of the will by the executor, and approbatio, the approbation given by the ecclesiastical judge to the proof. Reeves, Eng. Law, 77. And see In re Spiegelhalter's Will, 1 Pennewill (Del.) 5, 39 A. 465; McCoy v. Clayton, 119 Pa. 133, 12 A. 890; Pettit v. Black, 13 Neb. 142, 12 N. W. 841; Reno v. McCully, 65 Iowa 629, 22 N. W. 902; Appeal of Dawley, 16 R. I. 694, 19 A. 248.

The term is used, particularly in Pennsylvania, but not in a strictly technical sense, to designate the proof of his claim made by a non-resident plaintiff (when the same is on book-account, promissory note, etc.) who swears to the correctness and justness of the same, and that it is due, before a notary or other officer in his own state; also of the copy or statement of such claim filed in court, with the jurat of such notary attached. And see Stevens v. D. R. Dunlap Mercantile Co., 108 Miss. 600, 67 So. 180, 181.

Common and Solemn Form of Probate
In English law, there are two kinds of probate, namely, probate in common form, and probate in solemn form. Probate in common form is granted in the registry, without any formal procedure in court, upon an ex parte application made by the executor. Probate in solemn form is in the nature of a final decree pronounced in open court, all parties interested having been duly cited. The difference between the effect of probate in common form and probate in solemn form is that probate in common form is revocable, whereas probate in solemn form is irrevocable, as against all persons who have been cited to see the proceedings, or who can be proved to have been privy to those proceedings, except in the case where a will of subsequent date is discovered, in which case probate of an earlier will, though granted in solemn form, would be revoked. Coote, Prob. Pr. (5th Ed.) 237–229; Mozley & Whitely. And see Luther v. Luther, 122 Ill. 558, 13 N. E. 166.

PROBATE BOND. One required by law to be given to the probate court or judge, as incidental to proceedings in such courts, such as the bonds of executors, administrators, and guardians. See Thomas v. White, 12 Mass. 307.

PROBATE CODE. The body or system of law relating to all matters of which probate courts have jurisdiction. Johnson v. Harrison, 47 Minn. 573, 50 N. W. 223, 28 Am. St. Rep. 382.

PROBATE COURT. See Court of Probate.

PROBATE, DIVORCE, AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION. That division of the English high court of justice which exercises jurisdiction in matters formerly within the exclusive cognizance of the court of probate, the court for divorce and matrimonial causes, and the high court of admiralty. (Judicature Act 1873, § 34.) It consists of two judges, one of whom is called the "President." The existing judges are the judge of the old probate and divorce courts, who is president of the division, and the judge of the old admiralty court, and of a number of registrars. Sweet.

PROBATE DUTY. A tax laid by government on every will admitted to probate or on the
the jurisdiction which courts of chancery have exercised from time immemorial to protect the financial, social, and moral welfare of infants within their jurisdiction, or to assist in the administration of the probation system for offenders against the criminal laws. State v. Monongalia County Court, 82 W. Va. 564, 96 S. E. 966, 968.

PROBATION SYSTEM. A system of administering the criminal laws, based on the effort to encourage good behavior in a convicted criminal by granting a deduction from his sentence or in case of its being his first offense, releasing him on condition that, for a stated period, he lead an orderly life.

PROBATIONER. One who is upon trial. A convicted offender who is allowed to go at large, under suspension of sentence, during good behavior.

Probationes debent esse evidentes, scil. perspicue et facile intelligi. Co. Litt. 283. Proofs ought to be evident, to-wit, perspicuous and easily understood.

Probatis extremis, prasumuntur media. The extremes being proved, the intermediate proceedings are presumed. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 26.

PROBATIVE. In the law of evidence. Having the effect of proof; tending to prove, or actually proving.

PROBATIVE FACT. In the law of evidence. A fact which actually has the effect of proving a fact sought; an evidentiary fact. 1 Benth. Ev. 18.

PROBATOR. In old English law. Strictly, an accomplice in felony who to save himself confessed the fact, and charged or accused any other as principal or accessory, against whom he was bound to make good his charge. It also signified an approver, or one who undertakes to prove a crime charged upon another. Jacob. See State v. Graham, 41 N. J. Law, 16, 32 Am. Rep. 174.

PROBATORY TERM. In the practice of the English admiralty courts, the space of time allowed for the taking of testimony in an action, after issue formed. It is common to both parties, and either party may examine his witnesses. 2 Brown, Civ. Law 418.

PROBATUM EST. Lat. It is tried or proved.

PROBUS ET LEGALIS HOMO. Lat. A good and lawful man. A phrase particularly applied to a juror or witness who was free from all exception, and competent in point of law to serve on juries. Cro. Eliz. 654, 751; Cro. Jac. 635; Mart. & Y. 147; Bac. Abr. Juries (A); 3 Bl. Comm. 102. In the plural form: probi et legales homines.

PROCEEDENDO. In practice. A writ by which a cause which has been removed from an inferior to a superior court by certiorari
or otherwise is sent down again to the same court, to be proceeded in there, where it appears to the superior court that it was removed on insufficient grounds. Cowell; 1 Tidd, Pr. 408, 410; Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 446; 2 W. Blin. 1060; 6 Term 365.

A writ (procedendo ad judicium) which issued out of the common-law jurisdiction of the court of chancery, when judges of any subordinate court delayed the parties for that they would not give judgment either on the one side or on the other, when they ought so to do. In such a case, a writ of procedendo ad judicium was awarded, commanding the inferior court in the sovereign’s name to proceed to give judgment, but without specifying any particular judgment. Wharton. It was the earliest remedy for the refusal or neglect of justice on the part of the courts. In re Press Printers & Publishers (C. C. A.) 12 F. (2d) 660, 664.

A writ by which the commission of a justice of the peace is revived, after having been suspended. 1 Bl. Comm. 353.

PROCEDENDO ON AIM PRAYER. If one pray in aid of the crown in real action, and aid be granted, it shall be awarded that he sue to the sovereign in chancery, and the justices in the common pleas shall stay until this writ of procedendo de quoelca come to them. So, also, on a personal action. New Nat. Brev. 154.

PROCEDURE. The mode of proceeding by which a legal right is enforced, as distinguished from the law which gives or defines the right, and which, by means of the proceeding, the court is to administer; the machinery, as distinguished from its product. Per Lush, L. J. in 7 Q. B. Div. 323. That which regularizes the formal steps in an action or other judicial proceeding; a form, manner, and order of conducting suits or prosecutions. Mahoning Valley Ry. Co. v. Santoro, 93 Ohio St. 35, 112 N. E. 190, 191; Commonwealth v. Hamilton, 74 Pa. Super. Ct. 419, 423.

This term is commonly opposed to the sum of legal principles constituting the substance of the law, and denotes the body of rules, whether of practice or of pleading, whereby rights are effectuated through the successful application of the proper remedies. It is also generally distinguished from the law of evidence. Brown; Sachefsky v. Figueron, 215 N. Y. 62, 109 N. E. 109, 111. See, also, Krin v. Missouri, 107 U. S. 221, 2 S. Ct. 443, 27 L. Ed. 506; Cochran v. Ward, 5 Ind. App. 88, 29 N. E. 735, 31 N. E. 551, 61 Am. St. Rep. 229.

Procedure is the machinery for carrying on the suit, including pleading, process, evidence, and practice, whether in the trial court or the appellate court, or in the proceedings by which causes are carried to appellate courts for review, or in laying the foundation for such reviewing. Jones v. Erie R. Co., 105 Ohio St. 408, 140 N. E. 360, 367.

It not only embraces practice in courts, but regulation of the conduct of the court itself wherein such practice takes place. State v. Greenwald, 186 Ind. 321, 118 N. E. 296, 297.

The law of procedure is what is now commonly termed by jurists “adjective law.” (q. v.)

PROCEDURE ACTS. Three acts of parliament passed in 1852, 1854, and 1850, for the amendment of procedure at common law. Moz. & W. They have been largely superseded by the Judicature Acts of 1873 and 1875. See Judicature Acts.

PROCEED. To carry on some series of motions and to set oneself to work and go on in a certain way and for some particular purpose. Hodgson v. O’Keeffe, 71 Mont. 222, 229 P. 722, 724.


An act which is done by the authority or direction of the court, express or implied; an act necessary to be done in order to obtain a given end: a prescribed mode of action for carrying into effect a legal right. Green v. Board of Com’ts of Lincoln County, 126 Okl. 300, 229 P. 635, 637; City of St. Louis v. Cooper Carriage Woodwork Co. (Mo. Sup.) 216 S. W. 944, 947; Marblehead Land Co. v. Superior Court in and for Los Angeles County, 60 Cal. App. 644, 213 P. 718, 723.


The word may be used synonymously with “section” or “suit” to describe the entire course of an action at law or suit in equity from the issuance of the writ or filing of the bill until the entry of a final judgment, or may be used to describe any act done by authority of a court of law and every step required to be taken in any cause by either party.

In a more particular sense, any application to a court of justice, however made, for aid in the enforcement of rights, for relief, for redress of injuries, for damages, or for any remedial object. See Coca-Cola Co. v. City of Atlanta, 152 Ga. 558, 110 S. E. 730, 732, 23 A. L. R. 1339; Ruch v. State, 111 Ohio St. 559, 146 N. E. 67, 71; People v. Raymond, 186 Ill. 407, 57 N. E. 1096; State v. Gordon, 8 Wash. 488, 36 P. 498.

The term is properly applicable, in a legal sense, only to judicial acts before some judicial tribunal. Nelson v. Dunn, 56 Ind. App. 445, 104 N. E. 45. See also, Lait v. Sears, 226 Mass. 119, 115 N. E. 247, 248; State v. Chandler, 105 Ohio St. 459, 138 N. E. 67, 68. Nevertheless, the word may be so used, as in Revenue Act 1921, § 260 (d), 42 Stat. 255, providing that no proceeding for the collection of taxes shall begin after a specified time that it applies to an executive act by warrant for distress, or otherwise, and is not limited to an action or suit in court. Seaman v. Bowers (C. C. A.) 297 F. 371, 373.

Collateral Proceeding

One in which the particular question may arise or be involved incidentally, but which is not instituted for the very purpose of deciding such question; as in the rule that a judgment cannot be attacked, or a corporation's right to exist be questioned, in any collateral proceeding. Peyton v. Peyton, 28 Wash. 278, 68 P. 737; Peoria & P. U. R. Co. v. Peoria & F. R. Co., 105 Ill. 111.

Executory Proceeding

In the law of Louisiana, a proceeding which is resorted to in the following cases: When the creditor's right arises from an interest or a mortgage; or the collection of a debt for the execution of a judgment which has been rendered by a tribunal different from that within whose jurisdiction the execution is sought. Code Prac. La. art. 732.

Legal Proceedings

This term includes all proceedings authorized or sanctioned by law, and brought or instituted in a court of justice or legal tribunal, for the acquiring of a right or the enforcement of a remedy. Grem v. Fidelity & Casualty Co., 99 Wis. 530, 75 N. W. 67; In re Emslie (D. C.) 98 F. 720; Id., 102 F. 293, 42 C. A. 350; Mack v. Campau, 69 Vt. 558, 38 A. 149, 69 Am. St. Rep. 948.

Ordinary Proceeding

Those founded on the regular and usual mode of carrying on a suit by due course at common law.
they are short and simple in comparison with regular proceedings; i.e., in comparison with the proceedings which alone would have been applicable, either in the same or analogous cases, if summary proceedings had not been available. Sweet. And see Phillips v. Phillips, 8 N. J. Law, 122; Govan v. Jackson, 32 Ark. 557; Western & A. R. Co. v. Atlanta, 113 Ga. 357, 38 S. E. 996, 54 L. R. A. 802.

Supplementary Proceeding

A separate proceeding in an original action, in which the court where the action is pending is called upon to exercise its jurisdiction in aid of the judgment in the action. Bryant v. Bank of California (Cal.) 7 Pac. 130. In a more particular sense, a proceeding in aid of execution, authorized by statute in some states in cases where no leviable property of the judgment debtor is found. It is a statutory equivalent in actions at law of the creditor's bill in equity, and in states where law and equity are blended, is provided as a substitute therefor. In this proceeding the judgment debtor is summoned to appear before the court (or a referee or examiner) and submit to an oral examination touching all his property and effects, and if property subject to execution and in his possession or control is there discovered, he is ordered to deliver it up, or a receiver may be appointed. See In re Burrows, 33 Kan. 675, 7 P. 148; Elkerberry v. Edwards, 67 Iowa, 619, 25 N. W. 882, 56 Am. Rep. 390.

PROCEEDS. Issues; income; yield; receipts; produce; money or articles or other thing of value arising or obtained by the sale of property; the sum, amount, or value of property sold or converted into money or into other property. Wharton; Hunt v. Williams, 126 Ind. 493, 26 N. E. 177; Andrews v. Johns, 39 Ohio St. 65, 51 N. E. 880; Bell v. Shaw, 3 N. Y. Surer. Ct. 212; Fire v. Carpenter, 195 Ky. 135, 242 S. W. 30, 31; In re Von der Linte's Estate, 249 Pa. 220, 94 A. 828, 829; Gibbs v. Bakley (Tex. Com. App.) 242 S. W. 462, 465; Blackford v. Doak, 73 Or. 61, 143 P. 1136, 1137. Thus, goods purchased with money arising from the sale of other goods, or obtained on their credit, are proceeds of such goods. 2 Pars. Marit. L. 201; Bened. Adm. 290. Proceeds does not necessarily mean cash or money. Phelps v. Harris, 25 L. Ed. 535, 101 U. S. 395; Murray v. Gordon-Watts Grain Co., 216 Mo. App. 607, 290 S. W. 513, 514. And see Shields v. Ranche Buena Ventura, 38 Cal. App. 698, 177 P. 490, 501; Carpenter v. Dumais, 221 Ky. 67, 297 S. W. 638, 700; Kingsbury v. Riverton-Wyoming Redlining Co., 68 Colo. 581, 162 P. 503, 504.

The word when applied to the income to be derived from real estate embraces the idea of issues, rents, profits, or produce. Gorin Sav. Bank v. Early (Mo. App.) 280 S. W. 460, 468. It is synonymous with avails, use, and profits. In re Coughlin's Estate, 33 N. D. 188, 206 N. W. 14, 15.

PROCERES. Nobles; lords. The house of lords in England is called, in Latin, "Domus Procerum."

Formerly, the chief magistrates in cities. St. Armand, Hist. Eq. 88.

PROCÉS-VERBAL. In French law. A true relation in writing in due form of law, of what has been done and said verbally in the presence of a public officer, and what he himself does upon the occasion. It is a species of inquisition of office, and must be signed by the officer. Dallor, Dict.; Hall v. Hall, 11 Tex. 526, 559.

A written report, which is signed, setting forth a statement of facts. This term is applied to the report proving the meeting and the resolutions passed at a meeting of shareholders, or to the report of a commission to take testimony. It can also be applied to the statement drawn up by a huiseler in relation to any facts which one of the parties to a suit can be interested in proving; for instance the sale of a counterfeited object. Statements, drawn up by other competent authorities, of misdemeanors or other criminal acts, are also called by this name. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 570.

PROCESS. A series of actions, motions, or occurrences; progressive act or transaction; continuous operation; normal or actual course of procedure; regular proceeding, as, the process of vegetation or decomposition; a chemical process; processes of nature. Sokol v. Stein Fur Dyeing Co., 216 N. Y. S. 167, 169, 216 App. Div. 573.

In Practice

This word is generally defined to be the means of compelling the defendant in an action to appear in court: Gondas v. Gondas, 90 N. J. Eq. 475, 134 A. 615, 618; or a means whereby a court compels a compliance with its demands: Frank Adam Electric Co. v. Witman, 16 Ga. App. 574, 85 S. E. 819, 820. And when actions were commenced by original writ, instead of, as at present, by writ of summons, the method of compelling the defendant to appear was by what was termed "original process," being founded on the original writ, and so called also to distinguish it from "mesne" or "intermediate" process, which was some writ or process which issued during the progress of the suit. The word "process," however, as now commonly understood, signifies those formal instruments called "writs." The word "process" is in common-law practice frequently applied to the writ of summons, which is the instrument now in use for commencing personal actions. (Love v. National Liberty Ins. Co., 157 Ga. 250, 121 S. E. 645, 649; Farmers' Implement Co. of Halllock, Minn., v. Sandberg, 132 Minn. 358, 137 N. W. 642) But in its more comprehensive signification it includes not only the writ of summons, but all other writs which may be issued during the

A writ, summons, or order issued in a judicial proceeding to acquire jurisdiction of a person or his property, to expedite the cause or enforce the judgment. Royal Exchange Assurance of London v. Bennetstaville & C. R. Co., 79 S. E. 104, 106, 96 S. C. 375. A writ or summons issued in the course of judicial proceedings. Radovich v. French, 26 Nev. 341; 135 P. 920, 921.

The term in statutes may be used with the meaning of procedure. Safford v. United States (C. C. A.) 252 F. 471, 472.

In the practice of the English privy council in ecclesiastical appeals, "process" means an official copy of the whole proceedings and proofs of the court below, which is transmitted to the registry of the court of appeal by the registrar of the court below in obedience to an order or requisition requiring him so to do, called a "monition for process," issued by the court of appeal. Macph. Jud. Com. 173.

—Abuse of process. See Abuse.

—Compulsory process. See Compulsory.

—Executorly process. In the law of Louisiana, a summary process in the nature of an order of seizure and sale, which is available when the right of the creditor arises from an act or instrument which includes or imports a confession of judgment and a privilege or lien in his favor, and also to enforce the execution of a judgment rendered in another jurisdiction. See Code Prac. art. 732.

—Final process. The last process in a suit; that is, writs of execution. Thus distinguished from mesne process, which includes all writs issued during the progress of a cause and before final judgment. Amis v. Smith, 16 Pet. 313, 10 L. Ed. 973; Crowell v. Kopp, 28 N. M. 146, 189 P. 652, 653; Collier v. Blake, 16 Ga. App. 382, 85 S. E. 354. A distress warrant is final process, unless arrested by the interposition of a counter affidavit. Long v. Clark, 16 Ga. App. 355, 85 S. E. 358.

—Irregular process. Sometimes the term "irregular process" has been defined to mean process absolutely void, and not merely erroneous and voidable; but usually it has been applied to all process not issued in strict conformity with the law, whether the defect appears upon the face of the process, or by reference to extrinsic facts, and whether such defects render the process absolutely void or only voidable. Cooper v. Harter, 2 Ind. 253. And see Bryan v. Congdon, 86 F. 221, 29 C. C. A. 670; Paine v. Ely, N. Chip. (Vt.) 24.

—Judicial process. In a wide sense, this term may include all the acts of a court from the beginning to the end of its proceedings in a given cause; but more specifically it means the writ, summons, mandate, or other process which is used to inform the defendant of the institution of proceedings against him and to compel his appearance, in either civil or criminal cases. Blair v. Maxbass Security Bank of Maxbass, 44 N. D. 12, 176 N. W. 98, 100; State v. Guilbert, 56 Ohio St. 767, 47 N. E. 551, 38 L. R. A. 519, 60 Am. St. Rep. 756; In re Smith (D. C.) 132 F. 303.


—Mesne process. As distinguished from final process, this signifies any writ or process issued between the commencement of the action and the coming out of execution. 3 Bla. Comm. 270. This is substantially the meaning of the term as used in admiralty rule 1 (29 S. Ct. xxxix; 28 USCS 723), providing that no mesne process shall issue until the libel shall be filed in the clerk's office. The City of Philadelphia (D. C.) 265 F. 234, 235. "Mesne" in this connection may be defined as intermediate; intervening; the middle between two extremes. L. N. Dantzler Lumber Co. v. Texas & P. Ry. Co., 119 Miss. 320, 80 So. 770, 775, 49 A. L. R. 1669. Mesne process includes the writ of summons, (although that is now the usual commencement of actions), because anciently that was preceded by the original writ. The writ of copias ad respondendum was called "mesne" to distinguish it, on the one hand, from the original process by which a suit was formerly commenced; and, on the other, from the final process of execution. Birmingham Dry Goods Co. v. Bledsoe, 113 Ala. 413, 21 So. 403;

- **Original process.** That by which a judicial proceeding is instituted; process to compel the appearance of the defendant. Distinguished from "mesne" process, which issues, during the progress of a suit, for some subordinate or collateral purpose; and from "final" process, which is process of execution. Appeal of Hotchkiss, 32 Conn. 553.

- **Process of interpleader.** A means of determining the right to property claimed by each of two or more persons, which is in the possession of a third.

- **Process of law.** See Due Process of Law.

- **Process roll.** In practice. A roll used for the entry of process to save the statute of limitations. 1 Tidd. Pr. 161, 162.

- **Regular process.** Such as is issued according to rule and the prescribed practice, or which emanates, lawfully and in a proper case, from a court or magistrate possessing jurisdiction.

- **Summary process.** Such as is immediate or instantaneous, in distinction from the ordinary course, by emanating and taking effect without intermediate applications or delays. Gaines v. Travis, 8 N. Y. Leg. Obs. 49.

- **Trustee process.** The name given in some states (particularly in New England) to the process of garnishment or foreign attachment.

- **Void process.** Such as was issued without power in the court to award it, or which the court had not acquired jurisdiction to issue in the particular case, or which fails in some material respect to comply with the requisite form of legal process. Bryan v. Congdon, 86 F. 222, 29 C. C. A. 670.

In Patent Law

An art or method by which any particular result is produced. An act or series of acts performed upon the subject-matter to be transformed or reduced to a different state or thing. Chadeloid Chemical Co. v. F. W. Thurston Co. (D. C. Ill.) 220 F. 685, 688; American Graphophone Co. v. Gimbel Bros. (D. C.) 234 F. 331, 368; Nestle Patent Holding Co. v. E. Frederics, Inc. (C. C. A.) 261 F. 780, 783; Miller v. Electro Bleaching Gas Co., (C. C. A.) 276 F. 379, 381. A means or method employed to produce a certain result or effect, or a mode of treatment of given materials to produce a desired result, either by chemical action, by the operation or application of some element or power of nature, or of one substance to another, irrespective of any machine or mechanical device; in this sense a "process" is patentable, though, strictly speaking, it is the art and not the process which is the subject of patent. See Cochran v. Deener, 94 U. S. 780, 24 L. Ed. 139; Corning v. Burden, 15 How. 268, 14 L. Ed. 683; Westinghouse v. Boydren Power-Brake Co., 170 U. S. 537, 18 S. Ct. 707, 42 L. Ed. 1136; New Process Fermentation Co. v. Maus (C. C.) 20 F. 728; Piper v. Brown, 19 Fed. Cas. 718; In re Weston, 17 App. D. C. 436; Appleton Mfg. Co. v. Star Mfg. Co., 60 F. 411, 9 C. C. A. 42; Rohm v. Martin Dennis Co. (D. C.) 263 F. 106, 107; Ball v. Coker (C. C. A.) 210 F. 278, 281.

- **Mechanical process.** A process involving solely the application of mechanism or mechanical principles; an aggregation of functions; not patentable considered apart from the mechanism employed or the finished product of manufacture. See Riddon Iron, etc., Works v. Medart, 158 U. S. 68, 15 S. Ct. 745, 39 L. Ed. 800; American Fibre Chamois Co. v. Buckskin Fibre Co., 72 F. 514, 18 C. C. A. 662; Cochran v. Deener, 94 U. S. 780, 24 L. Ed. 139.

**PROCESSION.** To beat the bounds of (a parish, lands, etc.). Webster's New Int. Dict. In some of the North American colonies (and still in the states of North Carolina and Tennessee), to make a procession around a piece of land in order formally to determine its bounds. Murray's New English Dict.

The ceremony of perambulating the boundaries of a parish ("processioning," as it was commonly called in later times) is an extremely old one. Blomfield, Hist. Fritwell, quoted in Murray's New English Dict. & v. "Processioning" (q. v.).

**PROCESSING.** A survey and inspection of boundaries periodically performed in some of the American colonies by the local authorities. It was analogous in part to the English perambulation (q. v.), and was superseded by the introduction of the practice of accurate surveying and of recording. The term is still used of some official surveys in North Carolina and Tennessee. Cent. Dict. See Code Tenn. 1858, § 2029 et seq.; Rhodes v. Ange, 173 N. C. 25, 91 S. E. 355; Christian v. Weaver, 70 Ga. 406, 7 S. E. 261.

**PROCESSIONUM CONTINUANDO.** In English practice. A writ for the continuance of process after the death of the chief justice or other justices in the commission of oyer and terminer. Reg. Orig. 123.

Processus legis est gravis vexatio; executio legis coronat opus. The process of the law is a grievous vexation; the execution of the law crowns the work. Co. Litt. 2896. The
Proceedings in an action while in progress are burdensome and vexatious; the execution, being the end and object of the action, crowns the labor, or rewards it with success.

Prochein. L Fr. Next. A term somewhat used in modern law, and more frequently in the old law; as prochein ami, prochein cousin. Co. Litt. 10.

Prochein ami. (Spelled, also, prochein amy and prochein ammy.) Next friend. As an infant cannot legally sue in his own name, the action must be brought by his prochein ami; that is, some friend (not being his guardian) who will appear as plaintiff in his name.

Prochein avoidance. Next vacancy. A power to appoint a minister to a church when it shall next become void.

Prochronism. An error in chronology, consisting in dating a thing before it happened.

Procinctus. Lat. In the Roman law. A girding or preparing for battle. Testamentum in proculio, a will made by a soldier, while girding himself, or preparing to engage in battle. Adams, Rom. Ant. 62; Calvin.

Proclaim. To promulgate; to announce; to publish, by governmental authority, intelligence of public acts or transactions or other matters important to be known by the people. To give wide publicity to; to disclose. Simon v. Moore (D. C.) 261 F. 685, 643.

Proclamation. The act of proclaiming or publishing; a formal declaration; an avowal. Dickinson v. Page, 120 Ark. 377, 179 S. W. 1004, 1006. See, also, State v. Oregon-Washington R. & Nav. Co., 128 Wash. 365, 223 P. 600, 608. The act of causing some state matters to be published or made generally known. A written or printed document in which are contained such matters, issued by proper authority. 3 Inst. 162; 1 Bl. Comm. 170.

Also, the public nomination made of any one to a high office; as, such a prince was proclaimed emperor.

In Practice

The declaration made by the crier, by authority of the court, that something is about to be done.

It usually commences with the French word Oyes, do you hear, hear ye, in order to attract attention; it is particularly used on the opening of the court, and at its adjournment; it is also frequently employed to discharge persons who have been accused of crimes or misdemeanors.

In Equity Practice

Proclamation made by a sheriff upon a writ of attachment, summoning a defendant who has failed to appear personally to appear and answer the plaintiff's bill. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.

Proclamation by Lord of Manor. A proclamation made by the lord of a manor (thrice repeated) requiring the heir or devisee of a deceased copyholder to present himself, pay the fine, and be admitted to the estate; failing which appearance, the lord might seize the lands vousque (provisionally.)

Proclamation of Exigents. In old English law. When an exigent was awarded, a writ of proclamation issued, at the same time, commanding the sheriff of the county wherein the defendant dwelt to make three proclamations thereof in places the most notorious, and most likely to come to his knowledge, a month before the outlawry should take place. 3 Bl. Comm. 284.

Proclamation of a Fine. The notice or proclamation which was made after the engrossment of a fine of lands, and which consisted in its being openly read in court sixteen times, viz., four times in the term in which it was made, and four times in each of the three succeeding terms, which, however, was afterwards reduced to one reading in each term. Cowell. See 2 Bl. Comm. 352.

Proclamation of Rebellion. In old English law. A proclamation to be made by the sheriff commanding the attendance of a person who had neglected to obey a subpoena or attachment in chancery. If he did not surrender himself after this proclamation, a commission of rebellion issued. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.

Proclamation of Recusants. A proclamation whereby recusants were formerly convoluted, on non-appearance at the assizes. Jacob.

Proclamator. An officer of the English court of common pleas.

Procreation. The generation of children. It is said to be one of the principal ends of marriage. Inst. tit. 2, In pr.

Proctor. One appointed to manage the affairs of another or represent him in judgment. A procurator, proxy, or attorney. More particularly, an officer of the admiralty and ecclesiastical courts whose duties and business correspond exactly to those of an attorney at law or solicitor in chancery.

A proctor, strictly speaking, conducts the proceeding out of court, as an English solicitor does in common-law courts; while the advocate conducts those in court. But in this country the distinction is not observed. The fees of procurors are fixed by statute (see 26 USCA § 671 et seq.)

An ecclesiastical person sent to the lower house of convocation as the representative of a cathedral, a collegiate church, or the clergy of a diocese. Also certain administrative or magisterial officers in the universities.
PROCTORS OF THE CLERGY

PROCTORS OF THE CLERGY. They who are chosen and appointed to appear for cathedral or other collegiate churches; as also for the common clergy of every diocese, to sit in the convocation house in the time of parliament. Wharton.

PROCURACY. The writing or instrument which authorizes a procurator to act. Cowell; Termes de la Ley.


PROCURARE. Lat. 'To take care of another's affairs for him, or in his behalf; to manage; to take care of or superintend.'

PROCURATIO. Lat. Management of another's affairs by his direction and in his behalf; procurement; agency.

Procuratio est exhibito sumptuum necessarium facta pralatis, qui dioceses praeragando, ecclesiis subjectas visitant. Dav. Ir. K. B. 1. Procuration is the providing necessaries for the bishops, who, in traveling through their dioceses, visit the churches subject to them.

PROCURATION. Agency; proxy; the act of constituting another one's attorney in fact. The act by which one person gives power to another to act in his place, as he could do himself. Clinton v. Hill's Ex'x, 202 Ky. 304, 250 S. W. 356, 358, 35 A. L. R. 462. Action under a power of attorney or other constitution of agency. Indorsing a bill or note "by procurement" is doing it as proxy for another or by his authority. The use of the word procuration (usually, per procurationem, or abbreviated to per proc. or p. p.) on a promissory note by an agent is notice that the agent has but a limited authority to sign. Neg. Instr. Act § 21.

An express procurement is one made by the express consent of the parties. An implied or tacit procurement takes place when an individual sees another managing his affairs and does not interfere to prevent it. Dig. 17, 1, 6, 2; 58, 17, 60; Code 7, 32, 2. Procurations are also divided into those which contain absolute power, or a general authority, and those which give only a limited power. Dig. 3, 3, 58; 17, 1, 60, 4.

Also, the act or offence of procuring women for lewd purposes. See Odgers, C. L. 214.

In Ecclesiastical Law

In the plural, the term denotes certain sums of money which parish priests pay yearly to the bishops or archdeacons, ratione visitationis. Dig. 3, 39, 25; Ayliffe, Parerg. 429; 17 Viner, Abr. 544.

PROCURATION FEE, or MONEY. In English law. Brokerage or commission allowed to scriveners and solicitors for obtaining loans of money. 4 Bl. Comm. 157.

Procurationem adversus nulla est praeceptio. Dav. Ir. K. B. 6. There is no prescription against procuration.

PROCURATOR.

In the Civil Law

A proctor; a person who acts for another by virtue of a procuration. Dig. 3, 3, 1.

In Old English Law

An agent or attorney; a bailiff or servant. A proxy of a lord in parliament.

-In Ecclesiastical Law

One who collected the fruits of a benefice for another. An advocate of a religious house, who was to solicit the interest and plead the causes of the society. A proxy or representative of a parish church.

PROCURATOR FISCAL. In Scotch law, this is the title of the public prosecutor for each district, who institutes the preliminary inquiry into crime within his district. The office is analogous, in some respect, to that of "prosecuting attorney," "district attorney," or "state's attorney" in America.

PROCURATOR IN REM SUAM. Proctor (attorney) in his own affair, or with reference to his own property. This term is used in Scotch law to denote that a person is acting under a procurement (power of attorney) with reference to a thing which has become his own property. See Ersk. Inst. 3, 5, 2.

PROCURATOR LITIS. In the civil law. One who by command of another institutes and carries on for him a suit. Vicat, Voc. Jur. Procurator is properly used of the attorney or actor (the plaintiff), defendant of the attorney of reus (the defendant). It is distinguished from advocatus, who was one who undertook the defence of persons, not things, and who was generally the patron of the person whose defence he prepared, the person himself speaking it. It is also distinguished from cognitor who conducted the cause in the presence of his principal, and generally in cases of citizenship; whereas the procurator conducted the cause in the absence of his principal. Calvinus, Lex.

PROCURATOR NEGOTIORUM. In the civil law. An attorney in fact; a manager of business affairs for another person.

PROCURATOR PROVINCIÆ. In Roman law. A provincial officer who managed the affairs of the revenue, and had a judicial power in matters that concerned the revenue. Adams, Rom. Ant. 178.

PROCURATORIUM. In old English law. The proctorary or instrument by which any person or community constituted or delegated their proctor or proctors to represent them in any judicial court or cause. Cowell.

PROCURATORY OF RESIGNATION. In Scotch law. A form of proceeding by which a vassal authorizes the feu to be returned to his superior. Bell. It is analogous to the surrender of copyholds in England.

PROCURATRIX. In old English law. A female agent or attorney in fact. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 4, § 4.

PROCURE. In criminal law, and in analogous uses elsewhere, to "procure" is to initiate a proceeding to cause a thing to be done; to instigate; to contrive, bring about, effect, or cause. U. S. v. Wilson, 28 Fed. Cas. 719; Gore v. Lloyd, 12 Mees. & W. 480; Marcus v. Bernstein, 117 N. C. 31, 23 S. E. 58; Rosenbarger v. State, 154 Ind. 425, 56 N. E. 914; Long v. State, 23 Neb. 33, 36 N. W. 310; Tabb v. Burt (Mo. App.) 296 S. W. 820, 821; State v. Riemann, 118 Kan. 577, 235 P. 1059, 1061; People v. Emmel, 292 Ill. 477, 127 N. E. 53, 56; State v. Norris, 82 Or. 650, 162 P. 555.


To find or introduce:—said of a broker who obtains a customer. Low v. Paddock (Mo. App.) 220 S. W. 969, 972. To bring the seller and the buyer together so that the seller has an opportunity to sell. Fritsch v. Hess, 49 Utah, 75, 162 P. 70, 71. See also, Miller v. Eldridge (Tex. Civ. App.) 286 S. W. 999, 1000.

To "procure" an act to be done is not synonymous with to "suffer" it to be done. 2 Ben. 196.

Procuring Cause


PROCURER. One who procures for another the gratification of his lusts; a pimp; a panderer; one who solicits trade for a prostitute or lewd woman. State v. Smith, 149 La. 700, 90 So. 28, 30. One that procures the seduction or prostitution of girls. The offense is punishable by statute in England and America. One who uses means to bring anything about, especially one who does so secretly and corruptly. U. S. v. Richmond (C. O. A.) 17 F.(2d) 28, 30.

PROCUREUR. In French law. An attorney; one who has received a commission from another to act on his behalf. There were in France two classes of procureurs: Procureurs ad negotia, appointed by an individual to act for him in the administration of his affairs; persons invested with a power of attorney; corresponding to "attorneys in fact." Procureurs ad lites were persons appointed and authorized to act for a party in a court of justice. These corresponded to attorneys at law, (now called, in England, "solicitors of the supreme court."). The order of procureurs was abolished in 1791, and that of avoués established in their place. Mozley & Whitley.

PROCUREUR DE LA REPUBLIQUE. Formerly procureur du roi. In French law. A public prosecutor, with whom rests the initiation of all criminal proceedings. In the exercise of his office (which appears to include the apprehension of offenders) he is entitled to call to his assistance the public force, (pouvoirs comitatus;) and the officers of police are auxiliary to him.

PROCUREUR GENERAL, or IMPERIAL. In French law. An officer of the imperial court, who either personally or by his deputy prosecuted every one who was accused of a crime according to the forms of French law. His functions were apparently confined to preparing the case for trial at the assizes, assisting in that trial, demanding the sentence in case of a conviction, and being present at the delivery of the sentence. He had a general superintendence over the officers of police and of the juges d'instruction, and he required from the procureur du roi a general report once in every three months. Brown.

PRODES HOMINES. A term said by Tomlin to be frequently applied in the ancient books to the barons of the realm, particularly as constituting a council or administration or government. It is probably a corruption of "prodi homines." PRODIGAL. In Civil Law. A person who, though of full age, is incapable of managing his affairs, and of the obligations which attend them, in consequence of his bad conduct, and for whom a curator is therefore appointed. See Prodigus.

According to the Code Napoleon, a French subject of full age, who is of extravagant habits, when ad-
judged to be a “prodigal,” is restrained from dealing with his movables without the consent of a legal adviser.

**PRODIGUS.** Lat. In Roman law. A prodigal: a spendthrift; a person whose extravagant habits manifested an inability to administer his own affairs, and for whom a guardian might therefore be appointed.

**PRODITION.** Treason; treachery.

**PRODITOR.** A traitor.

**PRODITORIE.** Treasonably. This is a technical word formerly used in indictments for treason, when they were written in Latin, Tomlins.

**PRODUCE, a.** The product of natural growth, labor, or capital. Articles produced or grown from or on the soil, or found in the soil. Newhoff Packing Co. v. Sharpe, 146 Tenn. 293, 240 S. W. 1101, 1103. The produce of a farm has been held not to include beef raised and killed thereon. Philadelphia v. Davis, 6 Watts. & S. (Pa.) 260. But see City of Higbee v. Burgin, 197 Mo. App. 682, 201 S. W. 558.

—**Produce broker.** A person whose occupation it is to buy or sell agricultural or farm products. 14 U. S. St. at Large, 117; U. S. v. Simons, 1 Abb. (U. S.) 470, Fed. Cas. No. 16,291.

**PRODUCE, v.** To bring forward; to show or exhibit; to bring into view or notice; as, to present a play, including its presentation in motion pictures, Manners v. Morroco (D. C.) 254 F. 737, 740; to present testimony, In re McGuire’s Will, 125 Misc. 679, 220 N. Y. S. 773, 776; to produce books or writings at a trial in obedience to a subpoena duces tecum.

To produce, for the purpose of use in a legal hearing, within the meaning of a subpoena ordering a witness to produce a public record, means more than an appearance with the document in his possession, and implies the handing of it to the tribunal for personal, and, if that is not asked, the reading aloud of it by witness or counsel. Langley v. F. W. Woolworth Co., 46 R. I. 394, 129 A. 1, 2.

To make, originate, or yield, as gasoline. Gay Oil Co. v. State, 170 Ark. 587, 280 S. W. 632, 634. To bring to the surface, as oil. Tedrow v. Shaffer, 25 Ohio App. 349, 156 N. E. 510, 511.

To yield, as revenue. Thus, sums are “produced” by taxation, not when the tax is levied, but when the sums are collected. Board of Education of Louisville v. Sea, 167 Ky. 772, 181 S. W. 670, 673.

**PRODUCENT.** The party calling a witness under the old system of the English ecclesiastical courts.


The “products” of a farm may include the increase of cattle on the premises. Case v. Piouta, 154 N. Y. S. 914, 915, 92 Misc. 568.

**PRODUCTIO SEC. a.** In old English law. Production of suit; the production by a plaintiff of his seota or witnesses to prove the allegations of his count. See 3 Bl. Comm. 295.

**PRODUCTION.** That which is produced or made product; fruit of labor; as the productions of the earth, comprehending all vegetables and fruits; the productions of Intellect, or genius, as poems and prose compositions; the productions of art, as manufactures of every kind. Dano v. R. Co., 27 Ark. 567.

In political economy. The creation of objects which constitute wealth. The requisites of production are labor, capital, and the materials and motive forces afforded by nature. Of these, labor and the raw material of the globe are primary and indispensable. Natural motive powers may be called in to the assistance of labor, and are a help, but not an essential, of production. The remaining requisite, capital, is itself the product of labor. Its instrumentality in production is therefore, in reality, that of labor in an indirect shape. Mill, Pol. Econ.; Wharton.

**PRODUCTION OF SUIT.** In pleading. The formula, “and therefore [or thereupon] he brings his suit,” etc., with which declarations always conclude. Steph. Pl. 428, 429. In old pleading, this referred to the production by the plaintiff of his seota or suit, i.e. persons prepared to confirm what he had stated in the declaration. The phrase has remained; but the practice from which it arose is obsolete. 3 Bla. Comm. 295.

**PROFANE.** That which has not been consecrated. By a profane place is understood one which is neither sacred nor sanctified nor religious. Dig. 11, 7, 2, 4.


**PROFANITY.** Irreverence towards sacred things; particularly, an irreverent or blasphemous use of the name of God; punishable by statute in some jurisdictions. In Mississippi, a person standing in a church door at the time Sunday School was being dismissed, who said, “Well, the damn thing is done broke up,” was held guilty of profanity. Orf v. State, 147 Miss. 100, 113 So. 202.

**PROFECTITIUS.** Lat. In the civil law. That which descends to us from our ancestors. Dig. 23, 3, 5.

**PROFER.** In old English law. An offer or proffer; an offer or endeavor to proceed in
an action, by any man concerned to do so. Cowell.

A return made by a sheriff of his accounts into the exchequer; a payment made on such return. Id.

PROFERT IN CURIA. L. Lat. (Sometimes written profert in curiam.) He produces in court. In old practice, these words were inserted in a declaration, as an allegation that the plaintiff was ready to produce, or did actually produce, in court, the deed or other written instrument on which his suit was founded, in order that the court might inspect the same and the defendant hear it read. The same formula was used where the defendant pleaded a written instrument.

In Modern Practice

An allegation formally made in a pleading, where a party alleges a deed, that he shows it in court; it being in fact retained in his own custody. Steph. Pl. 67. But by virtue of the allegation, the deed is then constructively in possession of the court. 6 M. & G. 277; Tucker v. State, 11 Md. 322; Germain v. Wilgus, 14 C. C. A. 501, 67 F. 597. The profert of any recorded instrument, as letters patent, is equivalent to annexing a copy. American Bell Tel. Co. v. Tel. Co. (C. C.) 54 F. 803; Tucker v. State, 11 Md. 322. This result does not occur, however, in the case of other documents, such as a note. Waterhouse v. Sterchi Bros. Furniture Co., 139 Tenn. 117, 201 S. W. 150, 151.

Profert and over are abolished in England by the Common Law Procedure Act, 15 & 16 Vict. c. 76; and a provision exists, 14 & 15 Vict. c. 59, for allowing inspection of all documents in the possession or under the control of the party against whom the inspection is asked. See 25 E. L. & E. 304. In many of the states profert has been abolished, and in some instances the instrument must be set forth in the pleading of the party relying upon it.

PROFESSION. A public declaration respecting something. Cod. 19, 41, 8.

That of which one professes knowledge; the occupation, if not purely commercial, mechanical, agricultural, or the like, to which one devotes one’s self; a calling in which one professes to have acquired some special knowledge, used by way either of instructing, guiding, or advising others or of serving them in some art; calling; vocation; employment; as the profession of arms; the profession of chemist. Ballard v. Goldsby, 142 La. 15, 76 So. 219. Divinity, medicine, and law are called the “learned professions.”

The distinction between the practice of a “profession” and the conduct of a mercantile “business,” is that the former is purely personal, depending on the skill or art of the individual, while the latter may consist in the ability to organize and manage a shop or exchange where commodities are bought and sold. Iselin v. Flynn, 154 N. Y. S. 133, 135, 90 Misc. 364.

In Ecclesiastical Law

The act of entering into a religious order. See 17 Vin. Abr. 545.

PROFESSIONAL. A term applied in the Immigration Law, May 19, 1921, § 2, subd. “d” (42 Stat. 6), to one undertaking or engaging for money as a means of subsistence in a particular art. It is opposed to amateur, and as used in the statute refers to one who pursues an art and makes his living therefrom. U. S. ex rel. Liebmann v. Flynn (D. C.) 16 F. (2d) 1006, 1007; U. S. v. Commissioner of Immigration at Port of New York (C. C. A.) 298 F. 449, 450.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT. Within the meaning of a statute authorizing actions for misconduct or neglect, professional services by an attorney are not limited to litigation, but include giving advice, managing a business, devising plans, and making collections, and the employment may be recognized as professional, although including services not ordinarily classed as professional services; whether the attorney is professionally employed depending on the relations and mutual understanding of what was said and done, and on all the facts and circumstances of the particular undertaking. Case v. Ranney, 174 Mich. 673, 140 N. W. 943, 946.


PROFILE. In civil engineering, a drawing representing the elevation of the various points on the plan of a road, or the plane, above some fixed elevation. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1294.

A side or sectional elevation, or a drawing showing a vertical section of the ground along a surveyed line or graded work. Also, an outline or contour. Taggart v. Great Northern Ry. Co. (D. C.) 285 F. 455, 466. As used in Act March 3, 1875, c. 132, § 1, 18 St. 482 (45 USCA § 934), granting rights of way through the public lands to railroads, the term, in view of regulations of the general land office, may be deemed to mean a map of alignment or of definite location. Taggart v. Great Northern Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 211 F. 288, 292.

PROFIT. The advance in the price of goods sold beyond the cost of purchase. The gain made by the sale of produce or manufactures, after deducting the value of the labor, materials, rents, and all expenses, together with the interest of the capital employed. Webster. See Providence Rubber Co. v. Goodyear, 9 Wall. 805, 19 L. Ed. 828; Mundy v. Van Hoose, 104 Ga. 292, 30 S. E. 783; Hinckley v. Pittsburgh Bessemer Steel Co., 7 S. Ct. 875, 121 U. S. 264, 30 L. Ed. 967; Prince v.

The receipts of a business, deducting current expenses; it is equivalent to net receipts. Oyster v. Board of Finance, 94 U. S. 500, 24 L. Ed. 188; Lepore v. Lonn Ass'n, 5 Pa. Super. Ct. 276.


The term "profit," as applied to a corporation, has a larger meaning than "dividends," and covers benefits of any kind, the excess of value over cost, acquisition beyond expenditure, gain or advance. Booth v. Gross, Kelley & Co., 39 N. M. 465, 238 P. 829, 831, 41 A. L. R. 850. Dividends are properly declared only from profits after they have been earned. Illinois, Virginia & Lumber Co. v. Hageman, 57 Ind. App. 668, 106 N. E. 253, 256.

This is a word of very extended significance. In commerce, it means the advance in the price of goods sold beyond the cost of purchase. In distinction from the wages of labor, it is well understood to imply the net return to the capital of stock employed, after deducting all the expenses, including not only the wages of those employed by the capitalist, but the wages of the capitalist himself for superintending the employment of his capital or stock. Adam Smith, Wealth of Nat. b. i. c. 6, and M'Culloch's Notes; Mill, Poli. Econ. c. 15; Columbus Mining Co. v. Ross, 218 Ky. 68, 299 S. W. 1052, 1053, 58 A. L. R. 1394. After indemnifying the capitalist for his outlay, there commonly remains a surplus, which is his profit, the net income from his capital. 1 Mill, Poli. Econ. c. 15.

Profits have been divided by writers on political economy into gross and net—gross profits being the whole difference between the value of advances and the value of returns made by their employment, and net profits being so much of that difference as is attributable solely to the capital employed. See Malthus, Political Econ.; M'Culloch, Political Econ. 583. For judicial criticism of the expression "gross profits," see the opinion of Joesel, M. B., 29 App. Cas. 446. See, also, Bule v. Kennedy, 164 N. C. 290, 80 S. E. 445, 446.

The benefit, advantage, or pecuniary gain accruing to the owner or occupant of land from its actual use; as in the familiar phrase "rents, issues and profits," or in the expression "mesne profits."

A devise of the rents and profits of land is equivalent to a devise of the land itself, and will carry the legal as well as the beneficial interest therein. 2 B. & Ald. 42; Reed v. Reed, 9 Mass. 372; Fox v. Phelps, 17 Wend. (N. Y.) 383; Earl v. Rowe, 35 Me. 414, 58 Am. Dec. 714; 1 Bro. C. C. 230.

A division sometimes made of incorporeal hereditaments. 2 Steph. Comm. 2. Profits are divided into profits à prendre and profits à rendre. See those titles, infra.

Clear profit

A net profit, or a profit above the price paid. Kreitz v. Gallenstein, 170 Ky. 16, 185 S. W. 132, 134.

Mesne profits

Intermediate profits; that is, profits which have been accruing between two given periods. Thus, after a party has recovered the land itself in an action of ejectment, he frequently brings another action for the purpose of recovering the profits which have been accruing or arising out of the land between the time when his title to the possession accrued or was raised and the time of his recovery in the action of ejectment, and such an action is hence termed an "action for mesne profits." Brown v. Roukous v. De Graft, 40 R. I. 57, 59 A. 821, 822; Wiggins v. Stewart Bros, 218 Ala. 9, 109 So. 101, 102; New York, O. & W. Ry. Co. v. Livingston, 206 App. Div. 589, 201 N. Y. S. 629, 633.

Mesne profits, action of

An action of trespass brought to recover profits derived from land, while the possession of it has been improperly withheld; that is, the yearly value of the premises. Worthington v. Hiss, 70 Md. 172, 16 A. 354; Woodhull v. Rosenthal, 61 N. Y. 394; Thompson v. Bower, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 477.

Net profits

Theoretically all profits are "net." (Bule v. Kennedy, 164 N. C. 290, 80 S. E. 445, 446.) But as the expression "gross profits" is sometimes used to describe the mere excess of present value over former value, or of returns from sales over prime cost, the phrase "net profits" is appropriate to describe the gain which remains after the further deduction of all expenses, charges, costs, allowance for depreciation, etc.

Paper Profits

Speculative or prospective profits. Tooey v. C. L. Perdisal Co., 192 Iowa, 267, 182 N. W. 404, 404.

Profit à Prendre

Called also "right of common." A right exercised by one man in the soil of another, ac-
compounded with participation in the profits of the soil thereof. A right to take a part of the soil or produce of the land. Gadow v. Huhnholtz, 160 Wis. 293, 151 N. W. 810, 811, Ann. Cas. 1917D, 91. The term includes the right to take soil, gravel, minerals, and the like from another's land; Munsey v. Mills & Garritty, 115 Tex. 469, 283 S. W. 754, 759; Walker v. Dwelle, 187 Iowa, 1834, 175 N. W. 957, 960; Rich v. Doneghey, 71 Okl. 294, 177 P. 86, 89, 3 A. L. R. 352; Mathews Slate Co. v. New York v. Advance Industrial Supply Co., 185 App. Div. 74, 172 N. Y. S. 830, 832; the right to take seaweed; Hill v. Lord, 48 Me. 100; and to take coal or timber; Huff v. McCauley, 53 Pa. 206, 91 Am. Dec. 203; the right to hunt; St. Helen Shooting Club v. Mogle, 234 Mich. 69, 207 N. W. 915, 917; Council v. Sanderlin, 183 N. C. 253, 111 S. E. 565, 567, 32 A. L. R. 1527; or fish; Fitzgerald v. Firbank, [1897] 2 Ch. 96, 101; Mitchell v. D'Oillier, 53 A. 467, 68 N. J. L. 375, 59 L. R. A. 349; Turner v. Hebron, 22 A. 361, 61 Conn. 175, 14 L. R. A. 386; and the right to cut grass; Baker v. Kenney, 145 Iowa, 638, 124 N. W. 901, 139 Am. St. Rep. 456; but not the right to take running water, since it is not a product of the soil; Hill v. Lord, 48 Me. 53; Profits à prendre differ from easements, in that the former are rights of profit, and the latter are mere rights of convenience without profit. Gale, Easem. 1; Hall, Profits à Prendre, 1. See Payne v. Sheets, 75 Vt. 335, 55 A. 656; Black v. Elkhorn Min. Co. (C. C.) 49 F. 549; Bingham v. Salene, 15 Or. 208, 14 P. 523, 3 Am. St. Rep. 152; Pierce v. Keator, 70 N. Y. 422, 26 Am. Rep. 612. A profit à prendre is considered an interest or estate in the land itself; 19 C. J. 870, § 10; whereas an easement is a privilege without profit. Walker v. Dwelle, 187 Iowa, 1834, 175 N. W. 957, 958; Suratoga State Waters Corporation v. Pratt, 227 N. Y. 429, 125 N. E. 584, 585. But a profit à prendre is sometimes spoken of as an easement, especially when appurtenant to a dominant tenement. See Grubb v. Grubb, 74 Pa. 25, 23. The right can be acquired only by grant or prescription, and not by custom or parol. 19 C. J. 871, § 12; Council v. Sanderlin, 183 N. C. 253, 331 S. E. 365, 367, 32 A. L. R. 1527.

Profit à Rendre

Such as is received at the hands of and rendered by another. The term comprehends rents and services. Ham. N. P. 192.

Profit and Loss

The gain or loss arising from goods bought or sold, or from carrying on any other business, the former of which, in book-keeping, is placed on the creditor's side; the latter on the debtor's side.

Surplus Profits

Within the meaning of a statute prohibiting the declaration of corporate dividends.

PROHIBITION

other than from such profits, the excess of receipts over expenditures, or net earnings or receipts, or gross receipts, less expenses of operation. Southern California Home Builders v. Young, 45 Cal. App. 679, 188 P. 586, 391. Of a corporation, the difference over and above the capital stock, debts, and liabilities. Western & Southern Fire Ins. Co. v. Murphy, 56 Okt. 702, 156 P. 855, 890.

PROFITEERING. The acquisition of excessive profits;—usually used as a term of reproach and dishonor. Mount v. Welsh, 118 Or. 585, 247 P. 815, 822.

PROGENER. Lat. In the civil law. A grandson-in-law. Dig. 38, 10, 4, 6.

PROGRESSION. That state of a business which is neither the commencement nor the end. Some act done after the matter has commenced, and before it is completed. Plowd. 343.

Prohibetur non quis faciat in suo quod nocere possit alieno. It is forbidden for any one to do or make on his own [land] what may injure another's. 9 Coke, 59a.


PROHIBITED DEGREES. Those degrees of relationship by consanguinity which are so close that marriage between persons related to each other in any of such degrees is forbidden by law. See State v. Gulton, 51 La. Ann. 153, 24 So. 784.

PROHIBITO DE VASTO, DIRECTA PARTI.

A judicial writ which was formerly addressed to a tenant, prohibiting him from waste, pending suit. Reg. Jud. 21; Moore, 917.

PROHIBITION.


In practice. The name of a writ issued by a superior court, directed to the judge and parties of a suit in an inferior court, commanding them to cease from the prosecution of the same, upon a suggestion that the cause originally, or some collateral matter arising therein, does not belong to that jurisdiction, but to the cognizance of some other court. 3 Bl. Comm. 112; City of Palestine v. City of Houston (Tex. Civ. App.) 262 S. W. 215, 220; People ex rel. Jameison v. Shongo, 83 Misc. 825, 144 N. Y. S. 885, 886; Re Fassett, 142 U. S. 479, 12 S. Ct. 295, 35 L. Ed. 1087; Alexander v. Crollott, 199 U. S. 550, 26 S. Ct. 161, 50 L. Ed. 317.

An extraordinary writ, issued by a superior court to an inferior court to prevent the latter from exceeding its jurisdiction, either by prohibiting it from assuming jurisdiction in a matter over which it has no control, or from going beyond its legitimate
powers in a matter of which it has jurisdiction. 
State v. Medler, 19 N. M. 252, 142 P. 376, 377.
An extraordinary judicial writ issuing out of a
court of superior jurisdiction, directed to an inferior
court or tribunal exercising judicial powers, for
the purpose of preventing the inferior tribunal from
usurping a jurisdiction with which it is not lawfully
vested; Hyman v. Finsegan, 174 N. Y. S. 45, 49,
165 Misc. 685; Ferguson v. Martineau, 113 Ark. 337,
State, 34 Ohio St. 331, 114 N. E. 233, 234; State v.
Stanfield, 11 Ohio, Cr. 147, 143 P. 519, 522; from
assuming or exercising jurisdiction over matters be-
Yond its cognizance; State v. Court of Common
Pleas of Cuyahoga County, 98 Ohio St. 164, 139 N. E.
365; Jackson v. Calhoun, 136 Ga. 756, 130 S. E. 114,
115; or from exceeding its jurisdiction in matters of
which it has cognizance; Jackson v. Calhoun, 136
Ga. 756, 130 S. E. 114, 115; State v. Duffy, 114 Ohio
St. 792, 132 N. E. 655, 657; Bank of Arizona v. Su-
prior Court of Yavapai County, 30 Ariz. 72, 245 P.
366, 368.
The writ of prohibition is the counterpart of the
writ of mandate. It arrests the proceedings of any
tribunal, corporation, board, or person, when such
proceedings are without or in excess of the jurisdic-
tion of such tribunal, corporation, board, or per-
22 N. D. 201, 156 N. W. 658, 657; Perrault v. Robin-
son, 29 Idaho, 287, 158 P. 1774, 1775. And see Mayo v.
James, 12 Grat. (Va.) 23; People v. Judge of Su-
peror Court (Mich.) 2 N. W. 919; State v. Ward, 70
Minn. 58, 72 N. W. 829; Johnston v. Hunter, 50 W. Va.
52, 38 S. E. 442; Appo v. People, 20 N. Y. 331;
Hovey v. Elliott, 107 U. S. 409, 2 Sup. Ct. 841, 42 L.
Ed. 213; State v. Evans, 48 Wis. 225, 50 N. W. 431.
Prohibition may, where the action sought to be
prohibited is judicial in its nature, be exercised
against public officers. State ex rel. United States
Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Harty, 276 Mo. 583, 260
S. W. 825, 826.
The term prohibition is also applied to the
interdiction of making, possessing, selling, giving
away, intoxicating liquors, either absolutely, or
for beverage purposes, or for other than medicinal,
scientific, and sacramental purposes.
PROHIBITIVE IMPEDIMENTS. Those
impediments to a marriage which are only fol-
lowed by a punishment, but do not render the
marriage null. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 44.
See Impediments.
PROJECTIO. Lat. In old English law. A
throwing up of earth by the sea.
PROJET. Fr. In international law. The
draft of a proposed treaty or convention.
PROJET DE LOI. A bill in a legislative body.
Prolem ante matrimonium natam, ita ut post
legitimam, lex civilis sucedere facti in heredita-
re parentem; sed prolem, qua matrimonium
non parit, sucedere non sinit lex Anglorum.
Fortesc. c. 29. The civil law permits the off-
spring born before marriage, provided such
offspring be afterwards legitimized, to be the
heirs of their parents; but the law of the
English does not suffer the offspring not pro-
duced by the marriage to succeed.
PROLES. Lat. Offspring; progeny; the is-
Sue of a lawful marriage. In its enlarged
sense, it signifies any children.
Proles sequitur sortem paternam. The off-
spring follows the condition of the father.
Lynch v. Clarke, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 583, 660.
PROLETARIAT, PROLETARIATE. The
class or body of proletarians. Webster, Diet.
The class of unskilled laborers, without
property or capital, engaged in the lower
grades of work. People v. Gilلوح, 234 N. Y.
132, 136 N. E. 317, 322.
The class of proletariat (see the next title):
the lowest stratum of the people of a coun-
try, consisting mainly of the waste of oth-
er classes, or of those fractions of the popu-
lation who, by their isolation and their
poverty, have no place in the established or-
der of society.
PROLETARIUS. Lat. In Roman law. A
proletary; a person of poor or mean condi-
tion; one among the common people whose
fortunes were below a certain valuation; one
of a class of citizens who were so poor that
they could not serve the state with money,
but only with their children, (proles.) Calv-
in; Vialat.
PROLICIDE. In medical jurisprudence. A
word used to designate the destruction of the
human offspring. Jurists divide the subject into
feticide, or the destruction of the fetus in utero,
and infanticide, or the destruction of the new-born
PROLIXITY. The unnecessary and super-
fluous statement of facts in pleading or in
evidence. This will be rejected as imperti-
nent. 7 Price, 278, note.
PROLOCUTOR. In ecclesiastical law. The
president or chairman of a convocation. The
speaker of the house of lords is called the
prolocutor. The office belongs to the lord
chancellor by prescription; 3 Steph. Comm.
347.
PROLONGATION. Time added to the du-
ration of something; an extension of the time
limited for the performance of an agreement.
PROLYT.E. In Roman law. A term applied
to students of law in the fifth and last year
of their course; as being in advance of the
Lyte, or students of the fourth year. Calvin.
They were left during this year very much
to their own direction, and took the name
prolyte, omni solut. They studied chiefly
to the Code and the imperial constitutions.
PRoMATERTERA. Lat. In the civil law. A
maternal great-aunt; the sister of one's
grandmother. Inst. 3. 6. 3; Dig. 38. 10. 10.
14.
PRoMATERTERA MAGNA. Lat. In the
civil law. A great-great-aunt.
BL. LAW Dict. (3d Ed.)
PROMISE. A declaration which binds the person who makes it, either in honor, conscience, or law, to do or forbear a certain specific act, and which gives to the person to whom made a right to expect or claim the performance of some particular thing. Hoskins v. Black, 190 Ky. 98, 229 S. W. 384, 385.

A declaration, verbal or written, made by one person to another for a good or valuable consideration, in the nature of a covenant by which the promisor binds himself to do or forbear some act, and gives to the promisee a legal right to demand and enforce a fulfillment. See Taylor v. Miller, 113 N. C. 340, 18 S. E. 504; Newcomb v. Clark, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 228; Foute v. Bacon, 2 Cush. (Mass.) 164; U. S. v. Baltic Mills Co., 124 F. 41, 59 C. C. A. 558; Scott v. S. H. Kress & Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 191 S. W. 714, 716.

While a "promise" is sometimes loosely defined as a declaration by any person of his intention to do or forbear from anything at the request or for the use of another, Fainey v. Switersky, 183 Conn. 534, 114 A. 450, 453; Beck v. Wilkins-Ricks Co., 186 N. C. 210, 118 S. E. 235, 236; it is to be distinguished, on the one hand, from a mere declaration of intention involving no engagement or assurance as to the future; Holt v. Akarman, 84 N. J. Law, 371, 38 A. 405, 409; Scott v. S. H. Kress & Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 191 S. W. 714, 716; and, on the other, from "agreement," which is an obligation arising upon reciprocal promises, or upon a promise founded on a consideration. Abbott.

Strictly speaking a promise is not a representation; the promise to make it good may give a cause of action, but it is not a false representation, which will authorize the rescission of a contract; Gunyus v. Gauthier, 96 Ala. 504, 11 South. 69.

Fictitious Promise

"Fictitious promises," sometimes called "implied promises," or "promises implied in law," occur in the case of those contracts which were invented to enable persons in certain cases to take advantage of the old rules of pleading peculiar to contracts, and which are not now of practical importance. Sweet.

Mutual Promises

Promises simultaneously made by and between two parties; each promise being the consideration for the other. Anson Contr. 72; 14 M. & W. 855.

Naked Promise

One given without any consideration, equivalent, or reciprocal obligation, and for that reason not enforceable at law. See Arend v. Smith, 151 N. Y. 502, 45 N. E. 872.

New Promise

An undertaking or promise, based upon and having relation to a former promise which, for some reason, can no longer be enforced, whereby the promisor recognizes and revives such former promise and engages to fulfill it.

Parol Promises


Promise of Marriage

A contract mutually entered into by a man and a woman that they will marry each other.

Promise to Pay the Debt of Another

Within the statute of frauds, a promise to pay the debt of another is an undertaking by a person not before liable, for the purpose of securing or performing the same duty for which the party for whom the undertaking is made, continues liable. Dillaby v. Wilcox, 60 Conn. 71, 22 A. 491, 13 L. R. A. 638, 25 Am. St. Rep. 299.

PROMISEE. One to whom a promise has been made.

PROMISOR. One who makes a promise.

PROMISSOR. Lat. In the civil law. A promiser; properly the party who undertook to do a thing in answer to the interrogation of the other party, who was called the "stipulato."

PROMISSORY. Containing or consisting of a promise; in the nature of a promise; stipulating or engaging for a future act or course of conduct.

PROMISSORY NOTE. A promise or engagement, in writing, to pay a specified sum at a time therein limited, or on demand, or at sight, to a person therein named, or to his order, or bearer. Byles, Bills, 1, 4; Hall v. Farmer, 5 Denio (N. Y.) 484. A written promise made by one or more to pay another, or order, or bearer, at a specified time, a specific amount of money, or other articles of value. Code Ga. 1882, § 2774 (Civil Code 1910, § 4270). See Pryor v. American Trust & Banking Co., 16 Ga. App. 822, 84 S. E. 312, 314. An unconditional written promise, signed by the maker, to pay absolutely and at all events a sum certain in money, either to the bearer or to a person therein designated or his order. Benj. Chalm. Bills & N. art. 271; Harrison v. Beals, 111 Or. 563, 222 P. 728, 730; at a time specified therein, or at a time which must certainly arrive; Iowa State Savings Bank v. Wignall, 53 Okl. 614, 157 P. 725; Lanum v. Harrington, 267 Ill. 57, 107 N. E. 826, 828. A written promise to pay a certain sum of money, at a future time, unconditionally. Breazer v. Wightman, 7 Watts & S. (Pa.) 264; Kimball v. Huntington, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 675, 25 Am. Dec. 590; Franklin v. March, 6 N. H. 364, 23 Am. Dec. 462; Brooks v. Owen, 112 Mo. 251, 19 S. W. 723, 20 S. W. 492. By the Uniform Negotiable Instruments Act, a negotiable promise note is defined as an unconditional promise in writing made by one person to another signed by the maker engaging to pay on demand, or at a fixed or determinable fu-
ture time, a sum certain in money to order or to bearer. Where a note is drawn to the maker's own order, it is not complete until indorsed by him. Section 184.

As to promissory "Oath," "Representation," and "Warranty," see those titles.

**PROMOTE.** To contribute to growth, enlargement, or prosperity of; to forward; to further; to encourage; to advance. People v. Augustine, 232 Mich. 20, 204 N. W. 747, 749.


**In General**

A "promoter" may be either a person who assists (by securing or furnishing capital or otherwise) in starting or forwarding a financial, industrial, or commercial enterprise, as a joint-stock company, or a corporation, or one who makes this his business. New Standard Dic. "The persons who, for themselves or others, take the preliminary steps to the organization of a corporation are called promoters." 1 Thompson on Corporations, § 81. McRae v. Quitman Oil Co., 16 Ga. App. 74, 74 S. E. 487. See Cassidy v. Rose, 106 Okl. 252, 256 P. 581, 594.

In the law relating to corporations, those persons are called the "promoters" of a company who first associate themselves together for the purpose of organizing the company, issuing its prospectus, procuring subscriptions to the stock, securing a charter, etc. See Dickerman v. Northern Trust Co., 176 U. S. 181, 20 S. Ct. 311, 44 L. Ed. 423; Bosher v. Richmond & H. Land Co., 89 Va. 455, 16 S. E. 360, 37 Am. St. Rep. 879; Yale Gas Stove Co. v. Wilcox, 64 Conn. 101, 29 A. 308, 25 L. R. A. 90, 42 Am. St. Rep. 139; Denison Oil Co. v. Denison, 64 Pa. 49.

**In English Practice**

Those persons who, in popular and penal actions, prosecute offenders in their own names and that of the king, and are thereby entitled to part of the fines and penalties for their pains, are called "promoters." Brown.

**In Ecclesiastical Law**

One who puts in motion an ecclesiastical tribunal, for the purpose of correcting the manners of any person who has violated the laws ecclesiastical; and one who takes such a course is said to "promote the office of the judge." See Mozley & Whitley.

**In England**

The term is also applied to persons or corporations at whose instance private bills are introduced into and passed through parliament, especially those who press forward bills for the taking of land for railways and other public purposes, who are then called promoters of the undertaking.

**PROMOVENl.** A plaintiff in a suit of *duplex quaerela*; (q. v.) 2 Prob. Div. 192.

**PROMPT.** Quick, sudden, or precipitate. One who is ready is said to be prepared at the moment; one who is prompt is said to be prepared beforehand. Tobias v. Liesberger, 105 N. Y. 412, 12 N. E. 13, 59 Am. Rep. 509.

**PROMPT DELIVERY.** This term means within a few days at most. Acme-Evans Co. v. Hunter, 194 Ill. App. 542, 543. Delivery as promptly as possible, all things considered. Meyer Bros. Drug Co. v. Callison, 120 Wash. 378, 207 P. 683, 684.


**PROMULGARE.** Lat. In Roman law. To make public; to make publicly known; to promulgate. To publish or make known a law after its enactment.

**PROMULGATE.** To publish; to announce officially; to make public as important or obligatory. See Wooden v. Western New York & P. R. Co. (Super. Ct.) 18 N. Y. S. 769; Caizort v. State, 130 Ark. 453, 198 S. W. 103, 104; Price v. Supreme Home of the Ancient Order of Pilgrims (Tex. Com. App.) 285 S. W. 310, 312.

**PROMULGATION.** The order given to cause a law to be executed, and to make it public; it differs from publication. 1 Bl. Comm. 45; Stat. 6 Hen. VI. c. 4.

In modern practice, it is usually by publishing one or more volumes of the laws and circulating them among public officials and selling them. As to the practice in England at various times, see Record Com. In 7 Sel. Essays in Anglo-Amer. L. H. 103.

As to the rules of a railway company it means made known; brought to the attention of the service affected thereby, so that a servant is bound to take notice; Wooden v. R. Co. (Super.) 18 N. Y. S. 768.
Formerly promulgation meant introducing a bill to the senate; Aust. Jur. Lect. 28.

This contract is called promutuum, because it has much resemblance to that of mutuum. This resemblance consists in this: first, that in both a sum of money or some fungible things are required; second, that in both there must be a transfer of the property in the thing; third, that in both there must be returned the same amount or quantity of the thing received. But, though there is this general resemblance between the two, the mutuum differs essentially from the promutuum. The former is the actual contract of the parties, made expressly, but the latter is a quasi-contract, which is the effect of an error or mistake. 1 Bouvier, Inst. n. 1125.

PROMUTUUM. Lat. In the civil law. A quasi contract, by which he who receives a certain sum of money, or a certain quantity of fungible things, which have been paid to him through mistake, contracts towards the payer the obligation of returning him as much. Poth. de l’Usure, pt. 3, s. 1, n. 1.

PRONEPOS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandson. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 67.

PRONEPIS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-granddaughter. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 67. Also, a niece’s daughter. Ainsworth, Dict.

PRONOTARY. First notary. See Prothomotary.

PRONOUNCE. To utter formally, officially, and solemnly; to declare or affirm; to declare aloud and in a formal manner. In this sense a court is said to pronounce judgment or a sentence. See Ex parte Crawford, 36 Tex. Cr. R. 150, 36 S. W. 92; Griffin v. State, 12 Ga. App. 615, 77 S. E. 1090, 1092; People v. Walker, 76 Cal. App. 192, 244 P. 94, 98; Griffin v. State, 12 Ga. App. 615 (2), 618, 77 S. E. 1090; Sanders v. State, 18 Ga. App. 785, 90 S. E. 728.

PRONUNCIATION. L. Fr. A sentence or decree. Kelham.

PRONURUS. Lat. In the civil law. The wife of a grandson or great-grandson. Dig. 38, 10, 4, 6.


In general, any fact or circumstance which leads the mind to the affirmative or negative of any proposition constitutes “proof.” Nauful v. National Loan & Exchange Bank of Columbia, 111 S. C. 309, 97 S. E. 843, 845. In civil process, a sufficient reason for as- senting to the truth of a juridical proposition by which a party seeks either to maintain his own claim or to defeat the claim of another. Whart. Ev. § 1.

Ayliffe defines “judicial proof” to be a clear and evident declaration or demonstration of a matter which was before doubtful, conveyed in a judicial manner by fit and proper arguments, and likewise by all other legal methods—First, by fit and proper arguments, such as conjectures, presumptions, judicia, and other administral ways and means; secondly, by legal methods, or methods according to law, such as witnesses, public instruments, and the like. Ayl. Par. 442.

Proof is the perfection of evidence; for without evidence there is no proof, although there may be evidence which does not amount to proof: for example, if a man is found murdered at a spot where another has been seen walking but a short time before, this fact will be evidence to show that the latter was the murderer, but, standing alone, will be very far from proof of it.


For the distinction between “proof,” evidence, “belief,” “testimony,” see Evidence.

Affirmative Proof


Burden of Proof

See that title.

Conclusive Proof

As used in a statute providing for an action against a county for injury to cattle resulting from dipping for eradication of cattle ticks, it has been held to be equivalent to the expression, “to a moral certainty” or “beyond a reasonable doubt,” meaning a higher degree of proof than by a preponderance of the evidence. See the titles Moral and Doubt. Covington County v. Fite, 120 Miss. 421, 82 So. 308, 309.

Degree of Proof

“Degree of proof” refers to effect of evidence rather than by medium by which truth is established, and in this sense expressions “preponderance of evidence” and “proof beyond reasonable doubt” are used. Sowle v. Sowle, 115 Neb. 795, 215 N. W. 122, 123.

Full Proof

See Full.

Half Proof

See Half.

Negative Proof

See Positive Proof, infra.

Preliminary Proof

See Preliminary.

Positive Proof

Direct or affirmative proof; that which directly establishes the fact in question; as opposed to negative proof, which establishes
the fact by showing that its opposite is not or cannot be true. Niles v. Rhodes, 7 Mich. 378; Falkner v. Behr, 75 Ga. 674; Schrack v. McKnight, 54 Pa. 30.

Proof Evident or Presumption Great

Within the meaning of a provision that a case should be denied in capital cases where the "proof is evident" or the "presumption great," "proof evident" or "presumption great" refers to a case where the evidence is clear and strong, leading a well-guarded and dispassionate judgment to the conclusion that the offenses have been committed as charged, that the accused is the guilty agent, and that he would probably be punished capital if the law is administered. Ex parte Burgess, 309 Mo. 397, 274 S. W. 423, 426. In applications for bail where there is substantial, affirmative, and positive legal evidence that is not fully impeached or clearly discredited, upon which evidence a verdict of guilty of the capital offense charged may be lawfully found and sustained, and the entire evidence does not clearly show merely a probability of guilt of a capital offense, then it may be considered that "the proof is evident or the presumption great" of a capital offense, within the meaning of the constitutional provision on the subject, and bail may not be allowed, even though such evidence of guilt of a capital offense may be sharply contradicted by other competent and unimpeached evidence, and even though such contradictory evidence, if believed by a jury at a trial, would justify a verdict of acquittal or a verdict of guilty of a lesser crime that may be included in the capital offense charged. Ex parte Tully, 70 Fla. 1, 66 So. 296, 297.

Proof of Debt

The formal establishment by a creditor of his debt or claim, in some prescribed manner, (as, by his affidavit or otherwise,) as a preliminary to its allowance, along with others, against an estate or property to be divided, such as the estate of a bankrupt or insolvent, a deceased person or a firm or company in liquidation.

Proof of Spirits

Testing the strength of alcoholic spirits, also the degree of strength; as high proof, first proof, second, third, and fourth proofs. In the internal revenue law it is used in the sense of degree of strength. Louisville P. W. Co. v. Collector, 49 F. 361, 1 C. C. A. 371, 6 U. S. App. 53.

Proof of Will

A term having the same meaning as "probate," (q. v.), and used interchangeably with it.

PROP. An upright post wedged between the roof and the floor of a mine to support the roof. Big Branch Coal Co. v. Wrenchie, 190 Ky. 668, 170 S. W. 14, 16.


PROPATRUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather's brother. Inst. 3, 6, 3; Bract. fol. 688.

PROPATRUS MAGNUS. In the civil law. A great-great-uncle.


Peculiar; naturally or essentially belonging to a person or thing; not common; appropriate; one's own.

PROPER FEUDS. In feudal law, the original and genuine feuds held by purely military service.

PROPER INDEPENDENT ADVICE. "Proper independent advice" to donor means that he had preliminary benefit of conferring upon subject of intended gift with a person who was not only competent to inform him correctly of its legal effect, but who was so disassociated from interests of donee as to be in position to advise with donor impartially and confidentially as to consequences to donor of his proposed gift. Blume v. Blume, 96 N. J. Eq. 288, 106 A. 367, 368; Swirtz v. Dori, 123 Okl. 284, 253 P. 75, 77.

PROPER PARTIES. A proper party, as distinguished from a necessary party, is one who has an interest in the subject-matter of the litigation, which may be conveniently settled therein; one without whom a substantial degree may be made, but not a decree which shall completely settle all the questions which may be involved in the controversy and conclude the rights of all the persons who have any interest in the subject of the litigation. See Kelley v. Boettcher, 85 F. 55, 29 C. C. A. 14; Tatum v. Roberts, 59 Minn. 52, 60 N. W. 848.

PROPERTY. That which is peculiar or proper to any person; that which belongs exclusively to one; in the strict legal sense, an aggregate of rights which are guaranteed and protected by the government. Fulton Light, Heat & Power Co. v. State, 65 Misc. Rep. 263, 121 N. Y. S. 658, affirmed 198 App. Div. 301, 123 N. Y. S. 1117. The term as is said to extend to every species of valuable right and interest. McAllister v. Pritchard, 237 Mo. 494, 230 S. W. 66, 67.
More specifically, property is ownership; the unrestricted and exclusive right to a thing; the right to dispose of a thing in every legal way, to possess it, to use it, and to exclude every one else from interfering with it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 265. That dominion or indefinite right of use or disposition which one may lawfully exercise over particular things or subjects. Transcontinental Oil Co. v. Emmons, 298 Ill. 394, 131 N. E. 645, 947, 18 A. L. R. 507; the exclusive right of possessing, enjoying, and disposing of a thing. Barnes v. Jones, 139 Miss. 673, 109 So. 773, 775, 43 A. L. R. 673; Tatum Bros. Real Estate & Investment Co. v. Watson, 92 Fla. 278, 109 So. 623, 626.

Property is the highest right a man can have to anything; being used for that right which one has to lands or tenements, goods or chattels, which no way depends on another man's courtesy. Jackson ex dem. Pearson v. Houseel, 17 Johns. 281, 283.

The right of property is that sole and despotic dominion which one man claims and exercises over the external things of the world, in total exclusion of the right of any other individual in the universe. It consists in the free use, enjoyment, and disposal of all a person's acquisitions, without any control or diminution save only by the laws of the land. 1 Bl. Comm. 182; 2 Bl. Comm. 2, 15.

The word is also commonly used to denote everything which is the subject of ownership, corporeal or incorporeal, tangible or intangible, visible or invisible, real or personal; everything that has an exchangeable value or which goes to make up wealth or estate. Wapsele Power & Light Co. v. City of Tipton, Cedar County, 197 Iowa, 590, 193 N. W. 643, 645. See Scurlock v. Wheeler, 175 U. S. 441, 21 S. Ct. 48, 45 L. Ed. 128; Lawrence v. Hennessey, 165 Mo. 869, 65 S. W. 717; Boston & L. R. Corp. v. Sulem & L. R. Co., 2 Gray (Mass.) 35; National Tel. News Co. v. Western Union Tel. Co., 119 F. 294, 56 C. C. A. 198, 60 L. R. A. 805; Hamilton v. Rathbone, 175 U. S. 414, 20 S. Ct. 155, 44 L. Ed. 219; Stanton v. Lewis, 26 Conn. 449; Wilson v. Ward Lumber Co. (C. C.) 67 F. 674; Ludlow-Saylor Wire Co. v. Wollbrinck, 275 Mo. 339, 265 S. W. 190, 198; Samet v. Farmers' & Merchants' Nat. Bank of Baltimore (C. C. A.) 247 F. 669, 671.

Absolute Property

In respect to chattels personal property is said to be "absolute" where a man has, solely and exclusively, the right and also the possession of movable chattels. 2 Bl. Comm. 389. In the law of wills, a bequest or devise "to be the absolute property" of the beneficiary may pass a title in fee simple. Myers v. Anderson, 1 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 344, 47 Am. Dec. 537; Faekler v. Berry, 95 Va. 505, 25 S. E. 887, 57 Am. St. Rep. 819. Or it may mean that the property is to be held free from any limitation or condition or free from any control or disposition on the part of others. Wilson v. White, 133 Ind. 614, 33 N. E. 381, 19 L. R. A. 581; Williams v. Vince, 7 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 388, 389.

Common Property

A term sometimes applied to lands owned by a municipal corporation and held in trust for the common use of the inhabitants. Also property owned jointly by husband and wife under the community system. See Community.

Community Property

See Community.

Ganancial Property

See that title.

General Property

The right and property in a thing enjoyed by the general owner. See Owner.

Literary Property

See Literary.

Mixed Property

Property which is personal in its essential nature, but is invested by the law with certain of the characteristics and features of real property. Heirlooms, tombstones, monuments in a church, and title-deeds to an estate are of this nature. 2 Bl. Comm. 423; 3 Barn. & Adol. 174; 4 Bing. 106; Miller v. Worrall, 62 N. J. Eq. 776, 48 A. 586, 90 Am. St. Rep. 450; Minot v. Thompson, 106 Mass. 585.

Personal Property

In broad and general sense, "personal property" includes everything that is the subject of ownership, not coming under denomination of real estate; Goekstetter v. Williams (C. C. A.) 9 F.(2d) 354, 356; McFadden v. Murray, 32 N. J. 391, 327 E. 998, 1001; or a right or interest in things personal, or right or interest less than a freehold in reality, or any right or interest which one has in things movable. Elkton Electric Co. v. Perkins, 145 Md. 224, 125 A. 851, 858. The term is generally applied to property of a personal or movable nature, as opposed to property of a local or immovable character, (such as land or houses), the latter being called "real property," but is also applied to the right or interest less than a freehold which a man has in reality. Boyd v. Selma, 96 Ala. 144, 11 So. 395, 16 L. R. A. 729; Adams v. Hackett, 7 Cal. 203; Steif v. Hart, 1 N. Y. 24; Bellows v. Allen, 22 Vt. 108; In re Bruckman's Estate, 196 Pa. 363, 45 A. 1078; Atlanta v. Chattanooga Foundry & Pipe Co. (C. C.) 101 F. 907. That kind of property which usually consists of things temporary and movable, but includes all subjects of property not of a freehold nature, nor descendible to the heirs at law. 2 Kent, Comm. 344. Personal property is divisible into (1) corporeal personal property, which includes movable and tangible things, such as animals, ships, furniture, merchandise, etc.; and (2) incorporeal
personal property, which consists of such rights as personal annuities, stocks, shares, patents, and copyrights. Sweet.

Private Property

Private property, as protected from being taken for public uses, is such property as belongs absolutely to an individual, and of which he has the exclusive right of disposition; property of a specific, fixed and tangible nature, capable of being had in possession and transmitted to another, such as houses, lands, and chattels. Homochitto River Co's v. Withers, 29 Miss. 21, 64 Am. Dec. 128; Scantlon v. Wheeler, 179 U. S. 141, 21 S. Ct. 48, 45 L. Ed. 128.

Property Tax

In English law, this is understood to be an income tax payable in respect to landed property. In America, it is a tax imposed on property, whether real or personal, as distinguished from poll taxes, and taxes on successions, transfers, and occupations, and from license taxes. See Garrett v. St. Louis, 25 Mo. 510, 69 Am. Dec. 475; In re Swift's Estate, 137 N. Y. 77, 32 N. E. 1096, 18 L. R. A. 709; Rohr v. Gray, 50 Md. 274, 50 A. 632.

Public Property

This term is commonly used as a designation of those things which are publici juris, (q. v.) and therefore considered as being owned by "the public," the entire state or community, and not restricted to the dominion of a private person. It may also apply to any subject of property owned by a state, nation, or municipal corporation as such.

Qualified Property

Property in chattels which is not in its nature permanent, but may at some time subsist and not at other times; such for example, as the property a man may have in wild animals which he has caught and keeps, and which are his only so long as he retains possession of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 389. Any ownership not absolute.

Real Property

Land, and generally whatever is erected or growing upon or affixed to land. Lanpher v. Glenn, 37 Minn. 4, 33 N. W. 10. Also rights issuing out of, annexed to, and exercisable within or about land; a general term for lands, tenements, and hereditaments; property which, on the death of the owner intestate, passes to his heir. Ralston Steel Car Co. v. Ralston, 112 Ohio St. 395, 147 N. E. 513, 516, 39 A. L. R. 334; Hornsey v. Price, 139 N. C. 820, 728 S. E. 321, 322. In respect to property, real and personal correspond very nearly with immovables and movables of the civil law. Guyot, Rép. Bienes.

Separate Property

The separate property of a married woman is that which she owns in her own right, which is liable only for her own debts, and which she can incumber and dispose of at her own will.

Special Property

Property of a qualified, temporary, or limited nature; as distinguished from absolute, general, or unconditional property. Such is the property of a bailee in the article bailed, of a sheriff in goods temporarily in his hands under a levy, of the finder of lost goods while looking for the owner, of a person in wild animals which he has caught. Stief v. Hart, 1 N. Y. 24; Mouton v. Witherell, 52 Me. 242; Eisendrath v. Knauer, 64 Ill. 402; Phelps v. People, 72 N. Y. 357.

PROPINQUI ET CONSANGUINEI. Lat.
The nearest of kin to a deceased person.

Propinquior excludit proinquum; propinquus remotum; et remotus remotorem. Co. Litt. 10. He who is nearer excludes him who is near; he who is near, him who is remote; he who is remote, him who is remoter.

PROPINQUITY. Kindred; parentage.

PROPIOR SOBRINO, PROPIOR SOBRINA. Lat.
In the civil law. The son or daughter of a great-uncle or great-aunt, paternal or maternal. Inst. 3, 6, 3.

PROPIOS, PROPRIOS. In Spanish law.
Certain portions of ground laid off and reserved when a town was founded in Spanish America as the unalienable property of the town, for the purpose of erecting public buildings, markets, etc., or to be used in any other way, under the direction of the municipality, for the advancement of the revenues or the prosperity of the place. 12 Pet. 442, note.

Thus, there are solares, or house lots of a small size, upon which dwellings, shops, stores, etc., are to be built. There are suertes, or sowing grounds of a larger size, for cultivating or planting; as gardens, vineyards, orchards, etc. There are ejidos, which are quite well described by our word "commons," and are lands used in common by the inhabitants of the place for pasture, wood, threshing ground, etc.; and particular names are assigned to each, according to its particular use. Sometimes additional ejidos were allowed to be taken outside of the town limits. There are also propios or municipal lands, from which revenues are derived to defray the expenses of the municipal administration. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 554.

PROPONE.

In Scotch Law
To state. To propone a defense is to state or move it. 1 Kames, Eq. pref.

In Ecclesiastical and Probate Law
To bring forward for adjudication; to exhibit as basis of a claim; to offer for judicial action.
PROPONENT. The propounder of a thing. Thus, the proponeent of a will is the party who offers it for probate (q. v.).

PROPORTUM. In old records. Purport; intention or meaning. Cowell.

PROPOSAL. An offer; something proffered. An offer, by one person to another, of terms and conditions with reference to some work or undertaking, or for the transfer of property, the acceptance whereof will make a contract between them. Eppe v. Mississippi, G. & T. R. Co., 55 Ala. 33.

In English Practice

A statement in writing of some special matter submitted to the consideration of a chief clerk in the court of chancery, pursuant to an order made upon an application ex parte, or a decretal order of the court. It is either for maintenance of an infant, appointment of a guardian, placing a ward of the court at the university or in the army, or apprentice to a trade; for the appointment of a receiver, the establishment of a charity, etc. Wharton.

Propositio indebita equiplot universalis. An indefinite proposition is equivalent to a general one.


PROPOSITUS. Lat. The person proposed; the person from whom a descent is traced.

PROPOND. To offer; to propose. An executor or other person is said to propound a will when he takes proceedings for obtaining probate in solemn form. The term is also technically used, in England, to denote the allegations in the statement of claim, in an action for probate, by which the plaintiff alleges that the testator executed the will with proper formalities, and that he was of sound mind at the time. Sweet.

PROPRES. In French law. The term "propres" or "biens propres" as distinguished from "acquêts" denotes all property inherited by a person, whether by devise or ab intestato, from his direct or collateral relatives, whether in the ascending or descending line; that is, in terms of the common law, property acquired by "descent" as distinguished from that acquired by "purchase."

PROPRIA PERSONA. See In Propria Persona.


PROPRIETARY, n. A proprietor or owner; one who has the exclusive title to a thing; one who possesses or holds the title to a thing in his own right. The grantees of Pennsylvania and Maryland and their heirs were called the proprietaries of those provinces. Webster.

PROPRIARY, adj. Relating or pertaining to ownership, belonging or pertaining to a single individual owner.

Proprietary articles. Goods manufactured under some exclusive individual right to make and sell them. The term is chiefly used in the internal revenue laws of the United States. See Ferguson v. Arthur, 117 U. S. 482, 6 Sup. Ct. 861, 29 L. Ed. 979; In re Gourd (C. C.) 49 F. 729.

Proprietary chapel. See Chapel.

Proprietary governments. This expression is used by Blackstone to denote governments granted out by the crown to individuals, in the nature of feudal principalities, with inferior royalties and subordinate powers of legislation such as formerly belonged to the owners of counties palatine. 1 Bl. Comm. 108.

Proprietary rights. Those rights which an owner of property has by virtue of his ownership. When proprietary rights are opposed to acquired rights, such as easements, franchises, etc., they are more often called "natural rights." Sweet.

PROPRIETAS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Property; that which is one's own; ownership. Proprietas piana, full property, including not only the title, but the usufruct, or exclusive right to the use. Calvin. Proprietas nuda, naked or mere property or ownership; the mere title, separate from the usufruct.

Proprietas tutius navis carinae caussam sequitur. The property of the whole ship follows the condition of the keel. Dig. 6, 1, 61. If a man builds a vessel from the very keel with the materials of another, the vessel belongs to the owner of the materials. 2 Kent, Comm. 302.

Proprietas verborum est salus propletatum. Jenk. Cent. 16. Propriety of words is the salvation of property.

PROPRIETATE PROBANDA, DE. A writ addressed to a sheriff to try by an inquest in whom certain property, previous to distress, subsisted. Finch, Law. 316.

Proprietates verborum servanda sunt. The proprieties of words [proper meanings of words] are to be preserved or adhered to. Jenk. Cent. p. 138, case 78.

PROPRIÉTÉ. The French law term corresponding to our "property," or the right of enjoying and of disposing of things in the
most absolute manner, subject only to the laws. Brown.

PROPRIETOR. One who has the legal right or exclusive title to anything. In many instances it is synonymous with owner. Turner v. Cross, 83 Tex. 218, 18 S. W. 579, 15 L. R. A. 262. A person entitled to a trade-mark or a design under the acts for the registration or patenting of trade-marks and designs (q. v.) is called "proprietor" of the trade-mark or design. Sweet. See Latham v. Roach, 72 Ill. 181; Yuengling v. Schile (C. C.) 12 F. 105; Hunt v. Curry, 37 Ark. 105; Wercmekelser v. Springer Lithographing Co. (C. C.) 63 F. 811; Birmingham Ry., Light & Power Co. v. Milbrat, 201 Ala. 368, 78 So. 224, 227; Louisville Planing Mill Co. v. Weir Sheet Iron Works, 199 Ky. 361, 251 S. W. 176, 177.

PROPRIETY. In Massachusetts colonial ordinance of 1741 is nearly, if not precisely, equivalent to property. Com. v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 53, 70.

In Old English Law

PROPRIO VIGORE. Lat. By its own force; by its intrinsic meaning.

PROPRIOS. In Spanish and Mexican law. Productive lands, the usufruct of which had been set apart to the several municipalities for the purpose of defraying the charges of their respective governments. Sheldon v. Milmo, 90 Tex. 1, 36 S. W. 413; Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 554. See Arbitrarios.

PROPTER. For; on account of. The initial word of several Latin phrases.

PROPTER AFFECTUM. For or on account of some affection or prejudice. The name of a species of challenge (q. v.).

PROPTER DEFECTUM. On account of or for some defect. The name of a species of challenge (q. v.).

PROPTER DEFECTUM SANGUINIS. On account of failure of blood.

PROPTER DELICTUM. For or on account of crime. The name of a species of challenge, (q. v.).

PROPTER HONORIS RESPECTUM. On account of respect of honor or rank. See Challenge.

PROPTER IMPOTENTIAM. On account of helplessness. The term describes one of the grounds of a qualified property in wild animals, consisting in the fact of their inability to escape; as is the case with the young of such animals before they can fly or run. 2 Bl. Comm. 394.

PROPTER PRIVILEGium. On account of privilege. The term describes one of the grounds of a qualified property in wild animals, consisting in the special privilege of hunting, taking and killing them, in a given park or preserve, to the exclusion of other persons. 2 Bl. Comm. 394.

PRORATA. To divide, share, or distribute proportionally; to assess or apportion pro rata. Formed from the Latin phrase "pro rata," and said to be a recognized English word. Rosenberg v. Frank, 58 Cal. 405; Diamond Alkali Co. v. Henderson Coal Co., 287 Pa. 232, 184 A. 386, 388.

PROROGATED JURISDICTION. In Scotch law. A power conferred by consent of the parties upon a judge who would not otherwise be competent.

PROROGATION. Prolonging or putting off to another day. In English law, a prorogation is the continuance of the parliament from one session to another, as an adjournment is a continuation of the session from day to day. Wharton.

In the Civil Law
The giving time to do a thing beyond the term previously fixed. Dig. 2, 14, 27, 1.

PROROGUE. To direct suspension of proceedings of parliament; to terminate a session.

PROSCRIBED. In the civil law. Among the Romans, a man was said to be "proscribed" when a reward was offered for his head; but the term was more usually applied to those who were sentenced to some punishment which carried with it the consequences of civil death. Cod. 3, 49.

PROSECUTE. To follow up; to carry on an action or other judicial proceeding; to proceed against a person criminally. To "prosecute" an action is not merely to commence it, but includes following it to an ultimate conclusion. Service & Wright Lumber Co. v. Sumpter Valley Ry. Co., 81 Or. 22, 152 P. 262, 264.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. The name of the public officer (in several states) who is appointed in each judicial district, circuit, or county, to conduct criminal prosecutions on behalf of the state or people. See People v. May, 3 Mich. 605; Holder v. State, 58 Ark. 473, 25 S. W. 279.

PROSECUTING WITNESS. The private person upon whose complaint or information a criminal accusation is founded and whose testimony is mainly relied on to secure a conviction at the trial; in a more particular sense, the person who was chiefly injured, in person or property, by the act constituting the alleged crime, (as in cases of robbery, assault, criminal negligence, bastardy, and the
like,) and who instigates the prosecution and gives evidence.

Prosecuto legis est gravis vexatio; executio legis coronat opus. Litigation is vexatious, but an execution crowns the work. Co. Litt. 289 b.

PROSECUTION. In criminal law. A criminal action; a proceeding instituted and carried on by due course of law, before a competent tribunal, for the purpose of determining the guilt or innocence of a person charged with crime. See U. S. v. Reisinger, 128 U. S. 398, 9 Sup. Ct. 99, 32 L. Ed. 450; Tennessee v. Davis, 100 U. S. 257, 25 L. Ed. 648; Schulte v. Keokuk County, 74 Iowa, 292, 37 N. W. 376; Sigsbee v. State, 48 Fla. 524, 30 So. 516; People v. 1218, 204 Mich. 157, 160 N. W. 960, 981.

The continuous following up, through instrumentalities created by law, of a person accused of a public offense with a steady and fixed purpose of reaching a judicial determination of the guilt or innocence of the accused. Davenport v. State, 20 Okl. Cr. 253, 202 P. 18, 24.

By an easy extension of its meaning “prosecution” is sometimes used to designate the state as the party proceeding in a criminal action, or the prosecutor, or counsel; as when we speak of “the evidence adduced by the prosecution.”

The term is also frequently used respecting civil litigation. Eastman, Marble Co. v. Vermont Marble Co., 296 Mass. 128, 128 N. E. 177, 182; and includes every step in action, from its commencement to its final determination. Ray Wong v. Earle C. Anthony, Inc., 199 Cal. 15, 247 P. 984, 985.

Malicious Prosecution

See Malicious.

PROSECUTOR. In practice. One who prosecutes another for a crime in the name of the government; one who instigates a prosecution by making affidavit charging a named person with the commission of a penal offense on which a warrant is issued or an indictment or accusation is based. State v. Snelson, 13 Okl. Cr. 88, 182 P. 444, 446; Ethridge v. State, 184 Ga. 53, 157 S. E. 784, 785. One who instigates the prosecution upon which an accused is arrested or who prefers an accusation against the party whom he suspects to be guilty. People v. Lay, 106 Mich. 478, 160 N. W. 467, 470.

Private Prosecutor

One who sets in motion the machinery of criminal justice against a person whom he suspects or believes to be guilty of a crime, by laying an accusation before the proper authorities, and who is not himself an officer of justice. See Heacock v. State, 13 Tex. App. 129; State v. Millain, 3 Nev. 425.

Prosecutor of the Pleas

This name is given, in New Jersey, to the county officer who is charged with the prosecution of criminal actions, corresponding to the “district attorney” or “county attorney” in other states.

Public Prosecutor

An officer of government (such as a state’s attorney or district attorney) whose function is the prosecution of criminal actions, or suits partaking of the nature of criminal actions.

PROSECUTRIX. In criminal law. A female prosecutor.

PROSEQUI. Lat. To follow up or pursue; to sue or prosecute. See Nolle Prosequi.

PROSEQUITUR. Lat. He follows up or pursues; he prosecutes. See Non Pros.

PROSOCER. Lat. In the civil law. A father-in-law’s father; grandfather of wife.

PROSOCERUS. Lat. In the civil law. A wife’s grandmother.

PROSPECTIVE. Looking forward; contemplating the future. A law is said to be prospective (as opposed to retrospective) when it is applicable only to cases which shall arise after its enactment.

PROSPECTIVE DAMAGES. See Damages.

PROSPECTUS. A document published by a company or corporation, or by persons acting as its agents or assignees, setting forth the nature and objects of an issue of shares, debentures, or other securities created by the company or corporation, and inviting the public to subscribe to the issue. A prospectus is also usually published on the issue, in England, of bonds or other securities by a foreign state or corporation. Sweet.

In the Civil Law

Prospect; the view of external objects. Dig. S. 2, 3, 15.


PROSTITUTION. Common lewdness of a woman for gain; whoredom; the act or practice of a woman who permits any man who will pay her price to have sexual intercourse with her. See Com. v. Cook, 12 Metc. (Mass.) 97; State v. Anderson, 284 Mo. 357, 225 S. W. 956, 97; U. S. ex rel. Mittler v. Curran (C. C. A.) 18 F.(2d) 355, 356. The act or practice of a female of prostituting or offering the body to an indiscriminate inter-

The word in its most general sense means the act of setting one's self to sale, or of devoting to infamous purposes what is in one's power: as, the prostitution of talents or abilities; the prostitution of the press, etc. Carpenter v. People, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 610.

Protection transit subjectionem, et subjecto protectionem. Protection draws with it subjection, and subjection protection. 7 Coke, 50a.

The protection of an individual by government is on condition of his submission to the laws, and such submission on the other hand entitles the individual to the protection of the government. Broom, Max. 78.

PROTECTION.

In English Law

A writ by which the king might, by a special prerogative, privilege a defendant from all personal and many real suits for one year at a time, and no longer, in respect of his being engaged in his service out of the realm. 3 Bl. Comm. 289.

In former times the name “protection” was also given to a certificate given to a sailor to show that he was exempt from impressment into the royal navy.

In Mercantile Law

The name of a document generally given by notaries public to sailors and others persons going abroad, in which it is certified that the bearer therein named is a citizen of the United States.

In Public Commercial Law

A system by which a government imposes customs duties upon commodities of foreign origin or manufacture when imported into the country, for the purpose of stimulating and developing the home production of the same or equivalent articles, by discouraging the importation of foreign goods, or by raising the price of foreign commodities to a point at which the home producers can successfully compete with them.

PROTECTION OF INVENTIONS ACT. The statute 33 & 34 Vict. c. 27. By this act it is provided that the exhibition of new inventions shall not prejudice patent rights, and that the exhibition of designs shall not prejudice the right to registration of such designs.

PROTECTION OF THE LAWS. See Equal.

PROTECTION ORDER. In English practice. An order for the protection of the wife's property, when the husband has willfully deserted her, issuable by the divorce court under statutes on that subject.

PROTECTIONBUS DE. The English statute 33 Edw. I, St. 1, allowing a challenge to be entered against a protection, etc.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF. A law imposing duties on imports, with the purpose and the effect of discouraging the use of products of foreign origin, and consequently of stimulating the home production of the same or equivalent articles. R. E. Thompson, in Enc. Brit.

PROTECTOR OF SETTLEMENT. In English law. By the statute 3 & 4 Wm. IV, c. 74, § 2, power is given to any settler to appoint any person or persons, not exceeding three, the “protector of the settlement.” The object of such appointment is to prevent the tenant in full from barring any subsequent estate, the consent of the protector being made necessary for that purpose.

PROTECTORATE. A state which has transferred the management of its more important international affairs to a stronger state. 1 Opp. 144; Salmon, Juris. 210. It implies only a partial loss of sovereignty, so that the protected state still retains a position in the family of nations. Moreover, the protected state remains so far independent of its protector that it is not obliged to be a party to a war carried on by the protector against a third state, nor are treaties concluded by the protector ipso facto binding upon the protected state; 1 Opp. 145–146.

The period during which Oliver Cromwell ruled in England. Also the office of protector.

PROTEST. A formal declaration made by a person interested or concerned in some act about to be done, or already performed, whereby he expresses his dissent or disapproval, or affirms the act against his will. The object of such a declaration is generally to save some right which would be lost to him if his implied assent could be made out, or to exonerate himself from some responsibility which would attach to him unless he expressly negatived his assent.

A notarial act, being a formal statement in writing made by a notary under his seal of office, at the request of the holder of a bill or note, in which it is declared that the bill or note described was on a certain day presented for payment, (or acceptance,) and that such payment or acceptance was refused, and stating the reasons, if any, given for such refusal, whereupon the notary protest against all parties to such instrument, and declares that they will be held responsible for all loss or damage arising from its dishonor. See Annville Nat. Bank v. Keitering, 105 Pa. 531, 51 Am. Rep. 536; Ayrault v. Pacific Bank, 47 N. Y. 573, 7 Am. Rep. 489; Dennistoun v. Stewart, 17 How. 607, 15 L. Ed. 228.

"Protest." In a technical sense, means only the formal declaration drawn up and signed by the notary; yet, as used by commercial men, the word includes all the steps necessary to charge an indorser, i. e., presentation and non-payment or non-acceptance. Townsend v. Lorain Bank, 2 Ohio St. 345; Gleason v.
PROTESTANDO. L. Lat. Protesting. The emphatic word formerly used in pleading by way of protestation. 3 Bl. Comm. 311. See Protestation.

PROTESTANTS. Those who adhered to the doctrine of Luther; so called because, in 1529, they protested against a decree of the emperor Charles V. and of the diet of Spire, and declared that they appealed to a general council. The name is now applied indiscriminately to all the sects, of whatever denomination, who have seceded from the Church of Rome. Enc. Lond. See Hale v. Everett, 53 N. H. 9, 16 Am. Rep. 52; Appeal of Tappan, 52 Conn. 413.

PROTESTATION.

In Pleading
The indirect affirmation or denial of the truth of some matter which cannot with propriety or safety be positively affirmed, denied, or entirely passed over. See 3 Bl. Comm. 311.

The exclusion of a conclusion. Co. Litt. 124.

In Practice
An asseveration made by taking God to witness. A protestation is a form of asseveration which approaches very nearly to an oath. Wolff. Inst. Nat. § 375.


PROTOCOL. A record or register. Among the Romans, protocolium was a writing at the head of the first page of the paper used by the notaries or tabelliones. Nov. 41.

In France, the minutes of notarial acts were formerly transcribed on registers, which were called "protocols." Toullier, Droit Civil Fr. lv. 3, t. 3, c. 6, s. 1, no. 413.

By the German law it signifies the minutes of any transaction. Encyc. Amer.

In International Law
The first draft or rough minutes of an instrument or transaction; the original copy of a dispatch, treaty, or other document. Brande. A document serving as the preliminary to, or opening of, any diplomatic transaction.

In Old Scotch Practice
A book, marked by the clerk-register, and delivered to a notary on his admission, in which he was directed to insert all the instruments he had occasion to execute; to be preserved as a record. Bell.

PROTOCOLO. In Spanish law. The original draft or writing of an instrument which remains in the possession of the escribano, or notary. White, New Recop. lib. 3, tit. 7, c. 5, § 2.
The term "protocolo," when applied to a single paper, means the first draft of an instrument duly executed before a notary—the matrix, because it is the source from which must be taken copies to be delivered to interested parties as their evidence of right; and it also means a bound book in which the notary places and keeps in their order instruments executed before him, from which copies are taken for the use of parties interested. Downing v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 436, 16 S. W. 53; Rolly v. Steinhart, 161 App. Div. 242, 146 N. Y. S. 534, 538.

PROTUTOR. Lat. In the civil law. He who, not being the tutor of a minor, has administered his property or affairs as if he had been, whether he thought himself legally invested with the authority of a tutor or not. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 630.

He who marries a woman who is tutrix becomes, by the marriage, a protutor. The protutor is equally responsible with the tutor.

PROUT PATET PER RECORDUM. As appears by the record. In the Latin phraseology of pleading, this was the proper formula for making reference to a record.

PROVABLE. L. Fr. Provable; justifiable; manifest. Kelham.

PROVE. To establish or make certain; to establish a fact or hypothesis as true by satisfactory and sufficient evidence. Blackstone Hall Co. v. Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., 39 R. I. 60, 97 A. 484, 487.

To present a claim or demand against a bankrupt or insolvent estate, and establish by evidence or affidavit that the same is correct and due, for the purpose of receiving a dividend on it. Tibbetts v. Trafton, 80 Me. 264, 14 A. Tl.; In re California Pac. R. Co., 4 Fed. Cas. 1060; In re Bigelow, 3 Fed. Cas. 343.

To establish the genuineness and due execution of a paper, propounded to the proper court or officer, as the last will and testament of a deceased person. See Probate.

PROVEN TERRITORY. In oil prospecting "proven territory" means territory so situated with reference to known producing wells as to establish the general opinion that, because of its location in relation to them, oil is contained in it. Minchew v. Morris (Tex. Civ. App.) 241 S. W. 215, 217.

PROVER. In old English law. A person who, on being indicted of treason or felony, and arraigned for the same, confessed the fact before plea pleaded, and appealed or accused others, his acccomplices, in the same crime, in order to obtain his pardon. 4 Bl. Comm. 329, 330.


PROVIDED. The word used in introducing a proviso (which see.) Ordinarily it signifies or expresses a condition; but this is not invariable, for, according to the context, it may import a covenant, or a limitation or qualification, or a restraint, modification, or exception to something which precedes. See Stanley v. Colt, 5 Wall. 166, 18 L. Ed. 502; Stoel v. Flanders, 68 Wis. 256, 32 N. W. 114; Robertson v. Caw, 3 Barb. (N. Y.) 141; Paschall v. Passmore, 15 Pa. 308; Carroll v. State, 58 Ala. 396; Colt v. Hubbard, 38 Conn. 281; Woodruff v. Woodruff, 44 N. J. Eq. 349, 16 A. 4, 1 L. R. A. 380; Attorney General v. City of Methuen, 236 Mass. 564, 129 N. E. 662, 665; Stevens v. Galveston H. & S. A. Ry. Co. (Tex. Com. App.) 212 S. W. 639, 644.

PROVIDED BY LAW. The phrase "provided by law," when used in a constitution or statute generally means prescribed or provided by some statute. Lawson v. Kamawha County Court, 80 W. Va. 612, 92 S. E. 786, 789; Fountain v. State, 149 Ga. 519, 101 S. E. 294, 295.

PROVINCE. The district into which a country has been divided; as, the province of Canterbury, in England; the province of Languedoc, in France.

A dependency or colony, as, the province of New Brunswick.

Figuratively, power or authority; as, it is the province of the court to judge of the law; that of the jury to decide on the facts. 1 Bl. Comm. 111; Tomlins.

PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTIONS. The decrees of provincial synods held under divers archbishops of Canterbury, from Stephen Langton, in the reign of Henry III., to Henry Chichele, in the reign of Henry V., and adopted also by the province of York in the reign of Henry VI. Wharton.

PROVINCIAL COURTS. In English law. The several arch-episcopal courts in the two ecclesiastical provinces of England.

PROVINCIASE. A work on ecclesiastical law, by William Lyndwode, official principal to Archbishop Chichele in the reign of Edward IV. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 25, p. 117.

PROVINCIAS. Lat. In the civil law. One who has his domicile in a province. Dig. 50, 16, 190.

PROVING OF THE TENOR. In Scotch practice. An action for proving the tenor of a lost deed. Bell.

PROVISION. Foresight of the chance of an event happening, sufficient to indicate that any present undertaking upon which its as-
sumed realization might exert a natural and proper influence was entered upon in full contemplation of it as a future possibility. Appeal of Blake, 95 Conn. 194, 110 A. 883, 884; Strong v. Strong, 106 Conn. 76, 137 A. 17, 18.

In Commercial Law

Funds remitted by the drawer of a bill of exchange to the drawee in order to meet the bill, or property remaining in the drawer's hands or due from him to the drawer, and appropriated to that purpose.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A nomination by the pope to an English benefice before it became void; the term was afterwards indiscriminately applied to any right of patronage exerted or usurped by the pope.

In French Law

An allowance or alimony granted by a judge to one of the parties in a cause for his or her maintenance until a definite judgment is rendered. Dailoz.

In English History

A name given to certain statutes or acts of parliament, particularly those intended to curb the arbitrary or usurped power of the sovereign, and also to certain other ordinances or declarations having the force of law. See infra.

A term used in the reign of Henry III. to designate enactments of the King in Council, perhaps less solemn than statutes. The term "statutes" was a later term, with a changed conception of the solemnity of a statute, and is one that cannot easily be defined. It came into use in Edward I's reign, supplanting "provisions," which is characteristic of Henry III's reign, which had supplanted "assize," characteristic of the reigns of Henry II., Richard and John Maitland, 2 Sel. Essays in Anglo-Am. Leg. Hist. 60.

—Provisions of Merton. Another name for the statute of Merton. See Merton, Statute of.

—Provisions of Oxford. Legislative provisions (1258) forbidding the Chancellor to issue writs, other than those "of course" without the approval of the executive council, as well as the king. Certain provisions made in the Parliament of Oxford, 1258, for the purpose of securing the execution of the provisions of Magna Charta, against the Invasions thereof by Henry III. The government of the country was in effect committed by these provisions to a standing committee of twenty-four, whose chief merit consisted in their representative character, and their real desire to effect an improvement in the king's government. Brown.

—Provisions of Westminster. A name given to certain ordinances or declarations promulgated by the barons in A. D. 1239, for the reform of various abuses.

PROVISIONAL. Temporary; preliminary; tentative; taken or done by way of precaution or ad interim.

PROVISIONAL ASSIGNEES. In the former practice in bankruptcy in England. Assignees to whom the property of a bankrupt was assigned until the regular or permanent assignees were appointed by the creditors.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE. A committee appointed for a temporary occasion.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. One temporarily established in anticipation of and to exist and continue until another (more regular or more permanent) shall be organized and instituted in its stead. Chambers v. Fisk, 22 Tex. 535.

PROVISIONAL INJUNCTION. Sometimes, though not correctly, used for interlocutory injunction.

PROVISIONAL ORDER. In English law. Under various acts of parliament, certain public bodies and departments of the government are authorized to inquire into matters which, in the ordinary course, could only be dealt with by a private act of parliament, and to make orders for their regulation. These orders have no effect unless they are confirmed by an act of parliament, and are hence called "provisional orders." Several orders may be confirmed by one act. The object of this mode of proceeding is to save the trouble and expense of promoting a number of private bills. Sweet.

PROVISIONAL REMEDY. A remedy provided for present need or for the immediate occasion; one adapted to meet a particular exigency. Particularly, a temporary process available to a plaintiff in a civil action, which secures him against loss, irreparable injury, dissipation of the property, etc., while the action is pending. Such are the remedies by injunction, appointment of a receiver, attachment, or arrest. The term is chiefly used in the codes of practice. See McCarthy v. McCarthy, 54 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 100; Witter v. Lyon, 34 Wis. 574; Smalley v. Abbott Buggy Co., 36 Kan. 106, 12 P. 522.

PROVISIONAL SEIZURE. A remedy known under the law of Louisiana, and substantially the same in general nature as attachment of property in other states. Code Prac. La. 284, et seq. See Nolte v. His Creditors, 6 Mart. N. S. (La.) 168.

PROVISIONES. Lat. In English history. Those acts of parliament which were passed to curb the arbitrary power of the crown. See Provision.

PROVISIONS. Food; victuals; articles of food for human consumption. See Boteler v. Washington, 3 Fed. Cas. 902; In re Lentz (D. C.) 97 F. 487; Nash v. Farrington, 4 Al-

PROVISO. A condition or provision which is inserted in a deed, lease, mortgage, or contract, and on the performance or nonperformance of which the validity of the instrument frequently depends; it usually begins with the word “provided.”

It always implies a condition, unless subsequent words change it to a covenant: Rich v. Atwater, 16 Conn. 419; but when a provison contains the mutual words of the parties to a deed, it amounts to a covenant; 2 Co. 72; Cro. Eliz. 242; Coxe v. Atlantic R. The word “provison” is generally taken for a condition, but it differs from it in several respects; for a condition is usually created by the grantor or lessor, but a provison by the grantee or lessee. Jacob.

The mere use of technical terms which ordinarily denote a limitation or a condition subsequent is an unsafe test of the true nature of the estate granted; the word “provison” or “provided” itself being sometimes taken as a condition, sometimes as a limitation, and sometimes as a covenant. Stevens v. Galveston H. & S. A. Ry. Co. (Tex. Com. App.) 212 S. W. 657, 664.

A limitation or exception to a grant made or authority conferred, the effect of which is to declare that the one shall not operate, or the other be exercised, unless in the case provided. Voorhees v. Bank of United States, 10 Pet. 449, 9 L. Ed. 490; Clearwater Tp. v. Board of Sup’rs of Kalkaska County, 187 Mich. 516, 153 N. W. 824, 827; Stockton v. Weber, 98 Cal. 453, 33 P. 332.


A proviso is sometimes misused to introduce independent pieces of legislation. Cox v. Hart, 43 S. Ct. 154, 157, 260 U. S. 427, 67 L. Ed. 332. Its proper use, however, is to qualify what is affirmed in the body of the act, section, or paragraph preceding it, or to except something from the act, but not to enlarge the enacting clause. State Public Utilities Commission v. Early, 255 Ill. 479, 121 N. E. 63, 66; Marcy v. Board of Com’rs of Seminole County, 46 Okl. 1, 144 P. 611, 612. And it cannot be held to enlarge the scope of the statute; State v. Young, 74 Or. 399, 145 P. 647, 648; contra, People v. American Cent. Ins. Co., 173 Mich. 371, 146 N. W. 235, 236; Jordan v. Town of South Boston, 138 Va. 838, 122 S. E. 265, 267.

While a proviso is commonly found at the end of the act or section, and is usually introduced by the word “provided,” that word is not necessary, the matter and not the form of the succeeding words controlling. MacKenzie v. Douglas County, 81 Or. 442, 159 P. 625, 627.

A proviso differs from an exception. 1 Barn. & Ald. 39. An exception excepts absolutely, from the operation of an engagement or an enactment, the provison, properly speaking, defeats their operation, conditionally. An exception takes out of an engagement or enactment something which would otherwise be part of the subject-matter of it: a proviso avoids them by way of defence or excuse. 3 Am. Jur. 242; People v. Bailey, 171 N. Y. S. 324, 397, 191 Misc. 365; Board of Com’rs of Noble County v. Whitney, 73 Okl. 169, 175 P. 112, 113; Philadelphia Life Ins. Co. v. Farnsley’s Adm’r, 162 Ky. 27, 171 S. W. 1004, 1005; Plowd. 361; 1 Saund. 234 q.; Lilly, Reg.

The proper use of provisos in drafting acts is explained by Coxe on Legislative Construction. The early, and, as he thinks, the correct use, is by way of taking special cases out of general enactments and providing for them. The courts have generally assumed that such was the proper mode of using a proviso. It is incorrectly used to introduce mere exceptions to the operation of the enactment where no special provision is made for the exception; these are better expressed as exceptions.

Provisor est providere presentia et futura, non praterita. Coke, 72; Vaugh. 279. A proviso is to provide for the present or future, not the past.

PROVISO, TRIAL BY. In English practice. A trial brought on by the defendant, in cases where the plaintiff, after issue joined, neglects to proceed to trial; so called from a clause in the writ to the sheriff, which directs him, in case two writs come to his hands, to execute but one of them. 3 Bl. Comm. 357. The defendant may take out a venire facias to the sheriff, which hath in it these words, Provisor quo, etc., provided that if the plaintiff shall take out any writ to that purpose, the sheriff shall summon but one jury on them both. Jacob; Old Nat. Brev. 159.

PROVISOR. In old English law. A provider, or purveyor. Spelman. Also a person nominated to be the next incumbent of a benefice (not yet vacant) by the pope. 4 Bl. Comm. 111. He that hath the care of providing things necessary; but more especially one who sues to the court of Rome for a provision. Jacob; 25 Edw. III.
PROVISO'S, STATUTE OF. A statute passed in 25 Edw. III, forbidding the Pope to nominate to benefices, and declaring that the election of bishops and other dignitaries should be free, and all rights of patrons preserved. Taswell-Langmead, Eng. Const. Hist. 322. See Preemunire.


Such conduct or actions on the part of one person towards another as tend to arouse rage, resentment, or fury in the latter against the former, and thereby cause him to do some illegal act against or in relation to the person offering the provocation. See State v. Byrd, 52 S. C. 480, 30 S. E. 482; Ruble v. People, 67 Ill. App. 438.

"Provocation" sufficient to reduce homicide to manslaughter must be of a character calculated to excite the passions beyond control, obscure reason, and thus render the mind incapable of reflection. State v. Borders (Mo. Sup.) 199 S. W. 190, 183; Miller v. Commonwealth, 163 Ky. 246, 175 S. W. 761, 763. There must be a state of passion without time to cool placing defendant beyond control of his reason. Commonwealth v. Gelfin, 282 Pa. 434, 128 A. 77, 79. Provocation carries with it the idea of some physical aggression or some assault which suddenly arouses heat and passion in the person assaulted. State v. Hollis, 108 S. C. 42, 36 S. E. 74, 75.

PROVOKE. To excite; to stimulate; to arouse. State v. Warner, 34 Conn. 279. To irritate, or enrage. State v. Milosovich, 42 Nev. 263, 175 P. 139, 141.

PROVOKING A DIFFICULTY. The law on this point arises only where deceased was the attacking party, and his attack was brought about by the words or acts of accused, intended to bring on the attack, in order that advantage might be taken thereof by him to slay his adversary and escape the consequences. Carter v. State, 87 Tex. Cr. R. 200, 220 S. W. 335, 336. See, also, Willkie v. State, 33 Okl. Cr. 225, 242 P. 1057, 1059.

PROVOST. The principal magistratge of a royal burgh in Scotland.

A governing officer of certain universities or colleges.

The chief dignitary of a cathedral or collegiate church.

In France, this title was formerly given to some presiding judges.

PROVOST-MARSHAL. In English law, an officer of the royal navy who had the charge of prisoners taken at sea, and sometimes also on land. In military law, the officer acting as the head of the military police of any post, camp, city or other place in military occupation, or district under the reign of martial law. He or his assistants may, at any time, arrest and detain for trial, persons subject to military law committing offenses, and may carry into execution any punishments to be inflicted in pursuance of a court martial.

PROXENETA. Lat. In the civil law. A broker; one who negotiated or arranged the terms of a contract between two parties, as between buyer and seller; one who negotiated a marriage; a match-maker. Calvin; Dig. 50, 14, 3.


PROXIMATE CAUSE

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"Proximate cause" is distinguishable from "immediate cause." Missouri, K. T. & 3. Ry. Co. v. Texas v. Cardwell (Tex. Civ. App.) 187 S. W. 1075, 1076. The immediate cause is generally referred to in the law as the nearest cause in point of time and space, while an act or omission may be the proximate cause of an injury without being the immediate cause. Thus, where several causes combine to produce an injury, the last intervening cause is commonly referred to as the immediate cause, although some other agency more remote in time or space may, in causal relation, be the nearer to the result, and thus be the proximate responsible cause. Dunbar v. Davis, 122 S. E. 885, 33 Ga. App., citing, among others, Insurance Co. v. Boon, 93 U. S. 117, 130, 24 L. Ed. 355; Terry Shipbuilding Corp. v. Griffin, 112 S. E. 374, 153 Ga. 399; Gillespie v. Andrews, 27 Ga. App. 509, 108 S. E. 906. Moreover, there may be two or more proximate causes, but only one immediate cause. Thomas v. Chicago Embossing Co., 307 Ill. 324, 138 N. E. 282, 283; American Stone Bal- last Co. v. Marshall's Adm'r, 206 Ky. 133, 298 S. W. 1061, 1062; Godfrey v. Payne (Mo. App.) 211 S. W. 132, 133; Hardin v. Rust (Tex. Civ. App.) 294 S. W.

625, 631; Etheridge v. Norfolk Southern R. Co., 143 Va. 789, 129 S. E. 690, 693; Barbor v. City of Indianapolis, 32 Ind. App. 594, 128 N. E. 330, 331. But the two terms are sometimes used interchangeably.


PROXIMATE CONSEQUENCE OR RESULT.

One which succeeds naturally in the ordinary course of things. Swaim v. Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. Co., 187 Iowa, 496, 174 N. W. 884, 886. A consequence which, in addition to being in the train of physical causation, is not entirely outside the range of expectation or probability, as viewed by ordinary men. The Mars (D. C.) 9 F. (2d) 183, 184. One ordinarily following from the negligence complained of, unbroken by any independent cause, which might have been reasonably foreseen. Dallas Ry. Co. v. Warlick (Tex. Com. App.) 285 S. W. 302, 304. One which a prudent and experienced man, fully acquainted with all the circumstances which in fact existed, would, at time of the negligent act, have thought reasonably possible to follow, if it had occurred to his mind. Coast S. S. Co. v. Brady (C. C. A.) 8 F. (2d) 16, 19. A mere possibility of the injury is not sufficient, where a reasonable man would not consider injury likely to result from the act as one of its ordinary and probable results. O'Neal v. Vie, 94 Okl. 68, 220 P. 853, 856. See, also, Kornblau v. McDermont, 90 Conn. 624, 88 A. 857, 500.

PROXIMATE DAMAGES. See Damages.

PROXIMATELY. Directly or immediately. Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co. v. Bain, 161 Ky. 44, 170 S. W. 499, 501. Pertaining to that which is an ordinary mechanical sequence produces a specific result, not independent disturbing agency intervening. Olsen v. Standard Oil Co., 188 Cal. 20, 204 P. 393, 396. The use of the word "approximately" in an instruction in lieu of the word "proximately," although error, is harmless, since the words are very nearly synonymous; P. B. Arnold Co. v. Buchanan, 69 Ind. App. 626, 111 N. E. 204, 207; contra, Kentucky Traction & Terminal Co. v. Bain, 161 Ky. 44, 170 S. W. 499, 501.

PROXIMITY. Kindred between two persons. Dig. 38, 16, 8.

Quality or state of being next in time, place, causation, influence, etc.; immediate nearness. Webster, Dict.

Proximus est cui nemo antecedet, supremus est quem nemo sequitur. He is next whom no one precedes; he is last whom no one follows. Dig. 50, 16, 92.

PROXY. (Contracted from procuracy.) A person who is substituted or deputed by an

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other to represent him and act for him, particularly in some meeting or public body. Also the instrument containing the appointment of such person. Manson v. Curtis, 223 N. Y. 313, 119 N. E. 559, 561, Ann. Cas. 1918E, 247.

Members of the house of lords in England have the privilege of voting by proxy. 1 Bl. Comm. 168; Phillips v. Wickham, 1 Paige (N. Y.) 590. But the practice is in abeyance. May, Parl. Pr. 370.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A person who is appointed to manage another man's affairs in the ecclesiastical courts, a judicial proctor. Also an annual payment made by the parochial clergy to the bishop, on visitations. Tomlins.

PRUDENCE. Carefulness, precaution, attentiveness, and good judgment, as applied to action or conduct. That degree of care required by the exigencies or circumstances under which it is to be exercised. Cronk v. Railway Co., 52 N. W. 420, 3 S. D. 93. This term, in the language of the law, is commonly associated with "care" and "diligence" and contrasted with "negligence." See those titles.


Prudente agit qui praecepto legis obtemperat. 5 Coke, 49. He acts prudently who obeys the command of the law.

PRUDENTIAL AFFAIRS. Within the meaning of a statute authorizing the making of by-laws by municipalities for the directing and managing of their prudential affairs, this term includes those matters for the necessary convenience of the inhabitants. Clarke v. City of Fall River, 210 Mass. 589, 107 N. E. 419, 421.

PRUDHOMMES, PRODES HOMMES. This word was used in early Norman times, and before, in a general sense to signify freeholders or respectable burgesses; sometimes a special body of such persons acting as magistrates or judges. Black Book of Adm. IV, 186. There were prudhommes of the sea; of merchants; of the corporation of Barcelona; and of the guild of coopers. Usually two sat.

PRYK. A kind of service of tenure. Blount says it signifies an old-fashioned spur with one point only, which the tenant, holding land by this tenure, was to find for the king. Wharton.


PSEUDOCYESIS. In medical jurisprudence. A frequent manifestation of hysteria in women, in which the abdomen is inflated, simulating pregnancy; the patient aiding in the deception.

PSEUDOGRAPH. False writing.

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSIS. In medical jurisprudence. A method of investigating the origin and cause of any given disease or morbid condition by examination of the mental condition of the patient, the application of various psychological tests, and an inquiry into the past history of the patient, with a view to its bearing on his present psychic state.

PSYCHOLOGICAL FACT. In the law of evidence. A fact which can only be perceived mentally; such as the motive by which a person is actuated. Barrill, Circ. Ev. 130, 131.

PSYCHONEUROSIS. See Insanity.

PSYCHOSIS. A disease of the mind; especially, a functional mental disorder, that is, one unattended with structural changes in the brain. Davis v. State, 153 Ga. 154, 112 S. E. 280, 282. See Insanity.

PSYCHOTHERAPY. A method or system of alleviating or curing certain forms of disease, particularly diseases of the nervous system or such as are traceable to nervous disorders, by suggestion, persuasion, encouragement, the inspiration of hope or confidence, the discouragement of morbid memories, associations, or beliefs, and other similar means addressed to the mental state of the patient, without (or sometimes in conjunction with) the administration of drugs or other physical remedies.

PTOMAINE. In medical jurisprudence. An alkaloidal product of the decomposition or putrefaction of albuminous substances, as in animal and vegetable tissues. Ptomaines are sometimes poisonous, but not invariably. Examples of poisonous ptomaines are those occurring in putrefying fish and the tyrotoxins of decomposing milk and milk products. They are sometimes found in a less harmful form in preserved vegetable matter. Drury v. Armour & Co., 140 Ark. 371, 216 S. W. 40, 42.

PUBERTY. The earliest age at which persons are capable of begetting or bearing children. Webster, Diet.

In the civil and common law, the age at which one becomes capable of contracting marriage. It is in boys fourteen, and in girls twelve years. Ayliffe, Pand. 63; Toullier, Dr. Civ. Fr. tom. 5, p. 100; Inst. 1, 22; Dig. 1, 7, 40, 1. Code 5, 60, 3; 1 Bl. Comm. 436; 2 Kent, Comm. 78; State v. Pierson, 44 Ark. 265. Otherwise called the "age of consent to marriage."

PUBLIC, n. The whole body politic, or the aggregate of the citizens of a state, district, or municipality. Knight v. Thomas, 93 Me. 494, 45 A. 499; State v. Luco, 9 Houst. (Del.) 396, 32 A. 1076; Wyatt v. Irrigation Co., 1 Colo. App. 480, 29 P. 906; Ex parte Teuncataro Machida (D. C.) 277 F. 239, 241. The in-
habitants of a state, county, or community. People v. Turnbull, 184 Ill. App. 131, 155; Commonwealth v. Bosworth, 257 Mass. 212, 153 N. E. 455, 457. As used in the Immigration Act 1917, § 3 (S USCA § 130), excluding aliens likely to become a public charge, the term means the people, the government, the United States. Ex parte Horn (D. C.) 252 F. 455, 457.


The term does not mean all the people, nor very many people of a place, but so many of them as to distinguish them from a few. State v. Baker, 88 Ohio St. 165, 102 N. E. 732, 736.

PUBLIC, adj. Pertaining to a state, nation, or whole community; proceeding from, relating to, or affecting the whole body of people or an entire community. Open to all; notorious. Common to all or many; general; open to common use. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 758, 14 Am. Rep. 640; Crane v. Waters (C. C.) 10 F. 621; Austin v. Soule, 36 Vt. 650; Appeal of Elliot, 74 Conn. 586, 51 A. 558; O'Hara v. Miller, 1 Kulp (Pa.) 295; State Public Utilities Commission v. Monarch Refrfrigating Co., 267 Ill. 528, 108 N. E. 716, 717; Ann. Cas. 1916A, 529; State v. Lyon, 63 Okl. 255, 165 P. 419, 420. Thus, an allegation that defendant "publicly stated" alleged slanderous matter imports utterance of words in the presence and hearing of others. Kavanagh v. Thomas, 218 App. Div. 780, 218 N. Y. S. 489.

A distinction has been made between the terms "public" and "general." They are sometimes used as synonymous. The former term is applied strictly to that which concerns all the citizens and every member of the state; while the latter includes a lesser, though still a large, portion of the community. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 128.

—Public appointments. Public offices or stations which are to be filled by the appointment of individuals, under authority of law, instead of by election.

—Public building. One of which the possession and use, as well as the property in it, are in the public. Pancost v. Troth, 34 N. J. Law, 383. Any building held, used, or controlled exclusively for public purposes by any department or branch of government, state, county, or municipal, without reference to the ownership of the building or of the realty upon which it is situated. Shepherd v. State, 16 Ga. App. 248, 85 S. E. 88. A building belong-

—Public character. An individual who asks for and desires public recognition, such as a statesman, author, artist, or inventor. See Cortiss v. E. W. Walker Co., 64 F. 280, 31 L. R. A. 283.

—Public convenience. In a statute requiring the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the Public Utilities Commission for the operation of a motorbus line, "convenience" is not used in its colloquial sense as synonymous with handy or easy of access, but in accord with its regular meaning of suitable and fitting, and "public convenience" refers to something fitting or suited to the public need. Abbott v. Public Utilities Commission, 48 R. I. 136, 136 A. 490, 491.

—Public interest. Something in which the public, the community at large, has some pecuniary interest, or some interest by which their legal rights or liabilities are affected. It does not mean anything so narrow as mere curiosity, or as the interests of the particular localities, which may be affected by the matters in question. State v. Crockett, 86 Okl. 124, 206 P. 816, 817. If by public permission one is making use of public property and he chances to be the only one with whom the public can deal with respect to the use of that property, his business is affected with a public interest which requires him to deal with the public on reasonable terms. Cooley, Const. Lim. 746. The circumstances which clothe a particular kind of business with a "public interest," as to be subject to regulation, must be such as to create a peculiarly close relation between the public and those engaged in it and raise implications of an affirmative obligation on their part to be reasonable in dealing with the public. One does not devote his property or business to a public use, or clothe it with a public interest, merely because he makes commodities for and sells to the public in common callings such
as those of the butcher, baker, tailor, etc. Chas. Wolff Packing Co. v. Court of Industrial Relations of State of Kansas, 262 U. S. 522, 43 S. Ct. 630, 633, 67 L. Ed., 1108, 27 A. L. R. 1250. A business is not affected with a public interest merely because it is large, or because the public has concern in respect of its maintenance, or derives benefit, accommodation, ease, or enjoyment from it. Tyson & Bro.-United Theatre Ticket Offices v. Barton, 273 U. S. 418, 47 S. Ct. 428, 71 L. Ed. 718, 58 A. L. R. 1299.

—Public laundry. This term, in Labor Law, N. Y. § 296 (Consol. Laws, c. 31), includes a laundry doing laundry work that is ultimately distributed to the public, and is not limited to laundry doing custom work only. Van Zandt's, Inc., v. Department of Labor of State of New York, 129 Misc. 747, 222 N. Y. S. 450, 451.

—Public latrines. Such as are open to all who may choose to use them. Irvine v. Commonwealth, 124 Va. 817, 77 S. E. 769. The term may, however, include a washroom in a lodging house for men guests only. City of Chicago v. McGuire, 185 Ill. App. 589, 590.

—Public law. That branch or department of law which is concerned with the state in its political or sovereign capacity, including constitutional and administrative law, and with the definition, regulation, and enforcement of rights in cases where the state is regarded as the subject of the right or object of the duty,—including criminal law and criminal procedure,—and the law of the state, considered in its quasi private personality, i. e., as capable of holding or exercising rights, or acquiring and dealing with property, in the character of an individual. See Holi. Jur. 106, 300. That portion of law which is concerned with political conditions; that is to say, with the powers, rights, duties, capacities, and incapacities which are peculiar to political superiors, supreme and subordinate. Aust. Jur. "Public law." In one sense, is a designation given to "international law," as distinguished from the laws of a particular nation or state. In another sense, a law or statute that applies to the people generally of the nation or state adopting or enacting it, is denominated a public law, as contradistinguished from a private law, affecting only an individual or a small number of persons. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 773, 14 Am. Rep. 640.

—Public offense. A public offense is an act or omission forbidden by law, and punishable as by law provided. Code Ala. 1886, § 3969. Ford v. State, 7 Ind. App. 587, 35 N. E. 34; State v. Cantieny, 34 Minn. 1, 24 N. W. 458.

—Public passage. A right, subsisting in the public, to pass over a body of water, whether the land under it be public or owned by a private person. This term is synonymous with public highway, with this difference: by the latter is understood a right to pass over the land of another; by the former is meant the right of going over the water which is on another's land. Carth. 193; Hamm. N. P. 195.

—Public place. A place to which the general public has a right to resort; not necessarily a place devoted solely to the uses of the public, but a place which is in point of fact public rather than private, a place visited by many persons and usually accessible to the neighboring public. See People v. Whitman, 178 App. Div. 193, 165 N. Y. S. 148, 149; People v. Soule (Co. Ct.) 142 N. Y. S. 876, 880; Ellis v. Archer, 38 S. D. 285, 181 N. W. 192, 193; State v. Welch, 85 Ind. 310; Comprecht v. State, 30 Tex. Cr. R. 454, 37 S. W. 754; Russell v. Dyar, 40 N. H. 187; Roach v. Eugene, 23 Or. 376, 31 P. 825; Taylor v. State, 22 Ala. 15. Any place so situated that what passes thereon can be seen by any considerable number of persons, if they happen to look. Steph. Cr. L. 115. Also, a place in which the public has an interest as affecting the safety, health, morals, and welfare of the community. Babb v. Elsinger (Sup.) 147 N. Y. S. 95, 100. As used in the Georgia prohibition law, any place which, from its public character, members of the general public frequent, or where they may be expected to congregate at any time as a matter of common right; also any place at which, even though it is privately owned or controlled, a number of persons have assembled, through common usage or by general or indiscriminate invitation, express or implied. Griffin v. State, 15 Ga. App. 532, 81 S. E. 571. Under this view, a place may be public during some hours of the day and private during others. Tookie v. State, 4 Ga. App. 495, 496, 61 S. E. 917, 918. A place exposed to the public, and where the public gather together or pass to and fro. Lewis v. Commonwealth, 197 Ky. 449, 247 S. W. 749, 750.

—Public purpose. In the law of taxation, eminent domain, etc., this is a term of classification to distinguish the objects for which, according to settled usage, the government is to provide, from those which, by the like usage, are left to private interest, inclination, or liberality. People v. SalemTp. Board, 20 Mich. 485, 4 Am. Rep. 400. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 454, et seq.; Hagler v. Small, 207 Ill. 460, 138 N. E. 849, 854; State v. Donald, 160 Wis. 21, 151 N. W. 331, 364. The term is synonymous with governmental purpose. State v. Dixon, 66 Mont. 76, 213 P. 227, 231. As employed to denote the objects for which taxes may be levied, it has no relation to the urgency of the public need or to the extent of the public benefit which is to follow; the essential requisite being that a public service or use shall affect the inhabitants as a community, and not merely as individuals. Stevenson v. Port of Portland, 82 Or. 576, 162 P. 509, 511; Carman v. Hickman County, 185 Ky. 630, 215 S. W. 408, 411. A public purpose or public business has for its objective the
promotion of the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of all the inhabitants or residents within a given political division, as, for example, a state, the sovereign powers of which are exercised to promote such public purpose or public business. Green v. Frazier, 44 N. D. 596, 176 N. W. 11, 17. See, also, City of Tomball v. Macia, 30 Ariz. 215, 245 P. 677, 679, 46 A. L. R. 823.

-Public service. A term applied in modern usage to the objects and enterprises of certain kinds of corporations, which specially serve the needs of the general public or conducive to the comfort and convenience of an entire community, such as railroad, gas, water, and electric light companies; and companies furnishing motor vehicle transportation. See Harrison v. Big Four Bus Lines, 217 Ky. 119, 288 S. W. 1049; People's Natural Gas Co. v. Public Service Commission, 273 Pa. 252, 123 A. 790, 802; In re Otter Tail Power Co., 128 Minn. 415, 151 N. W. 198. A public service or quasi public corporation is one private in its ownership, but which has an appropriate franchise from the state to provide for a necessity or convenience of the general public, incapable of being furnished by private competitive business, and dependent for its exercise on eminent domain or governmental agency. Attorney General v. Haverhill Gas-light Co., 215 Mass. 394, 101 N. E. 1061, 1063, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 1266. It is one of a large class of private corporations which on account of special franchises conferred on them owe a duty to the public which they may be compelled to perform. State ex rel. Coco v. Riverside Irr. Co., 142 La. 10, 76 So. 216, 218.


-Public, true, and notorious. The old form by which charges in the allegations in the ecclesiastical courts were described at the end of each particular.

-Public use, in constitutional provisions restricting the exercise of the right to take private property in virtue of eminent domain, means a use concerning the whole community as distinguished from particular individuals. But each and every member of society need not be equally interested in such use, or be personally and directly affected by it: if the object is to satisfy a great public want or exigency, that is sufficient. Gilmer v. Lingle Point, 18 Cal. 228; Budd v. New York, 12 S. Ct. 485, 145 U. S. 517, 38 L. Ed. 247; Ridge Co. v. Los Angeles County, 43 S. Ct. 689, 692, 202 U. S. 709, 67 L. Ed. 1186; Fountain Park Co. v. Hensler, 199 Ind. 95, 155 N. E. 465, 469, 50 A. L. R. 1518; Payne v. Savage, 126 Me. 121, 136 A. 664, 666, 51 A. L. R. 1194; In re Kansas City Ordinance No. 39946, 298 Mo. 569, 252 S. W. 404, 408, 28 A. L. R. 265. The term may be said to mean public usefulness, utility, or advantage, or what is productive of general benefit. Williams v. City of Norman, 85 Okl. 230, 205 P. 144, 148; In re Board of Water Comrs of City of Hartford, 87 Conn. 198, 87 A. 870, 873, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 1105. But it is not synonymous with public benefit. Ferguson v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 202 Iowa, 508, 210 N. W. 904, 906; Smith v. Cameron, 106 Or. 1, 210 P. 716, 720, 27 A. L. R. 510. It may be limited to the inhabitants of a small or restricted locality, but must be so common, and not for a particular individual. Pocantico Water Works Co. v. Bird, 130 N. Y. 249, 29 N. E. 466; St. Helena Water Co. v. Forbes, 62 Cal. 182, 45 Am. Rep. 659; Cox v. Revelle, 123 Md. 579, 94 A. 205, 206, L. R. A. 1915E, 443; Vetter v. Broadhurst, 100 Neb. 356, 160 N. W. 109, 111, 9 A. L. R. 578; Leathers v. Craig (Tex. Civ. App.) 228 S. W. 905, 908. The use must be a needful one for the public, which cannot be surrendered without obvious general loss and inconvenience. Jeter v. Vinton-Roanoke Water Co., 114 Va. 769, 76 S. E. 821, 823, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 1029. "Public uses" of a municipal corporation as affecting the running of the statute of limitations, are such uses as all the people of the state are alike interested in. Board of Comrs of Woodward County v. Willett, 49 Okl. 254, 152 P. 365, 366, L. R. A. 1910E, 92. The test whether a use is a "public use," within a constitutional provision exempting from taxation certain property devoted to a public use, is whether a public trust is imposed upon the property, whether the public has a legal right to the use which cannot be gainsaid or denied or withdrawn by the owner. Commonwealth v. City of Richmond, 116 Va. 60, 81 S. E. 59, 74, L. R. A. 1915A, 1115. In patent law, a public use is entirely different from a use by the public. Los Angeles Lime Co. v. Nye (C. C. A.) 270 F. 155, 182. If an inventor allows his machine to be used by other persons generally, either with or without compensation, or if it is, with his consent, put on sale for such use, then it will be in "public use" and on public sale. David E. Kennedy v. United Cork Cos. (C. C. A.) 225 F. 371, 372. Experimental use is never "public use" if conducted in good faith to test the qualities of the invention, and for no other purpose not naturally in-
—Public utility. A private corporation which has given to it certain powers of a public nature, such, for instance, as the power of eminent domain, in order to enable it to discharge its duties for the public benefit. State ex rel. Coco v. Riverside Irr. Co., 142 La. 106, 79 So. 216, 218. Any agency, instrumentality, business industry or service which is used or conducted in such manner as to affect the community at large, that is which is not limited or restricted to any particular class of the community. State Public Utilities Commission v. Monarch Refrigerating Co., 287 Ill. 528, 108 N. E. 716, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 528. The test for determining if a concern is a public utility is whether it has held itself out as ready, able and willing to serve the public. Humbird Lumber Co. v. Public Utilities Commission, 39 Idaho, 506, 228 P. 271. The term implies a public use of an article, product, or service, carrying with it the duty of the producer or manufacturer, or one attempting to furnish the service, to serve the public and treat all persons alike, without discrimination. Highland Dairy Farms Co. v. Helvetia Milk Condensing Co., 208 Ill. 294, 139 N. E. 418, 420. It is synonymous with "public use," and refers to persons or corporations charged with the duty to supply the public with the use of property or facilities owned or furnished by them. Buder v. First Nat. Bank (C. C. A.) 16 F.(2d) 990, 992. To constitute a true "public utility," the devotion to public use must be of such character that the public generally, or that part of it which has been served and which has accepted the service, has the legal right to demand that that service shall be continued, so long as it is continued, with reasonable efficiency under reasonable charges. Richardson v. Railroad Commission of California, 194 Cal. 718, 235 P. 418, 420. The devotion to public use must be of such character that the product and service is available to the public generally and indiscriminately, and therefore must be free from acceptance by the utility of public franchises or calling to its aid the police power of the state. Southern Ohio Power Co. v. Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 110 Ohio St. 246, 143 N. E. 700, 701, 34 A. L. R. 171.

—Public ways. Highways (q. e.)

—Public weigher. This term in a statute refers to the official who has been elected, appointed, or qualified and holding office. Interstate Compress Co. v. Colley, 88 Okl. 42, 211 P. 413, 414.

—Public welfare. The prosperity, well-being, or convenience of the public at large, or of a whole community, as distinguished from the advantage of an individual or limited class. See Shaver v. Starrett, 4 Ohio St. 499. It embraces the primary social interests of safety, order, morals, economic interest, and non-material and political interests. State v. Hutchinson Ice Cream Co., 108 Iowa, 1, 147 N. W. 195, 196, L. R. A. 1917B, 188. In the development of our civic life, the definition of "public welfare" has also developed until it has been held to bring within its purview regulations for the promotion of economic welfare and public convenience. Pettis v. Alpha Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Pi, 115 Neb. 525, 213 N. W. 855, 858.


PUBLICIAN.

In the Civil Law

A farmer of the public revenue; one who held a lease of some property from the public treasury. Dig. 39, 4, 1, 1; Id. 39, 4, 12, 3; Id. 39, 4, 13.

In English Law

A person authorized by license to keep a public house, and retail therein, for consumption on or off the premises where sold, all intoxicating liquors; also termed "licensed victualler." Wharton. A victualler; one who serves food or drink prepared for consumption on the premises. Friend v. Childs Dining Hall Co., 251 Mass. 65, 120 N. E. 407, 409, 5 A. L. R. 1100.

PUBLICIANUS. Lat. In Roman law. A farmer of the customs; a publican. Calvin.

PUBLICATION. The act of publishing anything or making it public; offering it to public notice, or rendering it accessible to public scrutiny. Linley v. Citizens' Nat. Bank of Anderson, 108 S. C. 372, 94 S. E. 874, 877. An advising of the public; a making known of something to them for a purpose. Associated Press v. International News Service (C. C. A.) 245 F. 244, 250. It implies the means of conveying knowledge or notice. Daly v. Beery, 45 N. D. 287, 179 N. W. 104, 106. As descriptive of the publishing of laws and ordinances, "publication" means printing or otherwise reproducing copies of them and distributing them in such a manner as to
make their contents easily accessible to the public; it forms no part of the enactment of the law. "Promulgation," on the other hand, seems to denote the proclamation or announcement of the edict or statute as a preliminary to its acquiring the force and operation of law. But the two terms are often used interchangeably. Chicago v. McCoy, 136 Ill. 341, 26 N. E. 363, 11 L. R. A. 413; Sholes v. State, 2 Plin. (WIs.) 460; Russell v. Kennington, 190 Ga. 467, 128 S. E. 551. For the distinction between them, see Toullier, Dr. Civ. Fr. tit. Preliminaire, n. 53.

In connection with the publication of rates, the term may include both the promulgation and the distribution of the rates in printed form. City of Pittsburg v. Pittsburg Rys. Co., 259 Pa. 558, 108 A. 372, 374.

In Practice
In the practice of the states adopting the reformed procedure, and in some others, publication of a summons is the process of giving it currency as an advertisement in a newspaper, under the conditions prescribed by law, as a means of giving notice of the suit to a defendant upon whom personal service cannot be made.

In Equity Practice
The making public the depositions taken in a suit, which have previously been kept private in the office of the examiner. Publication is said to pass when the depositions are so made public, or openly shown, and copies of them given out, in order to the hearing of the cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 450.

In the Law of Libel

In the Law of Wills
The formal declaration made by a testator at the time of signing his will that it is his last will and testament. 4 Kent, Comm. 515, and note. In re Simpson, 56 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 134; Compton v. Mitton, 12 N. J. Law, 70; Lewis v. Lewis, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 23. The act or acts of the testator by which he manifests that it is his intention to give effect to the paper as his last will and testament; any communication indicating to the witness that the testator intends to give effect to the paper as his will, by words, sign, motion, or conduct. In re Spier's Estate, 99 Neb. 853, 157 N. W. 1014, 1018, 11 L. R. A. 1014; Re J. H. Winter's Will, 177 N. Y. S. 690, 700, 107 Misc. Rep. 398; 3 Atl. 161; Small v. Small, 4 Greenl. (Me.) 220, 16 Am. Dec. 258; Appeal of Barnet, 3 Rawle (Pa.) 15; Com. Dig. Estates by Devise (E 2).

PUBLICI JURIS. Lat. Of public right. The word "public!" in this sense means pertaining to the people, or affecting the community at large; that which concerns a multitude of people; and the word "right," as so used, means a well-founded claim; an interest; concern; advantage; benefit. State v. Lyon, 63 Okt. 285, 165 P. 419, 420.

This term, as applied to a thing or right, means that it is open to or exercisable by all persons. It designates things which are owned by "the public," that is, the entire state or community, and not by any private person. When a thing is common property, so that any one can make use of it who likes, it is said to be publici juris; as in the case of light, air, and public water. Sweet.

PUBLICIANA. In the civil law. The name of an action introduced by the praetor Publicius, the object of which was to recover a thing which had been lost. Its effects were similar to those of our action of trover. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 298. See Inst. 4, 6, 4; Dig. 6, 2, 1, 16.

PUBLICIST. One versed in, or writing upon, public law, the science and principles of government, or international law.

PUBLICITY. The doing of a thing in the view of all persons who choose to be present.


PUBLICUM JUS. Lat. In the civil law. Public law; that law which regards the state of the commonwealth. Inst. 1, 1, 4.
PUBLISH. To make public; to make known to people in general. U. S. v. Baltimore Post Co. (D. C.) 2 F.(2d) 781, 784; In re Willow Creek, 74 Or. 592, 144 P. 505, 515; To make known; to circulate. State v. Elder, 19 N. M. 393 143 P. 482, 484; State v. Orange, 54 N. J. Law, 111, 22 A. 1004, 14 L. R. A. 62.
To issue; to put into circulation. In re Willow Creek, 74 Or. 592, 144 P. 505, 515.
To "publish" a libel is to make it known to any person other than the person libeled. Age-Herald Pub. Co. v. Huddleston, 207 Ala. 46, 92 So. 192, 197, 37 A. L. R. 838; to exhibit or expose the libelous matter. State v. Moore, 140 La. 281, 73 So. 965, 971.
To "publish" a newspaper ordinarily means to compose, print, issue, and distribute it to the public, and especially its subscribers, at and from a certain place. Age-Herald Pub. Co. v. Huddleston, 207 Ala. 46, 92 So. 193, 197, 37 A. L. R. 838; State v. Board of Com'rs of Big Horn County, 77 Mont. 216, 259 P. 606, 608. To "print" may therefore refer only to the mechanical work of production. In re Monrovia Evenings Post, 199 Cal. 363, 248 P. 1017, 1019, and constitute a narrower term than "publish." In re Publishing Docket in Local Newspaper, 266 Mo. 48, 187 S. W. 1174, 1175 (overruled in Re Publication of Docket of the Supreme Court (Mo. Sup.) 223 S. W. 464).
PUBLISHER. One who by himself or his agent makes a thing publicly known. One whose business is the manufacture, promulgation, and sale of books, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, or other literary productions. One who publishes, especially one who issues, or causes to be issued, from the press, and offers for sale or circulation matter printed, engraved, or the like. Brokaw v. Cottrell, 114 Neb. 858, 211 N. W. 184, 187.
PUDEITY. Chastity; purity; continence; modesty; the abstaining from all unlawful carnal commerce or connection.
PUDELD. In old English law. Supposed to be a corruption of the Saxon "wudgelad," (woodgeld,) a freedom from payment of money for taking wood in any forest. Co. Litt. 239a.
PUEBO. In Spanish law. People; all the inhabitants of any country or place, without distinction. A town, township, or municipality. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 4. A small settlement or gathering of people, a steady community; the term applies equally whether the settlement be a small collection of Spaniards or Indians. Pueblo of Santa Rosa v. Fall (D. C.) 12 F.(2d) 332, 335.
This term "pueblo," in its original signification, means "people" or "population," but is used in the sense of the English word "town." It has the indistinctness of that term, and, like it, is sometimes applied to a mere collection of individuals residing at a particular place, a settlement or village, as well as to a regularly organized municipality. Trevor v. San Francisco, 100 U. S. 251, 25 L. Ed. 228.
PUE. Lat. In the civil law. A child; one of the age from seven to fourteen, including, in this sense, a girl. But it also meant a "boy," as distinguished from a "girl;" or a servant. See Dy. 337 b; Hob. 33.
Pueri sunt de sanguine parentum, sed pater et mater non sunt de sanguine puerrorum. 3 Coke, 40. Children are of the blood of their parents, but the father and mother are not of the blood of the children.
PUEIRILIT. In the civil law. A condition intermediate between infancy and puberty, continuing in boys from the seventh to the fourteenth year of their age, and in girls from seven to twelve.
The ancient Roman lawyers divided puerility into praeritum infantiae, as it approached infancy, and praeritum puereae, as it became nearer to puberty. 6 Toullier, n. 100.
PUEIRITIA. Lat. In the civil law. Childhood; the age from seven to fourteen. 4 Bl. Comm. 22. The age from birth to fourteen years in the male, or twelve in the female. Calvius, Lex. The age from birth to seventeen. Vicat, Voc. Jur.
PUIS. In law French. Afterwards; since.
PUIS DARREIN CONTINUANCE. Since the last continuance. The name of a plea which a defendant is allowed to put in, after having already pleaded, where some new matter of defense arises after issue joined; such as payment, a release by the plaintiff, the discharge of the defendant under an insolvent or bankrupt law, and the like. 3 Bl. Comm. 316; 2 Tidd, Pr. 847; Chattanooga v. Neely, 97 Tenn. 527, 37 S. W. 281; Waterbury v. McMillan, 46 Miss. 640; Woods v. White, 97 Pa. 227.
PUISNE. L. Fr. Younger; junior; subordinate; associate. The title by which the
justices and barons of the several common-law courts at Westminster are distinguished from the chief justice and chief baron.

PUISSANCE PATERNELLE. Fr. Paternal power. In the French law, the male parent has the following rights over the person of his child: (1) If child is under sixteen years of age, he may procure him to be imprisoned for one month or under. (2) If child is over sixteen and under twenty-one he may procure an imprisonment for six months or under with power in each case to procure a second period of imprisonment. The female parent, being a widow, may, with the approval of the two nearest relations on the father's side, do the like. The parent enjoys also the following rights over the property of his child, viz., a right to take the income until the child attains the age of eighteen years, subject to maintaining the child and educating him in a suitable manner. Brown.

PULLING. In terminology associated with oil wells, the withdrawing from the well of the casing placed therein, after it has been demonstrated that the well is a nonproducer. Texas Granite Oil Co. v. Williams, 199 Ky. 146, 250 S. W. 818, 820.

PULSARE. Lat. In the civil law. To beat, to accuse or charge; to proceed against at law. Calvin.

PULSATOR. The plaintiff, or actor.

PUMMY. Possibly a provincialism peculiar to Ochiltree county, Tex., presumably meaning a farm product or the residue of a farm product which has some value as a stock food. Cudd v. Whippo (Tex. Civ. App.) 234 S. W. 705, 708.

An obsolete or dialectic variant of "pommace." Webster's New Int. Dict.

PUNCUTATION. The division of a written or printed document into sentences by means of periods; and of sentences into smaller divisions by means of commas, semicolons, colons, etc.

PUNCTUM TEMPORIS. Lat. A point of time; an indivisible point of time; an instant. Calvin.

PUNCTURED WOUND. In medical jurisprudence. A wound made by the insertion into the body of any instrument having a sharp point. The term is practically synonymous with "stab."

PUNDBRECH. In old English law. Poundbreach; the offense of breaking a pound. The illegal taking of cattle out of a pound by any means whatsoever. Cowell.

PUNDIT. An interpreter of the Hindu law; a learned Brahmin.

PUNISHABLE. LIABLE TO Punishment, whether absolutely or in the exercise of a judicial discretion. State v. Culberson, 143 La. 565, 78 So. 941, 942.

PUNISHMENT. In criminal law. Any pain, penalty, suffering, or confinement inflicted upon a person by the authority of the law and the judgment and sentence of a court, for some crime or offense committed by him, or for his omission of a duty enjoined by law. See Cummings v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 320, 18 L. Ed. 336; Featherstone v. People, 194 Ill. 325, 62 N. E. 654; Ex parte Howe, 26 Or. 151, 37 P. 536; State v. Grant, 79 Mo. 129, 49 Am. Rep. 218; McIntyre v. Commonwealth, 154 Ky. 149, 156 S. W. 1058, 1059; Washington v. Dowling, 92 Fla. 601, 109 So. 588, 591; Jones v. State, 10 Okl. Cr. 216, 136 P. 182, 153; State v. Hondros, 100 S. C. 242, 64 S. E. 751, 753; Orme v. Rogers, 32 Ariz. 502, 260 P. 199; Cardigan v. White (C. C. A.) 18 F.(2d) 872, 878.

CrueL And Unusual Punishment

Such punishment as would amount to torture or barbarity, and any cruel and degrading punishment not known to the common law, and also any punishment so disproportionate to the offense as to shock the moral sense of the community. In re Bayard, 25 Hun (N. Y.) 546; State v. Driver, 78 N. C. 423; In re Kemmler, 136 U. S. 436, 10 S. Ct. 930, 34 L. Ed. 519; Willkerson v. Utah, 99 U. S. 130, 25 L. Ed. 345; State v. Williams, 77 Mo. 310; McDonald v. Com., 173 Mass. 322, 53 N. E. 874, 73 Am. St. Rep. 293; People v. Morris, 80 Mich. 638, 45 N. W. 591, 8 L. R. A. 685; Sustar v. County Court of Marion County, 101 Or. 677, 201 P. 445, 448; State v. Smith, 114 Neb. 653, 80 N. W. 328, 329.

Infamous Punishment


PUNITIVE. Relating to punishment; having the character of punishment or penalty; inflicting punishment or a penalty.

PUNITIVE DAMAGES. See Damages.

PUNITIVE POWER. The power and authority of a state, or organized jural society, to inflict punishments upon those persons who have committed actions inherently evil and
injuries to the public, or actions declared by the laws of that state to be sanctioned with punishments.

PUPIL. In the civil law. One who is in his or her minority. Particularly, one who is in ward or guardianship.

PUPILLARIS SUBSTITUTIO. Lat. In the civil law. Pupillar substitution; the substitution of an heir to a pupil or infant under puberty. The substitution by a father of an heir to his children under his power, disposing of his own estate and theirs, in case the child refused to accept the inheritance, or died before the age of puberty. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 6, no. 64.

PUPILLARITY. In Scotch law. That period of minority from the birth to the age of fourteen in males, and twelve in females. Bell.

PUPILLUS. Lat. In the civil law. A ward or infant under the age of puberty; a person under the authority of a tutor, (q. v.).

Pupillus pati posse non intelligitur. A pupil or infant is not supposed to be able to suffer, i.e., to do an act to his own prejudice. Dig. 50, 17, 110, 2.

PUR. L. Fr. By or for. Used both as a separable particle, and in the composition of such words as “parjury,” “parliam.”

PUR AUTRE VIE. For (or during) the life of another. An estate pur autre vie is an estate which endures only for the life of some particular person other than the grantee.

PUR CAUSE DE VICINAGE. By reason of neighborhood. See Common.

PUR FAIRE PROCLAMER. An ancient writ addressed to the mayor or bailiff of a city or town, requiring him to make proclamation concerning nuisances, etc. Flitz, Nat. B. 392.

PUR TANT QUE. Forasmuch as; because; to the intent that. Kelham.


Purchase Money

The consideration in money paid or agreed to be paid by the buyer to the seller of property, particularly of land. Purchase money means money stipulated to be paid by a purchaser to his vendor, and does not include money the purchaser may have borrowed to complete his purchase. Purchase money, as between vendor and vendee only, is contemplated; as between purchaser and lender, the money is "borrowed money." Heusler v. Nickum, 38 Md. 270. But see Houlahan v. Rassler, 73 Wis. 557, 41 N. W. 720; Bahnson v. Walker, 59 Okl. 143, 214 P. 732, 734; Williams v. American Slicing Mach. Co., 148 Ga. 770, 98 S. E. 270, 271.

Purchase-Money Mortgage

See Mortgage.

Quasi Purchase

In the civil law. A purchase of property not founded on the actual agreement of the parties, but on conduct of the owner which is inconsistent with any other hypothesis than that he intended a sale.

Words of Purchase

Words of purchase are words which denote the person who is to take the estate. Thus, if I grant land to A. for twenty-one years, and after the determination of that term to A.'s heirs, the word "heirs" does not denote the duration of A.'s estate, but the person who is to take the remainder on the expiration of the term, and is therefore called a "word of purchase." Williams, Real Prop.; Fearne, Rem. 76, et seq.

PURCHASER. One who acquires real property in any other mode than by descent. One who acquires either real or personal property by buying it for a price in money; a buyer; vendee. Hodge Ship Bldg. Co. v. City of Moss Point, 144 Miss. 657, 110 So. 227, 229.

In the construction of registry acts, the term "purchaser" is usually taken in its technical legal sense. It means a complete purchaser, or, in other words, one clothed with the legal title. Steele v. Spencer, 1 Pet. 562, 569, 7 L. Ed. 259.

Bona Fide Purchaser

See Bona Fide.

First Purchaser

In the law of descent, this term signifies the ancestor who first acquired (in any other manner than by inheritance) the estate which still remains in his family or descendants.
PURCHASER

Innocent Purchaser
See Innocent.

Purchaser of a Note or Bill

The person who buys a promissory note or bill of exchange from the holder without his indorsement.

Purchaser without notice is not obliged to discover to his own hurt. See 4 Bouv. Inst. note 4336.

PURE. Absolute; complete; simple; unmixed; unqualified; free from conditions or restrictions; as in the phrases pure charity, pure debt, pure obligation, pure plea, pure vellennage, as to which see the nouns.

PURE OBLIGATION. One which is not suspended by any condition, whether it has been contracted without any condition, or, when thus contracted, the condition has been performed. Potheir, Obl. n. 176.

PURE PLEA. One which relies wholly on some matter dehors the bill, as, for example, a plea of a release on a settled account.

Plies not pure are so called in contradiscination to pure pleas; they are sometimes also denominated negative pleas. 4 Bouvier, Inst. n. 4275.

PURGATION. The act of cleansing or exonerating one's self of a crime, accusation, or suspicion of guilt, by denying the charge on oath or by ordeal.

Canonical purgation was made by the party's taking his own oath that he was innocent of the charge, which was supported by the oath of twelve compurgators, who swore they believed he spoke the truth. To this succeeded the mode of purgation by the single oath of the party himself, called the "oath ex officio," of which the modern defendant's oath in chancery is a modification. 3 Bl. Comm. 447; 4 Bl. Comm. 368.

Purgation consisted in ordeals or trials by hot and cold water, by fire, by hot irons, by hattel, by corsened, etc.

PURGE. To cleanse; to clear; to clear or exonerate from some charge or imputation of guilt, or from a contempt.

PURGE DES HYPOTHÈQUES. Fr. In French law. An expression used to describe the act of freeing an estate from the mortgages and privileges with which it is charged, observing the formalities prescribed by law. Duverger.

PURGED OF PARTIAL COUNSEL. In Scotch practice. Cleared of having been partially advised. A term applied to the preliminary examination of a witness, in which he is sworn and examined whether he has received any bribe or promise of reward, or has been told what to say, or whether he bears malice or ill will to any of the parties. Bell.

PURGING A TORT is like the ratification of a wrongful act by a person who has power of himself to lawfully do the act. But, unlike ratification, the purging of the tort may take place even after commencement of the action. 1 Brod. & B. 282.

PURGING CONTEMPT. Atoning for, or clearing one's self from, contempt of court, (q. v.). It is generally done by apologizing and paying fees, and is generally admitted after a moderate time in proportion to the magnitude of the offense.

PURLIEU. In English law. A space of land near a royal forest, which, being severed from it, was made purlieu; that is pure or free from the forest laws.

PURLIEU-MEN. Those who have ground within the purlieu to the yearly value of 40s. a year freehold are licensed to hunt in their own purlieus. Manw. c. 20, § 8.

PURLOIN. To steal; to commit larceny or theft. McCann v. U. S., 2 Wyo. 298.

PURPART. A share; a part in a division; that part of an estate, formerly held in common, which is by partition allotted to any one of the parties. The ward was anciently applied to the shares falling separately to coparceners upon a division or partition of the estate, and was generally spelled "purparty," but it is now used in relation to any kind of partition proceedings. See Selders v. Giles, 141 Pa. 93, 21 A. 514.

PURPARTY. That part of an estate which, having been held in common by parceners, is by partition allotted to any of them. To make purparty is to divide and sever the lands which fall to parceners. Old, N. B. 11. Formerly purparty. See Jacob. The word purpart is commonly used to indicate a part of an estate in any connection.

PURPORT. Meaning; import; substantial meaning; substance; legal effect. The "purport" of an instrument means the substance of it as it appears on the face of the instrument, and is distinguished from "tenor," which means an exact copy. See Dann v. State, 2 Ohio St. 93; State v. Sherwood, 92 Iowa, 559, 55 N. W. 911, 48 Am. St. Rep. 461; State v. Pullens, 81 Mo. 392; Com. v. Wright, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 65; State v. Page, 19 Mo. 213; Lacy v. State, 33 Okl. Cr. 161, 242 P. 296, 297; Deskin v. U. S. Reserve Ins. Corporation, 221 Mo. App. 1151, 298 S. W. 103, 106; State v. Collins, 287 Mo. 237, 248 S. W. 598, 602.

PURPOSE. That which one sets before him to accomplish; an end, intention, or aim, object, plan, project. State v. Patch, 64 Mont. 565, 210 P. 748, 750; Kessler v. City of Indianapolis, 199 Ind. 420, 157 N. E. 547, 549, 53 A. L. R. 1.

PURPRESURE. A purpresseure may be defined as an inclosure by a private party of a part of that which belongs to and ought to be open and free to the enjoyment of the public at large. It is not necessarily a public nuisance. A public nuisance must be something which subjects the public to some degree of inconvenience or annoyance; but a purpresseure may exist without putting the public to any inconvenience whatsoever. Attorney General v. Evart Booming Co., 34 Mich. 462. And see Cobb v. Lincoln Park Com'rs, 202 Ill. 427, 67 N. E. 5, 63 L. R. A. 264, 95 Am. St. Rep. 258; Columbus v. Jaques, 30 Ga. 506; Sullivan v. Moreno, 19 Fla. 228; U. S. v. Debs (C. C.) 64 F. 740; Drake v. Hudson River R. Co., 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 545; People v. Steelechase Park Co., 165 App. Div. 234, 151 N. Y. S. 137, 139; Petty v. City of San Antonio (Tex. Civ. App.) 181 S. W. 224, 227; Lake Sand Co. v. State, 68 Ind. App. 439, 120 N. E. 714, 716; Owens v. Town of Atkins, 163 Ark. 252, 259 S. W. 396, 397, 34 A. L. R. 267.

PURPRISE. L. Fr. A close or inclosure; as also the whole compass of a manor.

PURPRUE, or PPRPH. A term used in heraldry; the color commonly called “purple,” expressed in engravings by lines in bend sinister. In the arms of princes it was formerly called “mercury,” and in those of peers “amethyst.”

PURSE. A purse, prize, or premium is ordinarily some valuable thing, offered by a person for the doing of something by others, into strife for which he does not enter. He has not a chance of gaining the thing offered; and, if he abide by his offer, that he must lose it and give it over to some of those contending for it is reasonably certain. Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 559.

PURSER. The person appointed by the master of a ship or vessel, whose duty it is to take care of the ship's books, in which everything on board is inserted, as well the names of mariners as the articles of merchandise shipped. Roccus, Ins. note.

PURSUANT. Conformable to, agreeable to, or in accordance with. Potter v. Realty Securities Corporation, 77 Fla. 788, 82 So. 238, 239.

PURSE. To follow a matter judicially, as a complaining party.

To pursue a warrant or authority, in the old books, is to execute it or carry it out. Co. Litt. 52a.

PURSUER. The name by which the complainant or plaintiff is known in the ecclesiastical courts, and in the Scotch law.

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. As used in constitutional law, this right includes personal freedom, freedom of contract, exemption from oppression or invidious discrimination, the right to follow one's individual preference in the choice of an occupation and the application of his energies, liberty of conscience, and the right to enjoy the domestic relations and the privileges of the family at home. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 544. See Rubsstrat v. People, 185 Ill. 133, 57 N. E. 41, 49 L. R. A. 181, 76 Am. St. Rep. 30; Hooper v. California, 155 U. S. 648, 15 S. Ct. 207, 39 L. Ed. 297; Butter's Union, etc., Co. v. Crescent City Live Stock, etc., Co., 111 U. S. 746, 4 S. Ct. 652, 28 L. Ed. 558.

PURUS IDIOTA. Lat. A congenital idiot.

PURVEYANCE. In old English law. A providing of necessaries for the king's house. Cowell.

PURVEYOR. In old English law. An officer who procured or purchased articles needed for the king's use at an arbitrary price. In the statute 36 Edw. III. c. 2, this is called a “heinomus name,” (heinous or hateful name,) and changed to that of “achator.” Barring. Ob. St. 289.

PURVIEW. That part of a statute commencing with the words “be it enacted,” and continuing as far as the repealing clause; and hence, the design, contemplation, purpose, or scope of the act. See Smith v. Hickman, Cooke (Tenn.) 337; Payne v. Conner, 3 Bibb (Ky.) 151; Hirth v. Indianapolis, 18 Ind. App. 667, 83 N. E. 876; Olson v. Heisen, 90 Or. 176, 173 P. 859; State v. Schlicher, 55 Ind. App. 318, 103 N. E. 807, 808.

PUT. In pleading. To confide to; to rely upon; to submit to. As in the phrase, “the said defendant puts himself upon the country;” that is, he trusts his ease to the arbitration of a jury.

PUT IN. In practice. To place in due form before a court; to place among the records of a court.

PUT OFF. To postpone. In a bargain for the sale of goods, it may mean to postpone its completion or to procure a resale of the goods to a third person. 11 Ex. 392.

PUT OUT. To open. To put out lights; to open or cut windows. 11 East, 372.

Putagium hæreditatem non admit. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 3, p. 117. Inconfinence does not take away an inheritance.

PUTATIVE. Reputed; supposed; commonly esteemed. Applied in Scotch law to creditors and proprietors. 2 Kames, Eq. 105, 107, 109.
PUTATIVE FATHER. The alleged or reputed father of an illegitimate child. State v. Nestaval, 72 Minn. 415, 75 N. W. 725.

PUTATIVE MARRIAGE. A marriage contracted in good faith and in ignorance (on one or both sides) that impediments exist which render it unlawful. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 556. See In re Hall, 61 App. Div. 266, 70 N. Y. S. 410; Smith v. Smith, 1 Tex. 628, 46 Am. Dec. 121.

PUTS AND CALLS. A "put" in the language of the grain or stock market is a privilege of delivering or not delivering the subject-matter of the sale; and a "call" is a privilege of calling or not calling for it. Pixley v. Boynton, 79 Ill. 351.

PUTS AND REFUSALS. In English law, time-bargains, or contracts for the sale of supposed stock on a future day.

PUTTING IN FEAR. These words are used in the definition of a robbery from the person. The offense must have been committed by putting in fear the person robbed. 3 Inst. 68; 4 Bl. Comm. 243.

PUTTING IN SUIT, as applied to a bond, or any other legal instrument, signifies bringing an action upon it, or making it the subject of an action.

PUTTURE. In old English law, a custom claimed by keepers in forests, and sometimes by bailiffs of hundreds, to take man's meat, horse's meat, and dog's meat of the tenants and inhabitants within the perambulation of the forest, hundred, etc. The land subject to this custom was called "terra putura." Others, who call it "putture," explain it as a demand in general; and derive it from the monks, who, before they were admitted, pulsatant, knocked at the gates for several days together. 4 Inst. 397; Cowell.

PYKE, PAIK. In Hindu law. A foot-passenger; a person employed as a night-watch in a village, and as a runner or messenger on the business of the revenue. Wharton.

PYKERIE. In old Scotch law. Petty theft. 2 Pite. Crim. Tr. 43.

PYROMANIA. See Insanity.

PYX, TRIAL OF THE. Under the British Coinage Acts this occurs annually at Goldsmiths' Hall. The coin of the realm are assayed and weighed by a jury of goldsmiths over which the King's Remembrancer is usually appointed by the treasury to preside. Formerly the specimen coins put into the Pyx or box were produced at Westminster, from the treasure-house of the Abbey, where the Pyx was kept; the duty of presiding at the trial belonged to the office of the Remembrancer. See Remembrances of Sir F. Pollock.
Q. B. An abbreviation of "Queen's Bench."

Q. B. D. An abbreviation of "Queen's Bench Division."

Q. C. An abbreviation of "Queen's Counsel."

Q. C. F. An abbreviation of "quære clausum fregit," (q. c).

Q. E. N. An abbreviation of "quære executionem non," wherefore execution [should] not [be issued].

Q. S. An abbreviation for "Quarter Sessions."

Q. T. An abbreviation of "qui tam," (q. e).

Q. V. An abbreviation of "quod vide," used to refer a reader to the word, chapter, etc., the name of which it immediately follows.

QUA. Lat. Considered as; in the character or capacity of. For example, "the trustee qua trustee [that is, in his character as trustee] is not liable," etc.

QUACK. A pretender to medical skill which he does not possess; one who practices as a physician or surgeon without adequate preparation or due qualification. See Elmergreen v. Horn, 115 Wis. 385, 31 N. W. 873.

QUACUNQUE VIA DATA. Lat. Whichever way you take it.

QUADRAGESIMA. Lat. The forty-third. The first Sunday in Lent is so called because it is about the forty-third day before Easter. Cowell.

QUADRAGESIMALS. Offerings formerly made, on Mid-Lent Sunday, to the mother church.

QUADRAGESMIS. The third volume of the year books of the reign of Edward III. So called because beginning with the fortieth year of that sovereign's reign. Crabb, Eng. Law, 327.

QUADRANS. Lat.

In Roman Law

The fourth part; the quarter of any number, measure, or quantity. Hence an heir to the fourth part of the inheritance was called "heres ex quadrante." Also a Roman coin, being the fourth part of an as, equal in value to an English half-penny.

In Old English Law

A farthing; a fourth part or quarter of a penny.

QUADRANT. An angular measure of ninety degrees.

QUADRANTATA TERRÆ. In old English law. A measure of land, variously described as a quarter of an acre or the fourth part of a yard-land.

QUADRARIUM. In old records. A stone-pit or quarry. Cowell.

QUADRIENNII. Lat. In the civil law. The four-year course of study required to be pursued by law-students before they were qualified to study the Code or collection of imperial constitutions. See Inst. proem.

QUADRIENNII UTILE. In Scotch law. The term of four years allowed to a minor, after his majority, in which he may by suit or action endeavor to annul any deed to his prejudice, granted during his minority. Bell.

QUADRIPARTITE. Divided into four parts. A term applied in conveyancing to an indenture executed in four parts.

QUADRIPARTITUS. The name of an Anglo-Latin legal treatise. The two extant books were completed in 1114. The compiler was a secular clerk who entered into relations with the archbishop of York; his name is unknown. See Brunner, Sources of English Law in 2 Sel. Essays in Anglo-Amerr. L. H. 3.

QUADROON. A person who is descended from a white person and another person who has an equal mixture of the European and African blood. State v. Davis, 2 Bailey (S. C.) 558.

QUADRULATORES. Lat. In Roman law. Informers who, if their information were followed by conviction, had the fourth part of the confiscated goods for their trouble.

QUADRUPICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A pleading on the part of a defendant, corresponding to the rebutter at common law. The third pleading on the part of the defendant. Inst. 4, 14, 3; 3 Bl. Comm. 310.

QUADRUPICATION.

In Pleading

A pleading in admiralty, third in order after a replication; now obsolete. Formerly this word was used instead of surrebutter. 1 Brown, Civ. Law, 469, n.

Quae ab hostibus captuntur, statim capientium iunct. 2 Burrows, 693. Things which are taken from enemies immediately become the property of the captors.

Quae ab initio inutilis fuit institicio, ex post facto convalescere non potest. An institution which was at the beginning of no use or force cannot acquire force from after matter. Dig. 50, 17, 219.

Quae ab initio non valent, ex post facto convalescere non possunt. Things invalid from
the beginning cannot be made valid by subsequent act. Tray. Lat. Max. 482.

Quae accessionum locum obtinens, extingvantur omnium principum res peremptae fuerint. Things which hold the place of accessories are extinguished when the principal things are destroyed. 2 Poth. Obl. 202; Broom, Max. 496.

Qua ad unum finem loquita sunt, non debent ad alium detorqueeri. 4 Coke, 14. Those words which are spoken to one end ought not to be perverted to another.

Quae coherent personae a persona separari nequeant. Things which cohere to, or are closely connected with, the person, cannot be separated from the person. Jenk. Cent. p. 28, case 53.

Quae communi lege derogant stricte interpretatur. [Statutes] which derogate from the common law are strictly interpreted. Jenk. Cent. p. 221, case 72.

Quae contra rationem juris introducta sunt, non debent trahi in consequentiam. 12 Coke, 75. Things introduced contrary to the reason of law ought not to be drawn into a precedent.

Quae dubitationis causa tollendae inseruntur communem legem non iadunt. Co. Litt. 205. Things which are inserted for the purpose of removing doubt hurt not the common law.

Quae dubitationis tollendae causa contractibus inseruntur, juss communem non iadunt. Particular clauses inserted in agreements to avoid doubts and ambiguity do not prejudice the general law. Dig. 50, 17, 81.

QUÆ EST EADEM. Lat. Which is the same. Words used for alleging that the trespass or other fact mentioned in the plea is the same as that laid in the declaration, where, from the circumstances, there is an apparent difference between the two. 1 Chit. Pl. 452.

Qua in curia regis acta sunt rite agi praeceansetur. 3 Bulst. 48. Things done in the king's court are presumed to be rightly done.

Qua in partes dividi nequeunt solidi a singulis praecontinentur. 6 Coke, 1. Services which are incapable of division are to be performed in whole by each individual.

Qua in testamento toa sunt scripta ut intelligi non possint, perinde sunt ac si scripta non essent. Things which are so written in a will that they cannot be understood, are the same as if they had not been written at all. Dig. 50, 17, 73, 3.

Quæ incontinenti sunt inesse videtur. Things which are done incontinently [or simultaneously with an act] are supposed to be inherent [in it; to be a constituent part of it.] Co. Litt. 296b.

Quæ inter alios acta sunt nemini nocere debent, sed prodeste possunt. 6 Coke, 1. Transactions between strangers ought to hurt no man, but may benefit.

Qua legi communi derogant non sunt trahenda in exemplum. Things derogatory to the common law are not to be drawn into precedent. Branch, Princ.

Quae legi communi derogant stricte interpretatur. Jenk. Cent. 29. Those things which are derogatory to the common law are to be strictly interpreted.

Quæ mala sunt inchoata in principio vix bono peraguntur exitu. 4 Coke, 2. Things bad in principle at the commencement seldom achieve a good end.

QUÆ Nihil frustra. Lat. Which [does or requires] nothing in vain. Which requires nothing to be done, that is, to no purpose. 2 Kent, Comm. 53.

Quæ non fieri debent, facta, valent. Things which ought not to be done are held valid when they have been done. Tray. Lat. Max. 484.

Quæ non valent singula, juncta juvant. Things which do not avail when separate, when joined avail. 3 Bulst. 132; Broom, Max. 688.

QUÆ PLURA. Lat. In old English practice. A writ which lay where an inquisition had been made by an escheator in any county of such lands or tenements as any man died seized of, and all that was in his possession was imagined not to be found by the office; the writ commanding the escheator to inquire what more (quæ plura) lands and tenements the party held on the day when he died, etc. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 256a; Cowell.

Quæ præter consuetudinem et morem majorum sunt neque placent neque recta videtur. Things which are done contrary to the custom of our ancestors neither please nor appear right. 4 Coke, 78.

Quæ proprius necessitatem recepta sunt, non debent in argumentum trahi. Things which are admitted on the ground of necessity ought not to be drawn into question. Dig. 50, 17, 162.

Quæ rerum natura prohibentur nulla lege confirmata sunt. Things which are forbidden by the nature of things are [can be] confirmed by no law. Branch, Princ. Positive laws are framed after the laws of nature and reason. Finch, Law, 74.

Quæ singula non prosunt, juncta juvant. Things which taken singly are of no avail afford help when taken together. Tray. Lat. Max. 486.

Quæ sunt minoris culpae sunt majoris infamiae. [Offenses] which are of a lower grade of guilt are of a higher degree of infamy. Co. Litt. 69.
Quaecunque intra rationem legis inveniuntur intra legem ipsam esse judicandarum. Things which are found within the reason of a law are supposed to be within the law itself. 2 Inst. 689.

Qualibet concessio domini regis capi debet stricte contra dominum regem, quando potest intelligi duabus viis. 3 Leon. 243. Every grant of our lord the king ought to be taken strictly against our lord the king, when it can be understood in two ways.

Qualibet concessio fortissime contra donatorem interpretabanda est. Every grant is to be interpreted most strongly against the grantor. Co. Litt. 183a.

Qualibet jurisdiction cancellos suas habet. Jenk. Cent. 137. Every jurisdiction has its own bounds.

Qualibet pardonatio debet capi secundum intentionem regis, et non ad delectionem regis. 3 Bulst. 14. Every pardon ought to be taken according to the intention of the king, and not to the deception of the king.

Qualibet pena corporalis, quamvis minima, major est qualibet pena pecuniaria. 3 Inst. 220. Every corporal punishment, although the very least, is greater than any pecuniary punishment.

Quaeras de dubiis legem bene discere si vis. Inquire into doubtful points if you wish to understand the law well. Litt. § 443.

QUÆRE. A query; question; doubt. This word, occurring in the syllabus of a reported case or elsewhere, shows that a question is propounded as to what follows, or that the particular rule, decision, or statement is considered as open to question.

Quære de dubiis, quia per rationes pervenitur ad legitimam rationem. Inquire into doubtful points, because by reasoning we arrive at legal reason. Litt. § 377.

QUÆRENS. Lat. A plaintiff; the plaintiff.

QUÆRENS NIHIL CAPIAT PER BILLAM. The plaintiff shall take nothing by his bill. A form of judgment for the defendant. Latch, 133.

QUÆRENS NON INVENIT PLEIUM. L. Lat. The plaintiff did not find a pledge. A return formerly made by a sheriff to a writ requiring him to take security of the plaintiff to prosecute his claim. Cowell.

Quære dat sapere quæ sunt legitima vere. Litt. § 443. To inquire into them, is the way to know what things are truly lawful.

QUÆSTA. An indulgence or remission of penance, sold by the pope.

QUÆSTIO. In Roman Law

Anciently a species of commission granted by the comitia to one or more persons for

In Medieval Law

the purpose of inquiring into some crime or public offense and reporting thereon. In later times, the quaestio came to exercise plenary criminal jurisdiction, even to pronouncing sentence, and then was appointed periodically, and eventually became a permanent commission or regular criminal tribunal, and was then called "quaestio perpetua." See Maine, Anc. Law, 369-372.

In General

—Cadit quaestio. The question falls; the discussion ends; there is no room for further argument.

—Quaestio vexata. A vexed question or mooted point; a question often agitated or discussed but not determined; a question or point which has been differently decided, and so left doubtful.

QUÆSTIONARI. Those who carried quaesta about from door to door.

QUÆSTONES PERPETUE, in Roman law, were commissions (or courts) of inquisition into crimes alleged to have been committed. They were called "perpetuae," to distinguish them from occasional inquisitions, and because they were permanent courts for the trial of offenders. Brown.

QUÆSTOR. Lat. A Roman magistrate, whose office it was to collect the public revenue. Varro de L. L. iv. 14.

QUÆSTOR SACRI PALATII. Questor of the sacred palace. An officer of the imperial court at Constantinople, with powers and duties resembling those of a chancellor. Calvin.

QUÆSTORES CLASSICI (Lat.).

In Roman Law

Officers entrusted with the care of the public money.

Their duties consisted in making the necessary payments from the ararius, and receiving the public revenues. Of both they had to keep correct accounts in their tabula publice. Demands which any one might have on the ararius, and outstanding debts were likewise registered by them. Fines to be paid to the public treasury were registered and exacted by them. They were likewise to provide proper accommodations for foreign ambassadors and such persons as were connected with the republic by ties of public hospitality. Lastly, they were charged with the care of the burials and monuments of distinguished men; the expenses for which had been decreed by the senate to be paid by the treasury. Their number at first was confined to two; but this was afterwards increased as the empire became extended. There were questors of cities and of provinces, and questors of the army; the latter were in fact paymasters.
QUÆSTORES PARRICIDII. See Questores Parricidii.

QUÆSTUS. L. Lat. That estate which a man has by acquisition or purchase, in contradistinction to “hereditas,” which is what he has by descent. Glan. 1, 7, c. 1.

QUAKER. This, in England, is the statutory, as well as the popular, name of a member of a religious society, by themselves denominated “Friends.”

QUALE JUS. Lat. In old English law. A judicial writ, which lay where a man of religion had judgment to recover land before execution was made of the judgment. It went forth to the escheator between judgment and execution, to inquire what right the religious person had to recover, or whether the judgment were obtained by the collusion of the parties, to the intent that the lord might not be defrauded. Reg. Jud. 8.

QUALIFICATION. The possession by an individual of the qualities, properties, or circumstances, natural or adventitious, which are inherently or legally necessary to render him eligible to fill an office or to perform a public duty or function. Thus, the ownership of a freehold estate may be the qualification of a voter; so the possession of a certain amount of stock in a corporation may be the qualification necessary to enable one to serve on its board of directors. Cummings v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 319, 18 L. Ed. 356; People v. Palen, 74 Hun, 289, 26 N. Y. S. 225; Hyde v. State, 52 Miss. 665; State v. Shores, 48 Utah, 76, 157 P. 225.

Qualification for office is “endowment, or accomplishment that fits for an office; having the legal requisites, endowed with qualities suitable for the purpose.” State v. Seal, 64 Mo. 89, 27 Am. Rep. 206.

Also a modification or limitation of terms or language; usually intended by way of restriction of expressions which, by reason of their generality, would carry a larger meaning than was designed.

QUALIFIED. Adapted; fitted; entitled; susceptible; capable; competent; fitting; possessing legal power or capacity; eligible; as an elector to vote. Applied to one who has taken the steps to prepare himself for an appointment or office, as by taking oath, giving bond, etc. Pub. St. Mass. p. 1294; Archer v. State, 74 Md. 443, 22 A. S. 28 Am. St. Rep. 261; Hale v. Salter, 25 La. Ann. 324; State v. Albert, 55 Kan. 154, 10 P. 226; State v. Irby, 116 Kan. 21, 225 P. 1050, 1051; Succession of Serres, 135 La. 1005, 66 So. 342, 347.

Also to limit; to modify; to restrict. Thus, it is said that one section of a statute qualifies another.

Qualitas quae inesse debet, facile præsumitur. A quality which ought to form a part is easily presumed.

QUALITY. In respect to persons, this term denotes comparative rank; state or condition in relation to others; social or civil position or class. In pleading, it means an attribute or characteristic by which one thing is distinguished from another.


QUALITY OF ESTATE. The period when, and the manner in which, the right of enjoying an estate is exercised. It is of two kinds:

BL. LAW DIGIT. (3D Ed.)
Quando aliquid prohibetur ex directo, prohibetur et per obligatum. Co. Litt. 223. When anything is prohibited directly, it is prohibited also indirectly.

Quando aliquid prohibetur, prohibetur et omne per quod devenitur ad illud. When anything is prohibited, everything by which it is reached is prohibited also. 2 Inst. 48. That which cannot be done directly shall not be done indirectly. Broom, Max. 489.

Quando aliquid concedit, concedere videtur et id sine quo res uti non potest. When a person grants anything, he is supposed to grant that also without which the thing cannot be used. 3 Kent, Comm. 421. When the use of a thing is granted, everything is granted by which the grantee may have and enjoy such use. Id.

Quando charta continet generalem Clausulam, posteaque descendit ad verba specialia quae Clausula generali sunt consentanea, interpretanda est charta secundum verba specialia. When a deed contains a general clause, and afterwards descends to special words which are agreeable to the general clause, the deed is to be interpreted according to the special words. 8 Coke, 1546.

Quando de una et eadem re duo onerabiles existant, unus, pro insufficienda alterius, de integro onerabitur. When there are two persons liable for one and the same thing, one of them, in case of default of the other, shall be charged with the whole. 2 Inst. 277.

Quando disposicio referri potest ad duas res aliqua quod secundum relationem unam vitietur et secundum alteram utilem sit, tunc facienda est relatio ad illam ut valeat disposicio. 6 Coke, 76. When a disposition may refer to two things, so that by the former it would be vitiated, and by the latter it would be preserved, then the relation is to be made to the latter, so that the disposition may be valid.

Quando diversi desiderant actus ad alium statum pertinieant, plus respecit lex actum originalem. When different acts are required to the formation of any estate, the law chiefly regards the original act. 10 Coke, 494. When to the perfection of an estate or interest divers acts or things are requisite, the law has more regard to the original act, for that is the fundamental part on which all the others are founded. Id.

Quando duo jura concurrunt in una persona, sequam est eo si essent in diversis. When two rights concur in one person, it is the same as if they were in two separate persons. 4 Co. 118; Broom, Max. 531.

Quando jus dominii regis et subjecti concurrunt, jus regis praferri debet. 9 Coke, 126. When the right of king and of subject concur, the king's right should be preferred.
Quando lex aliquid aliqui concedit, concedere videtur et id sine quo res ipsae esse non potest. 5 Coke, 47. When the law gives a man anything, it gives him that also without which the thing itself cannot exist.

Quando lex aliquid aliqui concedit, omnia incidentia taceit conceduntur. 2 Inst. 326. When the law gives anything to any one, all incidents are tacitly given.

Quando lex est specialis, ratio autem generalis, generaliter lex est intelligenda. When a law is special, but its reason or object general, the law is to be understood generally. 2 Inst. 83.

Quando licet id quod majus, videtur et licere id quod minus. Spep. Touch. 429. When the greater is allowed, the loss is to be understood as allowed also.

Quando mulier nobilis nuper sit ignobili, desinit esse nobilis nisi nobilitas nativa fuerit. 4 Coke, 118. When a noble woman marries a man not noble, she ceases to be noble, unless her nobility was born with her.

Quando plus sit quam fieri debet, videtur etiam illeque quod faciendum est. When more is done than ought to be done, that at least shall be considered as performed which should have been performed, [as, if a man, having a power to make a lease for ten years, make one for twenty years, it shall be void only for the surplus.] Broom, Max. 177; 5 Coke, 115; 8 Coke, 556.

Quando quod age non valet ut age, valeat quantvm valere potest. When that which I do does not have effect as I do it, let it have as much effect as it can. Jackson ex dem. Troup v. Bodget, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 172, 178; Vanderwolfen v. Yates, 3 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 242, 261.

Quando res non valet ut age, valeat quantum valere potest. When a thing is of no effect as I do it, it shall have effect as far as it can. Cowp. 609.

Quando verba et mens congruent, non est interpretationi locus. When the words and the mind agree, there is no place for interpretation.

Quando verba statuti sunt specialia, ratio autem generalis, generaliter statuum est intelligendum. When the words of a statute are special, but the reason or object of it general, the statute is to be construed generally. 10 Coke, 101b.

QUANTI MINORIS. Lat. The name of an action in the civil law, (and in Louisiana,) brought by the purchaser of an article, for a reduction of the agreed price on account of defects in the thing which diminish its value.

QUANTUM DAMNIFICATUS? How much dammified? The name of an issue directed by a court of equity to be tried in a court of law, to ascertain the amount of compensation to be allowed for damage.

QUANTUM MERUIT. As much as he deserved. In pleading. The common count in an action of assumpsit for work and labor, founded on an implied assumpsit or promise on the part of the defendant to pay the plaintiff as much as he reasonably deserved to have for his labor. 3 Bl. Comm. 161; 1 Tidd, Pr. 2; Viles v. Kennebec Lumber Co., 118 Me. 148, 106 A. 431.

Quantum tenens domino ex homaggio, tantum domini tenenti ex dominio debet prater solam reverentiam; mutua debet esse dominii et homaggi fideltatis connexion. Co. Litt. 64. As much as the tenant by his homage owes to his lord, so much is the lord, by his lordship, indebted to the tenant, except reverence alone; the tie of dominion and of homage ought to be mutual.

QUANTUM VALEBANT. As much as they were worth. In pleading. The common count in an action of assumpsit for goods sold and delivered, founded on an implied assumpsit or promise, on the part of the defendant, to pay the plaintiff as much as the goods were reasonably worth. 3 Bl. Comm. 161; 1 Tidd, Pr. 2.

QUARANTINE. A period of time (theoretically forty days) during which a vessel, coming from a place where a contagious or infectious disease is prevalent, is detained by authority in the harbor of her port of destination, or at a station near it, without being permitted to land or to discharge her crew or passengers. Quarantine is said to have been first established at Venice in 1484. Baker, Quar. 3.

In Real Property

The space of forty days during which a widow has a right to remain in her late husband's principal mansion immediately after his death. The right of the widow is also called her "quarantine." See Davis v. Lowden, 56 N. J. Eq. 128, 33 A. 448; Glenn v. Glenn, 41 Ala. 350; Spinning v. Spinning, 48 N. J. Eq. 215, 10 A. 270; Faiyev v. Hicks, 315 Mo. 442, 256 S. W. 385, 392.

QUARE. Lat. Wherefore; for what reason; on what account. Used in the Latin form of several common-law writs.

QUARE CLAUSUM FREGIT. Lat. Wherefore he broke the close. That species of the action of trespass which has for its object the recovery of damages for an unlawful entry upon another's land is termed "trespass quare clausum fregit," "breaking a close" being the technical expression for an unlawful entry upon land. The language of the declaration in this form of action is "that the defendant, with force and arms, broke and entered the close" of the plaintiff. The
phrase is often abbreviated to “qu. cl. fi.” Brown.

**QUARE EJECT INFRA TERMINUM.** Wherefore he ejected within the term. In old practice. A writ which lay for a lessee where he was ejected before the expiration of his term, in cases where the wrong-doer or ejector was not himself in possession of the lands, but his feoffee or another claiming under him. 3 Bl. Comm. 199, 206; Reg. Orig. 227: Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 197 S.

**QUARE IMPIDIT.** Wherefore he hinders. In English practice. A writ or action which lies for the patron of an advowson, where he has been disturbed in his right of patronage; so called from the emphatic words of the old form, by which the disturber was summoned to answer why he hinders the plaintiff. 3 Bl. Comm. 246, 248.

**QUARE INCUMBRAVIT.** In English law. A writ which lay against a bishop who, within six months after the vacation of a benefice, conferred it on his clerk, while two others were contending at law for the right of presentation, calling upon him to show cause why he had incumbered the church. Reg. Orig. 32. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

**QUARE INTRUSIT.** A writ that formerly lay where the lord proffered a suitable marriage to his ward, who rejected it, and entered into the land, and married another, the value of his marriage not being satisfied to the lord. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24.

**QUARE NON ADMISIT.** In English law. A writ to recover damages against a bishop who does not admit a plaintiff’s clerk. It is, however, rarely or never necessary; for it is said that a bishop, refusing to execute the writ ad admittendum clericum, or making an insufficient return to it, may be fined. Watts. Cler. Law, 302.

**QUARE NON PERMITTIT.** An ancient writ, which lay for one who had a right to present to a church for a turn against the proprietary. Fleta, 1, 5, c. 6.

**QUARE OBSTRUXIT.** Wherefore he obstructed. In old English practice. A writ which lay for one who, having a liberty to pass through his neighbor’s ground, could not enjoy his right because the owner had so obstructed it. Cowell.

**QUARENTENA TERRÆ.** A furlong. Co. Litt. 59.

**QUARREL.** This word is said to extend not only to real and personal actions, but also to the causes of actions and suits; so that by the release of all “quarrels,” not only actions pending, but also causes of action and suit, are released; and “quarrels,” “controversies,” and “debates” are in law considered as having the same meaning. Co. Litt. 8, 153; Termes de la Ley.


**QUART.** A liquid measure, containing one-fourth part of a gallon.

**QUARTA DIVI PI.** In Roman law. That portion of a testator’s estate which he was required by law to leave to a child whom he had adopted and afterwards emancipated or unjustly disinherited, being one-fourth of his property. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 594.

**QUARTA FALCIDIA.** In Roman law. That portion of a testator’s estate which, by the Falcidian law, was required to be left to the heir, amounting to at least one-fourth. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 771.

**QUARTER.** The fourth part of anything, especially of a year. Also a length of four inches. In England, a measure of corn, generally reckoned at eight bushels, though subject to local variations. See Hospital St. Cross v. Lord Howard De Walden, 6 Term, 545. In American land law, a quarter section of land. See infra. And see McCartney v. Dennison, 101 Cal. 292, 35 P. 768.

In the Law of War

The sparing of the life of a fallen or captured enemy on the battlefield. By the end of the seventeenth century quarter became a recognized usage of war. It is forfeited only under exceptional circumstances. 1. In case of absolute and overwhelming necessity, as when a small force is incumbered with a large number of prisoners in a savage and hostile country, and may be justified in killing them for their own self-preservation. 2. Where belligerents violate the laws of war they may be refused quarter. 3. By way of retaliation against an enemy who has denied quarter without a cause. Risley, The Law of War; Spaight, War Rights on Land, 88-89.

**QUARTER CHEST OF TEA.** A chest containing from 25 to 30 pounds. Japan Tea Co.
QUARTER-DAY


QUARTER-DAY. The four days in the year upon which, by law or custom, monies payable in quarter-yearly installments are collectible, are called "quarter-days."

QUARTER-DOLLAR. A silver coin of the United States, of the value of twenty-five cents.

QUARTER-EAGLE. A gold coin of the United States, of the value of two and a half dollars.

QUARTER OF A YEAR. Ninety-one days. Co. Litt. 135b.

QUARTER-SALES. In New York law. A species of fine on alienation, being one-fourth of the purchase money of an estate, which is stipulated to be paid back on alienation by the grantee. The expressions "tenth-sales," etc., are also used, with similar meanings. Jackson ex dem. Livingston v. Groat, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 285.

QUARTER SEAL. See Seal.

QUARTER SECTION. In American land law. The quarter of a section of land according to the divisions of the government survey, laid off by dividing the section into four equal parts by north-and-south and east-and-west lines, and containing 160 acres.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

In English Law

A criminal court held before two or more justices of the peace, (one of whom must be of the quorum,) in every county, once in every quarter of a year. 4 Bl. Comm. 271; 4 Steph. Comm. 335.

In American Law

Courts established in some of the states, to be holden four times in the year, invested with criminal jurisdiction, usually of offenses less than felony, and sometimes with the charge of certain administrative matters, such as the care of public roads and bridges.

QUARTERING. In English criminal law. The dividing a criminal's body into quarters, after execution. A part of the punishment of high treason. 4 Bl. Comm. 93.

QUARTERING SOLDIERS. The act of a government in billeting or assigning soldiers to private houses, without the consent of the owners of such houses, and requiring such owners to supply them with board or lodging or both.

QUARTERIZATION. Quartering of criminals.


QUARTERLY COURTS. A system of courts in Kentucky possessing a limited original jurisdiction in civil cases and appellate jurisdiction from justices of the peace. See Hamilton v. Spalding (Ky.) 76 S. W. 517.

QUARTERONE. In the Spanish and French West Indies, a quadrum, that is, a person one of whose parents was white and the other a mulatto. See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 131.

QUARTO DIE POST. Lat. On the fourth day after. Appearance day, in the former English practice, the defendant being allowed four days, inclusive, from the return of the writ, to make his appearance.

QUASH. To overthrow; to abate; to annul; to make void. Spelman; 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Crawford v. Stewart, 38 Pa. 34; Holland v. Webster, 43 Fla. 85, 29 South. 625; Bosley v. Bruner, 2 Cushm. (Miss.) 462.

QUASI. Lat. As if; as it were; analogous to. This term is used in legal phraseology to indicate that one subject resembles another, with which it is compared, in certain characteristics, but that there are also intrinsic differences between them. Baker v. Stucker, 213 Mo. App. 245, 248 S. W. 1003, 1006.

It is exclusively a term of classification. Prefixed to a term of Roman law, it implies that the conception to which it serves as an index is connected with the conception with which the comparison is instituted by a strong superficial analogy or resemblance. It negates the notion of identity, but points out that the conceptions are sufficiently similar for one to be classed as the sequel to the other. Maine, Anc. Law, 332. Citizens use the expressions "quasi contractus," "quasi delectum," "quasi possessio," "quasi traditio," etc.


QUASI-CONTRACTUS. (Lat.) In civil law. An obligation similar in character to that of a contract, which arises not from an agreement of parties but from some relation between them, or from a voluntary act of one of them.


QUASI-TRADITIO. (Lat.) In civil law. A term used to designate that a person is in the use of the property of another, which the latter suffers and does not oppose. Lec. Elem. § 390. It also signifies the act by which the right of property is ceded in a thing to a person who is in possession of it; as, if I loan a boat
to Paul, and deliver it to him, and afterwards I sell him the boat. It is not requisite that he should deliver the boat to me to be again delivered to him: there is a quasi-tradition or delivery.

QUATER COUSIN. See Cousin.

QUATUOR PEDI BUS CURRIT. Lat. It runs upon four feet; it runs upon all fours. See All-Fours.

QUATUORVIRI. In Roman law. Magistrates who had the care and inspection of roads. Dig. 1, 2, 3, 39.

QUAY. A wharf for the loading or unloading of goods carried in ships. This word is sometimes spelled "key."

The popular and commercial significance of the word "quay" involves the notion of a space of ground appropriated to the public use; such use as the convenience of commerce requires. New Orleans v. U. S., 10 Pet. 622, 715, 9 L. Ed. 573.

QUE EST LE MESME. L. Fr. Which is the same. A term used in actions of trespass, etc. See Que est Eadem.

QUE ESTATE. L. Fr. Whose estate. A term used in pleading, particularly in claiming prescription, by which it is alleged that the plaintiff and those former owners whose estate he has have immemorially exercised the right claimed. This was called "prescribing in a que estate."

QUEAN. A worthless woman; a strumpet. Obsolete.

QUEEN. A woman who possesses the sovereignty and royal power in a country under a monarchial form of government. The wife of a king.


—Queen dowager. In English law. The widow of a king. 1 Bl. Comm. 223.

—Queen-gold. A royal revenue belonging to every queen consort during her marriage with the king, and due from every person who has made a voluntary fine or offer to the king of ten marks or upwards, in consideration of any grant or privilege conferred by the crown. It is now quite obsolete. 1 Bl. Comm. 220–222.

—Queen regnant. In English law. A queen who holds the crown in her own right; as the first Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Anne, and Queen Victoria. 1 Bl. Comm. 218; 2 Steph. Comm. 463.

For the titles and descriptions of various officers in the English legal system, called "Queen's Advocate," "Queen's Coroner," "Queen's Counsel," "Queen's Proctor," "Queen's Remembrancer," etc., during the reign of a female sovereign, as in the time of Queen Victoria, see, now, under King and the following titles.

QUEEN ANNE'S BOUNTY. A fund created by a charter of Queen Anne,(confirmed by St. 2 Ann. c. 11), for the augmentation of poor livings, consisting of all the revenue of first fruits and tenths, which was vested in trustees forever. 1 Bl. Comm. 258.

QUEEN'S BENCH. The English court of king's bench is so called during the reign of a queen. 3 Steph. Comm. 403. See King's Bench.

QUEEN'S PRISON. A jail which used to be appropriated to the debtors and criminals confined under process or by authority of the superior courts at Westminster, the high court of admiralty, and also to persons imprisoned under the bankrupt law.

QUEM REDITUM REDIT. L. Lat. An old writ which lay where a rent-charge or other rent which was not rent service was granted by fine holding of the grantor. If the tenant would not attorn, then the grantee might have had this writ. Old Nat. Brev. 128.

Quemadmodum ad questionem facti non respondent judices, ita ad questionem juris non respondent juratores. In the same manner that judges do not answer to questions of fact, so jurors do not answer to questions of law. Co. Litt. 295.

QUERELA. Lat. An action preferred in any court of justice. The plaintiff was called "querens," or complainant and his brief, complaint, or declaration was called "querela." Jacob.

QUERELA CORAM REGE A CONCILIO DISCUTIENDA ET TERMINANDA. A writ by which one is called to justify a complaint of a trespass made to the king himself, before the king and his council. Reg. Orig. 124.

QUERELA INOFFICIOSI TESTAMENTI. Lat. In the civil law. A species of action allowed to a child who had been unjustly disinherited, to set aside the will, founded on the presumption of law, in such cases, that the parent was not in his right mind. Calvin.; 2 Kent, Comm. 327; Bell.

QUERENS. Lat. A plaintiff; complainant; inquirer.

QUERULOUS. Apt to find fault; habitually complaining; disposed to murmur. Expressing, or suggestive of complaint; fretful; whining. Crouse v. Booth Fisheries, 111 Neb. 6, 195 N. W. 402, 403.

QUESTA. In old records. A quest; an inquest, inquisition, or inquiry, upon the oaths of an impuned jury. Cowell.

QUESTION. A method of criminal examination hereforein in use in some of the coun-
tries of continental Europe, consisting of the application of torture to the supposed criminal, by means of the rack or other engines, in order to extort from him, as the condition of his release from the torture, a confession of his own guilt or the names of his accomplices.

In Evidence

An interrogation put to a witness, for the purpose of having him declare the truth of certain facts as far as he knows them.

In Practice

A point on which the parties are not agreed, and which is submitted to the decision of a judge and jury.

In General

—Categorical question. One inviting a distinct and positive statement of fact; one which can be answered by “yes” or “no.” In the plural, a series of questions, covering a particular subject-matter, arranged in a systematic and consecutive order.

—Federal question. See Federal.

—Leading question. See that title.

—Hypothetical question. See that title.

—Judicial question. See Judicial.

—Political question. See Political.

QUESTMAN, or QUESTMONGER. In old English law. A starter of lawsuits, or prosecutions; also a person chosen to inquire into abuses, especially such as relate to weights and measures; also a church-warden.

QUESTORES PARRICIDII. Lat. In Roman law. Certain officers, two in number, who were appointed by the comitia, as a kind of commission, to search out and try all cases of parricide and murder. They were probably appointed annually. Maine, Anc. Law, 370. They ceased to be appointed at an early period. Smith, Dict. Gr. & Rom. Antiq.

QUESTUS EST NOBIS. Lat. A writ of nuisance, which, by 15 Edw. I., lay against him to whom a house or other thing that caused a nuisance descended or was alienated; whereas, before that statute the action lay only against him who first levied or caused the nuisance to the damage of his neighbor. Cowell.

Qui abjurat regnum amittit regnum, sed non regem; patriam, sed non patrem patriam. 7 Coke, 9. He who abjures the realm leaves the realm, but not the king; the country, but not the father of the country.

Qui accusat integras famas sit, et non criminosus. Let him who accuses be of clear fame, and not criminal. 3 Inst. 29.


Qui adimit medium dirimit finem. He who takes away the mean destroys the end. Co. Litt. 161a. He that deprives a man of the mean by which he ought to come to a thing deprives him of the thing itself. Id.; Litt. § 257.

Qui aliquid statuerit, parte inaudita altera aquam illet dixerit, haud aquam fecerit. He who determines any matter without hearing both sides, though he may have decided right, has not done justice. 6 Coke, 52o; 4 Bl. Comm. 283.

Qui alterius jure utitur, eodem jure uti debet. He who uses the right of another ought to use the same right. Poth. Traité De Change, pt. 1, c. 4, § 114; Broom, Max. 473.

Qui approbat non reprobat. He who approves does not reprove. [i.e., he cannot both accept and reject the same thing.]

Qui bene distinguat bene docet. 2 Inst. 470. He who distinguishes well teaches well.

Qui bene interrogat bene docet. He who questions well teaches well. 8 Bulst. 227. Information or express averment may be effectually conveyed in the way of interrogation. Id.

Qui cadit a syllaba cadit a tota causa. He who falls in a syllable fails in his whole cause. Bract. fol. 211.

Qui concedit aliquid, concedere videtur et id sine quo concessio est irrita, sine quo res ipsa esse non potuit. 11 Coke, 32. He who concedes anything is considered as conceding that without which his concession would be void, without which the thing itself could not exist.

Qui concedit aliquid concedit omne id sine quo concessio est irrita. He who grants anything grants everything without which the grant is fruitless. Jenk. Cent. p. 32, case 68.

Qui confirmat nihil dat. He who confirms does not give. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2069.

Qui contemnit præceptum contemnit præcipiendum. He who contemns [contemptuously treats] a command contemns the party who gives it. 12 Coke, 97.

Qui cum allo contrahit, vel est, vel esse debet non ignarus conditionis ejus. He who contracts with another either is or ought to be not ignorant of his condition. Dig. 50, 17, 19; Story, Confl. Laws, § 76.

Qui dextrum medium destruct finem. He who destroys the mean destroys the end. 10 Coke, 519; Co. Litt. 161a; Shep. Touch. 342.

Qui dolt inheritor al pere dolt inheritor al ftz. He who would have been heir to the father shall be heir to the son. 2 Bl. Comm. 228; Broom, Max. 517.

Qui evertit causam, evertit causatum futurum. He who overthrows the cause overthrows its future effects. 10 Coke, 51.

Qui ex damnato coltu nascuntur inter liberos non computetur. Those who are born of an unlawful intercourse are not reckoned among the children. Co. Litt. Sa; Broom, Max. 519.

Qui facit id quod plus est, facit id quod minus est, sed non convertitur. He who does that which is more does that which is less, but not vice versa. Bracton 207b.

Qui facit per alium facit per se. He who acts through another acts himself, [i.e., the acts of an agent are the acts of the principal.] Broom, Max. 515, et seq.; 1 Bl. Comm. 429; Story, Ag. § 440.

Qui habet jurisdictionem absolvendi, habet jurisdictionem ligandi. He who has jurisdiction to loosen, has jurisdiction to bind. 12 Coke, 69. Applied to writs of prohibition and consultation, as resting on a similar foundation. 1d.

Qui hæret in litera hæret in cortice. He who considers merely the letter of an instrument goes but skin deep into its meaning. Co. Litt. 289; Broom, Max. 685.

Qui ignorat quantum solvere debet, non potest improbus videre. He who does not know what he ought to pay, does not want probity in not paying. Dig. 50, 17, 99.

QUI IMPROVIDE. A supersedeas granted where a writ was erroneously sued out or misarmed.

Qui in jus dominiumve alterius succedit jure ejus uti debet. He who succeeds to the right or property of another ought to use his right, [i.e., holds it subject to the same rights and liabilities as attached to it in the hands of the assignor.] Dig. 50, 17, 177; Broom, Max. 473, 478.

Qui in utero est pro jam nato habetur, quoties de ejus commodo quaeritur. He who is in the womb is held as already born, whenever a question arises for his benefit.

Qui jure suo utilit, nemini facit injuriam. He who uses his legal rights harms no one. Carson v. Western R. Co., 8 Gray (Mass.) 424. See Broom, Max. 379.

Qui jussu judicis aliquod fecerit non videtur dolo male facisse, quia parere necesse est. Where a person does an act by command of one exercising judicial authority, the law will not suppose that he acted from any wrongful or improper motive, because it was his bounden duty to obey. 10 Coke, 76; Broom, Max. 93.

Qui male agit odit lucem. He who acts badly hates the light. 7 Coke, 66.

Qui mandat ipse facessi videtur. He who commands [a thing to be done] is held to have done it himself. Story, Balim. § 147.

Qui melius probat melius habet. He who proves most recovers most. 9 Vin. Abr. 233.

Qui molitur insidias in patriam id facit quod insanus nauta perforans navem in qua vehit. He who betrays his country is like the insane sailor who bores a hole in the ship which carries him. 3 Inst. 36.

Qui nasolitur sine legitimo matrimonio, matrem sequitur. He who is born out of lawful marriage follows the condition of the mother.

Qui non cadunt in constantem virum vani ti-mores sunt estimandi. 7 Coke, 27. Those fears are to be esteemed vain which do not affect a firm man.

Qui non habet, ille non dat. He who has not, gives not. He who has nothing to give, gives nothing. A person cannot convey a right that is not in him. If a man grant that which is not his, the grant is void. Shep. Touch. 243; Watk. Conv. 191.

Qui non habet in aere, iutat in corpore, ne quis pecetur impune. He who cannot pay with his purse must suffer in his person, lest he who offends should go unpunished. 2 Inst. 173; 4 Bl. Comm. 20.

Qui non habet petestatem alienandi habet necessitatem retinendi. Hob. 336. He who has not the power of alienating is obliged to retain.

Qui non improbat, approbat. 3 Inst. 27. He who does not blame, approves.

Qui non libere veritatem pronunciat prodictor est veritatis. He who does not freely speak the truth is a betrayer of the truth.

Qui non negat fatetur. He who does not deny, admits. A well-known rule of pleading. Tray. Lat. Max. 503.

Qui non obstat quod obstare potest, facere videtur. He who does not prevent [a thing] which he can prevent, is considered to do [as doing] it. 2 Inst. 146.

Qui non prohibet id quod prohibere potest assentire videtur. 2 Inst. 308. He who does not forbid what he is able to prevent, is considered to assent.

Qui non propulsat injuriam quando potest, infert. Jenk. Cent. 271. He who does not repel an injury when he can, induces it.
Qui obstruit altum destruct commodum. He who obstructs a way, passage, or entrance destroys a benefit or convenience. Co. Litt. 161a. He who prevents another from entering upon land destroys the benefit which he has from it. Id.

Qui omne doct nihil excludit. 4 Inst. S1. He who says all excludes nothing.

Qui parat octenibus Innocentes punit. Jenk. Cent. 133. He who spares the guilty punisheth the Innocent.

Qui pecat ebrus luat sobrius. He who sins when drunk shall be punished when sober. Cary, 133; Broom, Max. 17.

Qui per alium facit per seipsum facere videtur. He who does a thing by an agent is considered as doing it himself. Co. Litt. 258; Broom, Max. 817.

Qui per fraudem agit frustra agit. 2 Rolle, 17. What a man does fraudulently he does in vain.

Qui potest et debet vetare, jubet. He who can and ought to forbid a thing [if he do not forbid it] directs it. 2 Kent, Comm. 483, note.

Qui primum peccat ille facit rixam. Godh. He who sins first makes the strife.

Qui prior est tempore potior est iure. He who is before in time is the better in right. Priority in time gives preference in law. Co. Litt. 14z; 4 Coke, 90a. A maxim of very extensive application, both at law and in equity. Broom, Max. 353-362; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 646; Story, Balm. § 312.

Qui pro me aliquid facit nihil fecisse videtur. 2 Inst. 501. He who does anything for me appears to do it to me.

Qui providet sibi providet heredibus. He who provides for himself provides for his heirs.

Qui rationem in omnibus quærunt rationem subvertunt. They who seek a reason for everything subvert reason. 2 Coke, 75; Broom, Max. 157.

Qui sciens solvit inadubiti donandi consilio id videatur facile. One who knowingly pays what is not due is supposed to have done it with the intention of making a gift. Walker v. Hill, 17 Mass. 388.

Qui semel actionem renucaclaverit amplius repetere non potest. He who has once relinquished his action cannot bring it again. 8 Coke, 59a. A rule descriptive of the effect of a reversion and nolle prosegu. Qui semel est malus, semper prasumitur esse malus in-eodem generi. He who is once criminal is presumed to be always criminal in the same kind or way. Cro. Car. 517; Best, Ev. 345.

Qui sentit commodum sentire debet et onus. He who receives the advantage ought also to suffer the burden. 1 Coke, 99; Broom, Max. 706-713.

Qui sentit onus sentire debet et commodum. 1 Coke, 99a. He who bears the burden of a thing ought also to experience the advantage arising from it.

Qui tacet, consentire videtur. He who is silent is supposed to consent. The silence of a party implies his consent. Jenk. Cent. p. 92, case 64; Broom, Max. 138, 787.

Qui tacet consentire videtur, ubi tractatur de ejus commodo. 9 Mod. 38. He who is silent is considered as assenting, when his interest is at stake.

Qui tacet non utique fatetur, sed tamen verum est eum non negare. He who is silent does not indeed confess, but yet it is true that he does not deny. Dig. 50, 17, 142.

QUI TAM. Lat. "Who as well ———." An action brought by an informer, under a statute which establishes a penalty for the commission or omission of a certain act, and provides that the same shall be recoverable in a civil action, part of the penalty to go to any person who will bring such action and the remainder to the state or some other institution, is called a "qui tam action;" because the plaintiff states that he sues as well for the state as for himself. See In re Barker, 56 Vt. 14; Grover v. Morris, 73 N. Y. 478.

Qui tardius solvit, minus solvit. He who pays more tardily [than he ought] pays less [than he ought.] Jenk. Cent. 58.

Qui timet, oavent vitant. They who fear, take care and avoid. Branch, Princ.

Qui totum dicit nihil excipit. He who says all excepts nothing.

Qui vult decipi, decipiatur. Let him who wishes to be deceived, be deceived. Broom, Max. 782, note; 1 De Gex, M. & G. 687, 710; Shep. Touch. 56.

QUIA. Lat. Because; whereas; inasmuch as.

QUIA DATUM EST NOBIS INTELLIGI. Because it is given to us to understand. Formal words in old writs.

QUIA EMPTORES. "Because the purchasers." The title of the statute of Westm. 3, (15 Edw. I. c. 1.) This statute took from the tenants of common lords the feudal liberty they claimed of disposing of part of their lands to hold of themselves, and, instead of it, gave them a general liberty to sell all or any part, to hold of the next superior lord, which they could not have done before without consent. The effect of this statute was twofold: (1) To facilitate the alienation of fee-simple estates; and (2) to put an end to
the creation of any new manors, &c., tenancies in fee-simple of a subject. Brown.

QUIA ERRONICE EMANAVIT. Because it issued erroneously, or through mistake. A term in old English practice. Yel. 83.

QUIA TIMET. Lat. Because he fears or apprehends. In equity practice. The technical name of a bill filed by a party who seeks the aid of a court of equity, because he fears some future probable injury to his rights or interests. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 826; Pell v. McCabe (D. C.) 254 F. 356, 357.

QUIBBLE. A cavilling or verbal objection. A slight difficulty raised without necessity or propriety.

QUICK. Living; alive. "Quick chattels must be put in pound-overt that the owner may give them sustenance; dead need not." Finch, h. 2, c. 6.

QUIET WITH CHILD. See Quickening.

QUICKENING. In medical jurisprudence. The first motion of the fetus in the womb felt by the mother, occurring usually about the middle of the term of pregnancy. See Com. v. Parker, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 226, 43 Am. Dec. 398; State v. Cooper, 22 N. J. Law. 57, 51 Am. Dec. 246; Evans v. People, 49 N. Y. 89; State v. Patterson, 105 Kan. 9, 181 P. 609, 610.

Quicquid acquiritur servio acquiritur domino. Whatever is acquired by the servant is acquired for the master. Pull. Accts. 38, note. Whatever rights are acquired by an agent are acquired for his principal. Story, Ag. § 403.

Quicquid demonstratur rei additur satisf demonstrat frustra est. Whatever is added to demonstrate anything already sufficiently demonstrated is surplusage. Dig. 33, 4, 1, 8; Broom, Max. 630.

Quicquid est contra normam recti est injuria. 3 Bulst. 313. Whatever is against the rule of right is a wrong.

Quicquid in excessu actum est, lego prohibetur. 2 Inst. 107. Whatever is done in excess is prohibited by law.

Quicquid judiciis auctoritatibus subjiciatur avitati non subjiciatur. Whatever is subject to the authority of a judge is not subject to innovation. 4 Inst. 96.

Quicquid plantatur solo, solo eedit. Whatever is affixed to the soil belongs to the soil. Broom, Max. 401-431.

Quicquid recipitur, reipublic seundum modum recipientis. Whatever is received is received according to the intention of the recipient. Broom, Max. 810; Halkers. Max. 149; 2 Bingh. N. C. 461; 2 B. & C. 72; 14 Sim. 522; 2 Cl. & F. 681; 2 Cr. & J. 678; 14 East, 239, 248 c.

Quicquid solvitur, solvitur seundum modum solventis; quicquid recipitur, reipublic seundum modum recipientis. Whatever money is paid, is paid according to the direction of the payee; whatever money is received, is received according to that of the recipient. 2 Vern. 606; Broom, Max. 810.

Quicunque habet jurisdictiionem ordinaria est illius foci ordinarius. Co. Litt. 344. Whoever has an ordinary jurisdiction is ordinary of that place.

Quicunque jusse judiciis aliquid fecerit non videtur dolo malo facisse, quia parere necesse est. 10 Coke, 71. Whoever does anything by the command of a judge is not reckoned to have done it with an evil intent, because it is necessary to obey.

QUID JURIS CLAMAT. In old English practice. A writ which lay for the grantee of a reversion or remainder, where the particular tenant would not attorn, for the purpose of compelling him. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

QUID PRO QUO. What for what; something for something. Used in law for the giving one valuable thing for another. It is nothing more than the mutual consideration which passes between the parties to a contract, and which renders it valid and binding. Cowell.

Quid sit jus, et in quo consistit injuria, legis est defaire. What constitutes right, and what injury, it is the business of the law to declare. Co. Litt. 158 b.

Quid turpi ex causa promissum est non valet. A promise arising out of immoral circumstances is invalid.

QUIDAM. Lat. Somebody. This term is used in the French law to designate a person whose name is not known.

Quidam enim sive dolae et culpa venditoris accidit ad venditor securos est. For concerning anything which occurs without deceit and wrong on the part of the vendor, the vendor is secure. Brown v. Bellows, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 188.

QUIET, v. To pacify; to render secure or unassailable by the removal of disquieting causes or disputes. This is the meaning of the word in the phrase "action to quiet title," which is a proceeding to establish the plaintiff's title to land by bringing into court an adverse claimant and there compelling him either to establish his claim or be forever after stopped from asserting it. See Wright v. Mattison, 18 How. 56, 15 L. Ed. 280.

QUIET, adj. Unmolested; tranquil; free from interference or disturbance.
—Quiet enjoyment. A covenant, usually inserted in leases and conveyances on the part of the grantor, promising that the tenant or grantee shall enjoy the possession of the premises in peace and without disturbance, is called a covenant “for quiet enjoyment.”

Quieta non move. Not to unsettle things which are established. Green v. Hudson River R. Co., 28 Barb. (N. Y.) 9, 22.

QUIETARE. L. Lat. To quit, acquit, discharge, or save harmless. A formal word in old deeds of donation and other conveyances. Cowell.


QUIETE CLAMARE. L. Lat. To quitclaim or renounce all pretensions of right and title. Bract. fols. 1, 5.

QUIETUS. In old English law. Quit; acquitted; discharged. A word used by the clerk of the pipe, and auditors in the exchequer, in their acquittances or discharges given to accountants; usually concluding with an abinde recessit quietus, (hath gone quit thereof,) which was called a “quietus ex.” Cowell.

In modern law, the word denotes an acquittance or discharge; as of an executor or administrator, (White v. Ditson, 149 Mass. 351, 4 N. E. 896, 54 Am. Rep. 472,) or of a judge or attorney general, (3 Mod. 93.)

QUIETUS REDDITUS. In old English law. Quitrent. Spelman. See Quitrent.

Quilibet potest renunciare jure pro se introducere. Every one may renounce or relinquish a right introduced for his own benefit. 2 Inst. 153; Wing. Max. p. 483, max. 123; 4 Bl. Comm. 317.

QUILLE. In French marine law. Keel; the keel of a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 3, tit. 6, art. 8.

QUINQUE PORTUS. In old English law. The Cinque Ports. Spelman.

QUINQUERADIUS. Consisting of five parts; divided into five parts.

QUISTE ME, or QUINZIME. Fifteenth; also the fifteenth day after a festival. 13 Edw. I. See Cowell.

QUINTAL, or KINTAL. A weight of one hundred pounds. Cowell.

QUINTERONE. A term used in the West Indies to designate a person one of whose parents was a white person and the other a quadroon. Also spelled “quintoroon.” See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 321.

QUINTO EXACTUS. In old practice. Called or exacted the fifth time. A return made by the sheriff, after a defendant had been proclaimed, required, or exacted in five county courts successively, and failed to appear, upon which he was outlawed by the coroners of the county. 3 Bl. Comm. 283.

QUIRE OF DOVER. In English law. A record in the exchequer, showing the tenures for guarding and repairing Dover Castle, and determining the services of the Cinque Ports. 3 How. State Tr. 868.

QUIRITARIAN OWNERSHIP. In Roman law. Ownership held by a title recognized by the municipal law, in an object also recognized by that law, and in the strict character of a Roman citizen. “Roman law originally only recognized one kind of dominion, called, emphatically, ‘quiritarii dominion.’ Gradually, however, certain real rights arose which, though they failed to satisfy all the elements of the definition of quiritarii dominion, were practically its equivalent, and received from the courts a similar protection. These real rights might fall short of quiritarii dominion in three respects: (1) Either in respect of the persons in whom they resided; (2) or of the subjects to which they related; or (3) of the title by which they were acquired.” In the latter case, the ownership was called “honitarius,” i. e., “the property of a Roman citizen, in a subject capable of quiritarii property, acquired by a title not known to the civil law, but introduced by the praetor and protected by his imperium or supreme executive power;” e. g., where res mancipii had been transferred by mere tradition. Poste’s Gains’ Inst. 186.

Quisquis erit qui vult juris-consultus haberij continet studium, velit a quocunque doceiri. Jenk. Cent. Whoever wishes to be a juris-consult, let him continually study, and desire to be taught by every one.

Quisquis praemumetur bonus; et semper in dubius pro rei respondendum. Every one is presumed good; and in doubtful cases the resolution should be ever for the accused.


Notice to Quit

A written notice given by a landlord to his tenant, stating that the former desires to repossess himself of the demised premises, and that the latter is required to quit and remove from the same at a time designated, either at the expiration of the term, if the tenant is in under a lease, or immediately, if the tenancy is at will or by sufferance.

QUIT, adj. Clear; discharged; free; also spoken of persons absolved or acquitted of a charge.
QUITCLAIM, v. In conveyancing. To release or relinquish a claim; to execute a deed of quitclaim. See Quitclaim, n.

QUITCLAIM, n. A release or acquittance given to one man by another, in respect of any action that he has or might have against him. Also acquitting or giving up one's claim or title. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

—Quitclaim deed. A deed of conveyance operating by way of release; that is, intended to pass any title, interest, or claim which the grantor may have in the premises, but not professing that such title is valid, nor containing any warranty or covenants for title. See Hoyt v. Ketcham, 54 Conn. 60, 5 Atl. 666; Chew v. Kellar, 171 Mo. 215, 71 S. W. 172; Ely v. Stannard, 44 Conn. 528; Martin v. Morris, 62 Wis. 418, 22 N. W. 525; Utley v. Fee, 33 Kan. 683, 7 Pac. 555; Niles v. Houston Oil Co. of Texas (Tex. Civ. App.) 191 S. W. 748, 752; Baldwin v. Drew (Tex. Civ. App.) 150 S. W. 614, 616; Houston Oil Co. of Texas v. Niles (Tex. Com. App.) 255 S. W. 604, 609; Cook v. Smith, 107 Tex. 119, 174 S. W. 1094, 1095, 3 A. L. R. 940.

QUITRENT. Certain established rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors are denominated "QUITRENTs," because thereby the tenant goes quit and free of all other services. 3 Cruise, Digest, 314.

QUITTANCE. An abbreviation of "acquittance," a release, (q. c.)

QUO ANIMO. Lat. With what intention or motive. Used sometimes as a substantive, in lieu of the single word "animus," design or motive. "The quo animo is the real subject of inquiry." 1 Kent, Commentary 77.

QUO JURE. Lat. In old English practice. A writ which lay for one that had land in which another claimed common, to compel the latter to show by what title he claimed it. Cowell; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 125, 126.

Quo ligatur, eo dissolvitur. 2 Rolle, 21. By the same mode by which a thing is bound, by that is it released.

QUO MINUS. Lat. A writ upon which all proceedings in the court of exchequer were formerly grounded. In it the plaintiff suggests that he is the king's debtor, and that the defendant has done him the injury or damage complained of, quominus sufficiens existit, by which he is less able to pay the king's debt. This was originally requisite in order to give jurisdiction to the court of exchequer; but now this suggestion is a mere form. 3 Bl. Comm. 46.

Also, a writ which lay for him who had a grant of house-bote and hay-bote in another's woods, against the grantor making such waste as that the grantee could not enjoy his grant. Old Nat. Brev. 148.

Quo modo quid constituitur eodem modo dissolvit. Jenk. Cent. 74. In the same manner by which anything is constituted by that it is dissolved.

QUO WARRANTO. In old English practice. A writ, in the nature of a writ of right for the king, against him who claimed or usurped any office, franchise, or liberty, to inquire by what authority he supported his claim, in order to determine the right. It lay also in case of non-user, or long neglect of a franchise, or misuser or abuse of it; being a writ commanding the defendant to show by what warrant he exercises such a franchise, having never had any grant of it, or having forfeited it by neglect or abuse. 3 Bl. Comm. 262.


QUOAD HOC. Lat. As to this; with respect to this; so far as this in particular is concerned.

A prohibition quo ad hoc is a prohibition as to certain things among others. Thus, where a party was complained against in the ecclesiastical court for matters cognizable in the temporal courts, a prohibition quo ad hoc these matters issued, i. e., as to such matters the party was prohibited from prosecuting his suit in the ecclesiastical court. Brown.

QUOAD SACRA. Lat. As to sacred things; for religious purposes.

Quocumque modo velit; quocumque modo posit. In any way he wishes; in any way he can. Clason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 484, 482.
QUOD A SAGRA.

Quod a quoque persona nomine exactum est id eodem restitueri nemo cogitatur. That which has been exacted as a penalty no one is obliged to restore. Dig. 50, 17, 46.

Quod ab initio non valet in tractu temporis non convalescet. That which is bad in its commencement improves, not by lapse of time. Broom, Max. 178; 4 Coke, 2.

Quod ad jus naturale attinet omnes homines aequales sunt. All men are equal as far as the natural law is concerned. Dig. 50, 17, 22.

Quod fictor in area legata eedit legato. Whatever is built on ground given by will goes to the legatee. Broom, Max. 424.

Quod alias bonum et justum est, si per vim vel fraudem petatur, malum et injustum efficiatur. 3 Coke, 78. What otherwise is good and just, if it be sought by force and fraud, becomes bad and unjust.

Quod alias non fuit lietum, necessitas lietum facit. What otherwise was not lawful, necessity makes lawful. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 22, § 14.

Quod approbo non reprobo. What I approve I do not reject. I cannot approve and reject at the same time. I cannot take the benefit of an instrument, and at the same time repudiate it. Broom, Max. 712.

Quod attinet ad jus civile, servi pro nullis habentur, non tamen et jure naturali, quia, quod ad jus naturale attinet, omnes homines aequalis sunt. So far as the civil law is concerned, slaves are not reckoned as persons, but not so by natural law, for, so far as regards natural law, all men are equal. Dig. 50, 17, 32.

QUOD BILLA CASSETUR. That the bill be quashed. The common-law form of a judgment sustaining a plea in abatement, where the proceeding is by bill, i. e., by a capias instead of by original writ.

QUOD CLERICI BENEFICIATI DE CANCELARIA. A writ to exempt a clerk of the chancery from the contribution towards the proctors of the clergy in parliament, etc. Reg. Orig. 261.

QUOD CLERICI NON ELIGANTUR IN OFFICIO BAILIVI, etc. A writ which lay for a clerk, who, by reason of some land he had, was made, or was about to be made, bailiff, bendle, reeve, or some such officer, to obtain exemption from serving the office. Reg. Orig. 187.

QUOD COMPUTET. That he account. Judgment quod computet is a preliminary or interlocutory judgment given in the action of account-render (also in the case of creditors’ bills against an executor or administrator;) directing that accounts be taken before a master or auditor.

Quod constat clare non debet verificari. What is clearly apparent need not be proved. 10 Mod. 150.

Quod constat curiae opere testum non indiget. That which appears to the court need not the aid of witnesses. 2 Inst. 602.

Quod contra legem fit pro infecto habetur. That which is done against law is regarded as not done at all. 4 Coke, 31a.

Quod contra rationem juris receptum est, non est producendum ad consequentias. That which has been received against the reason of the law is not to be drawn into a precedent. Dig. 1, 3, 14.

QUOD CUM. In pleading. For that whereas. A form of introducing matter of inducement in certain actions, as assumpti and case.

Quod datum est ecclesiae, datum est Deo. 2 Inst. 2. What is given to the church is given to God.

Quod demonstrandi causa additur rel saltis, demonstrare, frustra fit. 10 Coke, 113. What is added to a thing sufficiently palpable, for the purpose of demonstration, is vain.

Quod dubitas, ne feceris. What you doubt of, do not do. In a case of moment, especially in cases of life, it is safest to hold that in practice which hath least doubt and danger. 1 Hale, P. C. 300.

QUOD EI DEFORCET. In English law. The name of a writ given by St. Wm. 2, 13 Edw. I. c. 4, to the owners of a particular estate, as for life, in dower, by the curtesy, or in fee-tail, who were barred of the right of possession by a recovery had against them through their default or nonappearance in a possessory action, by which the right was restored to him who had been thus unwarly deforced by his own default. 3 Bl. Comm. 193.

Quod enim semel aut bis existit, praeterentur legislate. That which never happens but once or twice, legislators pass by. Dig. 1, 3, 17.

Quod est ex necessitate nunquam introducitur, nisi quando necessarium. 2 Rolle, 502. That which is of necessity is never introduced, unless when necessary.

Quod est inconvenientis aut contra rationem non permitter est in lege. Co. Litt. 178a. That which is inconvenient or against reason is not permissible in law.

Quod est necessarium est lietum. What is necessary is lawful. Jenk. Cent. p. 76, case 45.

Quod factum est, sum in obscurum alt, ex affectione caussuse capiti interpretationem. When there is doubt about an act, it receives inter-
Quod fieri debet facile praesumetur. Halk. 153. That which ought to be done is easily presumed.

Quod fieri non debet, factum valet. That which ought not to be done, when done, is valid. Broom, Max. 182.

QUOD FUUIT CONCESSUM. Which was granted. A phrase in the reports, signifying that an argument or point made was conceded or acquiesced in by the court.

Quod in jure scripto “Jus” appellatur, id in lege Anglia “rectum” esse dicitur. What in the civil law is called “jus,” in the law of England is said to be “rectum.” (Right.) Co. Litt. 260; Fleta, l. 6, c. 1, § 1.

Quod in minori valet valebit in majori; et quod in majori non valet nec valebit in minori. Co. Litt. 280a. That which is valid in the less shall be valid in the greater; and that which is not valid in the greater shall neither be valid in the less.

Quod in uno simili valet valebit in altero. That which is effectual in one of two like things shall be effectual in the other. Co. Litt. 191a.

Quod in consulo fecimus, consultius revocemus. Jenk. Cent. 116. What we have done without due consideration, upon better consideration we may revoke.

Quod initio non valet, tractu temporis non valet. A thing void in the beginning does not become valid by lapse of time.

Quod initio vitiosum est non potest tractu temporis convalescere. That which is void from the beginning cannot become valid by lapse of time. Dig. 50, 17, 29.

Quod ipsis qui contraxerunt obstat, et successoribus eorum obstat. That which bars those who have made a contract will bar their successors also. Dig. 50, 17, 143.

QUOD JUSSU. Lat. In the civil law. The name of an action given to one who had contracted with a son or slave, by order of the father or master, to compel such father or master to stand to the agreement. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 2, no. 3; Inst. 4, 7, 1.

Quod jussu alterius solvitur pro eo est quasi ipsi solutum esse. That which is paid by the order of another is the same as though it were paid to himself. Dig. 50, 17, 180.

Quod meum est sine facto meo vel defectu meo amitti vel in alium transferri non potest. That which is mine cannot be lost or transferred to another without my alienation or forfeiture. Broom, Max. 465.

Quod meum est sine mei aferri non potest. That which is mine cannot be taken away without me, [without my assent.] Jenk. Cent. p. 251, case 41.

Quod minus est in obligationem videtur deductum. That which is the less is held to be imported into the contract; (e. g., A offers to hire B.'s house at six hundred dollars, at the same time B. offers to let it for five hundred dollars; the contract is for five hundred dollars.) 1 Story, Cont. 481.

Quod natura ratio inter omissa homines constituit, vocatur jus gentium. That which natural reason has established among all men is called the "law of nations." 1 Bl. Comm. 43; Dig. 1, 1, 9; Inst. 1, 2, 1.

Quod necessarie intelligitur non deset. 1 Bulst. 71. That which is necessarily understood is not wanting.

Quod necessitas cogit, defendit. Hale, P. C. 54. That which necessity compels, it justifies.

Quod non apparat non est; et non apparat judicis ante judicium. 2 Inst. 479. That which appears not is not; and nothing appears judicially before judgment.


QUOD NON FUUIT NEGATUM. Which was not denied. A phrase found in the old reports, signifying that an argument or proposition was not denied or controverted by the court. Latch, 213.

Quod non habet principium non habet finem. Wing. Max. 79; Co. Litt. 345a. That which has not beginning has not end.

Quod non legitur, non creditur. What is not read is not believed. 4 Coke, 304.

Quod non valet in principal, in accessorio seu consequenti non valet; et quod non valet in magis proximo non valebit in magis remoto. 8 Coke, 78. That which is not good against the principal will not be good as to accessories or consequences; and that which is not of force in regard to things near it will not be of force in regard to things remote from it.

QUOD NOTA. Which note; which mark. A reporter's note in the old books, directing attention to a point or rule. Dyer, 23.

Quod nullius esse potest id ut aliquis fieret nulla obligatio valet efficere. No agreement can avail to make that the property of any one which cannot be acquired as property. Dig. 50, 17, 182.

Quod nullius est, est domini regis. That which is the property of nobody belongs to our lord the king. Fleta, lib. I, c. 3; Broom, Max. 354.
Quod nullius est, id ratione naturali occupanti conceditur. That which is the property of no one is, by natural reason, given to the first occupant. Dig. 41, 1, 3; Inst. 2, 1, 12. Adopted in the common law. 2 Bl. Comm. 258.

Quod nullum est, nullum producit effectum. That which is null produces no effect. Tray. Leg. Max. 519.

Quod omnes tangit ab omnibus debet supportari. That which touches or concerns all ought to be supported by all. 3 How. State Tr. 575, 1087.

QUOD PARTES REPLACITEN. That the parties do replead. The form of the judgment on award of a reprieve. 2 Saik. 579.

QUOD PARTITIO FIAT. That partition be made. The name of the judgment in a suit for partition, directing that a partition be effected.

Quod pendet non est pro eo quasi sit. What is in suspense is considered as not existing during such suspense. Dig. 50, 17, 169, 1.

Quod per me non possum, nec per alium. What I cannot do by myself, I cannot by another. 4 Coke, 245; 11 Coke, 87a.

Quod per recordum probatum, non debit esse negatum. What is proved by record ought not to be denied.

QUOD PERMITTAT. That he permit. In old English law. A writ which lay for the heir of him that was disseised of his common of pasture, against the heir of the disseisor. Cowell.

QUOD PERMITTAT PROSTERNERE. That he permit to abate. In old practice. A writ, in the nature of a writ of right, which lay to abate a nuisance. 3 Bl. Comm. 221. And see Conchoetan Stone Road v. Buffalo, etc., R. Co., 51 N. Y. 579, 10 Am. Rep. 646; Powell v. Furniture Co., 34 W. Va. 504, 12 S. E. 1085, 12 L. R. A. 53; Miller v. Truehart, 4 Leigh (Va.) 577.

QUOD PERSONA NEC PREBENDARII, etc. A writ which lay for spiritual persons, distrainted in their spiritual possessions, for payment of a fifteenth with the rest of the parish. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 175. Obsolete.

Quod populus postremum jussit, id jussum esto. What the people have last enacted, let that be the established law. A law of the Twelve Tables, the principle of which is still recognized. 1 Bl. Comm. 89.

Quod primum est intentione ultimum est in operatione. That which is first in intention is last in operation. Bac. Max.

Quod principi plaudit, legis habet vigorem; ut pote cum iure regis, quae de imperio ejus lata est, populus ei et in eum omne suum imperium et potestatem conferat. The will of the emperor has the force of law; for, by the royal law which has been made concerning his authority, the people have conferred upon him all its sovereignty and power. Dig. 1. 4. 1; Inst. 1. 2. 1; Fleta, 1, 1, c. 17, § 7; Brac. 107; Seiden, Diss. ad Flet. c. 3, § 2.

Quod prius est verius est; et quod prius est tempore potius est jure. Co. Litt. 347. What is first is true; and what is first in time is better in law.

Quod pro minore lietium est et pro majore lietium est. 8 Coke, 43. That which is lawful as to the minor is lawful as to the major.

QUOD PROSTRAVIT. That he do abate. The name of a judgment upon an indictment for a nuisance, that the defendant abate such nuisance.

Quod pure debetur presenti die debetur. That which is due unconditionally is due now. Tray. Leg. Max. 519.

Quod quis ex culpa sua damnium sentit non intelligitur damnnum sentire. The damage which one experiences from his own fault is not considered as his damage. Dig. 50, 17, 263.

Quod quis sciens indebitum debit hae mente, ut postea repetet, repetere non potest. That which one has given, knowing it not to be due, with the intention of redeeming it, he cannot recover back. Dig. 12, 6, 50.

Quod quisquis norit in hoc se exerceat. Let every one employ himself in what he knows. 11 Coke, 10.

QUOD RECUPERAT. That he recover. The ordinary form of judgments for the plaintiff in actions at law. 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 225; 1 Burrell, Pr. 246.

Quod remedio restitutur ipsa re valet si culpa absit. That which is without remedy avails of itself, if there be no fault in the party seeking to enforce it. Broom, Max. 212.

Quod semel aut huius existat praeerunt legislate. Legislators pass over what happens [only] once or twice. Dig. 1, 3, 6; Broom, Max. 46.

Quod semel meum est amplius meum esse non potest. Co. Litt. 496. What is once mine cannot be more fully mine.

Quod semel placuit in electione, amplius dissipare non potest. Co. Litt. 146. What a party has once determined, in a case where he has an election, cannot afterwards be disavowed.

QUOD SI CONTINGAT. That if it happen. Words by which a condition might formerly be created in a deed. Litt. § 339.

Quod solo inadfectur solo cedit. Whatever is built on the soil is an accessory of the soil. Inst. 2. 1. 29; 10 Mass. 449; 2 Bouv. Inst. n. 1571.
Quod sub certa forma concessum vel reservatum est non trahitur ad valorem vel compensationem. That which is granted or reserved under a certain form is not permitted to be drawn into valuation or compensation. Bac. Max. 26, reg. 4. That which is granted or reserved in a certain specified form must be taken as it is granted, and will not be permitted to be made the subject of any adjustment or compensation on the part of the grantee. Ex parte Miller, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 423.

Quod subintelligitur non deest. What is understood is not wanting. 2 Ld. Raym. 832.

Quod tacite intelligitur doesse non videtur. What is tacitly understood is not considered to be wanting. 4 Coke, 22a.

Quod vanum et inutilis est, lex non requirit. Co. Litt. 319. The law requires not what is vain and useless.

Quod vero contra rationem juris receptum est, non est producendum ad consequencias. But that which has been admitted contrary to the reason of the law, ought not to be drawn into precedents. Dig. 1. 3. 14; Broom, Max. 158.

QUOD VIDE. Which see. A direction to the reader to look to another part of the book, or to another book, there named, for further information. Usually abbreviated "q. v."

Quod velut non dixit. What he intended he did not say, or express. An answer sometimes made in overruling an argument that the law-maker or testator meant so and so. 1 Kent, Comm. 468, note; Mann v. Mann's Exrs, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 235.

Quodcunque aliquid ob tutelam corporis sui secerit, juro id fecisse videtur. 2 Inst. 590. Whatever any one does in defense of his person, that he is considered to have done legally.

Quodque dissolvit cedem modo quo ligatur. 2 Rolle, 39. In the same manner that a thing is bound, in the same manner it is unbound.

QUONIAM ATTACHIAMENTA. (Since the attachments.) One of the oldest books in the Scotch law. So called from the two first words of the volume. Jacob; Whishaw.

QUORUM. A majority of the entire body: e. g., a quorum of a state supreme court. Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. v. People, 190 P. 513, 517, 68 Colo. 487.

When a committee, board of directors, meeting of shareholders, legislative or other body of persons cannot act unless a certain number at least of them are present, that number is called a "quorum." Sweet. In the absence of any law or rule fixing the quorum, it consists of a majority of those entitled to act. See Ex parte Wilcocka, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 39, 17 Am. Dec. 555; State v. WilkesvilleTp., 29 Ohio St. 263; Heiskell v. Baltimore, 65 Md. 125, 4 A. 116, 57 Am. Rep. 308; Snider v. Rinehart, 18 Colo. 18, 31 P. Bl.Law Dict. (3d ed.)—94


Justices of the Quorum

In English law, those justices of the peace whose presence at a session is necessary to make a lawful bench. All the justices of the peace for a county are named and appointed in one commission, which authorizes them all, jointly and severally, to keep the peace, but provides that some particular named justices or one of them shall always be present when business is to be transacted, the ancient Latin phrase being "quorum unum A. B. esse volumus." These designated persons are the "justices of the quorum." But the distinction is long since obsolete. See 1 Bl. Comm. 361; Snider v. Rinehart, 18 Colo. 18, 31 Pac. 719; Gilbert v. Sweetser, 4 Me. 454.

Quorum praetextu see auget nec minuit sententiam, sed tantum confirma praemissa. Plowd. 52. "Quorum praetextu" neither increases nor diminishes a sentence, but only confirms that which went before.

QUOT. In old Scotch law. A twentieth part of the movable estate of a person dying, which was due to the bishop of the diocese within which the person resided. Bell.

QUOTA. A proportional part or share, the proportional part of a demand or liability, falling upon each of those who are collectively responsible for the whole.

QUOTATION. The production to a court or judge of the exact language of a statute, precedent, or other authority, in support of an argument or proposition advanced.

The transcription of part of a literary composition into another book or writing. A statement of the market price of one or more commodities; or the price specified to a correspondent.

Quotiens dubia interpretatio libertatis est, secundum libertatem responsendum erit. Whenever there is a doubt between liberty and slavery, the decision must be in favor of liberty. Dig. 50. 17. 20.

Quotiens idem sermo duas sententias expressit, ea potissimum accipiatur, qua rei gerendae aptior est. Whenever the same words express two meanings, that is to be taken which is the better fitted for carrying out the proposed end. Dig. 50. 17. 67.

QUOTIENT VERDICT. A money verdict the amount of which is fixed by the following process: Each juror writes down the sum he
wishes to award by the verdict; these amounts are all added together, and the total is divided by twelve (the number of the jurors,) and the quotient stands as the verdict of the jury by their agreement. See Hamilton v. Owego Waterworks, 22 App. Div. 573, 48 N. Y. Supp. 106; Moses v. Railroad Co., 3 Misc. Rep. 322, 23 N. Y. Supp. 23.

**Quoties dubia interpretatio libertatis est, secundum libertatem respondendum erit.** Whenever the interpretation of liberty is doubtful, the answer should be on the side of liberty. Dig. 50, 17, 20.

**Quoties idem sermo duas sententias exprimit, ea potissimum excipiatur, quae rei gerendae aptior est.** Whenever the same language expresses two meanings that should be adopted which is the better fitted for carrying out the subject-matter. Dig. 50, 17, 67.

**Quoties in stipulationibus ambigua oratio est, commodissimum est id a seipi quo res de qua agitur in tuto sit.** Whenever the language of stipulations is ambiguous, it is most fitting that that [sense] should be taken by which the subject-matter may be protected. Dig. 45, 1, 80.

**Quoties in verbis nulla est ambiguitas, ibi nulla expositio contra verba fienda est.** Co. Litt. 147. When in the words there is no ambiguity, then no exposition contrary to the words is to be made.

**Quotuplex.** Of how many kinds; how many fold. A term of frequent occurrence in Sheppard’s Touchstone.

**Quousque.** Lat. How long; how far; until. In old conveyances it is used as a word of limitation. 10 Coke, 41.

**Quovis modo.** Lat. In whatever manner.

**Quum de lucro duorum quaeratur, melior est causa possidentis.** When the question is as to the gain of two persons, the title of the party in possession is the better one. Dig. 50, 17, 126, 2.

**Quum in testamento ambigae aut etiam perparum scriptum est, beneigne interpretari et secundum id quod credibile est cogitatum, credendum est.** When in a will an ambiguous or even an erroneous expression occurs, it should be construed liberally and in accordance with what is thought the probable meaning of the testator. Dig. 34, 5, 24; Broom, Max. 437.

**Quum pricipalis causa non consistit ne ea quidem qua sequuntur locum habent.** When the principal does not hold, the incidents thereof ought not to obtain. Broom, Max. 496.

**Quum quod ago non valet ut ago, valeat quantum valere potest.** 1 Vent. 216. When what I do is of no force as to the purpose for which I do it, let it be of force to as great a degree as it can.

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R. In the signatures of royal persons, "R." is an abbreviation for "rex" (king) or "regina" (queen). In descriptions of land, according to the divisions of the governmental survey, it stands for "range." Ottumwa, etc., R. Co. v. McWilliams, 71 Iowa, 164, 32 N. W. 315.

R. G. An abbreviation for Regula Generalis, a general rule or order of court; or for the plural of the same.

R. L. This abbreviation may stand either for "Revised Laws" or "Roman law."

R. S. An abbreviation for "Revised Statutes."

RACE. The term primarily means an ethnical stock; a great division of mankind having in common certain distinguishing physical peculiarities constituting a comprehensive class appearing to be derived from a distinct primitive source. A tribal or national stock, a division or subdivision of one of the great racial stocks of mankind distinguished by minor peculiarities. The word "race," connotes descent; In re Halladjian (C. C.) 174 Fed. 834; Ex parte (Ng.) Fung Sing (D. C.) 6 F.(2d) 670.

RACE-WAY. An artificial canal dug in the earth; a channel cut in the ground. Wilder v. De Cou, 26 Minn. 17, 1 N. W. 48. The channel for the current that drives a water-wheel. Webster.

RACHAT. In French law. The right of re-purchase which, in English and American law, the vendor may reserve to himself. It is also called "réméré." Bown.

RACHATER. L. Fr. To redeem; to re-purchase, (or buy back.) Kelham.

RACHEUM. In Scotch law. Ransom; corresponding to Saxon "wergild," a pecuniary composition for an offense. Skene; Jacob.

RACHIMBURGI. In the legal polity of the Saliants and Ripuarians and other Germanic peoples, this name was given to the judges or assessors who sat with the count in his "mallum," (court,) and were generally associated with him in other matters. Spelman.

RACK. An engine of torture anciently used in the inquisitorial method of examining persons charged with crime, the office of which was to break the limbs or dislocate the joints.

RACK-RENT. A rent of the full value of the tenement, or near it. 2 Bl. Comm. 43.

RACK-VINTAGE. Wines drawn from the lees. Cowell.

RADICALS. A political party. The term arose in England, in 1818, when the popular leaders, Hunt, Cartwright, and others, sought to obtain a radical reform in the representative system of parliament. Bolyng-broke (Disc. Parties, Let. 18) employs the term in its present accepted sense: "Such a remedy might have wrought a radical cure of the evil that threatens our constitution," etc. Wharton.

RADIUS. A straight line drawn from the centre of a circle to any point of the circumference. Its length is half the diameter of that circle, or is the space between the centre and the circumference. State v. Berard, 40 La. Ann. 174, 3 South. 463; Sacks v. Legg, 219 Ill. App. 144, 148; Skolnick v. Orth, 84 Misc. Rep. 71, 145 N. Y. S. 961, 962.

RADOUR. In French Law

A term including the repairs made to a ship, and a fresh supply of furniture and victuals, munitions, and other provisions required for the voyage. Pardessus, n. 602.

RAFFLE. A kind of lottery in which several persons pay, in shares, the value of something put up as a stake, and then determine by chance (as by casting dice) which one of them shall become the sole possessor of it. Webster; Prendergast v. State, 41 Tex. Cr. R. 358, 57 S. W. 850; State v. Kennon, 21 Mo. 264; People v. American Art Union, 7 N. Y. 241.

A raffle may be described as a species of "adventure or hazard," but is held not to be a lottery. State v. Pinchback, 2 Mill. Const. (S. C.) 130.

RAGEMAN. A statute, so called, of justices assigned by Edward I. and his council, to go a circuit through all England, and to hear and determine all complaints of injuries done within five years next before Michaelmas, in the fourth year of his reign. Spelman.

Also a rule, form, regimen, or precedent.

RAGMAN'S ROLL, or RAGIMUND'S ROLL. A roll, called from one Ragimund or Ragimont, a legate in Scotland, who, summoning all the beneficed clergymen in that kingdom, caused them on oath to give in the true value of their benefices, according to which they were afterwards taxed by the court of Rome. Wharton.

RAIL CHAIR. A device used where the ends of rails come together; it holds the separate rails firmly together and in alignment and so gives them the effect of being one continuous rail. Railroad Supply Co. v. Hart Steel Co. (C. C. A.) 222 F. 261, 263.
RAILROAD

RAILROAD, n. A road or way on which iron or steel rails are laid for wheels to run on, for the conveyance of heavy loads in cars or carriages propelled by steam or other motive power; a road or way on which iron rails are laid for transportation purposes, as incident to the possession or ownership of which important franchises and rights affecting the public are attached. The word "railway" is commonly of equivalent import. New Deemer Mfg. Co. v. Kilpatrick, 129 Miss. 288, 92 So. 71, 73; People ex rel. Dexter Sulphite Pulp & Paper Co. v. Hughes, 218 App. Div. 626, 215 N. Y. S. 710, 713; Muskogee Electric Traction Co. v. Doering, 70 Okl. 21, 172 P. 793, 794, 2 A. L. R. 94.

An enterprise created and operated to carry on a fixed track passengers and freight, or passengers or freight, for rates or tolls, without discrimination as to those who demand transportation. Bradley v. Dagno Contracking Co., 224 N. Y. 60, 120 N. E. 89, 91.

The term "railroad" or "railway" may in a broad sense include all structures which are necessary to operation of railroad. Smith v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co., 50 Mont. 529, 148 P. 393, 394.


"Railroad" is usually limited to roads for heavy steam transportation and also to steam roads partially or wholly electrified or roads for heavy traffic designed originally for electric traction. The lighter electric street-car lines and the like are usually termed railways. In Great Britain and the British colonies, except Canada, all such roads, whether for heavy or light traffic, are usually called railways. Webster, Dic.

Branch Railroad

A road connected with the main line, not as a mere incident thereto, to facilitate the business of the main line, but to do a business of its own by transporting persons and property to and from places not reached by the main line. Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. East Sioux Falls Quarry Co., 33 S. D. 63, 144 N. W. 724, 726.

Railroad Car

Any vehicle constructed for operation over railroad tracks. State v. Tardiff, 111 Me. 532, 90 A. 424, L. R. A. 1915A, 817.

Railroad Commission

A body of commissioners, appointed in several of the states, to regulate railway traffic within the state, with power, generally, to regulate and fix rates, see to the enforcement of police ordinances, and sometimes assess the property of railroads for taxation. See Southern Pac. Co. v. Board of Railroad Com'rs (C. C.) 75 Fed. 252.

Railroad Property

The property which is essential to a railroad company to enable it to discharge its functions and duties as a common carrier by rail. It includes the road bed, right of way, tracks, bridges, stations, rolling stock, and such like property. Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Walker (C. C.) 47 Fed. 651.

Railroad Relief Funds

A term applied to funds raised by periodical contributions of corporation employees, or by them jointly with the corporation, for the purpose of providing relief to the employees in case of injury, and the payment of money to their families in case of death, in the service.


Interurban Railways

Intermediate between street railways within a municipality which are intended merely for local convenience and to facilitate travel from point to point within the municipality or the suburban districts immediately adjacent thereto, and the steam railroad intended for general commerce between the different cities and places with respect to distance, a species of railroad has been developed by the use of electric power which embraces some of the characteristics of both the ordinary "street railway" and the general steam or commercial railway and are denominated interurban railways. Hartzell v. Alton, Granite & St. Louis Traction Co., 263 Ill. 205, 104 N. E. 1080, 1081.

Railway Commissioners

A body of three commissioners appointed under the English regulation of railways act, 1873, principally to enforce the provisions of the railway and canal traffic act, 1854, by compelling railway and canal companies to give reasonable facilities for traffic, to abstain
from giving unreasonable preference to any company or person, and to forward through traffic at through rates. They also have the supervision of working agreements between companies. Sweet.

Street Railway

One constructed and operated on or along the streets of a city or town to carry persons from one point to another in such city or town, or to and from its suburbs. It is peculiarly to accommodate people in cities and towns; its tracks are ordinarily laid to conform to street grades, its cars run at short intervals, stopping at street crossings to receive and discharge passengers, and its business is confined to the carriage of passengers and not freight. Muskogee Electric Traction Co. v. Doehring, 70 Okl. 21, 172 P. 703, 705; 2 A. L. R. 84; Des Moines City Ry. Co. v. City of Des Moines, 183 Iowa, 1261, 159 N. W. 459, 465; L. R. A. 1918D, 823; Hartzell v. Alton, Granite & St. Louis Traction Co., 283 Ill. 225, 104 N. E. 1080, 1081; Hartzell v. Alton, Granite & St. Louis Traction Co., 183 Ill. App. 641, 645; Gulfport & Mississippi Coast Traction Co. v. Robertson, 129 Miss. 322, 92 So. 231, 232; South Covington & C. St. Ry. Co. v. Commonwealth, 181 Ky. 449, 263 S. W. 606, 605; Kirkpatrick v. Piedmont Traction Co., 170 N. C. 477, 87 S. E. 232, 233; Alabama Power Co. v. Holmes, 202 Ala. 356, 80 So. 438, 439; Percy v. Lewison, A. & W. St. Ry., 113 Me. 106, 93 A. 43, 45. An enterprise created and operated to carry on a fixed track passengers and freight, or passengers or freight, for rates or tolls, without discrimination as to those who demand transportation. Bradley v. Degnon Contracting Co., 224 N. Y. 60, 120 N. E. 86, 81. The term "street railroad" is used interchangeably with "street railway." Metropolitan West Side Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Chicago, 231 Ill. 624, 104 N. E. 165, 167. The term is sometimes distinguished from "railway," meaning one of those larger institutions employed in general freight and passenger traffic from one city, town, or place to another, and usually denominated "commercial railroads," while a "street railway" is built upon streets and avenues for the accommodation of street traffic. Anhalt v. Waterloo, C. F. & N. Ry. Co., 166 Iowa, 479, 147 N. W. 928, 931. See Railroad. "Street railway" may include both urban and interurban lines. City of Milwaukee v. Railroad Commission of Wisconsin, 109 Wis. 559, 175 N. W. 529, 530. See, also, Interurban Railways.

RAIN-WATER. The water which naturally falls from the clouds.

RAINY DAYS. Where a charter party (a cargo of wheat) provided that rainy days should not be counted as lay days, it excludes only rainy days on which, with reference to the facilities of the port in the way of covered docks, etc., the cargo could not be safely landed. Kerr v. Schwaner, 101 C. C. A. 285, 177 Fed. 659.

RAISE. To create. A use may be raised; e.g., a use may be created. Also to infer; to create or bring to light by construction or interpretation.

RAISE A PREJUDICIUM. To give occasion or ground for a presumption; to be of such a character, or to be attended with such circumstances, as to justify an inference or presumption of law. Thus, a person's silence, in some instances, will "raise a presumption" of his consent to what is done.

RAISE AN ISSUE. To bring pleadings to an issue; to have the effect of producing an issue between the parties pleading in an action.

RAISE REVENUE. To levy a tax, as a means of collecting revenue; to bring together, collect, or levy revenue. The phrase does not imply an increase of revenue. Perry County v. Selma, etc., R. Co., 58 Ala. 557.

RAISING A PROMISE. The act of the law in extracting from the facts and circumstances of a particular transaction a promise which was implicit therein, and postulating it as a ground of legal liability.

RAISING A USE. Creating, establishing, or calling into existence a use. Thus, if a man conveyed land to another in fee, without any consideration, equity would presume that he meant it to be to the use of himself, and would therefore, raise an implied use for his benefit. Brown.

RAISING AN ACTION, in Scotland, is the institution of an action or suit.


RAISING PORTIONS. When a landed estate is settled on an eldest son, it is generally burdened with the payment of specific sums of money in favor of his brothers and sisters. A direction to this effect is called a direction for "raising portions for younger children;" and, for this purpose, it is usual to demise or lease the estate to trustees for a term of years, upon trust to raise the required portions by a sale or mortgage of the same. Morley & Whitley.

RAN. Sax. In Saxon and old English law. Open theft, or robbery.

RANCHO. Sp. A small collection of men or their dwellings; a hamlet. As used, however, in Mexico and in the Spanish law formerly prevailing in California, the term signifies a ranch or large tract of land suitable for grazing purposes where horses or cattle are raised, and is distinguished from hacienda, a cultivated farm or plantation.
RANCID. Having a rank smell or taste from chemical change or decomposition. Spry v. Kiser, 179 N. C. 417, 102 S. E. 708, 709.

RAND. In the nomenclature of the art of building heels, the term "rand," or rand lift, is applied to the cup-shaped piece attached to the top of the heel, fitting it to the heel seat of the shoe. Brockton Heel Co. v. International Shoe Co. (D. C.) 19 F. (2d) 145.

RANGE, v. To have or extend in certain direction, to correspond in direction or line, or to trend or run. Lilly v. Marcum, 214 Ky. 514, 283 S. W. 1059, 1060.

RANGE, n. In the government survey of the United States, this term is used to denote one of the divisions of a state, and designates a row or tier of townships as they appear on the map.

Also a tract or district of land within which domestic animals in large numbers range for subsistence; an extensive grazing ground. The term is used on the great plains of the United States to designate a tract commonly of many square miles occupied by one or different proprietors and distinctively called a cattle range, stock range, or sheep range. The animals on a range are usually left to take care of themselves during the whole year without shelter, except when periodicaly gathered in a round-up for counting and selection, and for branding, when the herds of several proprietors run together. State v. Omaecherviarla, 27 Idaho, 797, 152 P. 289, 292; Missoula Trust & Savings Bank v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co., 76 Mont. 201, 245 P. 949, 953.

RANGER. In forest law. A sworn officer of the forest, whose office chiefly consists in three points: To walk daily through his charge to see, hear, and inquire as well of trespasses as trespassers in his bailiwick; to drive the beasts of the forest, both of venery and chase, out of the defaunated into the forested lands; and to present all trespassers of the forest at the next courts holden for the forest. Cowell.

RANK, n. The order or place in which certain officers are placed in the army and navy, in relation to others. Wood v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 158.

Rank is often used to express something different from office. It then becomes a designation or title of honor, dignity, or distinction conferred upon an officer in order to fix his relative position in reference to other officers in matters of privilege, precedence, and sometimes of command, or by which to determine his pay and emoluments. This is the case with the staff officers of the army; Wood v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 159.

RANK, adj. In English law. Excessive; too large in amount; as a rank modus. 2 Bl. Comm. 30.

RANKING OF CREDITORS. The Scotch term for the arrangement of the property of a debtor according to the claims of the creditors, in consequence of the nature of their respective securities. Bell. The corresponding process in England is the marshalling of securities in a suit or action for redemption or foreclosure. Paterson.

RANSOM.

In International Law

The redemption of captured property from the hands of an enemy, particularly of property captured at sea. 1 Kent, Comm. 104.

A sum paid or agreed to be paid for the redemption of captured property. 1 Kent, Comm. 105.

A "ransom," strictly speaking, is not a recapture of the captured property. It is rather a purchase of the right of the captors at the time, be it what it may; or, more properly, it is a relinquishment of all the interest and benefit which the captors might acquire or consume in the property, by a regular adjudication of a prize tribunal, whether it be an interest in rem, a lien, or a mere title to expenses. In this respect, there seems to be no difference between the case of a ransom of an enemy or a neutral. Maisonneuille v. Reating, 2 Gall. 325, Fed. Cas. No. 8,578.

In Old English Law

A sum of money paid for the pardoning of some great offense. The distinction between ransom and amercement is said to be that ransom was the redemption of a corporal punishment, while amercement was a fine or penalty directly imposed, and not in lieu of another punishment. Cowell; 4 Bl. Comm. 389; U. S. v. Griffin, 6 D. C. 57.

Also a sum of money paid for the redemption of a person from captivity or imprisonment. Thus one of the feudal "alds" was to ransom the lord's person if taken prisoner. 2 Bl. Comm. 63.

RANSOM BILL. A contract by which a captured vessel, in consideration of her release and of safe-conduct for a stipulated course and time, agrees to pay a certain sum as ransom.

RAPE.

In Criminal Law

The unlawful carnal knowledge of a woman by a man forcibly and against her will. Code Ga., § 4349 (Pen. Code 1910, § 93); Gore v. State, 119 Ga. 418, 46 S. E. 671, 100 Am. St. Rep. 182; Maxey v. State, 66 Ark. 523, 52 S. W. 2; Croghon v. State, 22 Wis. 444; State v. Montgomery, 63 Mo. 298; People v. Crego, 70 Mich. 319, 38 N. W. 281; Felton v. State, 139 Ind. 531, 39 N. E. 231; People v. Cieslak, 319 Ill. 221, 149 N. E. 815, 816; State v. Huggins, 84 N. J. Law, 254, 87 A. 630, 631. Under modern statutes which often materially change the common-law definition and create an offense commonly known as "statutory rape," where the offense consists in having sexual intercourse with a female under statutory age, the offense may be either with or without the female's con-

In English Law

An intermediate division between a shire and a hundred; or a division of a county, containing several hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 116; * Cowell. Apparently peculiar to the county of Sussex.


RAPE-REEVE. In English law. The chief officer of a rape. (q. v.) 1 Bl. Comm. 116.

RAPINE. The felonious taking of another man's personal property, openly and by violence, against his will.

In the civil law, rapina is defined as the forcible and violent taking of another man's movable property with the criminal Intent to appropriate it to the robber's own use. A praetorian action lay for this offense, in which quadruple damages were recoverable. Gatus, llb. 3, § 209; Inst. 4, 2; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 481; Helmecc. Elem. § 1071.

RAPPORT À SUCCESSION. In French law and in Louisiana. A proceeding similar to hotchpot; the restoration to the succession of such property as the heir may have received by way of advancement from the decedent, in order that an even division may be made among all the co-heirs. Civ. Code La. art. 1227.

RAPTOR. In old English law. A ravisher. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 52, § 12.

RAPTU HÆREDIS. In old English law. A writ for taking away an heir holding in socage, of which there were two sorts: One when the heir was married; the other when he was not. Reg. Orig. 165.


RASURE. The act of scraping, scratching, or shaving the surface of a written instrument, for the purpose of removing certain letters or words from it. It is to be distinguished from "obliteration," as the latter word properly denotes the crossing out of a word or letter by drawing a line through it with ink. But the two expressions are often used interchangeably. See Penny v. Corwithe, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 499.

RASUS. In old English law. A rasae; a measure of onions, containing twenty stones, and each stone twenty-five heads. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 12, § 12.


RATABLE ESTATE OR PROPERTY. Property in its quality and nature capable of being rated, i.e., appraised, assessed. 10 B. & S. 325; Coventry Co. v. Assessors, 16 R. I. 240, 14 A. 877; Burdick v. Pendleton, 46 R. I. 125, 125 A. 278, 279. Taxable estate; the real and personal property which the legislature designates as "taxable." Marshfield v. Middlesex, 55 Vt. 546.

RATAM REM HABERE. Lat. In the civil law. To hold a thing ratified; to ratify or confirm it. Dig. 46, 8, 12, 1.

RATE. Proportional or relative value, measure, or degree; the proportion or standard by which quantity or value is adjusted. Shropshire v. Commerce Farm Credit Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 266 S. W. 612, 614.

Thus, the rate of interest is the proportion or ratio between the principal and interest. So the buildings in a town are rated for insurance purposes; i.e., classified and individually estimated with reference to their insurable qualities. In this sense also we speak of articles as being in "first-rate" or "second-rate" condition.

A fixed relation of quantity, amount or degree; also, a charge, payment or price fixed according to ratio, scale or standard. Webster. Thus, we speak of the rate at which public lands are sold, rates of fare upon railroads, etc. See Georgia R. & B. Co. v. Maddox, 116 Ga. 64, 42 S. E. 315; Chase v. New York Cent. R. Co., 26 N. Y. 526; People v. Dolan, 36 N. Y. 67; Naylor v. Board of Education of Fulton County, 216 Ky. 766, 288 S. W. 696, 699.

In connection with public utilities "rate" means a charge to the public for a service open to all and upon the same terms. State v. Spokane & I. E. R. Co., 89 Wash. 599, 154 P. 1110, 1113, L. R. A. 1918C, 675.

As used in the interstate commerce law "rate" means the net cost to the shipper of the transportation of his property; that is to say, the net amount the carrier receives from the shipper and retains. Elliott v. Empire Natural Gas Co., 123 Kan. 558, 256 P. 114, 117; Clark v. Southern Ry. Co., 69 Ind. App. 697, 119 N. E. 539, 543.

The term is also used as the synonym of "tax;" that is, a sum assessed by governmental authority upon persons or property, by proportional valuation, for public purposes. It has chiefly employed in this sense in England, but is there usually confined to taxes of a local nature, or those raised by the parish; such as the poor-rate, borough rate, etc.

It sometimes occurs in a connection which gives it a meaning synonymous with "assessment;" that is, the apportionment of a tax among the whole number of persons who are responsible for it, by estimating the value of the taxable property of each, and making a proportional distribution of the whole amount. Thus we speak of "rating" persons and property.
In marine insurance, the term refers to the classification or scaling of vessels based on their relative state and condition in regard to insurable qualities; thus, a vessel in the best possible condition and offering the best risk from the underwriter’s standpoint, is “rated” as “A 1.” See Insurance Companies v. Wright, 1 Wall. 472, 17 L. Ed. 505.

Class Rate

A single rate applying to the transportation of a number of articles of the same general character. Norfolk Southern R. Co. v. Freeman Supply Corporation, 145 Va. 207, 133 S. E. 817, 818.

Commodity Rate

A rate which applies to the transportation of a specific commodity alone. Norfolk Southern R. Co. v. Freeman Supply Corporation, 145 Va. 207, 133 S. E. 817, 818.

Joint Rate

“Joint rate” as applied to railroads means a rate prescribed to be charged for the transportation of goods or passengers over the connecting lines of two or more railroads, and to be divided among them for the service rendered by each respectively. Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. v. Railroad Commission of Georgia (D. C.) 274 F. 438, 441.

Rate of Exchange

In commercial law. The actual price at which a bill, drawn in one country upon another country, can be bought or obtained in the former country at any given time. Story, Bills, § 31.

Rate-tithe

In English law. When any sheep, or other cattle, are kept in a parish for less time than a year, the owner must pay tithe for them pro rata, according to the custom of the place. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 51.


The adoption by one, as binding upon himself, of an act done in such relations that he may claim it as done for his benefit, although done under such circumstances as would not bind him except for his subsequent assent. Samstag & Hilder Bros. v. Ottenheimer & Well, 90 Conn. 475, 97 A. 865, 867.


Essence of “ratification” by principal of act of agent is manifestation of mental determination by principal to affirm the act, and this may be manifested by written word or by spoken word or by conduct, or may be inferred from known circumstances and principal’s acts in relation thereto. Miller v. Chatsworth Sav. Bank, 203 Iowa, 411, 212 N. W. 722, 724.

To constitute ratification of voidable contract the act relied on must be performed with full knowledge of its consequences and with an express intention of ratifying what is known to be voidable. Coe v. Moon, 259 Ill. 76, 102 N. E. 1074, 1076; Fletcher v. A. W. Koch Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 188 S. W. 561, 563.

Express ratifications are those made in express and direct terms of assent implied ratifications are such as the law presumes from the acts of the principal.

RATIFY. To approve and sanction; to make valid; to confirm; to give sanction to. Short v. Metz Co., 165 Ky. 319, 176 S. W. 1144, 1149; Snook v. Page, 29 Cal. App. 246, 155 P. 1076, 108; Farmers’ Co-op. Exch. Co. of Good Thunder v. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland, 149 Minn. 171, 152 N. W. 1008, 1009.

Though sometimes used synonymously, from a strictly lexical standpoint, the word “adopt” should be used to apply to void transactions, while the word “ratify” should be limited to the final approval of a voidable transaction by one who theretofore had the optional right to relieve himself from its obligations. Cosden Oil & Gas Co. v. Hendrickson, 96 Okt. 206, 221 P. 86, 89.

RATIHABITIO. Lat. Confirmation, agreement, consent, approbation of a contract. Saltmarsh v. Candia, 51 N. H. 76.

Ratificatio mandato aequiparatur. Ratification is equivalent to express command. Dig. 46, 3, 12, 4; Broom, Max. 867; Palmer v. Yates, 3 Sandf. (N. Y.) 151.

RATIO. Rate; proportion; degree. Reason, or understanding. Also a cause, or giving judgment therein.

RATIO DECIDENDI. The ground of decision. The point in a case which determines the judgment.
Ratio est formalis causa consuetudinis. Reason is the formal cause of custom.

Ratio est legis anima; mutata legis ratione mutatur et lex. 7 Coke, 7. Reason is the soul of law; the reason of law being changed, the law is also changed.

Ratio est radius divini luminis. Co. Litt. 232. Reason is a ray of the divine light.

Ratio et auctoritas, duo clarissima mundi lumina. 4 Inst. 320. Reason and authority, the two brightest lights of the world.

Ratio in jure aequitas integra. Reason in law is perfect Equity.

RATIO LEGIS. The reason or occasion of a law; the occasion of making a law. Bl. Law Tracts, 3.

Ratio legis est anima legis. Jenk. Cent. 45. The reason of law is the soul of law.

Ratio non clauditur loco. Reason is not confined to any place.

Ratio potest allegari deficiente lege; sed ratio vera et legales, et non apparentis. Co. Litt. 191. Reason may be alleged when law is defective; but it must be true and legal reason, and not merely apparent.

RATIONABILE ESTOVERUM. A Latin phrase equivalent to "almony."

RATIONABILIS PARTE BONORUM. A writ that lay for the wife against the executors of her husband, to have the third part of his goods after his just debts and funeral expenses had been paid. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122.

RATIONALIBUS DIVISIS. An abolished writ which lay where two lords, in divers towns, had seigniories adjoining, for him who found his waste by little and little to have been encroached upon, against the other, who had encroached, thereby to rectify their bounds. Cowell.

RATIONE IMPOTENTIÆ. Lat. On account of inability. A ground of qualified property in some animals fere naturae; as in the young ones, while they are unable to fly or run. 2 Bl. Comm. 3, 4.

RATIONE MATERÆ. Lat. By reason of the matter involved; in consequence of, or from the nature of, the subject-matter.

RATIONE PERSONÆ. Lat. By reason of the person concerned; from the character of the person.

RATIONE PRIVILEGII. Lat. This term describes a species of property in wild animals, which consists in the right which, by a peculiar franchise anciently granted by the English crown, by virtue of its prerogative, one man may have of killing and taking such animals on the land of another. 106 E. C. L. 870.

RATIONE SOLI. Lat. On account of the soil; with reference to the soil. Said to be the ground of ownership in bees. 2 Bl. Comm. 333.

RATIONE TENÆRIÆ. L. Lat. By reason of tenure; as a consequence of tenure. 3 Bl. Comm. 230.

RATIONES. In old law. The pleadings in a suit. Rationes exercere, or ad rationes stare, to plead.

RATTENING is where the members of a trade union cause the tools, clothes, or other property of a workman to be taken away or hidden, in order to compel him to join the union or cease working. It is, in England, an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 86, § 7. Sweet.

RAVINE. A long, deep, and narrow hollow, worn by a stream or torrent of water; a long, deep, and narrow hollow or pass through the mountains. Long v. Boone Co., 38 Iowa, 60.

RAVISH. To have carnal knowledge of a woman by force and against her will; to rape. State v. Heyer, 59 N. J. Law, 157, 98 A. 413, 414, Ann. Cas. 1018D, 281; State v. Williams, 263 Mo. 603, 173 S. W. 1051, 1053.


RAVISHMENT. In criminal law. An unlawful taking of a woman, or of an heir in ward. Rape.

RAVISHMENT DE GARD. L. Fr. An abolished writ which lay for a guardian by knight's service or in socage, against a person who took from him the body of his ward. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 140; 12 Car. II. c. 3.

RAVISHMENT OF WARD. In English law. The marriage of an infant ward without the consent of the guardian.

RAW FRUITS. Fruits which are in their natural state, or so nearly in that condition that they retain substantially unimpaired qualities and characteristics of the fruit as it came from the tree. U. S. v. Meyer Co., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 124, 125.

RAW MATERIAL. "Raw material," as used in definitions of "manufacture," denotes merely material from which final product is made, not necessarily material in its natural state. State v. Hennessy Co., 71 Mont. 301, 230 P. 64, 65; City of Henderson v. George Decker Co., 193 Ky. 245, 233 S. W. 732, 735.

RAZE. To erase. 3 How. State Tr. 156.
RAZON. In Spanish law. Cause, (causa.) Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 4, l. 2.

RE. Lat. In the matter of; in the case of. A term of frequent use in designating judicial proceedings, in which there is only one party. Thus, "Re Vivian" signifies "In the matter of Vivian," or in "Vivian's Case."

RE. FA. L0. The abbreviation of "recordari facias loquitam," (q. v.)

Re, versus, scripto, consensus, traditio, junctura vestes sumere pacta solent. Compacts usually take their clothing from the thing itself, from words, from writing, from consent, from delivery. Plowd. 161.

READERS. In the middle temple, those persons were so called who were appointed to deliver lectures or "readings" at certain periods during term. The clerks in holy orders who read prayers and assist in the performance of divine service in the chapels of the several inn's of court are also so termed. Brown.

READING. The act of pronouncing aloud, or of acquiring by actual inspection, a knowledge of the contents of a writing or of a printed document.

The act or art of perusing written or printed matter and considering its contents or meaning. U. S. v. Tod (C. C. A.) 294 F. 820, 822.

READING-IN. In English ecclesiastical law. The title of a person admitted to a rectory or other benefice will be divested unless within two months after actual possession he publicly read in the church of the benefice, upon some Lord's day, and at the appointed times, the morning and evening service, according to the book of common prayer; and afterwards, publicly before the congregation, declare his assent to such book; and also publicly read the thirty-nine articles in the same church, in the time of common prayer, with declaration of his assent thereto; and moreover, within three months after his admission, read upon some Lord's day in the same church, in the presence of the congregation, in the time of divine service, a declaration by him subscribed before the ordinary, of conformity to the Liturgy, together with the certificate of the ordinary of its having been so subscribed. 2 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 687; Wharton.

READY. Prepared. The words, "I will be ready to," are held to imply a covenant. 1 Rolle, Abr. 515, pl. 8.

READY AND WILLING. Implies capacity to act as well as disposition. 11 L. J. Ex. 322. See 5 Bing. N. C. 399; Tout Temps Prist.

REAFFORESTED. Where a deafforested forest is again made a forest. 20 Car. II. c. 3.

REAL. In Common Law

Relating to land, as distinguished from personal property. This term is applied to lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

In the Civil Law

Relating to a thing, (whether movable or immovable,) as distinguished from a person.

In General

—Real burden. In Scotch law. Where a right to lands is expressly granted under the burden of a specific sum, which is declared a burden on the lands themselves, or where the right is declared null if the sum be not paid, and where the amount of the sum, and the name of the creditor in it, can be discovered from the records, the burden is said to be real. Bell.

—Real chymin. L. Fr. In old English law. The royal way; the king's highway, (regia via.)

—Real injury. In the civil law. An injury arising from an unlawful act, as distinguished from a verbal injury, which was done by words. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 15, nn. 3, 4.

—Real things, (or things real.) In common law. Such things as are permanent, fixed, and immovable, which cannot be carried out of their place; as lands and tenements. 2 Bl. Comm. 15. Things substantial and immovable, and the rights and profits annexed to or issuing out of them. 1 Steph. Comm. 156.


REAL LAW. At Common Law

The body of laws relating to real property. This use of the term is popular rather than technical.

In the Civil Law

A law which relates to specific property, whether movable or immovable.

Laws purely real directly and indirectly regulate property, and the rights of property, without interfering with or changing the state of the person. Wharton.

REALITY. In foreign law. That quality of laws which concerns property or things, (qua ad rem spectant.) Story, Confl. Laws, § 16.

REALIZE. To convert any kind of property into money; but especially to receive the returns from an investment. See Bittiner v.
Appearances which would deceive a reasonably intelligent and careful man, and cause him to believe another guilty of crime, constitute "reasonable cause," and will excuse him in an action for malicious prosecution. Cote v. Gillette (Mo. App.) 156 S. W. 538, 540.


REASONABLE CREATURE. Under the common-law rule that murder is taking the life of a "reasonable creature" under the king's peace, with malice aforesaid, the phrase means a human being, and has no reference to his mental condition, as it includes a lunatic, an idiot, and even an unborn child. See State v. Jones, Wash. (Misc.) 85.

REASONABLE PART. In old English law, that share of a man's goods which the law gave to his wife and children after his decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 492.

REASSURANCE. This is where an insurer procures the whole or a part of the sum which he has insured (&c., contracted to pay in case of loss, death, etc.) to be insured again to him by another person. Sweet.

REATTACHMENT. A second attachment of him who was formerly attached, and dismissed the court without day, by the not coming of the justices, or some such casualty. Reg. Orig. 35.

REBATE. Discount; reducing the interest of money in consideration of prompt payment. Also a deduction from a stipulated premium on a policy of insurance, in pursuance of an antecedent voluntary act. Also a deduction or drawback from a stipulated payment, charge, or rate, (as, a rate for the transportation of freight by a railroad,) not taken out in advance of payment, but handed back to the payer after he has paid the full stipulated sum. State v. Loucks, 32 Wyo. 26, 228 P. 622, 634; Edward Barron Estate Co. v. Waterman, 32 Cal. App. 171, 162 P. 410, 412; American Sugar Refining Co. v. Delaware, L & W. R. Co. (C. C. A.) 207 F. 733, 742; U. S. v. Lehigh Valley R. Co. (D. C.) 222 F. 685; New York Cent. & H. R. R. Co. v. General Electric Co., 219 N. Y. 227, 114 N. E. 115, 117, 1 A. L. R. 1417.

REBEL. The name of rebels is given to all subjects who unjustly take up arms against the ruler of the society [or the lawful and constitutional government], whether their view be to deprive him of the supreme authority or to resist his lawful commands in some particular instance, and to impose conditions on him. Vatt. Law Nat. bk. 3, § 288.

In old English law, the term "rebellion" was also applied to contempt of a court manifested by disobedience to its process, particularly of the court of chancery. If a defendant refused to appear, after attachment and proclamation, a "commission of rebellion" issued against him. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.

REBELLION, COMMISSION OF. In equity practice. A process of contempt issued on the non-appearance of a defendant.

REBELLIOUS ASSEMBLY. In English law. A gathering of twelve persons or more, intending, going about, or practicing unlawfully and of their own authority to change any laws of the realm; or to destroy the inclosure of any park or ground inclosed, banks of fish-ponds, pools, conduits, etc., to the intent the same shall remain void; or that they shall have way in any of the said grounds; or to destroy the deer in any park, fish in ponds, conies in any warren, dovecouses, etc.; or to burn sacks of corn; or to abate rents or prices of victuals, etc. See Cowell.

REBOUTER. To repel or bar. The action of the heir by the warranty of his ancestor is called "to rebut or repel." 2 Co. Litt. 247.

REBUS SIC STANTIBUS. Lat. At this point of affairs; in these circumstances.

A name given to a tacit condition, said to attach to all treaties, that they shall cease to be obligatory so soon as the state of facts and conditions upon which they were founded has substantially changed. Taylor, Int. L. § 394; 1 Oppenheim, Int. L. 550; Grotius, ch. XVI, § XXV; Vattel B. 2, c. 13, § 200; Hall, Int. L. § 116; Hershey, Int. Pub. L. 319.

The change of government from a monarchy to a republic was treated as not terminating treaties; 5 Moore, Dig. Int. L. 335; nor a successful revolution; id. 337; nor an alliance of one of the treaty powers with a third power; id. But as the result of the changes in the state of Europe effected by the wars of Napoleon, all the treaties of the United States with European powers were considered as terminated, excepting only one with Spain of 1795. Id. 338.

REBUT. In pleading and evidence. To rebut is to defeat or take away the effect of something. Thus, when a plaintiff in an action produces evidence which raises the presumption of the defendant's liability, and the defendant adduces evidence which shows that the presumption is ill-founded, he is said to "rebut it." Sweet.

In the old law of real property, to rebut was to repel or bar a claim. Thus, when a person was sued for land which had been warranted to him by the plaintiff or his ancestor, and he pleaded the warranty as a defense to the action, this was called a "rebutter." Co. Litt. 365a; Termes de la Ley.

REBUT AL EQUITY. To defeat an apparent equitable right or claim, by the introduction of evidence showing that, in the particular circumstances, there is no ground for such equity to attach, or that it is overridden by a superior or countervailing equity. See 2 Whart. Ev. § 973.

REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION. In the law of evidence. A presumption which may be rebutted by evidence. Otherwise called a "disputable" presumption. A species of legal presumption which holds good until disproved. Best, Pres. § 25; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 53.

REBUTTAL. The introduction of rebutting evidence; the stage of a trial at which such evidence may be introduced; also the rebutting evidence itself. Lux v. Hagglin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 671.

REBUTTER. In pleading. A defendant's answer of fact to a plaintiff's surrejoinder; the third pleading in the series on the part of the defendant. Steph. Pl. 59; 3 Bl. Comm. 310.

REBUTTING EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

RECALL. In International Law

To summon a diplomatic minister back to his home court, at the same time depriving him of his office and functions.

In Constitutional Law

To retire an elected officer, by a vote of the electorate. In 1911 the right to recall was provided in Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and California. Like provisions were adopted in 1912 in Ohio, Arizona, and Nebraska. The recall of judges was adopted in Oregon in 1908; in California in 1911; in Colorado, Arizona, and Nevada in 1912.

RECALL A JUDGMENT. To revoke, cancel, vacate, or reverse a judgment for matters of fact; when it is annulled by reason of errors of law, it is said to be "reversed."

RECAPTION. A retaking, or taking back. A species of remedy by the mere act of the party injured, (otherwise termed "reprisal," which happens when any one has deprived another of his property in goods or chattels personal, or wrongfully detains one's wife, child, or servant. In this case, the owner of the goods, and the husband, parent, or master may lawfully claim and retake them, wherever he happens to find them, so it be not in a riotous manner, or attended with a breach of the peace. 3 Inst. 134; 3 Bl. Comm. 4; 3 Steph. Comm. 358; Prigg v.
RECEIVER'S CERTIFICATE


RECEIVER. A receiver is an indifferent person between the parties appointed by the court to collect and receive the rents, issues, and profits of land, or the produce of personal estate, or other things which it does not seem reasonable to the court that either party should do; or where a party is incompetent to do so, as in the case of an infant. The remedy of the appointment of a receiver is one of the very oldest in the court of chancery, and is founded on the inadequacy of the remedy to be obtained in the court of ordinary jurisdiction, Bisp. Eq. § 576. See Hay v. McDaniel, 26 Ind. App. 683, 50 N. E. 729; Hale v. Hardon, 96 F. 773, 37 C. C. A. 240; Wiswall v. Kunz, 173 Ill. 110, 50 N. E. 184; State v. Gambs, 68 Mo. 297; Nevitt v. Woodburn, 190 Ill. 253, 59 N. E. 590; Kennedy v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 3 F. 102; Underhill v. Rutland R. Co., 91 Vt. 452, 98 A. 1017, 1020; Kolerlnot v. Roos (Tex. Civ. App.) 159 S. W. 505, 508; Ex parte Devoy, 208 Mo. App. 550, 238 S. W. 1070, 1072; Sterrett v. Second Nat. Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio (C. C. A.) 246 F. 753, 754, 3 A. L. R. 256; Peterson v. Durellins, 168 Minn. 365, 210 N. W. 38, 39; City Bank of Wheeling v. Bryan, 76 W. Va. 481, 88 S. E. 8, 9, L. R. A. 1915F, 1219.

One who receives money to the use of another to render an account. Story, Eq. Jur. § 446.

In Criminal Law

One who receives stolen goods from thieves, and conceals them. Cowell. This was always the prevalent sense of the word in the common as well as the civil law.

RECEIVER GENERAL OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER. An officer of the duchy court, who collects all the revenues, fines, forfeitures, and assessments within the duchy.

RECEIVER GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC REVENUE. In English law. An officer appointed in every county to receive the taxes granted by parliament, and remit the money to the treasury.

RECEIVER OF FINES. An English officer who receives the money from persons who compound with the crown on original writs sued out of chancery. Wharton.

RECEIVERS AND TRIERS OF PETITIONS. The mode of receiving and trying petitions to parliament was formerly judicial rather than legislative, and the triers were committees of prelates, peers, and judges, and, latterly, of the members generally. Brown.

RECEIVER'S CERTIFICATE. A non-negotiable evidence of debt, or debenture, issued by authority of a court of chancery, as a first lien upon the property of a debtor corporation in the hands of a receiver. Beach, Rec. § 379.
RECEIVERS OF WRECK. Persons appointed by the English board of trade. The duties of a receiver of wreck are to take steps for the preservation of any vessel stranded or in distress within his district; to receive and take possession of all articles washed on shore from the vessel; to use force for the suppression of plunder and disorder; to institute an examination on oath with respect to the vessel; and, if necessary, to sell the vessel, cargo, or wreck. Sweet.


RECENS INSECUTIO. In old English law. Fresh suit; fresh pursuit. Pursuit of a thief immediately after the discovery of the robbery. 1 Bl. Comm. 297.

RÉCÉPISSE DE COTISATION. In French law. A receipt setting forth the extent of the interest subscribed by a member of a mutual insurance company. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 571.

RECEPTUS. Lat. In the civil law. The name sometimes given to an arbitrator, because he had been received or chosen to settle the differences between the parties. Dig. 4, 8; Cod. 2, 56.

RECESS. In the practice of the courts, a recess is a short interval or period of time during which the court suspends business, but without adjourning. See In re Gannon, 69 Cal. 541, 11 P. 246. In legislative practice, a recess is the interval, occurring in consequence of an adjournment, between the sessions of the same continuous legislative body; not the interval between the final adjournment of one body and the convening of another at the next regular session. See Tipton v. Parker, 71 Ark. 193, 74 S. W. 298; Reynolds v. Cropsey, 241 N. Y. 380, 150 N. E. 303, 307; In re Opinion of the Justices, 116 Me. 557, 103 A. 761; In re Meade’s Estate, 82 W. Va. 650, 97 S. E. 127, 128; Intermela v. Perkins (C. C. A.) 206 F. 603, 611.

RECESSION. The act of ceding back; the restoration of the title and dominion of a territory, by the government which now holds it, to the government from which it was obtained by cession or otherwise. 2 White, Recop. 516.

RECESSUS MARIS. Lat. In old English law. A going back; reflection or retreat of the sea.

RECHT. Ger. Right; justice; equity; the whole body of law; unwritten law; law; also a right.

There is much ambiguity in the use of this term, an ambiguity which it shares with the French “droit,” the Italian “diritto,” and the English “right.” On the one hand, the term “recht” answers to the Roman “ius,” and thus indicates law in the abstract, considered as the foundation of all rights, or the complex of underlying moral principles which impart the character of justice to all positive law, or give it an ethical content. Taken in this abstract sense, the term may be an adjective, in which case it is equivalent to the English “just,” or a noun, in which case it may be paraphrased by the expressions “justice,” “morality,” or “equity.” On the other hand, it serves to point out a right; that is, a power, privilege, faculty, or demand, inherent in one person, and incident upon another. In the latter signification “recht” (“recht” or “droit,” or “diritto,” or “right”) is the correlative of “duty” or “obligation.” In the former sense, it may be considered as opposed to wrong, injustice, or the absence of law. The word “recht” has the further ambiguity that it is used in contradistinction to “gesch.,” as “ius” is opposed to “lex,” or the unwritten law to enacted law. See Droit; Jus; Right.

RECIDIVE. In French law. The state of an individual who having been convicted of a crime or misdemeanor, commits one again. A realeap. Dalloz.

RECIDIVIST. A habitual criminal. One who makes a trade of crime. McDonald, Criminology, ch. viii.

RECIPROCAL CONTRACT. A contract, the parties to which enter into mutual engagements. A mutual or bilateral contract.

RECIPROCAL WILLS. Wills made by two or more persons in which they make reciprocal testamentary provisions in favor of each other, whether they unite in one will or each executes a separate one. In re Cawley’s Estate, 138 Pa. 628, 20 A. 567, 10 L. R. A. 93.

RECIPROCITY. Mutual obligation. The term is used in international law to denote the relation existing between two states when each of them gives the subjects of the other certain privileges, on condition that its own subjects shall enjoy similar privileges at the hands of the latter state. Sweet.

RECITAL. The formal statement or setting forth of some matter of fact, in any deed or writing, in order to explain the reasons upon which the transaction is founded. The recitals are situated in the premises of a deed,
that is, in that part of a deed between the date and the "habendum," and they usually commence with the formal word "whereas." Brown.

The formal preliminary statement in a deed or other instrument, of such deeds, agreements, or matters of fact as are necessary to explain the reasons upon which the transaction is founded. 2 Bl. Comm. 288.

In Pleading

The statement of matter as introductory to some positive allegation, beginning in declarations with the words, "For that whereas." Steph. Pl. 388, 389.

REcite. To state in a written instrument facts connected with its inception, or reasons for its being made. Also to quote or set forth the words or the contents of some other instrument or document; as, to "recite" a statute. See Hart v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 6 W. Va. 348.

Reck. To take heed; have a care, mind, heed. Lancaster v. Carter (Tex. Com. App.) 255 S. W. 392, 394.


Reclame. To claim or demand back; to ask for the return or restoration of a thing; to insist upon one's right to recover that which was one's own, but was parted with conditionally or mistakenly; as, to reclame goods which were obtained from one under false pretenses.

In Feudal Law

In feudal law, it was used of the action of a lord pursuing, prosecuting, and recalling his vassal, who had gone to live in another place, without his permission.

In International Law

In International law, it denotes the demanding of a thing or person to be delivered up or surrendered to the government or state to which either properly belongs, when, by an irregular means, it has come into the possession of another. Wharton.

In the Law of Property

Spoken of animals, to reduce from a wild to a tame or domestic state; to tame them. In an analogous sense, to reclame land is to reduce marshy or swamp land to a state fit for cultivation and habitation.

In Scott Law

To appeal. The reclaming days in Scotland are the days allowed to a party dissatisfied with the judgment of the lord ordinary to appeal therefrom to the inner house; and the petition of appeal is called the reclaming "bill," "note," or "petition." Mozley & Whit ley; Bell.

Reclaimed Animals. Those that are made tame by art, industry, or education, whereby a qualified property may be acquired in them.

Reclaming Bill. In Scotch law. A petition of appeal or review of a judgment of the lord ordinary or other inferior court. Bell.

Reclamation District. A subdivision of a state created by legislative authority, for the purpose of reclaiming swamp, marshy, or desert lands within its boundaries and rendering them fit for habitation or cultivation, generally with funds raised by local taxation or the issue of bonds, and sometimes with authority to make rules or ordinances for the regulation of the work in hand.

RECOGNITION. Ratification; confirmation; an acknowledgment that something done by another person in one's name had one's authority.

An inquiry conducted by a chosen body of men, not sitting as part of the court, into the facts in dispute in a case at law; these "recognitors" preceded the jurymen of modern times, and reported their recognition or verdict to the court. Stim. Law Gloss.

RECOGNITONE ADFULLANDA PER VIM ET DURIUM FACTA. A writ to the justices of the common bench for sending a record touching a recognition, which the recognizee suggests was acknowledged by force and duress; that if it so appear the recognition may be annulled. Reg. Orig. 183.

RECOGNITORS. In English law. The name by which the jurors impaneled on an assize are known. See Recognition.

The word is sometimes met in modern books, as meaning the person who enters into a recognition, being thus another form of recognizee.

RECOGNIZANCE. An obligation of record, entered into before some court of record, or magistrate duly authorized, with condition to do some particular act; as to appear at the assizes, or criminal court, to keep the peace, or pay a debt, or the like. It resembles a bond, but differs from it in being an acknowledgment of a former debt upon record. 2 Bl. Comm. 341. See U. S. v. Insley (C. C.) 49 F. 778; State v. Walker, 56 N. H. 178; Crawford v. Vinton, 102 Mich. 83, 62 N. W. 985; State v. Grant, 10 Minn. 48 (Gill. 22); Longley v. Vose, 27 Me. 179; Com. v. Emery, 2 Bin. (Pa.) 80; State v. Smith, 98 W. Va. 621, 127 S. E. 495, 496; Tanquary v. People, 25 Colo. App. 531, 139 P. 1118, 1121; Walker v. Commonwealth, 144 Va. 648, 131 S. E. 290, 293; Capital Garage Co. v. Gordon, 90 Vt. 58, 130 A. 756; Albrecht v. State, 132 Md. 150, 109 A. 443, 444. In criminal law, a person who has been found guilty of an offense may, in certain cases, be required to enter into a recognition by which he binds himself to keep the peace for a certain period. Sweet.

In the practice of several of the states, a recognizance is a species of bail bond or security, given by the prisoner either on being bound over for trial or on his taking an appeal.

In criminal cases, a "bail bond" is a contract under seal, executed by accused, and from its nature requiring sureties or bail, to whose custody he is committed, while a "recognizance" is an obligation of record, entered into before some court or magistrate authorized to take it, with condition to do some particular act, and a prisoner is often allowed so to obligate himself to answer to the charge. National Surety Co. v. Nazzaro, 133 N. E. 346, 223 Mass. 74; Ewing v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 249 F. 241, 246; State v. Bradsher, 180 N. C. 401, 127 S. E. 349, 351, 38 A. L. R. 1102; State v. Wilson, 265 Mo. 1, 175 S. W. 603, 605.

RECOGNIZE. To try; to examine in order to determine the truth of a matter. Also to enter into a recognizance.

RECOGNIZEE. He to whom one is bound in a recognizance.

RECOGNIZOR. He who enters into a recognizance.

RÉCOLEMENT. In French law. This is the process by which a witness, who has given his deposition, reads the same over and scrutinizes it, with a view to affirming his satisfaction with it as it stands, or to making such changes in it as his better recollection may suggest to him as necessary to the truth. This is necessary to the validity of the deposition. See Poth. Proc. Crim. § 4, art. 4.

RECOMMENDATION. In feudal law. A method of converting alodial land into feudal property. The owner of the alod surrendered it to the king or a lord, doing homage, and received it back as a benefice or feud, to hold to himself and such of his heirs as he had previously nominated to the superior.

The act of one person in giving to another a favorable account of the character, responsibility, or skill of a third.

Letter of Recommendation. A writing whereby one person certifies concerning another that he is of good character, solvent, possessed of commercial credit, skilled in his trade or profession, or otherwise worthy of trust, aid, or employment. It may be addressed to an individual or to whom it may concern, and is designed to aid the person commended in obtaining credit, employment, etc. See McDonald v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 187 Ill. 529, 58 N. E. 463; Lord v. Goddard, 13 How. 193, 14 L. Ed. 111.

RECOMMENDATORY. Prefatory, advisory, or directory. Recommendatory words in a will are such as do not express the testator's command in a peremptory form, but advise, counsel, or suggest that a certain course be pursued or disposition made.

RECOMPENSATION. In Scotland, where a party sues for a debt, and the defendant pleads compensation, i.e., set-off, the plaintiff may allege a compensation on his part; and this is called a "recompensation." Bell.

RECOMPENSE. A reward for services; remuneration for goods or other property.

RECOMPENSE OR RECOVERY IN VALUE. That part of the judgment in a "common recovery" by which the tenant is declared entitled to recover lands of equal value with those which were warranted to him and lost by the default of the vouches. See 2 Bl. Comm. 358-359.
RECONCILIATION. The renewal of amicable relations between two persons who had been at enmity or variance; usually implying forgiveness of injuries on one or both sides. It is sometimes used in the law of divorce as a term synonymous or analogous to "condonation." Martin v. Martin, 151 La. 530, 82 So. 46, 48.

RECONSTRUCTION. In the civil law. A renewing of a former lease; relocation. Dig. 19, 2, 13, 11; Code Nap. arts. 1737-1740.

RECONSTRUCTION. The name commonly given to the process of reorganizing, by acts of congress and executive action, the governments of the states which had passed ordinances of secession, and of re-establishing their constitutional relations to the national government, restoring their representation in congress, and effecting the necessary changes in their internal government, after the close of the civil war. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 48; Texas v. White; 7 Wall. 700, 19 L. Ed. 227.

"Reconstruction" presupposes the nonexistence of the thing to be reconstructed, as an entity; that the thing before existing has lost its entity; and "reconstruction" is defined as follows: To construct again; to rebuild; to restore again as the entity the thing which was lost or destroyed. Walker v. Dwelle, 187 Iowa, 1384, 175 N. W. 957, 961; Fuche v. City of Cedar Rapids, 158 Iowa, 392, 139 N. W. 903, 904, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 590; People on Complaint of Hickey v. Whitley (City Ct.) 166 N. Y. S. 141, 147; Appeal of City of Norwalk, 88 Conn. 471, 91 A. 442, 443; C. & R. Research Corporation v. Write, Inc. (D. C.) 19 F.2d 380, 381; Berry v. McCon nell, 187 Mo. App. 673, 173 S. W. 100; Fogle song Mach. Co. v. J. D. Randall Co. (C. C. A.) 239 F. 839, 835; Bettenbrock v. Miller, 185 Ind. 690, 112 N. E. 771, 773; Clark v. Martin, 182 Iowa, 811, 168 N. W. 276, 277; Ramsey v. City of Cape Girardeau, 185 Mo. App. 229, 170 S. W. 342, 343; Parker-Washington Co. v. Meriwether, 172 Mo. App. 344, 158 S. W. 74, 75; Crane Co. v. Fidelity Trust Co. (C. C. A.) 238 F. 693, 698; McCarty v. Boulevard Comrs of Hudson County, 91 N. J. Law, 137, 109 A. 219, 220.

RECONTINUANCE seems to be used to signify that a person has recovered an incorporeal hereditament of which he had been wrongfully deprived. Thus, "A is deceased of a manor, whereunto an advowson is appendant, an estranger [i.e., neither A nor the disseisor] usurps to the advowson; if the disseisoo [A] enter into the manor, the advowson is reconsecrated again, which was severed by the usurpation." * * * And so note a diversitie between a reconsecration and a remitter; for a remitter cannot be properly, unless there be two titles; but a reconsecration may be where there is but one." Co. Litt. 303b; Sweet.

RECONVINCERE. Lat. In the canon and civil law. To make a cross-demand upon the actor, or plaintiff. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 14, and note, (r.)

RECONVENTION. In the civil law. An action by a defendant against a plaintiff in a former action; a cross-bill or litigation. The term is used in practice in the states of Louisiana and Texas, derived from the reconvenus of the civil law. Reconvention is not identical with set-off, but more extensive. See Pacific Exp. Co. v. Malin, 132 U. S. 531, 10 S. Ct. 166, 33 L. Ed. 450; Subervielle v. Adams, 47 La. Ann. 68, 16 So. 652; Gimbel v. Gomprecht, 89 Tex. 407, 35 S. W. 470.

RECONVERSION. That imaginary process by which a prior constructive conversion is annulled, and the converted property restored in contemplation of law to its original state. Clifton v. Owens, 170 N. C. 607, 87 S. E. 502, 503; Mattison v. Stone, 99 S. C. 151, 82 S. E. 1046, 1047.

RECONVEYANCE takes place where a mortgage debt is paid off, and the mortgaged property is conveyed again to the mortgagor or his representatives free from the mortgage debt. Sweet.

RECOPIACION DE INDIAS. A collection of Spanish colonial law, promulgated A. D. 1680. See Schu. Civil Law, Introd. 94.

RECORD, v. To register or enroll; to write out on parchment or paper, or in a book, for the purpose of preserving and perpetual memorial; to transcribe a document, or enter the history of an act or series of acts, in an official volume, for the purpose of giving notice of the same, of furnishing authentic evidence, and for preservation. See Cady v. Purser, 131 Cal. 552, 63 P. 844, 82 Am. St. Rep. 391; Vidor v. Rawlins, 93 Tex. 259, 54 S. W. 1026; Lincoln County v. Twin Falls North Side Land & Water Co., 23 Idaho, 433, 130 P. 788, 790.

RECORD, n. A written account of some act, transaction, or instrument, drawn up, under authority of law, by a proper officer, and designed to remain as a memorial or permanent evidence of the matters to which it relates. People ex rel. Simons v. Dowling, 84 Misc. 201, 146 N. Y. S. 919, 920.

There are three kinds of records, viz.: (1) judicial, as an attender; (2) ministerial, on oath, being an office or inquisition found; (3) by way of conveyance, as a deed enrolled. Wharton.

In Practice

A written memorial of all the acts and proceedings in an action or suit, in a court of record. The record is the official and authentic history of the cause, consisting in entries of each successive step in the proceedings, chronicling the various acts of the parties and
of the court, couched in the formal language established by usage, terminating with the judgment rendered in the cause, and intended to remain as a perpetual and unimpeachable memorial of the proceedings and judgment. State v. Brewer, 19 Ala. App. 291, 37 So. 160, 161.

At common law, "record" signifies a roll of parchment upon which the proceedings and transactions of a court are entered or drawn up by its officers, and which is then deposited in its treasury in perpetuum reli memoriam. 3 Steph. Comm. 553; 3 Bl. Comm. 24. A court of record is that where the acts and judicial proceedings are enrolled in parchment for a perpetual memorial and testimony, which rolls are called the "records of the court," and are of such high and supereminent authority that their truth is not to be called in question. Hahn v. Kelly, 34 Cal. 422, 94 Am. Dec. 742. And see O'Connell v. Hotchkiss, 41 Conn. 53; Marrah v. State, 51 Miss. 656; Bellas v. McCarty, 10 Watts (Pa.) 24; U. S. v. Taylor, 13 S. Ct. 473, 147 U. S. 685, 27 L. Ed. 256; State v. Godwin, 27 N. C. 463, 44 Am. Dec. 24; Vail v. Iglesburt, 69 Ill. 234; State v. Angier, 64 Kan. 742, 68 P. 668; Wilkinson v. Railway Co. (C. C.) 23 F. 562; In re Christena, 43 N. Y. Super. Ct. 631.

In the practice of appellate tribunals, the word "record" is generally understood to mean the history of the proceedings on the trial of the action below, (with the pleadings, offers, objections to evidence, rulings of the court, exceptions, charge, etc.) in so far as the same appears in the record furnished to the appellate court in the paper-books or other transcripts. Hence, derivatively, it means the aggregate of the various judicial steps taken on the trial below. In so far as they were taken, presented, or allowed in the formal and proper manner necessary to put them upon the record of the court. This is the meaning in such phrases as "no error in the record," "contents of the record," "outside the record," etc. Southern Surety Co. v. Turnham, 58 Ohio, 583, 160 P. 408, 469; Clement v. First Nat. Bank, 115 Tex. 432, 282 S. W. 558, 590; State v. Landecker, 100 N. J. Law, 105, 128 A. 408, 410; Capitain v. Mississippi Valley Trust Co. (Mo. Sup.) 177 S. W. 628, 633; Margolies v. Goldberg, 101 N. J. Law, 75, 127 A. 271, 272; Le Clair v. Calls Him, 106 Ohio. 217, 233 P. 1087, 1091.


In General

—Conveyances by record. Extraordinary assurances; such as private acts of parliament and royal grants.

—Courts of record. Those whose judicial acts and proceedings are enrolled in parchment, for a perpetual memorial and testimony, which rolls are called the "records of the court," and are of such high and supereminent authority that their truth is not to be called in question. Every court of record has authority to fine and imprison for contempt of its authority. 3 Broom & H. Comm. 21, 30.

—Debts of record. Those which appear to be due by the evidence of a court of record; such as a judgment, recognizance, etc.

—Diminution of record. Incompleteness of the record sent up on appeal. See Diminution.

—Matter of record. See Matter.

—Null title record. See Nul.

—Of record. See that title.


—Record and writ clerk. Four officers of the court of chancery were designated by this title, whose duty it was to file bills brought to them for that purpose. Business was distributed among them according to the initial letter of the surname of the first plaintiff in a suit. Hunt, Eq. These officers are now transferred to the high court of justice under the judicature acts.

—Record commission. The name of a board of commissioners appointed for the purpose of searching out, classifying, indexing, or publishing the public records of a state or county.

—Record of nisi prius. In English law. An official copy or transcript of the proceedings in an action, entered on parchment and "sealed and passed," as it is termed, at the proper office; it serves as a warrant to the judge to try the cause, and is the only document at which he can judiciously look for in-
formation as to the nature of the proceedings and the issues joined. Brown.

—Title of record. A title to real estate, evidenced and provable by one or more conveyances or other instruments all of which are duly entered on the public land records.

—Trial by record. A species of trial adopted for determining the existence or non-existence of a record. When a record is asserted by one party to exist, and the opposite party denies its existence under the form of a traverse that there is no such record remaining in court as alleged, and issue is joined thereon, this is called an "issue of nul tie record," and in such case the court awards a trial by inspection and examination of the record. Upon this the party affirming its existence is bound to produce it in court on a day given for the purpose, and, if he fails to do so, judgment is given for his adversary. Co. Litt. 1170, 206a; 3 Bl. Comm. 331.

Records sunt vestigia vetustatis et veritatis. Records are vestiges of antiquity and truth. 2 Rolle, 296.


RECORDARI FACIAS LOQUELA. In English practice. A writ by which a suit or plaint in replevin may be removed from a county court to one of the courts of Westminster Hall. 3 Bl. Comm. 149; 3 Steph. Pl. 322, 668. So termed from the emphatic words of the old writ, by which the sheriff was commanded to cause the plaint to be recorded, and have the record before the superior court. Reg. Orig. 5b.

RECORDATURI. In old English practice. An entry made upon a record, in order to prevent any alteration of it. 1 Ld. Raym. 211.

An order or allowance that the verdict returned on the nisi prius roll be recorded.

RECODER, v. L. Fr. In Norman law. To recite or testify on recollection what had previously passed in court. This was the duty of the judges and other principal persons who presided at the placutum; thence called "recorderum." Steph. Pl., Append, note 11.

RECODER, n. In old English law. A barrister or other person learned in the law, whom the mayor or other magistrate of any city or town corporate, having jurisdiction or a court of record within their precincts, associated to him for his better direction in matters of justice and proceedings according to law. Cowell.

The name "recorder" is also given to a magistrate, in the judicial systems of some of the states, who has a criminal jurisdiction analogous to that of a police judge or other committing magistrate, and usually a limited civil jurisdiction, and sometimes authority conferred by statute in special classes of proceedings. Leigheber v. State, 17 Ala. App. 551, 88 So. 128; City of Colton v. Superior Court in and for San Bernardino County, 84 Cal. App. 303, 257 P. 909, 911.

Also an officer appointed to make record or enrolment of deeds and other legal instruments authorized by law to be recorded.

RECORDE OF LONDON. One of the justices of oyer and terminer, and a justice of the peace of the quorum for putting the laws in execution for the preservation of the peace and government of the city. Being the mouth of the city, he delivers the sentences and judgments of the court therein, and also certifies and records the city customs, etc. He is chosen by the lord mayor and aldermen, and attends the business of the city when summoned by the lord mayor, etc. Wharton.

RECORDING ACTS. Statutes enacted in the several states relative to the official recording of deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, chattel mortgages, etc., and the effect of such records as notice to creditors, purchasers, incumbrancers, and others interested.

RECORDS, EARLY ENGLISH. A record commission was appointed in 1809 by parliament, which in 37 years of service printed many records of England, Wales and Scotland. See their reports. Extracts from that on the "Statutes of the Realm" will be found in 2 Sel. Essays in Anglo. Amer. L. H. 171. See 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L.

RECORDUM. A record; a judicial record. It is used in the phrase prout patet per recordum, which is a formula employed, in pleading, for reference to a record, signifying as it appears from the record. 1 Chl. Pl. 358; Philpot v. McArthur, 10 Me. 127.

RECOUP, or RECOUPE. To deduct, default, discount, set off, or keep back; to withhold part of a demand.

RECOUPMENT. In practice. Defalcation or discount from a demand. A keeping back something which is due, because there is an equitable reason to withhold it. Tomlins.

It is keeping-back something which is due because there is an equitable reason to withhold it; and is now uniformly applied where a man brings an action for breach of a contract between him and the defendant; and where the latter can show that some stipulation in the same contract was made by the plaintiff, which he has violated, the defendant may, if he choose, instead of suing in his turn, recoup his damages arising from the breach committed by the plaintiff, whether they be liquidated or not. Ives v. Van Epps, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 156. And see Barber v. Chapin, 25 Vt. 423; Lawton v. Ricketts, 104 Ala. 459, 15 So. 63; Aultman v. Torrey, 56 Minn. 462, 57 N. W. 221; Dietrich v. Dierberg, 11 C. C. A. 356, 63 F. 415; The Bellowsville v. Goiselle, 3 Ohio St. 341; Nichols v. Dusenbury, 2 N. Y. 256; Myers v. Estell, 47 Misc. 23. In speaking of matters to be shown in defense, the term "recoupment" is often used as synonymous with "reduction." The term is of French origin, and signifies cutting again, or cutting back, and, as a defense, means the cutting back on the plaintiff's claim by the defendant. Like reduction, it is of necessity limited to the amount of the plaintiff's claim. It is properly applicable to a case where the same contract imposes mutual duties and obligations on the two parties, and one seeks a remedy for the breach of duty by the second, and the second meets the demand by a claim for the breach of duty by the first. Davenport v. Hubbard, 46 Vt. 207, 14 Am. Rep. 629.

"Recoupment" differs from "set-off" in this respect: that any claim or demand the defendant may have against the plaintiff may be used as a set-off, while it is not a subject for recoupment unless it grows out of the very same transaction which furnishes the plaintiff's cause of action. The term is, as appears above, synonymous with "reduction;" but the latter is not a technical term of the law; the word "defalcation." In one of its meanings, expresses the same idea, and is used interchangeably with recoupment. Recoupment, as a remedy, corresponds to the reconvention of the civil law. Dexter-Portland Cement Co. v. Acme Supply Co., 147 Va. 768, 133 S. E. 785, 789; Stern v. Sunset Road Oil Co., 47 Cal. App. 324, 150 P. 651, 655; Brown v. Patterson, 241 Ala. 351, 188 So. 14, 17, 47 A. L. R. 1083; Curtis-Warner Corporation v. Thirkettle, 39 N. J. Eq. 306, 124 A. 339, 335; Lovett v. Lovett, 93 Fla. 611, 112 So. 785, 788.

"Recoupment" is the right to set off unliquidated damages, while the right of "set-off," comprehends only liquidated damages, or those capable of being ascertained by calculation. Alley v. Bessemer Gas Engine Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 226 S. W. 963, 965. Recoupment is confined to matters arising out of the transaction or contract upon which suit is brought, not depending upon whether the matter be liquidated or unliquidated. J. C. Lysle Milling Co. v. North Alabama Grocery Co., 201 Ala. 222, 87 So. 745, 746. While there is a well-defined distinction between set-off and recoupment, they are each, in a sense, set-offs. Lehman v. Austin, 195 Ala. 244, 70 So. 653, 655.

Recourse. The phrase "without recourse" is used in the form of making a qualified or restrictive Indorsement of a bill or note. By these words the indorser signifies that, while he transfers his property in the instrument, he does not assume the responsibility of an indorser. See Lyons v. Fitzpatrick, 52 La. Ann. 697, 27 So. 111.

Recovery. In its most extensive sense, a recovery is the restoration or vindication of a right existing in a person, by the formal judgment or decree of a competent court, at his instance and suit, or the obtaining, by such judgment, of some right or property which has been taken or withheld from him. This is also called a "true" recovery, to distinguish it from a "fugitive" or "common" recovery. See Common Recovery.

The obtaining of a thing by the judgment of a court, as the result of an action brought for that purpose. Vaughan v. Humphreys, 133 Ark. 140, 239 S. W. 730, 22 A. L. R. 1201.

Also, the amount finally collected, or the amount of judgment. In re Lahn, 179 App. Div. 737, 167 N. Y. S. 217, 219; U. S. v. Konstovelv (C. C. A.) 17 F.(2d) 84, 85; McCall v. Atchley (Mo. App.) 194 S. W. 714, 717; Sanders v. Riddle, 127 Tenn. 701, 156 S. W. 494; Hartwig v. Eliason, 164 Wis. 331, 159 N. W. 943, 944.

Final Recovery

The final judgment in an action. Also the final verdict in an action, as distinguished from the judgment entered upon it. Fisk v. Gray, 100 Mass. 195; Count Joannes v. Pangborn, 6 Allen (Mass.) 243.

Recredential. Coward or craven. The word pronounced by a combatant in the trial by battle, when he acknowledged himself beaten. 3 Bl. Comm. 340.

Recriminalization. A charge made by an accused person against the accuser; in particular a counter-charge of adultery or cruelty made by one charged with the same offense in a suit for divorce, against the person who has charged him or her. Wharton.


Recruit. A newly-enlisted soldier.
RECRUITING. “Recruiting,” in Espionage Act June 15, 1917, tlt. 1, § 3 (50 USCA § 33 note), denouncing the offense of obstructing the “recruiting or enlistment service,” is gaining fresh supplies for the forces, as well by draft as otherwise, and as an alternative to enlistment or voluntary enrollment. Schenck v. U. S., 249 U. S. 47, 39 S. Ct. 244, 249, 63 L. Ed. 479; Fairchild v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 265 F. 584, 587; U. S. v. Pfeif (D. C.) 251 F. 916, 951.

RECTA PRISA REGIS. In old English law. The king’s right to prisage, or taking of one butt or pipe of wine before and another behind the mast, as a custom for every ship laden with wines. Cowell.

RECTIFICATION.

Rectification of Instrument

In English law. To rectify is to correct or define something which is erroneous or doubtful. Thus, when the parties to an agreement have determined to embody its terms in the appropriate and conclusive form, but the instrument meant to effect this purpose (e. g., a conveyance, settlement, etc.) is, by mutual mistake, so framed as not to express the real intention of the parties, an action may be brought in the chancery division of the high court to have it rectified. Sweet.

Rectification of Boundaries

An action to rectify or ascertain the boundaries of two adjoining pieces of land may be brought in the chancery division of the high court. Id.

Rectification of Register

The rectification of a register is the process by which a person whose name is wrongly entered on (or omitted from) a register may compel the keeper of the register to remove (or enter) his name. Id.

RECTIFIER. As used in the United States internal revenue laws, this term is not confined to a person who runs spirits through charcoal, but is applied to any one who rectifies or purifies spirits in any manner whatever, or who makes a mixture of spirits with anything else, and sells it under any name. Quantity of Distilled Spirits, 3 Ben. 73, Fed. Cas. No. 11,494.

RECTITUDO. Lat. Right or justice; legal dues; tribute or payment. Cowell.

RECTO, BREVE DE. A writ of right, which was of so high a nature that as other writs in real actions were only to recover the possession of the land, etc., in question, this aimed to recover the seisin and the property, and thereby both the rights of possession and property were tried together. Cowell.

RECTO DE ADOVACIONE ECCLESIAE. A writ which lay at common law, where a man had right of advowson of a church, and, the parson dying, a stranger had presented. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 30.

RECTO DE CUSTODIA TERRÆ ET HÆREDIS. A writ of right of ward of the land and heir. Abolished.

RECTO DE DOTE. A writ of right of dower, which lay for a widow who had received part of her dower, and demanded the residue, against the heir of the husband or his guardian. Abolished. See 23 & 24 Vict. c. 128, § 28.

RECTO DE DOTE UNDE NIHIL HABET. A writ of right of dower whereof the widow had nothing, which lay where her deceased husband, having divers lands or tenements, had assured no dower to his wife, and she thereby was driven to sue for her thirds against the heir or his guardian. Abolished.

RECTO DE RATIONABILI PARTE. A writ of right, of the reasonable part, which lay between privies in blood; as brothers in gavelkind, sisters, and other coparceners, for land in fee-simple. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 9.

RECTO QUANDO (OR QUIA) DOMINUS REMISIT CURIAM. A writ of right, when or because the lord had remitted his court, which lay where lands or tenements in the seignory of any lord were in demand by a writ of right. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 16.

RECTO SUR DISCLAIMER. An abolished writ on disclaimer.

RECTOR. In English law. He that has full possession of a parochial church. A rector (or parson) has, for the most part, the whole right to all the ecclesiastical dues in his parish; while a vicar has an appropriation over him, entitled to the best part of the profits, to whom the vicar is, in effect, perpetual curate, with a standing salary. 1 Bl. Comm. 384, 388. See Bird v. St. Mark’s Church, 62 Iowa, 567, 17 N. W. 747.

RECTOR PROVINCIÆ. Lat. In Roman law. The governor of a province. Cod. 1, 40.

RECTOR SINCURE. A rector of a parish who has not the cure of souls. 2 Steph. Comm. 683.

RECTORIAL TITHES. Great or prebendal tithes.

RECTORY. An entire parish church, with all its rights, glebes, tithes, and other profits whatsoever; otherwise commonly called a "benefice." See Gibson v. Brockway, 8 N. H. 470, 31 Am. Dec. 200; Pavlet v. Clark, 9 Cranch, 326, 3 L. Ed. 735. A rector’s manse, or parsonage house. Spelman.

RECTUM. Lat. Right; also a trial or accusation. Bract. Cowell.

RECTUM ESSE. To be right in court.
RECTUM ROGARE. To ask for right; to petition the judge to do right.

RECTUM, STARE AD. To stand trial or abide by the sentence of the court.

RECTUS. In the old law of descents. Right; upright; the opposite of obliquus (q. e.).

RECTUS IN CURIA. Lat. Right in court. The condition of one who stands at the bar, against whom no one objects any offense. When a person outlawed has reversed his outlawry, so that he can have the benefit of the law, he is said to be “rectus in curia.” Jacob.

RECUPERATIO. Lat. In old English law. Recovery; restitution by the sentence of a judge of a thing that has been wrongfully taken or detained. Co. Litt. 154a.

Recuperatio, i. e., ad rem, per injuriam extortam sive detentam, per sententiam judicis restitutio. Co. Litt. 154a. Recovery, i. e., restitution by sentence of a judge of a thing wrongfully extorted or detained.

Recuperatio est aliena res in causam, alterius adducta per judicem acquisita. Co. Litt. 154a. Recovery is the acquisition by sentence of a judge of anything brought into the cause of another.

RECUPERATORES. In Roman law. A species of judges first appointed to decide controversies between Roman citizens and strangers concerning rights requiring speedy remedy, but whose jurisdiction was gradually extended to questions which might be brought before ordinary judges. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 204.

Recurrendum est ad extraordinarium quando non valet ordinarium. We must have recourse to what is extraordinary, when what is ordinary falls.

RECUSANTS. In English law. Persons who willfully absent themselves from their parish church, and on whom penalties were imposed by various statutes passed during the reigns of Elizabeth and James I. Wharton. Those persons who separate from the church established by law. Termes de la Ley. The term was practically restricted to Roman Catholics.

RECUSATIO TESTIS. Lat. In the civil law. Rejection of a witness, on the ground of incompetency. Best. Ev. Introduct. 60, § 60.

RECUSSION. In the civil law. A species of exception or plea to the jurisdiction, to the effect that the particular judge is disqualified from hearing the cause by reason of interest or prejudice. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 1, c. 2, § 5.

The challenge of jurors. Code Prac. Lat. arts. 499, 500. An act, of what nature soever it may be, by which a strange heir, by deeds or words, declares he will not be heir. Dig. 29, 2, 35.

RED, RAED, or REDE. Sax. Advice; counsel.

RED BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER. An ancient record, wherein are registered the holders of lands per baroniam in the time of Henry II., the number of hides of land in certain counties before the Conquest, and the ceremonies on the coronation of Eleanor, wife of Henry III. Jacob; Cowell.

RED-HANDED. With the marks of crime fresh on him.

RED TAPE. In a derivative sense, order carried to fastidious excess; system run out into trivial extremes. Webster v. Thompson, 55 Ga. 434.

REDDENDO SINGULA SINGULIS. Lat. By referring each to each; referring each phrase or expression to its appropriate object. A rule of construction.

REDDENDUM. Lat. In conveyancing. Rendering; yielding. The technical name of that clause in a conveyance by which the grantor creates or reserves some new thing to himself, out of what he had before granted; as “rendering therefor yearly the sum of ten shillings, or a pepper-corn,” etc. That clause in a lease in which a rent is reserved to the lessor, and which commences with the word “yielding.” 2 Bl. Comm. 299; Freudenberger Oil Co. v. Simmons, 73 W. Va. 387, 83 S. E. 995, 997, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 873.

REDDENS CAUSAM SCIENDIÆ. Lat. Giving the reason of his knowledge.

In Scotch Practice

A formal phrase used in depositions, preceding the statement of the reason of the witness’ knowledge. 2 How. State Tr. 715.

Reddere, nil aliud est quam acceptum restitue: seu, reddere est quasi retro dare, et redditur dictur a redeundo, quia retro it. Co. Litt. 142. To render is nothing more than to restore that which has been received; or, to render is as it were to give back, and it is called “rendering” from “returning,” because it goes back again.

REDDIDIT SE. Lat. He has rendered himself.

In Old English Practice

A term applied to a principal who had rendered himself in discharge of his bail. Holthouse.

REDDITARIUM. In old records. A rental, or rent-roll. Cowell.

REDDITARIUS. In old records. A renter; a tenant. Cowell.
REDDITION. A surrendering or restoring; also a judicial acknowledgment that the thing in demand belongs to the demandant, and not to the person surrendering. Cowell.

REDEEM. To buy back. To liberate an estate or article from mortgage or pledge by paying the debt for which it stood as security. To repurchase in a literal sense; as, to redeem one's land from a tax-sale. See Maxwell v. Foster, 67 S. C. 377, 45 S. E. 927; Miller v. Ratterman, 47 Ohio St. 141, 24 N. E. 496; Swearingen v. Roberts, 12 Neb. 333, 11 N. W. 325; Closee v. McBridge, 182 Mich. 591, 148 N. W. 756, 758; Matthews v. Stevens, 183 Ark. 157, 259 S. W. 736, 738; Carson v. Lee, 281 Mo. 166, 219 S. W. 629, 631; Arends v. Frierichs, 192 Iowa, 283, 184 N. W. 650, 656; Mitsch v. Owens, 82 N. J. Eq. 404, 89 A. 292, 295; Leonard v. Western, 74 Mont. 513, 241 F. 623, 625; Bryan v. Boyd, 100 S. C. 397, 84 S. E. 392, 393.

REDEEMABLE. Subject to an obligation of redemption; embodying, or conditioned upon, a promise or obligation of redemption; convertible into coin; as, a "redeemable currency." See U. S. v. North Carolina, 186 U. S. 211, 10 S. Ct. 929, 24 L. Ed. 336.

Subject to redemption; admitting of redemption or repurchase; given or held under conditions admitting of reacquisition by purchase; as, a "redeemable pledge."

REDEEMABLE RIGHTS. Rights which return to the conveyee or disposuer of land, etc., upon the payment of the sum for which such rights are granted. Jacob.


REDELIVERY BOND. A bond given to a sheriff or other officer, who has attached or levied on personal property, to obtain the release and repossession of the property, conditioned to deliver the property to the officer or pay him its value in case the levy or attachment is adjudged good. See Drake v. Sworts, 24 Or. 198, 33 P. 593.

REDEMISE. A regranting of land demised or leased.

REEMPTION OPERIS. Lat. In Roman law, a contract for the hiring or letting of services, or for the performance of a certain work in consideration of the payment of a stipulated price. It is the same contract as "locatio operis," but regarded from the standpoint of the one who is to do the work, and who is called "reemptor operis," while the hirer is called "locutus operis." See Mackell. Rom. Law, § 408.

REDEMPTION. A repurchase; a buying back. The act of a vendor of property in buying it back again from the purchaser at the same or an enhanced price. Murphy v. Casselman, 24 N. D. 336, 139 N. W. 802, 803; State ex rel. Curtis v. Ross, 144 La. 598, 81 So. 386; Venner v. Public Utilities Commission, 362 Ill. 232, 194 N. E. 17, 18.

The right of redemption is an agreement or pact, by which the vendor reserves to himself the power of taking back the thing sold by returning the price paid for it. Civil Code La. art. 2387.

The process of annuling and revoking a conditional sale of property, by performance of the conditions on which it was stipulated to be revocable.

The process of cancelling and annuling a defeasible title to land, such as is created by a mortgage or a tax-sale, by paying the debt or fulfilling the other conditions.

The liberation of a chattel from pledge or pawn, by paying the debt for which it stood as security.

Repurchase of notes, bills, or other evidences of debt, (particularly bank-notes and paper-money,) by paying their value in coin to their holders.

—Redemption, equity of. See Equity of Redemption.

—Redemption of land tax. In English law. The payment by the landowner of such a lump sum as shall exempt his land from the land tax. Mozley & Whitley.

—Voluntary redemption, in Scotch law, is when a mortgagee receives the sum due into his own hands, and discharges the mortgage, without any consignation. Bell.

REDEMPTIONES. In old English law. Heavy fines. Distinguished from misericordia, (which see.)

REDEUNDO. Lat. Returning; in returning; while returning. 2 Strange, 983.

REDEVANCE. In old French and Canadian law. Dues payable by a tenant to his lord, not necessarily in money.

REDIBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To have again; to have back; to cause a seller to have again what he had before.

REDHIBITION. In the civil law. The avoidance of a sale on account of some vice or defect in the thing sold, which renders it either absolutely useless or its use so inconvenient and imperfect that it must be supposed that the buyer would not have purchased it had he known of the vice. Civil Code La. art. 2520.

REDHIBITORY ACTION. In the civil law. An action for rehinition. An action to avoid a sale on account of some vice or defect in the thing sold, which renders its use impossible, or so inconvenient and imperfect that it must be supposed the buyer would not have purchased it had he known of the vice. Civil Code La. art. 2520.
REDHIBITORY DEFECT (or VICE). In the civil law. A defect in an article sold, for which the seller may be compelled to take it back; a defect against which the seller is bound to warrant. Poth. Cont. Sale, no. 203.

REDISSEISIN. In old English law. A second disserisin of a person of the same tenements, and by the same disserisor, by whom he was before disseised. 3 Bl. Comm. 188.

REDITUS. Lat. A revenue or return; income or profit; specifically, rent.

REDITUS ALBI. White rent; blanche farm; rent payable in silver or other money.

REDITUS ASSISUS. A set or standing rent.

REDITUS CAPITALES. Chief rent paid by freeholders to go quit of all other services.

REDITUS NIGRI. Black rent; black mail; rent payable in provisions, corn, labor, etc.; as distinguished from “money rent,” called “reditus albi.”

REDITUS QUIETI. Quitrents (q. v.).

REDITUS SICCUS. Rent seek (q. v.).

REDMANS. In feudal law. Men who, by the tenure or custom of their lands, were to ride with or for the lord of the manor, about his business. Domesday.

REDJUBATORES. In old English law. Those that buy stolen cloth and turn it into some other color or fashion that it may not be recognized. Redubbers.

REDRAFT. In commercial law. A draft or bill drawn in the place where the original bill was made payable and where it went to protest, on the place where such original bill was drawn, or, when there is no regular commercial intercourse rendering that practicable, then in the next best or most direct practicable course. 1 Bell, Comm. 406.

REDRESS. The receiving satisfaction for an injury sustained.

REDUBBERS. In criminal law. Those who bought stolen cloth and dyed it of another color to prevent its being identified were ancretly so called. Cowell; 3 Inst. 134.

REDUCE. In Scotch law. To rescind or annul.

REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM. Lat. In logic. The method of disproving an argument by showing that it leads to an absurd consequence.

REDUCTION. In Scotch Law
An action brought for the purpose of rescinding, annulling, or cancelling some bond, contract, or other instrument in writing. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, pp. 158, 159.

In French Law
Abatement. When a parent gives away, whether by gift inter vivos or by legacy, more than his portion disponible, (q. v.) the donee or legatee is required to submit to have his gift reduced to the legal proportion.

REDUCTION EX CAPITE LECTI. By the law of Scotland the heir in heritage was entitled to reduce all voluntary deeds granted to his prejudice by his predecessor within sixty days preceding the predecessor’s death; provided the maker of the deed, at its date, was laboring under the disease of which he died, and did not subsequently go to kirk or market unsupported. Bell.

REDUCTION IMPROBATION. In Scotch law. One form of the action of reduction in which falsehood and forgery are alleged against the deed or document sought to be set aside.

REDUCTION INTO POSSESSION. The act of exercising the right conferred by a chose in action, so as to convert it into a chose in possession; thus, a debt is reduced into possession by payment. Sweet.

REDUNDANCY. This is the fault of introducing superfluous matter into a legal instrument; particularly the insertion in a pleading of matters foreign, extraneous, and irrelevant to that which it is intended to answer. See Carpenter v. Reynolds, 58 Wis. 666, 17 N. W. 300; Carpenter v. West, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 55; Bowman v. Sheidon, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 600; Plank v. Hopkins, 35 S. D. 248, 151 N. W. 1017, 1019.

RE-ENACT. To enact again; to revive. Police Jury of Caddo Parish v. City of Shreveport, 137 La. 1032, 69 So. 828, 831.

RE-ENTRY. The entering again into or resuming possession of premises. Thus in leases there is a proviso for re-entry of the lessor on the tenant’s failure to pay the rent or perform the covenants contained in the lease, and by virtue of such proviso the lessor may take the premises into his own hands again if the rent be not paid or covenants performed; and this resumption of possession is termed “re-entry.” 2 Cruise, Dlg. 8; Cowell. And see Michaels v. Fishel, 169 N. Y. 381, 62 N. E. 425; Earl Orchard Co. v. Fava, 138 Cal. 76, 70 P. 1073; Flesher v. Friob, 161 N. Y. S. 940, 944, 97 Misc. Rep. 343.

Land Reeve
See Land.

RE-EXAMINATION. An examination of a witness after a cross-examination, upon matters arising out of such cross-examination. See Examination.

RE-EXCHANGE. The damages or expenses caused by the dishonor and protest of a bill of exchange in a foreign country, where it was

RE-EXTENT. In English practice. A second extent made upon lands or tenements, upon complaint made that the former extent was partially performed. Cowell.

REEF. In Mining Law.

A vein or lode containing or supposed to contain minerals.

REEVE. In old English law. A ministerial officer of justice. His duties seem to have combined many of those now confined to the sheriff or constable and to the justice of the peace. He was also called, in Saxox, "gerefa."

REFALO. A word composed of the three initial syllables "re," "fa," "io," for "recordari facias loquemam" (q. v.). 2 Sel. Pr. 109.

REFARE. To bereave, take away, rob. Cowell.

REFECTION. In the civil law. Reparation; re-establishment of a building. Dig. 16, 1, 6. 1.

REFER. When a case or action involves matters of account or other intricate details which require minute examination, and for that reason are not fit to be brought before a jury, it is usual to refer the whole case, or some part of it, to the decision of an auditor or referee, and the case is then said to be referred.

Taking this word in its strict, technical use, it relates to a mode of determining questions which is distinguished from "arbitration," in that the latter word imports submission of a controversy without any lawsuit having been brought, while "reference" imports a lawsuit pending, and an issue framed or question raised which (and not the controversy itself) is sent out. Thus, arbitration is referred to instead of any judicial proceeding; while reference is one mode of decision employed in the course of a judicial proceeding. And "reference" is distinguished from "hearing or trial," in that these are the ordinary modes of deciding issues and questions in and by the courts with aid of juries when proper; while reference is an employment of non-judicial persons—individuals not integral parts of the court—for the decision of particular matters inconvenient to be heard in actual court. Abbott.

To point, altitude, direct, or make reference to. This is the use of the word in conveying and in literature, where a word or sign introduced for the purpose of directing the reader's attention to another place in the deed, book, document, etc., is said to "refer" him to such other connection.

REFEREE. In practice. A person to whom a cause pending in a court is referred by the court, to take testimony, hear the parties, and report thereon to the court. See Refer. And see In re Hathaway, 71 N. Y. 243; Betts v. Letcher, 1 S. D. 182, 46 N. W. 193; Central Trust Co. v. Wabash, etc., R. Co. (C. C.) 32 F. 656; Jones v. Jones, 185 Mo. App. 220, 173 S. W. 227, 220.

REFEREE IN BANKRUPTCY. An officer appointed by the courts of bankruptcy under the act of 1898 (11 USCA § 1) corresponding to the "registers in bankruptcy" under earlier statutes having administrative and quasi-judicial functions under the bankruptcy law, and who assists the court in such cases and relieves the judge of attention to matters of detail or routine, by taking charge of all administrative matters and the preparation or preliminary consideration of questions requiring judicial decision, subject at all times to the supervision and review of the court. McCulloch v. Davenport Savings Bank (D. C.) 226 F. 309, 311; Peck v. Richter (C. C. A.) 217 F. 880, 882; In re Carl Dernburg & Son (C. C. A.) 5 F. (2d) 37, 38.

REFEREES, COURT OF. In the passage of private bills through the house of commons, the practice was adopted in 1864 of the appointment of referees on such bills, consisting of the chairman of ways and means and not less than three other persons to be appointed by the speaker. The referees were formed into one or more courts, three at least being required to constitute each court, a member in every case being chairman, but receiving no salary. The referees inquired into the proposed works, etc., and reported to the house. The committees of the house on any bill might also refer any question to the referees for their decision. It was also ordered in 1864 that the referees should decide on all petitions as to the right of the petitioner to be heard. I. E., his locus standi. A court of referees was specially constituted for the adjudication of this right, called locus standi. A series of reports of the court of referees on private bills in parliament, called Locus Standi reports, has been published since 1867.

REFEREES, OFFICIAL. Officials in the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in England, created by the judicature acts. They are three in number. They try such questions and actions as may be referred to them, and act as arbitrators in certain cases.

REFERENCE. In Contracts

An agreement to submit to arbitration; the act of parties in submitting their controversy to chosen referees or arbitrators.

In Practice

The act of sending a cause pending in court to a referee for his examination and decision. State v. Innes, 89 Kan. 168, 130 P. 677, 680;
REFERENCE


In Commercial Law

The act of sending or directing one person to another, for information or advice as to the character, solvency, standing, etc., of a third person, who desires to open business relations with the first, or to obtain credit with him.

REFERENCE IN CASE OF NEED. When a person draws or indorses a bill of exchange, he sometimes adds the name of a person to whom it may be presented “in case of need”; i.e., in case it is dishonored by the original drawee or acceptor. Byles, Bills, 261.

REFERENCE TO RECORD. Under the English practice, when an action is commenced, an entry of it is made in the cause-book according to the year, the initial letter of the surname of the first plaintiff, and the place of the action, in numerical order among those commenced in the same year, e.g., “1876, A. 26,” and all subsequent documents in the action (such as pleadings and affidavits) bear this mark, which is called the “reference to the record.” Sweet.

REFERENDARIUS. An officer by whom the order of caussus was laid before the Roman emperor, the desires of petitioners made known, and answers returned to them. Vircat, Voc. Jur.; Calvin.

REFERENDARY. In Saxon law. A master of requests; an officer to whom petitions to the king were referred. Spelman.

REFERENDO SINGULA SINGULIS. Lat. Referring individual or separate words to separate subjects; making a distributive reference of words in an instrument; a rule of construction.

REFERENDUM. In international law. A communication sent by a diplomatic representative to his home government, in regard to matters presented to him which he is unable or unwilling to decide without further instructions.

In the modern constitutional law of Switzerland and elsewhere, the referendum is a method of submitting an important legislative measure to a direct vote of the whole people. See Kadderly v. Portland, 44 Or. 118, 74 P. 710, 75 P. 222; In re Pfahler, 150 Cal. 71, 88 P. 270. 11 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1092, 11 Ann. Cas. 911; Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co. v. Oregon, 223 U. S. 115, 32 Sup. Ct. 224, 56 L. Ed. 377; Kiernan v. Portland, 223 U. S. 151, 32 Sup. Ct. 231, 56 L. Ed. 358; Piebiscite; Initiative.

REFINEMENT. A term sometimes employed to describe variegation inserted in a pleading or indictment, over and above what is necessary to be set forth; or an objection to a plea or indictment on the ground of its failing to include such superfluous matter. See State v. Gallmon, 24 N. C. 377; State v. Peak, 130 N. C. 711, 41 S. E. 887.

REFORM. To correct, rectify, amend, remodel. Instruments inter partes may be reformed, when defective, by a court of equity. By this is meant that the court, after ascertaining the real and original intention of the parties to a deed or other instrument, (which intention they failed to sufficiently express, through some error, mistake of fact, or inadvertence,) will construe the instrument as if it was correctly and technically expressed that intention. See Sullivan v. Huskin, 70 Vt. 457, 41 A. 437; De Voe v. De Voe, 76 Wis. 66, 44 N. W. 839; Dawson County State Bank v. Durland, 114 Neb. 605, 299 N. W. 243, 245; Churchill v. Meade, 92 Or. 626, 182 P. 365, 371; Gross v. Yeskel, 100 N. J. Eq. 293, 134 A. 737.

It is to be observed that “reform” is seldom, if ever, used of the correction of defective pleadings, judgments, decrees or other judicial proceedings; “amend” being the proper term for that use. Again, “amend” seems to connote the idea of improving that which may have been given before, while “reform” might be considered as properly applicable only to something which before was quite worthless.

REFORM ACTS. A name bestowed on the statutes 2 Wm. IV. c. 45, and 30 & 31 Vict. c. 102, passed to amend the representation of the people in England and Wales; which introduced extended amendments into the system of electing members of the house of commons.

REFORMATION. See Reform.

REFORMATORY. This term is of too wide and uncertain signification to support a quest for the building of a “boys’ reformatory.” It includes all places and institutions in which efforts are made either to cultivate the intellect, instruct the conscience, or improve the conduct; places in which persons voluntarily assemble, receive instruction, and submit to discipline, or are detained therein for either of these purposes by force. Hughes v. Daly, 49 Conn. 35. But see McAndrews v. Hamilton County, 105 Tenn. 399, 58 S. W. 453; McKinnon v. Second Judicial District Court in and for Washoe County, 35 Nev. 494, 130 P. 465, 468.

REFORMATORY SCHOOLS. In English law. Schools to which convicted juvenile offenders (under sixteen) may be sent by order of the court before which they are tried, if the offense be punishable with penal servitude or imprisonment, and the sentence be to imprisonment for ten days or more. Wharton.

REFRESHER. In English law. A further or additional fee to counsel in a long case,
REFRESHING THE MEMORY. The act of a witness who consults his documents, memorandum, or books, to bring more distinctly to his recollection the details of past events or transactions, concerning which he is testifying.


REFUNDING BOND. A bond given to an executor by a legatee, upon receiving payment of the legacy, conditioned to refund the same, or so much of it as may be necessary, if the assets prove deficient.

REFUNDS. In the laws of the United States, this term is used to denote sums of money received by the government or its officers which, for any cause, are to be refunded or restored to the parties paying them: such as excessive duties or taxes, duties paid on goods destroyed by accident, duties received on goods which are re-exported, etc.

REFUSAL. The act of one who has, by law, a right and power of having or doing something of advantage, and declines it. Also, the declination of a request or demand, or the omission to comply with some requirement of law, as the result of a positive intention to disobey. In the latter sense, the word is often coupled with "neglect," as if a party shall "neglect or refuse" to pay a tax, file an official bond, obey an order of court, etc. But "neglect" signifies a mere omission of a duty, which may happen through inattention, dilatoriness, mistake, or inability to perform, while "refusal" implies the positive denial of an application or command, or at least a mental determination not to comply. See Thompson v. Tinkcom, 15 Minn. 299 (Gil. 229); People v. Perkins, 55 Cal. 509, 26 P. 245; Kinbball v. Rowland, 6 Gray (Mass.) 225; Davis v. Lumpkin, 106 Ga. 582, 32 S. E. 626; Burns v. Fox, 113 Ind. 205, 14 N. E. 541; Cape Elizabeth v. Boyd, 86 Me. 317, 29 A. 1062; Taylor v. Mason, 9 Wheat. 344, 6 L. Ed. 101; Mackey v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 290 F. 18, 21; Stokes v. Watkinson, 189 Cal. 78, 207 P. 650, 660; Board of Sup'r s of Jefferson County v. Losing, 129 Miss. 1, 91 So. 907, 908; In re Blitz (D. C.) 232 F. 275; Osborne v. International Ry. Co., 226 N. Y. 121, 123 N. E. 849, 850; Osborn v. International Ry. Co., 98 Misc. Rep. 7, 161 N. Y. S. 1042, 1043; U. S. v. Kraft (C. C. A.) 249 F. 919, 925; American Nat. Bank of Ardmore v. National Bank of Claremore, 119 Okl. 149, 249 P. 424, 428.


REFUSE, v. To deny a request or demand. Burns v. Fox, 113 Ind. 205, 14 N. E. 541.


REFUTANTIA. In old records. An acquittance or acknowledgment of renouncing all future claim. Cowell.

REG. GEN. An abbreviation of "Regula Generalis," a general rule, (of court.)

REG. JUD. An abbreviation of "Registrum Judiciale," the register of judicial writs.

REG. LIB. An abbreviation of "Registrarit Liberi," the register's book in chancery, containing all decrees.

REG. ORIG. An abbreviation of "Registrum Originale," the register of original writs.

REG. PL. An abbreviation of "Regula Placitandi," rule of pleading.

REGAL FISH. Whales and sturgeons, so called in English law, as belonging to the king by prerogative when cast on shore or caught near the coast. 1 Bl. Comm. 290.

RÉGALE. In old French law. A payment made to the seigneur of a fief, on the election of every bishop or other ecclesiastical feuatory, corresponding with the relief paid by a lay feuatory. Steph. Lect. 235.

REGALE EPISCOPORUM. The temporal rights and privileges of a bishop. Cowell.

REGALIA seems to be an abbreviation of "jura regalia," royal rights, or those rights which a king has by virtue of his prerogative. Hence owners of counties palatine were formerly said to have "jura regalia" in their counties as fully as the king in his palace. 1 Bl. Comm. 117. The term is sometimes used in the same sense in the Spanish law. See Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 596.

Some writers divide the royal prerogative into majora and minora regalia, the former including the regal dignity and power, the latter the revenue or fiscal prerogatives of the crown. 1 Bl. Comm. 117.

REGALIA FACERE. To do homage or fealty to the sovereign by a bishop when he is invested with the regalia.
REGALITY. A territorial jurisdiction in Scotland conferred by the crown. The lands were said to be given in liberum regulatum, and the persons receiving the right were termed “lords of regality.” Bell.

REGARD. In old English law. Inspection; supervision. Also a reward, fee, or perquisite.

REGARD, COURT OF. In forest law. A tribunal held every third year, for the lawing or expeditation of dogs, to prevent them from chasing deer. Cowell.

REGARD OF THE FOREST. In old English law. The oversight or inspection of it, or the office and province of the regarder, who is to go through the whole forest, and every bailliff in it, before the holding of the sessions of the forest, or justice-seat, to see and inquire after trespassers, and for the survey of dogs. Manwood.

REGARDANT. A term which was applied, in feudal law, to a villein annexed to a manor, and having charge to do all base services within the same, and to see the same freed from all things that might annoy his lord. Such a villein regardant was thus opposed to a villein en gross, who was transferable by deed from one owner to another. Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 93.

REGARDER OF A FOREST. An ancient officer of the forest, whose duty it was to take a view of the forest hunts, and to inquire concerning trespasses, offenses, etc. Manwood.

REGE INCONSULTO. Lat. In English law. A writ issued from the sovereign to the judges, not to proceed in a cause which may prejudice the crown, until advised. Jenk. Cent. 97.

REGENCY. Rule; government; kingship. The man or body of men intrusted with the vicarious government of a kingdom during the minority, absence, insanity, or other disability of the king.

RECENT. A governor or ruler. One who vicariously administers the government of a kingdom, in the name of the king, during the latter's minority or other disability.

A master, governor, director, or superintendent of a public institution, particularly a college or university.

In the canon law, it signifies a master or professor of a college. Dict. du Dr. Can.

Regia dignitas est indivisibilibis, et qualibet alia derivativa dignitas est similiter indivisibilibis. 4 Inst. 243. The kingsly power is indivisible, and every other derivative power is similarly indivisible.

REGIA VIA. Lat. In old English law. The royal way; the king's highway. Co. Litt. 262a.

REGIAM MAJESTATEM. A collection of the ancient laws of Scotland. It is said to have been compiled by order of David I., king of Scotland, who reigned from A. D. 1124 to 1153. Hale, Com. Law, 271.

REGICIDE. The murder of a sovereign; also the person who commits such murder.

REGIDOR. In Spanish law. One of a body, never exceeding twelve, who formed a part of the ayuntamiento. The office of regidor was held for life; that is to say, during the pleasure of the supreme authority. In most places the office was purchased; in some cities, however, they were elected by persons of the district, called “capitulares.” 12 Pet. 442, note.

RÉGIME. In French law. A system of rules or regulations.

RÉGIME DOTAL. The dot, being the property which the wife brings to the husband as her contribution to the support of the burdens of the marriage, and which may either extend as well to future as to present property, or be expressly confined to the present property of the wife, is subject to certain regulations which are summarized in the phrase “régime dotal.” The husband has the entire administration during the marriage; but, as a rule, where the dot consists of immovables, neither the husband nor the wife, nor both of them together, can either sell or mortgage it. The dot is returnable upon the dissolution of the marriage, whether by death or otherwise. Brown.

RÉGIME EN COMMUNAUTÉ. The community of interests between husband and wife which arises upon their marriage. It is either (1) legal or (2) conventional, the former existing in the absence of any “agreement” properly so called, and arising from a mere declaration of community; the latter arising from an “agreement” properly so called. Brown.

REGIMIENTO. In Spanish law. The body of regidores, who never exceeded twelve, forming a part of the municipal council, or ayuntamiento, in every capital of a jurisdiction. 12 Pet. 442, note.

REGINA. Lat. The queen.

REGIO ASSENSU. A writ whereby the sovereign gives his assent to the election of a bishop. Reg. Orig. 294.

REGISTER. An officer authorized by law to keep a record called a “register” or “registry,” as the register for the probate of wills.

A book containing a record of facts as they occur, kept by public authority; a register of births, marriages, and burials.

REGISTER IN BANKRUPTCY. An officer of the courts of bankruptcy, under the earlier
acts of congress in that behalf, having substantially the same powers and duties as the "referees in bankruptcy" under the act of 1898 (11 USCA). See Referee.

REGISTER OF DEEDS. The name given in some states to the officer whose duty is to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments affecting realty in the official books provided and kept for that purpose; more commonly called "recorder of deeds."

REGISTER OF LAND OFFICE. A federal officer appointed for each federal land district, to take charge of the local records and attend to the preliminary matters connected with the sale, pre-emption, or other disposal of the public lands within the district. See Rev. St. U. S. § 2234 (43 USCA § 72).

REGISTER OF PATENTS. A book of patents, directed by St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 83, § 34, passed in 1852, to be kept at the specification office, for public use. 2 Steph. Comm. 29, note f.

REGISTER OF SHIPS. A register kept by the collectors of customs, in which the names, ownership, and other facts relative to merchant vessels are required by law to be entered. This register is evidence of the nationality and privileges of an American ship. The certificate of such registration, given by the collector to the owner or master of the ship, is also called the ship's register." Rabble & Lawrence.

REGISTER OF THE TREASURY. An officer of the United States treasury, whose duty is to keep all accounts of the receipt and expenditure of public money and of debts due to or from the United States, to preserve adjusted accounts with vouchers and certificates, to record warrants drawn upon the treasury, to sign and issue government securities, and to take charge of the registry of vessels under United States laws. See Rev. St. U. S. § 312 (31 USCA § 161) and section 313.

REGISTER OF WILLS. An officer in some of the states, whose function is to record and preserve all wills admitted to probate, to issue letters testamentary or of administration, to receive and file accounts of executors, etc., and generally to act as the clerk of the probate court.

REGISTER OF WRITS. A book preserved in the English court of chancery, in which were entered the various forms of original and judicial writs.

REGISTERED. Entered or recorded in some official register or record or list. See State v. McGuire, 183 Iowa, 927, 167 N. W. 592, 594.

REGISTERED BOND. The bonds of the United States government (and of many municipal and private corporations) are either registered or "coupon bonds." In the case of a registered bond, the name of the owner or lawful holder is entered in a register or record, and it is not negotiable or transferable except by an entry on the register, and checks or warrants are sent to the registered holder for the successive installments of interest as they fall due. A bond with interest coupons attached is transferable by mere delivery, and the coupons are payable, as due, to the person who shall present them for payment. But the bond issues of many private corporations now provide that the individual bonds "may be registered as to principal," leaving the interest coupons payable to bearer, or that they may be registered as to both principal and interest, at the option of the holder. See Benwell v. New York, 55 N. J. Eq. 290, 36 A. 668.

REGISTERED TONNAGE. The registered tonnage of a vessel is the capacity or cubical contents of the ship, or the amount of weight which she will carry, as ascertained in some proper manner and entered on an official register or record. See Reck v. Phoenix Ins. Co., 54 Hun, 637, 7 N. Y. S. 492; Wheaton v. Weston (D. C.) 128 F. 153.

REGISTERED TRADE-MARK. A trademark filed in the United States patent office, with the necessary description and other statements required by the act of congress, and there duly recorded, securing its exclusive use to the person causing it to be registered. Rev. St. U. S. § 4937.

REGISTERED VOTERS. In Virginia, this term refers to the persons whose names are placed upon the registration books provided by law as the sole record or memorial of the duly qualified voters of the state. Chalmers v. Funk, 76 Va. 719.

REGISTER'S COURT. In American law, a court in the state of Pennsylvania which has jurisdiction in matters of probate.

REGISTRANT. One who registers; particularly, one who registers anything (e.g., a trade-mark) for the purpose of securing a right or privilege granted by law on condition of such registration.

REGISTRAR. An officer who has the custody or keeping of a registry or register. This word is used in England; "register" is more common in America.

REGISTRAR GENERAL. In English law. An officer appointed by the crown under the great seal, to whom, subject to such regulations as shall be made by a principal secretary of state, the general superintendence of the whole system of registration of births, deaths, and marriages is intrusted. 3 Steph. Comm. 224.

REGISTRARIUS. In old English law. A notary; a registrar or register.

REGISTRATION. Recording; inserting in an official register; enrollment, as registra-
tion of voters; the act of making a list, catalogue, schedule, or register; particularly of an official character, or of making entries therein. In re Supervisors of Election (C. C.) 1 F. 1.

Any schedule containing a list of voters, the being upon which constitutes a prerequisite to vote.

A special registration as distinguished from a "general registration" is one designed for a particular election which becomes function officio when that election has been had. A general registration is one made up under general rules. Cowart v. City of Waycross, 150 Ga. 589, 128 S. E. 476, 479.

REGISTRATION OF STOCK. In the practice of corporations this consists in recording in the official books of the company the name and address of the holder of each certificate of stock, with the date of its issue, and, in the case of a transfer of stock from one holder to another, the names of both parties and such other details as will identify the transaction and preserve a memorial or official record of its essential facts. See Fisher v. Jones, 82 Ala. 117, 3 So. 15.

REGISTRUM BREVIIUM. The register of writes, (q. v.)

REGISTRY. A register, or book authorized or recognized by law, kept for the recording or registration of facts or documents.


In Commercial Law

The registration of a vessel at the custom-house, for the purpose of entitling her to the full privileges of a British or American built vessel. 3 Kent, Comm. 139; Abb. Shipp. 58-96.


REGIUS PROFESSOR. A royal professor or reader of lectures founded in the English universities by the king. Henry VIII. founded in each of the universities five professorships, viz., of divinity, Greek, Hebrew, law, and physic. Cowell.

REGLAMENTO. In Spanish colonial law. A written instruction given by a competent authority, without the observance of any peculiar form. Schm. Civill Law, Introd. 93, note.

REGNAL YEARS. Statutes of the British parliament are usually cited by the name and year of the sovereign in whose reign they were enacted, and the successive years of the reign of any king or queen are denominated the "regnal years."

REGNANT. One having authority as a king; one in the exercise of royal authority.

REGNI POPULI. A name given to the people of Surrey and Sussex, and on the sea-coasts of Hampshire. Blount.

REGNUM ECCLESIASTICUM. The ecclesiastical kingdom. 2 Hale, P. C. 324.

Regnum non est divisibile. Co. Litt. 165. The kingdom is not divisible.

REGRANT. In the English law of real property, when, after a person has made a grant, the property granted comes back to him, (c. g., by escheat or forfeiture,) and he grants it again, he is said to regrant it. The phrase is chiefly used in the law of copyhold.

REGRATING. In old English law. The offense of buying or getting into one's hands at a fair or market any provisions, corn, or other dead victual, with the intention of selling the same again in the same fair or market, or in some other within four miles thereof, at a higher price. The offender was termed a "regrator." 3 Inst. 115. See Forsyth Mfg. Co. v. Castlen, 112 Ga. 109, 37 S. E. 485, 81 Am. St. Rep. 28.

REGRESS is used principally in the phrase "free entry, egress, and regress" but it is also used to signify the reentry of a person who has been disseised of land. Co. Litt. 318b.


REGULA CATONIANA. In Roman law. The rule of Cato. A rule respecting the validity of dispositions by will. See Dig. 34, 7.

Regula est, juris quidem ignorantiam cuique nocere, facti vero ignorantiam non nocere. Cod. 1, 18, 10. It is a rule, that every one is prejudiced by his ignorance of law, but not by his ignorance of fact.

Regula pro lege, si defect tlex. In default of the law, the maxim rules.

REGULAE GENERALES. Lat. General rules, which the courts promulgate from time to time for the regulation of their practice.

REGULAR. Conformable to law. Rooney v. City of Omaha, 104 Neb. 280, 177 N. W. 165, 167.

According to rule; as opposed to that which constitutes an exception to the rule or is not within the rule. See Zulch v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 87; Myers v. Hashuck, 4 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 85. The term implies uniformity, continuity, consistency, and method, and excludes the idea of that which is occasional, accident-


REGULAR AND ESTABLISHED PLACE OF BUSINESS. Under Judicial Code, § 48 (28 USCA § 109), permitting patent infringement suits to be brought in the district in which defendant committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business, a "regular" place of business is one where business is carried on regularly, and not temporarily, or for some special work or particular transaction, while an "established" place of business must be a permanent place of business, and a "regular and established place of business" is one where the same business is conducted, in whole or in part, as that done at the home office or principal place of business, is carried on. Winterbottom v. Casey (D. C. Mich.) 253 F. 518, 521. For typical cases holding that such a place of business existed, see McKinnon Chain Co. v. American Chain Co. (D. C.) 239 F. 873; Smith v. Farbenfabriken of Elberfeld Co. (C. C. A.) 203 F. 476, 479. For cases in which the opposite result was reached, see W. S. Tyler Co. v. Ludlow-Saylor Wire Co., 236 U. S. 723, 35 S. Ct. 468, 459, 59 L. Ed. 808; Rosenbuth v. Hudson Motor Car Co. (D. C.) 265 F. 650, 632; American Electric Welding Co. v. Lalance & Grosjean Mfg. Co. (D. C.) 256 F. 34, 35.


Regulariter non valet pactum de re mea non alienanda. Co. Litt. 223. It is a rule that a compact not to alienate my property is not binding.

REGULARLY. At fixed and certain intervals, regular in point of time. Lamb v. Board of Auditors of Wayne County, 235 Mich. 95, 200 N. W. 195, 196. In accordance with some consistent or periodical rule or practice. Green v. Benedict, 102 Conn. 1, 125 A. 20, 21.

REGULARS. Those who profess and follow a certain rule of life, (regula,) belong to a religious order, and observe the three approved vows of property, chastity, and obedience. Wharton.

REGULATE. To fix, establish, or control; to adjust by rule, method, or established mode; to direct by rule or restriction; to subject to governing principles or laws. State v. Beam, 16 Neb. 635; 21 N. W. 308; Arnold v. Sullivan, 250 Cal. 632, 251 P. 267, 269; Lauck v. Reis, 310 Mo. 184, 274 S. W. 827, 828; In re Sircus, 125 Misc. 582, 212 N. Y. S. 400, 403; Souter v. Russell, 135 Va. 292, 122 S. E. 709, 703.

Power to regulate is power to establish reasonable limitations but does not generally include power to prohibit. In re Opinion of the Justices, 232 Mass. 605, 124 N. E. 319, 321; Simpkins v. State, 35 Okl. Cr. 143, 249 P. 168, 170.

The power to regulate commerce, vested in Congress, in the power to foster, protect and control commerce, to prescribe the rules by which it shall be governed, that is, the conditions upon which it shall be conducted, to determine when it shall be free, and when subject to duties or other exactions. The power also embraces within its control all the instrumentalities by which that commerce may be carried on, and the means by which it may be aided and encouraged. Gloucester Ferry Co. v. Pennsylvania, 5 S. Ct. 826, 14 S. E. 356, 22 L. Ed. 168. And see Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 227, 6 L. Ed. 23; Gilman v. Philadelphia, 3 Wall. 724, 18 L. Ed. 96; Welton v. Missouri, 81 U. S. 279, 23 L. Ed. 477; Leland v. Hardin, 10 S. Ct. 663, 135 U. S. 109, 24 L. Ed. 138; Kavanaugh v. Southern R. Co., 120 Ga. 65, 47 S. E. 525; Dayton-Goose Creek Ry. Co. v. U. S., 44 S. Ct. 169, 172, 65 U. S. 456, 68 L. Ed. 389, 33 A. L. R. 747.

REGULATION. The act of regulating; a rule or order prescribed for management or government; a regulating principle; a precept. See Curry v. Marvin, 2 Fla. 415; Ames v. Union Pac. Ry. Co. (C. C.) 64 F. 178; Hunt v. Lambertville, 45 N. J. Law. 282; Curless v. Watson, 180 Ind. 86, 102 N. E. 497, 499.

REGULATION CHARGE. Charge exacted for privilege or as condition precedent to carrying on business. Duft v. Garden City, 122 Kan. 390, 251 F. 1069, 1062.

REGULUS. Lat. In Saxon law. A title sometimes given to the earl or comes, in old charters. Spelman.

REHABERER FACIAS SEISINAM. When a sheriff in the "habere facias seinam" had delivered seisin of more than he ought, this judicial writ lay to make him restore seisin of the excess. Reg. Jud. 13, 51, 54.

REHABILITATE. In Scotch and French criminal law. To reinstate a criminal in his personal rights which he has lost by a judicial sentence. Brande.

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In Old English Law

A papal bull or brief for re-enabling a spiritual person to exercise his function, who was formerly disabled; or a restoring to a former ability. Cowell.

REHEARING. In equity practice. A second hearing of a cause, for which a party who is dissatisfied with the decree entered on the former hearing may apply by petition. 3 Bl.
REI INTERVENTUS


REI INTERVENTUS. Lat. Things intervening; that is, things done by one of the parties to a contract, in the faith of its validity, and with the assent of the other party, and which have so affected his situation that the other will not be allowed to repudiate his obligation, although originally it was imperfect. 1 Bell, Comm. 325, 329.

Rei turpis nihil mandatum est. Thé mandate of an immoral thing is void. Digg. 17, 1, 6, 3. A contract of mandate requiring an illegal or immoral act to be done has no legal obligation. Story, Bailm. § 168.

REF. A robbery. Cowell.

REIMBURSE. The primary meaning of this word is “to pay back.” Philadelphia Trust, etc., Co. v. Andenroed, 83 Pa. 264. It means to make return or restoration of an equivalent for something paid, expended, or lost; to indemnify, or make whole. Askay v. Maloney, 92 Or. 566, 179 P. 899, 901.

REINSTATE. To place again in a former state, condition, or office; to restore to a state or position from which the object or person had been removed. See Collins v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 22.

REINSTATEMENT. This term in the law of insurance implies placing the insured in the same condition that he occupied and sustained towards the insurer next before the forfeiture was incurred, and does not imply reimbursement or the making of a new contract or policy of insurance. Lovick v. Life Ass’n, 110 N. C. 93, 14 S. E. 506; Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York v. Lovejoy, 203 Ala. 432, 83 So. 591, 594.


The term reinsurance is sometimes applied to the substitution, with the consent of the insured, of a second insurer for the first, so that the original insurer is released. People v. American Cent. Ins. Co., 179 Mich. 371, 140 N. W. 235, 236.

Reipublicae interest voluntates defunctorum eff ectum sortiri: It concerns the state that the wills of the dead should have their effect.

REISSUABLE NOTES. Bank-notes which, after having been once paid, may again be put into circulation.

REJOIN. In pleading. To answer a plaintiff’s replication in an action at law, by some matter of fact.

REJOINER. In common-law pleading. The second pleading on the part of the defendant, being his answer to the plaintiff’s replication.

REJOINING GRATIS. Rejoining voluntarily, or without being required to do so by a rule to rejoin. When a defendant was under terms to rejoin gratis, he had to deliver a rejoinder, without putting the plaintiff to the necessity and expense of obtaining a rule to rejoin. 10 Mees. & W. 12; Lush, Pr. 396; Brown.

Relatio est fiction juris et intenta ad unum. Relation is a fiction of law, and intended for one thing. 3 Coke, 28.

Relatio semper flat ut valent dispositio. Reference should always be had in such a manner that a disposition in a will may avail. 6 Coke, 76.

RELATION. A relative or kinsman; a person connected by consanguinity. In re Spier’s Estate, 224 Mich. 658, 195 N. W. 430, 431; McMenamy v. Kappellmann, 273 Mo. 450, 200 S. W. 1075, 1077. The words “relatives” and “relations,” in their primary sense, are broad enough to include any one connected by blood or affinity, even to the remotest degree, but where used in wills, as defining and determining legal succession, are construed to include only those persons who are entitled to share in the estate as next of kin under the statute of distributions. In re Sobel’s Estate, 117 Misc. 508, 191 N. Y. S. 676, 677; In re Trickett’s Estate, 187 Cal. 29, 239 P. 406, 408; Wooten’s Trustee v. Hardy, 221 Ky. 338, 298 S. W. 903, 907.

The connection of two persons, or their situation with respect to each other, who are associated, whether by the law, by their own agreement, or by kinship, in some social status or union for the purposes of domestic life; as the relation of guardian and ward, husband and wife, master and servant, parent and child; so in the phrase “domestic relations.”

The doctrine of “relation” is that principle by which an act done at one time is considered by a fiction of law to have been done at some antecedent period. It is usually applied where several proceedings are essential to complete a particular transaction, such as a conveyance or deed. The last proceeding which consummates the conveyance is held for certain purposes to take effect by relation as of the day when the first proceeding was bad. Knapp v. Alexander-Edgar Lumber Co,
RELATOR. An Informer; the person upon whose complaint, or at whose instance certain writs are issued such as an Information or writ of quo warranto, and who is quasi the plaintiff in the proceeding. State ex inf. Barker v. Duncan, 265 Mo. 26, 175 S. W. 940, 942. Ann. Cas. 1016D, 1.

RELATRIX. In practice. A female relator or petitioner.

RELAXARE. In old conveyancing. To release. Relaxavi, relaxasess, have released. Litt. § 445.

RELAXATIO. In old conveyancing. A release; an instrument by which a person relinquishes to another his right in anything.

RELAXATION. In old Scotch practice. Letters passing the signet by which a debtor was released [released] from the horn; that is, from personal diligence. Bell.


RELEASE, n. Liberation, discharge, or setting free from restraint or confinement. Thus, a man unlawfully imprisoned may obtain his release on habeas corpus. Parker v. U. S., 22 Ct. Cl. 100.

The relinquishment, concession, or giving up of a right, claim, or privilege, by the person in whom it exists or to whom it accrues, to the person against whom it might have been demanded or enforced. Jaqua v. She-walter, 10 Ind. App. 234, 37 N. E. 1072; Winter v. Kansas City Cable Ry. Co., 160 Mo. 158, 61 S. W. 606; Miller v. Estabrook (C. C. A.) 273 F. 146, 148; Coopey v. Kendy, 73 Or. 66, 144 P. 99, 101.

An express release is one directly made in terms by deed or other suitable means. An implied release is one which arises from acts of the creditor or owner, without any express agreement. See Pothier, Obl. na. 658, 659. A release by operation of law is one which, though not expressly made, the law presumes in consequence of some act of the releasor; for instance, when one of several joint obligors is expressly released, the others are also released by operation of law: 3 Saik 250; Rowley v. Steedman, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 297.

The abandonment to (or by) a person called as a witness in a suit of his interest in the subject-matter of the controversy, in order to qualify him to testify, under the common-law rule.

A receipt or certificate given by a ward to the guardian, on the final settlement of the latter's accounts, or by any other beneficiary on the termination of the trust administration, relinquishing all and any further rights, claims, or demands, growing out of the trust or incident to it.

In admiralty actions, when a ship, cargo, or other property has been arrested, the
owner may obtain its release by giving ball, or paying the value of the property into court. Upon this being done he obtains a release, which is a kind of writ under the seal of the court, addressed to the marshal, commanding him to release the property. Sweet.

In Estates

The conveyance of a man's interest or right which he hath unto a thing to another that hath the possession thereof or some estate therein. Stepr. Touch. 320. The relinquishment of some right or benefit to a person who has already some interest in the tenement, and such interest as qualifies him for receiving or availing himself of the right or benefit so relinquished. Burt. Real Prop. 12; Field v. Columbet, 9 Fed. Cas. 13; Baker v. Woodward, 12 Or. 3, 6 Pac. 173; Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 387.

A conveyance of an ulterior interest in lands or tenements to a particular tenant, or of an undivided share to a co-tenant, (the releasee being in either case in privity of estate with the releasor,) or of the right, to a person wrongfully in possession. 1 Steph. Comm. 479.

—Deed of release. A deed operating by way of release, in the sense of the sixth definition given above; but more specifically, in those states where deeds of trust are in use instead of common-law mortgages, as a means of pledging real property as security for the payment of a debt, a “deed of release” is a conveyance in fee, executed by the trustee or trustees, to the grantor in the deed of trust, which conveys back to him the legal title to the estate, and which is to be given on satisfactory proof that he has paid the secured debt in full or otherwise complied with the terms of the deed of trust.

—Release by way of enlarging an estate. A conveyance of the ulterior interest in lands to the particular tenant; as, if there be tenant for life or years, remainder to another in fee, and he in remainder releases all his right to the particular tenant and his heirs, this gives him the estate in fee. 1 Steph. Comm. 480; 2 Bl. Comm. 324.

—Release by way of entry and feoffment. As if there be two joint dissesellors, and the dissesellor releases to one of them, he shall be sole seld, and shall keep out his former companion; which is the same in effect as if the dissesellor had entered and thereby put an end to the disseisin, and afterwards had enfeoffed one of the dissesellors in fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 325.

—Release by way of extinguishment. As if my tenant for life makes a lease to A. for life, remainder to B. and his heirs, and I release to A., this extinguishes my right to the reversion, and shall inure to the advantage of B.'s remainder, as well as of A.'s particular estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 325.

—Release by way of passing a right. As if a man be dispossessed and releaseth to his disseisor all his right, hereby the disseisor acquires a new right, which changes the quality of his estate, and renders that lawful which before was tortious or wrongful. 2 Bl. Comm. 325.

—Release by way of passing an estate. As, where one of two coparceners releases all her right to the other, this passes the fee-simple of the whole. 2 Bl. Comm. 324, 325.

—Release of dower. The relinquishment by a married woman of her expectant dower interest or estate in a particular parcel of realty belonging to her husband, as, by joining with him in a conveyance of it to a third person.

—Release to uses. The conveyance by a deed of release to one party to the use of another is so termed. Thus, when a conveyance of lands was effected, by those instruments of assurance termed a lease and release, from A. to B. and his heirs, to the use of C. and his heirs, in such case C. at once took the whole fee-simple in such lands; B., by the operation of the statute of uses, being made a mere conduit-pipe for conveying the estate to C. Brown.

RELEASE. The person to whom a release is made.

RELEASEE. The person, or releasor, or releasor. The maker of a release.

RELEGATIO. Lat. A kind of banishment known to the civil law, which differed from "deportatio" in leaving to the person his rights of citizenship.

RELEGATION. In old English law. Banishment for a time only. Co. Litt. 153.

RELEVANT. Applying to the matter in question; affording something to the purpose.

In Scotch law, good in law, legally sufficient; as, a "relevant" plea or defense.

RELEVANCY. Applicability to the issue joined. That quality of evidence which renders it properly applicable in determining the truth and falsity of the matters in issue between the parties to a suit. See 1 Greenl. Ev. § 49. Two facts are said to be relevant to each other when so related "that according to the common course of events, one either taken by itself or in connection with other facts, proves or renders probable the past, present, or future existence or non-existence of the other." Stepb. Dig. Ev. art. 1. Fishman v. Consumers' Brewing Co., 78 N. J. Law. 300, 73 A. 291; Katz v. Delohery Hat Co., 97 Conn. 665, 112 A. 88, 93; Barnett v. State, 104 Ohio St. 298, 135 N. E. 647, 650, 27 A. L. R. 351; Detroit Iron & Steel Co. v. Detroit Gray Iron Foundry Co., 240 Mich. 677, 216 N. W. 391.

BL. LAW DICT. (3D Ed.)
Relevancy is that which conduces to the proof of a pertinent hypothesis; a pertinent hypothesis being one which, if sustained, would logically influence the issue. Whart. Ev. § 20; Belcher v. State, 71 Tex. Cr. R. 646, 161 S. W. 459, 463.

Relevancy of evidence does not depend upon the conclusiveness of the testimony offered, but upon its legitimate tendency to establish a controverted fact; Interstate Commerce Commission v. Baird, 24 S. Ct. 568, 194 U. S. 25, 48 L. Ed. 869; State v. Upson, 162 Minn. 9, 201 N. W. 913, 915.

A distinction is sometimes taken between "logical" relevancy and "legal" relevancy, the former being judged merely by the standards of ordinary logic or the general laws of reasoning, the latter by the strict and artificial rules of the law with reference to the admissibility of evidence. See Hoag v. Wright, 34 App. Div. 269, 54 N. Y. S. 653.

In Scotch law, the relevancy is the justice or sufficiency in law of the allegations of a party. A plea to the relevancy is therefore analogous to the demurrer of the English courts.

RELEVANT EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

RELIABLE. "Trustworthy, worthy of confidence." Quinn v. Daly, 300 Ill. 273, 133 N. E. 290, 291.

RELICTION. This term is applied to the survivor of a pair of married people, whether the survivor is the husband or the wife; it means the relict of the united pair, (or of the marriage union,) not the relict of the deceased individual. Spitzer v. Heeter, 42 Ohio St. 101.

RELICTA VERIFICATIONE (Lat. his pleading being abandoned). A confession of judgment made after plea pleaded; vix. a cognoscit actionem accompanied by a withdrawal of the plea.


RELIEF. In feudal law. A sum payable by the new tenant, the duty being incident to every feudal tenure, by way of fine or composition with the lord for taking up the estate which was lapsed or fallen in by the death of the last tenant. At one time the amount was arbitrary, but afterwards the relief of a knight's fee became fixed at one hundred shillings. 2 Bl. Comm. 63.

"Relief" also means deliverance from oppression, wrong, or injustice. In this sense it is used as a general designation of the assistance, redress, or benefit which a complainant seeks at the hands of a court, particularly in equity. It may be thus used of such remedies as specific performance, or the reformation or rescission of a contract; but it does not seem appropriate to the awarding of money damages.

The assistance or support, pecuniary or otherwise, granted to indigent persons by the proper administrators of the poor-laws, is also called "relief."

RELIEF ASSOCIATION. See Railroad Relief Funds.

RELIEVE. In feudal law, relieve is to depend; thus, the seigniory of a tenant in capite relieves of the crown, meaning that the tenant holds of the crown. The term is not common in English writers. Sweet.

Religio sequitur patrem. The father's religion is prima facie the infant's religion. Religion will follow the father. [1902] 1 Ch. 688.

RELIGION. "Religion" has reference to man's relation to Divinity, to reverence, worship, obedience, and submission to mandates and precepts of supernatural or superior beings, and in its broadest sense includes all forms of belief in the existence of superior beings exercising power over human beings by volition, imposing rules of conduct, with future rewards and punishments. McMasters v. State, 21 Okl. Cr. 318, 207 P. 566, 568, 29 A. L. R. 292.


RELIGION, OFFENSES AGAINST. In English law. They are thus enumerated by Blackstone: (1) Apostasy; (2) heresy; (3) reviling the ordinances of the church; (4) blasphemy; (5) profane swearing; (6) conjuration or witchcraft; (7) religious imposures; (8) simony; (9) profanation of the Lord's day; (10) drunkenness; (11) lewdness. 4 Bl. Comm. 43.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS. Those which tend to promote the religion taught by the Christian dispensation, unless by associated words the meaning is so limited to show that some other form of worship is referred to. Simpson v. Welcome, 72 Me. 500, 39 Am. Rep. 349.

RELIGIOUS CORPORATION. See Corporation.

RELIGIOUS HOUSES. Places set apart for pious uses; such as monasteries, churches, hospitals, and all other places where charity
was extended to the relief of the poor and orphans, or for the use or exercise of religion.

**RELIGIOUS IMPOSTORS.** In English law. Those who falsely pretend an extraordinary commission from heaven, or terrify and abuse the people with false denunciations of judgment; they are punishable with fine, imprisonment, and infamous corporal punishment. 4 Broom & H. Comm. 71.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.** See Liberty.

**RELIGIOUS MEN.** Such as entered into some monastery or convent. In old English deeds, the vendee was often restrained from aliening to "Jews or religious men" lest the lands should fall into mortmain. Religious men were civilly dead. Blount.

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.** A body of persons associated together for the purpose of maintaining religious worship. The communicants of a denomination who statedly attend services in the church edifice. Fiske v. Beaty, 201 N. Y. S. 441, 444, 206 App. Div. 349. A church and society are often united in maintaining worship, and in such cases the society commonly owns the property, and makes the pecuniary contract with the minister. But, in many instances, societies exist without a church, and churches without a society. Silsby v. Barlow, 16 Gray (Mass.) 330; Weld v. May, 9 Cush. (Mass.) 188; Hebrew Free School Ass'n v. New York, 4 Hun (N. Y.) 449.

**RELIGIOUS USE.** See Charitable Uses.

**RELINQUISHMENT.** In practice. A forsaking, abandoning, renouncing, or giving over a right. Wisconsin-Texas Oil Co. v. Clutter (Tex. Civ. App.) 258 S. W. 265, 268.

**RELIQUA.** The remainder or debt which a person finds himself debtor in upon the balancing or liquidation of an account. Hence *reliquary*, the deotor of a *reliqua*; as also a person who only pays piece-meal. Enc. Lond.

**RELIQUES.** Remains; such as the bones, etc., of saints, preserved with great veneration as sacred memorials. They have been forbidden to be used or brought into England. St. 3 Jac. I. c. 26.

**RELOCATIO.** Lat. In the civil law. A renewal of a lease on its determination. It may be either express or tacit; the latter is when the tenant holds over with the knowledge and without objection of the landlord. Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 412.

**RELOCATION.**

In Scotch Law

A reletting or renewal of a lease; a *tacit relocation* is permitting a tenant to hold over without any new agreement.

In Mining Law

A new or fresh location of an abandoned or forfeited mining claim by a stranger, or by the original locator when he wishes to change the boundaries or to correct mistakes in the original location.

**REMAINDER.** The remnant of an estate in land, depending upon a particular prior estate created at the same time and by the same instrument, and limited to arise immediately on the determination of that estate, and not in abridgment of it. 4 Kent, Comm. 197. Morris v. Phillips, 287 Ill. 633, 122 N. E. 891, 893; Hackensack Trust Co. v. Tracy, 86 N. J. Eq. 301, 99 A. 846, 849; Bean v. Atkins, 87 Vt. 376, 89 A. 643, 646.

The word "remainder" in its ordinary sense means what is left or what may remain, and in a legal sense it means what is left of the entire estate in lands after a preceding part of the same whose regular termination the remainder must await has been disposed of. Weller v. Dinwiddie, 198 Ky. 360, 248 S. W. 874, 875.

An estate limited to take effect and be enjoyed after another estate is determined. As, if a man seized in fee-simple grants lands to A. for twenty years, and, after the determination of the said term, to B. and his heirs forever, here A. is tenant for years, remainder to B. in fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 164.


**Contingent Remainder.**

An estate in remainder which is limited to take effect either to a dubious and uncertain person, or upon a dubious and uncertain event, by which no present or particular interest passes to the remainder-man, so that the particular estate may chance to be determined and the remainder never take effect. 2 Bl. Comm. 169. A remainder limited so as to depend upon an event or condition which may never happen or be performed, or which may not happen or be performed till after the determination of the preceding estate. Fearne, Rem. 3; Thompson v. Adams, 205 Ill. 552, 69 N. E. 1; Griswold v. Gree, 18 Ga. 545; Price v. Sisson, 13 N. J. Eq. 168; Yocum v. Siler, 160 Mo. 281, 61 S. W. 208; Shannon v. Bonham, 27 Ind. App. 369, 60 N. E. 851; Fulton v. Fulton, 179 Iowa, 948, 182 N. W. 253, 256; L. R. A. 1918E, 1080; Shufeldt v. Shufeldt, 130 Wash. 253, 227 P. 6, 10; Belding v. Coward, 125 Me. 305, 123 A. 698, 699.
Cross-Remainder
Where land is devised or conveyed to two or more persons as tenants in common, or where different parts of the same land are given to such persons in severality, with such limitations that, upon the determination of the particular estate of either, his share is to pass to the other, to the entire exclusion of the ultimate remainder-man or reversioner until all the particular estates shall be exhausted, the remainders so limited are called "crosst-remainders." In wills, such remainders may arise by implication; but, in deeds, only by express limitation. See 2 Bl. Comm. 381; 2 Washb. Real Prop. 253; 1 Prest. Est. 94; Addicks v. Addicks, 206 Ill. 349, 107 N. E. 650, 651, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 769.

Executed Remainder
A remainder which vests a present interest in the tenant, though the enjoyment is postponed to the future. 2 Bl. Comm. 168; Fearne, Rem. 31; Hudson v. Wadsworth, 8 Conn. 359.

Executory Remainder
A contingent remainder; one which exists where the estate is limited to take effect either to a dubious and uncertain person or upon a dubious and uncertain event. Temple v. Scott, 143 Ill. 290, 32 N. E. 366; Hudson v. Wadsworth, 8 Conn. 359.

Vested Remainder
An estate by which a present interest passes to the party, though to be enjoyed in futuro, and by which the estate is invariably fixed to remain to a determinate person after the particular estate has been spent. 2 Bl. Comm. 168. A vested remainder is one limited to a certain person at a certain time or upon the happening of a necessary event. Code Ga. § 2265 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3679). And see Poor v. Considine, 6 Wall. 474, 18 L. Ed. 869; Tayloe v. Gould, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 396; Johnson v. Edmond, 65 Conn. 492, 33 A. 503; Marvin v. Ledwith, 111 Ill. 350; Wallace v. Minor, 86 Va. 550, 10 S. E. 423; Woodman v. Woodman, 59 Me. 125, 23 A. 1037; Brown v. Lawrence, 3 Cush. (Mass.) 397; Aetna Life Ins. Co. v. Hoppin, 214 F. 928, 933, 131 C. C. A. 224; Scales v. Barring, 192 N. C. 94, 133 S. E. 410, 413.

Remainder to a person not of a capacity to take at the time of appointing it, is void. Plowd. 27.

REMAINDERMAN. One who is entitled to the remainder of the estate after a particular estate carved out of it has expired.

REMAND. To remand a prisoner, after a preliminary or partial hearing before a court or magistrate, is to send him back to custody, to be kept until the hearing is resumed or the trial comes on. Ex parte Chalfant, 31 W. Va. 95, 93 S. E. 1032, 1033.

To remand a case, brought into an appellate court or removed from one court into another, is to send it back to the court from which it came, that further proceedings in the case, if any, may be taken there.

REMANENT PRO DEFECTU EMPTORUM. In practice. The return made by the sheriff to a writ of execution when he has not been able to sell the property seized, that the same remains unsold for want of buyers.


REMANET. A remnant; that which remains. Thus the causes of which the trial is deferred from one term to another, or from one sitting to another, are termed "remanets." 1 Archib. Pr. 375.

REMEDIAL. Affording a remedy; giving the means of obtaining redress.

Of the nature of a remedy; intended to remedy wrongs or abuses, abate faults, or supply defects.

Pertaining to or affecting the remedy, as distinguished from that which affects or modifies the right.

REMEDIAL STATUTE. A statute providing a remedy for an injury, as distinguished from a penal statute. A statute giving a party a mode of remedy for a wrong, where he had none, or a different one, before. 1 Chit. Bl. 86, 87, notes; In re Ungaro's Will, 58 N. J. Eq. 25, 102 A. 214, 246; Cherry v. Kennedy, 144 Tenn. 320, 222 S. W. 661, 662. The underlying test to be applied in determining whether a statute is penal or remedial is whether it primarily seeks to impose an arbitrary, deterring punishment upon any who might commit a wrong against the public by a violation of the requirements of the statute, or whether the purpose is to measure and define the damages which may accrue to an individual or class of individuals, as just and reasonable compensation for a possible loss having a causal connection with the breach of the legal obligation owing under the statute to such individual or class. See Southern Ry. Co. v. Melton, 133 Ga. 277, 291, 397, 65 S. E. 663; 21 Ruling Case Law, 225; Sherman & Sons Co. v. Bitting, 26 Ga. App. 269, 105 S. E. 548, 549. Remedial statutes are those which are made to supply such defects, and abridge such superfluities, in the common law, as arise either from the general imperfection of all human laws, from change of time and circumstances, from the mistakes and unadvised determinations of unlearned (or even learned) judges, or from any other cause whatsoever. 1 Bl. Comm. 86; Falls v. Key (Tex. Civ. App.) 278 S. W. 583, 586; Columbus Trust Co. v. Upper Hudson Electric & R. Co. (Sup.) 190 N. Y. 737, 739. These remedial statutes are themselves divided into enlarging statutes, by which the common
law is made more comprehensive and extended than it was before, and into restraining statutes, by which it is narrowed down to that which is just and proper. A remedial statute is one which not only remedies defects in the common law but defects in civil jurisprudence generally. M. H. Vestal Co. v. Robertson, 277 Ill. 425, 15 N. E. 629, 631; MacDonald v. Hamilton B. Wills & Co., 199 App. Div. 203, 191 N. Y. S. 566, 568.

Remedies for rights are ever favorably extended. 18 Vin. Abr. 521.

REMEDY. The means by which a right is enforced or the violation of a right is prevented, redressed, or compensated. Remedies are of four kinds: (1) By act of the party injured, the principal of which are defense, recaption, distress, entry, abatement, and seizure; (2) by operation of law, as in the case of retainer and remitter; (3) by agreement between the parties, e. g., by accord and satisfaction and arbitration; and (4) by judicial remedy, e. g., action or suit. Sweet. See Knapp v. McCaffrey, 177 U. S. 638, 20 S. Ct. 824, 44 L. Ed. 921; Missionary Soc. v. Ely, 56 Ohio St. 405, 47 N. E. 537; U. S. v. Lyman, 26 Fed. Cas. 1024; Frost v. Witter, 132 Cal. 421, 64 P. 705, 84 Am. St. Rep. 53; Christensen v. Morse Dry Dock & Repair Co., 216 App. Div. 274, 214 N. Y. S. 732, 743; Berry v. M. F. Donovan & Sons, 120 Mo. 457, 115 A. 250, 25 A. L. R. 1023.

The means employed to enforce a right or redress an injury, as distinguished from right, which is a well founded or acknowledged claim. Chelentis v.Luckenbach S. S. Co., 247 U. S. 372, 38 S. Ct. 501, 503, 62 L. Ed. 1171; Soderstrom v. Curry & Whyte, 143 Minn. 154, 173 N. W. 649, 651.

Strictly speaking, "remedy" is no part of the action, but is the result thereof, the object for which the action is presented, the end to which all the litigation is directed. Mathews v. Snuggs, 75 Okl. 108, 182 P. 703, 707.

Remedies for the redress of injuries are either public, by indictment, when the injury to the individual or to his property affects the public, or private, when the tort is only injurious to the individual.

That which relieves or cures a disease, including a medicine or remedial treatment. United States v. Natura Co. (D. C.) 250 F. 925, 926.

Also a certain allowance to the master of the mint, for deviation from the standard weight and fineness of coins. Enc. Lond.

Adequate Remedy

See Adequate.

Civil Remedy

The remedy afforded by law to a private person in the civil courts in so far as his private and individual rights have been injured by a delict or crime; as distinguished from the remedy by criminal prosecution for the injury to the rights of the public.

Cumulative Remedy

See Cumulative.

Extraordinary Remedy

See Extraordinary.

Judicial Remedy

See Judicial.

Legal Remedy

A remedy available, under the particular circumstances of the case, in a court of law, as distinguished from a remedy available only in equity. See State v. Sneed, 105 Tenn. 711, 35 S. W. 1070.

Remedy Over

A person who is primarily liable or responsible, but who, in turn, can demand indemnification from another, who is responsible to him, is said to have a "remedy over." For example, a city, being compelled to pay for injuries caused by a defect in the highway, has a "remedy over" against the person whose act or negligence caused the defect, and such person is said to be "liable over" to the city. 2 Black, Judgm. § 575.

REMEMBRANCER. The remembrancer of the city of London is parliamentary solicitor to the corporation, and is bound to attend all courts of aldermen and common council when required. Pull. Laws & Cust. Lond. 122. See King's remembrancer.

REMEMBRANCERS. In English law. Officers of the exchequer, whose duty it is to put in remembrance the lord treasurer and the justices of that court of such things as are to be called and dealt in for the benefit of the crown. Jacob.

RÉMÉRÉ. In French law. Redemption; right of redemption. A sale à rémeré is a species of conditional sale with right of repurchase. An agreement by which the vendor reserves to himself the right to take back the thing sold on restoring the price paid, with costs and interest. Duverger.

REMISE. To remit or give up. A formal word in deeds of release and quitclaim; the usual phrase being "remise, release, and forever quitclaim." See American Mortg. Co. v. Hutchinson, 19 Or. 334, 24 P. 515; McNaw v. Tiffin, 143 Mo. 667, 45 S. W. 656; Lynch v. Livingston, 8 N. Y. 434.

REMISE DE LA DETTE. In French law. The release of a debt.

REMISSION.

In the Civil Law

A release of a debt. It is conventional, when it is expressly granted to the debtor by a creditor having a capacity to alienate; or

"Remission" also means forgiveness or condonation of an offense or injury.

At Common Law

The act by which a forfeiture or penalty is forgiven. United States v. Morris, 10 Wheat. 246, 6 L. Ed. 314.

Remissius imperanti melius paretur. 3 Inst. 233. A man commanding not too strictly is better obeyed.

REMISSNESS. This term imports the doing of the act in question in a tardy, negligent, or careless manner; but it does not apply to the entire omission or forbearance of the act. Baldwin v. United States Tel. Co., 6 Abb. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 423.


To send back, as to remit a check. Colvin v. Acc. Ass'n, 66 Hun, 543, 21 N. Y. S. 734.

To give up; to annul; to relinquish; as to remit a fine. Jungbluth v. Redfield, 14 Fed. Cas. 522; Gibson v. People, 6 Hun (N. Y.) 543; People ex rel. Cropsey v. Court of Special Sessions of City of New York, 170 App. Div. 575, 156 N. Y. S. 61, 62.

REMITTANCE. The act of sending back to custody; an annulment. Wharton.

REMITTANCE. Money sent by one person to another, either in specie, bill of exchange, check, or otherwise.

REMITTEE. A person to whom a remittance is made. Story, Bailm. § 75.

REMITTER. The relation back of a later defective title to an earlier valid title. Remitter occurs where he who has the true property or jus proprietatis in lands, but is out of possession thereof, and has no right to enter without recovering possession in an action, has afterwards the freehold cast upon him by some subsequent and of course defective title. In this case he is remitted, or sent back by operation of law, to his ancient and more certain title. 3 Bl. Comm. 19.

REMITTIT DAMNA. Lat. An entry on the record, by which the plaintiff declares that he remits a part of the damages which have been awarded him.

REMITTITUR DAMNA. Lat. In practice. An entry made on record, in cases where a jury has given greater damages than a plaintiff has declared for, remitting the excess. 2 Tidd, Pr. 596.

REMITTITUR OF RECORD. The returning or sending back by a court of appeal of the record and proceedings in a cause, after its decision thereon, to the court whence the appeal came, in order that the cause may be tried anew; (where it is so ordered,) or that judgment may be entered in accordance with the decision on appeal, or execution be issued, or any other necessary action be taken in the court below.

REMITTOR. A person who makes a remittance to another.

REMODEL. To "remodel" means, broadly, "to reform, reshape, to make over in a somewhat different way." Rev. St. art. 5502. City of Dallas v. Davis (Tex. Civ. App.) 263 S. W. 544, 547, and with respect to existing building may import reconstruction or a change practically equivalent to a new building. Cotter v. Joint School Dist. No. 3 of Village of Plum City, 184 Wis. 13, 153 N. W. 80, 81; Beauchamp v. Consolidated School Dist. No. 4, Livingston County, 297 Mo. 64, 247 S. W. 1004, 1005.

REMONSTRANCE. Expostulation; showing of reasons against something proposed; a representation made to a court or legislative body wherein certain persons unite in urging that a contemplated measure be not adopted or passed. See Girvin v. Simon, 127 Cal. 481, 63 P. 945; In re Mercer County License Applications, 3 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 45.

REMOTE. At a distance; afar off; inconceivable; slight. Newsome v. Louisville & N. R. Co., 20 Ala. App. 349, 102 So. 61, 64.

REMOTE CAUSE. In the law of negligence, a "remote" cause of an accident or injury may be one which sets in motion another cause, called the "proximate" cause. The "remote cause" is one the existence of which does not necessarily imply the existence of the effect. Salsedo v. Palmer (C. C. A.) 278 F. 92, 95. Remote cause is also defined as a cause operating mediatly through other causes to produce effect. Newsome v. Louisville & N. R. Co., 20 Ala. App. 349, 102 So. 61, 64, as that which would not, according to experience of mankind, lead to event. Dunn v. Central State Hospital, 197 Ky. 807, 248 S. W. 216, 218, and as "that which may have happened and yet no injury has occurred, notwithstanding that no injury could have occurred if it had not happened." See Troy v. Railroad Co., 6 S. E. 77, 99 N. C. 298, 6 Am. St. Rep. 521; Maryland Steel Co. v. Marney, 88 Md. 482, 42 A. 60, 42 L. R. A. 842, 71 Am. St. Rep. 441; Hoey v. Metropolitan St. Ry. Co., 70 App. Div. 60, 74 N. Y. S. 1113; Claypool v. Wigmore, 34 Ind. App. 33, 71 N. E. 509.

REMOTE DAMAGE. Damage is said to be too remote to be actionable when it is not
the legal and natural consequence of the act complained of.

REMOTE POSSIBILITY. In the law of estates, a double possibility, or a limitation dependent on two or more facts or events both or all of which are contingent and uncertain; as, for example, the limitation of an estate to a given man provided that he shall marry a certain woman and that she shall then die and he shall marry another.

REMOTENESS. Want of close connection between a wrong and the injury which prevents the party injured from claiming compensation from the wrongdoer. Wharton.

REMOTENESS OF EVIDENCE. When the fact or facts proposed to be established as a foundation from which indirect evidence may be drawn, by way of inference, have not a visible, plain, or necessary connection with the proposition eventually to be proved, such evidence is rejected for "remoteness." See 2 Whart. Ev. § 1232, note.

Remoto impedimento, emergit actio. The impediment being removed, the action rises. When a bar to an action is removed, the action rises up into its original efficacy. Shep. Touch. 150; Wing. 20.

REMOVAL. In a broad sense, the transfer of a person or thing from one place to another. Durrett v. Woods, 153 La. 533, 99 So. 430, 431; Louisville Chair & Furniture Co. v. Otter, 219 Ky. 707, 241 S. W. 483, 484.

The act of a person or body, having lawful authority thereto, in depriving one of an office to which he was appointed or elected. "Suspension" is an ad interim stoppage or arrest of official power and pay while "removal" terminates wholly the incumbency of the office or employment. State v. Board of Police & Fire Com'n of La Crosse, 159 Wis. 236, 150 N. W. 493, 494.

The term "removal" as used in statutes relative to removal from state is often limited to such absence from state as amounts to a change of residence. Davis v. Brandon, 200 Ala. 160, 75 So. 908, 909; Smithers v. Smithers, 145 La. 752, 82 So. 873, 879.

REMOVAL OF CAUSES. The transfer of a cause from one court to another; commonly used of the transfer of the jurisdiction and cognizance of an action commenced but not finally determined, with all further proceedings therein, from one trial court to another trial court. More particularly, the transfer of a cause, before trial or final hearing thereof, from a state court to the United States District Court, under the acts of congress in that behalf.

REMOVAL OF PAUPER. The actual transfer of a pauper, by order of a court having jurisdiction, from a poor district in which he has no settlement, but upon which he has become a charge, to the district of his domicile or settlement.

REMOVAL, ORDER OF. An order of court directing the removal of a pauper from the poor district upon which he has illegally become a charge to the district in which he has his settlement. Also an order made by the court a quo, directing the transfer of a cause therein depending, with all future proceedings in such cause, to another court.

REMOVAL TO AVOID TAX. This phrase as used in statute relating to forfeiture, means some transfer of the thing involved from some definite place of manufacture, production, origin, or the like to some other place, whereat or wherefrom collection of tax on it might be less easily effected. U. S. v. One Buick Automobile (D. C.) 300 F. 584, 588; U. S. v. Mangano (C. C. A.) 299 F. 492, 493.

REMOVAL WITHOUT PROPER CAUSE. "Removal without proper cause," of persons in the classified civil service, includes a removal for reasons which are insufficient, frivolous, or irrelevant, and a removal grounded upon evidence which to fair-minded persons appears inadequate to justify the conclusion reached but falling short of an exercise of bad faith. Murray v. Justices of Municipal Court of City of Boston, 233 Mass. 156, 123 N. E. 682, 683. See "Cause."

REMOVER. In practice. A transfer of a suit or cause out of one court into another, which is effected by writ of error, certiorari, and the like. 11 Coke, 41.

RENUMERATION. Reward; recompense; salary. Dig. 17, 1, 7.

The word "remuneration" means a quid pro quo. If a man gives his services, whatever consideration he gets for giving his services seems to me a remuneration for them. Consequently, I think, if a person was in the receipt of a payment, or in the receipt of a percentage, or any kind of payment which would not be an actual money payment, the amount he would receive annually in respect of this would be "remuneration." 1 Q. B. Div. 663, 664.

RENT, or RENIANT. In old English law. Denying. 32 Hen. VIII. c.2.

RENCOUNTER. A sudden hostile collision, as with an enemy; an unexpected encounter or meeting, as of travelers; a contest or debate; a sudden meeting as opposed to a duel which is deliberate. Mulligan v. State, 18 Ga. App. 464, 89 S. E. 543, 544.

RENDER, v. To give up; to yield; to return; to surrender. Also to pay or perform; used of rents, services, and the like.

—Render judgment. To pronounce, state, declare, or announce the judgment of the court in a given case or on a given state of facts; not used with reference to judgments by confession, and not synonymous with "entering," "docketing," or "recording" the judgment.


RENDER, n. In feudal law, "render" was used in connection with rents and heriots. Goods subject to rent or heriot-service were said to lie in render, when the lord might not only seize the identical goods, but might also distrain for them. Cowell.

RENDEZVOUS. Fr. A place appointed for meeting. Especially used of places appointed for the assembling of troops, the coming together of the ships of a fleet, or the meeting of vessels and their convoy.

RENEGADE. One who has changed his profession of faith or opinion; one who has deserted his church or party.


There is clear distinction between stipulation to "renew" lease for additional term and one to "extend," in that stipulation to renew requires making of new lease, while one to extend does not. Sanders v. Wender, 205 Ky. 422, 265 S. W. 938, 941.

RENOUNCE. To reject; cast off; repudiate; disclaim; forsake; abandon; divest one's self of a right, power, or privilege. Usually it implies an affirmative act of disclaimer or disavowal.

RENOUNCING PROBATE. In English practice. Refusing to take upon one's self the office of executor or executrix. Refusing to take out probate under a will wherein one has been appointed executor or executrix. Holthouse.

RENOVARE. Lat. In old English law. To renew. *Annuatim renovare,* to renew annually. A phrase applied to profits which are taken and the product renewed again. Amb. 131.

RENT. At Common Law

A certain profit issuing yearly out of lands and tenements corporeal; a species of incorporeal hereditament. 2 Bl. Comm. 41. A compensation or return yielded periodically, to a certain amount, out of the profits of some corporeal hereditaments, by the tenant thereof. 2 Steph. Comm. 23. A certain yearly profit in money, provisions, chattels, or labor, issuing out of lands and tenements, in return for their use. 3 Kent. Comm. 460.


"A certain pecuniary amount, agreed upon between a tenant and his landlord, and paid at fixed intervals by the tenant to the landlord, for the use of land or its appurtenances." Davidge v. Simmons (D. C.) 263 F. 1018, 1019.

The term rent in a broad colloquial sense is used to mean reasonable return from real property. Well v. Lesser, 115 Misc. 241, 159 N. Y. S. 653, 656.

In Louisiana

The contract of rent of lands is a contract by which one of the parties conveys and cedes to the other a tract of land, or any other immovable property, and stipulates that the latter shall hold it as owner, but reserving to the former an annual rent of a certain sum of money, or of a certain quantity of fruits, which the other party binds himself to pay
him. It is of the essence of this conveyance that it be made in perpetuity. If it be made for a limited time, it is a lease. Civ. Code La. arts. 2779, 2780.

In General
—Fee farm rent. A rent charge issuing out of an estate in fee; a perpetual rent reserved on a conveyance of land in fee simple.

—Ground rent. See Ground.

—Quit rent. Certain established rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors were so called, because by their payment the tenant was free and “quit” of all other services.

—Rack rent. A rent of the full annual value of the tenement or near it. 2 Bl. Comm. 45.

—Rent-charge. This arises where the owner of the rent has no future interest or reversion in the land. It is usually created by deed or will, and is accompanied with powers of distress and entry.

—Rent-roll. A list of rents payable to a particular person or public body.


—Rent-service. This consisted of fealty, together with a certain rent, and was the only kind of rent originally known to the common law. It was so called because it was given as a compensation for the services to which the land was originally liable. Brown.

—Rents of assize. The certain and determined rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors are called “rents of assize,” apparently because they were assized or made certain, and so distinguished from a redditus mobilis, which was a variable or fluctuating rent. 3 Cruise, Dig. 314: Brown.

—Rents resolute. Rents anciently payable to the crown from the lands of abbeys and religious houses; and after their dissolution, notwithstanding that the lands were demised to others, yet the rents were still reserved and made payable again to the crown. Cowell.

Rent must be reserved to him from whom the state of the land moved. Co. Litt. 143.

RENTAGE. Rent.

RENTAL. (Said to be corrupted from “rent-roll.”) In English law. A roll on which the rents of a manor are registered or set down, and by which the lord’s bailiff collects the same. It contains the lands and tenements let to each tenant, the names of the tenants, and other particulars. Cunningham; Holt.

Payment received periodically for the use of property; rent. Friedbar Realty Corporation v. Sanford, 119 Misc. 621, 198 N. Y. S. 38, 39.

Net Rental
The term “net rental,” when used with reference to real property, means a rental over and above all expenses. Perkins v. Kirby, 39 R. I. 343, 97 A. 884, 887.

Rental Bolls
In Scotch law. When the tithes (tincds) have been liquidated and settled for so many bolls of corn yearly. Bell.

Rental-Rights
In English law. A species of lease usually granted at a low rent and for life. Tenants under such leases were called “Rentalers” or “kindly tenants.”

Rental Value

RENTE. In French law. Rente is the annual return which represents the revenue of a capital or of an immovable alienated. The constitution of rente is a contract by which one of the parties lends to the other a capital which he agrees not to recall, in consideration of the borrower’s paying an annual interest. It is this interest which is called “rente.” Duverger. The word is therefore nearly synonymous with the English “annuity.”

“Rentes,” is the term applied to the French government funds, and “rentier” to a fundholder or other person having an income from personal property. Wharton.

RENTE FONCIÈRE. A rent which issues out of land, and it is of its essence that it be perpetual, for, if it be made but for a limited time, it is a lease. It may, however, be extinguished. Civ. Code La. art. 2750.

RENTE VIAGÈRE. That species of rente, the duration of which depends upon the contingency of the death of one or more persons indicated in the contract. The uncertainty of the time at which such death may happen causes the rente viagère to be included in the number of alodetary contracts. Duverger. Civ. Code La. art. 2793 defines the contract of annuity as that by which one party delivers to another a sum of money, and agrees not to reclaim it so long as the receiver pays the rent agreed upon.

RENTS, ISSUES, AND PROFITS more commonly signify in the books a chattel real interest in land; a kind of estate growing out
of the land, for life or years, producing an annual or other rent. Bruce v. Thompson, 26 Vt. 746.


Under the Negotiable Instruments Law "renunciation" is the unilateral act of the holder, usually, without consideration, whereby he expresses the intention of abandoning his rights on the instrument or against one or more parties thereto. McGlynn v. Granstrom, 169 Minn. 164, 210 N. W. 892, 893. See Renounce.

RENOVatory. The act of a state in summarily reconducting foreign vagabonds, criminals, etc., to the frontiers of their own state. A doctrine under which the court in resorting to a foreign law adopts the rules of the foreign law as to conflict of laws, which rules may in turn refer the court back to the law of the forum. See 31 Harvard Law Rev. 523, 27 Yale Law Journal 509 and In re Tallmadge, 109 Misc. 696. 181 N. Y. S. 336, 341.

REO ABSENTE. Lat. The defendant being absent; in the absence of the defendant.

REOPENING A CASE. To reopen a case is to permit the introduction of new evidence and, practically to permit a new trial.

REORGANIZATION. The carrying out, by proper agreements and legal proceedings, of a business plan for winding up the affairs of, or foreclosing a mortgage or mortgages upon the property of, insolvent corporations, more frequently railroad companies. It is usually accomplished by the judicial sale of the corporate property and franchises, and the formation by the purchasers of a new corporation. The property and franchises are therewithvested in the new corporation and its stock and bonds are divided among such of the parties interested in the old company as are parties to the reorganization plan.


The word "repair" contemplates an existing structure or thing which has become imperfect, and means to supply in the original existing structure that which is lost or destroyed, and thereby restore it to the condition in which it originally existed, as near as may be. Fuche v. City of Cedar Rapids, 158 Iowa, 392, 139 N. W. 903, 904, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 590.

"Repair" means to restore to former condition; not to change either the form or material of a building. Ardco Oil Co. v. Richardson, 63 Pa. 162.

REPAIRS. Restoration to soundness; repairation; work done to property to keep it in good order.

Necessary Repairs

Necessary repairs (for which the master of a ship may lawfully bind the owner) are such as are reasonably fit and proper for the ship under the circumstances, and not merely such as are absolutely indispensable for the safety of the ship or the accomplishment of the voyage. The Fortitude, 3 Summ. 327, Fed. Cas. No. 4,953; Webster v. Seekamp, 4 Barn. & Ald. 352.


REPARATION FACIENDA. For making repairs. The name of an old writ which lay in various cases; as if, for instance, there were three tenants in common of a mill or house which had fallen into decay, and one of the three was willing to repair it, and the other two not; in such case the party who was willing to repair might have this writ against the others. Cowell; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 127.

REPARTIAMENTO. In Spanish law, a judicial proceeding for the partition of property held in common. See Steinbach v. Moore, 30 Cal. 505.

REPATRIATION takes place when a person who has been expatriated regains his nationality.

REPAVING. The word "repave" in reference to a street improvement has an equally well-defined customary usage and meaning, and relates generally to a new pavement, either of the same or different material, for the full width of the street theretofore similarly improved, or for some defined section thereof. Cleveland Ry. Co. v. City of Cleveland, 97 Ohio St. 122, 119 N. E. 292, 293.


REPEAL. The abrogation or annulling of a previously existing law by the enactment of a subsequent statute which declares that the former law shall be revoked and abrogated, (which is called "express" repeal) or which contains provisions so contrary to or irreconcilable with those of the earlier law that only one of the two statutes can stand in force, (called "implied" repeal). See Oakland Pav. Co. v. Hilton, 69 Cal. 470, 11
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Pac. 3; Mernaugh v. Orlando, 41 Fla. 433, 27 South. 34; Hunter v. Memphis, 93 Tenn. 571, 26 S. W. 528; State v. Bemis, 45 Neb. 724, 64 N. W. 348; Bauer v. State, 99 Neb. 117, 157 N. W. 968, 970; Pacific Milling & Elevator Co. v. City of Portland, 65 Or. 349, 133 P. 72, 78, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 363; Ellis v. New Mexico Const. Co., 27 N. M. 312, 201 P. 487, 490.

Repellitur a sacramento infamis. An infamous person is repelled or prevented from taking an oath. Co. Litt. 158; Bract. fol. 185.

Repellitur exceptione cedendarum actionum. He is defeated by the plea that the actions have been assigned. Cheesebrough v. Millard, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 409, 414.

REPERTORY. In French law. The inventory or minutes which notaries make of all contracts which take place before them. Merl. Repert.

REPRESENTATION.

In the Civil Law

A demand or action for the restoration of money paid under mistake, or goods delivered by mistake or on an unperformed condition. Dig. 12, 6. See Solutio Indebiti.

In Scotch Law

The act of reading over a witness' deposition, in order that he may adhere to it or correct it at his choice. The same as recollection (q. v.) in the French law. 2 Benth. Jud. Ev. 239.

REPETITUM NAMIAM. A repeated, second, or reciprocal distress; withernam. 3 Bl. Comm. 148.

REPETUNDÆ, or PECUNIÆ REPETUNDÆ. In Roman law. The terms used to designate such sums of money as the socii of the Roman state, or individuals, claimed to recover from magistratus, judices, or publici curatoraes, which they had improperly taken or received in the provinciae, or in the urbs Roma, either in the discharge of their jurisdiction, or in their capacity of judices, or in respect of any other public function. Sometimes the word "repetundae" was used to express the illegal act for which compensation was sought. Wharton.

REPETUNDARUM CRIMEN. In Roman law. The crime of bribery or extortion in a magistrate, or person in any public office. Calvin.

REPLEAD. To plead anew; to file new pleadings.

REPLEADER. When, after issue has been joined in an action, and a verdict given thereon, the pleading is found (on examination) to have miscarried and failed to effect, its proper object, viz., of raising an apt and material question between the parties, the court will, on motion of the unsuccessful party, award a repeller; that is, will order the parties to plead de novo for the purpose of obtaining a better issue. Brown.

Judgment of repeller differs from a judgment non obstante veredicto, in this: that it is allowed by the court to do justice between the parties where the defect is in the form or manner of stating the right, and the issue joined is on an immaterial point, so that it cannot tell for whom to give judgment; while judgment non obstante is given only where it is clearly apparent to the court that the party who has succeeded has, upon his own showing, no merits, and cannot have by any manner of statement. 1 Chit. Pl. 657, 668.

REPLEGIARE. To replevy; to redeem a thing detained or taken by another by putting in legal sureties.

REPLEGIARE DE AVERIS. Replevin of cattle. A writ brought by one whose cattle were distrained, or put in the pound, upon any cause by another, upon surety given to the sheriff to prosecute or answer the action in law. Cowell.

REPLEGIARI FACIAS. You cause to be replevied. In old English law. The original writ in the action of replevin; superseded by the statute of Marbridge, c. 21, 3 Bl. Comm. 146.

REPLETION. In canon law. Where the revenue of a benefice is sufficient to fill or occupy the whole right or title of the graduate who holds it. Wharton.

REPLEVIALE, or REPLEVISABLE. Property is said to be repleviable or replevisable when proceedings in replevin may be resorted to for the purpose of trying the right to such property.

REPLEVIN. A personal action ex delicto brought to recover possession of goods unlawfully taken, (generally, but not only, applicable to the taking of goods distrained for rent,) the validity of which taking it is the mode of contesting, if the party from whom the goods were taken wishes to have them back in specie, whereas, if he prefer to have damages instead, the validity may be contested by action of trespass or unlawful distress. The word means a redelivery to the owner of the pledge or thing taken in distress. Wharton. And see Simmott v. Felock, 105 N. Y. 444, 50 N. E. 265, 53 L. R. A. 553, 50 Am. St. Rep. 736; Healey v. Humphrey, 81 Fed. 900, 27 C. C. A. 39; McJunkin v. Mathers, 158 Pa. 137, 27 Atl. 873; Tracy v. Warren, 104 Mass. 377; Lazard v. Wheeler, 22 Cal. 142; Maclary v. Turner, 9 Houst. (Del.) 281, 32 Atl. 325; Johnson v. Boehme, 66 Kan. 72, 71 Pac. 243, 97 Am. St. Rep. 357; Largilliere Co., Bankers, v. Kunz, 41 Idaho, 767, 244 P. 404, 405; Troy Laundry Ma-

Personal Replevin

A species of action to replevy a man out of prison or out of the custody of any private person. It took the place of the old writ de homine replegiando; but, as a means of examining into the legality of an imprisonment, it is now superseded by the writ of habeas corpus.

Replevin Bond

A bond executed to indemnify the officer who executed a writ of replevin and to indemnify the defendant or person from whose custody the property was taken for such damages as he may sustain. Imel v. Van Deren, 8 Colo. 90, 5 P. 803; Walker v. Ken- nison, 34 N. H. 250.

REPLEVISH. In old English law. To let one to mainprise upon surety. Cowell.

REPLEVISOR. The plaintiff in an action of replevin.

REPLEVY. This word, as used in reference to the action of replevin, signifies to redeliver goods which have been distrained, to the original possessor of them, on his pleading or giving security to prosecute an action against the distrainer for the purpose of trying the legality of the distress. It has also been used to signify the bailing or liberating a man from prison on his finding bail to answer for his forthcoming at a future time. Brown.

REPLIANT, or REPLICANT. A litigant who replies or files or delivers a replication.

REPLICARE. Lat. In the civil law and old English pleading. To reply; to answer a defendant's plea.

REPLICATIO. Lat. In the civil law and old English pleading. The plaintiff's answer to the defendant's exception or plea; corresponding with and giving name to the replication in modern pleading. Inst. 4, 14, pr.

REPLICATION. In pleading. A reply made by the plaintiff in an action to the defendant's plea, or in a suit in chancery to the defendant's answer.

General and Special

In equity practice, a general replication is a general denial of the truth of defendant's plea or answer, and of the sufficiency of the matter alleged in it to bar the plaintiff's suit, and an assertion of the truth and sufficiency of the bill. A special replication is occa-
REPORT OFFICE. A department of the English court of chancery. The suitors' account there is discontinued by the 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, § 36.

REPORTER. A person who reports the decisions upon questions of law in the cases adjudged in the several courts of law and equity. Wharton.

REPORTS, THE. The name given, _par excellence_, to Lord Coke's Reports, from 14 Eliz. to 13 Jac. I., which are cited as "Rep." or "Coke." They are divided into thirteen parts, and the modern editions are in six volumes, including the index.

REPOSITION OF THE FOREST. In old English law. An act whereby certain forest grounds, being made _purieiu_ upon view, were by a second view laid to the forest again, put back into the forest. Manwood; Cowell.

REPOSITORIUM. A storehouse or place wherein things are kept; a warehouse. Cro. Car. 535.

REPRESENT. To exhibit; to expose before the eyes. To represent a thing is to produce it publicly. Dig. 10, 4, 2, 3.

To represent a person is to stand in his place; to supply his place; to act as his substitute. Plummer v. Brown, 64 Gal. 429, 1 P. 703; Solon v. Williamsburgh Sav. Bank, 55 Hun (N. Y.) 7; McEntarffer v. Payne, 107 Neb. 169, 185 N. W. 329; McDaniel v. Commonwealth, 181 Ky. 769, 205 S. W. 913, 919; Selbert v. Dunn, 210 N. Y. 237; 110 N. E. 447, 449.

REPRESENTATION.

In Contracts

A statement express or implied made by one of two contracting parties to the other, before or at the time of making the contract, in regard to some past or existing fact, circumstance, or state of facts pertinent to the contract, which is influential in bringing about the agreement. Fernandina Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. v. Peters (D. C.) 283 F. 621, 627; Kiser v. Richardson, 91 Kan. 512, 130 P. 373, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 529; Federal Agency Inv. Co. v. Holm, 123 Kan. 82, 254 P. 391, 393; Krankowski v. Knapp, 298 Ill. 183, 108 N. E. 1006, 1008; St. Louis & S. F. R. Co. v. Reed, 37 Okl. 50, 132 P. 355, 357.

In Insurance

A collateral statement, either by writing not inserted in the policy or by parol, of such facts or circumstances, relative to the proposed adventure, as are necessary to be communicated to the underwriters, to enable them to form a just estimate of the risks. 1 Marsh. Ins. 450; Myers v. Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York, 82 W. Va. 390, 98 S. E. 424, 426; Ætna Life Ins. Co. v. McCallagh, 185 Ky. 664, 215 S. W. 821, 823; Moore v. Prudential Casualty Co., 156 N. Y. S. 892, 894, 170 App. Div. 849; Maryland Casualty Co. v. First State Bank of Dewar, 101 Okl. 721, 223 P. 701, 703; Palmer v. Welch, 171 Mo. App. 530, 154 S. W. 433, 438.

The allegation of any facts, by the applicant to the insurer, or vice versa, preliminary to making the contract, and directly bearing upon it, having a plain and evident tendency to induce the making of the policy. The statements may or may not be in writing, and may be either express or by obvious implication. Lee v. Howard Fire Ins. Co., 11 Cush. (Mass.) 324; Augusta Insurance & Banking Co. of Georgia v. Abbott, 12 Md. 348.

In relation to the contract of insurance, there is an important distinction between a representation and a warranty. The former, which precedes the contract of insurance, and is not part of it, need be only materially true; the latter is a part of the contract, and must be exactly and literally fulfilled, or else the contract is broken and ineffectual. Gencastle Woolen Co. v. Protection Ins. Co., 21 Conn. 18, 54 Am. Dec. 309.

In the Law of Distribution and Descent

The principle upon which the issue of a deceased person take or inherit the share of an estate which their immediate ancestor would have taken or inherited, if living; the taking or inheriting _per stirpes_. 2 Bl. Comm. 217, 517.

In Scotch Law

The name of a plea or statement presented to a lord ordinary of the court of session, when his judgment is brought under review.

In General

—False representation. A deceitful representation, or one contrary to the fact, made knowingly and with the design and effect of inducing the other party to enter into the contract to which it relates.


—Misrepresentation. An intentional false statement respecting a matter of fact, made by one of the parties to a contract, which is material to the contract and influential in producing it.

—Promissory representation. A term used chiefly in insurance, and meaning a represen-
tation made by the assured concerning what is to happen during the term of the insurance, stated as a matter of expectation or even of contract, and amounting to a promise to be performed after the contract has come into existence. New Jersey Rubber Co. v. Commercial Union Assur. Co., 64 N. J. Law, 580, 46 A. 777.

—Representation of persons. A fiction of the law, the effect of which is to put the representative in the place, degree, or right of the person represented. Civ. Code La. art. 894.

REPRESENTATIVE. Representation is the act of one person representing or standing in the place of another; and he who so represents or stands in the place of another is termed his "representative." Thus, an heir is the representative of the ancestor, and an executor is the representative of the testator, the heir standing in the place of his deceased testator with respect to his realty, the executor standing in the place of his deceased testator with respect to his personalty; and hence the heir is frequently denominated the "real" representative, and the executor the "personal" representative. Brown; 2 Steph. Comm. 243. And see Lee v. Dill, 30 Barb. (N. Y.) 520; Staples v. Lewis, 71 Conn. 288, 41 A. 815; McCravy v. McCravy, 12 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 1.

In constitutional law, representatives are those persons chosen by the people to represent their several interests in a legislative body.

Legal Representative

A person who, in the law, represents the person and controls the rights of another. Primarily the term meant those artificial representatives of a deceased person, the executors and administrators, who by law represented the deceased, in distinction from the heirs, who were the "natural" representatives. But as, under statutes of distribution, executors and administrators are no longer the sole representatives of the deceased as to personal property, the phrase has lost much of its original distinctive force, and is now used to describe either executors and administrators or children, descendants, next of kin, or distributees. Moreover, the phrase is not always used in its technical sense nor always with reference to the estate of a decedent; and in such other connections its import must be determined from the context; so that, in its general sense of one person representing another, or succeeding to the rights of another, or standing in the place of another, it may include an assignee in bankruptcy or insolvency, an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a receiver, an assignee of a mortgage, a grantee of land, a guardian, a purchaser at execution sale, a widow, or a surviving partner. See Staples v. Lewis, 71 Conn. 288, 41 A. 815; Miller v. Metcalf, 77 Conn. 170, 58 A. 743; Warnecke v. Lembeck, 71 Ill. 95, 12 Am. Rep. 85; Thayer v. Pressey, 175 Mass. 225, 56 N. E. 5; Thompson v. U. S., 20 Ct. Cl. 278; Cox v. Curwen, 118 Mass. 200; Halsey v. Paterson, 87 N. J. Eq. 448; Merchants' Nat. Bank v. Abernathy, 32 Mo. App. 211; Hogan v. Page, 2 Wall. 607, 17 L. Ed. 854; Mutual L. Ins. Co. v. Armstrong, 117 U. S. 591, 8 S. Ct. 877, 29 L. Ed. 997; Wright v. First Nat. Bank, 30 Fed. Cas. 673; Henderson Nat. Bank v. Alves, 91 Ky. 142, 15 S. W. 132; McLain v. Bedgood, 80 Ga. 703, 15 S. E. 670; Com. v. Bryan, 6 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 83; Barbour v. National Exch. Bank, 45 Ohio St. 133, 12 N. E. 5; Griswold v. Sawyer, 125 N. Y. 411, 26 N. E. 494; Lasater v. First Nat. Bank (Tex. Civ. App.) 72 S. W. 1064; McComber v. Minneapolis Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 157 Wis. 432, 204 N. W. 331, 333; Ferguson v. Coleman (Tex. Civ. App.) 206 S. W. 571, 572; Newman v. Jennings, 80 Conn. 685, 88 A. 321, 322; Albright v. Albright, 116 Ohio St. 99, 157 N. E. 706; Beauvais v. Johnson, 105 Conn. 98, 134 A. 590, 534; Long v. Montgomery (Mo. App.) 295 S. W. 311, 315; Mattson v. Wagstad, 185 Wis. 556, 206 N. W. 865, 868; McQueen v. Flasidick-Black Land & Lumber Co., 135 La. 689, 65 So. 900, 903; State v. Industrial Commission of Ohio, 110 Ohio St. 487, 114 N. E. 272, 275; Oldham's Trustee v. Boston Ins. Co., 189 Ky. 544, 226 S. W. 106, 107, 16 A. L. R. 306; In re Worms' Estate (Sur.) 169 N. Y. S. 732, 733; German-American State Bank of Ritzville v. Godman, 83 Wash. 231, 145 P. 221, 223; Bier v. Perrymeter, 126 Misc. 610, 222 N. Y. S. 298, 240; Stringer v. Price, 143 Misc. 139, 189, 108 So. 431, 432; In re Brown's Estate, 96 S. C. 34, 70 S. E. 795, 795; Miller v. Miller, 200 Iowa, 1070, 205 N. W. 570, 574, 43 A. L. R. 597; In re Bair's Estate, 235 Pa. 169, 99 A. 471, 472; Nobles v. Nobles, 177 N. C. 243, 98 S. E. 715; Wright v. Grand Lodge K. P., Colored (Tex. Civ. App.) 173 S. W. 270, 272; Brown v. Peterson, 185 Iowa, 314, 170 N. W. 444, 445.

Personal Representatives

This term, in its commonly accepted sense, means executors and administrators; but it may have a wider meaning, according to the intention of the person using it, and may include heirs, next of kin, descendants, assignees, grantees, receivers, and trustees in insolvency. See Griswold v. Sawyer, 125 N. Y. 411, 26 N. E. 464; Wells v. Bente, 86 Mo. App. 264; Staples v. Lewis, 71 Conn. 288, 41 A. 815; Baynes v. Ottey, 1 Myln & K. 465; In re Wilcox & Howe Co., 70 Conn. 220, 39 A. 165.

Real Representative

He who represents or stands in the place of another, with respect to his real property, is so termed, in contradistinction to him who stands in the place of another, with regard to his personal property, and who is termed the "personal representative." Thus the heir is the real representative of his deceased ancestor. Brown.
Representative Action or Suit

A representative action or suit is one brought by a member of a class of persons on behalf of himself and the other members of the class. In the proceedings before judgment the plaintiff is, as a rule, dominus litis, (q. v.), and may discontinue or compromise the action as he pleases. Sweet.

Representative Democracy

A form of government where the powers of the sovereignty are delegated to a body of men, elected from time to time, who exercise them for the benefit of the whole nation. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 31.

Representative Peers

Those who, at the commencement of every new parliament, are elected to represent Scotland and Ireland in the British house of lords; sixteen for the former and twenty-eight for the latter country. Brown.

REPRIEVE. In criminal law. The withdrawing of a sentence of death for an interval of time, whereby the execution is suspended. 4 Bl. Comm. 394. And see Butler v. State, 97 Ind. 374; Sterling v. Drake, 29 Ohio St. 460, 23 Am. Rep. 762; In re Buchanan, 146 N. Y. 284, 40 N. E. 883; State v. District Court of Eighteenth Judicial Dist. In and for Blaine County, 73 Mont. 541, 237 P. 525, 527; Williams v. Brents, 171 Ark. 397, 284 S. W. 56, 58; Gore v. Humphries, 163 Ga. 106, 125 S. E. 481, 485.

Also the withdrawing of any sentence for a period of time. Ex parte Dormitzer, 119 Or. 336, 249 P. 639, 640.

REPRIMAND. A public and formal censure or severe reproof, administered to a person in fault by his superior officer or by a body to which he belongs. Thus, a member of a legislative body may be reprimanded by the presiding officer, in pursuance of a vote of censure, for improper conduct in the house. So a military officer, in some cases, is punished by a reprimand administered by his commanding officer, or by the secretary of war.

REPRISALS. The forcible taking by one nation of a thing that belonged to another, in return or satisfaction for an injury committed by the latter on the former. Vattel, b. 2, c. 18, § 342.

General Reprisals

General reprisals take place by virtue of commissions delivered to officers and citizens of the aggrieved state, directing them to take the persons and property belonging to the offending state wherever found.

Negative Reprisals

Negative reprisals take place when a nation refuses to fulfill a perfect obligation which it has contracted, or to permit another state to enjoy a right which it justly claims.

Positive Reprisals

Positive reprisals consist in seizing the persons and effects belonging to the other nation, in order to obtain satisfaction.

Special Reprisals

Special reprisals are such as are granted in times of peace to particular individuals who have suffered an injury from the citizens or subjects of the other nation.

REPRISES. In English law. Deductions and duties which are yearly paid out of a manor and lands, as rent-charge, rent seck, pensions, corrodies, annuities, etc., so that, when the clear yearly value of a manor is spoken of, it is said to be so much per annum ultra reprisas,—besides all reprises. Cowell. See Delaware & H. Canal Co. v. Von Storch, 196 Pa. 102, 46 A. 375.

Reprobata pecunia liberat solventem. Money refused [the refusal of money tendered] releases him who pays, [or tenders it.] 9 Coke, 796.

REPROBATION. In ecclesiastical law. The interposition of objections or exceptions; as to the competency of witnesses, to the due execution of instruments offered in evidence and the like.

REPROBATOR, ACTION OF. In Scotch law. An action or proceeding intended to convict a witness of perjury, to which the witness must be made a party. Bell.

REPSILVER. In old records. Money paid by servile tenants for exemption from the customary duty of reaping for the lord. Cowell.

REPUBLIC. A Commonwealth; that form of government in which the administration of affairs is open to all the citizens. In another sense, it signifies the state, independently of its form of government. 1 Toullier 28 and n., 292, note; Federalist, No. 39; Republic of Mexico v. De Arangoiz, 5 Duer (N. Y.) 635; State v. Harris, 2 Bailey (S. C.) 599; Co. Litt. 803.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT. A government in the republican form; a government of the people; a government by representatives chosen by the people. See In re Duncan, 139 U. S. 419, 11 S. Ct. 573, 35 L. Ed. 219; Eckerson v. Des Moines, 137 Iowa, 452, 115 N. W. 177; Minor v. Happersett, 21 Wall. 175, 22 L. Ed. 627; Kaddeley v. Portland, 44 Or. 118, 74 P. 719.

REPUBLICATION. The re-execution or re-establishment by a testator of a will which he had once revoked.

A second publication of a will, either expressly or by construction.

REPDurate. To put away, reject, disclaim, or renounce a right, duty, obligation, or privilege.
REPUDIATION. Rejection; disclaimer; renunciation; the rejection or refusal of an offered or available right or privilege, or of a duty or relation. See Iowa State Sav. Bank v. Black, 91 Iowa, 490, 59 N. W. 253; Daley v. Saving Ass'n, 178 Mass. 13, 59 N. E. 462; Jordan v. Madsen, 69 Utah, 112, 222 P. 570, 577. The refusal on the part of a state or government to pay its debts, or its declaration that its obligations, previously contracted, are no longer regarded by it as of binding force.

In the Civil Law
The casting off or putting away of a woman betrothed; also, but less usually, of a wife; divorce.

In Ecclesiastical Law
The refusal to accept a benefice which has been conferred upon the party repudiating.

REPUDIUM. Lat. In Roman law. A breaking off of the contract of espousals, or of a marriage intended to be solemnized. Sometimes translated "divorce;" but this was not the proper sense. Dig. 50, 16, 191.


REPUGNANT. That which is contrary to what is stated before, or insensible. A repugnant condition is void. Groenendyck v. Fowler, 204 Iowa, 598, 215 N. W. 718, 720.

REPUTABLE. Worthy of repute or distinction, held in esteem, honorable, praiseworthy. Illinois State Board of Dental Examiners v. People, 123 Ill. 245, 15 N. E. 201.

Reputatio est vulgaris opinio ubi non est veritas. Et vulgaris opinio est duplex, scil. Opinio vulgaris orta inter gravas et discretos homines, et quae vultum veritatis habet; et opinio tantum orta inter leves et vulgaras homines, absque specie veritatis. Reputation is common opinion where there is not truth. And common opinion is of two kinds, to-wit: Common reputation arising among grave and sensible men, and which has the appearance of truth; and mere opinion arising among foolish and ignorant men, without any appearance of truth. 4 Coke, 107.

REPUTATION. A person's credit, honor, character, good name. Injuries to one's reputation, which is a personal right, are defamatory and malicious words, libels, and malicious indictments or prosecutions. State v. Steen, 155 N. C. 768, 117 S. E. 783, 794; Brown v. Moon, 196 Ala. 391, 72 So. 29; State v. Kaith, 133 Wash. 25, 233 P. 315, 316; People v. Nemer, 218 Mich. 163, 187 N. W. 315, 316; Clark v. Hendricks (Tex. Civ. App.) 164 S. W. 97, 58; People v. Nemer, 218 Mich. 163, 187 N. W. 315, 317.

Reputation of a person is the estimate in which he is held by the public in the place where he is known. Cooper v. Greesly, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 317.

In the law of evidence, matters of public and general interest, such as the boundaries of counties or towns, rights of common, claims of highway, etc., are allowed to be proved by general reputation; e. g., by the declaration of deceased persons made ante spiritum. As late as 1884, by old documents, etc., notwithstanding the general rule against secondary evidence. Best, Ev. 682.

REPUTED. Accepted by general, vulgar, or public opinion. Thus, land may be reputed part of a manor, though not really so, and a certain district may be reputed a parish or a manor, or be a parish or a manor in reputation, although it is not in reality so, or be at all. Brown; Lowell Hardware Co. v. May, 39 Colo. 475, 149 P. 381, 383; Morse v. Brown (D. C.) 206 F. 232; Bowman v. Howard, 182 N. C. 662, 110 S. E. 95, 96.

REPUTED OWNER. See Owner.

REQUEST. An asking or petition; the expression of a desire to some person for something to be granted or done; particularly for the payment of a debt or performance of a contract; also direction or command in law of wills. Beekey v. Knottson, 80 Or. 574, 174 P. 1149, 1150; Hurley-Tobin Co. v. White, 94 N. J. Eq. 60, 188, 94 A. 52, 53; In re Dahnum's Estate, 125 Misc. 369, 211 N. Y. S. 529, 531; Miller v. McGhee Cotton Co., 144 Ga. 992, 87 S. E. 387, 388; Zeidler v. Goezler, 191 Wis. 378, 211 N. W. 140, 144.

The two words, "request" and "require," as used in notices to creditors to present claims against an estate, are of the same origin, and virtually synonymous. Prentice v. Whitney, 8 Hun (N. Y.) 300.

In Pleading
The statement in the plaintiff's declaration that the particular payment or performance, the failure of which constitutes the cause of action, was duly requested or demanded of the defendant.

In General
—Request, letters of. In English law. Many suits are brought before the Dean of the Arches as original judge, the cognizance of which properly belongs to inferior jurisdictions within the province, but in respect of which the inferior judge has waived his jurisdiction under a certain form of proceeding known in the canon law by the denomination of "letters of request." 3 Steph. Comm. 306.
REQUEST

—Request note. In English law. A note requesting permission to remove dutiable goods from one place to another without paying the excise.

—Requests, courts of. See Courts of Requests.

—Special request. A request actually made, at a particular time and place. This term is used in contradistinction to a general request, which need not state the time when nor place where made. 3 Bov. Inst. no. 2843.


In International Law
The formal demand by one government upon another, or by the governor of one of the United States upon the governor of a sister state, of the surrender of a fugitive criminal.

In Scotch Law
A demand made by a creditor that a debt be paid or an obligation fulfilled. Bell.

REQUISITIONS ON TITLE, in English conveyancing, are written inquiries made by the solicitor of an intending purchaser of land, or of any estate or interest therein, and addressed to the vendor's solicitor, in respect of some apparent insufficiency in the abstract of title. Mozley & Whitley.

REREFIERS. In Scotch law. Inferior fees; portions of a fief or feu granted out to inferior tenants. 2 Bl. Com. 57.

Rerum ordo confunditur si unicuique jurisdic- tio non servetur. 4 Inst. Procm. The order of things is confounded if every one preserve not his jurisdiction.

Rerum progressus ostendunt multa, quae in ini- tio praeaveri seu pravideri non possunt. 6 Coke, 49. The progress of events shows many things which, at the beginning, could not be guarded against or foreseen.

Rerum suarum quilibet est moderater et arbitrator. Every one is the regulator and possessor of his own property. Co. Litt. 2234.

RES. Lat. In the civil law. A thing; an object. As a term of the law, this word has a very wide and extensive signification, including not only things which are objects of property, but also such as are not capable of individual ownership. See Inst. 2, 1, pr. And in old English law it is said to have a general import, comprehending both corporeal and incorporeal things of whatever kind, nature, or species. 3 Inst. 182. See Bract. fol. 7b.

By "res," according to the modern civilians, is meant everything that may form an object of rights, in opposition to "persona," which is regarded as a subject of rights. "Res," therefore, in its general meaning, comprises actions of all kinds; while in its restricted sense it comprehends every object of right, except actions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 146. This has reference to the fundamental division of the Institutes, that all law relates either to persons, to things, or to actions. Inst. 1, 2, 12.

In modern usage, the term is particularly applied to an object, subject-matter, or status, considered as the defendant in an action, or as the object against which, directly, proceedings are taken. Thus, in a prize case, the captured vessel is "the res." And proceedings of this character are said to be in rem. (See In Personam; In Rem.) "Res" may also denote the action or proceeding, as when a cause, which is not between adversary parties, is entitled "In re ——— ."

Classification
Things (res) have been variously divided and classified in law, e. g., in the following ways: (1) Corporeal and incorporeal things; (2) movables and immovables; (3) res mancipi and res nec mancipi; (4) things real and things personal; (5) things in possession and choses (i. e., things) in action; (6) fungible things and things not fungible, (fungibles vel non fungibles); and (7) res singula (i. e., individual objects) and universitates rerum, (i. e., aggregates of things.) Also persons are for some purposes and in certain respects regarded as things. Brown.

In General
—Res accessoria. In the civil law. An accessory thing; that which belongs to a principal thing; or is in connection with it.

—Res adirata. The gist of the old action for res adirata was the fact that the plaintiff had lost his goods, that they had come into the hands of the defendant, and that the defendant, on request, refused to give them up. 3 Holdsw. Hist. E. L 275.

—Res adjudicata. A common but indefensible misspelling of res judicata. The latter term designates a point or question or subject-matter which was in controversy or dispute and has been authoritatively and finally settled by the decision of a court. Res adjudicata (if there be such a term) could only mean.
an article or subject of property "awarded to" a given person by the judgment of a court, which might perhaps be the case in replevin and similar actions.

- Res caducia. In the civil law. A fallen or escheated thing; an eschat. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 9, no. 60.

- Res communes. In the civil law. Things common to all; that is, those things which are used and enjoyed by every one, even in single parts, but can never be exclusively acquired as a whole, e. g., light and air. Inst. 2, 1, 1; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 169.

- Res controversa. In the civil law. A matter controverted; a matter in controversy; a point in question; a question for determination. Calvin.

- Res corona. In old English law. Things of the crown; such as ancient manors, homages of the king, liberties, etc. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 6, § 3.

- Res corporales. In the civil law. Corporeal things; things which can be touched, or are perceptible to the senses. Dig. 1, 8, 1, 1; Inst. 2, 2; Bract. fol. 76, 109, 193.

- Res derelicta. Abandoned property; property thrown away or forsaken by the owner, so as to become open to the acquisition of the first taker or occupant. See Rhodes v. Whitehead, 27 Tex. 313, 84 Am. Dec. 631.

- Res fungibles. In the civil law. Fungible things, things of such a nature that they can be replaced by equal quantities and qualities when returning a loan or delivering goods purchased, for example, so many bushels of wheat or so many dollars; but a particular horse or a particular jewel would not be of this character.

- Res furtivum. In Scotch law. Goods which have been stolen. Bell.


- Res habiles. In the civil law, things which are prescriptible; things to which a lawful title may be acquired by ordinary prescription.

- Res immobiles. In the civil law. Immovable things; including land and that which is connected therewith, either by nature or art, such as trees and buildings. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 160.

- Res incorporales. In the civil law. Incorporal things; things which cannot be touched; such as those things which consist in right. Inst. 2, 2; Bract. fol. 76, 109. Such things as the mind alone can perceive.

- Res integra. A whole thing; a new or unopened thing. The term is applied to those points of law which have not been decided, which are untouched by dictum or decision. 3 Mer. 299.

- Res inter alios acta. A thing done between others, or between third parties or strangers. See Chicago, etc., R. Co. v. Schmitz, 211 Ill. 446, 71 N. E. 1050.


—Res litigiosae. In Roman law, things which are in litigation; property or rights which constitute the subject-matter of a pending action.

—Res mancipi. In Roman law. Certain classes of things which could not be alienated or transferred except by means of a certain formal ceremony of conveyance called “mancipatio,” (q. v.). These included land, houses, slaves, horses, and cattle. All other things were called “res nec mancipi.” The distinction was abolished by Justinian.

—Res mobiles. In the civil law. Movable things; things which may be transported from one place to another, without injury to their substance and form. Things corresponding with the chattels personal of the common law. 2 Kent. Comm. 347.

—Res nova. A new matter; a new case; a question not before decided.

—Res nullius. The property of nobody. A thing which has no owner, either because a former owner has finally abandoned it, or because it has never been appropriated by any person, or because (in the Roman law) it is not susceptible of private ownership.

—Res periti domino. A phrase used to express that, when a thing is lost or destroyed, it is lost to the person who was the owner of it at the time. Broom, Max. 298.


—Res publicae. Things belonging to the public; public property; such as the sea, navigable rivers, highways, etc.

—Res quotidianaæ. Every-day matters; familiar points or questions.

—Res religiosaæ. Things pertaining to religion. In Roman law, especially, burial-places, which were regarded as sacred, and could not be the subjects of commerce.

—Res sacraæ. In the civil law. Sacred things. Things consecrated by the pontiffs to the service of God; such as sacred edifices, and gifts or offerings. Inst. 2, 1, 8. Challices, crossets, censors. Bract. fol. 8.

—Res sanctæ. In the civil law. Holy things; such as the walls and gates of a city. Inst. 2, 1, 10. Walls were said to be holy, because any offense against them was punished capitally. Bract. fol. 8.

—Res universitatis. In the civil law. Things belonging to a community, (as, to a municipality,) the use and enjoyment of which, according to their proper purpose, is free to every member of the community, but which cannot be appropriated to the exclusive use of any individual; such as the public buildings, streets, etc. Inst. 2, 1, 6; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 770.


Res accessoria sequitur rem principalem. Broom, Max. 491. The accessory follows the principal.

Res denominatur a principali parte. 9 Coke, 47. The thing is named from its principal part.

Res est misera ubi jus est vacuum et incertum. 2 Salk. 312. It is a wretched state of things when law is vague and mutable.

Res generalem habet significationem quia tam corporea quam incorporea ejuscensque sunt generis, naturæ, sive speciei, comprehendit. 3 Inst. 182. The word “thing” has a general signification, because it comprehends corporeal and incorporeal objects, of whatever nature, sort, or species.

Res inter alios acta alteri nocere non debit. Things done between strangers ought not to injure those who are not parties to them. Co. Litt. 132; Broom, Max. 954, 967.

Res inter alios judicata nullum alius præjudicium faciunt. Matters adjudged in a cause do not prejudice those who were not parties to it. Dig. 44, 2, 1.

Res judicata facit ex albo nigrum; ex negro, album; ex ourvo, rectum; ex recto, curvum. A thing adjudged [the solemn judgment of a court] makes white, black; black, white; the crooked, straight; the straight, crooked. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 840.

Res judicata pro veritate accepitur. A matter adjudged is taken for truth. Dig. 50, 17, 207. A matter decided or passed upon by a court of competent jurisdiction is received as evidence of truth. 2 Kent. Comm. 120.

Res nullius naturaliter fit primi occupantis. A thing which has no owner naturally belongs to the first finder.

Res per pecuniam estimatur, et non pecunia per rem. 9 Coke, 75. The value of a thing is estimated according to its worth in money, but
the value of money is not estimated by reference to a thing.

Res propria est quae communis non est. A thing is private which is not common. Le Breton v. Miles, 8 Paige (N. Y.) 261, 270.

Res qua intra presidia perductæ nondum sunt, quanquam ab hostibus occupata, ideo postilmini non agent, quia dominum nondum muturavit ex gentium iure. Things which have not yet been introduced within the enemy's lines, although held by the enemy, do not need the fiction of postilminey on this account, because their ownership by the law of nations has not yet changed. Gro. de Jure B. l. 3, c. 9, § 16; Id. l. 3, c. 6, § 3.

Res sacra non recipit estimationem. A sacred thing does not admit of valuation. Dig. 1, 8, 9, 5.

Res sua nemini servit. 4 Macq. H. L. Cas. 151. No one can have a servitude over his own property.

Res transm mun suo onere. The thing passes with its burden. Where a thing has been incumbered by mortgage, the incumbrance follows it wherever it goes. Bract. fols. 47b, 48.

RESALE. Where a person who has sold goods or other property to a purchaser sells them again to some one else. Sometimes a vendor reserves the right of reselling if the purchaser commits default in payment of the purchase money, and in some cases (e. g. on a sale of perishable articles) the vendor may do so without having reserved the right. Sweet.

RESCEIT. In old English practice. An admission or receiving a third person to plead his right in a cause formerly commenced between two others; as, in an action by tenant for life or years, he in the reversion might come in and pray to be received to defend the land, and to plead with the demandant. Cowell.

RESCEIT OF HOMAGE. The lord's receiving homage of his tenant at his admission to the land. Kitch. 148.


RESCISSIO. Lat. In the civil law. An annulling; avoiding, or making void; abrogation; rescission. Cod. 4, 44.

In Spanish law, nullity is divided into absolute and relative. The former is that which arises from a law, whether civil or criminal, the principal motive for which is the public interest; and the latter is that which affects only certain individuals. "Nullity" is not to be confounded with "rescission." Nullity takes place when the act is affected by a radical vice, which prevents it from producing any effect: as, where an act is in contravention of the laws or of good morals, or where it has been executed by a person who cannot be supposed to have any will, as a child under the age of seven years, or a madman, (un nino o demente.) Rescission is where an act, valid in appearance, nevertheless conceals a defect, which may make it null, if demanded by any of the parties; as, for example, mistake, force, fraud, deceit, want of sufficient age, etc. Nullity relates generally to public order, and cannot therefore be made good either by ratification or prescription; so that the tribunals ought, for this reason alone, to decide that the null act can have no effect, without stopping to inquire whether the parties to it have or have not received any injury. Rescission, on the contrary, may be made good by ratification or by the silence of the parties; and neither of the parties can demand it, unless he can prove that he has received some prejudice or sustained some damage by the act. Suzuki v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 261, citing Exercile.

RESCISSORY ACTION. In Scotch law. One to rescind or annul a deed or contract.

RESCOUS. Rescue. The taking back by force goods which had been taken under a distress, or the violently taking away a man who is under arrest, and setting him at liberty, or otherwise procuring his escape, are both so denominated. This was also the name of a writ which lay in cases of rescue, Co. Litt. 160; 3 Bl. Comm. 148; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 100; 6 Mees. & W. 564.

RESCRIPT. In Canon Law A term including any form of apostatical letter emanating from the pope. The answer of the pope in writing. Dict. Droit Can.

In the Civil Law A species of imperial constitutions, being the answers of the prince in individual cases, chiefly given in response to inquiries by parties in relation to litigated suits, or to inquiries by the judges, and which became rules for future litigated or doubtful legal questions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 46.

At Common Law A counterpart, duplicate, or copy.

The written statement by an appellate court of its decision in a case, with the reasons therefor, sent down to the trial court.

**DESCRIPTION.** In French law. A description is a letter by which one requests some one to pay a certain sum of money, or to account for him to a third person for it. Poth. Cont. de Change, no. 223.

**RESERPTUM.** Lat. In the civil law. A species of imperial constitution, in the form of an answer to some application or petition; a rescript. Calvin.

**RESCUE.** The act of forcibly and intentionally delivering a person from lawful arrest or imprisonment, and setting him at liberty. 4 Bl. Comm. 131; Code Ga. § 4478 (Ten. Code 1910, § 313); Robinson v. State, 82 Ga. 535, 9 S. E. 528.

The unlawfully or forcibly taking back goods which have been taken under a distress for rent, damage, and debt, etc. Hamlin v. Mack, 33 Mich. 108.

**In Admiralty and Maritime Law**

The deliverance of property taken as prize, out of the hands of the captors, either when the captured party retakes it by their own efforts, or when, pending the pursuit or struggle, the party about to be overpowered receives reinforcements, and so escape capture.

**RESCUSOR.** In old English law. A rescuer; one who commits a rescusc. Cro. Jac. 419; Cowell.

**RESCYT.** L. Fr. Receit; receipt; the receiving or harboring a felon, after the commission of a crime. Brit. c. 23.

**RESEALING WRIT.** In English law. The second sealing of a writ by a master so as to continue it, or to cure it of an irregularity.


Reservatio non debet esse de proficuis ipsi, quia ea conceduntur, sed de rebito novo extra proficuam. A reservation ought not to be of the profits themselves, because they are granted, but from the new rent, apart from the profits. Co. Litt. 142.

**RESERVATION.** A clause in a deed or other instrument of conveyance by which the grantor creates, and reserves to himself, some right, interest, or profit in the estate granted, which had no previous existence as such, but is first called into being by the instrument reserving it; such as rent, or an easement. Stephens v. Reynolds, 6 N. Y. 483; In re Narragansett Indians, 20 R. I. 125, 20 A. 347; Miller v. Lapham, 41 Vt. 435; Engel v. Ayer, 85 Me. 441, 27 A. 382; Smith v. Cornell University, 21 Misc. 220, 45 N. Y.


A "reservation" should be carefully distinguished from an "exception," the difference between the two being this: By an exception, the grantor withdraws from the effect of the grant some part of the thing itself which is in esse, and included under the terms of the grant, as one acre from a certain field, a shop or mill standing within the limits of the granted premises, and the like; whereas, a reservation, though made to the grantor, lessor, or the one creating the estate, is something arising out of the thing granted not then in esse, or some new thing created or reserved, issuing or coming out of the thing granted, and not a part of the thing itself, nor of anything issuing out of another thing. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 445.

**In Public Land Laws of the United States**

A reservation is a tract of land, more or less considerable in extent, which is by public authority withdrawn from sale or settlement, and appropriated to specific public uses; such as parks, military posts, Indian lands, etc. Jackson v. Wilcox, 2 Ill. 344; Meehan v. Jones (C. C.) 70 F. 455; Cahn v. Barnes (C. C.) 6 F. 931.

**In Practice**

The reservation of a point of law is the act of the trial court in setting it aside for future consideration, allowing the trial to proceed meanwhile as if the question had been settled one way, but subject to alteration of the judgment in case the court in bano should decide it differently.

**RESERVED LAND.** Public land that has been withheld or kept back from sale or

RESET. The receiving or harboring an outlawed person. Cowell.

Reset of Theft

In Scotch law. The receiving and keeping stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, with a design of feloniously retaining them from the real owner. Alls. Crim. Law, 328.

RESETTER. In Scotch law. A receiver of stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen.

RESIDENCE. Residence, abode, or continuance.

REISANT. In old English law. Continually dwelling or abiding in a place; resident; a resident. Kitchin, 33; Cowell.

REISANT ROLLS. Those containing the re- slants in a titling, etc., are to be called over by the steward on holding courts leet.


The difference between a residence and a domicile may not be capable of easy definition; but every one can see at least this distinction: A person domiciled in one state may, for temporary reasons, such as health, reside for one or more years in some other place deemed more favorable. He does not, by so doing, forfeit his domicile in the first state, or, in any proper sense, become a non-resident of it, unless some intention, manifested by some act, of abandoning his residence in the first state is shown. Walker's Estate v. Walker, 1 Mo. App. 404.

"Residence" means a fixed and permanent abode or dwelling-place for the time being, as contradistinguished from a mere temporary locality of existence. So does "inhabitancy," and the two are distinguishable in this respect from "domicile." In re Wriley, 8 Wend. (N. Y.) 134.

As they are used in the New York Code of Procedure, the terms "residence" and "resident" mean legal residence; and legal residence is the place of a man's fixed habitation, where his political rights are to be exercised, and where he is liable to taxation. Houghton v. Ault, 16 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 77.

A distinction is recognized between legal and actual residence. A person may be a legal resident of one place and an actual resident of another. He may abide in one state or country without surrendering his legal residence in another if he so intends. His legal residence may be merely ideal, but his actual residence must be substantial. He may not actually abide at his legal residence at all, but his actual residence must be his abiding place. Tipton v. Tipton, St Ky. 243, 8 S. W. 440; Hinds v. Hinds, 1 Iowa, 38; Fitzgerald v. Arell, 63 Iowa, 104, 18 N. W. 733, 50 Am. Rep. 733; Ludlow v. Szold, 90 Iowa, 175, 57, N. W. 676.

S. 92, 95; Board of Com'rs of Osborne County v. City of Osborne, 104 Kan. 671, 180 P. 233, 234.

Also a tenant, who was obliged to reside on his lord's land, and not to depart from the same; called also, "homme levant et couchant," and in Normandy, "reseau du foy."

RESIDENT FREEHOLDER. A person who resides in the particular place (town, city, county, etc.) and who owns an estate in lands therein amounting at least to a freehold interest. Damp v. Dane, 20 Wis. 427; Campbell v. Morgan, 71 Neb. 615, 99 N. W. 490; State v. Kokomo, 106 Ind. 74, 36 N. E. 720.


RESIDUAL. Relating to the residue; relating to the part remaining.


RESIDUARY ACCOUNT. In English practice. The account which every executor and administrator, after paying the debts and particular legacies of the deceased, and before paying over the residuum, must pass before the board of inland revenue. Morley & Whitley.

RESIDUARY CLAUSE. The clause in a will by which that part of the property is disposed of which remains after satisfying previous bequests and devises.

RESIDUARY DEVISE AND DEVISE. See Devise.

RESIDUARY ESTATE. The remaining part of a testator's estate and effects, after payment of debts and particular legacies of the deceased, and before paying over the residuum, must pass before the board of inland revenue. Morley & Whitley.

RESIDUARY LEGACY. See Legacy.


The "residue" of a testator's estate and effects means what is left after all liabilities are discharged, and all the purposes of the testator, specifically expressed in his will, are carried into effect. Graves v. Howard, 56 N. C. 202.

RESIDUUM. That which remains after any process of separation or deduction; a residue or balance. That which remains of a decedent's estate, after debts have been paid and legacies deducted. See Parsons v. Colgate (C. C.) 15 F. 603; Robinson v. Millard, 133 Mass. 229; United States Trust Co. v. Black, 9 Misc. 653, 30 N. Y. S. 453.

Resignatio est juris proprii spontanea refutatio. Resignation is a spontaneous relinquishment of one's own right. Godb. 284.


In Ecclesiastical Law

Resignation is where a parson, vicar, or other beneficed clergyman voluntarily gives up and surrenders his charge and preference to those from whom he received the same. It is usually done by an instrument attested by a notary. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 517.

In Scotch Law

The return of a fee into the hands of the superior. Bell.

RESIGNATION BOND. A bond or other engagement in writing taken by a patron from the clergyman presented by him to a living, to resign the benefice at a future period. This is allowable in certain cases under St. 9 Geo. IV. c. 94, passed in 1828. 2 Steph. Comm. 721.

RESIGNEE. One in favor of whom a resignation is made. 1 Bell, Comm. 125a.

RESILIENCY. In patent law. That quality, as of a metal, which causes it to spring back to its form, inherent in properly tempered metal. Besser v. McMillat Culvert Core Co. (D. C.) 226 F. 783, 786.

RESILIENCE. Lat. In old English law. To draw back from a contract before it is made binding. Bract. fol. 38.


RESISTING AN OFFICER. In criminal law, the offense of obstructing, opposing, and endeavoring to prevent (with or without actual force) a peace officer in the execution of a writ or in the lawful discharge of his duty while making an arrest or otherwise enforcing the peace. See Davis v. State, 78 Ga. 722; Woodworth v. State, 26 Ohio St. 200; Jones v. State, 60 Ala. 99.

RESOLUCION. In Spanish colonial law. An opinion formed by some superior authority on matters referred to its decision, and forwarded to inferior authorities for their instruction and government. Schu. Civil Law, 95, note 1.

RESOLUTION. The determination or decision, in regard to its opinion or intention, of a deliberative or legislative body, public assembly, town council, board of directors or the like. Also a motion or formal proposition offered for adoption by such a body.

In Legislative Practice The term is usually employed to denote the adoption of a motion, the subject-matter of which would not properly constitute a statute; such as a mere expression of opinion; an alteration of the rules; a vote of thanks or of censure, etc. See City of Cape Girardeau v. Fougeau, 30 Mo. App. 556; McDowell v. People, 294 Ill. 499, 68 N. E. 379; Conley v. Texas Division of United Daughters of the Confederacy (Tex. Civ. App.) 164 S. W. 24, 28; Gas & Electric Securities Co. v. Manhattan & Queens Traction Corporation (C. C. A.) 296 F. 625, 630.

The difference between an "ordinance" and a "resolution" is that the former prescribes a permanent rule of conduct or government, while the latter is an order of the council of a special or temporary character. Robertson v. Southern Bitulithic Co., 150 Ky. 314, 227 S. W. 451; 444; City of Rome v. Reese, 19 Ga. App. 559, 91 S. E. 889, 881; City of Spokane v. Ridpath, 74 Wash. 4, 122 P. 828, 840; City of Detroit v. Detroit United Ry., 215 Mich. 401, 184 N. W. 510, 513. But see: Sylvester v. St. Landry Parish School Board, 194 La. 294, 113 So. 818, 820; Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. v. City of Ft. Atkinson, 153 Wis. 332, 213 N. W. 872, 875, 52 A. L. R. 1063.

—Joint resolution. A resolution adopted by both houses of congress or a legislature. When such a resolution has been approved by the president or passed with his approval, it has the effect of a law. 6 Op. Att'y. Gen. 650.

RESPECTUS. The distinction between a joint resolution and a concurrent resolution of congress, is that the former requires the approval of the president while the latter does not. Rep. Sen. Jud. Com. Jan. 1897.

If a resolution originating in one house of the Legislature is passed by that house and is then sent to the other for its concurrence, and is passed by it; signed by the presiding officer of each house and approved by the Governor, it is a "joint resolution" as that term is used in the Constitution and the joint rules of the Legislature. Oklahoma News Co. v. Ryan, 101 Okl. 351, 224 P. 969, 971.

In Practice The judgment of a court. 5 Mod. 438; 10 Mod. 209.

In the Civil Law The cancellation or annulling, by the act of parties or judgment of a court, of an existing contract which was valid and binding, in consequence of some cause or matter arising after the making of the agreement, and not in consequence of any inherent vice or defect, which, invalidating the contract from the beginning, would be ground for rescission. 7 Toullier, no. 551.

RESOLUTIVE. In Scotch conveyancing. Having the quality or effect of resolving or extinguishing a right. Bell.

Resolute jure concedentis resolvitur jus concessum. The right of the grantor being extinguished, the right granted is extinguished. Mackeld. Rom. Law, 179; Broom, Max. 467.

RESOLUTORY CONDITION. See Condition.

RESORT. v. To go back. "It resorted to the line of the mother." Hale, Com. Law, c. 11. To frequent; to go, repair, betake one's self, especially to go frequently, customarily, or usually. State v. Poggmeier, 91 Kan. 633, 135 P. 593, 594; State v. Seba (Mo. App.) 200 S. W. 300.

RESORT, n. A court whose decision is final and without appeal is, in reference to the particular case, said to be a "court of last resort."

RESOURCES. Money or any property that can be converted into supplies; means of raising money or supplies; capabilities of raising wealth or to supply necessary wants; available means or capability of any kind. Ming v. Woolfolk, 3 Mont. 338; Sacry v. Lobre, 84 Cal. 41, 23 P. 1083; Shelby County v. Tennessee Centennial Exposition Co., 96 Tenn. 653, 36 S. W. 694, 33 L. R. A. 717.

RESPECTU COMPUTI VICECOMITIS HABENDO. A writ for respite a sheriff's account addressed to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer. Reg. Orig. 139.

RESPECTUS. In old English and Scotch law. Respite; delay; continuance of time; postponement.
Respiendum est judiciandi ne quid aut durius aut remissius constitutatur quam causa deposcit; nec enim aut severitas aut clementia gloria affectanda est. The judge must see that no order be made or judgment given or sentence passed either more harshly or more mildly than the case requires; he must not seek renown, even as a severe or as a tender-hearted judge.

RESPITE. The temporary suspension of the execution of a sentence, a reprieve; a delay, for clearness, or continuation of time. 4 Bl. Comm. 394; Misher v. Com., 82 Pa. 55, 1 Am. Rep. 377; State v. District Court of Eighteenth Judicial Dist. in and for Blaine County, 73 Mont. 541, 237 P. 525, 527.

Continuance. In English practice, a jury is said, on the record, to be “respiited” till the next term. 3 Bl. Comm. 354.

In the Civil Law

A respite is an act by which a debtor, who is unable to satisfy his debts at the moment, transacts (compromises) with his creditors, and obtains from them time or delay for the payment of the sums which he owes to them. The respite is either voluntary or forced. It is voluntary when all the creditors consent to the proposal, which the debtor makes, to pay in a limited time the whole or a part of the debt. It is forced when a part of the creditors refuse to accept the debtor’s proposal, and when the latter is obliged to compel them by judicial authority to consent to what the others have determined, in the cases directed by law. Civ. Code La. arts. 3084, 3085.

RESPITE OF APPEAL. Adjourning an appeal to some future time. Brown.

RESPITE OF HOMAGE. To dispense with the performance of homage by tenants who held their lands in consideration of performing homage to their lords. Cowell.

RESPOND. 1. To make or file an answer to a bill, libel, or appeal, in the character of a respondent, (q. v.)

2. To be liable or answerable; to make satisfaction or amends; as, to respond in damages.

RESPONDE BOOK. In Scotch practice. A book kept by the directors of chancery, in which are entered all non-entry and relief duties payable by heirs who take precepts from chancery. Bell.

RESPONDENT OUSTER. Upon an issue in law arising upon a dilatory plea, the form of judgment for the plaintiff is that the defendant answer over, which is thence called a judgment of "respondent ouster." This not being a final judgment, the pleading is resumed, and the action proceeds. Steph. Pl. 115; 3 Bl. Comm. 308; Bauer v. Both, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 51.

RESPONDENT Raptor, qui ignare non potuit quod pupillum alienum abduxit. Hob. 99. Let the raverisher answer, for he cannot be ignorant that he has taken away another's ward.


RESPONDENT. The party who makes an answer to a bill or other proceeding in chancery. State ex inf. Barker v. Duncan, 265 Mo. 26, 175 S. W. 940, 942, Ann. Cas. 1916 D, 1.

The party who appeals against the judgment of an inferior court is termed the "appellant;" and he who contends against the appeal, the "respondent." The word also denotes the person upon whom an ordinary petition in the court of chancery (or a libel in admiralty) is served, and who is, as it were, a defendant thereto. The terms "respondent" and "co-respondent" are used in like manner in proceedings in the divorce court. Brown; Brower v. Nellis, 6 Ind. App. 323, 33 N. E. 672; Code Cr. Proc. N. Y. § 516.

IN THE CIVIL LAW

One who answers or is security for another; a fiduciary. Dig. 2, 8, 8.

RESPONDENTIA. The hypothecation of the cargo or goods on board a ship as security for the repayment of a loan, the term "bottomry" being confined to hypothecations of the ship herself; but now the term "respondentia" is seldom used, and the expression "bottomry" is generally employed, whether the vessel or her cargo or both be the security. Maude & P. Shipp. 433; Smith, Merc. Law, 410. See Matliah v. The Atlantic, 18 Fed. Cas. 522.

Respondentia is a contract by which a cargo, or some part thereof, is hypothecated as security for a loan, the repayment of which is dependent on maritime risks. Civ. Code
RESPONDERE NON DEBET. Lat. In pleading. The prayer of a plea where the defendant insists that he ought not to answer, as when he claims a privilege; for example, as being a member of congress or a foreign ambassador. 1 Chit. Pl. 433.

RESPONSA PRUDENTUM. Lat. Answers of jurists; responses given upon cases or questions of law referred to them, by certain learned Roman jurists, who, though not magistrates, were authorized to render such opinions. These responda constituted one of the most important sources of the earlier Roman law, and were of great value in developing its scientific accuracy. They held much the same place of authority as our modern precedents and reports.

RESPONSALES.

In Old English Law

One who appeared for another.

In Ecclesiastical Law

A proctor.

RESPONSALES AD LUCRANDUM VEL PETENDUM. He who appears and answers for another in court at a day assigned; a proctor, attorney, or deputy. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 169.

RESPONSIBILITY. The obligation to answer for an act done, and to repair any injury it may have caused.

RESPONSIBILITY OF EVICTION. In a lease the burden of expelling by legal process those in possession, if they wrongfully withhold it. Muller v. Bernstein, 108 Ill. App. 104, 106.


Able to pay a sum for which he is or may become liable, or to discharge an obligation which he may be under. Farley v. Day, 28 N. H. 531; People v. Kent, 160 Ill. 655, 43 N. E. 766; Com. v. Mitchell, 82 Pa. 549; Bright v. Ball, 138 Miss. 508, 103 So. 238, 237; Board of Com'r's of Wyandotte County v. Davis, 12 Kan. 672, 141 P. 553, 558, L. R. A. 1915A, 198; State v. Board of Com'r's of State Institutions of Nebraska, 105 Neb. 570, 181 N. W. 539, 551; Ellingson v. Cherry Lake School Dist., 35 N. D. 141, 212 N. W. 773, 775.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT. This term generally designates that species of governmental system in which the responsibility for public measures or acts of state rests upon the ministry or executive council, who are under an obligation to resign when disapprobation of their course is expressed by a vote of want of confidence, in the legislative assembly, or by the defeat of an important measure advocated by them.

RESPOND'si unius non omnino aut a'atur. The answer of one witness shall not be heard at all. A maxim of the Roman law of evidence. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 200.

RESPONSIVE. Answering; constituting or comprising a complete answer. A "responsive allegation" is one which directly answers the allegation it is intended to meet. Picture Plays Thenter Co. of Tampa v. Williams, 75 Fla. 556, 78 So. 674, 677, 1 A. L. R. 1.

RESSEISER. The taking of lands into the hands of the crown, where a general livery or ouster le main was formerly misused.

REST, n. In the trial of an action, a party is said to "rest," or "rest his case," when he intimates that he has produced all the evidence he intends to offer at that stage, and submits the case, either finally, or subject to his right to afterwards offer rebutting evidence.

REST, n. Rests are periodical balancings of an account, (particularly in mortgage and trust accounts,) made for the purpose of converting interest into principal, and charging the party liable thereon with compound interest. Mozley & Whitley.

REStamping WRIT. Passing it a second time through the proper office, whereupon it receives a new stamp. 1 Chit. Arch. Pr. 212.

RESTAUR, or RESTOR. The remedy or recourse which marine underwriters have against each other, according to the date of their assurances, or against the master, if the loss arise through his default, as through ill loading, want of caulking, or want of having the vessel tight; also the remedy or recourse a person has against his guarantor or other person who is to indemnify him from any damage sustained. Enc. Lond.

RESTITUTIO IN INTEGRUM. Lat. in the civil law. Restoration or restitution to the previous condition. This was effected by the praetor on equitable grounds, at the prayer of an injured party, by rescinding or annulling a contract or transaction valid by the strict law, or annulling a change in the legal condition produced by an omission, and restoring the parties to their previous situation or legal relations. Dig. 4, 1; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 220.

The restoration of a cause to its first state, on petition of the party who was cast, in order to have a second hearing. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 49.

RESTITUTION.

In Maritime Law

When a portion of a ship’s cargo is lost by jettiison, and the remainder saved, and the articles so lost are replaced by a general contribution among the owners of the cargo, this is called “restitution.”

In Practice


If, after money has been levied under a writ of execution, the judgment be reversed by writ of error, or set aside, the party against whom the execution was sued out shall have restitution. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1038; 1 Burritt, Pr. 292. So, on conviction of a felon, immediate restitution of such of the goods stolen as are brought into court will be ordered to be made to the several prosecutors. 4 Steph. Comm. 434.

In Equity

Restitution is the restoration of both parties to their original condition, (when practicable,) upon the rescission of a contract for fraud or similar cause.

In General

—Restitution of conjugal rights. In English ecclesiastical law. A species of matrimonial cause or suit which is brought whenever either a husband or wife is guilty of the injury of subtraction, or lives separate from the other without any sufficient reason; in which case the ecclesiastical jurisdiction will compel them to come together again, if either party be weak enough to desire it, contrary to the inclination of the other. 3 Bl. Comm. 94.

—Restitution of minors. In Scotch law. A minor on attaining majority may obtain relief against a deed previously executed by him, which may be held void or voidable according to circumstances. This is called “restitution of minors.” Bell.

—Restitution of stolen goods. At common law there was no restitution of goods upon an indictment, because it was at the suit of the crown only, therefore the party was compelled to bring an appeal of robbery in order to have his goods again; but a writ of restitution was granted by 21 Hen. VIII. c. 11, and it became the practice of the crown to order, without any writ, immediate restitution of such goods.

—Writ of restitution. See that title.

RESTITUTIONE EXTRACTI AB ECCLESIA.

A writ to restore a man to the church, which he had recovered for his sanctuary, being suspected of felony. Reg. Orig. 69.

RESTITUTIONE TEMPORALIUM. A writ addressed to the sheriff, to restore the temporalities of a bishopric to the bishop elected and confirmed. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 169.


To prohibit from action; to put compulsion upon; to restrict; to hold or press back. To enjoin, (in equity.)

RESTRAINING ORDER. An order in the nature of an injunction. See Order.

RESTRAINING POWERS. Restrictions or limitations imposed upon the exercise of a power by the donor thereof.

RESTRAINING STATUTE. A statute which restrains the common law, where it is too lax and luxuriant. 1 Bl. Comm. 87. Statutes restraining the powers of corporations in regard to leases have been so called in England. 2 Bl. Comm. 319, 320.

RESTRAINT. Confine, abridge, or limitation. Prohibition of action; holding or pressing back from action. Hindrance, confinement, or restriction of liberty. Obstruction, hindrance or destruction of trade or commerce.

“What, then, according to a common understanding, is the meaning of the term ‘restraint’? Does it imply that the limitation, restriction, or confinement must be imposed by those who are in possession of the person or thing which is limited, restricted, or confined, or is the term satisfied by a restriction created by the application of external force? If, for example, a town be besieged, and the inhabitants confined within its walls by the besieging army, if, in attempting to come out, they are forced back, would it be inaccurate to say that they are restrained within those limits? The court believes:
that it would not; and if it would not, then with equal propriety may it be said, when a port is blockaded, that the vessels within are confined, or restrained from coming out. The blockading force is not in possession of the vessels ascribed to the harbor, but it acts upon and restrains them. It is a vis major, applied directly and effectually to them, which prevents them from coming out of the port. This appears to the court to be, in correct language, a restraint, by the power imposing the blockade; and when a vessel, attempting to come out, is boarded and turned back, this restraining force is practically applied to such vessel.” Oliver v. Union Ins. Co., 2 Wheat. 189, 4 L. Ed. 356.

The terms "restraint" and "detention of princes," as used in policies of marine insurance, have the same meaning—that of the effect of superior force, operating directly on the vessel. So long as a ship is under restraint, so long she is detained; and, whenever she is detained, she is under restraint. Richardson v. Insurance Co., 6 Mass. 102, 4 Am. Dec. 90.

RERAINT OF MARRIAGE. A contract, covenant, bond, or devise is “in restraint of marriage” when its conditions unreasonably hamper or restrict the party's freedom to marry, or his choice, or unduly postpone the time of his marriage. “General restraint,” as used in the rule invalidating contracts in general restraint of marriage, meaning restraint binding a competent person not to marry anyone at any time. Barnes v. Hobson (Tex.) 250 S. W. 238, 242.

RERAINT OF TRADE. Contracts or combinations in restraint of trade are such as tend or are designed to eliminate or stifle competition, effect a monopoly, artificially maintain prices, or otherwise hamper or obstruct the course of trade and commerce as it would be carried on if left to the control of natural and economic forces. See U. S. v. Trans-Missouri Freight Ass'n, 166 U. S. 290, 17 S. Ct. 540, 41 L. Ed. 1007; Hodge v. Sloan, 107 N. Y. 244, 17 N. E. 335, 1 Am. St. Rep. 516; U. S. v. Reading Co., 253 U. S. 26, 40 S. Ct. 425, 429, 64 L. Ed. 760; U. S. v. Putten, 226 U. S. 525, 33 S. Ct. 141, 144, 145, 57 L. Ed. 333, 44 L. R. A. (N. S.) 325; U. S. v. United Shoe Machinery Co. of New Jersey (D. C.) 222 F. 346, 368; U. S. v. Southern California Wholesale Grocers' Ass'n (D. C.) 7 F.(2d) 944, 946; Binderup v. Pathé Exch. Inc., 363 U. S. 291, 44 S. Ct. 96, 100, 68 L. Ed. 308; Trenton Pottery Co. v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 300 F. 550, 553; Stewart v. W. T. Raleigh Medical Co., 58 Okl. 344, 159 P. 1157, 1158, L. R. A. 1917A, 1276. With reference to contracts between individuals, a restraint of trade is said to be "general" or "special." A contract which forbids a person to employ his talents, industry, or capital in any undertaking within the limits of the state or country is in "general" restraint of trade; if it forbids him to employ himself in a designated trade or business, either for a limited time or within a prescribed area or district, it is in "special" restraint of trade.


RESTRAINT ON ALIENATION occurs where property is given to a married woman to her separate use, without power of alienation.

RESTRICTED LANDS. Within Act April 18, 1912, § 6 (37 Stat. 87), supplementary to and amendatory of Act June 28, 1906, lands the alienation of which is subject to restrictions imposed by Congress to protect the Indians from their own supposed incompetency. Kenny v. Miles, 250 U. S. 58, 59 S. Ct. 417, 418, 63 L. Ed. 841.

RESTRICTION. In the case of land registered under the English land transfer act, 1875, a restriction is an entry on the register made on the application of the registered proprietor of the land, the effect of which is to prevent the transfer of the land or the creation of any charge upon it, unless notice of the application for a transfer or charge is sent by post to a certain address, or unless the consent of a certain person or persons to the transfer or charge is obtained, or unless some other thing is done. Sweet.

RESTRICTIVE INDOREMENT. An indorsement may be so worded as to restrict the further negotiability of the instrument, and it is then called a "restrictive indorsement." Thus, "Pay the contents to J. S. only," or "to J. S. for my use," are restrictive indorsements, and put an end to the negotiability of the paper. 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 695.

RESULT. In law, a thing is said to result when, after having been ineffectually or only partially disposed of, it comes back to its former owner or his representatives. Sweet.

RESULTING TRUST. See Trust.

RESULTING USE. See Use.

RESUMMONS. In practice. A second summons. The calling a person a second time to answer an action, where the first summons is defeated upon any occasion; as the death of a party, or the like. Cowell.

RESUMPTION. In old English law. The taking again into the king's hands such lands or tenements as before, upon false suggestion, or other error, he had delivered to the heir, or granted by letters patent to any man. Cowell.

RESURRENDER. Where copyhold land has been mortgaged by surrender, and the mortgagee has been admitted, then, on the mortgage debt being paid off, the mortgagor is entitled to have the land reconveyed to him, by the mortgagee surrendering it to the lord to his use. This is called a "resurrender." 2 Day, Conv. 1332n.
RETAIL. To sell by small parcels, and not in the gross. To sell in small quantities. State v. Lowenhauff, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 13; Bridges v. State, 37 Ark. 224; McArthur v. State, 69 Ga. 444; Com. v. Kimball, 7 Metc. (Mass.) 308; Kentucky Consumers' Oil Co. v. Commonwealth, 192 Ky. 457, 233 S. W. 892, 883.

RETAILER OF MERCHANDISE. A merchant who buys articles in gross or merchandise in large quantities, and sells the same by single articles or in small quantities. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. v. Cream of Wheat Co. (C.C.A.) 227 F. 46, 47; Byran v. City of Sparks, 36 Nev. 573, 137 P. 522, 523.

RETAIL. In practice. To engage the services of an attorney or counsellor to manage a cause. See Retainer, 2.

—Retaining a cause. In English practice. The act of one of the divisions of the high court of justice in retaining jurisdiction of a cause wrongly brought in that division instead of another. Under the judicature acts of 1873 and 1875, this may be done, in some cases, in the discretion of the court or a judge.

—Retaining fee. A fee given to counsel on engaging his services. Conover v. West Jersey Mortgage Co., 96 N. J. Eq. 441, 128 A. 855, 860.

—Retaining lien. See Lien.

RETAINER. The right of retainer is the right which the executor or administrator of a deceased person has to retain out of the assets sufficient to pay any debt due to him from the deceased, in priority to the other creditors whose debts are of equal degree. 3 Steph. Comm. 263; Miller v. Irby, 63 Ala. 483; Taylor v. DeBlos, 23 Fed. Cas. 765.

A “retainer” is the act of the client in employing his attorney or counsel, and also denotes the fee which the client pays when he retains the attorney to act for him, and thereby prevents him from acting for his adversary. Pickens Co. v. Thomas, 152 Ga. 618, 111 S. E. 27, 28, 21 A. L. R. 1438; Bright v. Turner, 205 Ky. 188, 265 S. W. 627, 629; Devany v. City of South Norfolk, 145 Va. 765, 129 S. E. 672, 674; Saulsbury v. American Vulcanized Fibre Co., 5 Boyce (Del.) 182, 91 A. 536, 539; Schmidt v. Curtiss, 72 Wash. 211, 130 P. 89, 90.

In English practice, a “retainer,” as applied to counsel, is commonly used to signify a notice given to a counsel by an attorney on behalf of the plaintiff or defendant in an action, in order to secure his services as advocate when the cause comes on for trial. Holthouse. Agnew v. Walden, 84 Ala. 502, 4 So. 672; Blackman v. Webb, 38 Kan. 688, 17 P. 484.

A servant, not mental or familiar,—that is, not continually dwelling in the house of his master, but only wearing his livery, and attending sometimes upon special occasions,—is, in old English usage, called a “retainer.” Cowell.

General Retainer

A general retainer of an attorney or solicitor “merely gives a right to expect professional service when requested, but none which is not requested. It binds the person retained not to take a fee from another against his retainer, but to do nothing except what he is asked to do, and for this he is to be distinctly paid.” Rhode Island Exch. Bank v. Hawkins, 6 R. I. 206.

Special Retainer

An engagement or retainer of an attorney or solicitor for a special and designated purpose; as, to prepare and try a particular case. Agnew v. Walden, 84 Ala. 502, 4 So. 672.

RETTAKING. The taking one's goods, from another, who without right has taken possession thereof. See Reclamation.

REALTIA. The lex talionis, (q. v.)

RETAIL. In old English law. Retail; the cutting up again, or division of a commodity into smaller parts.

RENEWAL. In old English law. Restraint; detention; withholding.

REENTIONUM. In old English law. Retention; reclamation.

RETEMENIA. A retinue, or persons retained by a prince or nobleman. Cowell.

RETRIEVE. As applied to bills of exchange, this word is ambiguous. It is commonly used of an indorse who takes up a bill by handing the amount to a transferee, after which the indorser holds the instrument with all his remedies intact. But it is sometimes used of an acceptor, by whom, when a bill is taken up or retired at maturity, it is in effect paid, and all the remedies on it extinguished. Byles, Bills, 215. See Elsam v. Denny, 15 C. B. 94; Empire Security Co. v. Berry, 211 Ill. App. 278.

To withdraw from active service as an officer of the army or navy; to separate, withdraw, or remove. State v. Love, 51 Neb. 573, 145 N. W. 1010, 1013, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 1078; Denby v. Berry, 263 U. S. 29, 44 S. Ct. 74, 76, 68 L. Ed. 148; People ex rel. Tims v. Bingham (Sup.) 166 N. Y. S. 28, 29.


RETORNA BREVIA. The return of writs. The indorsement by a sheriff or other officer of his doings upon a writ.
RETORNO HABENDO. A writ that lies for the
distrainor of goods (when, on replevin
brought, he has proved his distress to be a
lawful one) against him who was so distrainted,
to have them returned to him according
to law, together with damages and costs.
Brown.

RETORSION. In international law. A spe-
cies of retaliation, which takes place where a
government, whose citizens are subjected to
severe and stringent regulation or harsh
treatment by a foreign government, employs
measures of equal severity and harshness up-
on the subjects of the latter government found
within its dominions. See Vattel, Lib. 2, c. 18,
§ 341.

RETOUR. In Scotch law. To return a writ to
the office in chancery from which it issued.

RETOUR OF SERVICE. In Scotch law. A
certified copy of a verdict establishing the
legal character of a party as heir to a dece.
dent.

RETOUR SANS FRAIS. Fr. In French law.
A formula put upon a bill of exchange to
signify that the drawer waives protest, and
will not be responsible for costs arising there-

RETOUR SANS PROTÉT. Fr. Return with-
out protest. A request or direction by a draw-
er of a bill of exchange that, should the bill
be dishonored by the drawee, it may be re-
turned without protest.

RETRACT. To take back. To retract an of-
er is to withdraw it before acceptance, which
the offerer may always do.

RETRACTATION, in probate practice, is a
withdrawal of a renunciation. (q. v.)

RETRACTO O TANTEO. In Spanish law.
The right of revoking a contract of sale; the
right of redemption of a thing sold. White,

RETRACTUS AQUÆ. Lat. The ebb or re-
turn of a tide. Cowell.

RETRACTUS FEUDALIS. L. Lat. In old
Scotch law. The power which a superior pos-
sessed of paying off a debt due to an adjudg-
ing creditor, and taking a conveyance to the
adjudication. Bell.

RETRAIT. Fr. In old French and Canadian
law. The taking back of a fief by the seignior,
in case of alienation by the vassal. A right of
pre-emption by the seignior, in case of sale
of the land by the grantee.

RETRAXIT. Lat. In practice. An open and
voluntary renunciation by a plaintiff of his
suit in court, made when the trial is called
on, by which he forever loses his action, or is
barred from commencing another action for
the same cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 296; 2 Archb.
Pr. K. B. 250.

A retractit is the open, public, and volun-
tary renunciation by the plaintiff, in open
court, of his suit or cause of action, and if this
is done by the plaintiff, and a judgment en-
tered thereon by the defendant, the plaintiff's
right of action is forever gone. Code Ga. 1852,
§ 3445 (Civ. Code 1910, § 5624). And see U. S.
v. Parker, 120 U. S. 59, 7 S. Ct. 454, 30 L. Ed.
601; Pethel v. McCullough, 49 W. Va. 529,
39 S. E. 189; Westbay v. Gray, 116 Cal. 600,
48 P. 500; Russell v. Rolfe, 50 Ala. 57; Low-
ry v. McMillan, 8 Pa. 163, 49 Am. Dec. 561;
Broward v. Roche, 21 Fla. 477; Coates v. Santa Fe, F. & P. Ry. Co., 15 Ariz. 25, 135 P.
717; Turner v. Fleming, 37 Okl. 75, 130 P.
1915B, 831; Johnson v. Metropolitan St. Ry.
Co., 177 Mo. App. 298, 164 S. W. 128; Hayden
v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 118 Me. 442, 108 A. 681,
683; Fulton v. Ramsey, 76 W. Va. 45, 84 S.
E. 1065, 1066.

At common law a retractit differed from a volun-
tary withdrawal by the plaintiff of his action, in
that a retractit terminated both the action and the
right of action, while such a withdrawal terminated
the action only, leaving in the plaintiff the right to re-
commence his suit upon the same alleged right.

RETREAT TO THE WALL. In the law re-
lying to homicide in self-defense, this phrase
means that the party must avail himself of
any apparent and reasonable avenues of es-
cape by which his danger might be averted,
and the necessity of slaying his assailant
avoided. People v. Iams, 57 Cal. 120.

RETRIBUTION. This word is sometimes
used in law, though not commonly in modern
times, as the equivalent of "recompense,"
or a payment or compensation for services,
property, use of an estate, or other value re-
cceived.

RETO. Lat. Back; backward; behind. Retrofécédum, a rereflief, or arrière flief. Spelman.

RETOACTIVE has the same meaning as
"retroactive," (q. v.).

RETROCESSION. In the civil law. When
the assignee of heritable rights conveys his
rights back to the cedent, it is called a "reto-
ceSSION." Ersk. Inst. 3, 5, 1.

RETROSPECTIVE. Looking back; contempl-
ing what is past.

RETROSPECTIVE LAW. A law which looks
backward or contemplates the past; one which
is made to affect acts or facts occurring, or
rights accruing, before it came into force.
Every statute which takes away or impairs
vested rights acquired under existing laws, or
creates a new obligation, imposes a new duty,
or attaches a new disability in respect to
transactions or considerations already past,
must be deemed retrospective. See Ex Post
Facto. And see Deland v. Plate Co., (C. C.) 54
RETTE


RETTE. L. Fr. An accusation or charge. St. Westm. 1, c. 2.

RETURN. The act of a sheriff, constable, or other ministerial officer, in delivering back to the court a writ, notice, or other paper, which was required to serve or execute, with a brief account of his doings under the mandate, the time and mode of service or execution, or his failure to accomplish it, as the case may be. Also the indorsement made by the officer upon the writ or other paper, stating what he has done under it, the time and mode of service, etc. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co. v. Railway Employees' Department, American Federation of Labor, Federated Shop Crafts, System Federation No. 17 (D. C.) 288 F. 588, 591; Strandberg v. Stringer, 125 Wash. 280, 216 P. 25, 26; Johnson v. Curlee Clothing Co., 112 Okt. 220, 240 P. 632, 633; Smith v. Drake, 174 Ark. 715, 287 S. W. 517.

The report made by the court, body of magistrates, returning board, or other authority charged with the official counting of the votes cast at an election.


In English practice, the election of a member of parliament is called his "return."

False Return

A return to a writ, in which the officer charged with it falsely reports that he served it, when he did not, or makes some other false or incorrect statement, whereby injury results to a person interested. State v. Jenkins, 170 Mo. 16, 70 S. W. 152. In taxation, a return that is incorrect is "false," Du Pont v. Graham (D. C.) 283 F. 300, 302, although made in good faith under a mistake of law, Elliot Nat. Bank v. Gill (D. C.) 210 F. 933, 937. Under some statutes, in order to render a return a false return, there must appear, if not a design to mislead or deceive on the part of the taxpayer, at least culpable negligence. Fouts v. State, 113 Ohio St. 450, 149 N. E. 551, 555.

General Return-day

The day for the general return of all writs of summons, subpoena, etc., running to a particular term of the court.

Return-book

The book containing the list of members returned to the house of commons. May, Parl. Pr.

Return-day


Return Irrepealable

A writ allowed by the statute of Westm. 2, c. 2, to a defendant who had had judgment upon verdict or demurrer in an action of replevin, or after the plaintiff had, on a writ of second deliverance, become a second time nonsuit in such action. By this writ the goods were returned to the defendant, and the plaintiff was restrained from suing out a fresh replevin. Previously to this statute, an unsuccessful plaintiff might bring actions of replevin in infinitum, in reference to the same matter. 3 Bl. Comm. 150.

Return of Premium

The repayment of the whole or a ratable part of the premium paid for a policy of insurance, upon the cancellation of the contract before the time fixed for its expiration. Northwestern Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Roberts, 177 Cal. 540, 171 P. 313, 315. For special meaning in mutual insurance, see: New York Life Ins. Co. v. Chaves, 21 N. M. 264, 153 P. 303.

Return of Writs

In practice. A short account, in writing, made by the sheriff, or other ministerial officer, of the manner in which he has executed a writ. Steph. Pl. 24.

RETURNABLE. In practice. To be returned; requiring a return. When a writ is said to be "returnable" on a certain day, it is meant that on that day the officer must return it.
RETURNING BOARD. This is the official title in some of the states of the board of canvassers of elections.

RETURNING FROM TRANSPORTATION. Coming back to England before the term of punishment is determined.


RETURNNUM AVERIORUM. A judicial writ, similar to the retorno habendo. Cowell.

RETURNUM IRREPLEGIBILE. A judicial writ addressed to the sheriff for the final restitution or return of cattle to the owner when unjustly taken or distrained, and so found by verdict. It is granted after a non-suit in a second deliverance. Reg. Jud. 27.

REUS. Lat. In the civil and canon law. The defendant in an action or suit. A person judicially accused of a crime; a person criminally proceeded against. Hallifax. Civil Law. b. 3. c. 13. no. 7.

A party to a suit, whether plaintiff or defendant; a litigant. This was the ancient sense of the word. Calvin.

A party to a contract. Reus stipulandi, a party stipulating; the party who asked the question, in the form prescribed for stipulations. Reus promitterendi, a party promising; the party who answered the question.

Reus exopiendo fit actor. The defendant, by excepting or pleading, becomes a plaintiff; that is, where, instead of simply denying the plaintiff's action, he sets up some new matter in defense, he is bound to establish it by proof, just as a plaintiff is bound to prove his cause of action. Bouvier. Tr. des Preuves. §§ 152, 320; Best. Ev. p. 294, § 252.

Reus lemm majestatis punitur ut pereat unus nec pereant omnés. A traitor is punished that one may die lest all perish. 4 Coke. 124.

REVE. In old English law. The bailiff of a franchise or manor; an officer in parishes within forests, who marks the commonable cattle. Cowell.

REVE MOTE. In Saxon law. The court of the reve, reeve, or shire reeve. 1 Reeve. Eng. Law. 6.

REVEL. A criminal complaint charged that the defendant did "revel, quarrel, commit mischief, and otherwise behave in a disorderly manner." Held, that the word "revel" has a definite meaning: i.e., "to behave in a noisy, boisterous manner, like a bacchanal." In re Began. 12 R. 1. 309.

REVELAND. The land which in Domesday is said to have been "thane-land," and afterwards converted into "reveeland." It seems to have been land which, having reverted to

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the king after the death of the thane, who had it for life, was not granted out to any by the king, but rested in charge upon the account of the reve or bailiff of the manor. Spec. Feuds, c. 24.

REVELS. Sports of dancing, masking, etc., formerly used in princes' courts, the inns of court, and noblemen's houses, commonly performed by night. There was an officer to order and supervise them, who was entitled the "master of the revels." Cowell.

REVENDICATION. In the civil law. The right of a vendor to reclaim goods sold out of the possession of the purchaser, where the price was not paid. Story. Cont. Laws. § 401. See Benedict v. Schaeffle, 12 Ohio St. 520; Ellis v. Davis, 3 S. Ct. 327, 109 U. S. 485, 27 L. Ed. 1006.

REVENUE. As applied to the income of a government, this is a broad and general term, including all public moneys which the state collects and receives, from whatever source and in whatever manner. U. S. v. Bromley, 12 How. 99, 13 L. Ed. 565; State v. School Fund Com'r, 4 Kan. 265; Fitcher v. Oliver, 25 Ark. 295; Public Service Commission of Montana v. City of Helena, 52 Mont. 527, 159 P. 24, 27; State ex rel. Thompson v. Board of Regents for Northeast Missouri State Teachers' College, 305 Mo. 57, 264 S. W. 638, 700; Hays v. State, 22 Okl. Cr. 99, 210 P. 728, 730.

It also designates the income of an individual or private corporation. In re Tutorship of Ratcliffe Minors, 139 La. 996, 72 So. 715, 714; Humphrey v. Lang, 169 N. C. 601, 80 S. E. 523, 527; L. R. A. 1916B, 629.

Public Revenue

The revenue of the government of the state or nation; sometimes, perhaps, that of a municipality.

Revenue Bills

Those that levy taxes in the strict sense of the word. Johnson v. Grady County, 59 Okl. 185, 150 P. 487, 499; In re Sprankle Co., 69 Okl. 178, 170 P. 1147, 1148; Lusk v. Ryan, 69 Okl. 165, 171 P. 323, 324; Bart v. Board of Com'r of Burke County, 192 N. C. 161, 134 S. E. 403, 404.

Revenue Law

Any law which provides for the assessment and collection of a tax to defray the expenses of the government is a revenue law. Such legislation is commonly referred to under the general term "revenue measures," and those measures include all the laws by which the government provides means for meeting its expenditures. Peyton v. Bliss, Woolw. 173, Fed. Cas. No. 11,055; The Nashville, 17 Fed. Cas. 1178; Twin City Nat. Bank v. Neheker, 3 App. D. C. 190; Trustees' Executors & Securities Ins. Corp. v. Hooton, 53 Okl. 530, 157 P. 293, 298, L. R. A. 1916E,
In International Law

A declaration by which a sovereign promises that he will observe a certain order or certain conditions, which have been once established, notwithstanding any changes that may happen to cause a deviation therefrom. Bouvier.


REVERSER. In Scotch law. The proprietor of an estate who grants a wadset (or mortgage) of his lands, and who has a right, on repayment of the money advanced to him, to be replaced in his right. Bell.

REVERSIBLE ERROR. See Error.


Reversio terrae est tanquam terra revertens in possessione donatoris, sive hereditibus suis post donum finitum. Co. Litt. 142. A reversion of land is, as it were, the return of the land to the possession of the donor or his heirs after the termination of the estate granted.

REVERSION.

In Real Property Law


In a general sense, a returning. In law, the returning of an estate to the grantor, or his heirs, after a particular estate is ended. The word "revert" has the same meaning. In re Sharp, 86 Misc. 569, 149 N. Y. S. 470, 473; Sorrells v. McNally, 89 Fla. 437, 105 So. 106, 109.

When a person has an interest in lands, and grants a portion of that interest, or, in other terms, a less estate than he has in himself, the possession of those lands shall, on the determination of the granted interest or estate, return or revert to the grantor. This interest is what is called the "grantor's reversion," or, more properly, his "right of reverter," which, however, is deemed an actual estate in the land. 1 Wap. Conv. 36.

Where an estate is derived, by grant or otherwise, out of a larger one, leaving in the original owner an ulterior estate immediately expectant on that which is so derived, the ulterior interest is called the "reversion." 1 Steph. Comm. 590.

A reversion is the residue of an estate left in the grantor, to commence in possession after the determination of some particular estate; while a remainder is an estate limited to take effect and be enjoyed after another estate is determined. Todd v. Jackson, 26 N. J. L. 525.

In Personality

"Reversion" is also used to denote a reversionary interest; e.g., an interest in personal property subject to the life interest of some other person.

In Scotch Law

A reversion is a right of redeeming landed property which has been either mortgaged or adjudicated to secure the payment of a debt. In the former case, the reversion is called "conventional;" in the latter case, it is called "legal;" and the period of seven years allowed for redemption is called the "legal." Bell; Paterson.

BL. LAW Dict. (3d Ed.)
LEGAL REVERSION. In Scotch law. The period within which a proprietor is at liberty to redeem land adjudged from him for debt.

REVERSIONARY. That which is to be enjoyed in reversion.

REVERSIONARY INTEREST. The interest which a person has in the reversion of lands or other property. A right to the future enjoyment of property, at present in the possession or occupation of another. Holtzhausen.

REVERSIONARY LEASE. One to take effect in futuro. A second lease, to commence after the expiration of a former lease. Wharton.

REVERSIONER. A person who is entitled to an estate in reversion. By an extension of its meaning, one who is entitled to any future estate or any property in expectancy.

REVERT. To revert is to return. Thus, when an estate in land has been granted to another, on the determination of the latter estate, the land is said to "revert" to the grantor.

Sweet; In re Sharp, 80 Misc. 569, 149 N.Y. S. 470, 473; Heybrook v. Beard, 75 Wash. 616, 135 P. 626.

In a loose way the term "revert to" is sometimes used in a will as the equivalent of "go to," and, where the language of a will so indicates, it will be construed as used to designate the person to whom the testator wished the land to be given. Mastellar v. Atkinson, 94 Kan. 279, 146 P. 367, 368, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 563; Marvel v. Wilmington Trust Co., 10 Del. Ch. 165, 97 A. 1014, 1015; In re Briggs' Estate, 198 Cal. 353, 230 P. 322, 324; Hiller v. Loring, 120 Me. 73, 120 A. 350, 351; In re Owens' Will, 191 Wis. 200, 202, 192 N.W. 965, 967.

REVERTER. Reversion. A possibility of reverting is that species of reversionary interest which exists when the grant is so limited that it may possibly terminate. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 63. See Formedon in the Reverter.

REVEST. To vest again. A seisin is said to revest, where it is acquired a second time by the party out of whom it has been divested. 1 Rop. Husb. & Wife, 253.

It is opposed to "divest." The words "revest" and "divest" are also applicable to the mere right or title, as opposed to the possession. Brown.

REVESTIRE. In old European law. To return or resign an investiture, seisin, or possession that has been received; to reinvest; to re-enforce. Spelman.

REVIEW. To re-examine judicially. A reconsideration; second view or examination; revision; consideration for purposes of correction. Used especially of the examination of a cause by an appellate court, and of a second investigation of a proposed public road by a jury of viewers. See Weehawken,


Bill of Review
In equity practice. A bill, in the nature of a writ of error, filed to procure an examination and alteration or reversal of a decree made upon a former bill, which decree has been signed and enrolled. Story, Eq. Pl. § 403.

Commission of Review
In England's ecclesiastical law. A commission formerly sometimes granted, in extraordinary cases, to revise the sentence of the court of delegates, when it was apprehended they had been led into a material error. 3 Bl. Comm. 67.

Court of Review
In England. A court established by 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 50, for the adjudicating upon such matters in bankruptcy as before were within the jurisdiction of the lord chancellor. It was abolished in 1847.

Reviewing Taxation
The re-taxing or re-examining an attorney's bill of costs by the master. The courts sometimes order the masters to review their taxation, when, on being applied to for that purpose, it appears that items have been allowed or disallowed on some erroneous principle, or under some mistaken impression. 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 55.

REVILING CHURCH ORDINANCES. An offense against religion punishable in England by fine and imprisonment. 4 Steph. Comm. 208.

REVISE. To review, re-examine for correction; to go over a thing for the purpose of amending, correcting, rearranging, or otherwise improving it; as, to revise statutes, or a judgment. Case v. Harned, 5 Iowa, 12; Vinsant v. Knox, 27 Ark. 272; Falconer v. Robinson, 46 Ala. 348; American Indemnity Co. v. City of Austin, 112 Tex. 259, 246 S. W. 1010, 1023; Pierce v. Solano County, 82 Cal. App. 465, 217 P. 545, 546.

REVISED STATUTES. A body of statutes which have been revised, collected, arranged in order, and re-enacted as a whole. This is the legal title of the collections of compiled laws of several of the states, and also of the United States. Such a volume is usually cited as "Rev. Stat.," "Rev. St.," or "R. S."

REVISING ASSESSORS. In English law. Two officers elected by the burgesses of non-parliamentary municipal boroughs for the
purpose of assisting the mayor in revising the parish burgess lists. Wharton.

REVISING BARRISTERS. In English law. Barristers appointed to revise the list of voters for county and borough members of parliament, and who hold courts for that purpose throughout the county. St. 6 Vict. c. 18.

REVISING BARRISTERS’ COURTS. In English law. Courts hold in the autumn throughout the country, to revise the list of voters for county and borough members of parliament.

REVISION. A “revision” of the statutes is more than a restatement of the substance thereof in different language, but implies a re-examination of them, and may constitute a restatement of the law in a corrected or improved form, in which case the statement may be with or without material change, and is substituted for and displaces and repeals the former law as it stood relating to the subjects within its purview. Becker v. Greene County, 176 Wis. 120, 184 N. W. 715, 718; State v. Cooney, 70 Mont. 355, 225 P. 1067, 1069; Litchfield v. Roper, 192 N. C. 202, 134 S. E. 651, 652; City and County of Denver v. New York Trust Co., 229 U. S. 123, 33 S. Ct. 657, 666, 57 L. Ed. 1101; Madigan v. Brodigan, 41 Nev. 468, 172 P. 375.

REVIVAL. The process of renewing the operative force of a judgment which has remained dormant or unexecuted for so long a time that execution cannot be issued upon it without new process to reanimate it. See Hrier v. Traders’ Nat. Bank, 24 Wash. 605, 64 Pac. 831; Havens v. Sea Shore Land Co., 57 N. J. Eq. 142, 41 Atl. 755.

The act of renewing the legal force of a contract or obligation, which had ceased to be sufficient foundation for an action, on account of the running of the statute of limitations, by giving a new promise or acknowledgment of it.

REVIVE. To renew, revive; to make one’s self liable for a debt barred by the statute of limitations by acknowledging it; or for a matrimonial offense, once condoned, by committing another. See Lindsey v. Lyman, 37 Iowa, 207; In re Zels (D. C.) 229 F. 472, 474; Police Jury of Caddo Parish v. City of Shreveport, 137 La. 1032, 69 So. 828, 831; Madigan v. Brodigan, 41 Nev. 468, 172 P. 375.

REVIVOR, BILL OF. In equity practice. A bill filed for the purpose of reviving or calling into operation the proceedings in a suit when, from some circumstance, (as the death of the plaintiff,) the suit had abated.

REVIVOR, WRIT OF. In English practice. Where it became necessary to revive a judgment, by lapse of time, or change by death, etc., of the parties entitled or liable to execution, the party alleging himself to be entitled to execution might sue out a writ of revivor in the form given in the act, or apply to the court for leave to enter a suggestion upon the roll that it appeared that he was entitled to have and issue execution of the judgment, such leave to be granted by the court or a judge upon a rule to show cause, or a summons, to be served according to the then present practice. C. L. P. Act, 1852, § 129.

REVOCABLE. Susceptible of being revoked.

REVOCATION. The recall of some power, authority, or thing granted, or a destroying or making void of some deed that had existence until the act of revocation made it void. It may be either general, of all acts and things done before; or special, to revoke a particular thing. 5 Coke, 90. See Wilmington City Ry. Co. v. Wilmington & B. S. Ry. Co., 8 Del. Ch. 468, 46 Atl. 12; Warseco v. Oskosh Savings & Trust Co., 183 Wis. 156, 186 N. W. 829, 830; Ford v. Greenawalt, 292 Ill. 121, 126 N. E. 565, 556.

Revocation by act of the party is an intentional or voluntary revocation. The principal instances occur in the case of authorities and powers of attorney and wills.

A revocation in law, or constructive revocation, is produced by a rule of law, irrespectively of the intention of the parties. Thus, a power of attorney is in general revoked by the death of the principal. Sweet.

REVOCATION OF PROBATE is where probate of a will, having been granted, is afterwards recalled by the court of probate, on proof of a subsequent will, or other sufficient cause.

REVOCATION OF WILL. The recalling, nullifying, or rendering inoperative an existing will, by some subsequent act of the testator, which may be by the making of a new will inconsistent with the terms of the first, or by destroying the old will, or by disposing of the property to which it related, or otherwise. See Boudinot v. Bradford, 2 Dall. 268, 1 L. Ed. 375; Lathrop v. Dunlop, 4 Hun. (N. Y.) 215; Carter v. Thomas, 4 Me. 342; Langdon v. Astor, 8 Duer (N. Y.) 581; Graham v. Burch, 47 Minn. 171, 49 N. W. 697, 28 Am. St. Rep. 339; Gardner v. Gardiner, 63 N. H. 239, 19 Atl. 651, 8 L. R. A. 383; Cutler v. Cutler, 130 N. C. 1, 40 S. E. 689, 57 L. R. A. 209, 89 Am. St. Rep. 854.

REVOCATIONE PARLIAMENTI. An ancient writ for recalling a parliament. 4 Inst. 44.

REVOCATUR. Lat. It is recalled. This is the term, in English practice, appropriate to signify that a judgment is annulled or set aside for error in fact; if for error in law, it is then said to be reversed.

REVOKE. To call back; to recall; to annul an act by calling or taking it back.
REVOLT. The endeavor of the crew of a vessel, or any one or more of them, to overthrow the legitimate authority of her commander, with intent to remove him from his command, or against his will to take possession of the vessel by assuming the government and navigation of her, or by transferring their obedience from the lawful commander to some other person. United States v. Kelly, 11 Wheat. 417, 6 L. Ed. 508; Hamilton v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 268 F. 15, 18.

REWARD. A recompense or premium offered or bestowed by government or an individual in return for special or extraordinary services to be performed, or for special attentments or achievements, or for some act resulting to the benefit of the public; as, a reward for useful inventions, for the discovery and apprehension of criminals, for the restoration of lost property. See Kihn v. First Nat. Bank, 118 Wis. 537, 95 N. W. 960, 99 Am. St. Rep. 1012; Campbell v. Mercer, 108 Ga. 103, 33 S. E. 871; Henderson v. U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. (Tex. Com. App.) 298 S. W. 404, 406.

That which is offered or given for some service or attainment; sum of money paid or taken for doing, or forbearing to do, some act. Erickson v. North Dakota State Fair Ass'n v. Fargo, 54 N. D. 590, 231 N. W. 597, 598; Kirk v. Smith, 48 Mont. 489, 138 P. 1085, 1089.

REWME. In old records. Realm, or kingdom.

REX. Lat. The king. The king regarded as the party prosecuting in a criminal action; as in the form of enlisting such actions, "Rex v. Doe."

Rex debet esse sub lege quia lex facit regem. The king ought to be under the law, because the law makes the king. 1 Bl. Comm. 239.

Rex est legalis et politicus. Lane, 27. The king is both a legal and political person.

Rex est lex vivens. Jenk. Cent. 17. The king is the living law.

Rex est major singulis, minor universalis. Bract. I. I. e. 8. The king is greater than any single person, less than all.

Rex hoc solum non potest facere quod non potest injuste agere. 11 Coke, 72. The king can do everything but an injustice.

Rex non debit esse sub homine, sed sub Deo et sub lege, quia lex facit regem. Bract. fol. 5. The king ought to be under no man, but under God and the law, because the law makes a king. Broom, Max. 47.

Rex non potest fallere nec falli. The king cannot deceive or be deceived. Grounds & Rud. of Law 438.


Rex nunquam moritur. The king never dies. Broom. Max. 50; Branch, Max. (5th Ed.) 197; 1 Bl. Comm. 249.

RHANDIR. A part in the division of Wales before the Conquest; every township comprehended four gavels, and every gavel had four rhandirs, and four houses or tenements constituted every rhandir. Tayl. Hist. Gav. 69.

RHODIAN LAWS. This, the earliest code or collection of maritime laws, was formulated by the people of the island of Rhodes, who, by their commercial prosperity and the superiority of their navies, had acquired the sovereignty of the seas. Its date is very uncertain, but is supposed (by Kent and others) to be about 500 B. C. Nothing of it is now extant except the article on jettison, which has been preserved in the Roman collections. (Dig. 14, 2, "Lex Rhodia de Jactu.") Another code, under the same name, was published in more modern times, but is generally considered, by the best authorities, to be spurious. See Schomburg, Mar. Laws Rhodes, 37, 38; 3 Kent, Comm. 3, 4; Azunl, Mar. Law, 265—296.

RIAL. A piece of gold coin current for 10s., in the reign of Henry VI., at which time there were half-rials and quarter-rials or rial-farthings. In the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, golden rials were coined at 15s. a piece; and in the time of James I. there were rose-rials of gold at 30s. and spur-rials at 15s. Lown. Essay Coins, 38.

RIBAUD. A rogue; vagrant; whoremonger; a person given to all manner of wickedness. Cowell.

RIBBONMEN. Associations or secret societies formed in Ireland, having for their object the dispossession of landlords by murder and fire-raising. Wharton.

RICHARD ROE, otherwise TROUBLESOME. The casual ejector and fictitious defendant in ejectment, whose services are no longer invoked.

RICOHOME. Span. In Spanish law. A nobleman; a count or baron. 1 White, Recop. 36.

RIDER. A rider, or rider-roll, signifies a schedule or small piece of parchment annexed to some part of a roll or record. It is frequently familiarly used for any kind of a schedule or writing annexed to a document which cannot well be incorporated in the body of such document. Thus, in passing bills through a legislature, when a new clause is added after the bill has passed through.
committee, such new clause is termed a “rider.” Brown. See, also, Cowell; Blount; 2 Tidd, Pr. 730; Com. v. Barnett, 190 Pa. 161; 48 Atl. 976; 55 L. R. A. 882.

RIDER-ROLL. See Rider.


RIDING ARMED. In English law. The offense of riding or going armed with dangerous or unusual weapons is a misdemeanor tending to disturb the public peace by terrifying the good people of the land. 4 Steph. Comm. 367.

RIDING CLERK. In English law. One of the six clerks in chancery who, in his turn for one year, kept the controlment books of all grants that passed the great seal. The six clerks were superseded by the clerks of records and writs.

RIDINGS, (corrupted from trilings.) The names of the parts or divisions of Yorkshire, which, of course, are three only, viz., East Riding, North Riding, and West Riding.

RIEN. L. Fr. Nothing. It appears in a few law French phrases.

RIEN CULP. In old pleading. Not guilty.

RIEN DIT. In old pleading. Says nothing, (nil dicit.)

RIEN LUY DOIT. In old pleading. Owes him nothing. The plea of nil debet.


RIENS LOUR DEUST. Not their debt. The old form of the plea of nil debet. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 332.

RIENS PASSA PER LE FAIT. Nothing passed by the deed. A plea by which a party might avoid the operation of a deed, which had been enrolled or acknowledged in court; the plea of non est factum not being allowed in such case.

RIENS PER DISCENT. Nothing by descent. The plea of an heir, where he is sued for his ancestor’s debt, and has no land from him by descent, or assets in his hands. Cro. Car. 151; 1 Tidd, Pr. 615; 2 Tidd, Pr. 937.

RIER COUNTY. In old English law. After county; i.e., after the end of the county court. A time and place appointed by the sheriff for the receipt of the king’s money after the end of his county, or county court. Cowell.

RIFFLARE. To take away anything by force.

RIFLETUM. A coppice or thicket. Cowell.

RIGA. In old European law. A species of service and tribute rendered to their lords by agricultural tenants. Supposed by Spelman to be derived from the name of a certain portion of land, called, in England, a “rig” or “ridge,” an elevated piece of ground, formed out of several furrows. Burrell.

RIGGING THE MARKET. A term of the stock-exchange, denoting the practice of inflating the price of given stocks, or enhancing their quoted value, by a system of pretended purchases, designed to give the air of an unusual demand for such stocks. See L. R. 13 Eq. 417.

RIGHT. As a noun, and taken in an abstract sense, the term means justice, ethical correctness, or consonance with the rules of law or the principles of morals. In this signification it answers to one meaning of the Latin “jus,” and serves to indicate law in the abstract, considered as the foundation of all rights, or the complex of underlying moral principles which impart the character of justice to all positive law, or give it an ethical content.

As a noun, and taken in a concrete sense, a right signifies a power, privilege, faculty, or demand, inherent in one person and incident upon another. “Rights” are defined generally as “powers of free action.” And the primal rights pertaining to men are undoubtedly enjoyed by human beings purely as such, being grounded in personality, and existing antecedently to their recognition by positive law. But leaving the abstract moral sphere, and giving to the term a juristic content, a “right” is well defined as “a capacity residing in one man of controlling, with the assent and assistance of the state, the actions of others.” Holl. Jur. 69.

The noun substantive “a right” signifies that which jurists denominate a “faculty;” that which resides in a determinate person, by virtue of a given law, and which avails against a person (or answers to a duty lying on a person) other than the person in whom it resides. And the noun substantive “rights” is the plural of the noun substantive “a right.” But the expression “right,” when it is used as an adjective, is equivalent to the adjective “just;” as the adverb “rightly” is equivalent to the adverb “justly.” And, when used as the abstract name corresponding to the adjective “right,” the noun substantive “right” is synonymous with the noun substantive “justice.” Aust. Jur. § 264, note.

In a narrower signification, the word denotes an interest or title in an object of property; a just and legal claim to hold, use, or enjoy it, or to convey or donate it, as he may please. See Co. Litt. 345a.

The term “right,” in civil society, is defined to mean that which a man is entitled to have, or to do, or to receive from others within the limits prescribed by law. Atchison & N. R. Co. v. Baty, 5 Neb. 48, 29 Am. Rep. 356.
That which one person ought to have or receive from another, it being withheld from him, or not in his possession. In this sense, "right" has the force of "claim," and is properly expressed by the Latin "ius." Lord Coke considers this to be the proper signification of the word, especially in writs and pleadings, where an "estate is turned to a right; as by discontinuance, disseisin, etc. Co. Litt. 345a.

Classification

Rights may be described as perfect or imperfect, according as their action or scope is clear, settled, and determinate, or is vague and unfixed.

Rights are either in personam or in rem. A right in personam is one which imposes an obligation on a definite person. A right in rem is one which imposes an obligation on persons generally; i.e., either on all the world or on all the world except certain determinate persons. Thus, if I am entitled to exclude all persons from a given piece of land, I have a right in rem in respect of that land; and, if there are one or more persons, A., B., and C., whom I am not entitled to exclude from it, my right is still a right in rem. Sweet.

Rights may also be described as either primary or secondary. Primary rights are those which can be created without reference to rights already existing. Secondary rights can only arise for the purpose of protecting or enforcing primary rights. They are either preventive (protective) or remedial (reparative.) Sweet.

Preventive or protective secondary rights exist in order to prevent the infringement or loss of primary rights. They are judicial when they require the assistance of a court of law for their enforcement, and extra-judicial when they are capable of being exercised by the party himself. Remedial or reparative secondary rights are also either judicial or extra-judicial. They may further be divided into (1) rights of restitution or restoration, which entitle the person injured to be replaced in his original position; (2) rights of enforcement, which entitle the person injured to the performance of an act by the person bound; and (3) rights of satisfaction or compensation. Id.

With respect to the ownership of external objects of property, rights may be classified as absolute and qualified. An absolute right gives to the person in whom it inheres the uncontrolled dominion over the object at all times and for all purposes. A qualified right gives the possessor a right to the object for certain purposes or under certain circumstances only. Such is the right of a bailee to recover the article bailed when it has been unlawfully taken from him by a stranger.

Rights are also either legal or equitable. The former is the case where the person seeking to enforce the right for his own benefit has the legal title and a remedy at law. The latter are such as are enforceable only in equity; as, at the suit of cestui que trust.

In Constitutional Law

There is also a classification of rights, with respect to the constitution of civil society. Thus, according to Blackstone, "the rights of persons, considered in their natural capacities, are of two sorts,—absolute and relative; absolute, which are such as appertain and belong to particular men, merely as individuals or single persons; relative, which are incident to them as members of society, and standing in various relations to each other." 1 Bl. Comm. 123. And see In re Jacobs, 33 Hun (N. Y.) 374; Atchison & N. R. Co. v. Baty, 6 Neb. 37, 20 Am. Rep. 356; Johnson v. Johnson, 32 Ala. 657; People v. Berberrich, 20 Barb. (N. Y.) 224.

Rights are also classified in constitutional law as natural, civil, and political, to which there is sometimes added the class of "personal rights."

Natural rights are those which grow out of the nature of man and depend upon personality, as distinguished from such as are created by law and depend upon civilized society; or they are those which are plainly assured by natural law (Borden v. State, 11 Ark. 519, 44 Am. Dec. 217); or those which, by fair deduction from the present physical, moral, social, and religious characteristics of man, he must be invested with, and which he ought to have realized for him in a juridical society, in order to fulfill the ends to which his nature calls him. 1 Woolsey, Poli. Sci., p. 29. Such are the rights of life, liberty, privacy, and good reputation. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 523.

Civil rights are such as belong to every citizen of the state or country, or, in a wider sense, to all its inhabitants, and are not connected with the organization or administration of government. They include the rights of property, marriage, protection by the laws, freedom of contract, trial by jury, etc. See Winnett v. Adams, 71 Neb. 817, 90 N. W. 681. Or, as otherwise defined, civil rights are rights appertaining to a person in virtue of his citizenship in a state or community. Rights capable of being enforced or redressed in a civil action. Also a term applied to certain rights secured to citizens of the United States by the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments to the constitution, and by various acts of congress made in pursuance thereof.

RIGHT


Political rights consist in the power to participate, directly or indirectly, in the establishment or administration of government, such as the right of citizenship, that of suffrage, the right to hold public office, and the right of petition. See Black Const. Law (3d Ed.) 524; Winnett v. Adams, 71 Neb. 817, 99 N. W. 631; Haupt v. Schmidt, 70 Ind. App. 296, 122 N. E. 313, 344.

Personal rights is a term of rather vague import, but generally it may be said to mean the right of personal security, comprising those of life, limb, body, health, reputation, and the right of personal liberty.

As an Adjective

The term “right” means just, morally correct, consonant with ethical principles or rules of positive law. It is the opposite of wrong, unjust, illegal.

“Right” is used in law, as well as in ethics, as opposed to “wrong.” Thus, a person may acquire a title by wrong.

In Old English Law

The term denoted an accusation or charge of crime. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 66 F. See, also, Droit; Jus; Recht.

Other compound and descriptive terms

—Base right. In Scotch law, a subordinate right; the right of a subvassal in the lands held by him. Bell.

—Bill of rights. See Bill, 6.

—Common right. See Common.

—Declaration of rights. See Bill of Rights, under Bill.

—Marital rights. See Marital.

—Mere right. In the law of real estate, the mere right of property in land; the right of a proprietor, but without possession or even the right of possession; the abstract right of property.

—Of right. See Right.


—Petition of right. See Petition.

—Private rights. Those rights which appertain to a particular individual or individuals, and relate either to the person, or to personal or real property. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 3. The term “private right,” as used with reference to the right of a person to injunctive relief, is used as a mere distinguishing term from “public right,” and not as meaning any particular monopolistic right. Long v. Southern Express Co. (D. C.) 201 F. 441, 444. “Private rights” of a municipal corporation, as affecting the running of the statute of limitations, are such as only that part of the municipality included within the corporate limits of a municipality are interested in. Board of Comrs of Woodward County v. Willett, 49 Okl. 234, 152 P. 563, 566, L. R. A. 1916E, 92.

—Real right. In Scotch law. That which entitles him who is vested with it to possess the subject as his own, and, if in the possession of another, to demand from him its actual possession. “Real rights affect the subject itself; personal are founded in obligation. Erskine, Inst. 3, 1, 2.

—Right heir. See Heir.

—Riparian rights. See Riparian.

—Vested rights. See Vested.

And see also the following titles.

RIGHT CLOSE, WRIT OF. An abolished writ which lay for tenants in ancient demesne, and others of a similar nature, to try the right of their lands and tenements in the court of the lord exclusively. 1 Steph. Comm. 224.

RIGHT IN ACTION. This is a phrase frequently used in place of chose in action, and having an identical meaning.

RIGHT IN COURT. See Rectus in Curia.


By the old writers, “right of action” is commonly used to denote that a person has lost a right of entry, and has nothing but a right of action left. Co. Litt. 365b.

RIGHT OF DISCUSSION. In Scotch law. The right which the cautioner (surety) has to insist that the creditor shall do his best to compel the performance of the contract by the principal debtor, before he shall be called upon. 1 Bell, Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF DIVISION. In Scotch law. The right which each of several cautioners (sureties) has to refuse to answer for more than his own share of the debt. To entitle the cautioner to this right the other cautioners must be solvent, and there must be no words in the bond to exclude it. 1 Bell, Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF ENTRY. A right of entry is the right of taking or resuming possession of
land by entering on it in a peaceable manner.

RIGHT OF HABITATION. In Louisiana. The right to occupy another man's house as a dwelling, without paying rent or other compensation. Civ. Code La. art. 627.

RIGHT OF POSSESSION. The right to possession which may reside in one man, while another has the actual possession, being the right to enter and turn out such actual occupant; e.g., the right of a disselee. An apparent right of possession is one which may be defeated by a better; an actual right of possession, one which will stand the test against all opponents. 2 Bl. Comm. 196; Cahill v. Pine Creek Oil Co., 38 Okl. 586, 134 P. 64, 65.

RIGHT OF PROPERTY. The mere right of property in land; the abstract right which remains to the owner after he has lost the right of possession, and to recover which the writ of right was given. United with possession, and the right of possession, this right constitutes a complete title to lands, tenements, and hereditaments. 2 Bl. Comm. 197.

RIGHT OF REDEMPTION. The right to disencumber property or to free it from a claim or lien; specifically, the right (granted by statute only) to free property from the incumbrance of a foreclosure or other judicial sale, or to recover the title passing thereby, by paying what is due, with interest, costs, etc. Not to be confused with the "equity of redemption," which exists independently of statute but must be exercised before sale. See Mayer v. Farmers' Bank, 44 Iowa, 216; Millett v. Mullen, 95 Me. 409, 49 A. 871; Case v. Spelter Co., 62 Kan. 69, 61 P. 406; Banking Corp. of Montana v. Hein, 52 Mont. 238, 156 P. 1085, 1086; Wisnmath Packing Co. v. Mississippi River Power Co., 179 Iowa, 1309, 162 N. W. 846, 850, L. R. A. 1917F, 790; Brown v. Timmons, 79 Mont. 246, 256 P. 176, 178, 57 A. L. R. 1122; Western Land & Cattle Co. v. National Bank of Arizona at Phoenlx, 23 Ariz. 270, 236 P. 725, 726.

RIGHT OF RELIEF. In Scotch law. The right of a cautions (surety) to demand reimbursement from the principal debtor when he has been compelled to pay the debt. 1 Bell, Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION AND PERFORMANCE. By the acts 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 15, and 5 & 6 Vict. c. 45, the author of a play, opera, or musical composition, or his assignee, has the sole right of representing or causing it to be represented in public at any place in the British dominions during the same period as the copyright in the work exists. The right is distinct from the copyright, and requires to be separately registered. Sweet.

RIGHT OF SEARCH. In international law. The right of one vessel, on the high seas, to stop a vessel of another nationality and examine her papers and (in some cases) her cargo. Thus, in time of war, a vessel of either belligerent has the right to search a neutral ship, encountered at sea, to ascertain whether the latter is carrying contraband goods.

RIGHT OF WAY. The right of passage or of way is a servitude imposed by law or by convention, and by virtue of which one has a right to pass on foot, or horseback, or in a vehicle, to drive beasts of burden or carts, through the estate of another. When this servitude results from the law, the exercise of it is confined to the wants of the person who has it. When it is the result of a contract, its extent and the mode of using it is regulated by the contract. Civ. Code La. art. 722.

"Right of way," in its strict meaning, is the right of passage over another man's ground; and in its legal and generally accepted meaning, in reference to a roadway, it is a mere easement in the lands of others, obtained by lawful condemnation to public use or by purchase. It would be used the term in an unusual sense, by applying it to an absolute purchase of the fee-simple of lands to be used for a railway or any other kind of a way. Williams v. Western Union Ry. Co., 50 Wis. 78, 6 N. W. 426. And see Kripp v. Curtis, 71 Cal. 63, 11 P. 593; Johnson v. Lewis, 47 Ark. 66, 3 S. W. 229; Bodfish v. Bodfish, 165 Mass. 217; New Mexico v. United States Trust Co., 19 S. Ct. 128, 173 U. S. 171, 45 L. Ed. 467; Stuyvesant v. Woodruff, 21 N. J. Law, 136, 57 Am. Dec. 156.


The "right of way" is a space of conventional width for one or more railroad tracks, while a "railroad yard" might be extended indefinitely. City of New York v. New York & H. R. Co. (Sup.) 189 N. Y. S. 13, 14.

RIGHT PATENT. An obsolete writ, which was brought for lands and tenements, and not for an advowson, or common, and lay only for an estate in fee-simple, and not for him who had a lesser estate; as tenant in tail, tenant in frank marriage, or tenant for life. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. I.

RIGHT TO BEGIN. On the hearing or trial of a cause, or the argument of a demurrer, petition, etc., the right to begin is the right of first addressing the court or jury. The
right to begin is frequently of importance, as the counsel who begins has also the right of replying or having the last word after the counsel on the opposite side has addressed the court or jury. Sweet.

RIGHT TO REDEEM. The term "right of redemption," or "right to redeem," is familiarly used to describe the estate of the debtor when under mortgage, to be sold at auction, in contradistinction to an absolute estate, to be set off by appraisement. It would be more consonant to the legal character of this interest to call it the "debtor's estate subject to mortgage." White v. Whitney, 3 Metc. (Mass.) 86.

RIGHT, WRIT OF. A procedure for the recovery of real property after not more than sixty years' adverse possession; the highest writ in the law, sometimes called, to distinguish it from others of the drolltural class, the "writ of right proper." Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV, c. 27. 3 Steph. Comm. 392.

RIGHTS OF PERSONS. Rights which concern and are annexed to the persons of men. 1 Bl. Comm. 122.

RIGHTS OF THINGS. Such as a man may acquire over external objects, or things unconnected with his person. 1 Bl. Comm. 122.

RIGHTS, PETITION OF. See Petition.

RIGOR JURIS. Lat. Strictness of law. Latch, 150. Distinguished from gratia curia, favor of the court.

RIGOR MORTIS. In medical jurisprudence: Cadaveric rigidity; a rigidity or stiffening of the muscular tissue and joints of the body, which sets in at a greater or less interval after death, but usually within a few hours, and which is one of the recognized tests of death.

RING. A clique; an exclusive combination of persons for illegitimate or selfish purposes; as to control elections or political affairs, distribute offices, obtain contracts, control the market or the stock-exchange, etc. Schomberg v. Walker, 132 Cal. 224, 64 Pac. 290.

RING-DROPPING. A trick variously practiced. One mode is as follows, the circumstances being taken from 2 East, P. C. 678: The prisoner, with accomplices, being with their victim, pretend to find a ring wrapped in paper, appearing to be a jeweler's receipt for a "rich, brilliant diamond ring." They offer to leave the ring with the victim if he will deposit some money and his watch as a security. He lays down his watch and money, is beckoned out of the room by one of the confederates, while the others take away his watch, etc. This is a larceny.

In Criminal Law

A phrase applied in England to a trick frequently practised in committing larcenies. It is difficult to define it; it will be sufficiently exemplified by the following cases. The prisoner, with some accomplices, being in company with the prosecutor, pretended to find a valuable ring wrapped up in a paper, appearing to be a jeweler's receipt for "a rich brilliant diamond ring." They offered to leave the ring with the prosecutor if he would deposit some money and his watch as a security. The prosecutor, having accordingly laid down his watch and money on a table, was beckoned out of the room by one of the confederates, while the others took away his watch and money. This was held to amount to a larceny; 1 Leach 273. In another case, under similar circumstances, the prisoner procured from the prosecutor twenty guineas, promising to return them the next morning, and leaving the false jewel with him. This was also held to be larceny; 1 Leach 314; 2 East, Pl. Cr. 679.

RINGING UP. A custom among commission merchants and brokers (not unlike the clear-house system) by which they exchange contracts for sale against contracts for purchase, or reciprocally cancel such contracts, adjust differences of price between themselves, and surrender margins. See Ward v. Vosburgh (C. C.) 31 F. 12; Willar v. Irwin, 50 Fed. Cas. 38; Partridge v. Cutler, 68 Ill. App. 573; Samuels v. Oliver, 130 Ill. 73, 22 N. E. 490; U. S. v. New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, 203 U. S. 611, 44 S. Ct. 225, 226, 68 L. Ed. 475.

RINGS, GIVING. In English practice. A custom observed by serjeants at law, on being called to that degree or order. The rings are given to the judges, and bear certain mottoes, selected by the serjeant about to take the degree. Brown.


RIPARIAN NATIONS. In international law. Those who possess opposite banks or different parts of banks of one and the same river.


RIPARIAN WATER. Water which is below the highest line of normal flow of the river, or stream, as distinguished from flood water. Parker v. El Paso County Water Improvement Dist. No. 1, 297 S. W. 737, 743, 116 Tex. 631; Humphreys-Mexia Co. v. Arsenaeux,
RIPARIAN WATER


Riparum usus publicus est jure gentium, siue ipsius fluminis. The use of river-banks is by the law of nations public, like that of the stream itself. Dig. 1, 8, 5, pr.; Fleta, 1, 3, c. 1, § 5.

RIPE. A suit is said to be “ripe for judgment” when it is so far advanced, by verdict, default, confession, the determination of all pending motions, or other disposition of preliminary or disputed matters, that nothing remains for the court but to render the appropriate judgment. See Hosmer v. Holt, 161 Mass. 173, 36 N. E. 885; Lynn Gas & Electric Co. v. Creditors’ Nat. Clearing House, 237 Mass. 506, 130 N. E. 111, 112.

RIPTOWELL, or REAPTOWEL. A gratuity or reward given to tenants after they had reaped their lord’s corn, or done other customary duties. Cowell.

RIPUARIAN LAW. An ancient code of laws by which the Ripuarii, a tribe of Franks who occupied the country upon the Rhine, the Meuse, and the Scheldt, were governed. They were first reduced to writing by Theodoric, king of Austrasia, and completed by Dagobert. Spelman.

RIPUARIAN PROPRIETORS. Owners of lands bounded by a river or watercourse.

RISCUS. L. Lat. In the civil law. A chest for the keeping of clothing. Calvin.

RISEING OF COURT. Properly the final adjournment of the court for the term, though the term is also sometimes used to express the cessation of Judicial business for the day or for a recess; it is the opposite of “sitting” or “session.” See State v. Weaver, 11 Neb. 163, 8 S. W. 385.

RISK. In insurance law; the danger or hazard of a loss to the property insured; the casualty contemplated in a contract of insurance; the degree of hazard; and, colloquially, the specific house, factory, ship, etc., covered by the policy. People ex rel. Daily Credit Service Corporation v. May, 147 N. Y. S. 457, 459, 162 App. Div. 215.

Obvious Risk

See Obious.

Risks of Navigation

It is held that this term is not the equivalent of “perils of navigation,” but is of more comprehensive import than the latter. Pitcher v. Hennessey, 45 N. Y. 410.

RISTOURNE. Fr. In insurance law; the dissolution of a policy or contract of insurance for any cause. Emerig. Traité des Assur. c. 16.

RITE. Lat. Duly and formally; legally; properly; technically.

RIVAGE. In French Law

The shore, as of the sea.

In English Law

A toll annually paid to the crown for the passage of boats or vessels on certain rivers. Cowell.

RIVEARE. To have the liberty of a river for fishing and fouling. Cowell.

RIVER. A natural stream of water, of greater volume than a creek or rivulet, flowing in a more or less permanent bed or channel, between defined banks or walls, with a current which may either be continuous in one direction or affected by the ebb and flow of the tide. See Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 391, 14 L. Ed. 159; Alabama v. Georgia, 23 How. 513, 16 L. Ed. 556; The Garden City (D. C.) 26 F. 772; Berlin Mills Co. v. Wentworth’s Location, 60 N. H. 156; Dudden v. Guardians of Clutton Union, 1 Hurl. & N. 627; Chamberlain v. Hemingway, 63 Conn. 1, 27 A. 239, 22 L. R. A. 45, 38 Am. St. Rep. 330; State v. Richardson, 140 La. 329, 72 So. 954, 957; Motl v. Boyd, 116 Tex. 82, 286 S. W. 458, 467.

Rivers are public or private; and of public rivers some are navigable and others not. The common-law distinction is that navigable rivers are those only wherein the tide ebbs and flows. But, in familiar usage, any river is navigable which affords passage to ships and vessels, irrespective of its being affected by the tide.

Public River

A river where there is a common navigation exercised; otherwise called a “navigable river.” 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 111, § 106.

RIXA. Lat. In the civil law. A quarrel; a strife of words. Calvin.

RIXATRIX. In old English law. A scold; a scolding or quarrelsome woman. 4 Bl. Comm. 168.

ROAD. A highway; an open way or public passage; a line of travel or communication extending from one town or place to another; a strip of land appropriated and used for purposes of travel and communication between different places. See Stokes v. Scott County, 10 Iowa, 175; Com. v. Gammons, 23 Pick. (Mass.) 292; Hutson v. New York, 5 Sundf. (N. Y.) 312; Steadman v. Southbridge, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 104; Horner v. State, 49 Md. 283; Northwestern Tel. Exch. Co. v. Minneapolis, 81 Minn. 140, 86 N. W. 69, 53 L. R. A. 175; Hart v. Town of Red Cedar, 63 Ws. 634, 24 N. W. 410; City of Mobile v. Harker, 204 Ala. 26, 85 So. 425, 427; Barber Asphalt Paving Co. v. Headley Good Roads Co. (D. Q.) 283 F. 236, 237; Smith v. Clemmons, 216 Ala. 52, 112 So. 442, 443; Shannon v. Martin, 194 Ga. 872, 139 S. E. 671, 672, 54 A. L. R. 1246; San Francisco-
Robbery


In Maritime Law

An open passage of the sea that receives its denomination commonly from some part adjacent, which, though it lie out at sea, yet, in respect of the situation of the land adjacent, and the depth and wideness of the place, is a safe place for the common riding or anchoring of ships; as Dover road, Kirkley road, etc. Hale de Jure Mar. pt. 2, c. 2; The Cuzco (D. C.) 225 F. 169, 176.

In General

—Law of the road. See Law.

—Private road. This term has various meanings: (1) A road, the soil of which belongs to the owner of the land which it traverses, but which is burdened with a right of way. Morgan v. Livingston, 6 Mart. O. S. (La.) 231. (2) A neighborhood way, not commonly used by others than the people of the neighborhood, though it may be used by any one having occasion. State v. Mobley, 1 McMuL. (S. C.) 44. (3) A road intended for the use of one or more private individuals, and not wanted nor intended for general public use, which may be opened across the lands of other persons by statutory authority in some states. Witham v. Osburn, 4 Or. 318, 15 Am. Rep. 287; Sherman v. Buick, 52 Cal. 252, 91 Am. Dec. 377; Madera County v. Raymond Granite Co., 139 Cal. 123, 72 P. 915. (4) A road which is only open for the benefit of certain individuals to go from and to their homes for the service of their lands and for the use of some estates exclusively. Civ. Code La. art. 706.

—Public road. A highway; a road or way established and adopted (or accepted as a dedication) by the proper authorities for the use of the general public, and over which every person has a right to pass and to use it for all purposes of travel or transportation to which it is adapted and devoted. Cincinnati R. Co. v. Com., 90 Ky. 138; Shelby County v. Castetter, 7 Ind. App. 306, 33 N. E. 986; Abbott v. Duluth (C. C.) 104 F. 827; Heninger v. Peery, 102 Va. 896, 47 S. E. 1013; Rankin v. Noel (Tex. Civ. App.) 185 S. W. 883, 885; Trent v. Norfolk & W. Ry. Co., 167 Ky. 319, 180 S. W. 792, 794; Trammel v. Bradford, 198 Ala. 513, 73 So. 994, 905; Sumner County v. Interurban Transp. Co., 141 Tenn. 493, 213 S. W. 412, 5 A. L. R. 765; Williams v. Main Island Creek Coal Co., 83 Va. 404, 98 S. E. 511, 512; Bradford v. Moseley (Tex. Com. App.) 223 S. W. 171, 173; State ex rel. Clay County v. Hackmann, 270 Mo. 608, 153 S. W. 700, 708; Schier v. State, 96 Ohio St. 245, 117 N. E. 229.

—Road districts. Public or quasi municipal corporations organized or authorized by statutory authority in many of the states for the special purpose of establishing, maintaining, and caring for public roads and highways within their limits, sometimes invested with powers of local taxation, and generally having elective officers styled "overseers" or "commissioners" of roads. See Farmer v. Myles, 106 La. 533, 20 So. 858; San Bernardino County v. Southern Pac. R. Co., 137 Cal. 459, 70 P. 782; Madden v. Lancaster County, 65 F. 191, 12 C. C. A. 566.

—Road tax. A tax for the maintenance and repair of the public roads within the particular jurisdiction, levied either in money or in the form of so many days' labor on the public roads exacted of all the inhabitants of the district. See Lewin v. State, 77 Ala. 46.

Roadstead. In maritime law. A known general station for ships, notoriously used as such, and distinguished by the name; and not at any spot where an anchor will find bottom and fix itself. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 232.


Robber. One who commits a robbery. The term is not in law synonymous with "thief," but applies only to one who steals with force or open violence. See De Rothschild v. Royal Mall Steam Packet Co., 7 Exch. 742; The Manitoba (D. C.) 104 F. 151.

ROBBERY


Robbery is the wrongful, fraudulent, and violent taking of money, goods, or chattels, from the person of another by force or intimidation, without the consent of the owner. Code Ga. 1882, § 4389 (Pen. Code 1910, § 148).

Robbery is where a person, either with violence or with threats of injury, and putting the person robbed in fear, takes and carries away a thing which is on the body, or in the immediate presence of the person from whom it is taken, under such circumstances that, in the absence of violence or threats, the act committed would be a theft. Steph. Crim. Dig. 208; 2 Russ. Crimes, 78. And see, further, State v. Osborne, 116 Iowa, 478, 99 N. W. 1077; In re Coffey, 123 Cal. 522, 53 P. 448; Matthews v. State, 4 Ohio St. 549; Benson v. McMahon, 127 U. S. 457, 8 S. Ct. 1240, 32 L. Ed. 234; State v. McGinnis, 158 Mo. 163, 59 S. W. 83; State v. Burke, 73 N. C. 87; Reardon v. State, 4 Tex. App. 610; Houston v. Com., 87 Va. 257, 12 S. E. 385; Thomas v. State, 91 Ala. 34, 9 So. 81; Hickey v. State, 23 Ind. 22.

Highway Robbery

In criminal law. The crime of robbery committed upon or near a public highway. State v. Brown, 113 N. C. 645, 18 S. E. 51; Anderson v. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., 77 Cal. App. 641, 247 P. 507, 510. The felonious and forcible taking of property from the person of another on a highway. State v. Holt, 192 N. C. 490, 135 S. E. 324, 325. "Highway robbery" differs from robbery in general only in the place where it is committed. Robbery by holdup originally applied to the stopping and robbery of traveling parties, but the term has acquired a broader meaning. It has come to be applied to robbery in general, by the use of force or putting in fear. Duluth St. Ry. Co. v. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland, 136 Minn. 269, 161 N. W. 595, 596, L. R. A. 1917D, 684. In England, by St. 23 Hen. VIII. c. 1, this was made felony without benefit of clergy, while robbery committed elsewhere was less severely punished. The distinction was abolished by St. 3 & 4 W. & M. c. 9, and in this country it has never prevailed generally.

ROBE. Fr. A word anciently used by sailors for the cargo of a ship. The Italian "roba" had the same meaning.

ROBERDSMEN. In old English law. Persons who, in the reign of Richard I., committed great outrages on the borders of England and Scotland. Said to have been the followers of Robert Hood, or Robin Hood. 4 Bl. Comm. 246.

ROD. A linear measure of sixteen feet and a half, otherwise called a "perch."

ROD KNIGHTS. In feudal law. Certain servitors who held their land by serving their lords on horseback. Cowell.

ROGARE. Lat. In Roman law. To ask or solicit. Rogare legem, to ask for the adoption of a law, i.e., to propose it for enactment, to bring in a bill. In a derivative sense, to vote for a law so proposed; to adopt or enact it.

ROGATIO. Lat. In Roman law. An asking for a law; a proposal of a law for adoption or passage. Derivatively, a law passed by such a form.

ROGATIO TESTIUM, in making a nuncupative will, is where the testator formally calls upon the persons present to bear witness that he has declared his will. Williams' Exrs., 116; Browne, Prob. Pr. 59.

ROGATION WEEK. In English ecclesiastical law. The second week before Whitsunday, thus called from three fasts observed therein, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, called "Rogation days," because of the extraordinary prayers then made for the fruits of the earth, or as a preparation for the devotion of Holy Thursday. Wharton.

Rogationes, questiones, et positiones debent esse simplices. Hob. 143. Demands, questions, and claims ought to be simple.

ROGATOR. Lat. In Roman law. The proposer of a law or rogation.

ROGATORY LETTERS. A commission from one judge to another requesting him to examine a witness. See Letter.

ROGO. Lat. In Roman law. I ask; I request. A precatory expression often used in wills. Dig. 30, 105, 13, 14.

ROGUE. In English criminal law. An idle and disorderly person; a trickster; a wandering beggar; a vagrant or vagabond. 4 Bl. Comm. 169.

ROLE D'ÉQUIPAGE. In French mercantile law. The list of a ship's crew; a muster roll.

ROLL. n. A schedule of parchment which may be turned up with the hand in the form of a pipe or tube. Jacob.

A schedule or sheet of parchment on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll of parchment on which the issue is entered is termed the "issue roll." So the rolls of a manor, wherein the names, rents, and services of the tenants are copied and enrolled, are termed the "court rolls." There are also various other rolls; as those which contain the records of the court of chancery, those which contain the registers of the proceedings of old parliaments, called "rolls of parliament," etc. Brown.

In English practice, there were formerly a great variety of these rolls, appropriated to the different proceedings; such as the warrant of attorney roll, the process roll, the
recognition roll, the importance roll, the plea roll, the issue roll, the judgment roll, the seire factus roll, and the roll of proceedings on writs of error, 2 Tidd. Pr. 729, 730.

In modern practice, the term is sometimes used to denote a record of the proceedings of a court or public office. Thus, the "judgment roll" is the file of records comprising the pleadings in a case, and all the other proceedings up to the judgment, arranged in order. In this sense the use of the word has survived its appropriateness; for such records are no longer prepared in the form of a roll.

Assessment Roll

In taxation, the list or roll of taxable persons and property, completed, verified, and deposited by the assessors. Bank v. Genoa, 28 Misc. 71, 59 N. Y. S. 829; Adams v. Brennan, 72 Miss. 884, 18 So. 482.

Judgment Roll

See supra.

Master of the Rolls

See Master.

Oblate Rolls

See that title.

Rolls of Parliament

The manuscript registers of the proceedings of old parliaments; in these rolls are likewise a great many decisions of difficult points of law, which were frequently, in former times, referred to the determination of this supreme court by the judges of both benches, etc.

Rolls of the Exchequer

There are several in this court relating to the revenue of the country.

Rolls of the Temple

In English law. In each of the two Temples is a roll called the "calves-head roll," wherein every bencher, barrister, and student is taxed yearly; also meals to the cook and other officers of the houses, in consideration of a dinner of calves-head, provided in Easter term. Orig. Jur. 199.

Rolls Office of the Chancery

In English law. An office in Chancery Lane, London, which contains rolls and records of the high court of chancery, the master whereof is the second person in the chancery, etc. The rolls court was there held, the master of the rolls sitting as judge; and that judge still sits there as a judge of the chancery division of the high court of justice. Wharton.

Tax Roll

A schedule or list of the persons and property subject to the payment of a particular tax, with the amounts severally due, prepared and authenticated in proper form to warrant the collecting officers to proceed with the enforcement of the tax. Babeck v. Beaver Creek Tp., 64 Mich. 301, 31 N. W. 425; Smith v. Scully, 66 Kan. 139, 71 P. 249.

ROLL v. To rob. Laserdi v. State, 190 Wis. 274, 208 N. W. 568, 569.

ROLLING. En route; on way to destination; in transit. Sales of goods are often made "rolling" f. o. b. a designated place. Vaccaro Bros. & Co. v. Farris, 92 W. Va. 655, 115 S. E. 580, 831.

ROLLING STOCK. The portable or movable apparatus and machinery of a railroad, particularly such as moves on the road, viz., engines, cars, tenders, coaches, and trucks. See Beardsley v. Ontario Bank, 31 Barb. (N. Y.) 635; Ohio & M. R. Co. v. Weber, 96 Ill. 448; Pittsburgh, etc., R. Co. v. Backus, 154 U. S. 421, 14 S. Ct. 1114, 38 L. Ed. 1031; Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Flathead County, 61 Mont. 238, 202 P. 198, 200; Black Diamond Coal Mining Co. v. Glover Mach. Works, 212 Ala. 654, 103 So. 853, 854.

ROLLING STOCK PROTECTION ACT. The act of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 50, passed to protect the rolling stock of railways from distress or sale in certain cases.

ROMA PEDITAE. Lat. Pilgrims that traveled to Rome on foot.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES ACT. The statute 23 & 24 Vict. c. 134, providing a method for enjoying estates given upon trust for Roman Catholics, but invalidated by reason of certain of the trusts being superstitious or otherwise illegal. 3 Steph. Comm. 76.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. The juristic personality of the Roman Catholic Church, with the right to sue and to take and hold property has been recognized by all systems of European law from the fourth century. It was formally recognized between Spain and the Papacy and by Spanish laws from the beginning of the settlements in the Indies, also by our treaty with Spain in 1598, whereby its property rights were solemnly safeguarded; Municipality of Ponce v. Roman Catholic Church in Porto Rico, 210 U. S. 296, 28 S. Ct. 737, 52 L. Ed. 1065. To the same effect as to the Philippines; Santos v. Roman Catholic Church, 212 U. S. 463, 29 S. Ct. 338, 53 L. Ed. 599.

ROMAN LAW. This term, in a general sense, comprehends all the laws which prevailed among the Romans, without regard to the time of their origin, including the collections of Justinian.

In a more restricted sense, the Germans understand by this term merely the law of Justinian, as adopted by them. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 18.

In England and America, it appears to be customary to use the phrase, indifferently with "the civil law," to designate the whole system of Roman jurisprudence, including the Corpus Juris Civlis; or, if any distinction is drawn, the expression "civil law" de-
notes the system of jurisprudence obtaining in those countries of continental Europe which have derived their juridical notions and principles from the Justinian collection, while "Roman law" is reserved as the proper appellation of the body of law developed under the government of Rome from the earliest times to the fall of the empire.

ROME-SCOT, or ROME-PENNY. Peterpence, (q. v.). Cowell.

ROMNEY MARSH. A tract of land in the county of Kent, England, containing twenty-four thousand acres, governed by certain ancient and equitable laws of sewers, composed by Henry de Bathe, a venerable judge in the reign of King Henry III.; from which laws all commissioners of sewers in England may receive light and direction. 3 Bl. Comm. 73, note t; 4 Inst. 276.

ROOD OF LAND. The fourth part of an acre in square measure, or one thousand two hundred and ten square yards.

ROOT OF DESCENT. The same as "stock of descent."

ROOT OF TITLE. The document with which an abstract of title properly commences is called the "root" of the title. Sweet.

ROS. A kind of rushes, which some tenants were obliged by their tenure to furnish their lords withal. Cowell.

ROSLAND. Healthy ground, or ground full of ling; also watery and moorish land. 1 Inst. 5.

ROSTER. A list of persons who are to perform certain legal duties when called upon in their turn. In military affairs it is a table or plan by which the duty of officers is regulated. See Matthews v. Bowman, 25 Me. 167.

ROTA. L. Lat. Succession; rotation. "Rota of presentations;" "rota of the terms." 2 W. Bl. 772, 773.

A roll or list, as of schoolboys, soldiers, jurors, or the like. Cent. Dict.

In the Roman Catholic Church, an ecclesiastical court, called also "Rota Romana," consisting of 12 "auditors." Webster, Dict. One of its members must be a German, one a Frenchman, two Spaniards, and eight Italians. Encyc. Brit. It has its seat at the papal court, and is divided into two colleges or senates, having jurisdiction of appeals and of all matters beneficiary and patrimonial. There is no appeal from its decisions except to the Pope. Cent. Dict.

Also, a celebrated court at Genoa about the sixteenth century, or before, whose decisions in maritime matters form the first part of Stracca de Merc. See Ingersoll's Roccus.


ROTHEN-BEASTS. A term which includes oxen, cows, steers, heifers, and such like horned animals. Cowell.

ROTTEN BOROUGHS. Small boroughs in England, which prior to the reform act, 1832, returned one or more members to parliament.

ROTTEN CLAUSE. A clause sometimes inserted in policies of marine insurance to the effect that "if, on a regular survey, the ship shall be declared unseaworthy by reason of being rotten or unsound," the insurers shall be discharged. 1 Phil. Ins. § 849. See Steinmetz v. United States Ins. Co., 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 296.

ROTULUS WINTONIÆ. The roll of Winton. An exact survey of all England, made by Alfred, not unlike that of Domesday; and it was so called because it was kept at Winchester, among other records of the kingdom; but this roll time has destroyed. Ingham. Hist. 516.

ROTURE. Fr.in old French and Canadian law. A free tenure without the privilege of nobility; the tenure of a free commoner.

ROTURIER. Fr. In old French and Canadian law. A free tenant of land on services exigible either in money or in kind. Steph. Lect. 229. A free commoner; one who held of a superior, but could have no inferior below him.

ROUND-ROBIN. A circle divided from the center, like Arthur's round table, whence its supposed origin. In each compartment is a signature, so that the entire circle, when filled, exhibits a list, without priority being given to any name. A common form of round-robin is simply to write the names in a circular form. Wharton.

ROUP. In Scotch law. A sale by auction. Bell.

ROUT. A rout is an unlawful assembly which has made a motion towards the execution of the common purpose of the persons assembled. It is, therefore, between an unlawful assembly and a riot. Steph. Crim. Dig. 41.

Whenever two or more persons assembled and acting together, make any attempt or advance toward the commission of an act which would be a riot if actually committed, such assembly is a rout. Pen. Code Cal. § 406. And see People v. Judson, 11 Daly (N. Y.) 23; Folliis v. State, 37 Tex. Cr. R. 535, 40 S. W. 277.

ROUTE. Fr. In French insurance law. The way that is taken to make the voyage insured. The direction of the voyage assured.

ROUTOUSLY. In pleading. A technical word in indictments, generally coupled with the word "riotously." 2 Chit. Crim. Law, 488.
ROY. L. Fr. The king.

Roy est l’original de tous franchises. Kellw. 138. The king is the origin of all franchises.

Roy n’est lie per aucun statut si il ne soit expressément noms. The king is not bound by any statute, unless expressly named. Jenk. Cent. 307; Broom, Max. 72.

Roy poet dispenser eve malum prohibitur, mais non malum per se. Jenk. Cent. 307. The king can grant a dispensation for a malum prohibitum, but not for a malum per se.

ROYAL. Of or pertaining to or proceeding from the king or sovereign in a monarchial government.

ROYAL ASSENT. The royal assent is the last form through which a bill goes previously to becoming an act of parliament. It is, in the words of Lord Hale, “the complemet and perfection of a law.” The royal assent is given either by the queen in person or by royal commission by the queen herself, signed with her own hand. It is rarely given in person, except when at the end of the session the queen attends to prorogue parliament, if she should do so. Brown.

ROYAL BURGHS. Boroughs incorporated in Scotland by royal charter. Bell.

ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE. Under the statute 42 & 43 Vict. c. 78, § 28, this is the name given to the buildings, together with all additions thereto, erected under the courts of justice building act, 1865, (28 & 29 Vict. c. 48,) and courts of justice concentration (site) act, 1865, (28 & 29 Vict. c. 49.) Brown.

ROYAL FISH. See Fish.

ROYAL GRANTS. Conveyances of record in England. They are of two kinds: (1) Letters patent; and (2) letters close, or writs close. 1 Steph. Comm. 615–618.

ROYAL HONORS. In the language of diplomacy, this term designates the privilege enjoyed by every empire or kingdom in Europe, by the pope, the grand duchies of Germany, and the Germanic and Swiss confederations, to precedence over all others who do not enjoy the same rank, with the exclusive right of sending to other states public ministers of the first rank, as ambassadors, together with other distinctive titles and ceremonies. Wheat. Int. Law, pt. 2, c. 3, § 2.

ROYAL MINES. Mines of silver and gold belonged to the king of England, as part of his prerogative of coignage, to furnish him with material. 1 Bl. Comm. 204.

ROYAL PREROGATIVE. Those rights and capacities which the king enjoys alone in contradistinction to others and not to those which he enjoys in common with any of his subjects. It is that special pre-eminence which the sovereign has over all other persons, and out of the course of the common law by right of regal dignity. In Great Britain the royal prerogative includes the right of sending and receiving ambassadors, of making treaties, and (theoretically) of making war and concluding peace, of summoning Parliament, and refusing assent to a bill, with many other political, judicial, ecclesiastical privileges. Attna Casualty & Surety Co. v. Bramwell (D.C.) 12 F.(2d) 307, 309.

ROYAL TITLES ACT, 1901. The title of the sovereign is “By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.”

ROYALTIES. Regularities; royal property.


Royalty also sometimes means a payment which is made to an author or composer by an assignee or licensee in respect of each copy of his work which is sold, or to an inventor in respect of each article sold under the patent. Sweet.

RUBRIC. Directions printed in books of law and in prayer-books, so termed because they were originally distinguished by red ink.

RUBRIC OF A STATUTE. Its title, which was anciently printed in red letters. It serves to show the object of the legislature, and hence affords the means of interpreting the body of the act; hence the phrase, of an argument, “a rubro ad nigrum.” Wharton.

RUDENESS. Roughness; incivility; violence. Touching another with rudeness may constitute a battery.

RUINA. Lat. In the civil law. Ruin, the falling of a house. Dig. 47, 9.

RULE, v. This verb has two significations: (1) to command or require by a rule of court; as, to rule the sheriff to return the writ, to rule the defendant to plead. (2) To settle or
decide a point of law arising upon a trial at nisi prius; and, when it is said of a judge presiding at such a trial that he "ruled" so and so, it is meant that he laid down, settled, or decided such and such to be the law.

**RULE**, n. An established standard, guide, or regulation; a principle or regulation set up by authority, prescribing or directing action or forbearance; as, the rules of a legislative body, of a company, court, public office, of the law, of ethics. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. State, 73 Fla. 609, 74 So. 505, 601. A regulation made by a court of justice or public office with reference to the conduct of business therein.

An order made by a court, at the instance of one of the parties to a suit, commanding a ministerial officer, or the opposite party, to do some act, or to show cause why some act should not be done. It is usually upon some interlocutory matter, and has not the force or solemnity of a decree or judgment. "Rule" sometimes means a rule of law. Thus, we speak of the rule against perpetuities; the rule in Shelley's Case, etc.

**Cross-Rules**

These were rules where each of the opposite litigants obtained a rule nisi, as the plaintiff to increase the damages, and the defendant to enter a nonsuit. Wharton.

**General Rules**

General or standing orders of a court, in relation to practice, etc.

**Rule Absolute**

One which commands the subject-matter of the rule to be forthwith enforced. It is usual, when the party has failed to show sufficient cause against a rule nisi, to "make the rule absolute," i. e., imperative and final.

**Rule-Day**

In practice. The day on which a rule is returnable, or on which the act or duty enjoined by a rule is to be performed. See Cook v. Cook, 18 Fla. 637.

**Rule Discharged**

A term indicating that the court has refused to take the action sought by the rule, or has decided that the cause shown against the rule is deemed sufficient.

**Rule in Shelley's Case**

A celebrated rule in English law, propounded in Lord Coke's reports in the following form: That whenever a man, by any gift or conveyance, takes an estate of freehold, and in the same gift or conveyance an estate is limited, either mediately or immediately, to his heirs in fee or in tail, the word "heirs" is a word of limitation and not of purchase. In other words, it is to be understood as expressing the quantity of estate which the party is to take, and not as conferring any distinct estate on the persons who may become his representatives. 1 Coke, 1046; 1 Steph. Comm. 308. See Zabriskie v. Wood, 23 N. J. Eq. 544; Duffy v. Jarvis (C. C.) 84 F. 733; Hampton v. Rather, 30 Miss. 203; Hancock v. Butler, 21 Tex. 507; Rogers v. Rogers, 3 Wend. 511, 20 Am. Dec. 716; Smith v. Smith, 24 S. C. 314.

**Rule Nisi**

A rule which will become imperative and final unless cause be shown against it. This rule commands the party to show cause why he should not be compelled to do the act required, or why the object of the rule should not be enforced.

**Rule of 1756**

A rule of international law, first practically established in 1756, by which neutrals, in time of war, are prohibited from carrying on with a belligerent power a trade which is not open to them in time of peace. 1 Kent. Comm. 82.

**Rule of Course**

There are some rules which the courts authorize their officers to grant as a matter of course, without formal application being made to a judge in open court, and these are technically termed, in English practice, "side-bar rules," because formerly they were moved for by the attorneys at the side bar in court. They are now generally termed "rules of course." Brown.

**Rules of Court**

The rules for regulating the practice of the different courts, which the judges are empowered to frame and put in force as occasion may require, are termed "rules of court." Brown. See Goodlett v. Charles, 14 Rich. Law (S. C.) 49.

**Rule of Law**

A legal principle, of general application, sanctioned by the recognition of authorities, and usually expressed in the form of a maxim or logical proposition. Called a "rule," because in doubtful or unforeseen cases it is a guide or norm for their decision. Toullier, tit. prel. no. 17.

**Rules of Practice**

Certain orders made by the courts for the purpose of regulating the practice in actions and other proceedings before them.

**Rules of Procedure**

Rules made by a legislative body concerning the mode and manner of conducting its business, and for the purpose of making an orderly and proper disposition of the matters before it, such as rules prescribing what committees shall be appointed, on what subjects they shall act, what shall be the daily order in which business shall be taken up, and in what order certain motions shall be received and acted on. Heiskell v. Baltimore, 65 Md. 125, 4 A. 116, 57 Am. Rep. 308; Heyker v. McLaughlin, 106 Ky. 506, 50 S. W. 839.

**Bl. Law Dict. (3d Ed.)**
Rule of Property

A settled rule or principle, resting usually on precedents or a course of decisions, regulating the ownership or devolution of property. Yazoo & M. V. R. Co. v. Adams, 81 Miss. 90, 32 So. 337; Edwards v. Davenport (C. C.) 20 F. 763; Brekke v. Crew, 43 S. D. 106, 178 N. W. 146, 154.

Rule of the Road

The popular English name for the regulations governing the navigation of vessels in public waters, with a view to preventing collisions. Sweet.

Rule to Plead

A rule of court, taken by a plaintiff as of course, requiring the defendant to plead within a given time, on pain of having judgment taken against him by default.

Rule to Show Cause

A rule commanding the party to appear and show cause why he should not be compelled to do the act required, or why the object of the rule should not be enforced; a rule nisi, (q. e.).

Special Rule

Rules granted without any motion in court, or when the motion is only assumed to have been made, and is not actually made, are called “common” rules; while the rules granted upon motion actually made to the court in term, or upon a judge’s order in vacation, are termed “special” rules. Brown. The term may also be understood as opposed to “general” rule; in which case it means a particular direction, in a matter of practice, made for the purposes of a particular case.

RULES. In American practice. This term is sometimes used, by metonymy, to denote a time or season in the judicial year when motions may be made and rules taken, as special terms or argument-days, or even the vacations, as distinguished from the regular terms of the courts for the trial of causes; and, by a further extension of its meaning, it may denote proceedings in an action taken out of court. Thus, “an irregularity committed at rules may be corrected at the next term of the court.” Southall’s Adm’r v. Exchange Bank, 12 Grat. (Va.) 312.

RULES OF A PRISON. Certain limits without the walls, within which all prisoners in custody in civil actions were allowed to live, upon giving sufficient security to the marshal not to escape.

RULES OF THE KING’S BENCH PRISON. In English practice. Certain limits beyond the walls of the prison, within which all prisoners in custody in civil actions were allowed to live, upon giving security by bond, with two sufficient sureties, to the marshal, not to escape, and paying him a certain percentage on the amount of the debts for which they were detained. Holthouse.

RUMOR. Flying or popular report; a current story passing from one person to another without any known authority for the truth of it. Webster. It is not generally admissible in evidence. State v. Culler, 82 Mo. 626; Smith v. Moore, 74 Vt. 81, 52 A. 320; Gaffney v. Royal Neighbors of America, 31 Idaho, 549, 174 F. 1014, 1017; State v. Vetere, 76 Mont. 574, 248 P. 179, 183.

RUN, v. To have currency or legal validity in a prescribed territory; as, the writ runs throughout the county.

To have applicability or legal effect during a prescribed period of time; as, the statute of limitations has run against the claim.

To follow or accompany; to be attached to another thing in pursuance of a prescribed course or direction; as, the covenant runs with the land.


RUNCARIA. In old records. Land full of brambles and briars. 1 Inst. 56.

RUNCINUS. In old English law. A load-horse; a sumpter-horse or cart-horse.

RUNDLET, or RUNLET. A measure of wine, oil, etc., containing eighteen gallons and a half. Cowell.


RUNNING DAYS. Days counted in their regular succession on the calendar, including

**RUNNING LEASE.** Where a lease provided that the tenancy should not be confined to any portion of the land granted, but allowed the tenant the use of all the land he could clear, it was called in the old books a “running lease,” as distinguished from one confined to a particular division, circumscribed by metes and bounds, within a larger tract. Cowan v. Hatcher (Tenn. Ch. App.) 59 S. W. 601.

**RUNNING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.** A metaphorical expression, by which is meant that the time mentioned in the statute of limitations is considered as passing. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 561.

**RUNNING POLICY.** A running policy is one which contemplates successive insurances, and which provides that the object of the policy may be from time to time defined, especially as to the subjects of insurance, by additional statements or indorsements. Civ. Code Cal. § 2597. And see Corporation of London Assurance v. Paterson, 106 Ga. 338, 32 S. E. 650.

**RUNNING WITH THE LAND.** A covenant is said to run with the land when either the liability to perform it or the right to take advantage of it passes to the assignee of that land. Brown.

**RUNNING WITH THE REVERSION.** A covenant is said to “run with the reversion” when either the liability to perform it or the right to take advantage of it passes to the assignee of that reversion. Brown.

**RUNNING LANDS.** Lands in Scotland where the ridges of a field belong alternatively to different proprietors. Anciently this kind of possession was advantageous in giving a united interest to tenants to resist intrudors. By the act of 1605, c. 25, a division of these lands was authorized, with the exception of lands belonging to corporations. Wharton.

**RUPEE.** A silver coin of India, rated at 2s. for the current, and 2s. 3d. for the Bombay, rupee.

**RUPTUM.** Lat. In the civil law. Broken. A term applied to a will. Inst. 2, 17, 3.

**RURAL DEANERY.** The circuit of an archdeacon’s and rural dean’s jurisdictions. Every rural deanery is divided into parishes. See 1 Steph. Comm. 117.

**RURAL DEANS.** In English ecclesiastical law. Very ancient officers of the church, almost grown out of use, until about the middle of the present century, about which time they were generally revived, whose deaneries are as an ecclesiastical division of the diocese or archdeaconry. They are deputies of the bishop, planted all round his diocese, to inspect the conduct of the parochial clergy, to inquire into and report dilapidations, and to examine candidates for confirmation, armed in minuter matters with an inferior degree of judicial and coercive authority. Wharton.

**RURAL SERVITUDE.** In the civil law. A servitude annexed to a rural estate, (pradium rusticum.)

**RUSE DE GUERRE.** Fr. A trick in war; a stratagem.

**RUSTICI.** Lat.

**In Feudal Law**

Natives of a conquered country.

**In Old English Law**

Inferior country tenants, churls, or churls, who held cottages and lands by the services of plowing, and other labors of agriculture, for the lord. Cowell.

**RUSTICUM FORUM.** Lat. A rude, unlearned, or unmastered tribunal; a term sometimes applied to arbitrators selected by the parties to settle a dispute. See Underhill v. Van Cortlandt, 2 Johns., Ch. (N. Y.) 339; Dickinson v. Chesapeake & O. R. Co., 7 W. Va. 429.

**RUSTICUM JUDICUM.** Lat. In maritime law. A rough or rude judgment or decision. A judgment in admiralty dividing the damages caused by a collision between the two ships. 3 Kent, Comm. 231: Story, Bail. § 6964. See The Victory, 68 F. 400, 15 C. C. A. 490.

**RUTA.** Lat. In the civil law. Things extracted from land; as sand, chalk, coal, and such other matters.

**RUTA ET CAESA.** In the civil law. Things dug, (as sand and lime,) and things cut, (as wood, coal, etc.) Dig. 10, 1, 17, 6. Words used in conveyancing.

**RYOT.** In India. A peasant, subject, or tenant of house or land. Wharton.

**RYOT-TENURE.** A system of land-tenure, where the government takes the place of landowners and collects the rent by means of tax gatherers. The farming is done by poor peasants, (ryots,) who find the capital, so far as there is any, and also do the work. The system exists in Turkey, Egypt, Persia, and other Eastern countries, and in a modified form in British India. After slavery, it is accounted the worst of all systems, because the government can fix the rent at what it pleases, and it is difficult to distinguish between rent and taxes.
S. As an abbreviation, this letter stands for "section," "statute," and various other words of which it is the initial.

S. B. An abbreviation for "senate bill."

S. C. An abbreviation for "same case." Inserted between two citations, it indicates that the same case is reported in both places. It is also an abbreviation for "supreme court," and for "select cases;" also for "South Carolina."


S. F. S. An abbreviation in the civil law for "sine fraudu sua," (without fraud on his part) Calvin.

S. L. An abbreviation for "session [or statute] laws."

S. P. An abbreviation of "sine prole," without issue. Also an abbreviation of "same principle," or "same point," indicating, when inserted between two citations, that the second involves the same doctrine as the first.

S. S. A collar formerly worn on state occasions by the Lord Chief Justice of England, and of the Common Pleas and the Lord Chief Baron—now only by the first named of these (q. v.).

S. V. An abbreviation for "sub voce," under the word; used in references to dictionaries, and other works arranged alphabetically.

SABBATH. One of the names of the first day of the week; more properly called "Sunday," (q. v.) See State v. Drake, 64 N. C. 591; Gunn v. State, 89 Ga. 341, 15 S. E. 458; State v. Reade, 98 N. J. Law 596, 121 A. 288.


SABBATUM. L. Lat. The Sabbath; also peace. Domesday.

SABBULONARIUM. A gravel pit, or liberty to dig gravel and sand; money paid for the same. Cowell.

SABI NIAN S. A school or sect of Roman jurists, under the early empire, founded by Ateius Capito, who was succeeded by M. Sabinus, from whom the name.

SABLE. The heraldic term for black. It is called "Saturn," by those who blame by plan-

ets, and "diamond," by those who use the names of jewels. Engravers commonly rep- resent it by numerous perpendicular and horizontal lines, crossing each other. Wharton.

SABOTAGE. A method used by labor revolu-
tionists to force employers to accede to dem-
ands made on them. It consists in a willful obstruction and interference with the normal processes of industry. It aims at inconvenienting and tying up all production, but stops short of actual destruction or of endangering human life directly. The original act of sabo-
tagay said to have been the slipping of a wooden shoe, or sabot, of a workman into a loom, in the early days of the introduction of machinery, to impede production. State v. McLeenen, 116 Wash. 612, 200 P. 319, 320; State v. Mollen, 140 Minn. 112, 167 N. W. 345, 347, 1 A. L. R. 331; State v. Ponn, 195 Iowa, 64, 191 N. W. 530, 538.


SAC. In old English law. A liberty of holding pleas; the jurisdiction of a manor court; the privilege claimed by a lord of trying actions of trespass between his tenants, in his manor court, and imposing fines and amercia-
ments in the same.

SACABURTH, SACABERE, SAKABERE. In old English law. He that is robbed, or by theft deprived of his money or goods, and puts in surety to prosecute the felon with fresh suit. Bract. fol. 154b.

SACCABOR. In old English law. The per-
son from whom a thing had been stolen, and by whom the thief was freshly pursued. Bract. fol. 154b. See Sacaburth.

SACCULARII. Lat. In Roman law. Cut-
purses. 4 Steph. Comm. 125.


SACCUS CUM BROCHIA. L. Lat. In old English law. A service or tenure of finding a sack and a broach (pitcher) to the sovereign for the use of the army. Bract. l. 2, c. 16.

SACQUIER. In maritime law. The name of an ancient officer, whose business was to load and unload vessels laden with salt, corn, or fish, to prevent the ship's crew defrauding the merchant by false tale, or cheating him of his merchandise otherwise. Laws Oleron, art. 11; 1 Pet. Adm. Append. 25.

SACRA. Lat. In Roman law. The right to participate in the sacred rites of the city. Batt. Hor. Jur. 27.
SACRAMENTALES. L. Lat. In feudal law. Compurgators; persons who came to purge a defendant by their oath that they believed him innocent.

SACRAMENTI ACTIO. Lat. In the older practice of the Roman law, this was one of the forms of legis actio, consisting in the deposit of a stake or juridical wager. See Sacramentum.

SACRAMENTUM. Lat.

In Roman Law

An oath, as being a very sacred thing; more particularly, the oath taken by soldiers to be true to their general and their country. Amsw. Lex.

In one of the formal methods of beginning an action at law (legis actiones) known to the early Roman jurisprudence, the sacramentum was a sum of money deposited in court by each of the litigating parties, as a kind of wager or forfeit, to abide the result of the suit. The successful party received back his stake; the losing party forfeited his, and it was paid into the public treasury, to be expended for sacred objects, (in sacris rebus,) whence the name. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 202.

In Common Law

An oath. Cowell.

SACRAMENTUM DECISIONIS. The voluntary or decisive oath of the civil law, where one of the parties to a suit, not being able to prove his case, offers to refer the decision of the cause to the oath of his adversary, who is bound to accept or make the same offer on his part, or the whole is considered as confessed by him. 3 Bl. Comm. 342.

SACRAMENTUM FIDELITATIS. In old English law. The oath of fealty. Reg. Orig. 303.

Sacramentum habet in se tres comites.—veritatem, justitiam, et judicium; veritas habenda est in jurato; justitia et justicia in judicato. An oath has in it three component parts,—truth, justice, and judgment; truth in the party swearing; justice and judgment in the judge administering the oath. 3 Inst. 169.

Sacramentum si fatum fuerit, licet falsum, tam non committit perjurium. 2 Inst. 167. A foolish oath, though false, makes not perjury.

SACRILEGE.

In English Criminal Law


In Old English Law

The desecration of anything considered holy; the alienation to lay-men or to profane or common purposes of what was given to religious persons and to pious uses. Cowell.

SACRILEGIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The stealing of sacred things, or things dedicated to sacred uses; the taking of things out of a holy place. Calvin.

SACRILEGUS. Lat. In the civil and common law. A sacrilegious person; one guilty of sacrilege.

Sacrilegus omnium praedonum cupiditatem et sceleras superat. 4 Coke, 106. A sacrilegious person transcends the cupidity and wickedness of all other robbers.

SACRISTAN. A sexton, anciently called "sagerson," or "sagistion;" the keeper of things belonging to divine worship.

SADDERGE. A denomination of part of the county palatine of Durham. Wharton.

SADISMO. That state of sexual perversion in man in which the sexual inclination manifests itself by the desire to beat, to maltreat, humiliate and even to kill the person for whom the passion is conceived. 3 With. & Beck, Med. Jur. 739.

SÆMEND. In old English law. An umpire, or arbitrator.

Sæpe constitutum est, res inter alios judicatas alius non prejudicaret. It has often been settled that matters adjudged between others ought not to prejudice those who were not parties. Dig. 42, 1, 63.

Sæpe viatorem nova, non vetus, orbita fallit. 4 Inst. 34. A new road, not an old one, often deceives the traveler.

Sapenumero ubi proprietas verborum attenditur, sensus veritatis amittitur. Officials where the propriety of words is attended to, the true sense is lost. Branch, Princ.; 7 Coke, 27.

SÆVITIA. Lat. In the law of divorce. Cruelty; anything which tends to bodily harm, and in that manner renders cohabitation unsafe. 1 Hagg. Const. 458.

SAFE. A metal receptacle for the preservation of valuables.

SAFE-CONDUCT. A guaranty or security granted by the king under the great seal to a stranger, for his safe coming into and passing out of the kingdom. Cowell.

One of the papers usually carried by vessels in time of war, and necessary to the safety of neutral merchantmen. It is in the nature of a license to the vessel to proceed on a designated voyage, and commonly contains the name of the master, the name, description, and nationality of the ship, the voyage intended, and other matters.

A distinction is sometimes made between a passport, conferring a general permission to travel in the territory belonging to, or occupied by, the belligerent, and a safe-conduct, conferring permission upon an enemy subject or others to proceed
to a particular place for a defined object. II Opp. § 218.

SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY. A company, which maintains vaults for the deposit and safe-keeping of valuables in which compartments or boxes are rented to customers who have exclusive access thereto, subject to the oversight and under the rules and regulations of the company.

SAFE LIMIT OF SPEED. As regards limitation on speed of automobiles at crossings, a "safe limit" of speed is the limit at which one may discern the approaching train and stop before he is in the danger zone. Horton v. New York Cent. R. Co., 265 App. Div. 763, 200 N. Y. S. 365, 366.

SAFE LOADING PLACE. A place where a vessel can be rendered safe for loading by reasonable measures of precaution. 14 Q. B. D. 105; 54 L. J. Q. B. 121.

SAFE PLACE TO WORK. In the law of master and servant a "safe place to work," is a place in which the master has eliminated all danger which the exercise of reasonable care by the master would remove or guard against. Melody v. Des Moines Union Ry. Co., 261 Iowa, 695, 141 N. W. 438, 453; Blick v. Olds Motor Works, 175 Mich. 940, 141 N. W. 680, 693, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 883.

SAFE-PLEDGE. A surety given that a man shall appear upon a certain day. Bract. 1, 4, c. 1.

SAFEGUARD. In old English law. A special privilege or license, in the form of a writ, under the great seal, granted to strangers seeking their right by course of law within the king's dominions, and apprehending violence or injury to their persons or property from others. Reg. Orig. 26.

A notification by a belligerent commander that buildings or other property upon which the notification is posted up are exempt from interference on the part of his troops. Holland, Laws and Customs of War 44.

The term is likewise used to describe a guard of soldiers who are detailed to accompany enemy subjects or to protect certain enemy property. II Opp. § 219.

SAFETY APPLIANCE ACT. The act of Congress of March 2, 1893 (45 USCA §§ 1-7), provides that after January 1, 1898, it shall be unlawful for common carriers in interstate commerce by railroad to use locomotive engines not equipped with power driving-wheel brakes and appliances for operating the train brake system, or to run a train that has not a sufficient number of cars in it so equipped that the engineer on the locomotive can control its speed without requiring hand brakes; and to haul or use on its line any car in interstate traffic "not equipped with couplers coupling automatically by impact, and which can be uncoupled without the necessity of men going between the ends of the cars."

SAGAMAN. A tale-teller; a secret accuser.

SAGES DE LA LEY. L. Fr. Sages of the law; persons learned in the law. A term applied to the chancellor and justices of the king's bench.

SAGIBARO. In old European law. A judge or justice; literally, a man of causes, or having charge or supervision of causes. One who administered justice and decided causes in the maitum, or public assembly. Spelman.


SAIGA. In old European law. A German coin of the value of a penny, or of three pence.


SAILING. When a vessel quits her moorings, in complete readiness for sea, and it is the actual and real intention of the master to proceed on the voyage, and she is afterwards stopped by head winds and comes to anchor, still intending to proceed as soon as wind and weather will permit, this is a sailing on the voyage within the terms of a policy of insurance. Bowen v. Hope Ins. Co., 20 Pick. (Mass.) 278, 32 Am. Dec. 215.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. Written or printed directions, delivered by the commanding officer of a convoy to the several masters of the ships under his care, by which they are enabled to understand and answer his signals, to know the place of rendezvous appointed for the fleet in case of dispersion by storm, by an enemy, or otherwise. Without sailing instructions no vessel can have the protection and benefit of convoy. Marsh. Ins. 368.

SAILORS. Seamen; mariners.

SAINT MARTIN LE GRAND, COURT OF. An ancient court in London, of local importance, formerly held in the church from which it took its name.

SAINT SIMONISM. An elaborate form of non-communist socialism. It is a scheme
which does not contemplate an equal, but an unequal, division of the produce. It does not propose that all should be occupied alike, but differently, according to their vocation or capacity; the function of each being assigned, like grades in a regiment, by the choice of the directing authority, and the remuneration being by salary, proportioned to the importance, in the eyes of that authority, of the function itself, and the merits of the person who fulfills it. 1 Mill, Pol. Econ. 258.

SAIO. In Gothic law. The ministerial officer of a court or magistrate, who brought parties into court and executed the orders of his superior. Spelman.

SAISIE. Fr. In French law. A judicial seizure or sequestration of property, of which there are several varieties. See infra.

SAISIE-ARRÊT. An attachment of property in the possession of a third person.

SAISIE-EXÉCUTION. A writ resembling that of fieri facias; defined as that species of execution by which a creditor places under the hand of justice (custody of the law) his debtor's movable property liable to seizure, in order to have it sold, so that he may obtain payment of his debt out of the proceeds. Dalloz, Dict.

SAISIE-FORaine. A permission given by the proper judicial officer to authorize a creditor to seize the property of his debtor in the district which the former inhabits. Dalloz, Dict. It has the effect of an attachment of property, which is applied to the payment of the debt due.

SAISIE-GAGERIE. A conservative act of execution, by which the owner or principal lessor of a house or farm causes the furniture of the house or farm leased, and on which he has a lien, to be seized; similar to the distress of the common law. Dalloz, Dict.

SAISIE-IMMOBILIERE. The proceeding by which a creditor places under the hand of justice (custody of the law) the immovable property of his debtor, in order that the same may be sold, and that he may obtain payment of his debt out of the proceeds. Dalloz, Dict.

SAKE. In old English law. A lord's right of amercing his tenants in his court. Kelw. 145.

Acquittance of suit at county courts and hundred courts. Flew. I. 1, 197, § 7.


SALADINE TENTH. A tax imposed in England and France, in 1188, by Pope Innocent III., to raise a fund for the crusade under-

taken by Richard I. of England and Philip Augustus of France, against Saladin, sultan of Egypt, then going to besiege Jerusalem. By this tax every person who did not enter himself a crusader was obliged to pay a tenth of his yearly revenue and of the value of all his moveables, except his wearing apparel, books, and arms. The Carthusians, Bernardines, and some other religious persons were exempt. Gibbon remarks that when the necessity for this tax no longer existed, the church still clung to it as too lucrative to be abandoned, and thus arose the tithing of ecclesiastical benefices for the pope or other sovereigns. Enc. Lond.

SALARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. An allowance of provisions. A stipend, wages, or compensation for services. An annual allowance or compensation. Calvin.

SALARY. A reward or recompense for services performed.

In a more limited sense salary is a fixed periodical compensation paid for services rendered; a stated compensation, amounting to so much by the year, month, or other fixed period, to be paid to public officers and persons in some private employments, for the performance of official duties or the rendering of services of a particular kind, more or less definitely described, involving professional knowledge or skill, or at least employment above the grade of menial or mechanical labor. See State v. Speed, 183 Mo. 196, 51 S. W. 1290; Davis v. Smith, 54 Ala. 50; Fidelity Ins. Co. v. Shenandoah Iron Co., (C. C.) 42 F. 376; Cowdin v. Huff, 10 Ind. 35; In re Chancellor, 1 Bland (Md.) 566; Houser v. Umatilla County, 36 Or. 458, 49 P. 897; Thompson v. Phillips, 12 Ohio St. 617; Benedict v. U. S., 176 U. S. 357, 20 S. Ct. 458, 44 L. Ed. 503; People v. Myers (Sup.) 11 N. Y. S. 217; People v. Lay, 183 Mich. 476, 160 N. W. 407, 417; Roberts v. Frank Carrithers & Bros., 180 Ky. 315, 202 S. W. 659, 691; Merriam v. U. S. C. A.) 228 F. 851, 855.

The word "salary," is synonymous with "wages," except that "salary" is sometimes understood to relate to compensation for official or other services, as distinguished from "wages," which is the compensation for labor. Walsh v. City of Bridgeport, 88 Conn. 525, 91 A. 969, 972, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 312.

SALE. A contract between two parties, called, respectively, the "seller" (or vendor) and the "buyer," (or purchaser,) by which the former, in consideration of the payment or promise of payment of a certain price in money, transfers to the latter the title and the possession of property. See Pard. Drott Commer. § 6; 2 Kent, Comm. 303; Poth. Cont. Sale, § 1, and see Butler v. Thompson, 82 U. S. 414, 25 L. Ed. 684; Ward v. State, 45 Ark. 353; Williamson v. Berry, 8 How. 544, 12 L. Ed. 1170; White v. Treat (C. C.) 100 F. 201; Iowa v. McFarland, 110 U. S.

A contract whereby property is transferred from one person to another for a consideration of value, implying the passing of the general and absolute title, as distinguished from a special interest falling short of complete ownership. Arnold v. North American Chemical Co., 232 Mass. 193, 122 N. E. 283, 284; Faulkner v. Town of South Boston, 141 Va. 517, 127 S. E. 386, 381.

The contract of sale is an agreement by which one gives a thing for a price in current money, and the other gives the price in order to have the thing itself. Three circumstances concur to the perfection of the contract, to-wit, the thing sold, the price, and the consent. Civ. Code La. art. 2439.

A transmutation of property from one man to another in consideration of some price or recompense in value. 2 Bl. Comm. 446.

The transfer of property for a fixed price in money or its equivalent. U. S. v. Benedict (C. C. A.) 280 F. 76, 89.

“Sale” consists of two separate and distinct elements: First, contract of sale which is completed when offer is made and accepted and, second, delivery of property which may precede, be accompanied by, or follow, payment of price as may have been agreed on between parties. Inland Refining Co. v. Langworthy, 112 Okl. 280, 240 P. 677, 629.


Synonyms

The contract of “sale” is distinguished from “barter” (which applies only to goods) and “exchange,” (which is used of both land and goods,) in that both the latter terms denote a commutation of property for property; i. e., the price or consideration is always paid in money if the transaction is a sale, but, if it is a barter or exchange, it is paid in specific property susceptible of valuation. (Westfall v. Ellis, 141 Minn. 377, 170 N. W. 339, 341; J. I. Case Threshing Mach. Co. v. Loomis, 31 N. D. 27, 133 N. W. 479, 451.) “Sale” differs from “gift” in that the latter transaction involves no return or recompense for the thing transferred. But an onerous gift sometimes approaches the nature of a sale, at least where the charge it imposes is a payment of money. “Sale” is also to be discriminated from “bailment;” and the difference is to be found in the fact that the contract of bailment always contemplates the return to the bailor of the specific article delivered, either in its original form or in a modified or altered form, or the return of an article which, though not identical, is of the same class, and is equivalent. But sale never involves the return of the article itself, but only a consideration in money. This contract differs also from “accord and satisfaction;” because in the latter the object of transferring the property is to compromise and settle a claim, while the object of a sale is the price given.

The cardinal difference between the relation of seller and buyer and that of principal and factor is that in a “sale” title passes to the buyer, while in a “consignment” by principal to factor title remains in principal, and only possession passes to factor. McGaw v. Hanway, 120 Md. 97, 87 A. 666, 667, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 601, and a “sale” is distinguished from a mortgage, in that the former is a transfer of the absolute property in the goods for a price, whereas a mortgage is at most a conditional sale of property as security for the payment of a debt or performance of some other obligation, subject to the condition that on performance title shall revest in the mortgagor. Waldrep v. Exchange State Bank of Keffer, 81 Okl. 162, 197 P. 509, 511, 14 A. L. R. 747.

In General

SALE

—Bill of sale. See Bill.

—Cash sale. A transaction whereby payment is to be in full on receipt of the goods. Bernzweig v. Hyman Levin Co. (Sup.) 172 N. Y. S. 457, 458. A sale where title is not to pass until the price is paid, or where title has passed, but possession is not to be delivered until payment is made. E. L. Welch Co. v. Lohart Elevator Co., 122 Minn. 432, 142 N. W. 828, 830.

—Exclusive sale. A contract giving a broker “exclusive sale” of property is more than exclusive agency, and is defined as an agreement by the owner that he will not sell the property during the life of the contract to any purchaser not procured by the broker in question. Harris v. McPherson, 97 Conn. 164, 115 A. 723, 724, 24 A. L. R. 1330, but see contra Roberts v. Harington, 188 Wis. 217, 169 N. W. 608, 10 A. L. R. 819.

—Executed and executory sales. An executed sale is one which is final and complete in all its particulars and details, nothing remaining to be done by either party to effect an absolute transfer of the subject-matter of the sale. An executory sale is one which has been definitely agreed on as to terms and conditions, but which has not yet been carried into full effect in respect to some of its terms or details, as where it remains to determine the price, quantity, or identity of the thing sold, or to pay installments of purchase-money, or to effect a delivery. See McFadden v. Henderson, 128 Ala. 221, 29 So. 640; Fogel v. Brubaker, 122 Pa. 7, 15 A. 692; Smith v. Barron County Sup'rs, 44 Wis. 691.

—Forced sale. A sale made without the consent or concurrence of the owner of the property, but by virtue of judicial process, such as a writ of execution or an order under a decree of foreclosure.

—Fraudulent sale. One made for the purpose of defrauding the creditors of the owner of the property, by covering up or removing from their reach and converting into cash property which would be subject to the satisfaction of their claims.

—Judicial sale. One made under the process of a court having competent authority to order it, by an officer duly appointed and commissioned to sell, as distinguished from a sale by an owner in virtue of his right of property. Williamson v. Berry, 8 How. 547, 12 L. Ed. 1170; Terry v. Cole, 80 Va. 701; Black v. Caldwell (C. C.) 83 F. 880; Woodward v. Dillworth, 75 F. 415, 21 C. C. A. 417; Union Trading Co. v. Drach, 58 Colo. 550, 146 P. 767, 770; Chapman v. Guaranty State Bank (Tex. Com. App.) 267 S. W. 690, 693.

—Memorandum sale. That form of conditional sale in which the goods are placed in the possession of the vendee subject to his approval, the title remaining in the seller until they are either accepted or rejected by the vendee.

—Private sale. One negotiated and concluded privately between buyer and seller, and not made by advertisement and public outcry or auction. See Barcello v. Hapgood, 118 N. C. 712, 24 S. E. 124.


—Sale and return. A species of contract by which the seller (usually a manufacturer or wholesaler) delivers a quantity of goods to the buyer, on the understanding that, if the latter should desire to retain or use or resell any portion of such goods, he will consider such part as having been sold to him, and will pay their price, and the balance he will return to the seller, or hold them, as bailed, subject to his order. Sturm v. Baker, 150 U. S. 312, 14 S. Ct. 59, 37 L. Ed. 1093; Haskins v. Dern, 19 Utah, 50, 56 Pac. 353; Hickman v. Shimp, 109 Pa. 16; G. A. Soden & Co. v. T. J. Wilkinson & Son, 135 Miss. 665, 100 So. 182, 184. Under “contract of sale and return” title vests immediately in buyer, who has privilege of reselling said goods, and until privilege is exercised, title remains in him. Rio Grande Oil Co. v. Miller Rubber Co. of New York, 31 Ariz. 84, 250 P. 594.

—Sale by sample. A sales contract in which it is the understanding of both parties that the goods exhibited constitute the standard with which the goods not exhibited correspond and to which deliveries should conform. Cudahy Packing Co. v. Narzissenfeld (C. C. A.) 3 F.2d 507, 511; Levine v. Hochman, 217 Mo. App. 76, 273 S. W. 204, 207; M. C. Kiser Co. v. Brauen, 31 Ga. App. 241, 120 S. E. 427, 429.

—Sale in gross. A sale by the tract, without regard to quantity; it is in that sense a contract of hazard. Yost v. Mallicote, 77 Va. 616; Miller v. Moore, 45 Cal. App. 288, 187 P. 785, 786; Cox v. Collins, 205 Ala. 491, 88 So. 440, 441.

—Sale-note. A memorandum of the subject and terms of a sale, given by a broker or factor to the seller, who bailed him the goods for that purpose, and to the buyer, who dealt with him. Also called “bought and sold notes.”

—Sale on approval. A species of conditional sale, which is to become absolute only in case the buyer, on trial, approves or is satisfied with the article sold. The approval, however, need not be express; it may be inferred from his keeping the goods beyond a reasonable time. Benj. Sales, § 911; Warren v. Russell, 143 Ark. 510, 229 S. W. 831.
Sale on credit. A sale of property accompanied by delivery of possession, but where payment of the price is deferred to a future day. In re Heinze's Estate, 224 N. Y. 1, 120 N. E. 63, 64.

Sale per aversionem. In the civil law, a sale where the goods are taken in bulk, or not by weight or measure, and for a single price, or where a piece of land is sold for a gross sum, to be paid for the whole premises, and not at a fixed price by the acre or foot. Winston v. Browning, 61 Ala. 83; State v. Buck, 46 La. Ann. 656, 15 So. 531.

Sale with all faults. On what is called a "sale with all faults," unless the seller fraudulently and inconsistently represents the article sold to be faultless, or contrives to conceal any fault from the purchaser, the latter must take the article for better or worse. 3 Camp. 154; Brown.

Sale with right of redemption. A sale in which vendor reserves right to take back property by returning price paid. Glover v. Abney, 160 La. 175, 106 So. 735, 739.


Tax-sale. A sale of land for unpaid taxes; a sale of property, by authority of law, for the collection of a tax assessed upon it, or upon its owner, which remains unpaid.

Voluntary sale. One made freely, without constraint, by the owner of the thing sold. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 974.

SALET. In old English law. A headpiece; a steel cap or morion. Cowell.

SALFORD HUNDRED COURT OF RECORD. An inferior and local court of record having jurisdiction in personal actions where the debt or damage sought to be recovered does not exceed £50, if the cause of action arise within the hundred of Salford. St. 31 & 32 Vict. c. 130; 2 Exch. Div. 340.

SALIC LAW. A body of law framed by the Salian Franks, after their settlement in Gaul under their king Pharamond, about the beginning of the fifth century. It is the most ancient of the barbarian codes, and is considered one of the most important compilations of law in use among the feudal nations of Europe. See Lex Salica.

In French Jurisprudence

The name is frequently applied to that fundamental law of France which excluded females from succession to the crown. Supposed to have been derived from the sixty-second title of the Salic Law, "De Alode." Brande.

SALINE LAND. Land having salt deposits. To fourteen states congress has granted all the salt springs within them; to twelve, a limited grant of them was made. Eighteen states have received no such grant; Montello Salt Co. v. Utah, 221 U. S. 452, 31 S. Ct. 706, 55 L. Ed. 810, Ann. Cas. 1912D, 633.

SALMANNUS. A sale-man, found in the Salic Law in the fifth century, who was a third person called in to complete the transfer of property. 12 Harv. L. Rev. 445, Law in Science, etc., by O. W. Holmes, Jr.


SALOON-KEEPER. This expression has a definite meaning, namely, a retailer of cigars, liquors, etc. Cahill v. Campbell, 105 Mass. 40.

SALT DUTY IN LONDON. A custom in the city of London called "granage," formerly payable to the lord mayor, etc., for salt brought to the port of London, being the twentieth part. Wharton.

SALT SILVER. One penny paid at the feast day of St. Martin, by the tenants of some manors, as a commutation for the service of carrying their lord's salt from market to his larder. Paroch. Antiq. 496.

SALUS. Lat. Health; prosperity; safety. Salus populi suprema lex. The welfare of the people is the supreme law. Bac. Max. reg. 12; Broom, Max. 1–10; Montesq., Esprit des Lois, lib. 23, c. 23; 13 Coke, 139.

Salus reipublicae suprema lex. The welfare of the state is the supreme law. Inhabitants of Springfield v. Connecticut River R. Co., 4 Cunsh. (Mass.) 71; Chouteau Bank v. Colt, 1 Gray (Mass.) 389; Broom, Max. 306.

Salus ubi multi consiliarii. 4 Inst. 1. Where there are many counselors, there is safety.

SALUTE. A gold coin stamped by Henry V. in France, after his conquests there, whereon the arms of England and France were stamped quarterly. Cowell.

In the army and navy an honor paid to a distinguished personage, when troops or squadrons meet, when officers are buried, or to celebrate an event or show respect to a flag and on many other ceremonial occasions. Cent. Dict.

SALVAGE. In maritime law. A compensation allowed to persons by whose assistance a ship or its cargo has been saved, in whole or in part, from impending danger, or recovered from actual loss, in cases of shipwreck, derelict, or recapture. 3 Kent, Comm. 245. Cope v. Vallette Dry-Dock Co., 119 U. S. 625, 7 S. Ct. 336, 30 L. Ed. 501; The Ritta, 62 F. 763, 10 C. C. A. 629; The Lyman M. Law (D. C.) 122 F. 822; The Blackwall, 10 Wall. 11, 19 L. Ed. 870; The Spokane (D. C.) 67 F. 256; J. M. Guffey Petroleum Co. v. Borison (C. C. A.) 211 F. 594, 601.

The reward allowed for service to marine property, at risk or in distress, rendered by one under no legal obligation to do so, resulting in benefit to the property, if saved. The Pleasure Buy (D. C.) 226 F. 55.

In the older books of the law, (and sometimes in modern writings,) the term is also used to denote the goods or property saved.

Equitable Salvage.

By analogy, the term “salvage” is sometimes also used in cases which have nothing to do with maritime perils, but in which property has been preserved from loss by the last of several advances by different persons. In such a case, the person making the last advance is frequently entitled to priority over the others, on the ground that, without his advance, the property would have been lost altogether. This right, which is sometimes called that of “equitable salvage,” and is in the nature of a lien, is chiefly of importance with reference to payments made to prevent leases or policies of insurance from being forfeited, or to prevent mines and similar undertakings from being stopped or injured. See 1 Fish. Mortg. 149; 3 Ch. Div. 411; L. R. 14 Eq. 4; 7 Ch. Div. 825.

Salvage Charges

This term includes all the expenses and costs incurred in the work of saving and preserving the property which was in danger. The salvage charges ultimately fall upon the insurers.

Salvage Loss.

See loss.

Salvage Service

A service voluntarily rendered to a vessel in need of assistance, to relieve her from some distress or danger either present or to be reasonably apprehended. The Lowther Castle (D. C.) 195 F. 604; The Neshaminy (C. C. A.) 228 F. 285, 288; The Kennebec (C. C. A.) 231 F. 423, 425.

SALVIAN INTERDICT. See Interdictum Salviannum.

SALVO. Lat. Saving; excepting; without prejudice to. Salvo me et hereditibus meis, except me and my heirs. Salvo jure cavali-
(penal clause) being used to denote the whole. Brown.

The vindicatory part of a law, or that part which ordains or denotes a penalty for its violation. 1 Bl. Comm. 56.

SANCTUARY. In old English law. A consecrated place which had certain privileges annexed to it, and to which offenders were accustomed to resort for refuge, because they could not be arrested there, nor the laws be executed.

SAND-GAVEL. In old English law. A payment due to the lord of the manor of Rodley, in the county of Gloucester, for liberty granted to the tenants to dig sand for their common use. Cowell.

SANE. Of natural and normal mental condition; healthy in mind.

SANEE MEMORY. Sound mind, memory, and understanding. This is one of the essential elements in the capacity of contracting; and the absence of it in lunatics and idiots, and its immaturity in infants, is the cause of their respective incapacities or partial incapacity to bind themselves. The like circumstance is their ground of exemption in cases of crime. Brown.

SANG, or SANC. In old French. Blood.

SANGUINE, or MURREY. An heraldic term for "blood-color," called, in the arms of princes, "dragon's tail," and, in those of lords, "sardonyx." It is a tincture of very infrequent occurrence, and not recognized by some writers. In engraving, it is denoted by numerous lines in saltire. Wharton.

SANGUINEM EMERE. Lat. In feudal law. A redemption by villeins, of their blood or tenure, in order to become freemen.


SANGUIS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Blood; consanguinity.

The right or power which the chief lord of the fee had to judge and determine cases where blood was shed. Mon. Aug. t. i. 1021.

SANIS. A kind of punishment among the Greeks; inflicted by binding the malefactor fast to a piece of wood. Enc. Lond.

SANITARIUM. Health station or retreat; boarding-house, or other place where patients are kept and where medical and surgical treatment is given. City of Atlanta v. Blackman Health Resort, 153 Ga. 499, 113 S. E. 545, 548.

SANITARY. That which pertains to health, with especial reference to cleanliness and freedom from infective and deleterious influences. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore v. Bloecher & Schaff, 149 Md. 648, 182 A. 160, 162.

SANITARY AUTHORITIES. In English law. Bodies having jurisdiction over their respective districts in regard to sewerage, drainage, scavenging, the supply of water, the prevention of nuisances and offensive trades, etc., all of which come under the head of "sanitary matters" in the special sense of the word. Sanitary authorities also have jurisdiction in matters coming under the head of "local government." Sweet.

SANITATION. Devising and applying of measures for preserving and promoting public health; removal or neutralization of elements injurious to health; practical application of sanitary science. Smith v. State, 160 Ga. 857, 129 S. E. 542, 544.

SANITY. Sound understanding; the normal condition of the human mind; the reverse of insanity. (q. c.) Rust v. Reid, 124 Va. 1, 78 S. E. 324, 331.

SANSCEOQUE. L. Fr. Without this. See Absque Hoc.

SANSFRAIS. Fr. Without expense. See Retour Sans Proté.

SANS IMPEACHMENT DE WAST. L. Fr. Without impeachment of waste. Litt. § 152. See Absque Impetitione Vasti.

SANS JOUR. Fr. Without day; sine die.

SANS NOMBRE. Fr. A term used in relation to the right of putting animals on a common. The term "common sans nombre" does not mean that the beasts are to be innumerable, but only indefinite; not certain. Willes, 227.

SANS RECOURS. Fr. Without recourse. See Indorsement.

Sapiens inopit a fine, et quod primum est in intentione, ultimum est in executione. A wise man begins with the last, and what is first in intention is last in execution. 10 Coke, 25.

Sapiens omnia agit cum consilio. A wise man does everything advisedly. 4 Inst. 4.

Sapientia legis nummario pretio non est estimanda. The wisdom of the law cannot be valued by money. Jenk. Cent. 106.

Sapiens judicis est cogitare tantum sibi esse permimum, quantum commissum et creditum. It is the part of a wise judge to think that a thing is permitted to him, only so far as it is committed and intrusted to him. 4 Inst. 103. That is, he should keep his jurisdiction within the limits of his commission.

SART. In old English law. A piece of woodland, turned into arable. Cowell.


SASINE. In Scotch law. The symbolic delivery of land, answering to the livery of seisin of the old English law. 4 Kent, Comm. 459.

SASSE. In old English law. A kind of wear with flood-gates, most commonly in cut rivers, for the shutting up and letting out of water, as occasion required, for the more ready passing of boats and barges to and fro; a lock; a turnpike; a sluice. Cowell.

SASSONS. The corruption of Saxons. A name of contempt formerly given to the English, while they affected to be called "Angles;" they are still so called by the Welsh.

SATISDARE. Lat. In the civil law. To guaranty the obligation of a principal.

SATISDATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Security given by a party to an action, as by a defendant, to pay what might be adjudged against him. Inst. 4, 11; 3 Bl. Comm. 291.

SATISFACTION. The discharge of an obligation by paying a party what is due to him, (as on a mortgage, lien, or contract,) or what is awarded to him, by the judgment of a court or otherwise. Thus, a judgment is satisfied by the payment of the amount due to the party who has recovered such judgment, or by his levying the amount. See Miller v. Beck, 108 Iowa, 515, 79 N. W. 344; Rivers v. Blom, 103 Mo. 442, 63 S. W. 812; Macyck v. Cole, 3 Rich. Law (S. C.) 235; Green v. Green, 49 Ind. 423; Brevant v. Fairfield, 31 Mo. 152; Armour Bros. Banking Co. v. Addington, 1 Ind. T. 304, 37 S. W. 100.

In Practice
An entry made on the record, by which a party in whose favor a judgment was rendered declares that he has been satisfied and paid.

In Equity
The doctrine of satisfaction in equity is somewhat analogous to performance in equity, but differs from it in this respect: that satisfaction is always something given either in whole or in part as a substitute or equivalent for something else, and not (as in performance) something that may be construed as the identical thing covenanted to be done. Brown.

The execution of an agreement of accord. J. F. Morgan Paving Co. v. Carroll, 211 Ala. 121, 99 So. 640, 641; In re Trexler Co. of America, 15 Del. Ch. 76, 132 A. 144, 145. See Accord and Satisfaction.

SATISFACTION, CONTRACTS TO. A class of contracts in which one party agrees to perform his promise to the satisfaction of the other. A contract for construction work "to the entire satisfaction of the owners" imports that the construction be to the satisfaction of a reasonable man and not to the personal satisfaction of owners. MacDonald v. Kavanaugh, 259 Mass. 439, 156 N. E. 740, 743; Erickson v. Ward, 266 Ill. 259, 107 N. E. 593, 594, Ann. Cas. 1916B, 497; Waite v. C. E. Shoemaker & Co., 50 Mont. 204, 146 P. 738, 742.

SATISFACTION PIECE. In practice. A memorandum in writing, entitled in a cause, stating that satisfaction is acknowledged between the parties, plaintiff and defendant. Upon this being duly acknowledged and filed in the office where the record of the judgment is, the judgment becomes satisfied, and the defendant discharged from it. 1 Archb. Pr. 722.

Satisfaction should be made to that fund which has sustained the loss. 4 Bouv. Inst. no. 3721.

SATISFACTORY. Where a contract provides that it is to be performed in a manner "satisfactory" to one of the parties, the provision must be construed as meaning that the performance must be such that the party, as a reasonable person, should be satisfied with it. Hoff v. L. Gould & Co., 198 Ill. App. 489, 501; Broner v. Hegyi, 42 Cal. App. 97, 183 P. 369.

SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

SATISFIED TERM. A term of years in land is thus called when the purpose for which it was created has been satisfied or executed before the expiration of the set period.

SATISFIED TERMS ACT. The statute 8 & 9 Viet. c. 112, passed to abolish satisfied outstanding terms of years in land. By this act, terms which shall henceforth become attendant upon the inheritance, either by express declaration or construction of law, are to cease and determine. This, in effect, abolishes outstanding terms. 1 Steph. Comm. 380-382; Williams, Real Prop. pt. 4, c. 1.

SATISFY, in technical use, generally means to comply actually and fully with a demand; to extinguish, by payment or performance. To convince, as to satisfy a jury. State v. Childs, 3 N. J. Misc. 3, 126 A. 678, 679; Meyerowitz v. Levy, 184 Ala. 239, 63 So. 963, 965; Lawrence v. Goodwill, 44 Cal. App. 440, 150 P. 701, 701.

Satius est petere fontes quam secati rivulus. Lofft, 606. It is better to seek the source than to follow the streamlets.

SATURDAY'S STOP. In old English law. A space of time from even-song on Saturday till sun-rising on Monday, in which it was not lawful to take salmon in Scotland and the northern parts of England. Cowell.

SAUNKEFIN. L Fr. End of blood; failure of the direct line in successions. Spelman; Cowell.
SAUVAGINE. L. Fr. Wild animals.

SAUVENTEMENT. L. Fr. Safely. Sauvement gardes, safely kept. Britt. c. 87.

SAVE. To except, reserve, or exempt; as where a statute "saves" vested rights. To toll, or suspend the running or operation of; as to "save" the statute of limitations.

SAVER DEFAULT. L. Fr. In old English practice. To excuse a default. Terms de la Ley.

SAVING CLAUSE. A saving clause in a statute is an exception of a special thing out of the general things mentioned in the statute; it is ordinarily a restriction in a repealing act, which is intended to save rights, pending proceedings, penalties, etc., from the annihilation which would result from an unrestricted repeal. State v. St. Louis, 174 Mo. 125, 73 S. W. 623, 61 L. R. A. 593; Clark Thread Co. v. Kearney Ty., 55 N. J. Law, 50, 25 A. 327.

SAVING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. A creditor is said to "save the statute of limitations" when he saves or preserves his debt from being barred by the operation of the statute. Thus, in the case of a simple contract debt, if a creditor commences an action for its recovery within six years from the time when the cause of action accrued, he will be in time to save the statute. Brown.

SAVINGS BANK. See Bank.

SAVOUR. To partake the nature of; to bear affinity to.

SAVOY. One of the old privileged places, or sanctuaries. 4 Steph. Comm. 227n.

SAW LOG. A log of convenient length and otherwise suitable for being manufactured into lumber. Laddner v. Ingram Day Lumber Co., 135 Miss. 632, 100 S. 369, 370.

SAXON LAGE. The laws of the West Saxons. Cowell.

SAY ABOUT. This phrase, like "more or less," is frequently introduced into conveyances or contracts of sale, to indicate that the quantity of the subject-matter is uncertain, and is only estimated, and to guard the vendor against the implication of having warranted the quantity.

SAWER. In Hindu law. Variable imposts distinct from land, rents, or revenues; consisting of customs, tolls, licenses, duties on goods; also taxes on houses, shops, bazaars, etc. Wharton.

SC. An abbreviation for "scilicet," that is to say.

SCAB. A working man who works for lower wages than or under conditions contrary to those prescribed by a trade union; also one who takes the place of a workingman on a strike. Walter A. Wood Mowing & Reaping Mach. Co. v. Toohy, 114 Misc. 185, 186 N. Y. 65, 96; Illinois Malone Iron Co. v. Michalek, 279 Ill. 221, 116 N. E. 714, 717; U. S. v. Tallaferro (D. C.) 290 F. 214, 218.

SCABINI. In old European law. The judges or assessors of the judges in the court held by the count. Assistants or associates of the count; officers under the count. The permanent selected judges of the Franks. Judges among the Germans, Franks, and Lombards, who were held in peculiar esteem. Spelman.

SCACCARIUM. A chequered cloth resembling a chess-board which covered the table in the exchequer, and on which, when certain of the king's accounts were made up, the sums were marked and scored with counters. Hence the court of exchequer, or curia scac- carii, derived its name. 3 Bl. Comm. 44.

SCALAM. At the scale; the old way of paying money into the exchequer. Cowell.

SCALE. In early American law. To adjust, graduate, or value according to a scale. Walden v. Payne, 2 Wash. (Va.) 5, 6.

SCALE TOLERANCE. Nominal variation between different scales in respect of the mass or "weight" of the same goods. Smith v. Louisville & N. R. Co., 292 Iowa, 292, 209 N. W. 465, 468.

SCALER. An expert employed to determine the number of board feet and the percentage of unsound timber in logs. Connecticut Valley Lumber Co. v. Stone (C. C. A.) 212 F. 713, 715.

SCALING LAWS. A term used to signify statutes establishing the process of adjusting the difference in value between depreciated paper money and specie. Such statutes were rendered necessary by the depreciation of paper money necessarily following the establishment of American independence. And, more recently, to discharge those debts which were made payable in Confederate money. The statutes are now obsolete.

SCALPINGS. See Wheat Scalpings.

SCAMNUM CADUCUM. In old records, the cucking-stool. (q. v.) Cowell.

SCANDAL. Defamatory reports or rumors; aspersion or slanderous talk, uttered recklessly or maliciously.

In Pleading

"Scandal consists in the allegation of anything which is unbecoming the dignity of the court to hear, or is contrary to good manners, or which charges some person with a crime not necessary to be shown in the cause; to which may be added that any unnecessary allegation, bearing cruelly upon the moral character of an individual, is also scandalous."
SCANDALOUS MATTER


SCANDALOUS MATTER. In equity pleading. See Scandal.

SCANDALUM MAGNATUM. In English law. Scandal or slander of great men or nobles. Words spoken in derogation of a peer, a judge, or other great officer of the realm, for which an action lies, though it is now rarely resorted to. 3 Bl. Comm. 123; 3 Steph. Comm. 473. This offense has not existed in America since the formation of the United States. State v. Shepherd, 177 Mo. 205, 76 S. W. 79, 99 Am. St. Rep. 624.

SCAPELARE. In old European law. To chop; to chip or haggle. Spelman.

SCAPHA. Lat. In Roman law. A boat; a lighter. A ship's boat.

SCAVAGE, SCHEVAGE, SCHEWAGE, or SHEWAGE. A kind of toll or custom, exacted by mayors, sheriffs, etc., of merchant strangers, for wares showed or offered for sale within their liberties. Prohibited by 19 Hen. VII. c. 7. Cowell.

SCAVAIDUS. The officer who collected the scavage money. Cowell.

SCEATTA. A Saxon coin of less denomination than a shilling. Spelman.

SCEPPA SALIS. An ancient measure of salt, the quantity of which is now not known. Wharton.

SCHAR-PENNY, SCHARN-PENNY, or SCHORN-PENNY. A small duty or compensation. Cowell.

SCHEDULE. A sheet of paper or parchment annexed to a statute, deed, answer in equity, deposition, or other instrument, exhibiting in detail the matters mentioned or referred to in the principal document.

A list or inventory; the paper containing an inventory.

In Practice

When an indictment is returned from an inferior court in obedience to a writ of certiorari, the statement of the previous proceedings sent with it is termed the "schedule." 1 Saund. 309a, n. 2.

In Constitutional Law

A schedule is a statement annexed to a constitution newly adopted by a state, in which are described at length the particulars in which it differs from the former constitution, or which contains provisions for the adjustment of matters affected by the change from the old to the new constitution.

SCHEME. In English law, a scheme is a document containing provisions for regulating the management or distribution of property, or for making an arrangement between persons having conflicting rights. Thus, in the practice of the chancery division, where the execution of a charitable trust in the manner directed by the founder is difficult or impracticable, or requires supervision, a scheme for the management of the charity will be settled by the court. Todd Char. Trusts, 257; Hunt, Eq. 245; Daniell, Ch. Pr. 1765.

SCHETES. Usury. Cowell.

SCHIREMAN. In Saxon law. An officer having the civil government of a shire, or county; an early. 1 Bl. Comm. 393.

SCHIRRENS-GELD. In Saxon law. A tax paid to sheriffs for keeping the shire or county court. Cowell.

SCHISM. In ecclesiastical law. A division or separation in a church or denomination of Christians, occasioned by a diversity of faith, creed, or religious opinions. Nelson v. Benson, 90 Ill. 29; McKinney v. Griggs, 5 Bush (K.) 407, 96 Am. Dec. 360; Lindstrom v. Tell, 131 Minn. 203, 154 N. W. 969, 971.

SCHISM-BILL. In English law. The name of an act passed in the reign of Queen Anne, which restrained Protestant dissenters from educating their own children, and forbade all tutors and schoolmasters to be present at any conventicle or dissenting place of worship. The queen died on the day when this act was to have taken effect, (August 1, 1714,) and it was repealed in the fifth year of Geo. I. Wharton.


Common Schools

Schools maintained at the public expense and administered by a bureau of the state, district, or municipal government, for the gratuitous education of the children of all citizens without distinction. Jenkins v. Andover, 105 Mass. 98; People v. Board of Education, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 410; Le Coiteux v. Buffalo, 33 N. Y. 337; Roach v. Board of Directors, 7 Mo. App. 567; State v. Preston, 79 Wash. 286, 140 P. 350, 351; Special School District No. 65, of Logan County, v. Bangs, 144 Ark. 34, 221 S. W. 1000; Board of Edu-
cation of City of Sapulpa v. Corey, 63 Okl. 178, 163 P. 949, 953; State v. O’Dell, 187 Ind. 84, 118 N. E. 529, 530.

District School

A common or public school for the education at public expense of the children residing within a given district; a public school maintained by a “school district.” See infra.

Grade School

A school in which the pupils are classified according to progress and taught by different teachers so that a rural school under one teacher is not included within the exception, although various pupils in various stages of progress are classified. Board of County Com’rs of Laramie County v. State, 24 Wyo. 394, 158 P. 801, 804.

High School

A school in which higher branches of learning are taught than in the common schools. 123 Mass. 306; Thurman-Watts v. Board of Education of City of Coffeyville, 115 Kan. 328, 222 P. 123, 125. A school in which such instruction is given as will prepare the students to enter a college or university. Attorney General v. Butler, 123 Mass. 306; State v. School Dist., 31 Neb. 552, 48 N. W. 389; Whitlock v. State, 30 Neb. 815, 47 N. W. 284.

Normal School

A training school for teachers; one in which instruction is given in the theory and practice of teaching; particularly, in the system of schools generally established throughout the United States, a school for the training and instruction of those who are already teachers in the public schools or those who desire and expect to become such. See Gordon v. Cornes, 47 N. Y. 616; Board of Regents v. Palmer, 102 Mo. 464, 14 S. W. 638, 10 L. R. A. 493.

Private School

One maintained by private individuals or corporations, not at public expense, and open only to pupils selected and admitted by the proprietors or governors, or to pupils of a certain class or possessing certain qualifications, (racial, religious, or otherwise,) and generally supported, in part at least, by tuition fees or charges. See Quigley v. State, 5 Ohio Ct. Cr. R. 638.

Public Schools.

Schools established under the laws of the state (and usually regulated in matters of detail by the local authorities), in the various districts, counties, or towns, maintained at the public expense by taxation, and open with or without charge to the children of all the residents of the town or other district. Jenkins v. Andover, 105 Mass. 97; St. Joseph’s Church v. Assessors of Taxes, 12 R. I. 19, 34 Am. Rep. 357; Merrick v. Amherst, 12 BL. LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)—100

Allen (Mass.) 508; Litchman v. Shannon, 90 Wash. 186, 135 P. 788, 784; Moran v. Board of Com’rs of Chowan County, 108 N. C. 259, 84 S. E. 402, 403. A public school is one belonging to the public and established and conducted under public authority; not one owned and conducted by private parties, though it may be open to the public generally and though tuition may be free. Gerke v. Purcell, 25 Ohio St. 229.

School Board

A board of municipal officers charged with the administration of the affairs of the public schools. They are commonly organized under the general laws of the state, and fall within the class of quasi corporations, sometimes coterminous with a county or borough, but not necessarily so. The members of the school board are sometimes termed “school directors,” or the official style may be “the board of school directors.” The circuit of their territorial jurisdiction is called a “school district,” and each school district is usually a separate taxing district for school purposes.

School Directors

See School Board.

School District


Consolidated School District

A common school district where two or more existing schools have consolidated into
one single district. Trustees of Walton School v. Board of Sup'rs of Covington County, 115 Miss. 117, 75 So. 833, 834; Jackson v. Joint Consol. School Dist. No. 1, 255 P. 87, 123 Kan. 325; Rice v. Gong Lum, 139 Miss. 760, 104 So. 105, 110.

See Land. School-Master

One employed in teaching a school.

SCHOUT. In Dutch law. An officer of a court whose functions somewhat resemble those of a sheriff.

SCI. FA. An abbreviation for "scire facias, (q. e.)

SCIENDUM. Lat. In English law. The name given to a clause inserted in the record by which it is made "known that the justice here in court, in this same term, delivered a writ thereupon to the deputy-sheriff of the county aforesaid, to be executed in due form of law." Lee, Dict. "Record."

SCIENDUM EST. Lat. It is to be known; be it remembered. In the books of the civil law, this phrase is often found at the beginning of a chapter or paragraph, by way of introduction to some explanation, or directing attention to some particular rule.

SCIENTER. Lat. Knowingly. The term is used in pleading to signify an allegation (or that part of the declaration or indictment which contains it) setting out the defendant's previous knowledge of the cause which led to the injury complained of, or rather his previous knowledge of a state of facts which it was his duty to guard against, and his omission to do which has led to the injury complained of. The insertion of such an allegation is called "laying the action (or indictment) with a scierent." And the term is frequently used to signify the defendant's guilty knowledge. People v. Gould, 237 Mich. 156, 211 N. W. 346, 348; Shriver v. Union Stockyards Nat. Bank, 117 Kan. 633, 222 P. 1062, 1067; Neilson v. Masters, 72 Or. 463, 143 P. 1132, 1134; Morrow v. Franklin, 269 Mo. 549, 233 S. W. 224, 227; Horton v. Tyree, 104 W. Va. 295, 139 S. E. 787, 788.

Sciente et volenti non fit injuria. Bract. fol. 20. An injury is not done to one who knows and wills it.

Scientia sololorum est mixta ignorantia. Coke, 159. The knowledge of smatterers is diluted ignorance.

Scientia utrique par pares contraehentes facit. Equal knowledge on both sides makes contracting parties equal. 3 Burrows, 1905. An insured need not mention what the underwriter knows, or what he ought to know. Broom, Max. 772.

SCILICET. Lat. To-wit; that is to say. A word used in pleadings and other instruments, as introductory to a more particular statement of matters previously mentioned in general terms. Hob. 171, 172.

SCINTILLA. Lat. A spark; a remaining particle; the least particle.

SCINTILLA JURIS. In real property law. A spark of right or interest. By this figurative expression was denoted the small particle of interest which, by a fiction of law, was supposed to remain in a feoffee to uses, sufficient to support contingent uses afterwards coming into existence, and thereby enable the statute of uses (27 Hen. VIII. c. 10) to execute them. See 2 Washb. Real Prop. 125; 4 Kent, Comm. 288.

SCINTILLA OF EVIDENCE. A spark, glimmer, or faint show of evidence. A metaphorical expression to describe a very insignificant or trifling item or particle of evidence; used in the statement of the common-law rule that if there is any evidence at all in a case, even a mere scintilla, tending to support a material issue, the case cannot be taken from the jury, but must be left to their decision. See Of fint v. World's Columbian Exposition, 175 Ill. 427, 51 N. E. 651. Courts differ as to what constitutes a "scintilla," and some courts do not accept the rule. Dutton v. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co., 104 S. C. 16, 86 S. E. 263, 267; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Johnson's Adm'r, 161 Ky. 824, 171 S. W. 454, 552; Ford v. Papecke, 26 Ohio App. 223, 158 N. E. 558; Cleveland-Akron Bag Co. v. Jaime, 112 Ohio St. 506, 148 N. E. 82, 84; Sobolovitz v. Lubric Oil Co., 107 Ohio St. 204, 140 N. E. 634, 635.

Seire debes cum quo contrahis. You ought to know with whom you deal. 11 Mees. & W. 405, 632; 13 Mees. & W. 171.

Seire et soire debere equiparatur in iure. To know a thing, and to be bound to know it, are regarded in law as equivalent. Tray. Leg. Max. 551.

SCIRE FACIAS. Lat. In practice. A judicial writ, founded upon some record, and requiring the person against whom it is brought to show cause why the party bringing it should not have advantage of such record, or (in the case of a scire facias to repeal letters patent) why the record should not be annulled and vacated. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 89; Pub. St. Mass. p. 1295.

The most common application of this writ is as a process to revive a judgment, after the lapse of a certain time, or on a change of parties, or otherwise to have execution of the judgment, in which cases it is merely a continuation of the original action. It is used more rarely as a mode of proceeding against special bail on their recognizance, and as a means of repealing letters patent, BL. LAW DICT. (3d Ed.)

SCIRE FACIAS AD AUDIENDUM ERRORS. The name of a writ which is sued out after the plaintiff in error has assigned his errors. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20.

SCIRE FACIAS AD DISPROBANDUM DEBITUM. The name of a writ in use in Pennsylvania, which lies by a defendant in foreign attachment against the plaintiff, in order to enable him, within a year and a day next ensuing the time of payment to the plaintiff in the attachment, to disprove or avoid the debt recovered against him. Bouvier.

SCIRE FACIAS AD REHABENDAM TERRAM. A scire facias ad rehabendam terram lies to enable a judgment debtor to recover back his lands taken under an exiguit when the judgment creditor has satisfied or been paid the amount of his judgment. Chit. 692; Fost. on Sc. Fa. 58.

SCIRE FACIAS FOR THE CROWN. In English law. The summary proceeding by extent is only resorted to when a crown debtor is insolvent, or there is good ground for supposing that the debt may be lost by delay. In ordinary cases where a debt or duty appears by record to be owing to the crown, the process for the crown is a writ of sci. fa. quare execucionem non; but should the defendant become insolvent pending this writ, the crown may abandon the proceeding and resort to an extent. Wharton.

SCIRE FACIAS QUARE RESTITUTIONEM NON. This writ lies where execution on a judgment has been levied, but the money has not been paid over to the plaintiff, and the judgment is afterwards reversed in error or on appeal; in such a case a scire facias is necessary before a writ of restitution can issue. Chit. 582; Fost. on Sc. Fa. 64.

SCIRE FACIAS SUR MORTGAGE. A writ of scire facias issued upon the default of a mortgagee to make payments or observe conditions, requiring him to show cause why the mortgage should not be foreclosed, and the mortgaged property taken and sold in execution.

SCIRE FACIAS SUR MUNICIPAL CLAIM. A writ of scire facias, authorized to be issued in Pennsylvania, as a means of enforcing payment of a municipal claim (q. v.) out of the real estate upon which such claim is a lien.

SCIRE FECI. Lat. In practice. The name given to the sheriff's return to a writ of scire facias that he has caused notice to be given to the party or parties against whom the writ was issued. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 96, 99.

SCIRE FIERI INQUIRY. In English law. The name of a writ formerly used to recover the amount of a judgment from an executor.

Seire leges non hoc est verba earum teneere, sed vim as potestatem. To know the laws is not to observe their mere words, but their force and power; [that is, the essential meaning in which their efficacy resides.] Dig. 1, 3, 17; 1 Kent, Comm. 462.

Seire proprio est rem ratione et per causam cognosce. To know properly is to know a thing in its reason, and by its cause. We are truly said to know anything, where we know the true cause thereof. Co. Litt. 183b.

SCIREWYTE. In old English law. A tax or prestation paid to the sheriff for holding the assizes or county courts. Cowell.


SCITE, or SITE. The sitting or standing on any place; the seat or situation of a capital message, or the ground whereon it stands. Jacob.

SCOLD. A troublesome and angry woman, who, by brawling and wrangling among her neighbors, breaks the public peace, increases discord, and becomes a public nuisance to the neighborhood. 4 Steph. Comm. 276.

Common Scold


SCOT. In old English law. A tax, or tribute; one's share of a contribution.
SCOT AND LOT. In English law. The name of a customary contribution, laid upon all subjects according to their ability. Brown.

SCOT AND LOT VOTERS. In English law. Voters in certain boroughs entitled to the franchise in virtue of their paying this contribution. 2 Steph. Comm. 360.

SCOTAL. In old English law. An extortionate practice by officers of the forest who kept ale-houses, and compelled the people to drink at their houses for fear of their displeasure. Prohibited by the charter of the forest, c. 7. Wharton.

SCOTCH MARRIAGES. See Gretna Green.

SCOTCH PEERS. Peers of the kingdom of Scotland; of these sixteen are elected to parliament by the rest and represent the whole body. They are elected for one parliament only.

SCOTS. In English law. Assessments by commissioners of sewers.

SCOTTARE. To pay scot, tax, or customary dues. Cowell.

SCOUNDREL. An approbious epithet, implying rascality, villainy, or a want of honor or integrity. In slander, this word is not actionable per se. 2 Bouv. Inst. 2250.

SCRAMBLING POSSESSION. See Possession.

SCRAWL. A word used in some of the United States for scrawl or scroll. "The word 'scrawl,' written in a scrawl attached to the name of an obligor, makes the instrument a specialty." Comerford v. Cobb, 2 Fla. 418.

SCRIBA. Lat. A scribe; a secretary. Scrinba regis, a king’s secretary; a chancellor. Spelman.

Scribere est agere. To write is to act. Reasonable words set down in writing amount to overt acts of treason. 2 Rolle, 89; 4 Bl. Comm. 80; Broom, Max. 312, 867.

SCRIP. Certificates of ownership, either absolute or conditional, of shares in a public company, corporate profits, etc. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1205.

A scrip certificate (or shortly "scrip") is an acknowledgment by the projectors of a company or the issuers of a loan that the person named therein (or more commonly the holder for the time being of the certificate) is entitled to a certain specified number of shares, debentures, bonds, etc. It is usually given in exchange for the letter of allotment, and in its turn is given up for the shares, debentures, or bonds which it represents. Lindl. Partn. 127; Sweet.

The term has also been applied in the United States to warrants or other like orders drawn on a municipal treasury (Alma v. Guaranty Sav. Bank, 60 F. 207, 8 C. C. A.

564) to certificates showing the holder to be entitled to a certain portion or allotment of public or state lands, (Wait v. State Land Office Com’, St Mich. 353, 49 N. W. 600,) and to the fractional paper currency issued by the United States during the period of the Civil War.

SCRIP DIVIDEND. See Dividend.

SCRIPT. Where instruments are executed in part and counterpart, the original or principal is so called.

In English Probate Practice

A will, codicil, draft of will or codicil, or written instructions for the same. If the will is destroyed, a copy or any paper embodying its contents becomes a script, even though not made under the direction of the testator. Browne, Prob. Pr. 280.

Scripta obligationes scriptis tolluntur, et nudi consensus obligatio contrario consensus dissolvitur. Written obligations are superseded by writings, and an obligation of naked assent is dissolved by assent to the contrary.

SCRIPTORIUM. In old records. A place in monasteries, where writing was done. Spelman.

SCRIPUTUM. Lat. A writing; something written. Peta, l. 2, c. 60, § 25.

SCRIPUTUM INDETATUM. A writing indentured; an indenture or deed.

SCRIPUTUM OBLIGATORIUM. A writing obligatory. The technical name of a bond in old pleadings. Any writing under seal.

SCRIVENER. A writer; scribe; conveyancer. One whose occupation is to draw contracts, write deeds and mortgages, and prepare other species of written instruments. Also an agent to whom property is intrusted by others for the purpose of lending it out at an interest payable to his principal, and for a commission or bonus for himself, whereby he gains his livelihood.

Money Scrivener

A money broker. The name was also formerly applied in England to a person (generally an attorney or solicitor) whose business was to find investments for the money of his clients, and see to perfecting the securities, and who was often intrusted with the custody of the securities and the collection of the interest and principal. See Williams v. Walker, 2 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 325.

SCROLL. A mark intended to supply the place of a seal, made with a pen or other instrument of writing. A paper or parchment containing some writing, and rolled up so as to conceal it.

SCROOP'S INN. An obsolete law society, also called "Sergeants' Place," opposite to St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, London.
SCRUET-ROLL. In old practice. A species of roll or record, on which the bail on habeas corpus was entered.

SCRUTATOR. Lat. In old English law. A searcher or bailiff of a river; a water-bailiff, whose business was to look to the king's rights, as to his wrecks, his flotsam, jetsams, water-strays, royal fishes. Hale, de Jure Mar. par. 1, c. 5.

SCURRILOUS. The low and indecent language of the meeker sort of people, low indecency or abuse; mean; foul; vile; synonymous with vulgar; foul or foul-mouthed. U. S. v. Strong (D. C.) 263 F. 789, 796; U. S. v. Ault (D. C.) 263 F. 500, 510.

SCUSUS. In old European law. Shaken or beaten out; threshed, as grain. Spelman.

SCUTAGE. In feudal law. A tax or contribution raised by those that held lands by knight's service, towards furnishing the king's army, at the rate of one, two or three marks for every knight's fee.
A pecuniary composition or commutation made by a tenant by knight-service in lieu of actual service. 2 Bl. Comm. 74.
A pecuniary aid or tribute originally reserved by particular lords, instead of in lieu of personal service, varying in amount according to the expenditure which the lord had to incur in his personal attendance upon the king in his wars. Wright, Ten. 121–134.

SCUTAGIO HABENDO. A writ that anciently lay against tenants by knight's service to serve in the wars, or send sufficient persons, or pay a certain sum. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 83.

SCUTE. A French coin of gold, coined A. D. 1427, of the value of 3s. 4d.

SCUTELLA. A scuttle; anything of a flat or broad shape like a shield. Cowell.

SCUTELELLA ELEEMOSYNARIA. An alms-basket.

SCUTIFER. In old records. Esquire; the same as "armiger." Spelman.

SCUTUM ARMORUM. A shield or coat of arms. Cowell.

SCYRA. In old English law. Shire; county; the inhabitants of a county.

SCYREGEMOTE. In Saxon law. The meeting or court of the shire. This was the most important court in the Saxon policy, having jurisdiction of both ecclesiastical and secular causes. Its meetings were held twice in the year. Its Latin name was "curia comitatis."

SE DEFENDENDO. Lat. In defending himself; in self-defense. Homicide committed se defendendo is excusable.


Beyond Sea
In England, this phrase means beyond the limits of the British Isles; in America, outside the limits of the United States or of the particular state, as the case may be.

High Seas
The ocean; public waters. According to the English doctrine, the high seas begins at the distance of three miles from the coast of any country; according to the American view, at low-water mark, except in the case of small harbors and roadsteads inclosed within the fauces terra. Ross v. McIntyre, 140 U. S. 453, 11 S. Ct. 897, 35 L. Ed. 581; U. S. v. Grush, 26 Fed. Cas. 50; U. S. v. Rodgers, 150 U. S. 249, 14 S. Ct. 109, 37 L. Ed. 1071; Ex parte Byers (D. C.) 32 F. 405. The open ocean outside of the fauces terra, as distinguished from arms of the sea; the waters of the ocean without the boundary of any county. Any waters on the sea-coast which are without the boundaries of low-water mark.

Main Sea
The open, uninclosed ocean; or that portion of the sea which is without the fauces terra on the sea-coast, in contradistinction to that which is surrounded or inclosed between narrow headlands or promontories. People v. Richmond County, 73 N. Y. 380; U. S. v. Grush, 26 Fed. Cas. 48; U. S. v. Rodgers, 150 U. S. 249, 14 S. Ct. 109, 37 L. Ed. 1071; Baker v. Hoag, 7 N. Y. 561, 59 Am. Dec. 431; 2 East, P. C. c. 17, § 10; The Cusco (D. C.) 225 F. 189, 178.

Sea-Batteries
Assaults by masters in the merchant service upon seamen at sea.

Sea-Bed
All that portion of land under the sea that lies beyond the sea-shore.

Sea-Brief
See Sea-Letter.

Sea-Greens
In the Scotch law. Grounds overflowed by the sea in spring tides. Bell.

Sea-Laws
Laws relating to the sea, as the laws of Oleron, etc.

Sea-Letter
A species of manifest, containing a description of the ship's cargo, with the port from which it comes and the port of destination,
This is one of the documents necessary to be carried by all neutral vessels, in the merchant service, in time of war, as an evidence of their nationality. 4 Kent, Comm. 157. See Sleigh v. Hartshorne, 2 Johns. (N. Y.) 540.

Sea-Reeve

An officer in maritime towns and places who took care of the maritime rights of the lord of the manor, and watched the shore, and collected wrecks for the lord. Tomlins.

Sea Rovers

Pirates and robbers at sea.

Sea-shore

The margin of the sea in its usual and ordinary state. When the tide is out, low-water mark is the margin of the sea; and, when the sea is full, the margin is high-water mark. The sea-shore is therefore all the ground between the ordinary high-water mark and low-water mark. It cannot be considered as including any ground always covered by the sea, for then it would have no definite limit on the sea-board. Neither can it include any part of the upland, for the same reason. Storer v. Freeman, 6 Mass. 439, 4 Am. Dec. 135; Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 424; People of Porto Rico v. Fortuna Estates (C. C. A.) 279 F. 500, 505; Bay City Land Co. v. Craig, 72 Or. 31, 143 P. 911, 912; Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. State of New York, 271 U. S. 65, 46 S. Ct. 357, 362, 70 L. Ed. 838; Buras v. Salinovich, 154 La. 495, 97 So. 748, 750. That space of land over which the waters of the sea are spread in the highest water during the winter season. Civ. Code La. art. 492.

Seaworthy, Seaworthiness

See those titles.


A seal is a particular sign, made to attest in the most formal manner, the execution of an instrument. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1930.

Merlin defines a seal to be a plate of metal with a flat surface, on which is engraved the arms of a prince or nation, or private individual, or other device, with which an impression may be made on wax or other substance on paper or parchment in order to authenticate them. The impression thus made is also called a "seal." Répért. mot "Seau."

Common Seal

A seal adopted and used by a corporation for authenticating its corporate acts and executing legal instruments.

Corporate Seal

The official or common seal of an incorporated company or association.

Great Seal

In English law. A seal by virtue of which a great part of the royal authority is exercised. The office of the lord chancellor, or lord keeper, is created by the delivery of the great seal into his custody. There is one great seal for all public acts of state which concern the United Kingdom. Mozley & Whitley. In American law, the United States and also each of the states has and uses a seal, always carefully described by law, and sometimes officially called the "great" seal, though in some instances known simply as "the seal of the United States," or "the seal of the state."

Private Seal

The seal (however made) of a private person or corporation, as distinguished from a seal employed by a state or government or any of its bureaus or departments.

Privy Seal

In English law. A seal used in making out grants or letters patent, preparatory to their passing under the great seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 347.

Public Seal

A seal belonging to and used by one of the bureaus or departments of government, for authenticating or attesting documents, process, or records. An impression made of some device, by means of a piece of metal or other hard substance, kept and used by public authority. Kirksey v. Bates, 7 Port. (Ala.) 584, 31 Am. Dec. 722.

Quarter Seal

In Scotch law. A seal kept by the director of the chancery; in shape and impression the fourth part of the great seal, and called in statutes the "testimonial" of the great seal. Dell.

Seal Days

In English practice. Motion days in the court of chancery, so called because every motion had to be stamped with the seal, which did not lie in court in the ordinary sittings out of term. Wharton.

Seal Office

In English practice. An office for the sealing of judicial writs.

Seal-paper

In English law. A document issued by the lord chancellor, previously to the commencement of the sittings, detailing the business to be done for each day in his court, and in the courts of the lords justices and vice-chancellors. The master of the rolls in like manner issued a seal-paper in respect of the
business to be heard before him. Smith, Ch. Pr. 9.

SEALED. Authenticated by a seal; executed by the affixing of a seal. Also fastened up in any manner so as to be closed against inspection of the contents.

SEALED AND DELIVERED. These words, followed by the signatures of the witnesses, constitute the usual formula for the attestation of conveyances.

SEALED INSTRUMENT. An instrument of writing to which the party to be bound has affixed, not only his name, but also his seal, or (in those jurisdictions where it is allowed) a scroll, (q. v.)

SEALED VERDICT. When the jury have agreed upon a verdict, if the court is not in session at the time, they are permitted (usually) to put their written finding in a sealed envelope, and then separate. This verdict they return when the court again convenes. The verdict thus returned has the same effect, and must be treated in the same manner, as if returned in open court before any separation of the jury had taken place. The process is called "sealing a verdict." Sutliff v. Gilbert, 8 Ohio, 408; Young v. Seymour, 4 Neb. 89.

SEALING. By seals, in matters of succession, is understood the placing, by the proper officer, of seals on the effects of a succession for the purpose of preserving them, and for the interest of third persons. The seals are affixed by order of the judge having jurisdiction. Civ. Code La. art. 1075.

SEALING UP. Where a party to an action has been ordered to produce a document part of which is either irrelevant to the matters in question or is privileged from production, he may, by leave of the court, seal up that part, if he makes an affidavit stating that it is irrelevant or privileged. Danieli, Ch. Pr. 1681. The sealing up is generally done by fastening pieces of paper over the part with gum or wafers. Sweet.

SEALS. In Louisiana. Seals are placed upon the effects of a deceased person, in certain cases, by a public officer, as a method of taking official custody of the succession. See Sealing.

SEAMEN. Sailors; mariners; persons whose business is navigating ships, or who are connected with the ship as such and in some capacity assist in its conduct, maintenance or service. Commonly exclusive of the officers of a ship. Pacific Mail S. S. Co. v. Schmidt (C. C. A.) 214 F. 518, 519; The Owego (D. C.) 292 F. 505, 507; The Buena Ventura (D. C.) 245 F. 797, 800; The Herdis (D. C.) 22 F.(2d) 304, 306; Kuhlman v. W. & A. Fletcher Co. (C. C. A.) 20 F.(2d) 465, 469; The ZR-3 (D. C.) 18 F.(2d) 122, 123; Ex parte Kogi Saito (D. C.) 18 F.(2d) 116, 118; The J. P. Schuh (D. C.) 223 F. 455, 458; De Gae-tano v. Merritt & Chapman Derrick & Wrecking Co., 203 App. Div. 259, 196 N. Y. S. 573, 574; The Hurricane (D. C.) 2 F.(2d) 70, 72; City of Los Angeles v. United Dredging Co. (C. C. A.) 14 F.(2d) 384, 386; The Lillian (D. C.) 10 F.(2d) 148, 148.

SEANCE. In French law. A session; as of some public body.

SEARCH. In International Law

The right of search is the right on the part of ships of war to visit and search merchant vessels during war, in order to ascertain whether the ship or cargo is liable to seizure. Resistance to visitation and search by a neutral vessel makes the vessel and cargo liable to confiscation. Numerous treaties regulate the manner in which the right of search must be exercised. Man. Int. Law, 433; Sweet.

In Criminal Law

An examination of a man's house or other buildings or premises, or of his person, with a view to the discovery of contraband or illicit or stolen property, or some evidence of guilt to be used in the prosecution of a criminal action for some crime or offense with which he is charged.

In Practice

An examination of the official books and dockets, made in the process of investigating a title to land, for the purpose of discovering if there are any mortgages, judgments, taxliens, or other incumbrances upon it.

In General


SEARCH-WARRANT. A search-warrant is an order in writing, issued by a justice or
other magistrate, in the name of the state, directed to a sheriff, constable, or other officer, commanding him to search a specified house, shop, or other premises, for personal property alleged to have been stolen, or for unlawful goods, and to bring the same, when found, before the magistrate, and usually also the body of the person occupying the premises, to be dealt with according to law. Pen. Code Cal. § 1522; Code Ala. 1886, § 4727 (Code 1923, § 5471); Rev. Code Iowa 1850, § 4629 (Code 1881, § 13418).

SEARCHER. In English law. An officer of the customs, whose duty it is to examine and search all ships outward bound, to ascertain whether they have any prohibited or uncustomed goods on board. Wharton. Jacob.

SEATED LAND. See Land.

SEAWAN. The name used by the Algonquin Indians for the shell beads (or wampum) which passed among the Indians as money. Webster.

SEAWORTHINESS. In marine insurance. A warranty of seaworthiness means that the vessel is competent to resist the ordinary attacks of wind and weather, and is competently equipped and manned for the voyage, with a sufficient crew, and with sufficient means to sustain them, and with a captain of general good character and nautical skill. 3 Kent, Comm. 287.

A warranty of seaworthiness extends not only to the condition of the structure of the ship itself, but requires that it be properly laden, and provided with a competent master, a sufficient number of competent officers and seamen, and the requisite appurtenances and equipments, such as ballast, cables and anchors, cordage and sails, food, water, fuel, and lights, and other necessary or proper stores and implements for the voyage. Civil Code Cal. § 2084.

Seaworthiness implies, not alone that the vessel be staunch and sound, but that she be properly manned. The Ralph (D. C.) 233 F. 269, 272.

The term "seaworthy" is somewhat equivocal. In its more literal sense, it signifies capable of navigating the sea; but, more exactly, it implies a condition to be and remain in safety, in the condition she is in, whether at sea, in port, or on a railway, stripped and under repairs. If, when the policy attaches, she is in a suitable place, and capable, when repaired and equipped, of navigating the sea, she is seaworthy. But where a vessel is warranted seaworthy for a specified voyage, the place and usual length being given, something more is implied than mere physical strength and capacity; she must be suitably officered and manned, supplied with provisions and water, and furnished with charts and instruments, and, especially in time of war, with documents necessary to her security against hostile capture. The term "seaworthy," as used in the law and practice of insurance, does not mean, as the term would seem to imply, capable of going to sea or of being navigated on the sea; it imports something very different, and much more, viz., that she is sound, staunch, and strong, in all respects, and equipped, furnished, and provided with officers and men, provisions and documents, for a certain service. In a policy for a definite voyage, the term "seaworthy" means "sufficient for such a vessel and voyage." Cape v. Washington Ins. Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 517, 536; American Merchant Marine Ins. Co. v. Margaret M. Ford Corporation (C. C. A.) 269 F. 768, 769; Henry Gillens Sons Lighterage v. Fernald (C. C. A.) 294 F. 339, 522; The Addison E. Bullard (C. C. A.) 287 F. 674, 677; The Benjamin Noble (C. C. A.) 244 F. 85, 97; Jay Wat Nam v. Anglo-American Line Co. (C. C. A.) 202 F. 822, 825; The Sagamore (C. C. A.) 300 F. 701, 706; Kaufer Co. v. Luckenbach S. B. Co. (C. D.) 294 F. 978, 979; The Jeannie (C. C. A.) 232 F. 463, 465; The City of Dunkirk (D. C.) 10 F.(2d) 699, 611; Cary v. Home Ins. Co., 235 N. Y. 296, 138 N. E. 274, 278; Schirrm v. Dene Steam Shipping Co. (D. C.) 232 F. 597, 599; The Jungenhouse (D. C.) 272 F. 122, 124; The Sagamore (C. C. A.) 300 F. 701, 704; Hamilton v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 258 F. 15, 21; The Benjamin Noble (D. C.) 222 F. 352, 368; Adams v. Bortz (C. C. A.) 279 F. 521, 523; City Motor Trucking Co. v. Franklin Fire Ins. Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., 116 Or. 105, 239 F. 815, 817; Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. v. Watson (C. C. A.) 19 F.(3d) 832, 833; The Newport (C. C. A.) 7 F.(2d) 452, 453.

SEAWSORTHY. This adjective, applied to a vessel, signifies that she is properly constructed, prepared, manned, equipped, and provided, for the voyage intended. See Seaworthiness.

SEBASTOMANIA. See Insanity.

SEC. A want of remedy by distress. Litt. § 218. See Rent. Want of present fruit or profit, as in the case of the reversion without rent or other service, except fealty. Co. Litt. 151b, n. 5.

SECOND. This term, as used in law, may denote either sequence in point of time or inferiority or postponement in respect to rank, lien, order of privilege. As to second "Consign," "Deliverance," "Distress," "Lien," "Mortgage," and "Surecharge," see those titles. As to "Secondhand Evidence," see Evidence. As to "Second of Exchange," see First.


SECONDARY, n. In English practice. An officer of the courts of king's bench and common pleas; so called because he was second or next to the chief officer. In the king's bench he was called "Master of the King's Bench Office," and was a deputy of the prothonotary or chief clerk. 1 Archbr. Pr. K. B. 11, 12. By 46 7 Wm. IV. and 1 Vict. c. 30, the office of secondary was abolished.

An officer who is next to the chief officer. Also an officer of the corporation of London, before whom inquiries to assess damages are held, as before sheriffs in counties. Wharton.
SECONDS. In criminal law. Those persons who assist, direct, and support others engaged in fighting a duel.

SECRET. Concealed; hidden; not made public; particularly, in law, kept from the knowledge or notice of persons liable to be affected by the act, transaction, deed, or other thing spoken of.

Webster defines "secret" as "to deposit in a place of hiding, to hide, to conceal"; and defines the adjective "secret" as "hidden, concealed"; and the noun as "something studiously concealed, a thing kept from general knowledge, what is not revealed."

The Century Dictionary defines the verb "secrete" as "to make or keep secret, hide, conceal, remove from observation, or the knowledge of others"; and defines the adjective "secret" as "set or kept apart, hidden, concealed"; and the noun as "something studiously hidden or concealed, a thing kept from general knowledge, what is not or should not be revealed."


SECRET SERVICE. A branch of government service concerned with the detection of counterfeiters and other offenders, civil or political, committed or threatened by persons who operate in secrecy. It is under the charge of the treasury department. Its rules and regulations, promulgated by the department, are laws within R. S. U. S. § 758 (28 U.S.C.A. § 455), authorizing the issuance by a federal court of the writ of habeas corpus in case of a prisoner in custody for an act done in pursuance of a law of the United States; U. S. v. Fuellhart (C. C.) 106 F. 911.

SECRETARY. The secretary of a corporation or association is an officer charged with the direction and management of that part of the business of the company which is concerned with keeping the records, the official correspondence, with giving and receiving notices, countersigning documents, etc.

The name "secretary" is also given to several of the heads of executive departments in the government of the United States; as the "Secretary of War," "Secretary of the Interior," etc. It is also the style of some of the members of the English cabinet; as the "Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs." There are also secretaries of embassies and legations.

SECRETARY OF DECREES AND INJUNCTIONS. An officer of the English court of chancery. The office was abolished by St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, § 23.

SECRETARY OF EMBASSY. A diplomatic officer appointed as secretary or assistant to an ambassador or minister plenipotentiary.

SECRETARY OF LEGATION. An officer employed to attend a foreign mission and to perform certain duties as clerk.

SECRETARY OF STATE. In American law. This is the title of the chief of the executive bureau of the United States called the "Department of State." He is a member of the cabinet, and is charged with the general administration of the international and diplomatic affairs of the government. In many of the state governments there is an executive officer bearing the same title and exercising important functions. In English law. The secretaries of state are cabinet ministers attending the sovereign for the receipt and dispatch of letters, grants, petitions, and many of the most important affairs of the kingdom, both foreign and domestic. There are five principal secretaries,—one for the home department, another for foreign affairs, a third for the colonies, a fourth for war, and a fifth for India. Wharton.

SECRETARY OF STATE. To conceal or hide away. Particularly, to put property out of the reach of creditors, either by corporally hiding it, or putting the title in another's name, or otherwise hindering creditors from levying on it or attaching it. Pearre v. Hawkins, 62 Tex. 457; Galle v. McNammy, 14 Minn. 522 (Gill 391) 100 Am. Dec. 244; Sturrz v. Fischer, 13 Misc. 410, 36 N. Y. S. 894.

SECRET OF STATE. The production in court of documents containing secrets of state will not be compelled if it would be injurious to the public interest and if the officer in custody of them claims the privilege; Beaton v. Skene, 5 H. & N. 838, per Pollock, C. B.; this is said to include confidential communications made by servants of the Crown to each other; 21 Q. B. D. 512; the question of their production is to be decided by the head of the department having custody of them and not by the court; 5 H. & N. 838; [1830] 1 Ch. 357; 13 Lew. Can. 33 (where the cases were fully considered); Appeal of Hoare, 52 Pa. 433, 27 Am. Rep. 667 (in which Agnew, C. J., vigorously dissented), where a ruling in the trial of Aaron Burr was cited as a precedent. That it is for the judge to pass on the question, see Wigm. Evnt. § 2376. In 21 Q. B. D. 515, Field, J., said that if he were sitting, he should consider himself entitled to examine the documents privately, and ascertain the real motive of the refusal to produce.

SECTA. In old English law. Suit; attendance at court; the plaintiff's suit or following, i.e., the witnesses whom he was required, in the ancient practice, to bring with him and produce in court, for the purpose of confirming his claim, before the defendant was put to the necessity of answering the declaration. See 3 Bl. Comm. 295, 344; Bract. fol. 214a. A survival from this proceeding is seen in the formula still used at the end of declarations, "and therefore he brings his suit." (et inde product sectam.) This word, in its secondary meaning, signifies suit in the courts; lawsuit.

SECTA AD CURIAM. A writ that lay against him who refused to perform his suit either to the county court or the court-baron. Cowell.

SECTA AD FURNUM. In old English law. Suit due to a man's public oven or bake-house. 3 Bl. Comm. 235.

SECTA AD JUSTICIAM FACIENDAM. In old English law. A service which a man is bound to perform by his fee.

SECTA AD MOLENDINUM. A writ which lay for the owner of a mill against the inhabitants of a place where such mill is situated, for not doing suit to the plaintiff's mill; that is, for not having their corn ground at it. Brown.

SECTA AD TORRALE. In old English law. Suit due to a man's kiln or malthouse. 3 Bl. Comm. 235.

SECTA CURIE. In old English law. Suit of court; attendance at court. The service, incumbent upon feudal tenants, of attending the lord at his court, both to form a jury when required, and also to answer for their own actions when complained of.

Secta est pugna civilis; sicut actores armantur actionibus, et, quasi, gladiis accinguntur, ita rei maniantur exceptionibus, et defenduntur, quasi, dypeis. Hob. 20. A suit is a civil warfare; for as the plaintiffs are armed with actions, and, as it were, girded with swords, so the defendants are fortified with pleas, and are defended, as it were, by shields.

SECTA FACIENDA PER ILLAM QUE HABET ENICIAM PARTEM. A writ to compel the heir, who has the elder's part of the coheirs, to perform suit and services for all the coparceners. Reg. Orig. 177.

Secta quae scripto nittitur a scripto variari non debet. Jenk. Cent. 65. A suit which is based upon a writing ought not to vary from the writing.

SECTA REGALIS. A suit so called by which all persons were bound twice in the year to attend in the sheriff's tourn, in order that they might be informed of things relating to the public peace. It was so called because the sheriff's tourn was the king'sleet, and it was held in order that the people might be bound by oath to bear true allegiance to the king. Cowell.

SECTA UNICA TANTUM FACIENDA PRO PLURIBUS HEREDITATIBUS. A writ for an heir who was distracted by the lord to do more suits than one, that he should be allowed to do one suit only in respect of the land of divers heirs descended to him. Cowell.

SECTATORES. Suitors of court who, among the Saxons, gave their judgment or verdict in civil suits upon the matter of fact and law. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law. 22.

SECTION. In text-books, codes, statutes, and other juridical writings, the smallest distinct and numbered subdivisions are commonly called "sections," sometimes "articles," and occasionally "paragraphs." Graves v. Scales, 172 N. C. 015, 90 S. E. 439; Ex parte Pea River Power Co., 207 Ala. 6, 91 So. 829.

SECTION OF LAND. In American land law. A division or parcel of land, on the government survey, comprising one square mile or 640 acres. Each "township" (six miles square) is divided by straight lines into thirty-six sections, and these are again divided into half-sections and quarter-sections. Rural Independent School Dist. of Eden, Clear Lake Tp., Cerro Gordo County, v. Ventura Consol. Independent School Dist., 185 Iowa, 968, 171 N. W. 576; South Florida Farms Co. v. Goodno, 84 Fla. 552, 94 So. 672, 675.

The general and proper acceptance of the terms "section," "half," and "quarter section," as well as their construction by the general land department, depends upon the land in the sectional and subdivisional lines, and not the exact quantity which a perfect admeasurement of an unobstructed surface would declare. Brown v. Hardin, 21 Ark. 327.

SECTIS NON FACIENDIS. A writ which lay for a dowress, or one in wardship, to be free from suit of court. Cowell.

SECTORES. Lat. In Roman law. Purchasers at auction, or public sales.

SECULAR. Not spiritual; not ecclesiastical; relating to affairs of the present world. State v. Smith, 19 Okl. Cr. 184, 108 P. 870, 881.

SECULAR BUSINESS. As used in Sunday laws, this term includes all forms of activity in the business affairs of life, the prosecution of a trade or employment, and commercial dealings, such as the making of promissory notes, lending money, and the like. See Lovejoy v. Whipple, 18 Vt. 388, 46 Am. Dec. 117; Finn v. Donahue, 35 Conn. 217; Allen v.
SECULAR CLERGY. In ecclesiastical law, this term is applied to the parochial clergy, who perform their ministry in seculo (in the world), and who are thus distinguished from the monastic or "regular" clergy. Steph. Comm. 651, note.

SECUNDUM. Lat. In the civil and common law. According to. Occurring in many phrases of familiar use, as follows:

SECUNDUM AEGUM ET BONUM. According to what is just and right.

SECUNDUM ALLEGATA ET PROBATA. According to what is alleged and proved; according to the allegations and proofs. 15 East, 81; Cloutman v. Tunison, 1 Sumn. 375, Fed. Cas. No. 2,907.

SECUNDUM ARTEM. According to the art, trade, business, or science.

SECUNDUM BONOS MORES. According to good usages; according to established custom; regularly; orderly.

SECUNDUM CONSUETUDINEM MANERII. According to the custom of the manor.

SECUNDUM FORMAM CHARTÆ. According to the form of the charter, (deed).

SECUNDUM FORMAM DONI. According to the form of the gift or grant. See Formedon.

SECUNDUM FORMAM STATUTI. According to the form of the statute.

SECUNDUM LEGEM COMMUNEM. According to the common law.

Secundum naturam est commoda cujusque rei eum sequi, quem sequuntur incommoda. It is according to nature that the advantages of anything should attach to him to whom the disadvantages attach. Dig. 50, 17, 10.

SECUNDUM NORMAM LEGIS. According to the rule of law; by the intendment and rule of law.

SECUNDUM REGULAM. According to the rule; by rule.

SECUNDUM SUBJECTAM MATERIAM. According to the subject-matter. 1 BL. Comm. 229. All agreements must be construed secundum subjectam materiam if the matter will hear it. 2 Mod. 80, arg.

SECURE. To give security; to assure of payment, performance, or indemnity; to guaranty or make certain the payment of a debt or discharge of an obligation. One "secures" his creditor by giving him a lien, mortgage, pledge, or other security, to be used in case the debtor fails to make payment. See Pennell v. Rhodes, 9 Q. B. 114; Ex parte Reynolds, 52 Ark. 390, 12 S. W. 570; Foot v. Webb, 59 Barb. (N. Y.) 52.

SECURED CREDITOR. A creditor who holds some special pecuniary assurance of payment of his debt, such as a mortgage or lien. In re Shatz (D. C.) 251 F. 351, 354; Oilfields Syndicate v. American Improvement Co. (C. C. A.) 260 F. 965, 910; Young v. Gordon (C. C. A.) 219 F. 168, 170; In re Thompson (D. C.) 208 F. 207, 208; Baker Lumber Co. v. A. A. Clark Co., 33 Utah, 336, 178 P. 764, 768.

SECUROTAS. In Old English Law

Security; surety.

In the Civil Law

An acquittance or release. Spelman; Calv.

SECURITATEM INVENIENDI. An ancient writ, lying for the sovereign, against any of his subjects, to stay them from going out of the kingdom to foreign parts; the ground whereof is that every man is bound to serve and defend the commonwealth as the crown shall think fit. Fitz. Nat. Brev. 115.

SECURITATIS PACIS. In old English law. Security of the peace. A writ that lay for one who was threatened with death or bodily harm by another, against him who so threatened. Reg. Orig. 88.


Collateral Security

See Collateral.
SECURITY

Counter Security
See Counter.

Marshaling Securities
See Marshaling.

Personal Security
(1) A person's legal and uninterrupted enjoyment of his life, his limbs, his body, his health, and his reputation. 1 Bl. Commm. 129. Sanderson v. Hunt, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 626, 76 S. W. 179. (2) Evidences of debt which bind the person of the debtor, not real property, are distinguished from such as are liens on land by the name of "personal securities." Merrill v. National Bank, 173 U. S. 131, 19 S. Ct. 360, 43 L. Ed. 640.

Public Securities
Bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, and other negotiable or transferable instruments evidencing the public debt of a state or government.

Real Security
The security of mortgages or other liens or incumbrances upon land. See Merrill v. National Bank, 173 U. S. 131, 19 S. Ct. 360, 43 L. Ed. 640.

Security for Costs
See Costs.

Security for Good Behavior
A bond or recognizance which the magistrate exacts from a defendant brought before him on a charge of disorderly conduct or threatening violence, conditioned upon his being of good behavior, or keeping the peace, for a prescribed period, towards all people in general and the complainant in particular.

Securitus expeditiuntur negotia commissa pluribus, et plus vident oculi quam oulius. 4 Coke, 466. Matters intrusted to several are more securely dispatched, and eyes see more than eye, [f. e., "two heads are better than one."]

SECUS. Lat. Otherwise; to the contrary. This word is used in the books to indicate the converse of a foregoing proposition, or the rule applicable to a different state of facts, or an exception to a rule before stated.

SED NON ALLOCATUR. Lat. But it is not allowed. A phrase used in the old reports, to signify that the court disagreed with the arguments of counsel.

SED PER CURIAM. Lat. But by the court. This phrase is used in the reports to introduce a statement made by the court, on the argument, at variance with the propositions advanced by counsel, or the opinion of the whole court, where that is different from the opinion of a single judge immediately before quoted.

SED QUÆRE. Lat. But inquire; examine this further. A remark indicating, briefly, that the particular statement or rule laid down is doubted or challenged in respect to its correctness.

SED VIDE. Lat. But see. This remark, followed by a citation, directs the reader's attention to an authority or a statement which conflicts with or contradicts the statement or principle laid down.

SEDATO ANIMO. Lat. With settled purpose. 5 Mod. 291.

SEDE PLENA. Lat. The see being filled. A phrase used when a bishop's see is not vacant.

SEDENTE CURIA. Lat. The court sitting; during the sitting of the court.

SEDERUNT, ACTS OF. In Scotch law. Certain ancient ordinances of the court of session, conferring upon the courts power to establish general rules of practice. Bell.

SEDES. Lat. A see; the dignity of a bishop. 3 Steph. Comm. 65.

SEdge FLAT. Like "sea-shore," imports a tract of land below high-water mark. Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 421.

SEDITION. An insurrectionary movement tending towards treason, but wanting an overt act; attempts made by meetings or speeches, or by publications, to disturb the tranquillity of the state. Arizona Pub. Co. v. Harris, 20 Ariz. 446, 151 P. 373, 375.

The distinction between "sedition" and "treason" consists in this: that though the ultimate object of sedition is a violation of the public peace, or at least such a course of measures as evidently encourages it, yet it does not aim at direct and open violence against the laws or the subversion of the constitution. Alis. Crim. Law, 580.

In Scotch Law
The raising commotions or disturbances in the state. It is a revolt against legitimate authority. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 14.

In English Law
Sedition is the offense of publishing, verbally or otherwise, any words or document with the intention of exciting disaffection, hatred, or contempt against the sovereign, or the government and constitution of the kingdom, or either house of parliament, or the administration of justice, or of exciting his majesty's subjects to attempt, otherwise than by lawful means, the alteration of any matter in church or state, or of exciting feelings of ill will and hostility between different classes of his majesty's subjects. Sweet. And see State v. Shepherd, 177 Mo. 205, 76 S. W. 79, 90 Am. St. Rep. 624.

SEDITIOUS LIBEL. See Libel.

SEDUCE. To entice a woman to the commission of fornication or adultery, by persua-
sion, solicitation, promises, bribes, or otherwise: to corrupt; to debauch.

The word "seduce," when used with reference to the conduct of a man towards a woman, has a precise and determinate signification, and "ex vi termini" implies the commission of fornication. An information for the crime of seduction need not charge the offense in any other words. State v. Bierce, 27 Comm. 319.

SEDUCING TO LEAVE SERVICE. An injury for which a master may have an action on the case.

SEDUCTION. The act of a man in enticing a woman to commit unlawful sexual intercourse with him, by means of persuasion, solicitation, promises, bribes, or other means without the employment of force.

In order to constitute seduction, the defendant must use insinuating arts to overcome the opposition of the seduced, and must by his wiles and persuasions, without force, debauch her. This is the ordinary meaning and acceptance of the word "seduce." Hogan v. Cregan, 6 Rob. (N. Y.) 130.

SEE. The circuit of a bishop's jurisdiction; or his office or dignity, as being bishop of a given diocese.

SEEN. This word, when written by the drawee on a bill of exchange, amounts to an acceptance by the law merchant. Spear v. Pratt, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 382, 38 Am. Dec. 600; Barnet v. Smith, 30 N. H. 256, 64 Am. Dec. 290; Peterson v. Hubbard, 28 Mich. 197.

SEIGNIOR, in its general signification, means "lord," but in law it is particularly applied to the lord of a fee or of a manor; and the fee, dominions, or manor of a seignior is thence termed a "seigniority," i.e., a lordship. He who is a lord, but of no manor, and therefore unable to keep a court, is termed a "seignior in gross." Kitch. 290; Cowell.

SEIGNIORAGE. A royalty or prerogative of the sovereign, whereby an allowance of gold and silver, brought in the mass to be exchanged for coin, is claimed. Cowell. Mintage; the charge for coining bullion into money at the mint.

SEIGNIORESS. A female superior.


SEIZED IN DEMESNE AS OF FEE. This is the strict technical expression used to describe the ownership in "an estate in fee-simple in possession in a corporeal hereditament." The word "seized" is used to express the "seisin" or owner's possession of a freehold property; the phrase "in demesne," or "in his demesne," (in dominio suo) signifies that he is seized as owner of the land itself, and not merely of the seigniorly or services; and the concluding words, "as of fee," import that he is seized of an estate of inheritance in fee-simple. Where the subject is incorporeal, or the estate expectant on a precedent freehold, the words "in his demesne" are omitted. (Co. Litt. 17a; Fleta, l. 5, c. 5, § 18; Bract. l. 4, tr. 5, c. 2, § 2.) Brown.

SEISI. In old English law. Seised; possessed.

SEISIN. The completion of the feudal investiture, by which the tenant was admitted into the feud, and performed the rights of homage and fealty. Stearns, Real Act. 2.


Upon the introduction of the feudal law into England, the word "seisin" was applied only to the possession of an estate of freehold, in contradistinction to that precarious kind of possession by which tenants in villeinage held their lands, which was considered to be the possession of those in whom the freehold continued. The word still retains its original signification, being applied exclusively to the possession of land of a freehold tenure, it being inaccurate to use the word as expressive of the possession of leaseholds or terms of years, or even of copyholds. Brown.

Under our law, the word "seisin" has no accurately defined technical meaning. At common law, it imported a feudal investiture of title by actual possession. With us it has the force of possession under some legal title or right to hold. This possession, so far as possession alone is involved, may be shown by parol; but, if it is intended to show possession under a legal title, then the title must be shown by proper conveyance for that purpose. Ford v. Garner, 49 Ala. 693.

Every person in whom a seisin is required by any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to have been seised if he may have had any right, title, or interest in the inheritance. Code N. C. 1888, § 1231, rule 12 (Code 1911, § 1654, rule 12).

Actual Seisin

Actual seisin means possession of the freehold by the pedis positio of one's self or one's tenant or agent, or by construction of law, as in the case of a state grant or a conveyance under the statutes of uses, or (probably) of grant or devise where there is no actual adverse possession; it means actual possession as distinguished from constructive possession or possession in law. Carpenter v. Garrett, 75 Va. 129, 133; Carr v. Anderson, 6 App. Div. 6, 39 N. Y. S. 746.

Constructive Seisin

Seisin in law where there is no seisin in fact; as where the state issues a patent to a person who never takes any sort of posses-
sion of the lands granted, he has constructive seisin of all the land in his grant, though another person is at the time in actual possession. Garrett v. Ramsey, 26 W. Va. 351.

Covenant of Seisin
See Covenant.

Equitable Seisin
A seisin which is analogous to legal seisin; that is, seisin of an equitable estate in land. Thus a mortgagor is said to have equitable seisin of the land by receipt of the rents. Sweet.

Livery of Seisin
Delivery of possession; called, by the feudalists, "investiture."

Primer Seisin
In English law. The right which the king had, when any of his tenants died seised of a knight's fee, to receive of the heir, provided he were of full age, one whole year's profits of the lands, if they were in immediate possession; and half a year's profits, if the lands were in reversion, expectant on an estate for life. 2 Bl. Comm. 66.

Quasi Seisin
A term applied to the possession which a copyholder has of the land to which he has been admitted. The freehold in copyhold lands being in the lord, the copyholder cannot have seisin of them in the proper sense of the word, but he has a customary or quasi seisin analogous to that of a freeholder. Williams, Sels. 126; Sweet.

Seisin in Deed
Actual possession of the freehold; the same as actual seisin or seisin in fact. Vanderheyden v. Crandall, 2 Denlo (N. Y.) 21; Backus v. McCoy, 3 Ohio, 221, 17 Am. Dec. 585; Tate v. Jay, 31 Ark. 579.

Seisin in Fact
Possession with intent on the part of him who holds it to claim a freehold interest; the same as actual seisin. Seim v. O'Grady, 42 W. Va. 77, 24 S. E. 994; Savage v. Savage, 19 Or. 112, 23 P. 590, 20 Am. St. Rep. 755.

Seisin in Law

Seisin Ox
In Scotch law. A perquisite formerly due to the sheriff when he gave possession to an heir holding crown lands. It was long since converted into a payment in money, proportioned to the value of the estate. Bell.

Seisina. L. Lat. Selisln.

Seisina facti stipitem. Seisin makes the stock. 2 Bll. Comm. 200; Broom, Max. 525, 528.

Seisina Habenda. A writ for delivery of seisin to the lord, of lands and tenements, after the sovereign, in right of his prerogative, had had the year, day, and waste on a felony committed, etc. Reg. Orig. 165.

Seizin. See Seisin.

Seizing of Heriots. Taking the best beast, etc., where an heriot is due, on the death of the tenant. 2 Bl. Comm. 422.

Seizure.

In Practice
The act performed by an officer of the law, under the authority and exigence of a writ, in taking into the custody of the law the property, real or personal, of a person against whom the judgment of a competent court has passed, condemning him to pay a certain sum of money, in order that such property may be sold, by authority and due course of law, to satisfy the judgment. Or the act of taking possession of goods in consequence of a violation of public law. See Carey v. Insurance Co., 84 Wis. 80, 54 N. W. 18, 20 L. R. A. 267, 36 Am. St. Rep. 907; Goubeau v. Railroad Co., 6 Rob. (La.) 348; Finkler v. Bullard, 2 La. Ann. 328; Pelham v. Rose, 9 Wall. 106, 19 L. Ed. 602; The Josefa Segunda, 10 Wheat. 326, 6 L. Ed. 329.

Seizure, even though hostile, is not necessarily capture, though such is its usual and probable result. The ultimate act or adjudication of the state, by which the seizure has been made, assigns the proper and conclusive quality and denomination to the original proceeding. A condemnation asserts a capture ab initio; an award of restitution pronounces upon the act as having been not a valid act of capture, but an act of temporary seizure only. Appleton v. Crowninshield, 3 Mass. 445.

In the Law of Copyholds
Seizure is where the lord of copyhold lands takes possession of them in default of a tenant. It is either seizure quoque or absolute seizure.

Seizure Quoques. Where the heir on the death of his ancestor postpones claiming admittance from the lord, the lord may, after a reasonable time, and after due proclamation at three successive courts, seize the tenement into his hands quoque, i. e. until an heir appears and claims admittance; Jenks, Mod. Land L 206.

Selda. A shop, shed, or stall in a market; a wood of sawills or willows; also a sawpit. Co. Litt. 4.
SELECT COUNCIL. The name given, in some states, to the upper house or branch of the council of a city.

SELECTI JUDICES. Lat. In Roman law. Judges who were selected very much like our juries. They were returned by the praetor, drawn by lot, subject to be challenged, and sworn. 3 Bl. Comm. 366.

SELECTMEN. The name of certain municipal officers, in the New England states, elected by the towns to transact their general public business, and possessing certain executive powers. See Felch v. Weare, 69 N. H. 617, 45 A. 591.

SELF-DEFENSE. In criminal law. The protection of one’s person or property against some injury attempted by another. The right of such protection. An excuse for the use of force in resisting an attack on the person, and especially for killing an assailant. See Whart. Crim. Law, §§ 1619, 1020.


SELF-MURDER, SELF-DESTRUCTION, or SELF-SLAUGHTER. See Felo de Se; Suicide.

SELION OF LAND. In old English law. A ridge of ground rising between two furrows, containing no certain quantity, but sometimes more and sometimes less. Termes de la Ley.

SELL. To dispose of by sale, (q. v.).

SELLER. One who sells anything; the party who transfers property in the contract of sale. The correlative is “buyer,” or “purchaser.” Though these terms are not applicable to the persons concerned in a transfer of real estate, it is more customary to use “vendor” and “purchaser,” or “vendor” in that case.

SELLETTE. (Fr.). A kind of wooden seat set up in criminal courts in France, on which they placed the accused to undergo his last interrogatory when the conclusions of the counsel for the prosecution went against him with regard to capital punishment or at least penal corporal punishment. It implied moral degradation and was therefore limited to persons accused of crimes entailing corporal punishment. See Ord. Cr. de 1670, Titre IV, art. 21. Abolished by Edict of May 1, 1788. Called a “stool of repentance.”

SELLING PUBLIC OFFICES. Buying or selling any office in the gift of the crown, or making any negotiation relating thereto, was deemed a misdemeanor under stats. 5 & 6 Edw. VI. c. 16, and 49 Geo. III. c. 126. 2 Steph. Com., 11th ed. 631.

SEMYAYNE’S CASE. This case decided, in 1604, that “every man’s house [meaning his dwelling-house only] is his castle,” and that an officer executing civil process may not break open outer doors in general, but only inner doors, but that (after request made) he may break open even outer doors to find goods of another wrongfully in the house. Brown. It is reported in 5 Coke, 91.

SEMBLE. L. Fr. It seems; it would appear. This expression is often used in the réports to prefaze a statement by the court upon a point of law which is not directly decided, when such statement is intended as an intimation of what the decision would be if the point were necessary to be passed upon. It is also used to introduce a suggestion by the reporter, or his understanding of the point decided when it is not free from obscurity.


Semel malus semper prasmiriter esse malus in eodem genere. Whoever is once bad is presumed to be so always in the same kind of affairs. Cro. Car. 317.

SEMESTRIA. Lat. In the civil law. The collected decisions of the emperors in their councils.


SEMINARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A nursery of trees. Dig. 7, 1, 5, 6.

SEMINARY. A place of education. Any school, academy, college, or university in which young persons are instructed in the several branches of learning which may qualify them for their future employments. Webster.

The word is said to have acquired no fixed and definite legal meaning. See Chegaray v. New York, 13 N. Y. 220; Maddox v. Adair (Tex. Civ. App.) 66 S. W. 811; Miami County

SEMINAURAGIUM. Lat. In maritime law. Half-shipwreck, as where goods are cast overboard in a storm; also where a ship has been so much damaged that her repair costs more than her worth. Wharton.

SEMITA. In old English law. A path. Fleta, l. 2, c. 52, § 20.

SEMPER. Lat. Always. A word which introduces several Latin maxims, of which some are also used without this prefix.

Semper in dubiis benigniora praeferenda sunt. In doubtful cases, the more favorable constructions are always to be preferred. Dig. 50, 17, 56.

Semper in dubiis id aggregation, ut quam tuisissimo loco res sit bona fide contracta, nisi quum aperte contra leges scriptum est. In doubtful cases, such a course should always be taken that a thing contracted bona fide should be in the safest condition, unless when it has been openly made against law. Dig. 34, 5, 21.

Semper in obscuris, quod minimum est sequi. In obscure constructions we always apply that which is the least obscure. Dig. 50, 17, 9; Broom, Max. 687n.

Semper in stipulationibus, et in ceteris contractibus, id sequiwm quod actum est. In stipulations and in other contracts we follow that which was done, [we are governed by the actual state of the facts.] Dig. 50, 17, 34.

Semper ita fiat relatio ut valeat dispositio. Reference [of a disposition in a will] should always be so made that the disposition may have effect. 6 Coke, 76b.

Semper necessitas probandi incumbit ei qui agit. The claimant is always bound to prove, [the burden of proof lies on the actor.]

SEMPER PARATUS. Lat. Always ready. The name of a plea by which the defendant alleges that he has always been ready to perform what is demanded of him. 3 Bl. Comm. 203.

Semper præsumitur pro legitimacione puenerum. The presumption always is, in favor of the legitimacy of children. 3 Coke, 98b; Co. Litt. 126a.

Semper præsumitur pro matrimonio. The presumption is always in favor of the validity of a marriage.

Semper præsumitur pro negante. The presumption is always in favor of the one who denies. See 10 Clark & F. 534; 3 El. & Bl. 723.

Semper præsumitur pro sententia. The presumption always is in favor of a sentence. 3 Bulst. 42; Branch, Princ.

Semper qui non prohibit pro se intervenire, mandare creditur. He who does not prohibit the intervention of another in his behalf is supposed to authorize it. 2 Kent, Comm. 616; Dig. 14, 6, 16; Id. 46, 3, 12, 4.

Semper sexus masculinus etiam femininum sexum contingit. The masculine sex always includes the feminine. Dig. 32, 62.

Semper specialia generalibus insunt. Specials are always included in generals. Dig. 50, 17, 147.

SEN. This is said to be an ancient word, which signified "justice." Co. Litt. 61a.

SENAGE. Money paid for synodals.

SENATE. In American Law

The name of the upper chamber, or less numerous branch, of the congress of the United States. Also the style of a similar body in the legislatures of several of the states.

In Roman Law

The great administrative council of the Roman commonwealth.

SENATOR. In Roman Law

A member of the senatus.

In Old English Law

A member of the royal council; a king's councillor.

In American Law

One who is a member of a senate, either of the United States or of a state.

Senatores sunt partes corporis regis. Senators are part of the body of the king. Staundef. 72, E.; 4 Inst. 53, in marg.

SENATORS OF THE COLLEGE OF JUSTICE. The judges of the court of session in Scotland are called "Senators of the College of Justice."

SENA'TUS. Lat. In Roman law. The senate; the great national council of the Roman people.

The place where the senate met. Calvin.

SENA'TUS CONSULTUM. In Roman law. A decision or decree of the Roman senate, having the force of law, made without the concurrence of the people. These enactments began to take the place of laws enacted by popular vote, when the commons had grown so great in number that they could no longer be assembled for legislative purposes. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 33; Hunter Rom. Law, xivii; Inst. 1, 2, 5.

SENA'TUS CONSULTUM MARCI ANUM. A decree of the senate, in relation to the celebration of the Bacchanalian mysteries, enacted in the consulate of Q. Marcus and B. Postumus.
SENATUS CONSULTUM ORFICIANUM. An enactment of the senate (Orficius being one of the consuls and Marcus Antonius emperor) or admitting both sons and daughters to the succession of a mother dying intestate. Inst. 3, 4, pr.

SENATUS CONSULTUM PEGASIANUM. The Pegasian decree of the senate. A decree enacted in the consularship of Pegasus and Puslo, in the reign of Vespasian, by which an heir, who was requested to restore an inheritance, was allowed to retain one-fourth of it for himself. Inst. 2, 23, 5.

SENATUS CONSULTUM TREBELLIANUM. A decree of the senate (named from Trebello, in whose consulate it was enacted) by which it was provided that, if an inheritance was restored under a trust, all actions which, by the civil law, might be brought by or against the heir should be given to and against him to whom the inheritance was restored. Inst. 2, 23, 4; Dig. 36, 1.

SENATUS CONSULTUM ULTIMÆ NESSITATIS. A decree of the senate of the last necessity. The name given to the decree which previously preceded the nomination of a dictator. 1 Bl. Comm. 136.

SENATUS CONSULTUM VELLEIANUM. The Velleian decree of the senate. A decree enacted in the consularship of Velleius, by which married women were prohibited from making contracts. Story, Cond. Laws, § 423.

SENATUS DECRETA. Lat. In the civil law. Decisions of the senate. Private acts concerning particular persons merely.

SENDA. In Spanish law. A path; the right of a path. The right of foot or horse path. White, New Recap. b. 2, tit. 6, § 1.

SENECTUS. Lat. Old age. In the Roman law, the period of senectus, which relieved one from the charge of public office, was officially reckoned as beginning with the completion of the seventieth year. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 138.

SENESCALLUS. In old English law. A seneschal; a steward; the steward of a manor. Flete, 1, 2, c. 72.

SENESCHAL. In old European law. A title of office and dignity, derived from the middle ages, answering to that of steward or high steward in England. Seneschals were originally the lieutenants of the dukes and other great feudatories of the kingdom, and sometimes had the dispensing of justice and high military commands.

SENESCHALLO ET MARESHALLO QUOD NON TENEAT PLACITA DE LIBERO TEMENTO. A writ addressed to the steward and marshal of England, inhibiting them to take cognizance of an action in their court

SENESCUS. Lat. Sense, meaning, signification. Malo sensu, in an evil or derogatory sense. Mitiori sensu, in a milder, less severe, or less stringent sense. Sensu honesto, in an honest sense; to interpret words sensu honesto is to take them so as not to impute impropriety to the persons concerned.

SENSUS VERBORUM EST ANIMA LEGIS. 5 Coke, 2. The meaning of the words is the spirit of the law.

SENSUS VERBORUM EST DUPLEX.—mitis et asper; et verba semper accepiendi sunt in mitiori sensu. 4 Coke, 13. The meaning of words is twofold,—mild and harsh; and words are always to be received in their milder sense.

SENSUS VERBORUM EX CAUSA DIENDE ACCEPIENDUS EST; ET SERMONES SEMPER ACCEPIENDI SUNT SECUN-
dum subjectam materiam. The sense of words is to be taken from the occasion of speaking them; and discourses are always to be interpreted according to the subject-matter. 4 Coke, 135. See 2 Kent, Comm. 555.


Ecclesiastical

In ecclesiastical procedure, "sentence" is analogous to "judgment" (q. v.) in an ordinary action. A definite sentence is one which puts an end to the suit, and regards the principal matter in question. An interlocutory sentence determines only some incidental matter in the proceedings. Phillem. Ecc. Law, 1290.

In General

—Cumulative sentences. Separate sentences (each additional to the others) imposed upon a defendant who has been convicted upon an indictment containing several counts, each of such counts charging a distinct offense, or who is under conviction at the same time for several distinct offenses; one of such sentences being made to begin at the expiration of another. Carter v. McClunghy, 183 U. S. 365, 22 S. Ct. 151, 46 L. Ed. 236; State v. Hamby, 126 N. C. 1066, 35 S. E. 614; Brandon v. Mackey, 122 Kan. 267, 251 P. 176, 177.

—Final sentence. One which puts an end to a case. Distinguishéd from interlocutory.

—Indeterminate sentence. A form of sentence to imprisonment upon conviction of crime, now authorized by statute in several states, which, instead of fixing rigidly the duration of the imprisonment, declares that it shall be for a period "not less than" so many years "nor more than" so many years, or not less than the minimum period prescribed by statute as the punishment for the particular of-

fense nor more than the maximum period, the exact length of the term being afterwards fixed, within the limits assigned by the court or the statute, by an executive authority, (the governor, board of pardons, etc.,) on consideration of the previous record of the convict, his behavior while in prison or while out on parole, the apparent prospect of reformation and other such considerations.

—Interlocutory sentence. In the civil law. A sentence on some indirect question arising from the principal cause. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, ch. 9, no. 49.

—Sentence of death recorded. In English practice. The recording of a sentence of death, not actually pronounced, on the understanding that it will not be executed. Such a record has the same effect as if the judgment had been pronounced and the offender reprieved by the court. Mozley & Whitley. The practice is now disused.

—Simple sentence. (In rhetoric.) See Simple.

—Suspension of sentence. This term may mean either a withholding or postponing the sentencing of a prisoner after the conviction, or a postponement of the execution of the sentence after it has been pronounced. In the latter case, it may, for reasons addressing themselves to the discretion of the court, be indefinite as to time, or during the good behavior of the prisoner. See People v. Webster, 14 Misc. 617, 36 N. Y. S. 745; In re Buchanan, 146 N. Y. 264, 40 N. E. 883.

SENTENTIA. Lat. In the civil law. (1) Sense; import; as distinguished from mere words. (2) The deliberate expression of one's will or intention. (3) The sentence of a judge or court.

Sententia a non judice lata nemini debeat nocere. A sentence pronounced by one who is not a judge should not harm any one. Fleta, l. 6, c. 6, § 7.

Sententia contra matrimonium numquam transit in rem judicatam. 7 Coke, 43. A sentence against marriage never becomes a matter finally adjudged, i. e., res judicat a.


Sententia interlocutoria revocari potest, definitiva non potest. Bac. Max. 20. An interlocutory judgment may be recalled, but not a final.

Sententia non fortis de rebus non liquidis. Sentence is not given upon matters that are not clear. Jenk. Cent. p. 7, case 9.
SEPARABLE CONTROVERSY. In the acts of congress relating to the removal of causes from state courts to federal courts, this phrase means a separate and distinct cause of action existing in the suit, on which a separate and distinct suit might properly have been brought and complete relief afforded as to such cause of action; or the case must be one capable of separation into parts, so that, in one of the parts, a controversy will be presented, wholly between citizens of different states, which can be fully determined without the presence of any of the other parties to the suit as it has been begun. Fraser v. Jennison, 106 U. S. 191, 1 S. Ct. 171, 27 L. Ed. 131; Gudger v. Western N. C. R. Co. (C. C.) 21 F. 81; Security Co. v. Pratt (C. C.) 64 F. 405; Seaboard Air Line Ry. v. North Carolina R. Co. (C. C.) 123 F. 629; Crisp v. Champion Fibre Co., 193 N. C. 77, 136 S. E. 238, 240; City of Winfield v. Wichita Natural Gas Co. (C. C. A.) 207 F. 47, 56; Beal v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co. (D. C.) 208 F. 150, 151; Keenan v. Gladys Belle Oil Co. (D. C.) 11 F. (2d) 418, 420; Steed v. Henry, 129 Ark. 385, 130 S. W. 508, 509; Harrison v. Harrison (D. C.) 5 F. (2d) 1001, 1003; Mace v. Mayfield (D. C.) 10 F. (2d) 231, 232.

SEPARALITER. Lat. Separately. Used in indictments to indicate that two or more defendants were charged separately, and not jointly, with the commission of the offense in question. State v. Edwards, 60 Mo. 490.

SEPARATE. Individual; distinct; particular; disconnected. Generally used in law as opposed to “joint,” though the more usual antithesis of the latter term is “several.” Either of these words implies division, distribution, disconnection, or aloofness. See Merrill v. Pepperdine, 9 Ind. App. 416, 33 N. E. 921; Larzelere v. Starkweather, 38 Mich. 104.

SEPARATE ACTION. As opposed to a joint action, this term signifies an action brought for himself alone by each of several complainants who are all concerned in the same transaction, but cannot legally join in the suit.

SEPARATE DEMISE IN EJECTMENT. A demise in a declaration in ejectment used to be termed a “separate demise” when made by the lessor separately or individually, as distinguished from a demise made jointly by two or more persons, which was termed a “joint demise.” No such demise, either separate or joint, is now necessary in this action. Brown.

SEPARATE ESTATE. The individual property of one of two persons who stand in a social or business relation, as distinguished from that which they own jointly or are jointly interested in. Thus, “separate estate,” within the meaning of the bankrupt law, is that in which each partner is separately interested at the time of the bankruptcy. The term can only be applied to such property as belonged to one or more of the partners, to the exclusion of the rest. In re Lowe, 11 Nat. Bankr. Rep. 221, Fed. Cas. No. 8,564. The separate estate of a married woman is that which belongs to her, and over which her husband has no right in equity. It may consist of lands or chattels. Williams v. King, 29 Fed. Cas. 1,369.

SEPARATE MAINTENANCE. An allowance made to a woman by her husband on their agreement to live separately. This must not be confused with “alimony,” which is judicially awarded upon granting a divorce. See Mitchell v. Mitchell, 31 Colo. 206, 72 P. 1054.

SEPARATE TRIAL. The separate and individual trial of each of several persons jointly accused of a crime.

As to separate “Acknowledgment,” “Covenant,” and “Examination,” see those titles.

SEPARATIM. Lat. In old conveyancing. Severally. A word which made a several covenant. 5 Coke, 234.


—Separation a mensa et thoro. A partial dissolution of the marriage relation.

—Separation order. In England, where a husband is convicted of an aggravated assault upon his wife, the court or magistrate may order that the wife shall be no longer bound to cohabit with him. Such an order has the same effect as a judicial decree of separation on the ground of cruelty. It may also provide for the payment of a weekly sum by the husband to the wife and for the custody of the children. Sweet.

SEPARATION OF PATRIMONY. In Louisiana probate law. The creditors of the succession may demand, in every case and against every creditor of the heir, a separation of the property of the succession from that of the heir. This is what is called the “separation of patrimony.” The object of a separation of patrimony is to prevent property out of which a particular class of creditors have a right to be paid from being confounded with other property, and by that means made liable to the debts of another class of creditors. Civ. Code La. art. 1444.

SEPARATISTS. Secessors from the Church of England. They, like Quakers, solemnly affirm, instead of taking the usual oath, before they give evidence.
SEPES. Lat. In old English law. A hedge or inclosure. The inclosure of a trench or canal. Dig. 43, 21, 4.

SEPTENNIAL ACT. In English law. The statute 1 Geo. I. St. 2, c. 38. The act by which a parliament has continuance for seven years, and no longer, unless sooner dissolved; as it always has, in fact, been since the passing of the act. Wharton.

SEPTUAGESIMA. In ecclesiastical law. The third Sunday before Quadragesima Sunday, being about the seventieth day before Easter.

SEPTUM, Lat.

In Roman Law
An inclosure; an enclosed place where the people voted; otherwise called "orde."

In Old English Law
An inclosure or close. Cowell.

SEPTUNX. Lat. In Roman law. A division of the as, containing seven uncies, or duodecimal parts; the proportion of seven-twelfths. Tayl. Civil Law, 492.

SEPULCHRE. A grave or tomb. The place of Internment of a dead human body. The violation of sepulchres is a misdemeanour at common law.

SEPULTURA. Lat. An offering to the priest for the burial of a dead body.


SEQUATUR SUB SUO PERICULO. In old English practice. A writ which issued where a sheriff had returned nihil upon a summones ad warrantandum, and after an alias and plurices had been issued. So called because the tenant lost his lands without any recovery in value, unless upon that writ he brought the voucher into court. Rosc. Real Act. 268; Cowell.

SEQUELA. L. Lat. In old English law. Suit; process or prosecution. Sequela causae, the process of a cause. Cowell.

SEQUELA CURIEÆ. Suit of court. Cowell.

SEQUELA VILLANORUM. The family retinue and appurtenances to the goods and chattels of villeins, which were at the absolute disposal of the lord. Par. Antiq. 213.

SEQUELS. Small allowances of meal, or manufactured victual, made to the servants at a mill where corn was ground, by tenure, in Scotland. Wharton.

SEQUESTER, v.

In the Civil Law
To renounce or disclaim, etc. As when a widow came into court and disclaimed having anything to do with her deceased husband's estate, she was said to sequester. The word more commonly signifies the act of taking in execution under a writ of sequestration. Brown.

To deposit a thing which is the subject of a controversy in the hands of a third person, to hold for the contending parties.

To take a thing which is the subject of a controversy out of the possession of the contending parties, and deposit it in the hands of a third person. Calvin.

In Equity Practice
To take possession of the property of a defendant, and hold it in the custody of the court, until he purges himself of a contempt.

In English Ecclesiastical Practice
To gather and take care of the fruits and profits of a vacant benefice, for the benefit of the next incumbent.

In International Law
To confiscate; to appropriate private property to public use; to seize the property of the private citizens of a hostile power, as when a belligerent nation sequesters debts due from its own subjects to the enemy. See 1 Kent, Comm. 62.

SEQUESTER, n. Lat. In the civil law. A person with whom two or more contending parties deposited the subject-matter of the controversy.

SEQUESTRARI FACIAS. In English ecclesiastical practice. A process in the nature of a levare facias, commanding the bishop to enter into the rectory and parish church, and to take and sequester the same, and hold them until, of the rents, tithes, and profits thereof, and of the other ecclesiastical goods of a defendant, he have levied the plaintiff's debt. 3 Bl. Comm. 418; 2 Archb. Pr. 1294.

SEQUESTRATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The separating or setting aside of a thing in controversy, from the possession of both parties that contend for it. It is two-fold—voluntary, done by consent of all parties; and necessary, when a judge orders it. Brown.

SEQUESTRATION.

In Equity Practice
A writ authorizing the taking into the custody of the law of the real and personal estate (or rents, issues, and profits) of a defendant who is in contempt, and holding the same until he shall comply. It is sometimes directed to the sheriff, but more commonly to four commissioners nominated by the complainant. 3 Bl. Comm. 444; Ryan v. Kingsbery, 88 Ga. 361, 14 S. E. 596.

In Louisiana
A mandate of the court, ordering the sheriff, in certain cases, to take in his possession,
and to keep, a thing of which another person has the possession, until after the decision of a suit, in order that it be delivered to him who shall be adjudged entitled to have the property or possession of that thing. This is what is properly called a “judicial sequestration.” Code Prac. La. art. 269; American Nat. Bank v. Childs, 49 La. Ann. 1859, 22 So. 354.

In Contracts

A species of deposit which two or more persons, engaged in litigation about anything, make of the thing in contest with an indifferent person who binds himself to restore it, when the issue is decided, to the party to whom it is adjudged to belong. Civ. Code La. art. 2973.

In Ecclesiastical Law

The act of the ordinary in disposing of the goods and chattels of one deceased, whose estate no one will meddle with. Cowell. Or, in other words, the taking possession of the property of a deceased person, where there is no one to claim it.

Also, where a benefice becomes vacant, a sequestration is usually granted by the bishop to the church-wardens, who manage all the profits and expenses of the benefice, plow and sow the glebe, receive tithes, and provide for the necessary care of souls. Sweet.

In International Law

The seizure of the property of an individual, and the appropriation or it to the use of the government.

Mayor's Court

In the mayor's court of London, “a sequestration is an attachment of the property of a person in a warehouse or other place belonging to and abandoned by him. It has the same object as the ordinary attachment, viz., to compel the appearance of the defendant to an action,” and, in default, to satisfy the plaintiff's debt by appraisement and execution.

In General

—Judicial sequestration. In Louisiana, a mandate ordering the sheriff in certain cases to take into his possession and to keep a thing of which another person has the possession until after the decision of a suit in order that it may be delivered to him who shall be adjudged to have the property or possession of it. Baldwin v. Black, 119 U. S. 643, 7 S. Ct. 326, 30 L. Ed. 530.

SEQUESTRATOR. One to whom a sequestration is made. One appointed or chosen to perform a sequestration, or execute a writ of sequestration.

SEQUESTRO HABENDO. In English ecclesiastical law. A judicial writ for the discharging a sequestration of the profits of a church benefice, granted by the bishop at the sovereign's command, thereby to compel the parson to appear at the suit of another. Upon his appearance, the parson may have this writ for the release of the sequestration. Reg. Jud. 36.

Sequae debet potestia justitiæ non procedere. 2 Inst. 454. Power should follow justice, not precede it.

SERF. In the feudal polity, the serfs were a class of persons whose social condition was servile, and who were bound to labor and onerous duties at the will of their lords. They differed from slaves only in that they were bound to their native soil, instead of being the absolute property of a master.

SERGEANT. In military law. A non-commissioned officer, of whom there are several in each company of infantry, troop of cavalry, etc. The term is also used in the organization of a municipal police force.

—Sergeant at arms. See Serjeant.

—Sergeant at law. See Serjeant.

—Town sergeant. In several states, an officer having the powers and duties of a chief constable or head of the police department of a town or village.

SERIATIM. Lat. Severally; separately; individually; one by one.


SERIOUS ILLNESS. In life insurance. An illness that permanently or materially impairs, or is likely to permanently or materially impair, the health of the applicant. Not every illness is serious. An illness may be alarming at the time, or thought to be serious by
the one afflicted, and yet not be serious in the sense of that term as used in insurance contracts. An illness that is temporary in its duration, and entirely passes away, and is not attended, nor likely to be attended, by a permanent or material impairment of the health or constitution, is not a serious illness. It is not sufficient that the illness was thought serious at the time it occurred, or that it might have resulted in permanently impairing the health. Continental Casualty Co. v. Owen, 38 Okl. 107, 131 P. 1084, 1087; Schas v. Equitable Life Assur. Society of United States, 170 N. C. 429, 67 S. E. 222, 223, Ann. Cas. 1918A, 679; Fishbeck v. New York Life Ins. Co., 179 Wis. 369, 192 N. W. 170, 175; American Nat. Ins. Co. v. Hicks (Tex. Civ. App.) 198 S. W. 616, 622.

SERJEANT. The same word etymologically with "sergeant," but the latter spelling is more commonly employed in the designation of military and police officers, (see Sergeant,) while the former is preferred when the term is used to describe certain grades of legal practitioners and certain officers of legislative bodies. See infra.

Common Serjeant
A judicial officer attached to the corporation of the city of London, who assists the recorder in disposing of the criminal business at the Old Bailey sessions, or central criminal court. Brown.

Serjeant at Arms
An executive officer appointed by, and attending on, a legislative body, whose principal duties are to execute its warrants, preserve order, and arrest offenders.

Serjeant at Law
A barrister of the common-law courts of high standing, and of much the same rank as a doctor of law is in the ecclesiastical courts. These serjeants seem to have derived their title from the old knights templar, (among whom there existed a peculiar class under the denomination of "freres sergens," or "fratres servientes,";) and to have continued as a separate fraternity from a very early period in the history of the legal profession. The barristers who first assumed the old monastic title were those who practiced in the court of common pleas, and until a recent period (the 25th of April, 1854, 9 & 10 Vict. c. 54) the serjeants at law always had the exclusive privilege of practice in that court. Every judge of a common-law court, previous to his elevation to the bench, used to be created a serjeant at law; but since the judicature act this is no longer necessary. Brown.

Serjeant of the Maze
In English law. An officer who attends the lord mayor of London, and the chief magistrates of other corporate towns. Holthouse.

Serjeants' Inn
The inn to which the serjeants at law belonged, near Chancery lane; formerly called "Paryndon Inn."

Serjeantia idem est quod servitium. Co. Litt. 105. Serjeanty is the same as service.

SERJEANY. A species of tenure by knight service, which was due to the king only, and was distinguished into grand and petit serjeany. The tenant holding by grand serjeany was bound, instead of attending the king generally in his wars, to do some honorary service to the king in person, as to carry his banner or sword, or to be his butler, champion, or other officer at his coronation. Petit serjeanty differed from grand serjeanty, in that the service rendered to the king was not of a personal nature, but consisted in rendering him annually some small implement of war, as a bow, sword, arrow, lance, or the like. Cowell; Brown.

SERMENT. In old English law. Oath; an oath.

Sermo index animi. 5 Coke, 118. Speech is an index of the mind.

Sermonus relatus ad personam intelligi debet de conditione personarum. Language which is referred to a person ought to be understood of the condition of the person. 4 Coke, 16.

Sermone semper accipiendi sunt secundum subjectam materiam, et conditionem personarum. 4 Coke, 14. Language is always to be understood according to its subject-matter, and the condition of the persons.

SERPENT—VENOM REACTION. A test for insanity by means of the breaking up of the red corpuscles of the blood of the suspected person on the injection of the venom of cobras or other serpents; recently employed in judicial proceedings in some European countries and in Japan.

SERRATED. Notched on the edge; cut in notches like the teeth of a saw. This was anciently the method of trimming the top or edge of a deed of indenture. See Indent, v.

SERVAGE, in feudal law, was where a tenant, besides payment of a certain rent, found one or more workmen for his lord's service. Tomlins.

Servanda est consuetudo loci ubi causa agitur. The custom of the place where the action is brought is to be observed. Decoeche v. Saverier, 3 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 190, 219, 8 Am. Dec. 478.

SERVANT. A person in the employ of another and subject to his control as to what work shall be done and the means by which it shall be accomplished. Marsh v. Berald, 260 Mass. 225, 157 N. E. 347, 349; Republic Iron & Steel Co. v. McLaughlin, 200 Ala. 204,
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SERVE. In Scotch practice. To render a verdict or decision in favor of a party claiming to be an heir; to declare the fact of his heirship judicially. A jury are said to serve a claimant heir, when they find him to be heir, upon the evidence submitted to them. Bell.

As to serving papers, etc., see Service of Process.

SERVI.

In Old European Law
Lat. Slaves; persons over whom their masters had absolute dominion.

In Old English Law
Bondmen; servile tenants. Cowell.

SERVI REDEMPTIOINE. Criminal slaves in the time of Henry I. 1 Kemble, Sax. 197, (1849).

SERVICE.

In Contracts
The being employed to serve another; duty or labor to be rendered by one person to another, the former being bound to submit his will to the direction and control of the latter. Cameron v. State Theater Co., 256 Mass. 466, 152 N. E. 880, 881; Ludwig v. Pacific Fire Ins. Co. of New York, 204 N. Y. S. 465, 486, 123 Misc. 189. The act of serving; the labor performed or the duties required. State ex rel. King v. Board of Trustees of Firemen’s Pension Fund of Kansas City, 192 Mo. App. 583, 194 S. W. 929, 930.

“Service” and “employment” generally imply that the employer, or person to whom the service is due, both selects and compensates the employee, or person rendering the service. Ledvinka v. Home Ins. Co. of New York, 159 Md. 434, 155 A. 595, 597, 19 A. L. R. 167.

The term is used also for employment in one of the offices, departments, or agencies of the government; as in the phrases “civil service,” “public service,” “military service,” etc. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co. v. School Dist. No. 1 in Yuma County, 63 Colo. 159, 165 P. 260, 263; Miller v. Illinois Bankers’ Life Ass’n, 138 Ark. 442, 212 S. W. 310, 311, 7 A. L. R. 378.

In Domestic Relations
The “services” of a wife, for the loss of which, occasioned by an injury to the wife, the husband may recover in an action against the tort-feaser, include whatever of aid, assistance, comfort, and society the wife would be expected to render to or bestow upon her husband in the circumstances in which they were situated. Thompson v. Aultman & Taylor Mach. Co., 96 Kan. 259, 150 P. 557, and in all the relations of domestic life, Little Rock Gas & Fuel Co. v. Coppedge, 116 Ark. 334, 172 S. W. 885, 889.

In Feudal Law
Service was the consideration which the feudal tenants were bound to render to the lord in recompense for the lands they held of him. The services, in respect of their quality, were either free or base services, and, in respect of their quantity and the time of effecting them, were either certain or uncertain. 2 Bl. Comm. 60.

In Practice
The exhibition or delivery of a writ, notice, injunction, etc., by an authorized person, to a person who is thereby officially notified of some action or proceeding in which he is concerned, and is thereby advised or warned of some action or step which he is commanded to take or to forbear. See Walker v. State, 52 Ala. 193; U. S. v. McMahon, 164 U. S. 51, 17 Sup. Ct. 28, 41 L. Ed. 357; Sanford v. Dick, 17 Conn. 213; Cross v. Barber, 16 R. I. 296, 15 A. 69; Safford v. Fellows, 221 N. Y. S. 197, 210 App. Div. 805; Rylas v. Commissioners of Tattnall County, 12 Ga. App. 221, 77 S. E. 8, 9; Foreman v. Hilton Co. (C. C. A.) 260 F. 608, 611; In re Tengwall Co. (C. C. A.) 201 F. 82, 84; Martin v. Hawkins (Tex. Civ. App.) 228 S. W. 991.

In General
—Civil service. See that title.
—Constructive service of process. Any form of service other than actual personal service;
notification of an action or of some proceeding therein, given to a person affected by sending it to him in the mails or causing it to be published in a newspaper.

—Personal service. Personal service of a writ or notice is made by delivering it to the person named, in person, Georgia Casualty Co. v. McClure (Tex. Civ. App.) 239 S. W. 644, 647, or handing him a copy and informing him of the nature and terms of the original. Leaving a copy at his place of abode is not personal service. Moyer v. Cook, 12 Wis. 336. But where a person named in a summons is of unsound mind, service upon the guardian of such person may be deemed "personal service." Patton v. Grand Trust & Savings Co., 135 Ind. 313, 144 N. E. 26, 29. Some courts hold to the view that the mailing of a notice is not personal service, State ex rel. Schuhart, 296 Mo. 156, 246 S. W. 196, 200, but others, interpreting the term as it is found in statutes, take a contrary view. United States ex rel. Proctor Mfrs. Co. v. Illinois Surety Co. (C. C. A.) 228 F. 314, 315; Hood v. Texas Employers' Ins. Ass'n (Tex. Civ. App.) 260 S. W. 243, 245 (registered mail); Kramm v. Stockton Electric R. Co., 22 Cal. App. 737, 136 P. 523, 527 (express).

—Salvage service. See Salvage.

—Secular service. Worldly employment or service, as contrasted with spiritual or ecclesiastical.

—Service by publication. Service of a summons or other process upon an absent or non-resident defendant, by publishing the same as an advertisement in a designated newspaper, with such other efforts to give him actual notice as the particular statute may prescribe.

—Service of an heir. An old form of Scotch law, fixing the right and character of an heir to the estate of his ancestor. Bell.

—Service of process. The service of writs, summonses, rules, etc., signifies the delivering to or leaving them with the party to whom or with whom they ought to be delivered or left; and, when they are so delivered, they are then said to have been served. Usually a copy only is served and the original is shown. Brown.

—Special service. In Scotch law. That form of service by which the heir is served to the ancestor who was feudally vested in the lands. Bell.

—Substituted service. This term generally denotes any form of service of process other than personal service, such as service by mail or by publication in a newspaper; but it is sometimes employed to denote service of a writ or notice on some person other than the one directly concerned, for example, his attorney of record, who has authority to represent him or to accept service for him.

SERVICES FONCIERS. Fr. These are, in French law, the easements of English law. Brown.

SERVIDUMBRE. In Spanish law. A servitude. The right and use which one man has in the buildings and estates of another, to use them for the benefit of his own. Las Partidas, 3, 31, 1.

SERVIENS AD CLAVAM. Serjeant at mace. 2 Mod. 38.

SERVIENS AD LEGEM. In old English practice. Serjeant at law.

SERVIENS DOMINI REGIS. In old English law. King's serjeant; a public officer, who acted sometimes as the sheriff's deputy, and had also judicial powers. Bract. folia 145b, 1505, 320, 353.

SERVIENS NARRATOR. A serjeant-at-law, q. v.

SERVIENT. Serving; subject to a service or servitude. A servient estate is one which is burdened with a servitude. Burdine v. Sewell, 92 Fla. 375, 109 So. 648, 652; Saratoga State Waters Corporation v. Pratt, 227 N. Y. 429, 125 N. E. 834, 838.

SERVIENT TENEMENT. An estate in respect of which a service is owing, as the dominant tenement is that to which the service is due.

SERVIENTibus. Certain writs touching servants and their masters violating the statutes made against their abuses. Reg. Orig. 159.

Servile est explicationis crimen; sola innocencia libera. 2 Inst. 573. The crime of theft is slavish; innocence alone is free.

Servitia personalia sequuntur personam. 2 Inst. 374. Personal services follow the person.

SERVIITII ACQUIETANDIS. A judicial writ for a man distrained for services to one, when he owes and performs them to another, for the acquittal of such services. Reg. Jud. 27.

SERVIITUM. Lat. In feudal and old English law. The duty of obedience and performance which a tenant was bound to render to his lord, by reason of his fee. Speelman.

SERVIITUM FEODALE ET PRÆDIALE. A personal service, but due only by reason of lands which were held in fee. Bract. l. 2, c. 16.

SERVIITUM FORINSECUM. Forinsec, foreign, or extra service; a kind of service that was due to the king, over and above (foris) the service due to the lord.
Servitium, in lego Anglia, regulariter accipitur pro servito quod per tenantes dominis suis debetur ratione foedi sui. Co. Litt. 65. Services, by the law of England, means the service which is due from the tenants to the lords, by reason of their fee.

SERVI T IUM INTRINSECUM. Instrinsic or ordinary service; the ordinary service due the chief lord, from tenants within the fee. Bract. fol. 63. 369.

SERVI T IUM LIBERUM. A service to be done by feodatory tenants, who were called "liberi homines," and distinguished from vassals, as was their service, for they were not bound to any of the base services of plowing the lord's land, etc., but were to find a man and horse, or go with the lord into the army, or to attend the court, etc. Cowell.

SERVI T IUM MILITARE. Knight-service; military service. 2 Bl. Comm. 62.

SERVI T IUM REGALE. Royal service, or the rights and prerogatives of manors which belonged to the king as lord of the same, and which were generally reckoned to be six, viz.: Power of judicature, in matters of property; power of life and death, in felonies and murder; a right to wuls and strays; assessments; minting of money; and assise of bread, beer, weights, and measures. Cowell.

SERVI T IUM SCUTI. Service of the shield; that is, knight-service.

SERVI T IUM SOKÆ. Service of the plow; that is, socage.

SERVITOR. A serving-man; particularly applied to students at Oxford, upon the foundation, who are similar to sizars at Cambridge. Wharton.

SERVITORS OF BILLS. In old English practice. Servants or messengers of the marshal of the king's bench, sent out with bills or writs to summon persons to that court. Now more commonly called "tintalves." Cowell.

SERVI T IUM. The Condition of being Bound to Service
The state of a person who is subjected, voluntarily or otherwise, to another person as his servant. Shilling v. State, 143 Miss. 709, 109 So. 737, 739.

-Involuntary servitude. See Involuntary.

-Penal servitude. In English criminal law, a punishment which consists in keeping the offender in confinement and compelling him to labor.

A Charge or Burden
A charge or burden resting upon one estate for the benefit or advantage of another; a species of incorporeal right derived from the civil law (see Servitus) and closely corresponding to the "easement" of the common law, except that "servitude" rather has relation to the burden or the estate burdened, while "easement" refers to the benefit or advantage to the estate to which it appertains. See Nellis v. Munson, 24 Hun. N. Y.) 536; Rowe v. Nally, 81 Md. 367, 32 Atl. 186; Los Angeles Terminal Land Co. v. Muir, 136 Cal. 36, 68 P. 208; Launier v. Francis, 28 Mo. 184; Bigger v. Parker, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 145, 54 Am. Dec. 744; Kieffer v. Imhoff, 26 Pa. 438.

The term "servitude," in its original and popular sense, signifies the duty of service, or rather the condition of one who is liable to the performance of services. The word, however, in its legal sense, is applied figuratively to things. When the freedom of ownership in land is fettered or restricted, by reason of some person, other than the owner thereof, having some right therein, the land is said to "serve" such person. The restricted condition of the ownership or the right which forms the subject-matter of the restriction is termed a "servitude," and the land so burdened with another's right is termed a "servient tenement," while the land belonging to the person enjoying the right is called the "dominant tenement." The word "servitude" may be said to have both a positive and a negative signification; in the former sense denoting the restrictive right belonging to the entitled party; in the latter, the restrictive duty entailed upon the proprietor or possessor of the servient land. Brown.

Classification
All servitudes which affect lands may be divided into two kinds,—personal and real. Personal servitudes are those attached to the person for whose benefit they are established, and terminate with his life. This kind of servitude is of three sorts,—usurstruct, use, and habitation. Real servitudes, which are also called "predial" or "landed" servitudes, are those which the owner of an estate enjoys on a neighboring estate for the benefit of his own estate. They are called "predial" or "landed" servitudes because, being established for the benefit of an estate, they are rather due to the estate than to the owner personally. Civ. Code La. art. 646; Stephenson v. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. of Texas (Tex. Civ. App.) 181 S. W. 568, 572; Frost-Johnson Lumber Co. v. Salling's Heirs, 150 La. 756, 91 So. 207, 245; Tide-Water Pipe Co. v. Bell, 280 Pa. 104, 124 A. 351, 354, 40 A. L. R. 1516.

Real servitudes are divided, in the civil law, into rural and urban servitudes. Rural servitudes are such as are established for the benefit of a landed estate; such, for example, as a right of way over the servient tenement, or of access to a spring, a coal-mine, a sand-pit, or a wood that is upon it. Urban servitudes are such as are established for the benefit of one building over another. (But
the buildings need not be in the city, as the same would apparently imply.) They are such as the right of support, or of view, or of drip or sewer, or the like. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 316, et seq.

Servitudes are also classed as positive and negative. A positive servitude is one which obliges the owner of the servient estate to permit or suffer something to be done on his property by another. A negative servitude is one which does not bind the servient proprietor to permit something to be done upon his property by another, but merely restrains him from making a certain use of his property which would impair the easement enjoyed by the dominant tenement. See Rowe v. Nally, 81 Md. 367, 32 A. 198.

SERVITUS. Lat. In the civil law. Slavery; bondage; the state of service. Defined as "an institution of the conventional law of nations, by which one person is subjected to the dominion of another, contrary to natural right." Inst. 1, 3, 2.

Also a service or servitude; an easement.

SERVITUS ACTUS. The servitude or right of walking, riding, or driving over another's ground. Inst. 2, 3, pr. A species of right of way.

SERVITUS ALTUS NON TOLLENDI. The servitude of not building higher. A right attached to a house, by which its proprietor can prevent his neighbor from building his own house higher. Inst. 2, 3, 4.

SERVITUS AQUÆ DUCENDÆ. The servitude of leading water; the right of leading water to one's own premises through another's land. Inst. 2, 3, pr.

SERVITUS AQUÆ EDUCENDÆ. The servitude of leading off water; the right of leading off the water from one's own onto another's ground. Dig. 8, 3, 29.

SERVITUS AQUÆ HAURIENDÆ. The servitude or right of draining water from another's spring or well. Inst. 2, 3, 2.

SERVITUS CLOACÆ MITTENDÆ. The servitude or right of having a sewer through the house or ground of one's neighbor. Dig. 8, 1, 7.

Servitus est constitutio iure gentium qua quis domino alieno contra naturam subjiciatur. Slavery is an institution by the law of nations, by which a man is subjected to the dominion of another, contrary to nature. Inst. 1, 3, 2; Co. Litt. 116.

SERVITUS FUMI IMMITTENDI. The servitude or right of leading off smoke or vapor through the chimney or over the ground of one's neighbor. Dig. 8, 5, 8, 5-7.

SERVITUS ITINERIS. The servitude or privilege of walking, riding, and being carried over another's ground. Inst. 2, 3, pr. A species of right of way.

SERVITUS LUMINUM. The servitude of lights; the right of making or having windows or other openings in a wall belonging to another, or in a common wall, in order to obtain light for one's building. Dig. 8, 2, 4.

SERVITUS NE LUMINIBUS OFFICIATUR. A servitude not to hinder lights; the right of having one's lights or windows obstructed or darkened by a neighbor's building, etc. Inst. 2, 3, 4.

SERVITUS NE PROSPECTUS OFFENDATUR. A servitude not to obstruct one's prospect, i.e., not to intercept the view from one's house. Dig. 8, 2, 15.

SERVITUS ONERIS FERENDI. The servitude of bearing weight; the right to let one's building rest upon the building, wall, or pillars of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317.

SERVITUS PASCENDI. The servitude of pasturing; the right of pasturing one's cattle on another's ground; otherwise called "jus pasceendi." Inst. 2, 3, 2.

SERVITUS PECORIS AD AQUAM ADPULSAM. A right of driving one's cattle on a neighbor's land to water.

SERVITUS PRÆDII RUSTICI. The servitude of a rural or country estate; a rural servitude. Inst. 2, 3, pr., and 3.

SERVITUS PRÆDII URBANI. The servitude of an urban or city estate; an urban servitude. Inst. 2, 3, 1.

SERVITUS PRÆDITORUM. A prædial servitude; a service, burden, or charge upon one estate for the benefit of another. Inst. 2, 3, 3.

SERVITUS PROJICIENDI. The servitude of projecting; the right of building a projection from one's house in the open space belonging to one's neighbor. Dig. 8, 2, 2.

SERVITUS PROSPECTUS. A right of prospect. This may be either to give one a free prospect over his neighbor's land or to prevent a neighbor from having a prospect over one's own land. Dig. 8, 2, 15; Domat, 1, 1, 8.

SERVITUS STILLICIDII. The right of drip; the right of having the water drip from the eaves of one's house upon the house or ground of one's neighbor. Inst. 2, 3, 1, 4; Dig. 8, 2, 2.

SERVITUS TIGNI IMMITTENDI. The servitude of letting in a beam; the right of inserting beams in a neighbor's wall. Inst. 2, 3, 1, 4; Dig. 8, 2, 2.

SERVITUS VÆ. The servitude or right of way; the right of walking, riding, and driving over another's land. Inst. 2, 3, pr.
OPUS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A slave; a bondman. Inst. 1, 3, pr.; Bract. fol. 4b.

SESS. In English law. A tax, rate, or assessment.

SESSIO. Lat. In old English law. A sitting; a session. Sessio parlamenti, the sitting of parliament. Cowell.

SESSION. The sitting of a court, Legislature, council, commission, etc., for the transaction of its proper business. Hence, the period of time, within any one day, during which such body is assembled in form, and engaged in the transaction of business, or, in a more extended sense, the whole space of time from its first assembling to its prorogation or adjournment sine die. Rails v. Wyand, 40 Okl. 323, 138 P. 158, 162.

Synonyms

Strictly speaking, the word "session," as applied to a court of justice, is not synonymous with the word "term." The "session" of a court is the time during which it actually sits for the transaction of judicial business, and hence terminates each day with the rising of the court. A "term" of court is the period fixed by law, usually embracing many days or weeks, during which it shall be open for the transaction of judicial business and during which it may hold sessions from day to day. But this distinction is not always observed, many authorities using the words interchangeably. See Lip v. State, 19 Tex. App. 433; Stefani v. State, 124 Ind. 3, 24 N. E. 254; Mansfield v. Mutual Ben. L. Ins. Co., 63 Conn. 579, 29 A. 137; Helm v. Brammer, 14 Ind. 605, 44 N. E. 638; Cresap v. Cresap, 54 W. Va. 501, 48 S. E. 582; U. S. v. Dietrich (C. C.) 126 F. 660; Wood Oil Co. v. Commonwealth, 196 Ky. 193, 244 S. W. 429, 431; Application of Morarvity, 44 Nev. 164, 191 P. 360, 361; Lewis County Pub. Co. v. Lewis County Court, 75 W. Va. 235, 83 S. E. 693, 695; Curry v. McCaffery, 47 Mont. 191, 131 P. 673, 675; Muse v. Harris, 122 Okl. 250, 254 P. 72, 73; State v. City of Victoria, 97 Kan. 688, 150 P. 705, 708; Nation v. Save-ly, 127 Okl. 117, 250 P. 32, 33.

In General

—Court of session. The supreme civil court of Scotland, instituted A. D. 1562, consisting of thirteen (formerly fifteen) judges, viz., the lord president, the lord justice clerk, and eleven ordinary lords.

—General sessions. A court of record, in England, hold by two or more justices of the peace, for the execution of the authority given them by the commission of the peace and certain statutes. General sessions held at certain times in the four quarters of the year pursuant to St. 2 Hen. V. are properly called "quarter sessions," (q. v.,) but intermediate general sessions may also be held. Sweet.

—Great session of Wales. A court which was abolished by St. 1 Wm. IV. c. 70. The proceedings now issue out of the courts at Westminster, and two of the judges of the superior courts hold the circuits in Wales and Cheshire, as in other English counties. Wharton.

—Joint session. In parliamentary practice, a meeting together and commingling of the two houses of a legislative body, sitting and acting together as one body, instead of separately in their respective houses. Snow v. Hudson, 59 Kan. 378, 43 P. 262.

—Petty sessions. In English law. A special or petty session is sometimes kept in corporations and counties at large by a few justices, for dispatching smaller business in the neighborhood between the times of the general sessions; as for licensing alehouses, passing the accounts of the parish officers, etc. Brown.

—Quarter sessions. See that title.

—Regular session. An ordinary, general, or stated session, (as of a legislative body,) as distinguished from a special or extra session.

—Session laws. The name commonly given to the body of laws enacted by a state Legislature at one of its annual or biennial sessions. So called to distinguish them from the "compiled laws" or "revised statutes" of the state.

—Session of the peace, in English law, is a sitting of justices of the peace for the exercise of their powers. There are four kinds—petty, special, quarter, and general sessions.

—Sessional orders. Certain resolutions which are agreed to by both houses at the commencement of every session of the English parliament, and have relation to the business and convenience thereof; but they are not intended to continue in force beyond the session in which they are adopted. They are principally of use as directing the order of business. Brown.

—Sessions. A sitting of justices in court upon their commission, or by virtue of their appointment, and most commonly for the trial of criminal cases. The title of several courts in England and the United States, chiefly those of criminal jurisdiction. Burrill.

—Special sessions. In English law. A meeting of two or more justices of the peace held for a special purpose, (such as the licensing of alehouses,) either as required by statute or when specially convoked, which can only be convened after notice to all the other magistrates of the division, to give them an opportunity of attending. Stone, J. Pr. 52, 55.

SET. This word appears to be nearly synonymous with "lease." A lease of mines is frequently termed a "mining set." Brown.
SET ASIDE. To set aside a judgment, decree, award, or any proceedings is to cancel, annul, or revoke them at the instance of a party unjustly or irregularly affected by them. State v. Primm, 61 Mo. 171; Brandt v. Brandt, 40 Or. 477, 67 P. 508.

SET DOWN. To set down a cause for trial or hearing at a given term is to enter its title in the calendar, list, or docket of causes which are to be brought on at that term.

SET OF EXCHANGE. In mercantile law. Foreign bills are usually drawn in duplicate or triplicate, the several parts being called respectively “first of exchange,” “second of exchange,” etc., and these parts together constitute a “set of exchange.” Any one of them being paid, the others become void.


Set-off is a defense which goes not to the justice of the plaintiff’s demand, but sets up a demand against the plaintiff to counter-balance his in whole or in part. Code Ga. 1882, § 2599 (Civ. Code 1910, § 4330).

For the distinction between set-off and recoupmement, see Recoupment.

“Set-off” differs from a “lien,” inasmuch as the former belongs exclusively to the remedy, and is merely a right to insist, if the party think proper to do so, when sued by his creditor on a counter-demand, which can only be enforced through the medium of judicial proceedings; while the latter is, in effect, a substitute for a suit. 2 Op. Atty. Gen. 677.

SET OUT. In pleading. To recite or narrate facts or circumstances; to allege or aver; to describe or to incorporate; as, to set out a deed or contract. First Nat. Bank v. Engelbercht, 58 Neb. 639, 79 N. W. 556; U. S. v. Watkins, 28 Fed. Cas. 438; Powder Valley State Bank v. Hudelson, 74 Or. 191, 144 P. 494, 497.

SET UP. To bring forward or allege, as something relied upon or deemed sufficient; to propose or interpose, by way of defense, explanation, or justification; as, to set up the statute of limitations, etc., offer and rely upon it as a defense to a claim.

SETI. As used in mining laws, lease. Brown.


SETTLE. To adjust, ascertain, or liquidate; to pay. Parties are said to settle an account when they go over its items and ascertain and agree upon the balance due from one to the other. And, when the party indebted pays such balance, he is also said to settle it. Auszerais v. Naglee, 74 Cal. 60, 35 P. 371; Jackson v. Ely, 57 Ohio St. 450, 49 N. E. 792; People v. Green, 5 Daly (N. Y.) 201; Lynch v. Nugent, 80 Iowa, 425, 49 N. W. 61; Jeff Davis County v. Davis (Tex. Civ. App.) 192 S. W. 291, 295; Gilna v. Barker, 78 Misc. 357, 254 P. 174, 177; National Surety Co. v. Johnson, 115 Or. 624, 239 P. 538, 540; M. Zimmerman Co. v. Goldberg, 69 Pa. Super. Ct. 254, 255; State Bank of Stratford v. Young, 159 Iowa, 375, 140 N. W. 376, 380.

The meaning of the word “settle” depends on the context in which it is used and upon the subject-matter and the circumstances surrounding its use. Williams v. Marine Bank of Norfolk, 132 Va. 379, 111 S. E. 94, 95; Setzer v. Moore, 202 Cal. 333, 260 P. 550, 552.

To settle property is to limit it, or the income of it, to several persons in succession, so that the person for the time being in the possession or enjoyment of it has no power to deprive the others of their right of future enjoyment. Sweet.

To settle a document is to make it right in form and in substance. Documents of difficulty or complexity, such as mining leases, settlements by will or deed, partnership agreements, etc., are generally settled by counsel. Id.
The term “settle” is also applied to paupers.

**Settle up.** A term, colloquial rather than legal, which is applied to the final collection, adjustment, and distribution of the estate of a decedent, a bankrupt, or an insolvent corporation. It includes the processes of collecting the property, paying debts and charges, and turning over the balance to those entitled to receive it.

In an instrument executed in compliance with the statute of wills, appointing an executor to “settle up” all property, both personal and real, and making the granddaughters of testatrix each equal heirs with her own children, the words “settle up” are used in the sense of “divide up.” Moon v. Stewart, 87 Ohio St. 349, 101 N. E. 344, 347, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 48, Ann. Cas. 1914A, 104.

**Settled estate.** See Estate.

**Settling a bill of exceptions.** When the bill of exceptions prepared for an appeal is not accepted as correct by the respondent, it is settled (i.e., adjusted and finally made conformable to the truth) by being taken before the judge who presided at the trial, and by him put into a form agreeing with his minutes and his recollection. See Railroad Co. v. Cone, 37 Kan. 587, 15 P. 499; In re Prout’s Estate (Supr.) 11 N. Y. Supp. 160; State v. Ayers, 52 Mont. 62, 155 P. 276, 277; State v. Wilson, 43 Okl. 112, 141 P. 426, 428; Schaefer v. Whitson, 31 N. M. 96, 241 P. 31, 34; Bryant v. Mundorf, 180 Iowa, 882, 179 N. W. 125, 127; Green v. Commonwealth, 181 Ky. 253, 204 S. W. 82, 83.

**Settling day.** The day on which transactions for the “account” are made up on the English stock-exchange. In consols they are monthly; in other investments, twice in the month.

**Settling interrogatories.** The determination by the court of objections to interrogatories and cross-interrogatories prepared to be used in taking a deposition.

**Settling issues.** In English practice, arranging or determining the form of the issues in a cause. “Where, in any action, it appears to the judge that the statement of claim or defense or reply does not sufficiently disclose the issues of fact between the parties, he may direct the parties to prepare issues; and such issues shall, if the parties differ, be settled by the judge.” Judicature Act 1873, schedule, art. 19.

**SETTLEMENT.**

**In Conveyancing.**

A disposition of property by deed, usually through the medium of a trustee, by which its enjoyment is limited to several persons in succession, as a wife, children, or other relatives.

In General

—Act of settlement. The statute 12 & 13 Wm. III. c. 2, by which the crown of England was limited to the house of Hanover, and some new provisions were added at the same time for the better securing the religion, laws, and liberties.

—Deed of settlement. A deed made for the purpose of settling property, i.e., arranging the mode and extent of the enjoyment thereof. The party who settles property is called the "settlor," and usually his wife and children or his creditors or his near relations are the beneficiaries taking interests under the settlement. Brown.

—Equity of settlement. The equitable right of a wife, when her husband sues in equity for the reduction of her equitable estate to his own possession, to have the whole or a portion of such estate settled upon herself and her children. Also a similar right now recognized by the equity courts as directly to be asserted against the husband. Also called the "wife's equity."

—Final settlement. This term, as applied to the administration of an estate, is usually understood to have reference to the order of court approving the account which closes the business of the estate, and which finally discharges the executor or administrator from the duties of his trust. Roberts v. Spencer, 112 Ind. 85, 13 N. E. 129; Sims v. Waters, 65 Ala. 445.

—Strict settlement. This phrase was formerly used to denote a settlement whereby land was limited to a parent for life, and after his death to his first and other sons or children in tail, with trustees interposed to preserve contingent remainder. 1 Steph. Comm. 392, 333. In England, a settlement to the use of the settlor for life, and after his death to the use that his widow may receive a rent charge (or jointure), subject to these life interests, to trustees for a long term of years in trust to raise by mortgage on the term a sum of money for the portions for his younger children, and subject thereto to the use of his first and other sons successively and the heirs male of their bodies, with the ultimate remainder in default of issue to the settlor in fee simple.

—Voluntary settlement. A settlement of property upon a wife or other beneficiary, made gratuitously or without valuable consideration.

SETTLER. A person who, for the purpose of acquiring a pre-emption right, has gone upon the land in question, and is actually resident there. See Hume v. Gracy, 86 Tex. 671, 27 S. W. 584; Davis v. Young, 2 Dana (Ky.) 289; McIntyre v. Sherwood, 82 Cal. 139, 22 P. 937.

SETTLOR. The grantor or donor in a deed of settlement.

SEVER. To separate. When two joint defendants separate in the action, each pleading separately his own plea and relying upon a separate defense, they are said to sever.

SEVERABLE. Admitting of severance or separation, capable of being divided; separable; capable of being severed from other things to which it was joined, and yet maintaining a complete and independent existence. Huntington & Plake Co. v. Lake Erie Lumber & Supply Co., 106 Ohio St. 488, 143 N. E. 132, 135; Regent Walet Co. v. O. J. Marris Division Store Co., 88 W. Va. 593, 106 S. E. 712, 714; Kohn v. Orenstein, 12 Del. Ch. 344, 114 A. 165, 167; State ex rel. Dolman v. Dickey, 288 Mo. 92, 231 S. W. 582, 585; Lawson v. Muse, 150 Mo. App. 35, 165 S. W. 396, 397.

SEVERAL. Separate; individual; independent; severable. In this sense the word is distinguished from "joint." Also exclusive; individual; appropriated. In this sense it is opposed to "common." Lawson v. Muse, 150 Mo. App. 35, 165 S. W. 396, 397; Dickson v. Yates, 194 Iowa, 910, 188 N. W. 948, 950, 27 A. L. R. 533; City of Momence v. Kirby, 315 Ill. 138, 146 N. E. 142; Townsend v. Roof, 210 Mo. App. 293, 237 S. W. 189, 190; L. L. Satler Lumber Co. v. Exler, 236 Pa. 135, 96 A. 793, 798.

SEVERAL ACTIONS. Where a separate and distinct action is brought against each of two or more persons who are all liable to the plaintiff in respect to the same subject-matter, the actions are said to be "several." If all the persons are joined as defendants in one and the same action, it is called a "joint" action.

SEVERAL INHERITANCE. An inheritance conveyed so as to descend to two persons severally, by moieties, etc.

SEVERAL ISSUES. This occurs where there is more than one issue involved in a case. 3 Steph. Comm. 560.

SEVERALLY. Distinctly, separately, apart from others. State Nat. Bank v. Reilly, 124 Ill. 471, 14 N. E. 657. When applied to a number of persons the expression severally liable usually implies that each one is liable alone. Fruyn v. Black, 21 N. Y. 301.

SEVERALTY. A state of separation. An estate in severalty is one that is held by a person in his own right only, without any other person being joined or connected with him, in point of interest, during his estate therein. 2 Bl. Comm. 179.

The term “severalty” is especially applied, in England, to the case of adjoining meadows undivided from each other, but belonging, either permanently or in what are called “shifting severalties,” to separate owners, and held in severalty until the crops have been carried, when the whole is thrown open as pasture for the cattle of all the owners, and in some cases for the cattle of other persons as well; each owner is called a “severalty owner,” and his rights of pasture are called “severalty rights,” as opposed to the rights of persons not owners. Cooke, Incl. Acts, 47, 1833.

SEVERALTY, ESTATE IN. An estate which is held by the tenant in his own right only, without any other being joined or connected with him in point of interest during the continuance of his estate. 2 Bl. Com. 179.

SEVERANCE. In Pleading

Separation; division. The separation by defendants in their pleas; the adoption, by several defendants, of separate pleas, instead of joining in the same plea. Steph. Pl. 257.

In Estates

The destruction of any one of the unities of a joint tenancy. It is so called because the estate is no longer a joint tenancy, but is severed.

The word “severance” is also used to signify the cutting of the crops, such as corn, grass, etc., or the separating of anything from the realty. Brown.

SEVERE. Within the meaning of a life insurance policy, severe illness means such an illness as has, or ordinarily does have, a permanent, detrimental effect upon the physical system. Roos v. Life Ins. Co., 64 N. Y. 236; Pickens v. Security Ben. Ass'n, 117 Kan. 473, 231 P. 1016, 1019, 40 A. L. R. 654.

SEWAGE SYSTEM. A system of sewers for the drainage of foul waters of a community. Pioneer Real Estate Co. v. City of Portland, 119 Or. 1, 247 P. 519, 521.

SEWARD, or SEAWARD. One who guards the sea-coast; custos maris.

SEWER. A fresh-water trench or little river, encompassed with banks on both sides, to drain off surplus water into the sea. Cowell. Properly, a trench artificially made for the purpose of carrying water into the sea, or (a river or pond). Crabb, Real Prop. § 113; Bennett v. New Bedford, 110 Mass. 433.

In its modern and more usual sense, an artificial (usually under-ground or covered) channel used for the drainage of two or more separate buildings. See Valparaiso v. Parker, 148 Ind. 379, 47 N. E. 330; Fuchs v. St. Louis, 187 Mo. 620, 76 S. W. 610, 57 L. R. A. 136; State Board of Health v. Jersey City, 55 N. J. Eq. 116, 35 A. 385; Aldrich v. Palme, 106 Iowa, 461, 76 N. W. 812.

In this sense the term is opposed to “drain,” which is a channel used for carrying off the drainage of one building or set of buildings in one curtilage. Sweet. See, also, 1884 I Q. B. 233.

“Sewers” differ from “drains” only in that the former are in cities, and generally covered over, while the latter are in rural communities, and open.


Commissioners of Sewers

In English law. The court of commissioners of sewers is a temporary tribunal erected by virtue of a commission under the great seal. Its jurisdiction is to overlook the repairs of sea-banks and sea-walls, and the cleansing of public rivers, streams, ditches, and other conduits whereby any waters are carried off, and is confined to such county or particular district as the commission expressly names. Brown.

Public Sewer

One which serves the public and connects with and receives the discharges from district sewers. Rush v. Grandy, 66 Mont. 222, 213 F. 242, 243. See, also, Williams v. Hybakmann (Mo. App.) 247 S. W. 203, 206; Schwabe v. Moore, 187 Mo. App. 74, 172 S. W. 1157, 1159.

Sewer Outlet

As used in a statute, that portion of a sewer which serves no other purpose than to connect the sewer system with the point of discharge. Moguard v. Robinson, 48 N. D. 850, 187 N. W. 142, 143.

Trunk Sewer

One which bears the same relation to a system of sewers that the trunk of a tree bears to its branches. Rush v. Grandy, 66 Mont. 222, 213 F. 242, 243.

SEX. The sum of the peculiarities of structure and function that distinguish a male from a female organism; the character of being male or female. Webster, Dict.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY. In ecclesiastical law. The second Sunday before Lent, being about the sixtieth day before Easter.

SEXHINDENI. In Saxon law. The middle thanes, valued at 600s.
SEXTANS. Lat. In Roman law. A subdivision of the as, containing two unciae; the proportion of two-twelfths, or one-sixth. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note.

SEXTARY. In old records. An ancient measure of liquids, and of dry commodities; a quart or seam. Spelman.

SEXTERY LANDS. Lands given to a church or religious house for maintenance of a sexton or sacristan. Cowell.

SEXTON. An attendant or caretaker in a church building, usually with care of the attached burying ground.

SEXTUS DECRETALIUM. Lat. The sixth (book) of the decretals; the sext, or sixth decretal. So called because appended, in the body of the canon law, to the five books of the decretals of Gregory IX.; it consists of a collection of supplementary decretals, and was published A. D. 1288. Butl. Flor. Jur. 172; 1 Bl. Comm. 82.


SEXUAL INSTINCT, INVERSION AND PERVERSION OF. See Insanity; Pederasty; Sodomy.


SHACK. In English law. The straying and escaping of cattle out of the lands of the owners into other uncinclosed land; an intercomming of cattle. 2 H. Bl. 416.

It sometimes happens that a number of adjacent fields, though held in severalty, i.e., by separate owners, and cultivated separately, are, after the crop on each parcel has been carried in, thrown open as pasture to the cattle of all the owners. "Arable lands cultivated on this plan are called 'shack fields,' and the right of each owner of a part to feed cattle over the whole during the autumn and winter is known in law as 'common of shack,' a right which is distinct in its nature from common because of vicinage, though sometimes said to be nearly identical with it." Elton, Commons, 30; Sweet.

SHAFT. An opening in the ground or in structures. Franklin v. Webber, 93 Or. 151, 152 P. 819, 820.


Although the word usually denotes an obligation, it also implies an element of futurity. State v. Griffin, 85 N. J. Law. 613, 90 A. 285, 286; Cunningham v. Long, 125 Me. 494, 135 A. 188, 200; Hemsley v. McKinn, 119 Md. 431, 87 A. 506, 511; Albright v. Van Voorhis (N. J. Ch.) 104 A. 27, 29.
SHAM. False;—said of a pleading. Germer- 
Co., 169 Minn. 85, 189 N. W. 887, 888. A sham 
pleading is therefore one good in form, but 
false in fact. Boilen v. Woodhams, 63 Colo. 
322, 190 P. 427.

For sham "Answer," "Plea," and "Reply," 
see those titles.

SHANGHAI. To drug, intoxicate, or render 
insensible and ship as a sailor,—usually to 
secure advance money or a premium. Web-
ster, Dict.

Under federal law, procuring or inducing, or at-
tempting to do so, by force, or threats, or by re-
presentations which one knows or believes to be un-
true, or while the person is intoxicated or under 
the influence of any drug, to go on board of any 
vessel, or agree to do so, to perform service or la-
tor thereon, such vessel being engaged in inter-
state or foreign commerce, on the high seas or any 
navigable water of the United States, or knowing-
ly to detain on board such vessel such person, so 
procured or induced, or knowingly aiding or abet-
ting such things, is an offense. See 18 USC § 144.

SHARE, v. To partake; enjoy with others; 
have a portion of. Cook v. Worthington, 116 
Ark. 328, 173 S. W. 385, 396; People v. Sigers, 

SHARE, n. A portion of anything. A whole 
may be divided into shares which may or may 
not be equal. Hellings v. Wright, 29 Cal. 
App. 649, 156 P. 365, 367.

In the law of corporations and joint-stock 
companies, a definite portion of the capital of 
a company.

A share of corporate stock is the right which the 
shareholder has to participate according to the 
number of shares in the surplus profits of the cor-
poration on a division and in the assets or capital 
stock remaining after payment of its debts on dis-
solution, and is created by the joint action of the 
corporation and the shareholder, and imports a con-
tribution to the capital stock by the shareholder 
and acceptance thereof by the corporation. United 
States Radiator Corporation v. State, 208 N. Y. 144, 
101 N. E. 785, 785, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 585. See, also, 
Hook v. Hoffman, 15 Ariz. 540, 147 P. 723, 725; Hayes 
v. St. Louis Union Trust Co., 317 Mo. 1023, 296 S. 
W. 91, 87, 50 A. L. R. 1278; In re Sutherland (D. C.) 
21 F.(2d) 665, 670; Turner v. Cattleman’s Trust Co. 

—Share and share alike. In equal shares or 
proportions. Jenne v. Jenne, 271 Ill. 526, 111 
N. E. 540, 543; Rogers v. Burress, 189 Ky. 768, 
251 S. W. 953, 951. The words commonly in-
dicate per capita division. Burton v. Cahill, 
192 N. C. 505, 135 S. E. 352, 355; and they 
may be applied to a division between classes 
as well as to a division among individuals; 
Laisure v. Richards, 56 Ind. App. 301, 103 N. 
E. 679, 682; Tucker v. Nugent, 117 Me. 10, 102 
A. 307, 310.

—Share-certificate. A share-certificate is an 
instrument under the seal of the company, 
certifying that the person therein named 
is entitled to a certain number of shares; it 
is prima facie evidence of his title thereto. 
Lindl. Partn. 150, 1187. See, also, Frank Gil-
bert Paper Co. v. Frankard, 204 App. Div. 83, 
298 N. Y. S. 25, 28; Furr v. Chapman (Tex. 

SHARE-WARRANT. A share-warrant to 
bearer is a warrant or certificate under the 
seal of the company, stating that the bearer 
of the warrant is entitled to a certain num-ner or amount of fully paid up shares or 
stock. Coupons for payment of dividends 
may be annexed to it. Delivery of the share-
warrant operates as a transfer of the shares or 
stock. Sweet.

SHAREHOLDER. Strictly, a person who has 
agreed to become a member of a corporation 
or company, and with respect to whom all the 
required formalities have been gone through; 
e. g., signing of deed of settlement, regist-
tration, or the like. A shareholder by estop-
nel is a person who has acted and been treat-
ed as a shareholder, and consequently has 
the same liabilities as if he were an ordinary 
shareholder. Lindl. Partn. 130. See Beal v. 
State v. Mitchell, 104 Tenn. 333, 38 S. W. 365; 
McCandless v. Haskins (D. C.) 20 F.(2d) 688, 
691.

SHARP. A “sharp” clause in a mortgage or 
other security (or the whole instrument de-
scribed as “sharp”) is one which empowers 
the creditor to take prompt and summary ac-
tion upon default in payment or breach of 
other conditions.

SHARPING CORN. A customary, gift of 
corn, which, at every Christmas, the farmers 
in some parts of England give to their smiths 
for sharpening their plow-irons, harrow-tines, 
etc. Blount.

SHASTER. In Hindu law. The instrument 
of government or instruction; any book of 
instructions, particularly containing Divine 
oracles. Wharton.

SHAVE. Sometimes used to denote the act 
of obtaining the property of another by op-
pression and extortion. Also used in an in-
ocent sense to denote the buying of existing 
notes and other securities for money, at a 
discount. Hence to charge a man with using 
money for shaving is not libelous per se. See 
Stone v. Cooper, 2 Deno (N. Y.) 301; Trent-
ham v. Moore, 111 Tenn. 346, 78 S. W. 804; 
Bronson v. Wiman, 10 Barh. (N. Y.) 428.

SHAW. In old English law. A wood. Co. 
Litt. 4b.

SHAWATOES. Soldiers. Cowell.

SHEDING. A riding, tithing, or division in 
the Isle of Man, where the whole island is 
divided into six shedings, in each of which 
there is a coroner or chief constable appoint-
ed by a delivery of a red rod at the Tihewald
SHEEP. A term which ordinarily includes rams, ewes, and lambs. Panhandle & S. P. Ry. Co. v. Bell (Tex. Civ. App.) 120 S. W. 1097, 1098. But in the Stat. 7 & 8 Geo. IV., c. 29, § 23, making it a felony to steal any "ram, ewe, sheep, or lamb," the word "sheep" should be used in indictments only when it is intended to refer to a wether more than a year old. Rex v. Birket, 4 Car. & P. 216.

SHEEP-HEAVES. Small plots of pasture, in England, often in the middle of the waste of a manor, of which the soil may or may not be in the lord, but the pasture is private property, and leased or sold as such. They principally occur in the northern counties, (Cooke, Incl. Acts, 44,) and seem to be corporate hereditaments, (Elton, Commons, 35,) although they are sometimes classed with rights of common, but erroneously, the right being an exclusive right of pasture. Sweet.

SHEEP-SILVER. A service turned into money, which was paid in respect that anciently the tenants used to wash the lord's sheep. Wharton.

SHEEP-SKIN. A deed; so called from the parchment it was written on.

SHEEP-WALK. A right of sheep-walk is the same thing as a fold-course, (q. v.) Elton, Commons, 44.

SHEETING. In a technical sense, a form of plie driving, being the lining of timber to a caisson or cofferdam formed of sheet piles or piles with flanking between them. Mazzarisi v. Ward & Tully, 126 N. Y. S. 964, 170 App. Div. 808.

SHELL SHOCK. This denotes not a distinct type of nervous disorder, but a condition produced on certain organisms by sudden fear, or by highly exciting causes: it is a form of neurosis; it is not settled, general insanity, but a functional nervous disease, and not due to organic changes. People v. Gilberg, 240 P. 1000, 1002, 197 Cal. 306. See, also, Shock.

SHELLEY'S CASE, RULE IN. "When the ancestor, by any gift or conveyance, taketh an estate of freehold, and in the same gift or conveyance an estate is limited, either medially or immediately, to his heirs in fee or in tail, 'the heirs' are words of limitation on the estate, and not words of purchase." 1 Coke, 104; Walker v. Butner, 187 N. C. 553, 122 S. E. 301, 302; Winchell v. Winchell, 259 Ill. 471, 102 N. E. 823, 824; Stout v. Good, 245 Pa. 383, 91 A. 613, 615; Tyndale v. McLaughlin, 84 N. J. Eq. 652, 95 A. 117, 119; Jenkins v. Hogg, 139 Va. 682, 124 S. E. 392, 394; Gordon v. Cadwalader, 142 Cal. 509, 130 P. 18, 19; McHatton's Estate v. Peale's Estate (Tex. Civ. App.) 248 S. W. 103, 105. Intimately connected with the quantity of estate which a tenant may hold in reality is the antique feudal doctrine generally known as the "Rule in Shelley's Case," which is reported by Lord Coke in 1 Coke, 99 (2 Eli. in C. 33). This rule was not first laid down or established in that case, but was then simply admitted in argument as a well-founded and settled rule of law, and has always since been quoted as the "Rule in Shelley's Case." Wharton. The rule was adopted as a part of the common law of this country, and in many of the states still prevails. It has been abolished in most of them.

SHELTER. This term, in a statute relating to the provision of food, clothing, and shelter for one's children, means a home with proper environments, as well as protection from the weather. Hummel v. State, 73 Ind. App. 12, 126 N. E. 441, 446.

SHEREFFE. The body of the lordship of Cardiff in South Wales, excluding the members of it. Fowell, Hist. Wales, 126.

SHERIFF. In American Law

The chief executive and administrative officer of a county, being chosen by popular election. His principal duties are in aid of the criminal courts and civil courts of record; such as serving process, summoning juries, executing judgments, holding judicial sales and the like. He is also the chief conservator of the peace within his territorial jurisdiction. See State v. Finn, 4 Mo. App. 352; Com. v. Martin, 9 Kulp (Pn.) 89; In re Executive Communication, 13 Fla. 687; Pearce v. Stephens, 18 App. Div. 101, 45 N. Y. Supp. 422; Denson v. Sneed, 13 N. C. 140; Hockett v. Alston, 119 N. J. 818, 49 C. C. A. 150; Harston v. Langston (Tex. Civ. App.) 229 S. W. 648, 650. When used in statutes, the term may include a deputy sheriff. Lainer v. Town of Greenville, 174 N. C. 311, 93 S. E. 560, 563.

In English Law

The principal officer in every county, who has the transacting of the public business of the county. He is an officer of great antiquity, and was also called the "shire-reeve," "reeve," or "balliff." He is called in Latin "vicecomes," as being the deputy of the earl or comes, to whom the custody of the shire was committed. The duties of the sheriff principally consist in executing writs, precepts, warrants from justices of the peace for the apprehension of offenders, etc. Brown.

In Scotch Law

The office of sheriff differs somewhat from the same office under the English law, being, from ancient times, an office of important judicial power, as well as ministerial. The sheriff exercises a jurisdiction of considerable extent, both of civil and criminal character, which is, in a proper sense, judicial, in addition, to powers resembling those of an English sheriff. Tomlins; Bell.
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abolished till 1887. It had a limited criminal jurisdiction.

SHERIFFALTY, or SHRIEVALTY. The time of a man's being sheriff. Cowell. The term of a sheriff's office. Also, the office itself.


SHERERRIE. A word used by the authorities of the Roman Church, to specify contemptuously the technical parts of the law, as administered by non-clerical lawyers. Wharton.

SHEWER. In the practice of the English high court, when a view by a jury is ordered, persons are named by the court to show the property to be viewed, and are hence called "shewers." There is usually a shewer on behalf of each party. Archb. Pr. 339, et seq.

SHEWING. In English law. To be quit of attachment in a court, in plaintiffs shewed and not avowed. Obsolete.

SHIFT MARRIAGE. "When a man died having debts which his widow was unable to pay, she was obliged, if she contracted a second marriage, to leave her clothes in the hands of the creditors, and to go through the ceremony in her shift. Gradually, however, the ceremony was mitigated by the bridegroom lending her clothes for the occasion." Said by Lecky, Hist. of Eng. 18th Cent., IV, p. 23, to be a curious relic of a standard of commercial integrity which had long since passed away.

SHIFTING. Changing; varying; passing from one person to another by substitution.

SHIFTING CLAUSE. In a settlement, a clause by which some other mode of devolution is substituted for that primarily prescribed. Examples of shifting clauses are: The ordinary name and arms clause, and the clause of less frequent occurrence by which a settled estate is destined as the foundation of a second family, in the event of the elder branch becoming otherwise enriched. Those shifting clauses take effect under the statute of uses. Sweet.

SHIFTING RISK. In insurance, a risk created by a contract of insurance on a stock of merchandise, or other similar property, which is kept for sale, or is subject to change in items by purchase and sale; the policy being conditioned to cover the goods in the stock at any and all times and not to be affected by changes in its composition. Farmers' etc., Ins. Ass'n v. Kryder, 5 Ind. App. 430, 51 N. E. 851, 51 Am. St. Rep. 284.

SHIFTING SEVERALTY. See Severalty.

SHIFING STOCK OF MERCHANDISE. A stock of merchandise subject to change from
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In law, the term has a very wide significance, dependent to a greater or less degree on the context. It may include steam-boats, sailing vessels, canal-boats, barges, and every structure adapted to be navigated from place to place for the transportation of merchandise or persons. Civ. Code Civ. § 690.

An agreement to construct an ocean-going ship is performed by the construction of an ocean-going barge suitable for a cargo carrying steamer, since the hull and spars constitute the ship. Bell v. First Nat. Bank of Rockport (Tex. Civ. App.) 236 S. W. 1107.

EX SHIP

These words in a contract of sale are not restricted to any particular ship, and by the usage of merchants simply denote that the property in the goods shall pass to the buyer upon their leaving the ship's tackle, and that he shall be liable for all subsequent charges of landing. They do not constitute a condition of the contract but are inserted for the benefit of the seller. Harrison v. Fortlage, 161 U. S. 57, 16 S. Ct. 488, 40 L. Ed. 616.

GENERAL SHIP

Where a ship is not chartered wholly to one person, but the owner offers her generally to carry the goods of all comers, or where, if chartered to one person, he offers her to several subfreighters for the conveyance of their goods, she is called a "general" ship, as opposed to a "chartered" one. Brown. One which is employed by the charterer or owner on a particular voyage, and is hired to a number of persons, unconnected with each other, to convey their respective goods to the place of destination. Alexander Eccles & Co. v. Strachan Shipping Co. (D. C.) 21 F. (2d) 653, 655; Ward v. Green, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 173, 16 Am. Dec. 437.

SHIP-BREAKING

In Scotch law. The offense of breaking into a ship. Arkley, 461.

SHIP-BROKER

An agent for the transaction of business between ship-owners and charterers or those who ship cargoes. Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 441.

SHIP-CHANDLERY

This is a term of extensive import, and includes everything necessary to furnish and equip a vessel, so as to render her seaworthy for the intended voyage. Not only stores, stoves, hardware, and crockery have been held to be within the term, but muskets and other arms also, the voyage being round Cape Horn to California, in the course of which voyage arms are sometimes carried for safety. Weaver v. The S. G. Owens, 1 Wall. Jr. 368, Fed. Cas. No. 17,510.

SHIP-CHANNEL

In rivers, harbors, etc., the channel in which the water is deep enough for vessels

time to time, in the course of trade by purchases, sales, or other transactions. Laderburg v. Miller (C. C. A.) 210 F. 614, 617.

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Transferring it from one party to the other, or from one side of the case to the other, when he upon whom it rested originally has made out a prima facie case or defense by evidence, of such a character that it then becomes incumbent upon the other to rebut it by contradictory or defensive evidence.

SHIFTING USE. See Use.

SHILLING. In English law. The name of an English coin, of the value of one-twentieth part of a pound. This denomination of money was also used in America, in colonial times, but was not everywhere of uniform value.

SHIN-PLASTER. Formerly, a jocose term for a bank-note greatly depreciated in value; also for paper money of a denomination less than a dollar. Webster, Dict. See Madison Ins. Co. v. Forsythe, 2 Ind. 493.

SHINNEY. A local name for a homemade whiskey. State v. McClintock, 162 La. 632, 94 So. 141, 142.

SHIP. v. In maritime law. To engage to serve on board a vessel as a seaman.


of large size, usually marked out in harbors by buoys. The Oliver (D. C.) 22 Fed. 546.

Ship-Damage

In the charter-parties with the English East India Company, these words occur. Their meaning is, damage from negligence, insufficiency, or bad stowage in the ship. Abb. Shipp. 204.

Ship-Master

The captain or master of a merchant ship, appointed and put in command by the owner, and having general control of the vessel and cargo, with power to bind the owner by his lawful acts and engagements in the management of the ship.

Ship-Money

In English law. An imposition formerly levied on port-towns and other places for fitting out ships; revived by Charles I., and abolished in the same reign. 17 Car. I. c. 14.

Ship's-Bill

The copy of the bill of lading retained by the master. It is not authoritative as to the terms of the contract of affreightment; the bill delivered to the shipper must control, if the two do not agree. The Thames, 14 Wall. 98, 20 L. Ed. 804.

Ship's Company

A term embracing all the officers of the ship, as well as the mariners or common seamen, but not a passenger. U. S. v. Libby, 26 Fed. Cas. 928; U. S. v. Winn, 28 Fed. Cas. 735.

Ship's Husband

In maritime law. A person appointed by the several part-owners of a ship, and usually one of their number, to manage the concerns of the ship for the common benefit. Generally understood to be the general agent of the owners in regard to all the affairs of the ship in the home port. Story, Ag. § 35; 3 Kent, Comm. 151; Webster v. The Andes, 18 Ohio, 187; Muldon v. Whithlock, 1 Cow. (N. Y.) 307, 13 Am. Dec. 633; Gillespie v. Winberg, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 322; Mitchell v. Chambers, 42 Mich. 150, 5 N. W. 57, 38 Am. Rep. 187; 4 B. & Ad. 375; 1 Y. & C. 329; Gould v. Stanton, 16 Conn. 12. He cannot insure or bind the owners for premiums. Hewett v. Buch, 17 Me. 147, 35 Am. Dec. 243; 2 Maule & S. 455; Foster v. Ins. Co., 11 Pick. (Mass.) 85; 5 Burr. 2627.

Ship's Papers

The papers which must be carried by a vessel on a voyage, in order to furnish evidence of her national character, the nature and destination of the cargo, and of compliance with the navigation laws. The ship's papers are of two sorts: Those required by the law of a particular country; such as the certificate of registry, license, charter-party, bills of lading and of health, required by the law of England to be on board all British ships. Those required by the law of nations to be on board neutral ships, to vindicate their title to that character; these are the pass port, sea-brief, or sea-letter, proofs of property, the master's roll or rôle d'affrègement, the charter-party, the bills of lading and invoices, the log-book or ship's journal, and the bill of health. 1 Marsh. Ins. c. 9, § 6. See, also, Grace v. Browne (C. C. A.) 89 F. 155.

SHIPMENT. The delivery of the goods with the time required on some vessel, destined to the particular port, which the seller has reason to suppose will sail within a reasonable time. It does not mean a clearance of the vessel as well as putting the goods on board where there is nothing to indicate that the seller was expected to exercise any control over the clearance of the vessel or of her subsequent management. Ledon v. Haveymeyer, 121 N. Y. 179, 24 N. E. 357, 8 L. R. A. 245. See L. R. 2 App. Cas. 455; Stubbs v. Lund, 7 Mass. 453, 5 Am. Dec. 65; Lamborn & Co. v. Log Cabin Products Co. (D. C.) 291 F. 435, 438.


A "shipment" does not consist in loading alone, but consists in complete delivery of goods by the shipper to the carrier for transportation, and shipment is not made until the shipper has parted with all control over the goods and nothing remains to be done by him to complete delivery. National Importing & Trading Co. v. E. A. Bear & Co., 314 Ill. 246, 155 N. E. 343, 346.


SHIPPER. A Dutch word, signifying the master of a ship. It is mentioned in some statutes, and is now generally called "skipper." Tonnus.

One who ships goods; one who puts goods on board a vessel, for carriage to another place during her voyage and for delivery there, by charter-party or otherwise. One who signs a bill of lading as "skipper," unless the contrary appears, is presumably the consignor. New York Cent. R. Co. v. Singer Mfg. Co., 3 N. J. Misc. 1137, 131 A. 111, 114.

Under federal statutes, one is a "shipper" who, although a consignee, exercises such direct control over shipments of commodities consigned to him by another as enables him, by his own act, to procure for himself discriminations in respect to transportation service. U. S. v. Metropolitan Lam-
SHIPPER'S ORDER. This term, as used in bills of lading, is well understood and means that the title remains in the shipper until he orders a delivery of the goods. B. W. McMah-

SHIPPING. Ships in general; ships or ves-
sels of any kind intended for navigation. Re-
ating to ships; as, shipping interests, ship-
ning affairs, shipping business, shipping con-
cerns. Putting on board a ship or vessel, or receiv-
ing on board a ship or vessel. Webster,
Dict.; Worcester, Dict.

The "law of shipping" is a comprehensive
term for all that part of the maritime law
which relates to ships and the persons em-
ployed in or about them. It embraces such
subjects as the building and equipment of
vessels, their registration and nationality,
their ownership and inspection, their em-
ployment, (including charter-parties, freight,
demurrage, towage, and salvage,) and their
sale, transfer, and mortgage; also, the em-
ployment, rights, powers, and duties of mas-
 ters and mariners; and the law relating to
ship-brokers, ship-agents, pilots, etc.

SHIPPING ARTICLES. A written agreement
between the master of a vessel and the mariners,
specifying the voyage or term for which the
latter are shipped, and the rate of wages. See 46 USCA § 564.

SHIPPING COMMISSIONER. An officer of
the United States, appointed by the several
circuit courts, within their respective juris-
dictions, for each port of entry (the same
being also a port of ocean navigation), which,
in the judgment of such court, may require
the same; his duties being to supervise the
engagement and discharge of seamen; to see
that men engaged as seamen report on board
at the proper time; to facilitate the appren-
ticing of persons to the marine service; and
other similar duties, such as may be required
by law. 46 USCA §§ 541-549.

SHIPWRECK. The demolition or shattering
of a vessel, caused by her driving ashore or
on rocks and shoals in the mid-seas, or by the
violence of winds and waves in tempests.
2 Am. Ins. p. 734.

"Shipwreck" within Revenue Act 1913, § 214(a)(5),
40 Stat. 1088, allowing deduction from gross income,
does not mean complete loss; damage to ship suf-
fices, nor need such damage be caused by storms or
other natural causes; wreck through collision,
whether due to wrong or negligence of other vessel
or of employee of wrecked ship, being sufficient.
Shearer v. Anderson (C. C. A.) 15 F.(2d) 995, 995, 51
A. L. R. 554.

SHIRE. A Saxon word which signified a di-
vision; it was made up of an indefinite num-
ber of hundreds—later called a county (Con-
tilatus). 1 Steph. Com. 76.

In English Law
A county. So called because every county
or shire is divided and parted by certain
motes and bounds from another. Co. Litt. 50a.

In General
-Knights of the shire. See Knight.

-Shire-clerk. He that keeps the county court.

-Shire-gemot, solre-gemot, solr-gemot. (From the Saxon solr or scyre, county, shire, and
gemote, a court, an assembly.) Variants of scyre-gemote (q. v.). See, also, Shire-mote, infra.

-Shire-man, or scyre-man. Before the Con-
quest, the judge of the county, by whom
trials for land, etc., were determined, Tom-
lins; Mozley & Whitley.

-Shire-mote. The assize of the shire, or the
assembly of the people, was so called by the
Saxons. It was nearly as if not exactly, the
same as the scyre-gemote, and in most respects
corresponded with what were afterwards called
the "county courts." Brown.

-Shire-reeve (spelled, also, Shire riee, or
Shire reve). In Saxon law. The reeve or
bulliff of the shire. The viscount of the An-
glo-Normans, and the sheriff of later times.
Co. Litt. 168a.

SHOCK. In medical jurisprudence. A sud-
don and severe depression of the vital func-
tions, particularly of the nerves and the cir-
culation, due to the nervous exhaustion fol-
lowing trauma, surgical operation, or sudden
and violent emotion, resulting (if not in
death) in more or less prolonged prostration;
It is spoken of as being either physical or
psychical, according as it is caused by dis-
turbance of the bodily powers and functions
or of the mind. See Maynard v. Oregon R.
Co., 43 Or. 63, 72 P. 590. See, also, Shell
shock.

SHOOFAA. In Mohammedan law. Pre-cum-
tion, or a power of possessing property which
has been sold, by paying a sum equal to that
paid by the purchaser. Wharton.

SHOOT. To strike with something shot; to
hit, wound, or kill, with a missile discharged
from a weapon; and the missile meant in
such cases is the arrow, bullet, or ball, in-
tended to be discharged and to strike the
object aimed at. A person cannot be said to
have been shot who was not hit by bullet or ball, but only powder burned by the weapon discharged. State v. Manuel, 153 La. 7, 95 So. 263, 284. The term generally implies the use of firearms. Shumake v. State, 90 Fla. 133, 105 So. 314, 315.

SHOP. A building in which goods and merchandise are sold at retail, or where mechanics work, and sometimes keep their products for sale. See State v. Morgan, 98 N. C. 641, 3 S. E. 927; State v. O'Connell, 26 Ind. 267; State v. Sprague, 149 Mo. 406, 50 S. W. 901; Com. v. Riggs, 14 Gray (Mass.) 378, 77 Am. Dec. 333; Richards v. Ins. Co., 60 Mich. 426, 27 N. W. 586. There must be some structure of a more or less permanent character. 6 B. & S. 303.

The term is properly applied to a place of manufacture or repair, such as a roundhouse, Koehler v. Minneapolis, St. P. & S. S. M. Ry. Co., 128 Minn. 468, 142 N. W. 874, 876, or a building used for repairing automobiles and for the sale of automobile parts, gas, and oil. State v. Garon, 161 La. 897, 109 So. 359, 362. But it is not strictly applicable to a garage. State v. Garon, 158 La. 1014, 105 So. 47, 48, nor to a restaurant, even though the restaurant also engages in the sale of cigars, Debenham v. Short (Tex. Civ. App.) 129 S. W. 1447.

Strictly, a shop is a place where goods are sold by retail; and a store a place where goods are disposed of; but, in this country, shops for the sale of goods are frequently called "stores." Com. v. Annis, 15 Gray (Mass.) 197.


SHOPA. In old records, a shop. Cowell.

SHOPKEEPER. Whether a person who buys and sells commodities as a business is a merchant or a shopkeeper depends on the extent, and not on the character, of his business; if his business is large he is a "merchant," and if it is small he is a "shopkeeper." White Mountain Fur Co. v. Town of Whitefield, 77 N. H. 340, 91 A. 870, 871.

SHORE. Land on the margin of the sea, a lake, or a river,—especially a large river, in which the water ebbs and flows. See Galveston v. Menard, 23 Tex. 349; Bell v. Gough, 23 N. J. Law, 683.

Strictly and technically, lands adjacent to the sea or other tidal waters; the lands adjoining navigable waters, where the tide flows and reflows, which at high tides are submerged, and at low tides are bare. Shively v. Bowbly, 152 U. S. 1, 14 S. Ct. 548, 38 L. Ed. 331; Mather v. Chapman, 40 Conn. 400, 16 Am. Rep. 46; U. S. v. Pacheco, 2 Wall. 590, 17 L. Ed. 865; Harlan & Hollingsworth Co. v. Paschall, 5 Del. Ch. 463; Lacey v. Green, 51 Pa. 519; Azline v. Shaw, 35 Fla. 305, 17 So. 411, 28 L. R. A. 391. The "shore" is therefore the space bounded by the high and low water marks. La Porte v. Menacoon, 220 Mich. 684, 186 N. W. 653, 656; Apatichelen Land & Development Co. v. McRae, 88 Fla. 393, 98 So. 505, 523; Sinford v. Watts, 123 Mo. 230, 122 A. 573, 574; Dalton v. Hazelet, 105 C. A. 99, 182 F. 562. And this is also true even though the lands may lie along nonnavigable bodies of water. Hunter v. Van Keuren, 130 Misc. 599, 224 N. Y. S. 153, 160. But where a grant is made of lands adjacent to a lake or stream unaffected by tides, the "shore" of such a lake or stream is the land adjacent to the water, and in the absence of banks or other highlands to mark the boundary, the only definite line is the water's edge. La Porte v. Menacoon, 220 Mich. 684, 186 N. W. 653, 656.

Sea-shore is that space of land over which the waters of the sea spread in the highest water, during the winter season. Civ. Code La. art. 451.

Under the civil law the "shore line" boundary of lands adjoining navigable waters is the line marked by the highest tide. Ducans v. Kersan (Tex. Civ. App.) 192 S. W. 603, 604.

Generally, a grant whose boundaries extend to the shore, or along the shore of the sea, carries only to the high-water mark; but the word "shore," even in its application to tidal waters, is subject to construction by the terms of the deed and surrounding circumstances, and may mean the water's edge at low-water mark. Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. State of New York, 66 S. Ct. 307, 327, 271 U. S. 66, 70 L. Ed. 88.

When the sea-shore is referred to as a boundary, the meaning must be understood to be the margin of the sea in its usual and ordinary state; the ground between the ordinary high-water mark and low-water mark is the shore. Hence a deed of land bounded at or by the "shore" will convey the same as appurtenant. Bower v. Freeman, 8 Mass. 435, 4 Am. Dec. 155.

In connection with salvage, "shore" means the land on which the waters have deposited things which are the subject of salvage, whether below or above ordinary high-water mark. The Gulfport (D. C.) 245 F. 675, 680.

SHORE LANDS. Those lands lying between the lines of high and low water mark. State v. Sturtevant, 76 Wash. 158, 155 P. 1035, 1036.

**SHORT.** Not long; of brief length; brief; not coming up to a measure, standard, requirement, or the like. Webster, Dict.
A term of common use in the stock and produce markets. To say that one is “short,” in the vernacular of the exchanges, implies only that one has less of a commodity than may be necessary to meet demands and obligations. It does not imply that commodity cannot or will not be supplied upon demand. Thomas v. McShan, 59 Okl. 88, 225 P. 713, 714.

**SHORT CAUSE.** A cause which is not likely to occupy a great portion of the time of the court, and which may be entered on the list of “short causes,” upon the application of one of the parties, and will then be heard more speedily than it would be in its regular order. This practice obtains in the English chancery and in some of the American states. The time allowed for the hearing varies in the different courts.

**SHORT ENTRY.** A custom of bankers of entering on the customer’s pass-book the amount of notes deposited for collection, in such a manner that the amount is not carried to the latter’s general balance until the notes are paid. See Giles v. Perkins, 9 East, 12; Blaine v. Bourne, 11 R. I. 121, 23 Am. Rep. 429.

**SHORT LEASE.** A term applied colloquially, but without much precision, to a lease for a short term, (as a month or a year,) as distinguished from one running for a long period.

**SHORT NOTICE.** In practice. Notice of less than the ordinary time; generally of half that time. 2 Tidd, Pr. 757. In English Practice, four days’ notice of trial. Wharton, Law Dict. Notice of trial. 1 Cr. & M. 499.

**SHORT SALE.** A contract for sale of shares of stock which the seller does not own, or certificates for which are not within his control, so as to be available for delivery at the time when, under rules of the exchange, delivery must be made. Provost v. U. S., 269 U. S. 443, 46 S. Ct. 152, 153, 70 L. Ed. 352; Chandler v. Prince, 221 Mass. 495, 169 N. E. 374, 378. In a “short sale” the broker may make a delivery of bonds or stock, charging the price thereof to the customer, and the account is carried until the customer orders the broker to repurchase the bonds, and an adjustment is made between the broker and customer on the difference between the selling and purchasing price. Brown v. Carpenter, 182 App. Div. 660, 168 N. Y. S. 921, 923.

**SHORT SUMMONS.** A process, authorized in some of the states, to be issued against an absconding, fraudulent, or nonresident debtor, which is returnable within a less number of days than an ordinary writ of summons.

**SHORTFORD.** An old custom of the city of Exeter, similar to that of gauleet in London, which was a mode of foreclosing the right of a tenant by the chief lord of the fee, in cases of non-payment of rent. Cowell.

**SHORTLY AFTER.** In point of time, a relative term, meaning in a short or brief time or manner; soon; presently; quickly. Chittenden County Trust Co. v. Hurd, 33 Vt. 71, 106 A. 564, 565.

**SHOOT.** A projectile, particularly a solid ball or bullet that is not intended to fit the bore of a piece; also such projectiles collectively. Green v. Commonwealth, 122 Va. 882, 91 S. E. 940, 941.

**SHOTGUN.** A smooth-bore gun, often double-barreled, and now almost universally breach-loading, designed for firing shots at short range and killing small game, especially birds. Henderson v. State, 75 Fla. 464, 78 So. 427, 432.


**SHOW.** a. Something that one views or at which one looks and at the same time hears. Longwell v. Kansas City, 190 Mo. App. 450, 203 S. W. 657, 659.

**SHOW.** b. To make apparent or clear by evidence; to prove. Coyle v. Com., 104 Pa. 133. It may be equivalent to the words “reasonably satisfy,” Birmingham Ry., Light & Power Co. v. Cohill, 196 Ala. 275, 72 So. 128, but is not synonymous with “state”; Chapin v. State, 107 Tex. Cr. R. 477, 296 S. W. 1095, 1099; Chumbley v. Courtney, 181 Iowa, 482, 184 N. W. 945, 946.

Although the words “show” and “indicate” are sometimes interchangeable in popular use, they are not always so. To “show” is to make apparent or clear by evidence, to prove; while an “indication” may be merely a symptom; that which points to or gives direction to the mind. Coyle v. Com., 104

—Show cause. To show cause against a rule nisi, an order, decree, execution, etc., is to appear as directed, and present to the court such reasons and considerations as one has to offer why it should not be confirmed, take effect, be executed, or as the case may be.

SRIEVALTY. The office of sheriff; the period of that office.

SHRUB. A low, small plant, the branches of which grow directly from the earth without any supporting trunk, or stem. Clay v. Tel. Cable Co., 70 Miss. 406, 11 So. 658.

SHUT DOWN. To stop work;—usually said of a factory, etc. Webster, Dict. Thus, within the meaning of an insurance policy, a saw mill which has stopped running for the winter is shut down, though men are employed about the premises and the machinery has not been dismantled. McKenzie v. Ins. Co., 112 Cal. 548, 44 P. 922.

SHY. To start suddenly aside from fright or suspicion; said especially of horses. San Antonio Machine & Supply Co. v. McKinley (Tex. Civ. App.) 239 S. W. 349, 342.


Si a jure disedas, vagus cris, et erunt omnia omnis incerta. If you depart from the law, you will go astray, and all things will be uncertain to everybody. Co. Litt. 227b.

SI ACTIO. Lat. The conclusion of a plea to an action when the defendant demands judgment, if the plaintiff ought to have his action, etc. Obsolete.

Si aliquus rei societas sit et finis negotio impositus est, finitur societas. If there is a partnership in any matter and the business is ended, the partnership ceases. Griswold v. Waddington, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 438, 489.

Si aliquid ex solemnibus deficiat, cum aquitas posit, subveniendum est. If any one of certain required forms be wanting, where equity requires, it will be aided. 1 Kent, Comm. 157. The want of some of a neutral vessel's papers is strong presumptive evidence against the ship's neutrality, yet the want of any one of them is not absolutely conclusive. 1d.

SI ALIQUID SAPIT. Lat. If he knows anything; if he is not altogether devoid of reason.

Si auscultis mederi posse, nova non sunt tentanda. If you can be relieved by accustomed remedies, new ones should not be tried. 10 Coke, 142b. If an old wall can be repaired, a new one should not be made. 1d.

SI CONSTET DE PERSONA. Lat. If it be certain who is the person meant.

SI CONTINGAT. Lat. If it happen. Words of condition in old conveyances. 10 Coke, 424.

Si due in testamento pugnanti reperietur, ultimum est ratum. If two conflicting provisions are found in a will, the last is observed. Leffit 251.

Si fecerit te securum. Lat. If [he] make you secure. In practice, the initial and emphatic words of that description of original writ which directs the sheriff to cause the defendant to appear in court, without any option given him, provided the plaintiff gives the sheriff security effectually to prosecute his claim. 3 Bl. Comm. 274.

Si ingratus dixeris, omnia dixeris. If you affirm that one is ungrateful, in that you include every charge. A Roman maxim. Tray. Lat. Max.

SI ITA EST. Lat. If it be so. Emphatic words in the old writ of mandamus to a judge, commanding him, if the fact alleged be truly stated, (si ita est,) to affix his seal to a bill of exceptions. Ex parte Crane, 5 Pet. 132, 8 L. Ed. 92.

Si judicas, cognoscas. If you judge, understand.

Si meliores sunt quos duces amor, plures sunt quos corrigit timor. If those are better who are led by love, those are the greater number who are corrected by fear. Co. Litt. 392.

Si non appareat quid actum est, erit consequens ut id sequamur quod in regione in qua actum est frequentatur. If it does not appear what was agreed upon, the consequence will be that we must follow that which is the usage of the place where the agreement was made. Dig. 50, 17, 34.

SI NON OMNES. Lat. In English practice. A writ of association of justices whereby, if all in commission cannot meet at the day assigned, it is allowed that two or more may proceed with the business. Cowell; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 111 O.

Si nullum sit conjectura quae ducat alio, verba intelligenda sunt ex proprietate, non grammatica sed populari ex usu. If there be no inference which leads to a different result, words are to be understood according to their proper meaning, not in a grammatical, but in a popular and ordinary, sense. 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

SI PARET Lat. If it appears. In Roman law. Words used in the formula by which the praetor appointed a judge, and instructed him how to decide the cause.
Si pluræ conditiones aœscriptæ fuerunt donativali conjunctio nis, omnibus est pendendum; et ad veritatem copulativae requiritur quod utraque pars sit vera, si divisum, quilibet vel alteri eorum satis est obtenæquare; et in disjunctiva, sufficit alteram partem esse veram. If several conditions are conjunctively written in a gift, the whole of them must be complied with; and with respect to their truth, it is necessary that every part be true, taken jointly; if the conditions are separate, it is sufficient to comply with either one or other of them; and being disjunctive, that one or the other be true. Co. Litt. 225.

Si plurès sint fidejussorés, quotquot erunt numero, singuli in solidum tenentur. If there are more sureties than one, how manysoever they shall be, they shall each be held for the whole. Inst. 3, 20, 4.

SI PRIUS. Lat. In old practice. If before. Formal words in the old writs for summoning juries. Fleta, 1. 2, c. 65, § 12.

Si quid universitati debetur singulis non debetur, nec quod debetur universitatis singuli debent. If anything be owing to an entire body (or to a corporation), it is not owing to the individual members; nor do the individuals owe that which is owing by the entire body. Dig. 3, 4, 7, 1; 1 Bla. Comm. 484; Lindl. Part. *5.

Si quidem in nomine, cognomine, praenomine legatoris testator erraverit, cum de persona constat, nihilominus valet legatum. Although a testator may have mistaken the nomen, cognomen, or praenomen of a legatee, yet, if it be certain who is the person meant, the legacy is valid. Inst. 2, 20, 29; Broom, Max. 645; 2 Domat b. 2, 1, s. 6, §§ 10, 19.

SI QUIS. Lat. In the civil law. If any one. Formal words in the praeatorian edicts. The word "quis," though masculine in form was held to include women. Dig. 50, 16, 1.

Si quis cum totum petisset partem petat, excepto rei judicatae vocet. If a party, when he should have sued for an entire claim, sues only for a part, the judgment is res judicata against another suit. 2 Mart. O. S. (La.) 83.

Si quis custos fraudem pupillo fecerit, a tutela removendus est. Jenk. Cent. 39. If a guardian do fraud to his ward, he shall be removed from his guardianship.

Si quis prægramantem uxorem reliquit, non videatur sine liberis descessisse. If a man dies, leaving his wife pregnant, he shall not be considered to have died without children. A rule of the civil law.

Si quis unum perousserit, cum aliquum percutere vollet, in felonia tenetur. If a man kill one, meaning to kill another, he is held guilty of felony.

SI RECONOSCAT. Lat. If he acknowledge. In old practice. A writ which lay for a creditor against his debtor for money numbered (pecunia numerata) or counted; that is, a specific sum of money, which the debtor had acknowledged in the county court, to owe him, as received in pecunias numeratas. Cowell.

Si suggestio non sit vera, litterae patentes vacuae sunt. 10 Coke, 113. If the suggestion be not true, the letters patent are void.

SI TE FECERIT SECURUM. See Si Fecerit te Securum.

SIB. Sax. A relative or kinsman. Used in the Scotch tongue, but not now in English.

SIC. Lat. Thus; so; in such manner.

Sic enim debere quem meliorem agrum suum facere ne vicini deteriorem faciat. Every one ought so to improve his land as not to injure his neighbor's. 2 Kent, Comm. 441. A rule of the Roman law.

Sic interpretandum est ut verba acelplantur cum effectu. 3 Inst. 80. [A statute] is to be so interpreted that the words may be taken with effect.

SIC SUBSCRIBITUR. Lat. In Scotch practice. So it is subscribed. Formal words at the end of depositions, immediately preceding the signature. 1 How. State Tr. 1379.

Sic utere tuo ut alienum non lasdas. Use your own property in such a manner as not to injure that of another. 9 Coke, 59; 1 Bl. Comm. 303; Broom, Max. 268, 365; Webb, Poll. Torts 153; 2 Bouv. Inst. n. 2379; 5 Exch. 797; 12 Q. B. 739; 4 A. & E. 384; 17 Mass. 334; 4 McCord (S. C.) 472. Various comments have been made on this maxim: "Mere verbiage"; E. B. & E. 643; "No help to decision"; L. R. 2 Q. B. 247. "Utterly useless as a legal maxim"; 9 N. Y. 445. It is a mere begging of the question; it assumes the very point in controversy. 13 Lea 507. See 2 Aust. Jurispr. 795, 829.

SICH. A little current of water, which is dry in summer; a water furrow or gutter. Cowell.

SICIUS. A sort of money current among the ancient English, of the value of 2d.


SICKNESS. Disease; malady; any morbid condition of the body (including insanity) which, for the time being, hinders or prevents the organs from normally discharging their several functions. L. R. 8 Q. B. 285. Any affection of the body which deprives it temporarily of the power to fulfill its usual functions, Martin v. Waycross Coca-Cola Bottling Co., 18 Ga. App. 226, 80 S. E. 495, 496, including injury, Doody v. Davie, 77.

Illness; an ailment of such a character as to affect the general soundness and health; not a mere temporary indisposition, which does not tend to undermine and weaken the constitution. National Live Stock Ins. Co. v. Bartlow, 60 Ind. App. 233, 110 N. E. 224, 225.

In construing a sickness indemnity policy, there may be said to be three degrees of sickness: First, when the patient is confined to his bed; second, when he is confined to the house, but not to his bed; and, third, when he is too sick to work, but not confined to the house. Bocci v. Massachusetts Acc. Co., 223 Mass. 546, 118 N. E. 477, 479.

SICUT ALIAS. Lat. As at another time, or heretofore. This was a second writ out when the first was not executed. Cowell.

SICUT ME DEUS ADJUVET. Lat. So help me God. Fleta, l. 1, c. 18, § 4.

Sicut natura nil factit per saltum, ita nec lex. Co. Litt. 238. In the same way as nature does nothing by a bound, so neither does the law.

SIDE. The margin, edge, verge, or border of a surface; any one of the bounding lines of the surface. Parkman v. Freeman, 121 Me. 341, 117 A. 301, 302.

"Side" may be used in a generic sense so as to include the "front," but it also has a specific meaning which distinguishes it from "front." The word "front" as applied to a house is always specific and speaking of the "side line" of a house as "fronting" toward the street is incorrect. Howland v. Andrus, 81 N. J. Eq. 175, 86 A. 381, 383. The front of a lot is that portion opposite the rear of the lot and facing on the street, and the side is that portion adjacent to the lot or lots on either side of it. Turney v. Shriver, 269 Ill. 164, 169 N. E. 768, 769.

The party or parties collectively to a lawsuit considered in relation to his or their opponents, i. e., the plaintiff side, or the defendant side. Carr v. Davis, 159 Minn. 485, 199 N. W. 237, 239.

A province or field of jurisdiction;—said of courts. Thus, the same court is sometimes said to have different sides. An admiralty court may have an "instance side," distinct from its powers as a prize court; the "crown side," (criminal jurisdiction) is to be distinguished from the "plea side," (civil jurisdiction); the same court may have an "equity side" and a "law side."

SIDE-BAR RULES. In English practice. There are some rules which the courts au-

thorize their officers to grant as a matter of course without formal application being made to them in open court, and these are technically termed "side-bar rules," because formerly they were moved for by the attorneys at the side bar in court; such, for instance, was the rule to plead, which was an order or command of the court requiring a defendant to plead within a specified number of days. Such also were the rules to reply, to rejoin, and many others, the granting of which depended upon settled rules of practice rather than upon the discretion of the courts, all of which have been rendered unnecessary by statutory changes. Brown, voc. "Rule."

SIDE-KICKER. A coined expression without any standing in lexicon, which the court, as a matter of common knowledge, can say is not an uncommon vernacular or colloquial expression which may with equal propriety express a social relationship between the parties to whom it is applied, or convey the idea that they are business partners or have business interests in common. Spoon v. Sheldon, 27 Cal. App. 765, 151 P. 159, 152.

SIDE LINES. In commercial usage, lines of goods sold or businesses followed in addition to one's principal articles or occupation. Merrimac Mfg. Co. v. Bibb, 124 Ark. 189, 186 S. W. 817, Ann. Cas. 1918C, 951. In mining law, the side lines of a mining claim are those which measure the extent of the claim on each side of the middle of the vein at the surface. They are not necessarily the side lines as laid down on the ground or on a map or plat; for if the claim, in its longer dimension, crosses the vein, instead of following it, the plotted side lines will be treated in law as the end lines, and vice versa. See Argentine Min. Co. v. Terrible Min. Co., 122 U. S. 478, 7 S. Ct. 1355, 90 L. Ed. 1140; Del Monte Min. Co. v. Last Chance Min. Co., 171 U. S. 58, 18 S. Ct. 385, 43 L. Ed. 72.

SIDE REPORTS. A term sometimes applied to unofficial volumes or series of reports, as contrasted with those prepared by the official reporter of the court, or to collections of cases omitted from the official reports.

SIDESMEN. In ecclesiastical law. These were originally persons whom, in the ancient episcopal synods, the bishops were wont to summon out of each parish to give information of the disorders of the clergy and people, and to report heretics. In process of time they became standing officers, under the title of "synodsmen," "sidesmen," or "quest-

men." The whole of their duties seems now to have devolved by custom upon the churchwardens of a parish. 1 Burn, Ecc. Law, 399.

SIDEWALK. That part of a public street or highway designed for the use of pedestrians, City of Birmingham v. Shirley, 200 Ala. 305, 96 So. 214, 215, being exclusively reserved for them, and constructed somewhat differently than other portions of the street.

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used by animals and vehicles generally, Central Life Assur. Soc. of the United States v. City of Des Moines, 185 Iowa, 573, 171 N. W. 31, 32. That part of the street of a municipality which has been set apart and used for pedestrians, as distinguished from that portion set apart and used for animals and vehicles. Graham v. Albert Lea, 48 Minn. 201, 50 N. W. 1108; McCormick v. Allegheny County, 263 Pa. 146, 106 A. 203, 204. A way for foot passengers, or a public way especially intended for pedestrians. Russo v. City of Pueblo, 63 Colo. 519, 108 P. 649, 650. A walk for foot passengers at the side of a street or road. See Kohlhof v. Chicago, 182 Ill. 249, 61 N. E. 416, 65 Am. St. Rep. 335; Challiss v. Parker, 11 Kan. 391; State v. Berdett, 72 Ind. 185, 38 Am. Rep. 117; Peggignot v. Detroit (C. C.) 16 F. 212.

Generally the sidewalk is included with the gutters and roadway in the general term street. Bloomington v. Bay, 42 Ill. 163; In re Hurbeler, 76 N. Y. 174; Warner v. Knox, 50 Wis. 429, 7 N. W. 372; Kokomo v. Mahan, 100 Ind. 242; Wiles v. Hoss, 114 Ind. 371, 16 N. E. 800. But in many cases of municipal ordinances and contracts the word street is held not to include sidewalks. Dyer v. Chase, 55 Cal. 146; Dickinson v. Worcester, 138 Mass. 655; Barry v. City of Cleverport, 175 Ky. 548, 194 S. W. 818, 819. See, also, James v. City of Newberg, 101 Or. 619, 201 P. 212.

SIEN. An obsolete form of the word "scion," meaning offspring or descendant. Co. Litt. 139a.


SIETE PARTIDAS. Span. Seven parts. See Las Partidas.

SIGHT. When a bill of exchange is expresssed to be payable "at sight," it means on presentment to the drawee. See Campbell v. French, 6 Term. 212. Bills are frequently drawn payable at sight or a certain number of days or months after sight.

After sight In a bill means after acceptance; In a note, after exhibition to the maker. Dan. Neg. Instr. § 619. A bill drawn payable a certain number of days after sight, acceptance waived, must be presented to fix the time at which the bill is to become due, and the term of the bill begins to run from the date of presentment. See 4 Montreal L. Rep. 249.

SIGHT DRAFTS OR BILLS. Those payable at sight.

SIGIL. In old English law, a seal, or a contracted or abbreviated signature used as a seal.

SIGILLUM. Lat. In old English law. A seal; originally and properly a seal impressed upon wax.

Sigillium est estra impressa, quia eera sine impressione non est sigillum. A seal is a piece of wax impressed, because wax without an impression is not a seal. 3 Inst. 169.

SIGLA. Lat. In Roman law. Marks or signs of abbreviation used in writing. Cod. 1, 17, 11, 13.

SIGN. To affix one's name to a writing or instrument, for the purpose of authenticating it, or to give it effect as one's act. Modern v. Textile Industrial Institute, 188 N. Y. 531, 775, 72 S. E. 349, 353. To attach a name or cause it to be attached to a writing by any of the known methods of impressing a name on paper. In re Covington Lumber Co. (D. C.) 225 F. 444, 446. To affix a signature to; to ratify by hand or seal; to subscribe in one's own handwriting. Webster, Dict.; Knox's Estate, 131 Pa. 230, 18 A. 1021, 6 L. R. A. 355, 17 Am. St. Rep. 798; In re Manchester's Estate, 174 Cal. 417, 163 P. 358, 359, L. R. A. 1917D, 629, Ann. Cas. 1918B, 227. See, also, Miner v. Larney, 87 N. J. Law, 40, 94 A. 26, 28.


The word "subscribed" is more restricted than the word "signature." The word "signature" in its origin involves merely a sign, the word "subscribed" involves a writing. The signing of a written instrument has a much broader and more extended meaning than attaching one's written signature to it implies. When a person attaches his name or causes it to be attached to a writing by any of the known methods of impressing his name upon paper with the intention of signing it he is regarded as having "signed" in writing. Hagen v. Gresby, 34 N. D. 349, 159 N. W. 3, 5, L. R. A. 1917B, 361.

—Signing judgment. In English practice. The signature or allowance of the proper officer of a court, obtained by the party entitled to judgment in an action, expressing generally that judgment is given in his favor, and which stands in the place of its actual delivery by the judges themselves. Steph. Pl. 110, 111; Frenz v. Peason, 10 L. 54. An American practice. A signing of the judgment record itself, which is done by the proper officer, on the margin of the record, opposite the entry of the judgment. 1 Burrill, Pr. 268.

SIGN MANUAL. An autograph signature; specifically, the official signature of a
sovereign, chief magistrate, or the like, to an official document, as letters patent, to give validity. Webster, Dict.; Wharton, Law Dict.

**In English Law**

The signature of the king to grants or letters patent, inscribed at the top. 2 Sharsw. Bla. Comm. 347*. The sign manual is not good unless countersigned, etc.; 9 Mod. 54. There is this difference between what the sovereign does under the sign manual and what he or she does under the great seal, viz., that the former is done as a personal act of the sovereign; the latter as an act of state. Brown.

**SIGNA.** The plural of *signum* (q. v.).

**SIGNAL.** A means of communication, as between vessels at sea or between a vessel and the shore. The international code of signals for the use of all nations assigns arbitrary meanings to different arrangements of flags or displays of lights.

**SIGNATORIUS ANNUlus.** Lat. In the civil law. A signet-ring; a seal-ring. Dig. 50, 16, 74.

**SIGNATORY.** A term used in diplomacy to indicate a nation which is a party to a treaty.

**SIGNATURE.**

In Eclesiastical Law

The name of a sort of rescript, without seal, containing the supplication, the signature of the pope or his delegate, and the grant of a pardon.

In Contracts

The act of writing one’s name upon a deed, note, contract, or other instrument, either to identify or authenticate it, or to give it validity as one’s own act. See A. T. Willett Co. v. Industrial Commission, 287 Ill. 487, 122 N. E. 864, 867.

The name of a person as written or set down by himself. Christman v. Salway, 103 Or. 666, 205 P. 541, 549; Mills v. Howell, 2 N. D. 30, 49 N. W. 413.

A sign, stamp, or mark impressed as by a seal, or the name of any person written in his own hand, signifying that the writing preceding it accords with his own wishes or intention. Felcher v. Felcher, 117 Va. 396, 84 S. E. 607, 670, L. R. A. 1016D, 902. See, also, 7 L. R. Pr. 590; 3 Nev. & P. 228; Jackson v. Van Dusen, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 144, 4 Am. Dec. 320; In re Gullfoyle, 96 Cal. 598, 31 P. 553, 22 L. R. A. 370; Sign.

The “signature” to a deed may be made either by the grantor affixing his own signature, or by adopting one written for him, or by making his mark, or impressing some other sign or symbol on the paper by which the signature, though written by another for him, may be identified. Lee v. Parker, 171 N. C. 144, 88 S. E. 217, 221.


**SIGNET.** A seal commonly used for the sign manual of the sovereign. Wharton. In Scotland, a seal by which royal warrants connected with the administration of justice were formerly authenticated.

**SIGNIFICATION.** In French law. The notice given of a decree, sentence, or other judicial act.

**SIGNIFICAT.** In ecclesiastical law. When this word is used alone, it means the bishop’s certificate to the court of chancery in order to obtain the writ of excommunication; but, where the words “writ of signification” are used, the meaning is the same as “writ de excommunicato capiendo.” Shelf. Mar. & Div. 502. Obsolete.

**SIGNIFY.** To make known by signs or words; express; communicate; announce; declare. State v. Klein, 94 Wash. 212, 162 P. 52, 53.

**SIGNING JUDGMENT.** See Sign.

**SIGNUM.** Lat.

In the Roman and Civil Law

A sign; a mark; a seal. The seal of an instrument. Calvin.

A species of proof. By “signum” were meant those species of indicia which come more immediately under the cognizance of the senses; such as stains of blood on the person of one accused of murder, indications of terror at being charged with the offense, and the like. Best, Pres. 13, note f.

In Saxon Law

The sign of a cross prefixed as a sign of assent and approbation to a charter or deed.


Silence shows consent. 6 Barb. (N. Y.) 28, 55.

Silent leges inter arma. The power of law is suspended during war. Bacon; 4 Inst. 70.

**SILENTIARIUS.** In English law. One of the privy council; also an usher, who sees good rule and silence kept in court. Wharton.
SILK. Fine, soft thread produced by various species of caterpillars, etc. Lowder v. Union Transfer Co. of San Francisco, 79 Cal. App. 598, 250 P. 703, 704.

Under a statute referring to silk in a manufactured or unmanufactured state, any fabric which contains silk will not necessarily be included. See 28 L. J. C. P. 355; 22 L. J. Eq. 187.

SILK GOWN. Used especially of the gowns worn in England by king’s counsel; hence, “to take silk” means to attain the rank of king’s counsel. Mozley & Whitely.

SILVA. Lat. In the civil law. Wood; a wood.

SILVA CÆDUA.

In the Civil Law

That kind of wood which was kept for the purpose of being cut.

In English law

Under wood; coppice wood. 2 Inst. 642; Cowell. All small wood and under timber, and likewise timber when cut down, under twenty years’ growth; titheable wood. 3 Salk. 347. See, also, Sylva Cædua.

SILVER. Coin made of silver; silver money; money (in general). Webster, Dict.; Cook v. State, 130 Ark. 90, 196 S. W. 922, 924.


SIMILAR DESCRIPTION. Such words as used in a tariff act import that the goods are similar in product and adapted to similar uses; not necessarily that they have been produced by similar methods of manufacture.


SIMILITER. Lat. In pleading. Likewise; the like. The name of the short formula used either at the end of pleadings or by itself, expressive of the acceptance of an issue of fact tendered by the opposite party; otherwise termed a “Johnder in issue.” Steph. Pl. 57, 237. See Solomons v. Chesley, 57 N. H. 163; 2 Saund. 519 b; Shaw v. Redmond, 11 Ser. & R. (Pa.) 32. The plaintiff’s reply, that, as the defendant has put himself upon the country, he, the plaintiff, does the like. It occurs only when the plea has the conclusion to the country, and its effect is to join the plaintiff in the issue thus tendered by the defendant. Co. Litt. 120 a.

Similitudo LEGALIS est casuum diversorum inter se collatorum similis ratio; quod in uno similimum valet, valebit in altero. Dissimilium, dissimilis est ratio. Legal similarity is a similar reason which governs various cases when compared with each other; for what avails in one similar case will avail in the other. Of things dissimilar, the reason is dissimilar. Co. Litt. 181; Benj. Sales 379.

Simonia est voluntas sive desiderium emendandi vel vendendi spirituallia vel spirituallibus adherentia. Contractus ex turpi causa et contra bonos mores. Hob. 167. Simony is the will or desire of buying or selling spiritualities, or things pertaining thereto. It is a contract founded on a bad cause, and against morality.

SIMONY. In English ecclesiastical law. The corrupt presentation of any one to an ecclesiastical benefice for money, gift, or reward. 2 Bl. Comm. 278. An unlawful contract for presenting a clergyman to a benefice. The buying or selling of ecclesiastical preferments or of things pertaining to the ecclesiastical order. Hob. 167. See State v. Buswell, 40 Neb. 158, 58 N. W. 728, 24 L. R. A. 68.

An unlawful agreement to receive a temporal reward for something holy or spiritual. Code 1, 3, 31; Aylliff, Parerg. 406.

Giving or receiving any material advantage in return for spiritual promotion, whether such advantage be actually received or only stipulated for. Jenks, Mod. Land L 230.

SIMPLA. Lat. In the civil law. The single value of a thing. Dig. 21, 2, 37, 2.

SIMPLE. Pure; unmixed; not compounded; not aggravated; not evidenced by sealed writing or record.


SIMPLE SENTENCE. In rhetoric, one in which only one principal statement is made,

SIMPLEX. Lat. Simple; single; pure; unqualified.

Charta Simplex
A deed-poll or single deed. Jacob, Law Dict.

Simplex Beneficium
In ecclesiastical law. A minor dignity in a cathedral or collegiate church, or any other ecclesiastical benefice, as distinguished from a cure of souls. It may therefore be held with any parochial cure, without coming under the prohibitions against pluralities. Wharton.

Simplex Dictum
In old English practice. Simple averment; mere assertion without proof.

Simplex Justitiiarius
In old records. Simple justice. A name sometimes given to a puisne justice. Cowell.

Simplex Loquela
In old English practice. Simple speech; the mere declaration or plaint of a plaintiff.

Simplex Obligatio

Simplex Peregrinatio

Simplex commendatio non obligat. Mere recommendation [of an article] does not bind, [the vendor of it.] Dlg. 4, 3, 37; 2 Kent, Comm. 485; Broom, Max. 751; 4 Taunt. 488; 16 Q. B. 282, 283; Cro. Jac. 4; 2 Allen (Mass.) 214; 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 354; 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 95.

Simplex et pura donatio dici poterit, ubi nulla est affecta conditio nec modus. A gift is said to be pure and simple when no condition or qualification is annexed. Braet, 1.

Simplicitas est legibus amica; et nimia subtilitas in jure reprobatur. 4 Coke, 8. Simplicity is favorable to the laws; and too much subtlety in law is to be reproued.

SIMPLICITER. Lat. Simply; without ceremony; in a summary manner.

Directly; immediately; as distinguished from inferentially or indirectly.

By itself; by its own force; per se.

SIMUL CUM. Lat. Together with. In actions of tort and in proceedings, where several persons united in committing the act complained of, some of whom are known and others not, it is usual to allege in the declaration or indictment that the persons therein named did the injury in question, "together with (simul cum) other persons unknown."

In cases of riots, it is usual to charge that A, B, together with others unknown, did the act complained of. 2 Chitty, Cr. Law 488; 2 Salk. 583.

When a party sued with another pleads separately, the plea is generally entitled in the name of the person pleading, adding, "sued with ——," naming the other party. When this occurred, it was, in the old phraseology, called pleading with a simul cum.

SIMUL ET SEMEL. Lat. Together and at one time.

SIMULATE. To assume the mere appearance of, without the reality; to assume the signs or indications of, falsely; to counterfeit; feign; imitate; pretend. Harryman v. Harryman, 93 Kan. 223, 444 P. 262, 265, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 369.

To engage, usually with the cooperation or connivance of another person, in an act or series of acts, which are apparently transacted in good faith, and intended to be followed by their ordinary legal consequences, but which in reality conceal a fraudulent purpose of the party to gain thereby some advantage to which he is not entitled, or to injure, delay, or defraud others. See Cartwright v. Bamberger, 90 Ala. 405, 8 So. 264.

SIMULATED CONTRACT. One which, though clothed in concrete form, has no existence in fact. It may at any time and at the demand of any person in interest be declared a sham and may be ignored by creditors of the apparent vendor. Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. v. Louisana Ave. Realty Co., 143 La. 962, 79 So. 554, 556.

SIMULATED FACT. In the law of evidence. A fabricated fact; an appearance given to things by human device, with a view to deceive and mislead. Burrill, Cr. Ev. 131.

SIMULATED JUDGMENT. One which is apparently rendered in good faith, upon an actual debt, and intended to be collected by the usual process of law, but which in reality is entered by the fraudulent contrivance of the parties, for the purpose of giving to one of them an advantage to which he is not entitled, or of defrauding or delaying third persons.

SIMULATED SALE. One which has all the appearance of an actual sale in good faith, intended to transfer the ownership of property for a consideration, but which in reality covers a collusive design of the parties to put the property beyond the reach of creditors, or proceeds from some other fraudulent purpose.

SIMULATIO LATENS. Lat. A species of feigned disease, in which disease is actually present, but where the symptoms are falsely aggravated, and greater sickness is pretended than really exists. Beck, Med. Jur. 3.
SIMULATION.

In the Civil Law

Misrepresentation or concealment of the truth; as where parties pretend to perform a transaction different from that in which they really are engaged. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 181.

In French Law

Collusion; a fraudulent arrangement between two or more persons to give a false or deceptive appearance to a transaction in which they engage.

SIMULTANEOUS. At the same time. State v. Columbus, Delaware & Marion Electric Co., 103 Ohio St. 280, 133 N. E. 487, 488.

The word “simultaneous,” as used in a patent claim, does not imply absolute synchronism from beginning to end, but has some elasticity. Events may be substantially or relatively simultaneous, although not absolutely so. Westinghouse Mach. Co. v. C. & G. Cooper Co. (C. C. A.) 245 F. 463, 463.

SINE. This word’s proper signification is “after,” Keller v. Keller, 121 Kan. 529, 247 P. 433, 435, 49 A. L. R. 113, and in its apparent sense it includes the whole period between the event and the present time. Jones v. Bank, 79 Me. 183, 9 A. 22. “Since” a day named, does not necessarily include that day. Monroe v. Acworth, 41 N. H. 201.

SINDERESIS. “A natural power of the soul, the set in the highest part thereof, moving and stirring it to good, and abhorring evil. And therefore sinderesis never sinmeth nor erreth. And this sinderesis our Lord put in man, to the intent that the order of things should be observed. And therefore sinderesis is called by some men the ‘law of reason,’ for it ministereth the principles of the law of reason, the be in every man by nature, in that he is a reasonable creature.” Doct. & Stud. 59.

SINE. Lat. Without.

SINE ANIMO REVERTENDI. Without the intention of returning. 1 Kent, Comm. 78.

SINE ASSENSU CAPITULI. Without the consent of the chapter. In old English practice. A writ which lay where a dean, bishop, prebendary, abbott, prior, or master of a hospital aliened the lands held in the right of his house, abbey, or priory, without the consent of the chapter; in which cases his successor might have this writ. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 194, 1; Cowell.

SINE CONSIDERATIONE CURIÆ. Without the judgment of the court. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 47, § 13.

SINE DECRETO. Without authority of a judge. 2 Kames, Eq. 115.

SINE DIE. Without day; without assigning a day for a further meeting or hearing. Hence, a final adjournment; final dismissal of a cause. Quod est sine die, that he go without day; the old form of a judgment for the defendant, i. e., a judgment discharging the defendant from any further appearance in court.

SINE HOC QUOD. Without this, that. A technical phrase in old pleading, of the same import with the phrase “absque hoc quod.”

SINE NUMERO. Without stint or limit. A term applied to common. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 19, § 8.

SINE PROLE. Without issue. Used in genealogical tables, and often abbreviated into “s. p.”

SINE QUA NON. Without which not. That without which the thing cannot be. An indispensable requisite or condition.

Sine possessione usucapi prodecre non possit. There can be no prescription without possession.

SINCERE. In ecclesiastical law. When a rector of a parish neither resides nor performs duty at his benefice, but has a vicar under him endowed and charged with the care thereof, this is termed a “sincerely.” Brown.

An ecclesiastical benefice without cure of souls.

In popular usage, the term denotes an office which yields a revenue to the incumbent, but makes little or no demand upon his time or attention.

SINGLE. Unitary; detached; individual; affecting only one person; containing only one part, article, condition, or covenant. Alone; abstracted from others. State v. Patch, 61 Mont. 565, 210 P. 748, 750. Unmarried. In re Rudman’s Estate, 244 Pa. 248, 90 A. 566, 567. The term is applicable to a widow; Crum v. Brock, 150 Miss. 898, 101 So. 704, 705; 12 L. J. W. C. 74; and occasionally even to a married woman living apart from her husband; 12 Q. B. D. 681.


SINGLE CREDITOR. One having a lien only on a single fund;—distinguished from double creditor, who is one having a lien on two funds. Newby v. Fox, 90 Kan. 317, 133 P. 890, 47 L. R. A. (N. S.) 302.

SINGULAR. Each; as in the expression “all and singular.” Also, individual. In grammar, the singular is used to express only one. In law, the singular frequently includes the plural. Under the 13 & 14 Vict. c. 21, §
4, words in acts of parliament importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, unless the contrary is expressly provided. Whart. Lex.

As to singular "Successor," and "Title," see those titles.

Singuli in solidum tenetur. Each is bound for the whole. 6 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 242, 252.

SINKING FUND. See Fund.

SIPESSOCUA. In old English law. A franchise, liberty, or hundred.


SIST, n. In Scotch practice. A stay or suspension of proceedings; an order for a stay of proceedings. Bell.

SISTER. A woman who has the same father and mother with another, or has one of them only. In the first case, she is called sister, simply; in the second, half-sister. Wood v. Mitchell, 61 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 48; People v. Elliff, 74 Colo. 81, 219 P. 224, 225. See, also, In re Benson's Estate, 90 Misc. Rep. 222, 163 N. Y. S. 670, 671. The word is the correlative of "brother."

SIT. To hold court; to do any act of a judicial nature. Russell v. Crook County Court, 75 Or. 168, 146 P. 806, 808; Faulkner v. Walker, 36 Ga. App. 690, 137 S. E. 90, 910. To hold a session, as of a court, grand jury, legislative body, etc. To be formally organized and proceeding with the transaction of business. See Allen v. State, 102 Ga. 219, 29 S. E. 470; Cock v. State, 8 Tex. App. 659; Boyd v. Kellog, 121 Md. 42, 88 A. 30, 31.

SITHCUNDAMAM. In Saxon law. The high constable of a hundred.

SITIO GANADO MAYOR. (Sometimes written, also, sitio de ganado mayor.) Sp. In Spanish and Mexican land law, a tract of land in the form of a square, each side of which measures 5,000 varas; the distance from the center of each sitio to each of its sides should be measured directly to the cardinal points of the compass, and should be 2,500 varas. U. S. v. Cameron, 3 Ariz. 100, 21 P. 177. Equivalent to 438.464 acres. Ainsa v. U. S., 161 U. S. 219, 16 S. Ct. 544, 40 L. Ed. 673. A square league. U. S. v. Sutherland, 19 How. 363, 364, 15 L. Ed. 666; Corrigan v. State, 42 Tex. Civ. App. 171, 94 S. W. 95, 100.

Sitio de ganado menor, or sheep ranch, is equivalent to 1828.133 acres. Ainsa v. U. S., 161 U. S. 219, 16 S. Ct. 544, 40 L. Ed. 673.

SITTINGS. In practice. The holding of a court, with full form, and before all the judges, as a sitting in banc. 3 Steph. Comm. 428.

The sitting of a court of nisi prius by one or more of the judges of a superior court, in stead of the ordinary nisi prius judge. 3 Steph. Comm. 422.

SITTINGS AFTER TERM. Sittings in banc after term were held by authority of the St. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 32. The courts were at liberty to transact business at their sittings as in term-time, but the custom was to dispose only of cases standing for argument or judgment. Wharton.

SITTINGS IN BANK, or BANC. The sessions of a court, with the full bench present, for the purpose of determining matters of law argued before them. The sittings which the respective superior courts of common law hold during every term for the purpose of hearing and determining the various matters of law argued before them. They are so called in contradistinction to the sittings at nisi prius, which are held for the purpose of trying issues of fact.

SITTINGS IN CAMERA. See Chambers.

SITUS. Lat. Situation; location. Smith v. Bank, 5 Pet. 524, 8 L. Ed. 212; Heston v. Finley, 118 Kan. 717, 236 P. 481, 483; Avery v. Interstate Grocery Co., 118 Okt. 265, 248 P. 340, 341, 52 A. L. R. 528. Site; position; the place where a thing is, considered, for example, with reference to jurisdiction over it, or the right or power to tax it. See Boyd v. Selma, 96 Ala. 144, 11 So. 593, 16 L. R. A. 729; Bullock v. Guilford, 59 Vt. 516, 9 A. 300; Fenton v. Edwards, 126 Cal. 48, 58 P. 320, 46 L. R. A. 832, 77 Am. St. Rep. 141.

Sive tota res evincatur, sive pars, habet regressum empur in venditore. The purchaser who has been evicted in whole or in part has an action against the vendor. Dig. 21, 2, 1; Broom, Max. 708.

SIX ACTS, THE. The acts passed in 1819, for the pacification of England, are so called.

They, in effect, prohibited the training of persons to arms; authorized general searches and seizure of arms; prohibited meetings of more than fifty persons for the discussion of public grievances; repressed with heavy penalties and confiscations seditious and blasphemous libels; and checked pamphleteering by extending the newspaper stamp duty to political pamphlets. Brown.

SIX ARTICLES, LAWS OF. A celebrated act entitled "An act for abolishing diversity of opinion," (31 Hen. VIII, c. 14,) enforcing conformity under the severest penalties on six of the strongest points In the Roman Catholic religion: Transubstantiation, communion in one kind, the celibacy of the clergy, monastic vows, the sacrifice of the mass, and auricular confession. 4 Steph. Com. 183; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 378. Repealed by 1 Eliz. c. 1.

SIX CLERKS. In English practice. Officers of the court of chancery, who received and filed all bills, answers, replications, and
SIX-DAY LICENSE. In English law. A liquor license, containing a condition that the premises in respect of which the license is granted shall be closed during the whole of Sunday, granted under section 49 of the licensing act, 1872 (35 & 36 Vict. c. 94.)

SIXHINDI. Servants of the same nature as rod knights, (q. v.) Anc. Inst. Eng.

SKELETON BILL. One drawn, Indorsed, or accepted in blank.


SKILL. Practical and familiar knowledge of the principles and processes of an art, science, or trade, combined with the ability to apply them in practice in a proper and approved manner and with readiness and dexterity. See Dole v. Johnson, 50 N. H. 451; Akridge v. Noble, 114 Ga. 940, 41 S. E. 78; Graham v. Gautier, 21 Tex. 119; Haworth v. Severs Mfg. Co., 87 Iowa, 765, 51 N. W. 68.

Reasonable Skill
Such skill as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by persons of common capacity, engaged in the same business or employment. Mechanics' Bank v. Merchants' Bank, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 25.

Skilled Witnesses
Witnesses who are allowed to give evidence on matters of opinion and abstract fact.

SLACKER. A person who was derelict in the performance of his duty toward his country in the world war. Dinning v. Breakey (C. C. A.) 237 F. 792; Choctaw Coal & Mining Co. v. Lillie, 204 Ala. 523, 86 So. 358, 359, 11 A. L. R. 1914.

SLADE. In old records. A long, flat, and narrow piece or strip of ground. Paroch. Antiq. 465.

SLAINS. See Letters of Slains.


"Libel" and "slander" are both methods of defamation; the former being expressed by print, writing, pictures, or signs; the latter by oral expressions. Spence v. Johnson, 142 Ga. 267, 82 S. E. 646, 647, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 1195.

SLANDER OF TITLE. This is a statement of something tending to cut down the extent of title to some estate vested in the plaintiff. Such statement, in order to be actionable, must be false and malicious; i. e., both untrue and done on purpose to injure the plaintiff. Damage must also have resulted from the statement. Brown, See Burkett v. Griffith, 90 Cal. 532, 27 P. 527, 13 L. R. A. 707, 25 Am. St. Rep. 151; Carbondale Inv. Co. v. Burdick, 67 Kan. 329, 72 P. 781; Butts v. Long, 94 Mo. App. 685, 68 S. W. 754; Pearson v. Fodera, 169 Cal. 370, 148 P. 200, 202, Ann. Cas. 1916D, 312; Kelly v. First State Bank, 145 Minn. 331, 177 N. W. 347, 9 A. L. R. 929.

SLANDERER. One who maliciously and without reason imputes a crime or fault to another of which he is innocent. See Slander.

SLANDEROUS PER SE. Words falsely spoken of another are slanderous per se only when they impute the commission of a crime involving moral turpitude, impute the existence of a loathsome and infectious disease, impute unfitness to perform the duties of an office or employment, prejudice in a profession or trade, or tend to disinherit him. Smallwood v. York, 183 Ky. 139, 173 S. W. 350, 381, L. R. A. 1915D, 578; Edwards X-Ray Co. v. Ritter Dental Mfg. Co., 210 N. Y. S. 299, 300, 124 Misc. Rep. 898.

SLAVE. A person who is wholly subject to the will of another; one who has no freedom of action, but whose person and services are wholly under the control of another. Webster; Anderson v. Salant, 38 R. I. 463, 88 A. 425, 428, L. R. A. 1916D, 651.

One who is under the power of a master, and who belongs to him; so that the master may sell and dispose of his person, of his industry, and of his labor, without his being able to do anything, have anything, or acquire anything, but what must belong to his master. Civ. Code La. 1886, art. 35.

SLAVE-TRADE. The traffic in slaves, or the buying and selling of slaves for profit.

SLAVERY. The condition of a slave; that civil relation in which one man has absolute power over the life, fortune, and liberty of another.

SLAY. This word, in an indictment, adds nothing to the force and effect of the word "kill,” when used with reference to the taking of human life. It is particularly appli-
cable to the taking of human life in battle; and, when it is not used in this sense, it is synonymous with “kill.” State v. Thomas, 32 La. Ann. 361.

SLEDGE. A hurdle to draw traitors to execution. 1 Hale, P. C. 82.

SLEEPING PARTNER. A dormant partner; one whose name does not appear in the firm, and who takes no active part in the business, but who has an interest in the concern, and shares the profits, and thereby becomes a partner, either absolutely, or as respects third persons.

SLEEPING RENT. In English law. An expression frequently used in coal-mine leases and agreements for the same. It signifies a fixed or dead, i.e., certain, rent, as distinguished from a rent or royalty varying with the amount of coals gotten, and is payable although the mine should not be worked at all, but should be sleeping or dead, whence the name. Brown.


SLICK. “Smooth, with a slippery or greasy smoothness.” McCall v. B. Nugent Bros. Dry Goods Co. (Mo. Sup.) 236 S. W. 324, 327.

SLIGHT. As to slight “Care,” “Evidence,” “Fault,” and “Negligence,” see those titles.

SLIP. In negotiations for a policy of insurance. In England, the agreement is in practice concluded between the parties by a memorandum called the “slip,” containing the terms of the proposed insurance, and initialed by the underwriters. Sweet.

Also that part of a police court which is divided off from the other parts of the court, for the prisoner to stand in. It is frequently called the “dock.” Brown.

The intermediate space between two wharves or docks; the opening or vacant space between two piers. See Thompson v. New York, 11 N. Y. 120; New York v. Scott, 1 Caimes (N. Y.) 543.


SLIPPA. A stirrup. There is a tenure of land in Cambridgeshire by holding the sovereign’s stirrup. Wharton.

SLOPE. A “slope,” within the meaning of a mining statute, is a level or inclined way, passage, or opening used for the same purpose as a shaft. Roberts v. Tennessee Coal, Iron & R. Co. (O. C. A.) 295 F. 466, 472.

SLOUGH. An arm of a river, flowing between islands and the main-land, and separating the islands from one another. Sloughs have not the breadth of the main river, nor does the main body of water of the stream flow through them. Dunleith & D. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 55 Iowa, 565, 8 N. W. 443.

SLOUGH SILVER. A rent paid to the castle of Wigmore, in lieu of certain day’s work in harvest, heretofore reserved to the lord from his tenants. Cowell.

SLUICEWAY. An artificial channel into which water is let by a sluice. Specifically, a trench constructed over the bed of a stream, so that logs or lumber can be floated down to a convenient place of delivery. Webster. See Anderson v. Munch, 29 Minn. 416, 13 N. W. 192.

SMAVA. In old records. A small, light vessel; a smack. Cowell.

SMALL DEBTS COURTS. The several county courts established by St. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95, for the purpose of bringing justice home to every man’s door.

SMALL TITHES. All personal and mixed tithes, and also hops, flax, saffrons, potatoes, and sometimes, by custom, wood. Otherwise called “priest tithes.” 2 Steph. Comm. 726.


SMELLER. Witness in liquor case who qualifies as “smeller” is one who is shown to know liquor by smell. Mathews v. State, 21 Ala. App. 151, 106 So. 390, 391.

SMELTING. A melting of ores in the presence of some re-agent which operates to separate the metallic element by combining with a non-metallic element. Lowrey v. Smelting & Aluminum Co. (C. C.) 68 F. 354.

SMOKE-FARTHDINGS. In old English law. An annual rent paid to cathedral churches; another name for the pentecostals or customary oblations offered by the dispersed inhabitants within a diocese, when they made their procession to the mother cathedral church. Cowell.

SMOKE-SILVER. In English law. A sum paid to the ministers of divers parishes as a modus in lieu of tithe-wood. Blount.

SMUGGLING. The offense of importing prohibited articles, or of defrauding the revenue by the introduction of articles into consumption, without paying the duties chargeable upon them. It may be committed indifferently either upon the excise or customs revenue. Wharton.
The fraudulent taking into a country, or out of it, merchandise which is lawfully prohibited. (Quoted and approved by Brewer, J., in Dunbar v. U. S., 156 U. S. 155, 15 S. Ct. 325, 39 L. Ed. 390.)

"The bringing on shore, or carrying from the shore, goods and merchandise, for which the duty has not been paid, or of goods of which the importation or exportation is prohibited." 6 Bac. Abr. 238. So, in almost precisely the same words in 1 Hawk. Pl. Cr. 661; 1 Russ. Cr. 172; Gillespie v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 13 F. (2d) 736, 738.

SNOTTERING SILVER. A small duty which was paid by servile tenants in Wylegh to the abbot of Coichester. Cowell.

SO. This term is sometimes the equivalent of "hence," or "therefore," and it is thus understood whenever what follows is an illustration of, or conclusion from, what has gone before. Clem v. State, 33 Ind. 431.

In connection with time, it suggests a period of indefinite duration. Thus, an agreement to pay rent "within a week or so" after a specified date is sufficiently compiled with by payment 13 days after the date fixed. Marshall v. Partyka, 98 Conn. 778, 120 A. 507, 608.

SO HELP YOU GOD. The formula at the end of a common oath.

SOAKEAGE. The term "soakeage," as used in the laws and regulations relating to withdrawal of liquors from bonded warehouses, means the spirits which in course of time in the warehouse had been absorbed by the staves of the barrel containing it. Bernheim Distilling Co. v. Mayes (D. C.) 268 F. 629, 630.

SOBER. Moderate in, or abstain from, the use of intoxicating liquors. American Cigar Co. v. Fabacher, 156 La. 182, 100 So. 298, 300.

SOBRE. Span. Above; over; upon. Rius v. Chambers, 15 Tex. 583, 592.


SOBRINI and SOBRINE. Lat. In the civil law. The children of cousins german in general.

SOC, SOK, or SOKA. In Saxon law. Jurisdiction; a power or privilege to administer justice and execute the laws; also a shire, circuit, or territory. Cowell.

SOCA. A seigniory or lordship, enfranchised by the king, with liberty of holding a court of his socmen or socagers; i.e., his tenants.

SOCAGE. Socage tenure, in England, is the holding of certain lands in consideration of certain inferior services of husbandry to be performed by the tenant to the lord of the fee. "Socage," in its most general and extensive signification, seems to denote a tenure by any certain and determinate service. And in this sense it is by the ancient writers constantly put in opposition to tenure by chivalry or knight-service, where the render was precarious and uncertain. Socage is of two sorts,—free socage, where the services are not only certain, but honorable; and vilain socage, where the services, though certain, are of baser nature. Such as hold by the former tenure are also called in Glanvil and other authors by the name of "libert sokemanni," or tenants in free socage. By the statute 12 Car. 2, c. 24, all the tenures by knight-service were, with one or two immaterial exceptions, converted into free and common socage. See Cowell; Bart. l. 2, c. 35; 2 Bl. Comm. 79; Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 9; Litt. § 117; Glan, 1. 3, c. 7.

SOCAGER. A tenant by socage.

Soecarium idem est quod servitum soec; et soecum idem est quod caruo. Co. Litt. 86. Socage is the same as service of the soc; and soc is the same thing as a plow.

SOCER. Lat. In the civil law. A wife's father; a father-in-law. Calvin.

SOCIAL CONTRACT, or COMPACT. In political philosophy, a term applied to the theory of the origin of society associated chiefly with the names of Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau, though it can be traced back to the Greek Sophists. Rousseau (Contrat Social) held that in the pre-social state man was uncivilized and timid. Laws resulted from the combination of men who agreed, for mutual protection, to surrender individual freedom of action. Government must therefore rest on the consent of the governed. Encycl. Br.

SOCIAL INSURANCE. "Social insurance" covers insurance referred to under the head: Unemployment, old age pensions, mothers' and orphans' pensions, sickness, etc. Smythe v. Home Life & Accident Ins. Co., 134 La. 368, 64 So. 142, 143.

SOCIAL SETTLEMENT. The term "social settlement," as applied to organizations engaged in charitable or philanthropic work, implies a fixed locality to be benefited by supplying moral, physical, and educational help to the poor and needy. In re Young Women's Christian Ass'n (Sup.) 141 N. Y. S. 290, 291.

SOCIALISM. Any theory or system of social organization which would abolish, entirely or in great part, the individual effort and competition on which modern society rests, and substitute for it co-operative action, would introduce a more perfect and equal distribution of the products of labor, and would make land and capital, as the instruments and means of production, the joint possession of the members of the community.
SOCIDÉ. In Civil Law

The name of a contract by which one man delivers to another, either for a small remuneration or for a part of the profits, certain animals on condition that if any of them perish they shall be replaced by the bailee or he shall pay their value.

A contract of hiring, with the condition that the bailee takes upon him the risk of the loss of the thing hired. Wolff § 638.


SOCIEDAD ANONIMA. In Spanish and Mexican law. A business corporation. "By the corporate name, the shareholders' names are unknown to the world; and, so far as their connection with the corporation is concerned, their own names may be said to be anonymous, that is, nameless. Hence the derivation of the term 'anonymous' as applied to a body of persons associated together in the form of a company to transact any given business under a company name which does not disclose any of their own." Hall, Mex. Law, § 749.

SOCIETAS. Lat. In the civil law. Partnership; a partnership; the contract of partnership. Inst. 3, 26. A contract by which the goods or labor of two or more are united in a common stock, for the sake of sharing in the gain. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 18, no. 12.

SOCIETAS LEONINA. That kind of society or partnership by which the entire profits belong to some of the partners, in exclusion of the rest. So called in allusion to the fable of the lion, who, having entered into partnership with other animals for the purpose of hunting, appropriated all the prey to himself. Wharton.

SOCIETAS NAVALIS. A naval partnership; an association of vessels; a number of ships pursuing their voyage in company, for purposes of mutual protection.


SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME. In French law originally a partnership conducted in the name of one of the members; the others were strictly secret partners. To creditors of the firm they came into no relation and under no liability. An association where the liability of all the partners is limited. It had in England until lately no other name than that of "chartered company," meaning thereby a joint-stock company whose shareholders, by a charter from the crown, or a special enactment of the legislature, stood exempted from any liability for the debts of the concern, beyond the amount of their subscriptions. 2 Mill, Pol. Econ. 485.

SOCIÉTÉ D'ACQUETS. A written contract between husband and wife to regard as community property only those things which are acquired during the marriage.

SOCIÉTÉ EN COMMANDITE. In Louisiana. A partnership formed by a contract by which one person or partnership agrees to furnish another person or partnership a certain amount, either in property or money, to be employed by the person or partnership to whom it is furnished, in his or their own name or firm, on condition of receiving a share in the profits, in the proportion determined by the contract, and of being liable to losses and expenses to the amount furnished and no more. Civ. Code La. art. 2839.

SOCIÉTÉ EN NOM COLLECTIF. A partnership in which all the members are jointly and severally liable.

SOCIÉTÉ EN PARTICIPATION. A joint adventure.

SOCIÉTÉ PAR ACTIONS. A joint stock company.

SOCIETY. An association or company of persons (generally unincorporated) united together by mutual consent, in order to deliberate, determine, and act jointly for some common purpose. In a wider sense, the community or public; the people in general. See New York County Medical Ass'n v. New York, 32 Misc. 116, 65 N. Y. S. 531; Josey v. Union L. & T. Co., 106 Ga. 608, 32 S. E. 628; Gilmer v. Stone, 120 U. S. 586, 7 S. Ct. 689, 30 L. Ed. 734.

Civil Society

Usually, a state, nation, or body politic. Rutherforth, Inst. c. 1, 2.

Socii mei socius meus socius non est. The partner of my partner is not my partner. Dig. 50, 17, 47, 1.

SOCIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A partner.

SOCMAN. A socager.

Free Socmen

In old English law. Tenants in free socage. Glanv. llib. 3, c. 7; 2 Bl. Comm. 79.

SOCMANRY. Free tenure by socage.

SOCNA. A privilege, liberty, or franchise. Cowell.

SOCOME. Custom of grinding corn at the lord's mill. Cowell. Bond-socome is where the tenants are bound to it. Blount.

SODOMITE. One who has been guilty of sodomy.

SODOMY. A carnal copulation by human beings with each other against nature, or with a beast. See 2 Blsh. Cr. Law § 1191; Whart. Cr. Law 579; Strum v. State, 188 Ark. 1012, 272 S. W. 359.
This term is often defined in statutes and judicial decisions as meaning "the crime against nature," the "crime against parent," or carnal copulation, against the order of nature, by man with woman or with a beast. See Code Ga. 1852, § 4532 (Pen. Code 1910, § 273); Henselm v. People, 158 Ill. 172, 48 N. E. 391. But, strictly speaking, it should be used only as equivalent to "pederasty," that is, the sexual act as performed by a man upon the person of another man or a boy by penetration of the same. See Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 355, 71 Am. Dec. 331. The term might also, without any great violence to its original meaning, be so extended as to cover the same act when performed in the same manner by a man upon the person of a woman. Another possible method of unilateral sexual connection, by penetration of the mouth (genital in orem alié immittere, vel genitum ali in orem recipere) is not properly called "sodomy," but "fellation." That this does not constitute sodomy within the meaning of a statute is held in Com. v. Poindexter (Ky.) 138 S. W. 943; Lewis v. State, 36 Tex. Cr. R. 37, 35 S. W. 372, 61 Am. St. Rep. 831; but a greater number of jurisdictions hold otherwise. See State v. Farris, 129 Iowa, 505, 178 N. W. 351, 362; Glover v. State, 179 Ind. 465, 361 N. E. 629, 639, L. R. A. (N. S.) 479; White v. State, 139 Ga. 159, 71 S. E. 155; State v. Start, 65 Or. 178, 132 P. 512, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 265. On the other hand bestiality is the carnal copulation of a human being with a brute, or animal of the sub-human orders of the opposite sex. It is not identical with sodomy, nor is it a form of sodomy, though the two terms are often confused in legal writings and sometimes in statutes. See Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 355, 71 Am. Dec. 331. Buggery is a term rarely used in statutes, but apparently including both sodomy (in the widest sense) and bestiality as above defined. See Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 355, 71 Am. Dec. 331; Com. v. J., 21 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 625.

SOFT DRINK PARLOR. A place where soft drinks are sold and drunk on premises. People v. De Geovanni, 326 Ill. 230, 157 N. E. 195, 197.

SOIL. The surface, or surface-covering of the land, not including minerals beneath it or grass or plants growing upon it. But in a wider (and more usual) sense, the term is equivalent to "land," and includes all that is below, upon, or above the surface.

SOIT. Fr. Let it be; be it so. A term used in several law-French phrases employed in English law, particularly as expressive of the will or assent of the sovereign in formal communications with parliament or with private suitors.

SOIT BAILE AUX COMMUNS. Let it be delivered to the commons. The form of indorsement on a bill when sent to the house of commons. Dyer, 93a.

SOIT BAILE AUX SEIGNEURS. Let it be delivered to the lords. The form of indorsement on a bill in parliament when sent to the house of lords. Hob. 111a.

SOIT DROIT FAIT AL PARTIE. In English law. Let right be done to the party. A phrase written on a petition of right, and subscribed by the king.

SOIT FAIT COMME IL EST DESIRE. Let it be as it is desired. The royal assent to private acts of parliament.

SOJOURNING. This term means something more than "traveling," and applies to a temporary, as contradistinguished from a permanent, residence. Henry v. Ball, 1 Wheat. 5, 4 L. Ed. 21; In re Gahn's Will, 110 Misc. 95, 180 N. Y. 8, 262, 263.

SOKE-REEVE. The lord's rent gatherer in the soca. Cowell.

SOKEMANRIES. Lands and tenements which were not held by knight-service, nor by grand seigniery, nor by petit, but by simple services; being, as it were, lands enfranchised by the king or his predecessors from their ancient demesne. Their tenants were sokemans. Wharton.

SOKEMANS. In English law. Those who held their lands in socage. 2 Bl. Comm. 100.

Sola as per se se necactus donationem testamen tum aut transactionem non vitiat. Old age does not alone and of itself vitiate a will or gift. Van Alst v. Hunter, 5 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 148, 158.

SOLAR. In Spanish law. Land; the demesne, with a house, situated in a strong or fortified place. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 2.

SOLAR DAY. That period of time which begins at sunrise and ends at sunset. Co. Litt. 135a.

SOLAR MONTH. A calendar month. See Month.

SOLARES. In Spanish law. Lots of ground. This term is frequently found in grants from the Spanish government of lands in America. 2 White, Recop. 474.

SOLARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A rent paid for the ground, where a person built on the public land. A ground rent. Spelman; Calvin.

SOLATIUM. Compensation. Damages allowed for injury to the feelings.

SOLD. See "Sale."

SOLD NOTE. A note given by a broker, who has effected a sale of merchandise, to the buyer, stating the fact of sale, quantity, price, etc. Story, A. & G. § 25; Saladin v. Mitchell, 45 III. 83.

SOLDIER. A military man; a private in the army.

The word "soldier" within Soldiers' Preference Act is said to be limited to enlisted men, including noncommissioned officers and those whose enlistment arises as result of Selective

SOLE. Single; individual; separate; the opposite of joint; as a sole tenant. Fort Worth & D. C. Ry. Co. v. Williams (Tex. Civ. App.) 275 S. W. 415, 419.

Comprising only one person; the opposite of aggregate; as a sole corporation. Unmarried; as a feme sole. See the nouns.

SOLE AND UNCONDITIONAL OWNER. See Owner.

SOLEMN. Formal; in regular form; with all the forms of a proceeding. As to solemn “Form,” see Probate. As to solemn “Oath” and “War,” see the nouns.

SOLEMN OCCASION. “Solemn occasion” within constitutional provision empowering the Legislature to require the opinion of the Justices on important questions of law means occasion when such questions of law are necessary to be determined by the body making the inquiry in the exercise of the power intrusted to it by the Constitution or laws. In re Opinion of the Justices, 217 Mass. 607, 105 N. E. 440, 441.


SOLEMNITAS ATTACHIAMENTORUM. In old English practice. Solemnity or formality of attachments. The issuing of attachments in a certain formal and regular order. Bract. fols. 439, 440; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 490.

Solemnitates juris sunt observanda. The solemnities of law are to be observed. Jenk. Cent. 13.

SOLEMNITY. A rite or ceremony; the formality established by law to render a contract, agreement, or other act valid.

SOLEMNIZE. To solemnize, spoken of a marriage, means no more than to enter into a marriage contract, with due publication, before third persons, for the purpose of giving it notoriety and certainty; which may be before any persons, relatives, friends, or strangers, competent to testify to the facts. See Dyer v. Brannock, 66 Mo. 410, 27 Am. Rep. 339; Pearson v. Howey, 11 N. J. Law, 19; Bowman v. Bowman, 24 Ill. App. 172.

SOLICIT. To ask for with earnestness, to make petition to, to endeavor to obtain, to awake or excite to action, to appeal to, or to invite. In re Winthrop, 135 Wash. 153, 237 P. 3, 4; Briody v. De Kimpe, 91 N. J. Law, 208, 102 A. 658, 659. The term implies personal petition and importunity addressed to a particular individual to do some particular thing. Golden & Co. v. Justice’s Court of Woodland Tp., Yolo County, 23 Cal. App. 778, 140 P. 49, 58.

SOLICITATION. Asking; enticing; urgent request. Any action which the relation of the parties justifies in construing into a serious request. State v. Underwood, 79 Or. 336, 155 P. 194. Thus “solicitation of chastity” is the asking or urging a woman to surrender her chastity. State v. Rendell, 203 Iowa, 329, 210 N. W. 911; People v. McIvor, 397 Ill. 349, 138 N. E. 649, 653. The word is also used in such phrases as “solicitation to facet,” “to bribery, etc.

SOLICITOR. In English law. A legal practitioner in the court of chancery. The words “solicitor” and “attorney” are commonly used indiscriminately, although they are not precisely the same, an attorney being a practitioner in the courts of common law, a solicitor a practitioner in the courts of equity. Most attorneys take out a certificate to practice in the courts of chancery, and therefore become solicitors also, and, on the other hand, most, if not all, solicitors take out a certificate to practice in the courts of common law, and therefore become attorneys also. Brown.

SOLICITOR GENERAL. In Enlish law. One of the principal law officers of the crown, associated in his duties with the attorney general, holding office by patent during the pleasure of the sovereign, and having a right of preaudience in the courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 27. In American law, an officer of the department of justice, next in rank and authority to the attorney general, whose principal assistant he is. His chief function is to represent the United States in all cases in the supreme court and the court of claims in which the government is interested or to which it is a party, and to discharge the duties of the attorney general in the absence or disability of that officer or when there is a vacancy in the office. Rev. St. U. S. §§ 347, 339 (5 USCA §§ 293, 309).

SOLICITOR OF THE SUPREME COURT. The solicitors before the supreme courts, in Scotland, are a body of solicitors entitled to practice in the court of session, etc. Their charter of incorporation bears date August 10, 1797.

SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY. An officer of the United States attached to the department of justice, having general charge of the law business appertaining to the treasury.

SOLICITOR TO THE SUITORS’ FUND. An officer of the English court of chancery, who is appointed in certain cases guardian ad litem.

SOLIDARY. A term of civil-law origin, signifying that the right or interest spoken of
is joint or common. A "solidary obligation" corresponds to a "joint and several" obligation in the common law; that is, one for which several debtors are bound in such wise that each is liable for the entire amount, and not merely for his proportionate share. But in the civil law the term also includes the case where there are several creditors, as against a common debtor, each of whom is entitled to receive the entire debt and give an acquittance for it.

SOLIDUM. Lat. In the civil law. A whole; an entire or undivided thing.

SOLIDUS LEGALIS. A coin equal to 13s. 4d. of the present standard. 4 Steph. Comm. 119n. Originally the "solidus" was a gold coin of the Byzantine Empire, but in medieval times the term was applied to several varieties of coins, or as descriptive of a money of account, and is supposed to be the root from which "shilling" is derived.

SOLINUM. In old English law. Two plowlands, and somewhat less than a half. Co. Litt. 5a.

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. In a general sense, the separate confinement of a prisoner, with only occasional access of any other person, and that only at the discretion of the jailer; in a stricter sense, the complete isolation of a prisoner from all human society, and his confinement in a cell so arranged that he has no direct intercourse with or sight of any human being, and no employment or instruction. See Medley, Petitioner, 134 U. S. 160, 10 S. Ct. 384, 33 L. Ed. 835.

Sole cedit quod solo implantatur. That which is planted in the soil belongs to the soil. The proprietor of the soil becomes also the proprietor of the seed, the plant, and the tree, as soon as these have taken root. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 275.

Sole cedit quod solo inadjectur. That which is built upon the soil belongs to the soil. The proprietor of the soil becomes also proprietor of the building erected upon it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 275.

SOLUM PROVINCIALE. Lat. In Roman law. The solum italicum (an extension of the old Ager Romanus) admitted full ownership, and of the application to it of usu copiae; whereas the solum provinciale (an extension of the old Ager Publicus) admitted of a possessory title only, and of longi temporis possessio only. Justinian abolished all distinctions between the two, sinking the italicum to the level of the provinciale. Brown.

Sulm rex hoc non facere potest, quod non potest injuste agere. 11 Coke, 72. This alone the king cannot do, he cannot act unjustly.

Sulea Deus factum habedem, non homo. Co. Litt. 5. God alone makes the heir, not man.

SOLUTIO. Lat. In civil law. Payment, satisfaction, or release; any species of discharge of an obligation accepted as satisfactory by the creditor. The term refers not so much to the counting out of money as to the substance of the obligation. Dig. 46, 3, 54; Id. 50, 16, 178.

SOLUTIO INDEBITI. In the civil law. Payment of what was not due. From the payment of what was not due arises an obligation quasi ex contractu. When one has erroneously given or performed something to or for another, for which he was in no wise bound, he may redeem it, if as he had only lent it. The term "solutio indebiti" is here used in a very wide sense, and includes also the case where one performed labor for another, or assumed to pay a debt for which he was not bound, or relinquished a right or released a debt, under the impression that he was legally bound to do so. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 590.

Solutio pretii emptionis loco habetur. The payment of the price of a thing is held to be in place of a purchase, [operates as a purchase.] Jenk. Cent. p. 56, case 2; 2 Kent. Comm. 387.

SOLUTIONE FEODI MILITIS PARLIAMENTI, or FEODI BURGENSIS PARLIAMENTI. Old writ whereby knights of the shire and burgesses might have recovered their wages or allowance if it had been refused. 35 Hen. VIII. c. 11.

SOLUTUS. In the Civil Law

Loosened; freed from confinement; set at liberty. Dig. 50, 16, 48.

In Scotch Practice

Purged. A term used in old depositions.


SOLVENCY. The state of a person who is able to pay all his debts out of present means; excess of assets over liabilities; also such attitude of a person's property as that it may be reached and subjected by process of law, without his consent, to the payment of such debts. Mitchell v. Bradstreet Co., 116 Mo. 226, 22 S. W. 358, 724, 20 L. R. A. 138, 38 Am. St. Rep. 502; Thompson v. Thompson, 4 Cush. (Mass.) 127. The opposite of insolveney (q. v.). Marsh v. Dunckel, 25 Hun (N. Y.) 169; Osborne v. Smith (C. C.) 18 F. 130; Larkin v. Happgood, 56 Vt. 601; Sterrett v. Third Nat. Bank, 46 Hun (N. Y.) 28; Reid v. Lloyd, 52 Mo. App. 282; Evans & Howard Fire Brick Co. v. Gammon (Mo. App.) 204 S. W. 832, 834; Kennedy v. Burr, 171 P. 1022, 1024, 101 Wash. 61.

SOLVENDO ESSE. Lat. To be in a state of solvency; i.e., able to pay.

Solvendo esse nemo intelligitur nisi qui solvendum potest solvere. No one is considered to be solvent unless he can pay all that he owes. Dig. 50, 16, 114.

SOLVENDM IN FUTURO. (Lat.) To be paid in the future. Used of an indebtedness which is said to be debitum in presenti (due now) and solvendum in futuro (payable in the future). An interest in an estate may be rested in presenti, though it be solvendum in futuro, enjoyable in the future.

SOLVENT. A solvent person is one who is able to pay all his just debts in full out of his own present means. See Dig. 50, 16, 114. And see Solveny.

For “solvent debt” and “solvent partner” see “Debti” and “Partner.”

SOLVERE. Lat. To pay; to comply with one’s engagement; to do what one has undertaken to do; to release one’s self from obligation, as by payment of a debt. Calvin.

SOLVERE PENAS. To pay the penalty.

SOLVIT. Lat. He paid; paid. 10 East, 206.

SOLVIT AD DIEM. He paid at the day. The technical name of the plea, in an action of debt on bond, that the defendant paid the money on the day mentioned in the condition. 1 Archb. N. P. 220, 221.

SOLVIT ANTE DIEM. A plea that the money was paid before the day appointed.

SOLVIT POST DIEM. He paid after the day. The plea in an action of debt on bond that the defendant paid the money after the day named for the payment, and before the commencement of the suit. 1 Archb. N. P. 222.

Solvitur adhuc societas etiam morte socii. A partnership is moreover dissolved by the death of a partner. Inst. 3, 26, 5; Dig. 17, 2.

Solvitur eo ligamine quo ligatur. In the same manner that a thing is bound it is unloosed. Livingston v. Lynch, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 582.

SOMERSETT’S CASE. A celebrated decision of the English king’s bench, in 1771, (20 How. St. Tr. 1,) that slavery no longer existed in England in any form, and could not for the future exist on English soil, and that any person brought into England as a slave could not be thence removed except by the legal means applicable in the case of any free-born person.

SOMMATION. In French law. A demand served by a huissier, by which one party calls upon another to do or not to do a certain thing. This document has for its object to establish that upon a certain date the demand was made. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 574.

SOMNAMBULISM. Sleep-walking. Whether this condition is anything more than a co-operation of the voluntary muscles with the thoughts which occupy the mind during sleep is not settled by physiologists. Wharton.

SOMPOUR. In ecclesiastical law, an officer of the ecclesiastical courts whose duty was to serve citations or process.

SON. An immediate male descendant; the correlative of “father.” Technically a word of purchase, unless explained. Wetherill v. Lefferts, 254 Pa. 494, 98 A. 1074, 1076. Its meaning may be extended by construction to include more remote descendants, such as a grandchild, and also to include an illegitimate male child, though the presumption is against this. See Flora v. Anderson (C. C.) 67 P. 185; Lind v. Burke, 56 Neb. 783, 77 N. W. 444; Yarnall’s Appeal, 70 Pa. 341; Jamison v. Hay, 46 Mo. 548; Phipps v. Mulgrave, 5 Term, 323.


—Son assault demens. His own assault. A plea which occurs in the actions of trespass and trespass on the case, by which the defendant alleges that it was the plaintiff’s own original assault that occasioned the trespass for which he has brought the action, and that what the defendant did was merely in his own defense. Steph. Pl. 188; Oliverius v. Wicks, 107 Neb. 821, 157 N. W. 73, 74; Cameron Compress Co. v. Kubecka (Tex. Civ. App.) 283 S. W. 285, 287.

SON-IN-LAW. The husband of one’s daughter.

SONTAGE. A tax of forty shillings anciently laid upon every knight’s fee. Cowell.

SONTICUS. Lat. In the civil law. Hurtful; injurious; hindering; excusing or justifying delay. Motus sonticus is any illness of so serious a nature as to prevent a defendant from appearing in court and to give him a valid excuse. Calvin.

SOON. If there is no time specified for the performance of an act, or if it is specified that it is to be performed soon, the law implies that it is to be performed within a reasonable time. Sanford v. Shephard, 14 Kan. 232.

SOREHON, or SORN. An arbitrary exaction, formerly existing in Scotland and Ireland. Whenever a chieftain had a mind to revel, he came down among the tenants with his followers, by way of contempt called “Gillie-fittis,” and lived on free quarters. Wharton; Bell.

SORNER. In Scotch law. A person who takes meat and drink from others by force or menaces, without paying for it. Bell.
SOROR. Lat. In the civil law. Sister; a sister. Inst. 3, 6, 1.

SORORICIDE. The killing or murder of a sister; one who murders his sister. This is not a technical term of the law.

SORS. Lat. In The Civil Law

Lot; chance; fortune; hazard; a lot, made of wood, gold, or other material. Money borrowed, or put out at interest. A principal sum or fund, such as the capital of a partnership. Ainsworth; Calvin.

A principal lent on interest, as distinguished from the interest itself.
A thing recovered in action, as distinguished from the costs of the action.

SORTITIO. Lat. In the civil law. A drawing of lots. Sortitio judicium was the process of selecting a number of judges, for a criminal trial, by drawing lots.

SOUGH. In English law. A drain or watercourse. The channels or water-courses used for draining mines are so termed; and those mines which are near to any given soughe, and lie within the same level, and are benefited by it, are technically said to lie within the title of that soughe. 5 Mees. & W. 298; Brown.

SOUL SCOT. A mortuary, or customary gift due ministers, in many parishes of England, on the death of parishioners. It was originally voluntary and intended as amends for ecclesiastical dues neglected to be paid in the life-time. 2 Bl. Comm. 425.

SOUND, v. To have reference or relation to; to aim at. An action is technically said to sound in damages where it is brought not for the specific recovery of a thing, but for damages only. Steph. Pl. 105.


—Sound and disposing mind and memory. Testamentary capacity. See In re Hudson’s Estate, 131 Minn. 493, 156 N. W. 392, 395.

—Sound health. In insurance law the term “sound health,” means that the applicant has no grave impairment or serious disease, and is free from any ailment that seriously affects the general soundness and healthfulness of the system. National Life & Accident Ins. Co. of Nashville, Tenn., v. Martin, 35 Ga. App. 1, 131 S. E. 120, 121; Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. v. Chappell, 151 Tenn. 296, 299 S. W. 21, 24. The words imply a state of health unimpaired by any serious malady of which the person himself is conscious. New York Life Ins. Co. v. Franklin, 118 Va. 418, 87 S. E. 554, 558.

—Sound mind. The normal condition of the human mind,—that state in which its faculties of perception and judgment are ordinarily well developed, and not impaired by mania, insanity, or dementia. See Daly v. Daly, 183 Ill. 269, 55 N. E. 671; Delafield v. Parish, 25 N. Y. 102; Wilson v. Mitchell, 101 Pa. 465; Spratt v. Spratt, 76 Mich. 384, 43 N. W. 627; Whitney v. Twombly, 130 Mass. 147; Harrison v. Rowan, 11 Fed. Cas. 661; Yoe v. McCard, 74 Ill. 37; Rodney v. Burton, 4 Boyce (Del.) 171, 58 A. 826, 829. “Soundness of mind” in the law of wills means that testator must have been able to understand and carry in mind, in a general way, nature and situation of his property, his relations to those having claim to his remembrance, and nature of his act. Needham Trust Co. v. Cookson, 251 Mass. 160, 146 N. E. 268; In re Lawrence’s Estate, 286 Pa. 58, 132 A. 786, 789; In re Bosson’s Will, 185 App. Div. 339, 156 N. Y. S. 732, 736; Rose v. Rose (Mo. Sup.) 249 S. W. 605, 607.

SOUNDING IN DAMAGES. When an action is brought, not for the recovery of lands, goods, or sums of money, (as is the case in real or mixed actions or the personal action of debt or detinue,) but for damages only, as in covenant, trespass, etc., the action is said to be “sounding In damages.” Steph. Pl. 116. See Collins v. Greene, 67 Ala. 211; Rosser v. Bunn, 66 Ala. 93.

SOUNDNESS. General health; freedom from any permanent disease. 1 Car. & M. 291. See “Sound.”

SOURCES OF THE LAW. The origins from which particular positive laws derive their authority and coercive force. Such are constitutions, treaties, statutes, usages, and customs.

In another sense, the authoritative or reliable works, records, documents, edicts, etc., to which we are to look for an understanding of what constitutes the law. Such, for example, with reference to the Roman law, are the compilations of Justinian and the treatise of Gaius; and such, with reference to the common law, are especially the ancient reports and the works of such writers as Bracton, Littleton, Coke, “Fleta,” and others.

SOUS SEING PRIVE. Fr. In French law. Under private signature; under the private signature of the parties. A contract or instrument thus signed is distinguished from an “authentic act,” which is formally concluded before a notary or judge. Civil Code La, art. 2240.

SOUTH SEA FUND. The produce of the taxes appropriated to pay the interest of such part of the English national debt as was advanced by the South Sea Company and its annuitants. The holders of South Sea annuities have been paid off, or have received other stock in lieu thereof. 2 Steph. Comm. 578.

SOVEREIGN. A person, body, or state in which independent and supreme authority is vested; a chief ruler with supreme power; a king or other ruler with limited power.

In English Law

A gold coin of Great Britain, of the value of a pound sterling.

SOVEREIGN PEOPLE. The political body, consisting of the entire number of citizens and qualified electors, who, in their collective capacity, possess the powers of sovereignty and exercise them through their chosen representatives. See Scott v. Sandford, 19 How. 404; 15 L. Ed. 691.

SOVEREIGN POWER or SOVEREIGN PRE-R rogative. That power in a state to which none other is superior or equal, and which includes all the specific powers necessary to accomplish the legitimate ends and purposes of government. See Boggs v. Merced Min. Co. 14 Cal. 309; Dunmely v. Decker, 28 Wis. 461; 17 N. W. 289, 46 Am. Rep. 637; Com. v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 81; Etna Casualty & Surety Co. v. Bramwell (D. C.) 12 F. (2d) 307, 309.

SOVEREIGN RIGHT. A right which the state alone, or some of its governmental agencies, can possess, and which it possesses in the character of a sovereign, for the common benefit, and to enable it to carry out its proper functions; distinguished from such "proprietary" rights as a state, like any private person, may have in property or demands which it owns. See St. Paul v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 45 Minn. 387, 48 N. W. 17.

SOVEREIGN STATES. States whose subjects or citizens are in the habit of obedience to them, and which are not themselves subject to any other (or paramount) state in any respect. The state is said to be semi-sovereign only, and not sovereign, when in any respect or respects it is liable to be controlled (like certain of the states in India) by a paramount government, (e. g., by the British empire.) Brown. "In the Intercourse of nations, certain states have a position of entire independence of others, and can perform all those acts which it is possible for any state to perform in this particular sphere. These same states have also entire power of self-government; that is, of independence upon all other states as far as their own territory and citizens not living abroad are concerned. No foreign power or law can have control except by convention. This power of independent action in external and internal relations constitutes complete sovereignty." Wools. Pol. Science, I. 204.

SOVEREIGNTY. The supreme, absolute, and uncontrollable power by which any independent state is governed; supreme political authority; paramount control of the constitution and frame of government and its administration; the self-sufficient source of political power, from which all specific political powers are derived; the international independence of a state, combined with the right and power of regulating its internal affairs without foreign dictation; also a political society, or state, which is sovereign and independent. See Chisholm v. Georgia, 2 Dall. 455, 1 L. Ed. 440; Union Bank v. Illil, 3 Cold. (Tenn.) 325; Moore v. Shaw, 17 Cal. 215, 79 Am. Dec. 123; State v. Dixon, 213 P. 227, 66 Mont. 76.

The power to do everything in a state without accountability,—to make laws, to execute and to apply them, to impose and collect taxes and levy contributions, to make war or peace, to form treaties of alliance or of commerce with foreign nations, and the like. Story, Const. § 207.

"Political sovereignty is the assertion of the self-determinate will of the organic people, and in this there is the manifestation of its freedom. It is in and through the determination of its sovereignty that the order of the nation is constituted and maintained." Malory, Nation, p. 158.

"If a determine human superior, not in a habit of obedience to a like superior, receive habitual obedience from the bulk of a given society, that determine superior is sovereign in that society, and the society (including the superior) is a society political and independent." Aust. Jur.

SOVERTIE. In old Scotch law. Surety. Skene.

SOWLE GROVE. February; so called in South Wales. Cowell.

SOWMING AND ROWMING. In Scotch law. Terms used to express the form by which the number of cattle brought upon a common by those having a servitude of pasturage may be justly proportioned to the rights of the different persons possessed of the servitude. Bell.

SOWNE. In old English law. To be leivable. An old exchequer term applied to sheriff's returns. 4 Inst. 107; Cowell; Spelman.

SPADARIUS. Lat. A sword-bearer. Blount.

SPADONES. Lat. In the civil law. Impotent persons. Those who, on account of their temperament or some accident they have suffered, are unable to prooeate. Inst. 1, 11, 9; Dig. 1, 7, 2, 1.

SPARSIM. Lat. Here and there; scattered; at intervals. For instance, trespass to realty by cutting timber sparain (here and there) through a tract.
SPEAKE PLACITUM. In old English law. A court for the speedy execution of justice upon military delinquents. Cowell.

SPEAK. In practice. To argue. "The case was ordered to be spoke to again." 10 Mod. 107. See Impariment; Speaking with Prosecutor.

SPEAKER. The official designation of the president or chairman of certain legislative bodies, particularly of the house of representatives in the congress of the United States, of one or both branches of several of the state legislatures, and of the two houses of the British parliament.

The term "speaker," as used in reference to either of the houses of parliament, signifies the functionary acting as chairman. In the commons his duties are to put questions, to preserve order, and to see that the privileges of the house are not infringed; and, in the event of the numbers being even on a division, he has the privilege of giving the casting vote. The speaker of the lords is the lord chancellor or the lord keeper of the great seal of England, or, if he be absent, the lords may choose their own speaker. The duties of the speaker of the lords are principally confined to putting questions, and the lord chancellor has no more to do with preserving order than any other peer. Brown.

SPEAKING DEMURRER. See Demurrer.

SPEAKING ORDER. See Order.

SPEAKING WITH PROSECUTOR. A method of compounding an offense, allowed in the English practice, where the court permits a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor to speak with the prosecutor before judgment is pronounced; if the prosecutor declares himself satisfied, the court may inflict a trivial punishment. 4 Steph. Comm. 251.


SPECIAL REGISTRATION. In election laws. Registration for particular election only which does not entitle elector to vote at any succeeding election. Cowart v. City of Waycross, 159 Ga. 559, 126 S. E. 476, 479.

Specialia generalibus derogant. Special words derogate from general words. A special provision as to a particular subject-matter is to be preferred to general language, which might have governed in the absence of such special provision. L. R. 1 C. P. 546.


SPECIALITY. A writing sealed and delivered, containing some agreement. A writing sealed and delivered, which is given as a security for the payment of a debt, in which such debt is particularly specified. Bac. Abr. "Obli- gation." A. A.

A contract under seal, considered by law as entered into with more solemnity, and, consequently, of higher dignity than ordinary simple contracts. Code Ga. 1882, § 2717 (Civ. Code 1910, § 4219).

As used in statutes of limitations, the term may include not only a sealed bond, In re Harris, 101 N. J. Eq. 5, 137 A. 215, 216, but also interest coupons, whether attached or severed, McDowell v. North Side Bridge Co., 251 Pa. 585, 97 A. 97, 98.

SPECIALITY DEBT. A debt due or acknowledged to be due by deed or instrument under seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 463.


When spoken of a contract, the expression "performance in specie" means strictly, or according to the exact terms. As applied to things, it signifies individuality or identity. Thus, on a bequest of a specific picture, the legatee would be said to be entitled to the delivery of the picture in specie; i.e., of the very thing. Whether a thing is due in generis or in specie depends, in each case, on the will of the transacting parties. Brown.

SPECIES. Lat. In the civil law. Form; figure; fashion or shape. A form or shape given to materials.

SPECIES FACTI. In Scotch law. The particular criminal act charged against a person.

SPECIFIC. Having a certain form or designation; observing a certain form; particular; precise; definite; tending to specify, or to make particular, definite, limited or precise. Republic Casualty Co. v. Scandinavian-American Bank (D. C.) 2 F. (2d) 113, 114; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Western Union Telegraph Co., 195 Ala. 124, 71 So. 118, 123, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 636; Western Union Telegraph Co. v. South & N. A. R. Co., 184 Ala. 66, 62 So. 788, 788.

As to specific "Denial," "Devise," "Legacy," and "Performance," see those titles.


In Military Law

The clear and particular description of the charges preferred against a person accused of a military offense. Tytler, Mil. Law, 109; Carter v. McCloudvny, 183 U. S. 365, 22 S. Ct. 181, 49 L. Ed. 226.

In the Law of Personal Property

The acquisition of title to a thing by working it into new forms or species from the

In Practice

A detailed and particular enumeration of several points or matters urged or relied on by a party to a suit or proceeding; as, a "specification of errors," or a "specification of grounds of opposition to a bankrupt's discharge." See Railway Co. v. McArthur, 96 Tex. 65, 70 S. W. 317; In re Glass (D. C.) 119 F. 514; Frank v. Ruzicky, 45 S. D. 49, 185 N. W. 371, 372.

SPECIFY. To mention specifically; to state in full and explicit terms; to point out; to particularize, or to distinguish by words one thing from another. Independent Highway Dist. No. 2 of Ada County v. Ada County, 24 Idaho, 416, 134 P. 542, 545; Reddig v. Looney, 208 Ill. App. 413, 419; Hollinger v. King, 282 Pa. 157, 127 A. 462, 464; Roche Valley Land Co. v. Barth, 67 Mont. 335, 215 P. 634, 635.

SPECIMEN. A sample; a part of something intended to exhibit the kind and quality of the whole. People v. Freeman, 1 Idaho, 322.

SPECULATION. In commerce. The act or practice of buying lands, goods, etc., in expectation of a rise of price and of selling them at an advance, as distinguished from a regular trade, in which the profit expected is the difference between the retail and wholesale prices, or the difference of price in the place where the goods are purchased, and the place where they are to be carried for market. Webster. See Maxwell v. Burns (Tenn. Ch. App.) 59 S. W. 1067; U. S. v. Detroit Timber & Lumber Co. (C. C.) 124 F. 393; U. S. v. Kettenbach (C. C. A.) 208 F. 298, 218.

SPECULATIVE DAMAGES. See Damages.

SPECULUM. Lát. Mirror or looking-glass. The títle of several of the most ancient law-books or compilations. One of the ancient Icelandic books is styled "Speculum Regale."

SPEEDY EXECUTION. An execution which, by the direction of the judge at nisi prius issues forthwith, or on some early day fixed upon by the judge for that purpose after the trial of the action. Brown.

SPEEDY REMEDY. One which, having in mind the subject-matter involved, can be pursued with expedition and without essential detriment to the party aggrieved. State v. District Court of Thirteenth Judicial Dist. In and for Yellowstone County, 50 Mont. 230, 146 P. 743, 746, Ann. Cas. 1917C, 104.


SPELLING. The formation of words by letters; orthography. Incorrect spelling does not vitiate a written instrument if the intention clearly appears.

SPEEDTHRIFT. One who spends lavishly, improvidently, or foolishly; an unthrifty spender; a prodigal. Cent. Dict.

In some jurisdictions, under statutes, a person who by excessive drinking, gaming, idleness, or debauchery of any kind shall so spend, waste, or lessen his estate as to expose himself or his family to want or suffering, or expose the town to charge or expense for the support of himself or family. Rev. St. Maine, c. 67, § 4, cl. 2 (Rev. St. 1930, c. 80, § 4, cl. 2); Pub. Laws N. H. 1926, c. 291, § 4; G. L. Mass., c. 201, § 8; Smith-Hurd Rev. St. Ill. 1931, c. 80, § 53; Young v. Young, 87 Me. 44, 22 A. 782; Morey's Appeal, 57 N. H. 54; Norton v. Leonard, 15 Pick. (Mass.) 152, 161; In re Bishop, 149 Ill. App. 491, 498. Every person who is liable to be put under guardianship on account of excessive drinking, gaming, idleness, or debauchery. Comp. Laws Mich. 1929, § 15777; G. L. Vt. 9851.

SPEEDTHRIFT TRUST. A term commonly applied to those trusts which are created with a view of providing a fund for the maintenance of another, and at the same time securing it against his improvidence or incapacity for his protection. Provisions against alienation of the trust fund by the voluntary act of the beneficiary or by his creditors are the usual incidents. Estes v. Estes (Tex. Civ. App.) 255 S. W. 649, 650; Hoffman v. Beltzhoover, 71 W. Va. 72, 70 S. E. 965, 969; Newcomb v. Masters, 287 Ill. 26, 122 N. E. 85, 87; Carter v. Brownell, 96 Conn. 216, 111 A. 182, 184; Fowler & Lee v. Webster, 173 N. C. 442, 92 S. E. 157, 158; Pitt v. Yakele, 129 Md. 464, 99 A. 699, 670; Estes v. Kentis, 182 Iowa, 1056, 165 N. W. 74, 79; Graham v. More (Mo. Sup.) 189 S. W. 1186, 1188.

SPERATE. That of which there is hope. Thus a debt which one may hope to recover may be called "sperate," in opposition to "desperate." See 1 Chit. Pr. 520.
SPES ACCRESCENDI. Lat. Hope of surviving. 3 Atk. 762; 2 Kent, Comm. 424.

Spes est vigilantia somnium. Hope is the dream of the vigilant. 4 Inst. 203.

Spes impunisitatis continuum affectum dèlinquendi. The hope of impunity holds out a continual temptation to crime. 3 Inst. 293.

SPES RECUPERANDI. Lat. The hope of recovery or recapture; the chance of retaining property captured at sea, which prevents the captors from acquiring complete ownership of the property until they have definitely precluded it by effectual measures. 1 Kent, Comm. 101.

SPIGURNEL. The sealer of the royal writs.

SPINNING HOUSE. A house of correction to which the authorities of Oxford and Cambridge may send persons (mostly women of frivolous character) not members of the University who are found consorting with the students, to the detriment of their morals. 4 Steph. Com. 264.

SPINSTER. The addition given, in legal proceedings, and in conveyancing, to a woman who never has been married.

SPIRITUAL. Relating to religious or ecclesiastical persons or affairs, as distinguished from "secular" or lay, worldly, or business matters. Johnson v. State, 107 Miss. 196, 65 So. 218, 220, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1183.

As to spiritual "Corporation," "Courts," and "Lords," see those titles.

SPIRITUALITIES OF A BISHOP. Those profits which a bishop receives in his ecclesiastical character, as the dues arising from his ordaining and instituting priests, and such like, in contradistinction to those profits which he acquires in his temporal capacity as a baron and lord of parliament, and which are termed his "temporalities," consisting of certain lands, revenues, and lay fees, etc. Cowell.

SPIRITUALITY OF BENEFICES. In ecclesiastical law. The tithes of land, etc. Wharton.


The phrase "spiruous liquor," in a penal statute, cannot be extended beyond its exact literal sense. Spirit is the name of an inflammable liquor produced by distillation. Wine is the fermented juice of the grape, or a preparation of other vegetables by fermentation; hence the term does not include wine. State v. Moore, 5 Black. (Ind.) 118.

SPITAL, or SPITTLE. A charitable foundation; a hospital for diseased people; a hospital. Cowell.

SPLIT SENTENCE. One where penalty of fine and imprisonment, as provided by statute, is imposed and imprisonment part is suspended and fine part enforced. Cote v. Cummings, 126 Me. 330, 138 A. 547, 552.

SPLITTING A CAUSE OF ACTION. Dividing a single cause of action, claim, or demand into two or more parts, and bringing suit for one of such parts only. The plaintiff who does this is bound by his first judgment, and can recover no more. 2 Black, Judgm. § 734.

SPOILATION.

In English Ecclesiastical Law

An injury done by one clerk or incumbent to another, in taking the fruits of his benefice without any right to them, but under a pretended title. 3 Bl. Comm. 30, 91.

The name of a suit sued out in the spiritual court to recover for the fruits of the church or for the church itself. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 85.

In Torts


SPOLIATOR. Lat. A spoiler or destroyer. It is a maxim of law, bearing chiefly on evidence, but also upon the value generally of the thing destroyed, that everything most to his disadvantage is to be presumed against the destroyer, (spoliator) contra spoliatorem omnia presumpitur. 1 Smith, Lead. Cas. 315.

Spoliatus debetur ante omnia restitutus. A party deprived (forcibly deprived of possession) ought first of all to be restored. 2 Inst. 714; 4 Reeve, Engl. Law, 18.

Spoliatus episcopus ante omnia debetur restitutus. A bishop deprived of his see ought, above all, to be restored. See 14 L. Q. B. 27.
SPOLIUM. Lat. In the civil and common law. A thing violently or unlawfully taken from another.

SPONDEO. Lat. In the civil law. I undertake; I engage. Inst. 3, 16, 1.

SPONDES? SPONDEO. Lat. Do you undertake? I do undertake. The most common form of verbal stipulation in the Roman law. Inst. 3, 18, 1.

Spondet perlitam artis. He promises the skill of his art; he engages to do the work in a skillful or workmanlike manner. 2 Kent, Comm. 588. Applied to the engagements of workmen for hire. Story, Bailim. § 428.

SPONSALIA, STIPULATIO SPONSAE. Lat. In the civil law. Espousal; betrothal; a reciprocal promise of future marriage.

SPONSIO. Lat. In the civil law. An engagement or undertaking; particularly such as was made in the form of an answer to a formal interrogatory by the other party. Calvin.

An engagement to pay a certain sum of money to the successful party in a cause. Calvin.

SPONSIO JUDICIALIS. In Roman law. A judicial wager corresponding in some respects to the "feigned issue" of modern practice.

SPONSIO LUDICRA. A trifling or ludioures engagement, such as a court will not sustain an action for. 1 Kames, Eq. Introd. 34. An informal undertaking, or one made without the usual formula of interrogation. Calvin.

SPONSIONS. In international law. Agreements or engagements made by certain public officers (as generals or admirals in time of war) in behalf of their governments, either without authority or in excess of the authority under which they purport to be made, and which therefore require an express or tacit ratification.

SPONSOR. A surety; one who makes a promise or gives security for another, particularly a godfather in baptism.

In the Civil Law

One who intervenes for another voluntarily and without being requested.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION. The ignition of a body by the internal development of heat without the action of an external agent. Eickman Chemical Co. v. Chicago & N. W. Ry. Co., 107 Neb. 293, 155 N. W. 444, 446.

SPONTE OBLATA. Lat. A free gift or present to the crown.

Sponte virum mulier fugiens et adultera factura, dote sua careat, nisi sponsi sponte restructa. Co. Litt. 829. Let a woman leaving her husband of her own accord, and committing adultery, lose her dower, unless taken back by her husband of his own accord.

SPORTULA. Lat. In Roman law. A largess, dole, or present; a pecuniary donation; an official perquisite; something over and above the ordinary fee allowed by law. Inst. 4, 6, 24.


SPOUSALS. In old English law. Mutual promises to marry.


SPRING-BRANCH. In American land law. A branch of a stream, flowing from a spring. Wootton v. Redd's Ex'r, 12 Grat. (Va.) 196.

SPRINGING USE. See Use.

SPUILZIE. In Scotch law. The taking away or meddling with moveables in another's possession, without the consent of the owner or authority of law. Bell.

SPUR TRACK. A short track leading from a line of railway and connected with it at one end only, and not an adjunct usual or necessary to the operation of main line trains and cars. Simons Brick Co. v. City of Los Angeles, 182 Cal. 230, 187 P. 1066, 1067; Detroit & M. Ry. Co. v. Boyne City, G. & A. R. Co. (D. C.) 286 F. 540, 547; Cleveland, C. & St. L. Ry. Co. v. Commerce Commission, 315 Ill. 461, 146 N. E. 606, 610; Menasha Woodenware Co. v. Railroad Commission of Wisconsin, 167 Wis. 19, 166 N. W. 435, 438.

SPURIOUS. Not proceeding from the true source; not genuine; counterfeited. "A spurious bank-bill may be a legitimate impression from the genuine plate, but it must have the signatures of persons not the officers of the bank whence it purports to have issued, or else the names of fictitious persons. A spurious bill, also, may be an illegitimate impression from a genuine plate, or an impression from a counterfeit plate, but it must have such signatures or names as we have
just indicated. A bill, therefore, may be both counterfeit and forged, or both counterfeit and spurious, but it cannot be both forged and spurious." Kirby v. State, 1 Ohio St. 197.

SPURIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A bastard; the offspring of promiscuous cohabitation.

SPY. A person sent into an enemy's camp to inspect their works, ascertain their strength and their intentions, watch their movements, and secretly communicate intelligence to the proper officer. By the laws of war among all civilized nations, a spy is punished with death. Webster. See Vattel, 3, 179; U. S. ex rel. Wessels v. McDonald (D. C. 1920) 265 F. 754; Ex parte Milligan, 4 Wall. 2, 44, 18 L. Ed. 281 (argument of counsel).

SQUARE. As used to designate a certain portion of land within the limits of a city or town, this term may be synonymous with "block," that is, the smallest subdivision which is bounded on all sides by principal streets, or it may denote a space (more or less rectangular) not built upon, and set apart for public passage, use, recreation, or ornamentation, in the nature of a "park" but smaller. See Caldwell v. Rupert, 10 Bush (Ky.) 179; State v. Natal, 42 La. Ann. 612, 7 South. 781; Rowzee v. Pierce, 75 Miss. 446, 23 South. 397, 40 L. R. A. 402, 65 Am. St. Rep. 625; Methodist Episcopal Church v. Hoboken, 33 N. J. Law, 13, 97 Am. Dec. 696; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 551, c. 52, § 12 (Gen. Laws 1832, c. 85, § 14).

A "block" or "square" is a portion of a city bounded on all sides by streets or avenues. Missouri, K. & T. Ry. Co. v. City of Tulsa, 45 Okl. 382, 145 P. 388, 401; City of Mobile v. Chapman, 202 Ala. 194, 79 So. 566, 571.

Public Square

In its popular import, the phrase refers almost exclusively to ground occupied by a courthouse and owned by a county, Logansport v. Dunn, 8 Ind. 578; but it may be used as synonymous with park; Church of Hoboken v. Council of Hoboken, 33 N. J. Law, 13, 97 Am. Dec. 696; Woodward v. City of Des Moines, 182 Iowa, 1102, 165 N. W. 313, 314.

Square Block


SQUIRE. A contraction of "esquire."

SS. An abbreviation used in that part of a record, pleading, or affidavit, called the "statement of the venue." Commonly translated or read, "to wit," and supposed to be a contraction of "sitellit.

Also in ecclesiastical documents, particularly records of early councils, "ss" is used as an abbreviation for "subscriptio.

Occasionally, in Law French, it stands for sans, "without," e. g., "faire ecoffment ss son baron." Bendloe, p. 180.

STAB. A wound inflicted by a thrust with a pointed weapon. State v. Cody, 18 Or. 506, 23 Pac. 591; Ward v. State, 56 Ga. 419; Ruby v. State, 7 Mo. 203.

STABILIA. A writ called by that name, founded on a custom in Normandy, that where a man in power claimed lands in the possession of an inferior, he petitioned the prince that it might be put into his hands till the right was decided, whereupon he had this writ. Wharton.

Stabt presumptio donce probetur in contrarium. A presumption will stand good till the contrary is proved. Hob. 297; Broom, Max. 949.

STABLE-STAND. In forest law. One of the four evidences or presumptions whereby a man was convicted of an intent to steal the king's deer in the forest. This was when a man was found at his standing in the forest with a cross bow or long bow bent, ready to shoot at any deer, or else standing close by a tree with grey hounds in a leash, ready to slip. Cowell; Manwood.

STABULARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A stable-keeper. Dig. 4, 9, 4, 1.

STACHIA. In old records. A dam or head made to stop a water-course. Cowell.

STAFF-HERDING. The following of cattle within a forest.

STAGE-RIGHT is a word which it has been attempted to introduce as a substitute for "the right of representation and performance," but it can hardly be said to be an accepted term of English or American law. Sweet.

STAGIARIUS. A resident. Cowell.

STAGNUM. In old English law. A pool, or pond. Co. Litt. 5a; Johnson v. Rayner, 6 Gray (Mass.) 110.
STAKE. A deposit made to answer an event, as on a wager. See Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 539; Porter v. Day, 71 Wis. 206, 37 N. W. 250; Mohr v. Liesen, 47 M. & M. 228, 49 N. W. 862; Pompano Horse Club v. State, 98 Fla. 415, 111 So. 501, 513, 52 A. L. R. 51.

STAKEHOLDER primarily means a person with whom money is deposited pending the decision of a bet or wager, (q. v.) but it is more often used to mean a person who holds money or property which is claimed by rival claimants, but in which he himself claims no interest. Sweet. And see Oriental Bank v. Tremont Ins. Co., 4 Mete. (Mass.) 10; Fisher v. Hildreth, 117 Mass. 552; Wabash R. Co. v. Flannigan, 85 Mo. App. 477, 77 S. W. 601; Martin v. Francis, 173 Ky. 259, 191 S. W. 259, 262, L. R. A. 1918E, 965, Ann. Cas. 1918E, 259.


STALE, adj. In the language of the courts of equity, a "stale" claim or demand is one which has not been pressed or asserted for so long a time that the owner or creditor is chargeable with laches, and that changes occurring meanwhile in the relative situation of the parties, or the intervention of new interests or equities, would render the enforcement of the claim or demand against conscience. See The Galloway C. Morris, 2 Abb. U. S. 164, 9 Fed. Cas. 1,111; King v. White, 63 Vt. 158, 21 Atl. 355, 25 Am. St. Rep. 752; Ashurn v. Peck, 101 Ala. 499, 14 South. 541; The Harriet Ann, 11 Fed. Cas. 597; Thomas v. MacNeill, 135 S. C. 86, 135 S. E. 843, 845; Fordham v. Hicks (D. C.) 224 F. 810, 811; Underwood v. Underwood, 142 Ga. 441, 83 S. E. 208, 209, L. R. A. 1915B, 674.

STALLAGE. The liberty or right of pitching or erecting stalls in fairs or markets, or the money paid for the same. 1 Steph. Comm. 664.

STALLARIUS. In Saxon law. The prefec-tus stabulii, now master of the horse. Sometimes one who has a stall in a fair or market.

STAMP. An impression made by public authority, in pursuance of law, upon paper or parchment, upon which certain legal proceedings, conveyances, or contracts are required to be written, and for which a tax or duty is exacted. A small label or strip of paper, bearing a particular device, printed and sold by the government, and required to be attached to mail-matter, and to some other articles subject to duty or excise. U. S. v. Skilken (D. C.) 293 F. 916, 919.

STAMP ACTS. In English law. Acts regulating the stamps upon deeds, contracts, agreements, papers in law proceedings, bills and notes, letters, receipts, and other papers.

STAMP DUTIES. Duties imposed upon and raised from stamps upon parchment and paper, and forming a branch of the perpetual revenue of the kingdom. 1 Bl. Comm. 223.

STANCE. In Scotch law. A resting place; a field or place adjoining a drove-road, for resting and refreshing sheep and cattle on their journey. 7 Bell. App. Cas. 53, 57, 58.

STAND. To abide; to submit to; as "to stand a trial." To remain as a thing is; to remain in force. Pleadings demurred to and held good are allowed to stand.

To appear in court.

—Standing. One's place in the community in the estimation of others; his relative position and social, commercial, or moral relations; his repute, grade, or rank. Gross v. State, 186 Ind. 531, 117 N. E. 562, 564, 1 A. L. R. 1151.

—Standing aside jurors. A practice by which, on the drawing of a jury for a criminal trial, the prosecuting officer puts aside a juror, provisionally, until the panel is exhausted, without disclosing his reasons, instead of being required to challenge him and show cause. The statute 33 Edw. I. deprived the crown of the power to challenge jurors without showing cause, and the practice of standing aside jurors was adopted, in England, as a method of evading its provisions. A similar practice is in use in Pennsylvania. See Warren v. Com., 37 Pa. 54; Zell v. Com., 94 Pa. 272; Haines v. Com., 100 Pa. 322. But in Missouri, it is said that the words "stand aside" are the usual formula, used in impaneling a jury, for rejecting a juror. State v. Hultz, 100 Mo. 41, 16 S. W. 940.

—Standing by is used in law as implying knowledge, under such circumstances as rendered it the duty of the possessor to communicate it; and it is such knowledge, and not the mere fact of "standing by," that lays the foundation of responsibility. The phrase does not import an actual presence, "but implies knowledge under such circumstances as to render it the duty of the possessor to communicate it." Anderson v. Huckle, 93 Ind. 573, 47 Am. Rep. 394; Getling v. Rodman, 6 Ind. 292; Richardson v. Chickering, 41 N. H. 350, 77 Am. Dec. 769; Morrison v. Morrison, 2 Dana (Ky.) 16; Plaquemite Bank v. Brannum, 103 Kan. 25, 173 P. 1, 2.

—Standing mute. A prisoner, arraigned for treason or felony, was said to "stand mute," when he refused to plead, or answered foreign to the purpose, or, after a plea of not guilty, would not put himself upon the country.

—Standing orders are rules and forms regulating the procedure of the two houses of parliament, each having its own. They are of equal force in every parliament, except so far as

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they are altered or suspended from time to time. Cox, Inst. 136; May, Parl. Pr. 185.

—Standing seised to uses. A covenant to stand seised to uses is one by which the owner of an estate covenants to hold the same to the use of another person, usually a relative, and usually in consideration of blood or marriage. It is a species of conveyance depending for its effect on the statute of uses.

STANDARD. An ensign or flag used in war. A type, model, or combination of elements accepted as correct or perfect. Ashwell v. Miller, 54 Ind. App. 381, 103 N. E. 37, 40.

STANDARD OF WEIGHT, or MEASURE. A weight or measure fixed and prescribed by law, to which all other weights and measures are required to correspond.

STANNARIES. A district which includes all parts of Devon and Cornwall where some tin work is situate and in actual operation. The tin miners of the stannaries have certain peculiar customs and privileges.

STANNARY COURTS. Courts of Devonshire and Cornwall for the administration of justice among the miners and tanners. These courts were held before the lord warden and his deputies by virtue of a privilege granted to the workers of the tin-mines there, to sue and be sued in their own courts only, in order that they might not be drawn away from their business by having to attend law-suits in distant courts. Brown.

STAPLE.

In English Law

A mart or market. A place where the buying and selling of wool, lead, leather, and other articles were put under certain terms. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 393.

In International Law

The right of staple, as exercised by a people upon foreign merchants, is defined to be that they may not allow them to set their merchandises and wares to sale but in a certain place. This practice is not in use in the United States. 1 Chitt. Com. Law, 193.

In General


—Statute Staple. The statute of the staple, 27 Ed. III. stat. 2, confined the sale of all commodities to be exported to certain towns in England, called estaple or staple, where foreigners might resort. It authorized a security for money, commonly called statute staple, to be taken by traders for the benefit of commerce; the mayor of the place is entitled to take recognizance of a debt in proper form, which had the effect to convey the lands of the debtor to the creditor till out of the rents and profits of them he should be satisfied. 2 Rolle, Abr. 446; Bac. Abr. Execution (B.1); Co. 4th Inst. 238. A security for a debt acknowledged to be due, so called from its being entered into before the mayor of the staple, that is to say, the grand mart for the principal commodities or manufactures of the kingdom, formerly held by act of parliament in certain trading towns. In other respects it resembled the statute-merchant, (q. v.) but like that has now fallen into disuse. 2 Bl. Comm. 160; 1 Steph. Comm. 257.

STARR-CHAMBER was a court which originally had jurisdiction in cases where the ordinary course of justice was so much obstructed by one party, through writs, combination of maintenance, or overawing influence that no inferior court would find its process obeyed. The court consisted of the privy council, the common-law judges, and (it seems) all peers of parliament. In the reign of Henry VIII. and his successors, the jurisdiction of the court was illegally extended to such a degree (especially in punishing disobedience to the king’s arbitrary proclamations) that it became odious to the nation, and was abolished. 4 Steph. Comm. 310; Sweet.

STAR PAGE. The line and word at which the pages of the first edition of a law book began are frequently marked by a star in later editions, and always should be.

STARBOARD. In maritime law. The right-hand side of a vessel when the observer faces forward. “Starboard tack,” the course of a vessel when she has the wind on her starboard bow. Burrows v. Gower (D. C.) 119 F. 617.


Doctrine of stare decisis rests upon principle that law by which men are governed should be fixed, definite, and known, and that, when the law is declared by court of competent jurisdiction authorized to construe it,
such declaration, in absence of palpable mistake or error, is itself evidence of the law until changed by competent authority. Griffith v. Benzinger, 144 Md. 575, 125 A. 512, 520.

Stare decisis et non quies movere. To adhere to precedents, and not to unsettle things which are established. 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 504; 25 id. 119, 142; 4 Hill (N. Y.) 271, 229; 4 id. 592, 595; 57 Pa. 286; Cooley, Const. Lim. 65. See Stare Decisis.

STARE IN JUDICIO. Lat. To appear before a tribunal, either as plaintiff or defendant.

STARR, or STARRA. The old term for contract or obligation among the Jews, being a corruption from the Hebrew word "shatar," a covenant. By an ordinance of Richard I., no Starr was allowed to be valid, unless deposited in one of certain repositories established by law, the most considerable of which was in the king's exchequer at Westminster; and Blackstone conjectures that the room in which these chests were kept was thence called the "starr-chamber." 4 Bl. Comm. 266, 267, note a.

Stat pro ratione voluntas. The will stands in place of a reason. Sears v. Shafor, 1 Barb. (N. Y.) 408, 411; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. v. Hunt, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 514, 525.


STATE, v. To express the particulars of a thing in writing or in words; to set down or set forth in detail; to aver, allege, or declare. People v. Mercado, 59 Cal. App. 69, 209 P. 1085, 1087.

To set down in gross; to mention in general terms, or by way of reference; to refer. Utica v. Richardson, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 360.

STATE, n. A body politic, or society of men, united together for the purpose of promoting their mutual safety and advantage, by the joint efforts of their combined strength. Cooley, Const. Lim. 1. A political community organized under a distinct government recognized and confirmed by its citizens and subjects as a supreme power. The Lucy H., (D. C.) 235 F. 610, 612.

One of the component commonwealths or states of the United States of America. The term is sometimes applied also to governmental agencies authorized by state, such as municipal corporations. George v. City of Portland, 114 Or. 418, 235 P. 681, 683, 39 A. L. R. 341.

The people of a state, in their collective capacity, considered as the party wronged by a criminal deed; the public; as in the title of a cause, "The State v. A. B."

The section of territory occupied by one of the United States.

The word State describes sometimes a people or community of individuals united more or less closely in political relations, inhabiting temporarily or permanently the same country; often it denotes only the country, or territorial region, inhabited by such a community; not unfrequently it is applied to the government under which the people live; at other times it represents the combined idea of people, territory, and government. Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 790, 19 L. Ed. 227.

The circumstances or condition of a being or thing at a given time. State v. Inich, 55 Mont. 1, 173 P. 230, 234.

Foreign State

A foreign country or nation. The several United States are considered "foreign" to each other except as regards their relations as common members of the Union.

State's Evidence

See Evidence.

State Offices


State Officers

Those whose duties concern the state at large or the general public, or who are authorized to exercise their official functions throughout the entire state, without limitation to any political subdivision of the state. State ex rel. Consolidated School Dist. No. 2 v. Ingram, 317 Mo. 1141, 298 S. W. 37, 38; Ramsay v. Van Meter, 300 Ill. 193, 133 N. E. 193, 195; State v. Jones, 70 Fla. 56, 84 So. 84, 85; McCullough v. Scott, 182 N. C. 865, 109 S. E. 795, 793. In another sense, officers belonging to or exercising authority under one of the states of the Union, as distinguished from the officers of the United States. See In re Police Com'rs, 22 R. I. 634, 49 A. 36; State v. Burns, 88 Fl. 378, 21 So. 290; People v. Nixon, 138 N. Y. 221, 52 N. E. 1117.

State Paper

A document prepared by, or relating to, the political department of the government of a state or nation, and concerning or affecting the administration of its government or its political or international relations. Also, a newspaper, designated by public authority, as the organ for the publication of public statutes, resolutions, notices, and advertisements.

State Revenue

Current income of state from whatever source derived that is subject to appropriation for public uses. State ex rel. McKinley Pub. Co. v. Hackmann, 314 Mo. 33, 282 S. W. 1067, 1071.

State Tax

A tax the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the expenses of the state, as dis-

State Trial
A trial for a political offense.

State Trials
A work in thirty-three volumes octavo, containing all English trials for offenses against the state and others partaking in some degree of that character, from the ninth year of Hen. II. to the first of Geo. IV.

STATE OF FACTS. Formerly, when a master in chancery was directed by the court of chancery to make an inquiry or investigation into any matter arising out of a suit, and which could not conveniently be brought before the court itself, each party in the suit carried in before the master a statement showing how the party bringing it in represented the matter in question to be; and this statement was technically termed a "state of facts," and formed the ground upon which the evidence was received, the evidence being, in fact, brought by one party or the other, to prove his own or disprove his opponent's state of facts. And so now, a state of facts means the statement made by any one of his version of the facts. Brown.

STATE OF FACTS AND PROPOSAL. In English lunacy practice, when a person has been found a lunatic, the next step is to submit to the master a scheme called a "state of facts and proposal," showing what is the position in life, property, and income of the lunatic, who are his next of kin and heir at law, who are proposed as his committees, and what annual sum is proposed to be allowed for his maintenance, etc. From the state of facts and the evidence adduced in support of it, the master frames his report. Elmer, Lun. 22; Pope, Lun. 79; Sweet.

STATE OF THE CASE. A narrative of the facts upon which the plaintiff relies, substituted for a more formal declaration, in suits in the inferior courts. The phrase is used in New Jersey.

STATE PAPER OFFICE. An office established in London in 1578 for the custody of state papers. The head of it was the "Clerk of the Papers."

STATED. Settled; closed. An account stated means an account settled, and at an end. Pull. Acts, 33. "In order to constitute an account stated, there must be a statement of some certain amount of money being due, which must be made either to the party himself or to some agent of his." 5 Mees. & W. 887.

STATEMENT OF DEFENSE

Stated Meeting
A meeting of a board of directors, board of officers, etc., held at the time appointed therefor by law, ordinance, by-law, or other regulation; as distinguished from "special" meetings, which are held on call as the occasion may arise, rather than at a regularly appointed time, and from adjourned meetings. See Zulch v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 87; Hanson v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co., 32 Wyo. 337, 232 P. 1101, 1104.

Stated Term
A regular or ordinary term or session of a court for the dispatch of its general business, held at the time fixed by law or rule; as distinguished from a special term, held out of the due order or for the transaction of particular business.

Stated Times
Occurring at regular intervals or given regularly; fixed, regular in operation or occurrence, not occasional or fluctuating. Zangerle v. State, 115 Ohio St. 168, 152 N. E. 658, 659.

STATEMENT. In a general sense, an allegation; a declaration of matters of fact. The term has come to be used of a variety of formal narratives of facts, required by law in various jurisdictions as the foundation of judicial or official proceedings and in a limited sense is a formal, exact, detailed presentation. Southern Surety Co. v. Schmidt, 117 Ohio St. 28, 158 N. E. 1, 3.

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS. In English bankruptcy practice, a bankrupt or debtor who has presented a petition for liquidation or composition must produce at the first meeting of creditors a statement of his affairs giving a list of his creditors, secured and unsecured, with the value of the securities, a list of bills discounted, and a statement of his property. Sweet.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM. A written or printed statement by the plaintiff in an action in the English high court, showing the facts on which he relies to support his claim against the defendant, and the relief which he claims. It is delivered to the defendant or his solicitor. The delivery of the statement of claim is usually the next step after appearance, and is the commencement of the pleadings. Sweet.

STATEMENT OF DEFENSE. In the practice of the English high court, where the defendant in an action does not demur to the whole of the plaintiff's claim, he delivers a pleading called a "statement of defense." The statement of defense deals with the allegations contained in the statement of claim, or the indorsement on the writ, if there is no statement of claim, admitting or denying them, and, if necessary, stating fresh facts in explanation or avoidance of those alleged by the plaintiff. Sweet.
STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS. In English practice, when the plaintiff claims a debt or liquidated demand, but has not indorsed the writ specially, (i.e., indorsed on it the particulars of his claim under Order III, r. 6,) and the defendant fails to appear, the plaintiff may file a statement of the particulars of his claim, and after eight days enter judgment for the amount, as if the writ had been specially indorsed. Court Rules, xiii. 5; Sweet.

STATESMAN. A freeholder and farmer in Cumberland. Wharton.

STATIM. Lat. Forthwith; immediately. In old English law, this term meant either “at once,” or “within a legal time,” i.e., such time as permitted the legal and regular performance of the act in question.

STATING AN ACCOUNT. Exhibiting, or listing in their order, the items which make up an account.

STATING PART OF A BILL. That part of a bill in chancery in which the plaintiff states the facts of his case; it is distinguished from the charging part of the bill and from the prayer.

STATION. In the civil law. A place where ships may ride in safety. Dig. 50, 16, 59.

A place where military duty is performed or stores are kept or something connected with war is done. McGowan v. United States, 48 Ct. Cl. 93.

A place at which both freight and passengers are received for transportation or delivered after transportation. Daniel v. Boyle, 135 Ark. 547, 204 S. W. 210, 211; Railroad Commission of Texas v. Pecos & N. T. Ry. Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 212 S. W. 555, 557.

STATIONER'S COMPANY. A body formed in 1557 in London of 97 London stationers and their successors, to whom was entrusted, in the first instance, and, under Orders in Council, the censorship of the press.

STATIONERS' HALL. In English law. The hall of the stationers' company, at which every person claiming copyright in a book must register his title, in order to be able to bring actions against persons infringing it. 2 Steph. Comm. 37-39.

STATIONERY OFFICE. In English law. A government office established as a department of the treasury, for the purpose of supplying government offices with stationery and books, and of printing and publishing government papers.

STATIST. A statesman; a politician; one skilled in government.

STATISTICS. That part of political science which is concerned in collecting and arranging facts illustrative of the condition and resources of a state. The subject is sometimes divided into (1) historical statistics, or facts which illustrate the former condition of a state; (2) statistics of population; (3) of revenue; (4) of trade, commerce, and navigation; (5) of the moral, social, and physical condition of the people. Wharton.

STATU LIBER. Lat. In Roman law. One who is made free by will under a condition; one who has his liberty fixed and appointed at a certain time or on a certain condition. Dig. 40, 7.

STATU LEBERI. Lat. In Louisiana. Slaves for a time, who had acquired the right of being free at a time to come, or on a condition which was not fulfilled, or in a certain event which had not happened, but who in the meantime remained in a state of slavery. Civ. Code La. 1838, art. 37.

STATUS. The legal position of the individual in or with regard to the rest of the community. L. R. 4 P. D. 11. The rights, duties, capacities and incapacities which determine a person to a given class, constitute his status; Campb. Austin 127. Thus, when we say that the status of a woman after a decree nisi for the dissolution of her marriage has been made, but before it has been made absolute, is that of a married woman, we mean that she has the same legal rights, liabilities, and disabilities as an ordinary married woman. The term is chiefly applied to persons under disability, or persons who have some peculiar condition which prevents the general law from applying to them in the same way as it does to ordinary persons. Sweet. See Barney v. Tourtellotte, 138 Mass. 108; De la Montanya v. De la Montanya, 112 Cal. 115, 44 P. 345, 32 L. R. A. 52, 53 Am. St. Rep. 103; Dunham v. Dunham, 57 Ill. App. 407; In re Ziegler, 143 N. Y. 562, 506, 82 Misc. 346.

It also means estate, because it signifies the condition or circumstances in which one stands with regard to his property. In the Year Books, it was used in this sense; 2 Poll. & Mattl. Hist. E. L. 11.

There are certain rights and duties, with certain capacities and incapacities to take rights and incur duties, by which persons, as subjects of law, are variously determined to certain classes. The rights, duties, capacities, or incapacities which determine a given person to any of these classes, constitute a condition or status with which the person is invested. Aust. Jur. § 93.

STATUS DE MANERIO. The assembly of the tenants in the court of the lord of a manor, in order to do their customary suit.

STATUS OF IRREMOVABILITY. In English law. The right acquired by a pauper, after one year's residence in any parish, not to be removed therefrom.

STATUS QUO. The existing state of things at any given date. Status quo ante bellum, the state of things before the war.
Statuta pro publice commodo late interpreten-
tur. Jenk. Cent. 21. Statutes made for the pub
good ought to be liberally construed.

Statuta suo eludenter territorio, nec ultra
territorium disponunt. Statutes are confined to
their own territory, and have no extrater-
ritorial effect. Woodworth v. Spring, 4 Al-
len (Mass.) 324.

STATUTABLE, or STATUTORY, is that
which is introduced or governed by statute
law, as opposed to the common law equity.
Thus, a court is said to have statutory jurisdic-
tion when jurisdiction is given to it in cer-
tain matters by act of the legislature.

STATUTE, a. An act of the legislature; a
particular law enacted and established by
the will of the legislative department of gov-
ernment; the written will of the legislature,
solemnly expressed according to the forms
necessary to constitute it the law of the state.
Federal Trust Co. v. East Hartford Fire Dist. (C. C. A.) 283 F. 95, 96; In re Van Tassel's
Will, 100 N. Y. S. 461, 464, 110 Misc. 478.
588, 591.

This word is used to designate the written
law in contradistinction to the unwritten law.
See Common Law.

In Foreign and Civil Law

Any particular municipal law or usage,
though resting for its authority on judicial
decisions, or the practice of nations. 2 Kent,
Comm. 456. The whole municipal law of a
particular state, from whatever source aris-

"Statute" also sometimes means a kind of
bond or obligation of record, being an ab-
reviation for "statute bond" or "statute
staple." See Traft. For mandatory and
directory statutes see "Mandatory" and "Dir-
rectory."

In General

—Affirmative statute. See Affirmative.

—Criminal statute. An act of the Legisla-
ture as an organized body relating to crime
or its punishment. Washington v. Dowling,
92 Fla. 601, 106 So. 588, 591.

—Declaratory statute. See Declaratory.

—Enabling statute. See that title.

—Expository statute. See that title.

—General statute. A statute relating to the
whole community, or concerning all persons
generally, as distinguished from a private
or special statute. 1 Bl. Comm. 83, 86; 4
Coke 75a.

—Local statute. Such a statute as has for
its object the interest of some particular
locality, as the formation of a road, the alter-
tation of the course of a river, the forma-
tion of a public market in a particular dis-
trict, etc.

—Negative statute. A statute expressed in
negative terms; a statute which prohibits
a thing from being done, or declares what
shall not be done.

—Penal statute. See Penal.

—Perpetual statute. One which is to re-
main in force without limitation as to time;
one which contains no provision for its re-
peal, abrogation, or expiration at any future
time.

—Personal statutes. In foreign and modern
civil law. Those statutes which have prin-
cipally for their object the person, and treat
of property only incidentally. Story, Confl.
Laws, § 13. A personal statute, in this sense of
the term, is a law, ordinance, regulation,
or custom, the disposition of which affects
the person and clothes him with a capacity
or incapacity, which he does not change
with every change of abode, but which,
upon principles of justice and policy, he is
assumed to carry with him wherever he goes.
2 Kent, Comm. 456. The term is also applied
to statutes which, instead of being general,
are confined in their operation to one person
or group of persons. Bank of Columbia v.
Walker, 14 Lea (Tenn.) 308; Saul v. Credit-
tors, 5 Mart. N. S. (La.) 531, 16 Am. Dec. 212.

—Private statute. A statute which operates
only upon particular persons, and private
interests. 1 Bl. Comm. 86. An act which
relates to certain individuals, or to particu-
lar classes of men. Dwarf, St. 629; State v.
Chambers, 93 N. C. 600.

—Public statute. A statute enacting a uni-
versal rule which regards the whole com-
community, as distinguished from one which
concerns only particular individuals and affects
only their private rights. See Code Civ. Proc.
Cal. § 1808.

—Real statutes. In the civil law. Statutes
which have principally for their object prop-
erty, and which do not speak of persons, ex-
cept in relation to property. Story, Confl.
Laws, § 13; Saul v. His Creditors, 5 Mart. N.
S. (La.) 532, 16 Am. Dec. 212.

—Reference statutes. Statutes referring to
other statutes and making them applicable
to the subject of legislation. Trimmler v.
Carlton, 116 Tex. 572, 296 S. W. 1070, 1074;
State v. Armstrong, 31 N. M. 220, 243 P. 333,
342; Van Pelt v. Hilliard, 75 Fla. 792, 78
So. 693, 698, L. R. A. 1915D, 690.

—Remedial statute. See Remedial.

—Revised statutes. A body of statutes which
have been revised, collected, arranged in or-
der, and re-enacted as a whole; this is the
legal title of the collections of compiled laws
of several of the states and also of the United States.

—Special statute. One which operates only upon particular persons and private concerns. 1 Bl. Comm. 86. Distinguished from a general or public statute.

—Statute fair. In English law. A fair at which laborers of both sexes stood and offered themselves for hire; sometimes called also "Mop."

—Statute-merchant. In English law. A security for a debt acknowledged to be due, entered into before the chief magistrate of some trading town, pursuant to the statute 13 Edw. I. De Mercatoribus, by which not only the body of the debtor might be imprisoned, and his goods seized in satisfaction of the debt, but also his lands might be delivered to the creditor till out of the rents and profits of them the debt be satisfied. 2 Bl. Comm. 160. Now fallen into disuse. 1 Steph. Comm. 227. See Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 404.

—Statute of accumulations. In English law. The statute 39 & 40 Geo. III. c. 98, forbidding the accumulation, beyond a certain period, of property settled by deed or will.

—Statute of allegiance de facto. An act of 11 Hen. VII. c. 1, requiring subjects to give their allegiance to the actual king for the time being, and protecting them in so doing.

—Statute of distributions. See Distribution.

—Statute of Elizabeth. In English law. The statute 13 Eliz. c. 5, against conveyances made in fraud of creditors.


—Statute of Gloucester. In English law. The statute 6 Edw. I. c. 1, A. D. 1278. It takes its name from the place of its enactment, and was the first statute giving costs in actions. 3 Bl. Comm. 399.

—Statute of laborers. See Laborer.

—Statute of limitations. See Limitation.

—Statute of uses. See Use.

—Statute of wills. In English law. The statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 1, which enacted that all persons being seised in fee-simple (except feme covert, infants, idiots, and persons of non-sane memory might, by will and testament in writing, devise to any other person, except to bodies corporate, two-thirds of their lands, tenements, and hereditaments, held in chivalry, and the whole of those held in socage. 2 Bl. Comm. 375.

—Statute roll. A roll upon which an English statute, after receiving the royal assent, was formerly entered.

—Statute staple. See Staple.

—Statutes at large. Statutes printed in full and in the order of their enactment, in a collected form, as distinguished from any digests, revision, abridgment, or compilation of them. Thus the volumes of "United States Statutes at Large," contain all the acts of congress in their order. The name is also given to an authentic collection of the various statutes which have been passed by the British parliament from very early times to the present day.

—Statutes of amendments and Jeofailies. Statutes whereby a pleader who perceiving any slip in the form of his proceedings, and acknowledges the error (jeofaile), is permitted to amend. State ex rel. Smith v. Trimble, 319 Mo. 166, 285 S. W. 720, 731.

—Temporary statute. One which is limited in its duration at the time of its enactment. It continues in force until the time of its limitation has expired, unless sooner repealed. A statute which by reason of its nature has only a single and temporary operation—e. g. an appropriation bill—is also called a temporary statute.

STATUTE, n. In old Scotch law. To ordain, establish, or decree.

Statutes in derogation of common law must be strictly construed. Cooley, Const. Lim. 75, note; Arthurs, Appeal of, 1 Grant Cas. (Pa.) 57.

STATUTI. Lat. In Roman law. Licensed or registered advocates; members of the college of advocates. The number of these was limited, and they enjoyed special privileges from the time of Constantine to that of Justinian.

STATUTORY. Relating to a statute; created or defined by a statute; required by a statute; conforming to a statute.

STATUTORY BOND. One that either literally or substantially meets requirements of statute. Southern Surety Co. v. United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co. (C. C. A.) 13 F.(2d) 833, 835.

STATUTORY CRIME. See Crime.

STATUTORY DEDICATION. See Dedication.

STATUTORY EXPOSITION. When the language of a statute is ambiguous, and any subsequent enactment involves a particular interpretation of the former act, it is said to contain a statutorily exposition of the former act. Wharton.

STATUTORY FORECLOSURE. See Foreclosure.
STATUTORY OBLIGATION. An obligation—whether to pay money, perform certain acts, or discharge certain duties—which is created by or arises out of a statute, as distinguished from one founded upon acts between parties or jural relationships.

STATUTORY RELEASE. A conveyance which superseded the old compound assurance by lease and release. It was created by St. 4 & 5, Vict. c. 21, which abolished the lease for a year.

STATUTORY STAPLE. An ancient writ that lay to take the body of a person and seize the lands and goods of one who had forfeited a bond called statute staple. Reg. Orig. 153. See “Staple.”

STATUTUM. Lat.

In the Civil Law
Established; determined. A term applied to judicial action. Dig. 50, 16, 46, pr.

In Old English Law
A statute; an act of parliament.


STATUTUM DE MERCATORIBUS. The statute of Acton Burnell, (q. v.)

Statutum ex gratia regis dictur, quando rex dignatus cadeo de jure suo regio, pro commodo et quiete populi sui. 2 Inst. 378. A statute is said to be by the grace of the king, when the king deigns to yield some portion of his royal rights for the good and quiet of his people.

Statutum generaliter est intelligendum quando verba statuti sunt specialia, ratio autem generalis. When the words of a statute are special, but the reason of it general, the statute is to be understood generally. 10 Coke, 101.

STATUTUM HIBERNÆ DE COHEREDITIBUS. The statute 14 Hen. III. The third public act in the statute-book. It has been pronounced not to be a statute. In the form of it, it appears to be an instruction given by the king to his justices in Ireland, directing them how to proceed in a certain point where they entertained a doubt. It seems the justices itinerant in that country had a doubt, when land descended to sisters, whether the younger sisters ought to hold of the eldest, and do homage to her for their several portions, or of the chief lord, and do homage to him; and certain knights had been sent over to know what the practice was in England in such a case. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 259.

STATUTUM SESSIONUM. In old English law. The statute session; a meeting in every hundred of constables and householders, by custom, for the ordering of servants, and dating of differences between masters and servants, rating of wages, etc. 5 Eliz. c. 4.

Statutum speciale statuto speciali non derogat. Jenk. Cent. 199. One special statute does not take from another special statute.

STATUTUM WALLIÆ. The statute of Wales. The title of a statute passed in the twelfth year of Edw. I, being a sort of constitution for the principality of Wales, which was thereby, in a great measure, put on the footing of England with respect to its laws and the administration of justice. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 93, 94.

STAUURUM. In old records. A store, or stock of cattle. A term of common occurrence in the accounts of monastic establishments. Spelman; Cowell.

STAY. In practice, a stopping; the act of arresting a judicial proceeding, by the order of a court. See In re Schwarz (D. C.) 14 F. 788. To “stay” an order or decree means to hold it in abeyance, or refrain from enforcing it. State v. Draney, 57 Utah, 14, 176 F. 767, 769.


—Stay laws. Acts of the legislature prescribing a stay of execution in certain cases, or a stay of foreclosure of mortgages, or closing the courts for a limited period, or providing that suits shall not be instituted until a certain time after the cause of action arose, or otherwise suspending legal remedies; designed for the relief of debtors, in times of general distress or financial trouble.

—Stay of execution. The stopping or arresting of execution on a judgment, that is, of the judgment-creditor's right to issue execution, for a limited period. This is given by statute in many jurisdictions, as a privilege to the debtor, usually on his furnishing bail for the debt, costs, and interest. Or it may take place by agreement of the parties. See National Docks, etc., Co. v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 54 N. J. Eq. 167, 33 A. 936; State ex rel. Gray v. Hennings, 194 Mo. App. 545, 185 S. W. 1153, 1154.

—Stay of proceedings. The temporary suspension of the regular order of proceedings in a cause, by direction or order of the court, usually to await the action of one of the parties in regard to some omitted step or some act which the court has required him to perform as incidental to the suit; as where a nonresident plaintiff has been ruled to give security for costs. See Wallace v. Wallace, 12 Wis. 226; Lewton v. Hower, 13 Flu. 576; Rossiter v. Etna L. Ins. Co., 96 Wis. 496, 71 N. W. 898.
STEADY COURSE. A ship is on a "steady course," not only when her heading does not change, but whenever her future positions are certainly ascertainable from her present position and movements. Commonwealth & Dominion Line v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 20 F.(2d) 729, 731.

STEAL. This term is commonly used in indictments for larceny, ("take, steal, and carry away," and denotes the commission of theft, that is, the felonious taking and carrying away of the personal property of another. People v. Surace, 295 Ill. 604, 129 N. E. 504, 506; State v. Banoch, 192 Iowa, 186 N. W. 438; Perara v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 221 F. 213, 215, or it may denote the criminal taking of personal property either by larceny, embezzlement, or false pretenses. Commonwealth v. Farmer, 218 Mass. 507, 106 N. E. 150, 151. But, in popular usage "stealing" may include the unlawful appropriation of things which are not technically the subject of larceny, e.g., immovables. See Randall v. Evening News Ass'n, 101 Mich. 561, 60 N. W. 301; People v. Dumar, 42 Hun (N. Y.) 85; Com. v. Kelley, 184 Mass. 320, 68 N. E. 346; Holmes v. Gilman, 64 Hun, 227, 18 N. Y. Supp. 151; Dunnell v. Fiske, 11 Metc. (Mass.) 554; Barnhart v. State, 154 Ind. 177, 56 N. E. 212; Buxton v. International Indemnity Co., 47 Cal. App. 585, 101 F. 84, 86; State v. Blake, 95 W. Va. 467, 121 S. E. 488, 489.

STEALING CHILDREN. See Kidnapping.

STEALTH. Theft is so called by some ancient writers. "Stealth is the wrongful taking of goods without pretense of title." Fluch, Law, b. 3, c. 17.

STEAMSHIP. A vessel, the principal motive power of which is steam and not sails. L. R. 7 Q. B. 568. See Western Ins. Co. v. Copper, 32 Pa. 322, 75 Am. Dec. 561.

STEELBOW GOODS. In Scotch law. Corn, cattle, straw, and implements of husbandry delivered by a landlord to his tenant, by which the tenant is enabled to stock and labor the farm; in consideration of which he becomes bound to return articles equal in quantity and quality, at the expiry of the lease. Bell.

stellionaire. Fr. In French law. A party who fraudulently mortgages property to which he has no title.

stellionate. In civil law. A name given generally to all species of frauds committed in making contracts but particularly to the crime of aliening the same subject to different persons. 2 Kames, Eq. 40.

stellionatus. Lat. In the civil law. A general name for any kind of fraud not falling under any specific class. But the term is chiefly applied to fraud practiced in the sale or pledging of property; as, selling the same property to two different persons, selling another's property as one's own, placing a second mortgage on property without disclosing the existence of the first, etc.

stenographer. One who is skilled in the art of shorthand writing; one whose business is to write in shorthand. See Ryerson v. Allison, 30 S. C. 534, 9 S. E. 656; In re Appropriations for Deputy State Officers, 25 Neb. 662, 41 N. W. 643; Chase v. Vandergrift, 88 Pa. 217.

step-daughter. The daughter of one's wife by a former husband, or of one's husband by a former wife.

step-down transformer. An induction coil or a transformer so constructed that there is a higher voltage in the primary current than in the secondary current. General Electric Co. v. Butler Light, Heat & Motor Co. (D. C.) 205 F. 42, 44.

step-father. The husband of one's mother by virtue of a marriage subsequent to that of which the person spoken of is the offspring. Owens v. Munden, 168 N. C. 266, 84 S. E. 257, 258, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 1117.

step-mother. The wife of one's father by virtue of a marriage subsequent to that of which the person spoken of is the offspring.

step-son. The son of one's wife by a former husband, or of one's husband by a former wife.

step-up transformer. An induction coil or a transformer so constructed that there is a higher voltage in the secondary current than in the primary current. General Electric Co. v. Butler Light, Heat & Motor Co. (D. C.) 205 F. 42, 44.

sterbreche, or strebrich. The breaking, obstructing, or straitening of a way. Termes de la Ley.

stere. A French measure of solidity, used in measuring wood. It is a cubic meter.

sterility. Barrenness; unfruitfulness; incapacity to germinate or reproduce.

sterling. In English law. Current or standard coin, especially silver coin; a standard of coinage.

stet billa. If the plaintiff in a plaint in the mayor's court of London has attached property belonging to the defendant and obtained execution against the garnishee, the defendant, if he wishes to contest the plaintiff's claim, and obtain restoration of his property, must issue a soire facias ad disprobandum debitem. If the only question to be tried is the plaintiff's debt, the plaintiff in appearing to the soire facias prays stet billa "that his bill original," i.e., his original plaint, "may stand, and that the defendant may plead
thereo." The action then proceeds in the usual way as if the proceedings in attachment (which are founded on a fictitious default of the defendant in appearing to the plain) had not taken place. Brand, F. Attachm. 116; Sweet.

STET PROCESSUS. Stet processus is an entry on the roll in the nature of a judgment of a direction that all further proceedings shall be stayed, (i.e., that the process may stand,) and it is one of the ways by which a suit may be terminated by an act of the party, as distinguished from a termination of it by judgment, which is the act of the court. It was used by the plaintiff when he wished to suspend the action without suffering a non-suit. Brown.


STEWARD. This word signifies a man appointed in the place or stead of another, and generally denotes a principal officer within his jurisdiction. Brown.

Land Steward

See Land.

Steward of a Manor

An important officer who has the general management of all forensic matters connected with the manor of which he is steward. He stands in much the same relation to the lord of the manor as an under-sheriff does to the sheriff. Cowell.

Steward of all England

In old English law. An officer who was invested with various powers; among others, to preside on the trial of peers.

Steward of Scotland

An officer of the highest dignity and trust. He administered the crown revenues, superintended the affairs of the household, and possessed the privilege of holding the first place in the army, next to the king, in the day of battle. From this office the royal house of Stuart took its name. But the office was sunk on their advancement to the throne, and has never since been revived. Bell.

STEWARTY, in Scotch law, is said to be equivalent to the English "county." See Brown.

STEWES. Certain brothels anciently permitted in England, suppressed by Henry VIII. Also, breeding places for tame pheasants.

STICK. In the old books. To stop; to hesitate; to accede with reluctance. "The court stuck a little at this exception." 2 Show. 491.


STICKLER. (1) An inferior officer who cuts wood within the royal parks of Clarendon. Cowell. (2) An arbitrator. (3) An obstinate contender about anything.

STIFLING A PROSECUTION. Agreeing, in consideration of receiving a pecuniary or other advantage, to abstain from prosecuting a person for an offense not giving rise to a civil remedy; e.g., perjury. Sweet.

STILL. Any device used for separating alcoholic spirits from fermented substances. Moore v. State, 154 Ark. 13, 240 S. W. 1083, 1084; Davis v. State, 102 Tex. Ct. R. 546, 278 S. W. 848, 849. The word is sometimes applied to the whole apparatus for evaporation and condensation used in the manufacture of ardent spirits, but in the description of the parts of the apparatus it is applied merely to the vessel or retort used for boiling and evaporation of the liquid. Hodgkiss v. State, 156 Ark. 340, 246 S. W. 506, 507.


STILL WORM. The tube or coil used for condensation of the vapor which is passed through it from boiling mash for the purpose of being distilled into whisky. Rossiot v. State, 162 Ark. 340, 258 S. W. 348.

STILLBORN. A stillborn child is one born dead or in such an early stage of pregnancy as to be incapable of living, though not actually dead at the time of birth. Children born within the first six months after conception are considered by the civil law as incapable of living, and therefore, though they are apparently born alive, if they do not in fact survive so long as to rebut this presumption of law, they cannot inherit, so as to transmit the property to others. Marsellis v. Thalheimer, 2 Paige (N. Y.) 41, 21 Am. Dec. 66.

STILLCIDIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The drip of water from the eaves of a house. The servitude stillicidii consists in the right to have the water drip from one's eaves upon the house or ground of another. The term "flumen" designated the rain-water collected from the roof, and carried off by the gutters, and there is a similar easement of having it discharged upon the adjoining estate. Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 317, par. 4.

STINT. In English law. Limit; a limited number. Used as descriptive of a species of common. See Common sans Nombre.

STIPEND

In English and Scotch Law

A provision made for the support of the clergy.

STIPENDIARY ESTATES. Estates granted in return for services, generally of a military kind. 1 Steph. Comm. 174.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES. In English law. Paid magistrates; appointed in London and some other cities and boroughs, and having in general the powers and jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

STIPENDIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The pay of a soldier; wages; stipend. Calvin.

STIPES. Lat. In old English law. Stock; a stock; a source of descent or title. Communs stipes, the common stock. Fleta, lib. 6, c. 2.

STIPITAL. Relating to stirpes, roots, or stocks. “Stipital distribution” of property is distribution per stirpes; that is, by right of representation.

STIPULATED DAMAGE. Liquidated damage, (q. v.)

STIPULATIO. Lat. In the Roman law, stipulatio was the verbal contract, (verbis obligations,) and was the most solemn and formal of all the contracts in that system of jurisprudence. It was entered into by question and corresponding answer thereto, by the parties, both being present at the same time, and usually by such words as “spondes? spondeo,” “promittis? promitto,” and the like. Brown.

STIPULATIO AQUILANA. A particular application of the stipulatio, which was used to collect together into one verbal contract all the liabilities of every kind and quality of the debtor, with a view to their being released or discharged by an acceptatio, that mode of discharge being applicable only to the verbal contract. Brown.

STIPULATION. A material article in an agreement.

In Practice


The name “stipulation” is familiarly given to any agreement made by the attorneys engaged on opposite sides of a cause, (especially if in writing,) regulating any matter incidental to the proceedings or trial, which falls within their jurisdiction. Such, for instance, are agreements to extend the time for pleading, to take depositions, to waive objections, to admit certain facts, to continue the cause. See Lewis v. Orpheus, 15 Fed. Cas. 492; Southern Colonization Co. v. Howard Cole & Co., 185 Ws. 469, 291 N. W. 817, 819.

In Admiralty Practice

A recognition of certain persons (called in the old law “fide jussores”) in the nature of bail for the appearance of a defendant. 3 Bl. Comm. 108.

STIPULATOR. In the civil law. The party who asked the question in the contract of stipulation; the other party, or he who answered, being called the “promissor.” But, in a more general sense, the term was applied to both the parties. Calvin.

STIRPES. Lat. A root or stock of descent or title. Taking property by right of representation is called “succession per stirpes,” in opposition to taking in one’s own right, or as a principal, which is termed “taking per capita.” See Rotmanskey v. Heiss, 56 Md. 533, 39 A. 415.

STOCK.

In Mercantile Law


In a Larger Sense

The capital of a merchant or other person, including his merchandise, money, and credits, or, in other words, the entire property employed in business.

In Corporation Law

The term is used in various senses. It may mean the capital or principal fund of a corporation or joint-stock company, formed by the contributions of subscribers or the sale of shares; the aggregate of a certain number of shares severally owned by the members or stockholders of the corporation or the proportional share of an individual stockholder; also the incorporeal property which is represented by the holding of a certificate of stock; and in a wider and more remote sense, the right of a shareholder to participate in the general management of the company and to share proportionally in its net profits or earnings or in the distribution of assets on dissolution, the term “stock” has also been held to embrace not only capital stock of a corporation but all corporate wealth and resources, subject to all corporate liabilities and obligations. Whitman v. Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore, 148 Md. 90, 129 A. 22, 27. See also Thayer v. Watlen, 17 Tex. Civ. App. 352, 44 S. W. 906; Burraill v. Bushwick R. Co., 75 N. Y. 216; State v. Lewis, 118 Ws. 432, 95 N. W. 388; Heller v. National Marine Bank, 89 Md. 602, 43 A. 500, 45 L. R. A. 438, 73 Am. St. Rep. 212; Trask v. Maguire, 18 Wall. 402, 21 L. Ed. 938; Harrison v. Vines, 46 Tex. 15; Seawright v. Dickson, 16 Ga. App. 436, 85 S. E. 325, 628; Hood Rubber Co. v. Commonwealth, 238 Mass. 389, 131 N. E. 201, 202.
The capital stock of a corporation differs widely in legal import from the aggregate shares into which it is divided by its charter (Farrington v. Tennessee, 36 U. S. 566, 24 L. Ed. 568; People v. Coleman, 126 N. Y. 437, 27 N. E. 518, 15 L. R. A. 762); the former includes only the fund of money or other property derived by it from the sale or exchange of its shares of stock, while the latter represents the totality of the corporate assets and property; Humer v. Engineering Co. (C. C.) 84 F. 336. See “Capital Stock.”

Classes of Corporate Stock

Preferred stock is a separate portion or class of the stock of a corporation, which is accorded, by the charter or by-laws, a preference or priority in respect to dividends, over the remainder of the stock of the corporation, which in that case is called “common” stock. That is, holders of the preferred stock are entitled to receive dividends at a fixed annual rate, out of the net earnings or profits of the corporation, before any distribution of earnings is made to the common stock. If the earnings applicable to the payment of dividends are not more than sufficient for such fixed annual dividend, they will be entirely absorbed by the preferred stock. If they are more than sufficient for the purpose, the remainder may be given entirely to the common stock (which is the more usual custom) or such remainder may be distributed pro rata to both classes of the stock, in which case the preferred stock is said to “participate” with the common. The fixed dividend on preferred stock may be “cumulative” or “non-cumulative.” In the former case, if the stipulated dividend on preferred stock is not earned or paid in any one year, it becomes a charge upon the surplus earnings of the next and succeeding years, and all such accumulated and unpaid dividends on the preferred stock must be paid off before the common stock is entitled to receive dividends. In the case of “non-cumulative” preferred stock, its preference for any given year is extinguished by the failure to earn or pay its dividend in that year. If a corporation has no class of preferred stock, all its stock is common stock. The word “common” in this connection signifies that all the holders of such stock are entitled to an equal pro rata division of profits or net earnings, if any there be, without any preference or priority among themselves. “Deferred” stock is rarely issued by American corporations, though it is not uncommon in England. This kind of stock is distinguished by the fact that the payment of dividends upon it is expressly postponed until some other class of stock has received a dividend, or until some certain liability or obligation of the corporation is discharged. If there is a class of “preferred” stock, the common stock may in this sense be said to be “deferred,” and the term is sometimes used as equivalent to “common” stock. But it is not impossible that a corporation should have three classes of stock: (1) Preferred, (2) common, and (3) deferred; the latter class being postponed, in respect to participation in profits, until both the preferred and the common stock had received dividends at a fixed rate. See Cook, Corp. § 12; State v. Railroad Co., 16 S. C. 558; Scott v. Railroad Co., 38 Md. 475, 49 A. 297; Jones v. Railroad Co., 67 N. H. 234, 30 A. 614, 68 Am. St. Rep. 650; Lockhart v. Van Alstyne, 31 Mich. 70, 18 Am. Rep. 156; Burt v. Rattle, 31 Ohio St. 116; Storrow v. Mfg. Ass’n, 31 C. C. A. 139, 87 F. 616; Armstrong v. Union Trust & Savings Bank (C. C. A.) 248 F. 268, 270; Booth v. Union Fibre Co., 137 Minn. 7, 162 N. W. 677; General Inv. Co. v. Bethlehem Steel Corp., 87 N. J. Eq. 234, 100 A. 347, 349; Day v. U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co., 96 N. J. Eq. 736, 126 A. 302, 304.

In the Law of Descent

The term is used, metaphorically, to denote the original progenitor of a family, or the ancestor from whom the persons in question are all descended; such descendants being called “branches.”

In General

—Capital stock. See that title.


—Guaranteed stock. Stock of a corporation which is entitled to receive dividends at a fixed annual rate, the payment of which dividends is guaranteed by some outside person or corporation. See Field v. Lamson, etc., Mfg. Co., 162 Mass. 388, 38 N. E. 1126, 27 L. R. A. 136.

—Public stocks. The funded or bonded debt of a government or state.

—Special stock of a corporation, in Massachusetts, is authorized by statute. It is limited in amount to two-fifths of the actual capital. It is subject to redemption by the corporation at par after a fixed time. The corporation is bound to pay a fixed annual dividend on it as a debt. The holders of it are in no event liable for the debts of the corporation beyond their stock; and an issue of special stock makes all the general stockholders liable for all debts and contracts of the corporation until the special stock is fully redeemed. American Tube Works v. Boston Mach. Co., 139 Mass. 5, 29 N. E. 63.

—Stock association. A joint-stock company, (q. v.)

—Stock-broker. One who buys and sells stock as the agent of others. Banta v. Chicago, 172 Ill. 204, 50 N. E. 233, 40 L. R. A. 611; Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 436; Gast v. Buckley (Ky.) 64 S. W. 632.
Stock corporation. A corporation having a capital stock divided into shares, and which is authorized by law to distribute to the holders thereof dividends or shares of the surplus profits of the corporation. Buker v. Steele (Co. Ct.) 43 N. Y. S. 350.

Stock dividend. See Dividend.

Stock-exchange. A voluntary association of persons (not usually a corporation) who, for convenience in the transaction of business with each other, have associated themselves to provide a common place for the transaction of their business; an association of stock-brokers. Dos Passos, Stock-Brok. 14. The building or room used by an association of stock-brokers for meeting for the transaction of their common business.

Stock in trade. Merchandise or goods kept for sale or traffic. Woodworth & Co. v. City of Concord, 78 N. H. 54, 96 A. 296, 297; Shasta Lumber Co. v. McCoy, 85 Cal. App. 469, 259 P. 965, 987; also that form of property owned by a craftsman upon which he exercises his art, skill, or workmanship, and upon which he uses the tools of his trade or business. Armstrong Turner Millinery Co. v. Round, 106 Kan. 146, 186 P. 979, 9 A. L. R. 1255.


Stock law district. A district in which stock is by law prohibited from running at large. Griffin v. Fowler, 17 Ala. App. 44, 81 So. 426, 428.

Stock-note. The term "stock-note" has no technical meaning, and may as well apply to a note given on the sale of stock which the bank had purchased or taken in the payment of doubtful debts as to a note given on account of an original subscription to stock. Dunlap v. Smith, 12 Ill. 402.


Watered stock. Stock issued by way of increase or addition to the nominal capital stock of the corporation, and passing into the hands of stockholders either by purchase or in the form of a stock dividend, but which does not represent or correspond to any increase in the actual capital or actual value of the assets of the corporation. See Appeal of Wilbank, 64 Pa. 260, 3 Am. Rep. 585.


The owners of shares in a corporation which has a capital stock are called "stockholders." If a corporation has no capital stock, the corporators and their successors are called "members." Civ. Code Dak. § 392 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 4515; Rev. Code 1919, § 247).

Stocks. A machine consisting of two pieces of timber, arranged to be fastened together, and holding fast the legs of a person placed in it. This was an ancient method of punishment.

Stop order. The name of an order grantable in English chancery practice, to prevent drawing out a fund in court to the prejudice of an assignee or lienholder.


Stoppage. In the civil law. Compensation or set-off.

Stoppage in transitu. The act by which the unpaid vendor of goods stops their progress and resumes possession of them, while they are in course of transit from him to the purchaser, and not yet actually delivered to the latter.

The right of stoppage in transitu is that which the vendor has, when he sells goods on credit to another, of resuming the possession of the goods while they are in the possession of a carrier or middle-man, in the transit to the consignee or vendee, and before they arrive into his actual possession, or the destination he has appointed for them on his becoming bankrupt and insolvent. 2 Kent, Comm. 702.

Stoppage in transitu is the right which arises to an unpaid vendor to resume the possession, with which he has parted, of goods sold upon credit, before they come into the possession of a buyer who has become insolvent, bankrupt, or peculiarly embarrassed. Inslee v. Lane, 57 N. H. 454.

Public Store

A government warehouse, maintained for certain administrative purposes, such as the keeping of military supplies, the storing of imported goods under bonds to pay duty, etc.

Stores

The supplies of different articles provided for the subsistence and accommodation of a ship's crew and passengers.

STORE, n. A house used for the sale of goods, wares, and merchandise, and it will be presumed from such statement that the liquor was administered to a customary or casual visitor. Simpson v. Commonwealth, 106 Ky. 403, 244 S. W. 912, 913; Divine v. George, 63 Colo. 341, 166 P. 242, 243; Continental Paper Bag Co. v. Bosworth (Tex. Com. App.) 276 S. W. 170, 171; Van Orsdel v. Hutchcroft, 83 Or. 567, 163 P. 978, 979; A house where goods are bought, sold or stored. Campbell v. State, 170 Ark. 936, 282 S. W. 4, 5; De Wolfe v. Pierce, 196 Ill. App. 360, 361. Context may enlarge or restrict ordinary meaning. Debenham v. Short (Tex. Civ. App.) 199 S. W. 1147.

STORE-HOUSE. A building for the storage of goods, grain, food-stuffs, etc. A livery-stable has been held a store-house. Webb v. Com. (Ky.) 35 S. W. 1038.

STOUTHRIEFF. In Scotch law. Formerly this word included every species of theft accompanied with violence to the person, but of late years it has become the voz signata for forcible and masterful depredation within or near the dwelling-house; while robbery has been more particularly applied to violent depredation on the highway, or accompanied by house-breaking. Allis. Prin. Scotch Law, 227.

STOWAGE. In maritime law. The storing, packing, or arranging of the cargo in a ship, in such a manner as to protect the goods from friction, bruising, or damage from leakage.

Money paid for a room where goods are laid; housage. Wharton.

STOWE. In old English law. A valley. Co. Litt. 4b.

STRADDLE. In stock-brokers' parlance the term means the double privilege of a "put" and a "call," and secures to the holder the right to demand of the seller at a certain price within a certain time a certain number of shares of specified stock, or to require him to take, at the same price within the same time, the same shares of stock. Harris v. Tumbridge, 83 N. Y. 95, 38 Am. Rep. 598.

STAGGLER. In War Department regulations. One absent without leave, with the probability that he does not intend to desert, but, if his absence continues for 10 days, he becomes a deserter. Reed v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 252 F. 21, 22.

STRAIGHT-LINE METHOD. In estimating deterioration in a plant. Calculation from examination and experience in like constructions the total life period of the constituent parts of the plant, and then deducting from their value that proportion of decrease represented by the ratio of the years which it has been in use in relation to the entire life period as distinguished from the "sinking-fund method" which consists in charging for depreciation an annual sum, which, with compounding interest thereon, will at the termination of the estimated life of the investment replace the original cost, and if cut off at any given period the accumulation will represent the depreciated value to that date. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. v. Devlin, 188 Cal. 33, 263 P. 1068, 1062; People ex rel. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co. v. State Tax Commission, 215 App. Div. 44, 217 N. Y. S. 707, 712; Indiana Bell Telephone Co. v. Public Service Commission of Indiana (D. C.) 300 F. 190, 198.

STRAMINEUS HOMO. L. Lat. A man of straw, one of no substance, put forward as ball or surety.


STRANGER IN BLOOD. Any person not within the consideration of natural love and affection arising from relationship.

STRANGERS. By this term is intended third persons generally. Thus the persons bound by a fine are parties, privies, and strangers; the parties are either the cognizors or cognizees; the privies are such as are in any way related to those who levy the fine, and claim under them by any right of blood, or other right of representation; the strangers are all other persons in the world, except only the parties and privies. In its general legal signification the term is opposed to the word “privy.” Those who are in no way parties to a covenant, nor bound by it, are also said to be strangers to the covenant. Brown, See Robbins v. Chicago, 4 Wall. 672, 18 L. Ed. 427; O’Donnell v. McIntyre, 118 N. Y. 156, 23 N. E. 455; Bennett v. Chandler, 199 Ill. 97, 64 N. E. 1052; Kirk v. Morris, 49 Ala. 228; U. S. v. Henderlong (O. C.) 102 F. 2; Wilson v. Smith, 213 Ky. 836, 281 S. W. 1008, 1010; State v. Mills, 23 N. M. 549, 169 P. 1171, 1173; Gronewold v. Gronewold, 304 Ill. 11, 136 N. E. 489, 490.

STRATEGEM. A deception either by words or actions, in times of war, in order to obtain an advantage over an enemy.

STRATOCRACY. A military government; government by military chiefs of an army.

STRATOR. In old English law. A surveyor of the highways.

STRAW BAIL. See Ball.

STRAV. See Estray.


Private Stream

A non-navigable creek or water-course, the bed or channel of which is exclusively owned by a private individual. See Adams v. Pease, 2 Conn. 484; Reynolds v. Com., 93 Ga. 461.

STREAMING FOR TIN. The process of working tin in Cornwall and Devon. The right to stream must not be exercised so as to interfere with the rights of other private individuals; e.g., either by withdrawing or by polluting or choking up the water-courses or waters of others; and the statutes 23 Hen. VIII. c. 8 and 27 Hen. VIII. c. 23, impose a penalty of £20 for the offense. Brown.


STREET RAILWAY. See Railway.

STREIGHTEN. In the old books. To narrow or restrict. “The habendum should not streighten the devise.” 1 Leon. 58.

STREPIITUS. In old records. Estreprement or strip; a species of waste or destruction of property. Spelman.

STREPIITUS JUDICIALIS. Turbulent conduct in a court of justice. Jacob.

STRIA. Curved, crooked and intermittent gouges, of irregular depth and width and rough definition, of certain rock surface,

**STRICT.** Exact; accurate; precise; undeviating; governed or governing by exact rules. Union Ice & Coal Co. v. Town of Ruston, 135 La. 599, 66 So. 292, 293, L. R. A. 1915B, 859, Ann. Cas. 1916C, 1274; Petet v. McCleanahan, 297 Mo. 677, 249 S. W. 917, 920. As to strict construction, "Foreclosure," and "Settlement," see those titles.

**STRICTI JURIS.** Lat. Of strict right or law; according to strict law. "A license is a thing stricti juris; a privilege which a man does not possess by his own right, but it is conceded to him as an indulgence, and therefore it is to be strictly observed." 2 Rob. Adm. 117.

**STRICTISSIMI JURIS.** Lat. Of the strictest right or law. "Licenses being matter of special indulgence, the application of them was formerly strictissimi juris." 1 Edw. Adm. 328.

**STRICLY.** A strict manner; closely, precisely, rigorously; stringently; positively. Union Ice & Coal Co. v. Town of Ruston, 135 La. 599, 66 So. 292, 293, L. R. A. 1915B, 859, Ann. Cas. 1916C, 1274.

**STRICLY MINISTERIAL DUTY.** One that is absolute and imperative, requiring neither the exercise of official discretion nor judgment. State ex rel. Heller v. Thornhill, 174 Mo. App. 499, 160 S. W. 555, 559.

**STRICTO JURE.** Lat. In strict law. 1 Kent, Comm. 65.

**STRICTUM JUS.** Lat. Strict right or law; the rigor of the law as distinguished from equity.


**In Mining Law**

The strike of a vein or lode is its extension in the horizontal plane, or its lengthwise trend or course with reference to the points of the compass; distinguished from its "dip," which is its slope or slant, away from the perpendicular, as it goes downward into the earth, or the angle of its deviation from the vertical plane.

**STRIKE OFF.** In common parlance, and in the language of the auction-room, property is understood to be "struck off" or "knocked down," when the auctioneer, by the fall of his hammer, or by any other audible or visible announcement, signified to the bidder that he is entitled to the property on paying the amount of his bid, according to the terms of the sale. Sherwood v. Reade, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 439.

**In Practice**

A court is said to "strike off" a case when it directs the removal of the case from the record or docket, as being one over which it has no jurisdiction and no power to hear and determine it.

**STRIKING A DOCKET.** In English practice. The first step in the proceedings in bankruptcy, which consists in making affidavit of the debt, and giving a bond to follow up the proceedings with effect. 2 Steph. Comm. 199. When the affidavit and bond are delivered at the bankrupt office, an entry is made in what is called the "docket-book," upon which the petitioning creditor is said to have struck a docket. Eden, Bankr. 51, 52.

**STRIKING A JURY.** The selecting or nominating a jury of twelve men out of the whole number returned as jurors on the panel. It is especially used of the selection of a special jury, where a panel of forty-eight is prepared by the proper officer, and the parties, in turn, strike off a certain number of names, until the list is reduced to twelve. A jury thus chosen is called a "struck jury."

**STRIKING OFF THE ROLL.** The disbarring of an attorney or solicitor.

**STRIP.** The act of spoiling or unlawfully taking away anything from the land, by the tenant for life or years, or by one holding an estate in the land less than the entire fee. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1295.

**STRIPPING A MINE.** In iron mining. Removal of the earth from the underlying body of iron ore. Bartnes v. Pittsburg Iron Ore Co., 123 Minn. 131, 143 N. W. 117.
STRONG HAND. The words "with strong hand" imply a degree of criminal force, whereas the words *vi et armis* ("with force and arms") are mere formal words in the action of trespass, and the plaintiff is not bound to prove any force. The statutes relating to forcible entries use the words "with a strong hand" as describing that degree of force which makes an entry or detainer of lands criminal. Brown.

STRUCK. In pleading. A word essential in an indictment for murder, when the death arises from any wounding, beating, or bruising. 1 Bulst. 184; 5 Coke, 122; 3 Mod. 202.

STRUCK JURY. See Striking a Jury.


—Structural alteration or change. One that affects a vital and substantial portion of a thing; that changes its characteristic appearance, the fundamental purpose of its erection, the uses contemplated, one that is extraordinary in scope and effect, or unusual in expenditure. Pross v. Excelior Cleaning & Dyeing Co., 110 Misc. 195, 170 N. Y. S. 176, 179; Kinston Cotton Mills v. Liability Assur. Corporation, 161 N. C. 502, 77 S. E. 682, 683.

STRUMPET. A whore, harlot, or courtesan. This word was anciently used for an addition. It occurs as an addition to the name of a woman in a return made by a jury in the sixth year of Henry V. Wharton.

STUFF GOWN. The professional robe worn by barristers of the outer bar; viz., those who have not been admitted to the rank of king's counsel. Brown.

STULTIFY. To make one out mentally incapacitated for the performance of an act.

STULTIOQUIUM. Lat. In old English law. Vicious pleading, for which a fine was imposed by King John, supposed to be the origin of the fines for *beau-pleader*. Crabb, Eng. Law, 135.

STUMPAGE. The sum agreed to be paid to an owner of land for trees standing (or lying) upon his land, the purchaser being permitted to enter upon the land and to cut down and remove the trees; in other words, it is the price paid for a license to cut. Blood v. Drummond, 67 Me. 478.

STUPRUM. Lat. In the Roman and civil law. Unlawful sexual intercourse between a man and an unmarried woman;—distinguished from adultery by being committed with a virgin or widow. Inst. 4, 18, 4; Dig. 48, 5, 6; 50, 16, 101.

Any sexual intercourse between a man and an unmarried woman (not a slave), otherwise than in concubinage; illicit intercourse. Webster, Dict.

Any union of the sexes forbidden by morality. Cent. Dict.

STURGEON. A royal fish which, when either thrown ashore or caught near the coast, is the property of the sovereign. 2 Steph. Comm. 196, 540.

STYLE. As a verb, to call, name, or entitle one; as a noun, the title or appellation of a person.

SUA SPONTE. Lat. Of his or its own will or motion; voluntarily; without prompting or suggestion.

SUABLE. Capable of being, or liable to be, sued. A suable cause of action is the matured cause of action.

SUAPTE NATURA. Lat. In its own nature. *Suapte natura sterilis*, barren in its own nature and quality; intrinsically barren. 5 Maule & S. 170.
SUB. Lat. Under; upon.

SUB COLORE JURIS. Under color of right; under a show or appearance of right or rightful power.

SUB CONDITIONE. Upon condition. The proper words to express a condition in a conveyance, and to create an estate upon condition. Graves v. Deterling, 120 N. Y. 447, 24 N. E. 653.

SUB DISJUNCTIONE. In the alternative. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 21.

SUB JUDICE. Under or before a judge or court; under judicial consideration; undetermined. 12 East, 400.

SUB MODO. Under a qualification; subject to a restriction or condition.

SUB NOMINE. Under the name; in the name of; under the title of.

SUB PEDE SIGILLI. Under the foot of the seal; under seal. 1 Strange, 521.

SUB POTESTATE. Under, or subject to, the power of another; used of a wife, child, slave, or other person not sui juris.

SUB SALVO ET SECورو CONDUCTU. Under safe and secure conduct. 1 Strange, 430. Words in the old writ of habeas corpus.

SUB SILENTIO. Under silence; without any notice being taken. Passing a thing sub silentio may be evidence of consent.

SUB SPE RECONCILIATIONIS. Under the hope of reconciliation. 2 Kent, Comm. 127.

SUB SUO PERICULO. At his own risk. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 5, § 5.


SUB-BOIS. Coppice-wood. 2 Inst. 642.

SUB-CONTRACTOR. One who has entered into a contract, express or implied, for the performance of an act with the person who has already contracted for its performance. Phill. Mech. Liens § 44; Lester v. Houston, 101 N. C. 611, 8 S. E. 366.

SUBAGENT. An under-agent; a substituted agent; an agent appointed by one who is himself an agent. 2 Kent, Comm. 683.

SUBALTERN. An inferior or subordinate officer. An officer who exercises his authority under the superintendence and control of a superior.

SUBCONTRACT. See Contract.

SUBDITUS. Lat. In old English law. A vassal; a dependent; any one under the power of another. Speelman.

SUBDIVIDE. To divide a part into smaller parts; to separate into smaller divisions. As, where an estate is to be taken by some of the heirs per stripes, it is divided and subdivided according to the number of takers in the nearest degree and those in the more remote degree respectively.

SUBDUCT. In English probate practice, to subduct a caveat is to withdraw it.

SUBHASTARE. Lat. In the civil law. To sell at public auction, which was done sub hasta, under a spear; to put or sell under the spear. Calvin.

SUBHASTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A sale by public auction, which was done under a spear, fixed up at the place of sale as a public sign of it. Calvin.

SUBINFEDATION. The system which the feudal tenants introduced of granting smaller estates out of those which they held of their lord, to be held of themselves as inferior lords. As this system was proceeding downward ad infinitum, and depriving the lords of their feudal profits, it was entirely suppressed by the statute Quia Emptores, 18 Edw. I. c. 1, and instead of it alienation in the modern sense was introduced, so that thenceforth the alienor held of the same chief lord and by the same services that his alienor before him held. Brown.

SUBJECT.

In Logic

That concerning which the affirmation in a proposition is made; the first word in a proposition. State v. Armstrong, 31 N. M. 220, 243 P. 393, 397.

SUBJECT.

In Legislation


In Constitutional Law

One that owes allegiance to a sovereign and is governed by his laws. The natives of Great Britain are subjects of the British government. Men in free governments are subjects as well as citizens; as citizens they enjoy rights and franchises; as subjects they are bound to obey the laws. Webster. The term is little used, in this sense, in countries enjoying a republican form of government. See The Pizarro, 2 Wheat. 245, 4 L. Ed. 226; U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark, 168 U. S. 649, 18 S. Ct. 496, 42 L. Ed. 890; Swiss Nat. Ins. Co. v. Miller, 267 U. S. 42, 45 S. Ct. 213, 214, 69 L. Ed. 564; Loi Hon v. Nagle (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 86, 81.

In Scotch Law

The thing which is the object of an agreement.

SUBJECT-MATTER. The thing in controversy, or the matter spoken or written about.

SUBJECT to. LIABLE, subordinate, inferior, obedient to; governed or affected by; provided that; provided; answerable for.


SUBJECT.—1668—SUBMISSION


SUBJECTION. The obligation of one or more persons to act at the discretion or according to the judgment and will of others.

Sublata causa tollitur effectus. Co. Litt. 303. The cause being removed the effect ceases.

Sublata veneratone magistratum, respublica ruat. When respect for magistrates is taken away, the commonwealth falls. Jenk. Cent. p. 43, case 81.

Sublato fundamento cadit opus. Jenk. Cent. 106. The foundation being removed, the superstructure falls.

Sublato principali, tollitur adjunctum. When the principal is taken away, the incident is taken also. Co. Litt. 389a.

SUBLEASE. A lease by a tenant to another person of a part of the premises held by him; an under-lease.

SUBMISSION. A yielding to authority. A citizen is bound to submit to the laws; a child to his parents.

SUBMISSION BOND. The bond by which the parties agree to submit their matters to
arbitration, and by which they bind themselves to abide by the award of the arbitrator, is commonly called a "submission bond." Brown.

SUBMIT. To propound; to present for determination; as an advocate submits a proposition for the approval of the court. MacDermot v. Grant, 181 Cal. 332, 184 P. 396; Noland v. Hayward, 69 Colo. 181, 182 P. 657, 658.

SUBMORTGAGE. When a person who holds a mortgage as security for a loan which he has made, procures a loan to himself from a third person, and pledges his mortgage as security, he effects what is called a "submortgage."

SUBNERVARE. To ham-string by cutting the sinews of the legs and thighs.

It was an old custom meretrices et impudicas matieres subnervere. Wharton.

SUBNOTATIONS. In the civil law. The answers of the prince to questions which had been put to him respecting some obscure or doubtful point of law.

SUBORN. In criminal law. To procure another to commit perjury. Steph. Crim. Law, 74.


SUBORNER. One who suborns or procures another to commit any crime, particularly to commit perjury.

SUBPÆNA. The process by which the attendance of a witness is required is called a "subpæna." It is a writ or order directed to a person, and requiring his attendance at a particular time and place to testify as a witness. It may also require him to bring with him any books, documents, or other things under his control which he is bound by law to produce in evidence. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1985. See Dishaw v. Wadleigh, 15 App. Div. 205, 44 N. Y. S. 207; Alexander v. Harrison, 2 Ind. App. 47, 28 N. E. 119; Bleecker v. Carroll, 2 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 82.

In Chancery Practice

A mandatory writ or process directed to and requiring one or more persons to appear at a time to come and answer the matters charged against him or them. Gondas v. Gondas, 90 N. J. Eq. 473, 194 A. 615, 618.

SUBPÆNA AD TESTIFICANDUM. Subpæna to testify. The common subpæna requiring the attendance of a witness on a trial, Inquisition, or examination. 3 Bl. Comm. 369; In re Strauss, 30 App. Div. 610, 52 N. Y. S. 392; E. H. Taylor, Jr., & Sons v. Thornton, 178 Ky. 463, 199 S. W. 40, 42.

SUBPÆNA DUces TECUM. A subpæna used, not only for the purpose of compelling witnesses to attend in court, but also requiring them to bring with them books or documents which may be in their possession, and which may tend to elucidate the subject-matter of the trial. Brown; 3 Bl. Comm. 382; Keiffe v. La Salle Realty Co., 113 La. 824, 112 So. 799, 800, 53 A. L. R. 82; E. H. Taylor, Jr., & Sons v. Thornton, 178 Ky. 463, 199 S. W. 40, 42.

SUBREPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. Obtaining gifts of escheat, etc., from the king by concealing the truth. Bell; Calvin.

SUBREPTION. In French law. The fraud committed to obtain a pardon, title, or grant, by alleging facts contrary to truth.


Subrogation denotes the putting a third person who has paid a debt in the place of the creditor to whom he has paid it, so that he may exercise against the debtor all the rights which the creditor, if unpaid, might have done. Brown; Page Trust Co. v. Godwin, 190 N. C. 512, 130 S. E. 323, 326; Gergets Corporation v. Equitable Trust Co. of New York, 241 N. Y. 418, 150 N. E. 501, 504, 43 A. L. R. 1320.

The equity by which a person who is secondarily liable for a debt, and has paid it, is put in the place of the creditor, so as to entitle him to make use of all the securities and remedies possessed by the creditor, in order to enforce the right of exonerating him as against the principal debtor, or of contribution against others who are liable in the same rank as himself. Bisp. Eq. § 234. And see Fuller v. Davis, 184 Ill. 505, 56 N. E. 70; Chaffee v. Oliver, 39 Ark. 545; Cockerum v. West, 122 Ind. 372, 23 N. E. 140; Mansfield v. New York, 165 N. Y. 298, 55 N. E. 889; Knighton v. Curry, 62 Ala. 404; Gatewood v. Gatewood, 75 Va. 411; Peoples v. Peoples Bros. (D. C.) 234 P. 499, 491; Sanger Bros. v. Elia & Walker Dry Goods Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 267 S. W. 348, 349; Michigan City v. Marwick, 67 Ind. App. 394, 116 N. E. 454, 457; Northwestern Mut. Savings & Loan Ass'n v. White, 31 N. D. 345, 153 N. W. 972, 975; U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Bramwell, 106 Or. 251, 257 P. 525, 257, 22 A. L. R. 228; Fidelity & Deposit
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The purpose of authenticating and giving force and effect to the contract, whether they be placed at the bottom, the top, or in the body of the instrument. Myers v. Moore, 78 Neb. 448, 110 N. W. 989. Dollarhide v. James, 107 Neb. 624, 186 N. W. 989, 990. The term is often liberally construed in the case of wills. Lucas v. Brown, 187 Ky. 502, 219 S. W. 796, 798; In re McConihie's Estate, 123 Misc. 318, 205 N. Y. S. 780, 781.

"Subscribe" has been defined as equivalent to agree to pay. While the strict definition of the word "subscribe" or "subscription" involves the idea of a written signature, yet by common usage it is often employed to include an agreement, written or oral, to give or pay some amount to a designated purpose, more usually, perhaps, to some purpose for the promotion of which numerous persons are uniting their means and their efforts. Mills v. Friedman, 111 Misc. 253, 181 N. Y. S. 295, 292.

SUBSCRIBER. One who writes his name under a written instrument; one who affixes his signature to any document, whether for the purpose of authenticating or attesting it, of adopting its terms as his own expressions, or of binding himself by an engagement which it contains. One who becomes bound by a subscription to the capital stock of a corporation. Latimer v. Bennett, 37 Ga. App. 246, 139 S. E. 570, 572. A "subscriber" is one who has agreed to take stock from the corporation on the original issue of such stock. Jones v. Rankin, 19 N. M. 50, 140 P. 1120, 1121. "Subscriber," as used in the Workmen's Compensation Act, means an employer who has become a member of the association or insured under the act. In re Cox, 225 Mass. 229, 114 N. E. 281, 283.

SUBSCRIBING WITNESS. He who witnesses or attests the signature of a party to an instrument, and in testimony thereof subscribes his own name to the document. A subscribing witness is one who sees a writing executed, or hears it acknowledged, and at the request of the party thereupon signs his name as a witness. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1935.

SUBSCRIPTION. The act of writing one's name under a written instrument; the affixing one's signature to any document, whether for the purpose of authenticating or attesting it, of adopting its terms as one's own expressions, or of binding one's self by an engagement which it contains. Subscription is the act of the hand, while attestation is the act of the senses. To sub-
scribe a paper published as a will is only to write on the same paper the name of the witness; to attest a will is to know that it was published as such, and to certify the facts required to constitute an actual and legal publication. In re Downie's Will, 42 Wis. 66, 76. A written contract by which one engages to take and pay for capital stock of a corporation, or to contribute a sum of money for a designated purpose, either gratuitously, as in the case of subscribing to a charity, or in consideration of an equivalent to be rendered, as a subscription to a periodical, a forthcoming book, a series of entertainments, or the like. Davis v. Rolley, 121 Kan. 132, 237 P. 746, 747; First Caldwell Oil Co. v. Hunt, 100 N. J. Law, 305, 127 A. 209, 210; Pasadena Rapid Transit Co. v. Munson, 31 Cal. App. 362, 174 P. 109; Guaranty Mortg. Co. v. Wilcox, 62 Utah, 184, 218 P. 133, 138.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST. A list of subscribers to some agreement with each other or a third person.

SUBSELLIA. Lat. In Roman law. Lower seats or benches, occupied by the iudices and by inferior magistrates when they sat in judgment, as distinguished from the tribunal of the praeator. Calvin.

Subsequent matrimonium tollit peccatum precedens. A subsequent marriage [of the parties] removes a previous fault, i.e., previous illicit intercourse, and legitimates the offspring. A rule of Roman law.

SUBSEQUENT CONDITION. See Condition.

SUBSIDY.

In English Law
An aid, tax, or tribute granted by parliament to the king for the urgent occasions of the kingdom, to be levied on every subject of ability, according to the value of his lands or goods. Jacob.

In American Law
A grant of money made by government in aid of the promoters of any enterprise, work, or improvement in which the government desires to participate, or which is considered a proper subject for state aid, because likely to be of benefit to the public.

In International Law
The assistance given in money by one nation to another to enable it the better to carry on a war, when such nation does not join directly in the war. Vattel, bk. 3, § 82.

SUBSOIL. The word includes, prima facie, all that is below the actual surface, down to the centre of the earth. 17 L. J. C. P. 162. It is a wider term than mines, quarries, or minerals. 2 L. R. Ir. 339.


SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGES. A sum, assessed by way of damages, which is worth having; opposed to nominal damages, which are assessed to satisfy a bare legal right. Wharton.


SUBSTANTIAVE


SUBSTANTIAVE. To establish the existence or truth of, by true or competent evidence, or to verify. State v. Lock, 302 Mo. 400, 259 S. W. 116, 120.

SUBSTANTIVE FELONY. An independent felony; one not dependent upon the conviction of another person for another crime. Karakutza v. State, 163 Wis. 293, 156 N. W. 965, 966; Johnson v. State, 68 Fla. 528, 67 So. 100, 103.

SUBSTANTIVE LAW. That part of the law which the courts are established to administer, as opposed to the rules according to which the substantive law itself is administered. That part of the law which creates, defines, and regulates rights, as opposed to adjective or remedial law, which prescribes the method of enforcing rights or obtaining redress for their invasion. Anderson v. Wirkman, 67 Mont. 176, 215 P. 224, 227; Jones v. Erie R. Co., 106 Ohio St. 408, 140 N. E. 366, 368; Trinity & B. V. Ry. Co. v. Geary, 107 Tex. 11, 172 S. W. 545, 547.

SUBSTITUTE. One appointed in the place or stead of another, to transact business for him; a proxy.


A person hired by one who has been drafted into the military service of the country, to go to the front and serve in the army in his stead.

SUBSTITUTED EXECUTOR. One appointed to act in the place of another executor upon the happening of a certain event; e. g., if the latter should refuse the office.

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE. In English Practice

Service of process made under authorization of the court upon some other person, when the person who should be served cannot be found or cannot be reached.

In American Law

Service of process upon a defendant in any manner, authorized by statute, other than personal service within the jurisdiction; as by publication, by mailing a copy to his last known address, or by personal service in another state.

SUBSTITUTES. In Scotch law. The person first called or nominated in a tailfe (entailment of an estate upon a number of heirs in succession) is called the "institute" or "heir-institute," the rest are called "substitutes."

SUBSTITUTIO HEREDITIS. Lat. In Roman law, it was competent for a testator after instituting a here (called the "heres in constitution") to substitute another (called the "heres substitutus") in his place in a certain event. If the event upon which the substitution was to take effect was the refusal of the instituted heir to accept the inheritance at all, then the substitution was called "culgaris," (or common); but if the event was the death of the infant (pupillus) after acceptance, and before attaining his majority, (of fourteen years if a male, and of twelve years if a female,) then the substitution was called "pupillaria," (or for minors,) Brown.

SUBSTITUTION.

In the Civil Law

The putting one person in place of another; particularly, the act of a testator in naming a second devisee or legatee who is to take the bequest either on failure of the original devisee or legatee or after him.

"Substitution," with respect to wills, and in view of Civ. Code, art. 1559, prohibiting substitution, is the putting of one person in the place of another so that he may, in default of ability in the former, or after him, have the benefit of the devise or legacy, particularly the act of a testator in naming a second devisee or legatee who is to take the bequest on failure of the original devisee or legatee, or after him. In re Courten, 144 La. 571, 81 So. 457, 459; Succession of Hall, 141 La. 860, 75 So. 802, 803; Succession of Reilly, 135 La. 547, 67 So. 27, 33.

In Scotch Law

The enumeration or designation of the heirs in a settlement of property. Substitutes in an entail are those heirs who are appointed in succession on failure of others.

SUBSTITUTIONAL, SUBSTITUTIONARY. Where a will contains a gift of property to a class of persons, with a clause providing that on the death of a member of the class before the period of distribution his share is to go to his issue, (if any,) so as to substitute them for him, the gift to the issue is said to be substitutional or substitutionary. A bequest to such of the children of A. as shall be living at the testator's death, with a direction that the issue of such as shall have died shall take the shares which their parents would have taken, if living at the testator's
death, is an example. See Acken v. Osborn, 46 N. J. Eq. 377, 17 A. 767; In re De Laveaga's Estate, 119 Cal. 653, 51 P. 1074.

SUBTRACTION. In French law. The fraudulent appropriation of any property, but particularly of the goods of a decedent's estate.

SUBTENANT. An under-tenant; one who leases all or a part of the rented premises from the original lessee for a term less than that held by the latter. Forrest v. Durnell, 86 Tex. 447, 29 S. W. 481; Elliott v. Dodson (Tex. Civ. App.) 297 S. W. 526, 522.

SUBTRACTION. The offense of withholding or withdrawing from another man what by law he is entitled to. There are various descriptions of this offense, of which the principal are as follows: (1) Subtraction of suit and services, which is a species of injury affecting a man's real property, and consists of a withdrawal of (or a neglect to perform or pay) the fealty, suit of court, rent, or services reserved by the lessor of the land. (2) Subtraction of tithes is the withholding from the parson or vicar the tithes to which he is entitled, and this is cognizable in the ecclesiastical courts. (3) Subtraction of conjugal rights is the withholding or withholding by a husband or wife of those rights and privileges which the law allows to either party. (4) Subtraction of legacies is the withholding or detaining of legacies by an executor. (5) Subtraction of church rates, in English law, consists in the refusal to pay the amount of rate at which any individual parishioner has been assessed for the necessary repairs of the parish church. Brown.

SUBTRACTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS. The act of a husband or wife living separately from the other without a lawful cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 94.

SUBURBANI. Lat. In old English law. Husbandmen.

SUBVASSORES. In old Scotch law. Base holders; inferior holders; they who held their lands of knights. Skene.

SUCCESSIO. Lat. In the civil law. A coming in place of another, on his decease; a coming into the estate which a deceased person had at the time of his death. This was either by virtue of an express appointment of the deceased person by his will, (ex testamento,) or by the general appointment of law in case of intestacy, (ad intestatum.) Inst. 2, 9, 7; Helnecce. Elem. IIb. 2, tit. 10.

SUCCESSION.

In the Civil Law and in Louisiana

The right by which the heir can take possession of the deceased's estate. The right of the heir to step into the place of the deceased, with respect to the possession, control, enjoyment, administration, and settlement of all the latter's property, rights, obligations, charges, etc.

The estate of a deceased person, comprising all kinds of property owned or claimed by him, as well as his debts and obligations, and considered as a legal entity (according to the notion of the Roman law) for certain purposes, such as collecting assets and paying debts. See Davenport v. Adler, 52 La. Ann. 265, 26 So. 396; Succession of Blumberg, 148 La. 1030, 88 So. 297, 299. In other jurisdictions succession is defined as the devolution of title from a deceased ancestor to his immediate heir. In re Bradley's Estate, 185 Wis. 393, 201 N. W. 973, 978; 38 A. L. R. 1; Adams v. Akerlund, 183 Ill. 632, 48 N. E. 454; Quarles v. Clayton, 87 Tenn. 308, 10 S. W. 565, 3 L. R. A. 170; State v. Payne, 129 Mo. 498, 31 S. W. 797, 33 L. R. A. 576; Blake v. McCartney, 3 Fed. Cas. 596. In re Headen's Estate, 52 Cal. 209.

Succession is the transmission of the rights and obligations of the deceased to the heirs.

Succession signifies also the estates, rights, and charges which a person leaves after his death, whether the property exceeds the charges or the charges exceed the property, or whether he has only left charges without any property.

The succession not only includes the rights and obligations of the deceased as they exist at the time of his death, but all that has accrued thereto since the opening of the succession, as also the new charges to which it becomes subject.

Finally, succession signifies also that right by which the heir can take possession of the estate of the deceased, such as it may be. Civ. Code La., arts. 871-874.

Succession is the coming in of another to take the property of one who dies without disposing of it by will. Civ. Code Dak. § 776 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 5761; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 688).

In Common Law

The right by which one set of men may, by succeeding another set, acquire a property in all the goods, movables, and other chattels of a corporation. 2 Bl. Comm. 430. The power of perpetual succession is one of the peculiar properties of a corporation. 2 Kent, Comm. 267. See Perpetual.

In General

Artificial succession. That attribute of a corporation by which, in contemplation of law, the company itself remains always the same though its constituent members or stockholders may change from time to time. See Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 100.

Hereditary succession. Descent or title, by descent at common law; the title whereby a man on the death of his ancestor acquires his estate by right of representation as his heir.
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at law. See In re Donahue's Estate, 36 Cal. 332; Barclay v. Cameron, 25 Tex. 241.

_Intestate succession._ The succession of an heir at law to the property and estate of his ancestor when the latter has died intestate, or leaving a will which has been annulled or set aside. Civ. Code La. art. 1096.

Irregular succession. That which is established by law in favor of certain persons, or of the state, in default of heirs, either legal or instituted by testament. Civ. Code La. art. 378.

_Legal succession._ That which the law establishes in favor of the nearest relation of a deceased person.

_Natural succession._ Succession taking place between natural persons, for example, in descent on the death of an ancestor. Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 100.

_Succe sion duty._ In English law. A duty, (varying from one to ten per cent.) payable under the statute 16 & 17 Vict. c. 51, in respect chiefly of real estate and leaseholds, but generally in respect of all property (not already chargeable with legacy duty) devolving upon any one in consequence of any death. Brown.

_Succession tax._ A tax imposed upon the privilege of receiving property from a decedent by devise or inheritance. See Scholey v. Rew, 23 Wall. 346, 23 L. Ed. 99; State v. Switzer, 143 Mo. 287, 45 S. W. 245, 40 L. R. A. 280, 65 Am. St. Rep. 653; Peters v. Lynchburg, 76 Va. 929; Wonderly v. Tax Commission of Ohio, 112 Ohio St. 233, 117 N. E. 509, 512; Shepard v. State, 184 Wis. 88, 197 N. W. 544, 545; Bankers' Trust Co. v. State, 96 Conn. 361, 114 A. 104, 105. "Succession" as subject of taxation includes or may, by the Legislature, lawfully be described to include, as an essential element, the entering into possession and enjoyment of property by the beneficiary. Saltonstall v. Treasurer and Receiver General, 256 Mass. 519, 153 N. E. 4, 6.

_Testamentary succession._ In the civil law, that which results from the institution of an heir in a testament executed in the form prescribed by law. Civ. Code La. art. 878.

_Vacant succession._ A succession is called "vacant" when no one claims it, or when all the heirs are unknown, or when all the known heirs to it have renounced it. Civ. Code La. art. 1065. Simmons v. Saul, 138 U. S. 439, 11 S. Ct. 869, 34 L. Ed. 1054.

SUCCESSOR. One who succeeds to the rights or the place of another; particularly, the person or persons who constitute a corporation after the death or removal of those who preceded them as corporators.

One who has been appointed or elected to hold an office after the term of the present incumbent.

Singular Successor

A term borrowed from the civil law, denoting a person who succeeds to the rights of a former owner in a single article of property, (as by purchase,) as distinguished from a universal successor, who succeeds to all the rights and powers of a former owner, as in the case of a bankrupt or intestate estate.

_Succurritur minor; facilis est lapsus juventutis._ A minor is [to be] aided; a mistake of youth is easy. [youth is liable to err.] Jenk. Cent. p. 47, case 89.

SUCH. Alike, similar, of that kind, of the like kind; "such" represents the object as already particularized in terms which are not mentioned, and is a descriptive and relative word, referring to the last antecedent. Strawberry Hill Land Corporation v. Starbuck, 124 Va. 71, 67 S. E. 322, 363. See also Integrity Mut. Ins. Co. v. Boys, 293 Ill. 307, 127 N. E. 748, 751; U. S. v. Johnson Co., 9 Ct. Cust. App. 258, 268; People ex rel. Kelly v. Public Service Commission, 157 N. Y. S. 763, 765, 171 App. Div. 810.

SUCKEN, SUCHEN. In Scotch law. The whole lands restricted to a mill; that is, the lands of which the tenants are obliged to send their grain to that mill. Bell.

SUDDEN AFFRAY. A difficulty or fight suddenly resulting from the mutual agreement of two or more parties. Cavanaugh v. Commonwealth, 172 Ky. 799, 190 S. W. 123, 126.

SUDDEN OR VIOLENT INJURY. Injury occurring unexpectedly and not naturally or in the ordinary course of events. State v. District Court of St. Louis County, 138 Minn. 131, 164 N. W. 385, L. R. A. 1918C, 116.

SUDDEN HEAT OF PASSION. In the common-law definition of manslaughter, this phrase means an access of rage or anger, suddenly arising from a contemporaneous provocation. It means that the provocation must arise at the time of the killing, and that the passion is not the result of a former provocation, and the act must be directly caused by the passion arising out of the provocation at the time of the homicide. Stell v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 75, 58 S. W. 75, And see Farrar v. State, 29 Tex. App. 250, 15 S. W. 719; Violett v. Comm. (Ky.) 72 S. W. 1; State v. Cheatwood, 2 Hill, Law (S. C.) 462.

Sudder. In Hindu law. The best; the fore-court of a house; the chief seat of government, contradistinguished from "mofussil," or interior of the country; the presidency. Wharton.

SUE. To prosecute by law; to commence legal proceedings against a party. It is applied almost exclusively to the institution and prosecution of a civil action. See Challenor v. Niles, 78 Ill. 78; Murphy v. Cochran.

SUE OUT. To obtain by application; to petition for and take out. Properly the term is applied only to the obtaining and issuing of such process as is only accorded upon an application first made; but conventionally it is also used of the taking out of process which issues of course. The term is occasionally used of instruments other than writs. Thus, we speak of “suing out” a pardon. See South Missouri Lumber Co. v. Wright, 114 Mo. 326, 21 S. W. 811; Kelley v. Vincent, 8 Ohio St. 420; U. S. v. American Lumber Co., 85 F. 830, 29 C. C. A. 431.

SUERTE. In Spanish law. A small lot of ground. Particularly, such a lot within the limits of a city or town used for cultivation or planting as a garden, vineyard or orchard. Building lots in towns and cities are called “solares.” Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 554.

SUFFER. To suffer an act to be done or a condition to exist is to permit or consent to it; to approve of it, and not to hinder it. It implies knowledge, a willingness of the mind and responsible control or ability to prevent. See In re Rome Planing Mill (C. C.) 96 F. 815; Wilson v. Nelson, 183 U. S. 191, 22 S. Ct. 74, 46 L. Ed. 147; Sel- leck v. Selleck, 19 Conn. 505; Gregory v. U. S., 10 Fed. Cas. 1197; In re Thomas (D. C.) 103 F. 274; Block v. Citizens’ Trust & Savings Bank, 57 Cal. App. 518, 207 P. 510, 513; Clover Creamery Co. v. Kanode, 142 Va. 542, 129 S. E. 222, 223; Allison v. Commonwealth, 221 Ky. 205, 298 S. W. 680.

SUFFERANCE. Tolerance; negative permission by not forbidding; passive consent; license implied from the omission or neglect to enforce an adverse right. See People on Inf. of Price v. Sheffield Farms-Slawson-Decker Co., 225 N. Y. 25, 121 N. E. 474, 476.

SUFFERANCE WHARVES. In English law. Wharves in which goods may be landed before any duty is paid. They are appointed for the purpose by the commissioners of the customs. 2 Steph. Comm. 500, note.

SUFFERENTIA PACIS. Lat. A grant or sufferance of peace or truce.

SUFFERING A RECOVERY. A recovery was effected by the party wishing to convey the land suffering a fictitious action to be brought against him by the party to whom the land was to be conveyed, (the demandant,) and allowing the demandant to recover a judgment against him for the land in question. The vendor, or conveying party, in thus assisting or permitting the demandant so to recover a judgment against him, was thence technically said to “suffer a recovery.” Brown.


As to sufficient “Consideration” and “Evidence,” see those titles.

SUFFRAGAN. Bishops who in former times were appointed to supply the place of others during their absence on embassies or other business were so termed. They were consecrated as other bishops were, and were anciently called “choeopiscopi,” or “bishops of the country,” in contradistinction to the regular bishops of the city or see. The practice of creating suffragan bishops, after having long been discontinued, was recently revived; and such bishops are now permanently “assistant” to the bishops. Brown.

A suffragan is a titular bishop ordained to aid and assist the bishop of the diocese in his spiritual function; or one who supplieth the place instead of the bishop, by whose suffrage ecclesiastical causes or matters committed to him are to be adjudged, acted on, or determined. Some writers call these suffragans by the name of “subsidiary bishops.” Tomlin.

SUFFRAGE. A vote; the act of voting; the right or privilege of casting a vote at public elections. The list is the meaning of the term in such phrases as “the extension of the suffrage,” “universal suffrage,” etc. See Spitzer v. Fulton, 33 Misc. 257, 68 N. Y. S. 660; Co- field v. Farrel, 58 Okt. 606, 134 P. 407, 409.

Participation in the suffrage is not of right, but is granted by the state on a consideration of what is most for the interest of the state: Coolsey, Const., 2d Ed. 753; Spencer v. Board of Registration, S. D. C. 169, 29 Am. Rep. 552; U. S. v. Anthony, 11 Blatchf., 200, Fed. Cas. No. 14,469. The grant of suffrage makes it a legal right until it is recalled, and it is protected by the law as property is.

SUFFRAGIUM. Lat. In Roman law. A vote; the right of voting in the assemblies of the people.

Aid or influence used or promised to obtain some honor or office; the purchase of office. Cod. 4, 3.

SUGGEST. To introduce indirectly to the thought; to propose with diffidence or modesty; to hint; to intimate. Sims v. Ratcliff, 62 Ind. App. 184, 110 N. E. 122, 123.

SUGGESTIO FALSI. Lat. Suggestion or representation of that which is false; false representation. To recite in a deed that a will was duly executed, when it was not, is suggestio falsi; and to conceal from the heir that the will was not duly executed is suppres-
SUGGESTION. In practice. A statement, formally entered on the record, of some fact or circumstance which will materially affect the further proceedings in the cause, or which is necessary to be brought to the knowledge of the court in order to its right disposition of the action, but which, for some reason, cannot be pleaded. Thus, if one of the parties dies after issue and before trial, his death may be suggested on the record. C. J. Huebel Co. v. Mackinnon, 186 Mich. 617, 152 N. W. 1083, 1100.

SUGGESTIVE INTERROGATION. A phrase used by some writers to signify “leading question.” 2 Benth. Jud. Ev. b. 3, c. 3. It is used in the French law.

SUI GÉNERIS. Lat. Of its own kind or class; i.e., the only one of its own kind; peculiar.

SUI HÆREDES. Lat. In the civil law. One’s own heirs; proper heirs. Inst. 2, 19, 2.

SUI JURIS. Lat. Of his own right; possessing full social and civil rights; not under any legal disability, or the power of another, or guardianship.

Having capacity to manage one’s own affairs; not under legal disability to act for one’s self. Story, Ag § 2.


SUICIDE, SANE OR INSANE. An exemption from liability for death by “suicide, sane or insane,” in a life policy includes self-destruction irrespective of the assured’s mental condition at the time of the act. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Blum (C. C. A.) 258 F. 897, 899. See also Power v. Modern Brotherhood of America, 98 Kan. 487, 158 P. 870, 872.

SUI VNO CERI. 1 P. Wms. 240, and see Turney v. Avery, 92 N. J. Eq. 473, 113 A. 710.

SUGGESTIVE AND LABORING CLAUSE is a clause in an English policy of marine insurance, generally in the following form: “In case of any loss or misfortune, it shall be lawful for the assured, their factors, servants and assigns, to sue, labor, and travel for, in, and about the defense, safeguard, and recovery of the property insured, ‘without prejudice to this insurance; to the charges whereof we, the assured, will contribute.’ The object of the clause is to encourage the assured to exert themselves in preserving the property from loss. Sweet.

SUIT. In Old English Law

The witnesses or followers of the plaintiff. 3 Bl. Comn. 295. See Secta.

Old books mention the word in many connections which are now dispersed,—at least, in the United States. Thus, “suit” was used of following any one, or in the sense of pursuit; as in the phrase “making fresh suit.” It was also used of a petition to the king or lord. “Suit of court” was the attendance which a tenant owed at the court of his lord. “Suit covenant” and “suit custom” seem to have signified a right to one’s attendance, or one’s obligation to attend, at the lord’s court, founded upon a known covenant, or an inmemural usage or practice of ancestors. “Suit regal” was attendance at the sheriff’s tourn or leet, (his court,) “Suit of the king’s peace” was pursuing an offender,—one charged with breach of the peace, while “suihtold” was a tenure in consideration of certain services to the superior lord. Abbott.

In Modern Law

“Suit” is a generic term, of comprehensive signification, and applies to any proceeding by one person or persons against another or others in a court of justice in which the plaintiff pursues, in such court, the remedy which the law affords him for the redress of an injury or the enforcement of a right. See Kohl v. U. S., 91 U. S. 375, 23 L. Ed. 449; Weston v. Charleston, 2 Pet. 464, 7 L. Ed. 481; Drake v. Gilmore, 52 N. Y. 383; Philadelphia, etc., Iron Co. v. Chicago, 158 Ill. 9, 41 N. E. 1102; Cohens v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 405, 5 L. Ed. 257; McWilliams v. Hopkins (D. C.) 11 F.(2d) 798, 799; Barton v. Reynolds, 81 Misc. 15, 142 N. Y. S. 885, 887. It is, however, seldom applied to a criminal prosecution. And it is sometimes restricted to the designation of a proceeding in equity, to distinguish such proceeding from an action at law. Patterson v. Standard Accident Ins. Co., 178 Mich. 288, 144 N. W. 491, 492, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 583, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 652. For “Ancillary” suit and suit “In Rem” see those titles.

In General

—Class suits. Those in which one or more in a numerous class, having a common interest in the subject-matter, sue in behalf of them-

-Suit against state. Suit in which relief against the state is sought. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Bosworth (D. C.) 209 F. 380, 401.

-Suit of a civil nature. A suit for the remedy of a private wrong, the test being whether the law is penal in the strict and primary sense, and whether the wrong is to the public or to the individual. City of Montgomery, Ala., v. Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. (D. C.) 218 F. 471, 474.

-Suit of court. This phrase denoted the duty of attending the lord's court, and, in common with fealty, was one of the incidents of a feudal holding. Brown.

-Suit of the king's peace. The pursuing a man for breach of the king's peace by treasons, insurrections, or trespasses. Cowell.

-Suit money. An allowance, in the nature of temporary alimony, authorized by statute in some states now be made to a wife on the institution of her suit for divorce, intended to cover the reasonable expenses of the suit and to provide her with means for the efficient preparation and trial of her case. See Yost v. Yost, 141 Ind. 584, 41 N. E. 11.


-Suits or proceedings at law or in chancery. Suits instituted and carried on in substantial conformity with the forms and modes prescribed by the common law or by the rules in chancery excluding cases instituted and carried on solely in accordance with statutory provisions. Lavin v. Wells Bros. Co., 272 Ill. 600, 112 N. E. 271, 272.

**SUITABLE.** Fit and appropriate for the end in view. U. S. v. American & Patterson, 9 Ct. Cust. App. 244, 245.

**SUITAS.** Lat. In the civil law. The condition or quality of a *sens haris*, or proper heir. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 9, no. 11; Calvin.

**SUITE.** Those persons who by his authority follow or attend an ambassador or other public minister.

**SUITOR.** A party to a suit or action in court. In its ancient sense, "suitor" meant one who was bound to attend the county court; also one who formed part of the *secta*.

**SUITORS' DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.** Formerly suitors in the English court of chancery derived no income from their cash paid into court, unless it was invested at their request and risk. Now, however, it is provided by the court of chancery (funds) act, 1872, that all money paid into court, and not required by the suitor to be invested, shall be placed on deposit and shall bear interest at two per cent. per annum for the benefit of the suitor entitled to it. Sweet.

**SUITORS' FEE FUND.** A fund in the English court of chancery into which the fees of suitors in that court were paid, and out of which the salaries of various officers of the court were defrayed. Wharton.

**SUITORS' FUND IN CHANCERY.** In England. A fund consisting of moneys which, having been paid into the court of chancery, are placed out for the benefit and better security of the suitors, including interest from the same. By St. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 91, § 4, the principal of this fund, amounting to over £3,000,000, was transferred to the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt. Mozley & Whitley.

**SULCUS.** In old English law. A small brook or stream of water. Cowell.

**SULLERY.** In old English law. A plowland. 1 Inst. 5.

**SUM.** In English law. A summary or abstract; a compendium; a collection. Several of the old law treatises are called "sums." Lord Hale applies the term to summaries of statute law. Burrill.

The sense in which the term is most commonly used is "money": a quantity of money or currency; any amount indefinitely, a sum of money, a small sum, or a large sum. U. S. v. Van Anken, 96 U. S. 368, 24 L. Ed. 852; Donovan v. Jenkins, 52 Mont. 124, 135 P. 972, 973.

**SUM PAYABLE.** The term "sum payable" as used within Negotiable Instruments Law is the amount for which, by the terms of the instrument, the maker becomes liable, and which he might tender and pay in full satisfaction of his obligation. First Nat. Bank of Iowa City, Iowa, v. Watson, 56 Okl. 465, 155 P. 1152.

**SUMAGE.** Toll for carriage on horseback. Cowell.

Summa caritas est faciunt justitiam singulit, et omni tempore quando nescisse fuerit. The greatest charity is to do justice to every one, and at any time whenever it may be necessary. 11 Coke, 70.

**Summa est lex qua pro religione facit.** That is the highest law which favors religion. 10 Mod. 117, 119; Broom, Max. 19.

**Summa ratio est qua pro religione facit.** That consideration is strongest which determines in favor of religion. Co. Litt. 341a; Broom, Max. 19.

**SUMMARY.** n. An abridgment; brief; compendium; also a short application to a court or judge, without the formality of a full proceeding. Wharton.
SUMMARY, adj. Immediate, peremptory; off-hand; without a jury; provisional; statutory. The term used in connection with legal proceedings means a short, concise, and immediate proceeding, Phil. Hollenbach Co. v. Hollenbach, 181 Ky. 262, 204 S. W. 152, 161, 13 A. L. R. 524; Vance v. Noel, 143 La. 477, 78 So. 741, 742; and trial of a "summary" character is a trial without a jury. State v. King, 137 Tenn. 17, 191 S. W. 532, 534; City of St. Paul v. Robinson, 129 Minn. 388, 152 N. W. 777, Ann. Cas. 1916E, 845.

—Summary actions. In Scotch law. Those which are brought into court not by summons, but by petition, corresponding to summary proceedings in English courts. Bell; Brown.

—Summary conviction. See Conviction.

—Summary jurisdiction. See Jurisdiction.

—Summary procedure on bills of exchange. This phrase refers to the statute 18 & 39 Vict. c. 67, passed in 1855, for the purpose of facilitating the remedies on bills and notes by the prevention of frivolous or fictitious defenses. By this statute, a defendant in an action on a bill or note, brought within six months after it has become payable, is prohibited from defending the action without the leave of the court or a judge. See 2 Steph. Comm. 118, note; Lush. Pr. 1027.

—Summary proceeding. See Proceeding.

SUMMER FALLOWING. Plowing and harrowing of grounds preparatory to cropping during next season. Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Walla Walla v. Small, 131 Wash. 197, 220 P. 531, 533.

SUMMER-HUS SILVER. A payment to the lords of the wood on the Wealds of Kent, who used to visit those places in summer, when their under-tenants were bound to prepare little summer-houses for their reception, or else pay a composition in money. Cowell.

SUMMING UP, on the trial of an action by a jury, is a recapitulation of the evidence adduced, in order to draw the attention of the jury to the salient points. The counsel for each party has the right of summing up his evidence, if he has adduced any, and the judge sometimes sums up the whole in his charge to the jury. Smith, Act. 157. And see State v. Ezzard, 40 S. C. 312, 18 S. E. 1025.

SUMMON. In practice. To serve a summons; to cite a defendant to appear in court to answer a suit which has been begun against him; to notify the defendant that an action has been instituted against him, and that he is required to answer to it at a time and place named.

SUMMONES. L. Lat. In old practice. A writ of summons; a writ by which a party was summoned to appear in court.

SUMMONERS. Petty officers, who cite and warn persons to appear in any court. Fleta, lib. 9.

SUMMONITIO. L. Lat. In old English practice. A summoning or summons; a writ by which a party was summoned to appear in court, of which there were various kinds. Spelman.

Summoniones aut citationes nulla lecitant fieri intra palatium regis. 3 Inst. 141. Let no summonses or citations be served within the king's palace.

SUMMONITORES SCACCARI. Officers who assisted in collecting the revenues by citing the defaulters therein into the court of exchequer.

SUMMONS.

In Practice
A writ, directed to the sheriff or other proper officer, requiring him to notify the person named that an action has been commenced against him in the court whence the writ issues, and that he is required to appear, on a day named, and answer the complaint in such action. See Whitney v. Blackburn, 17 Or. 564, 21 P. 874, 11 Am. St. Rep. 857; Horton v. Railway Co., 26 Mo. App. 358.

Under code procedure a summons is not process, but is a notice to defendant that an action against him has been commenced and that judgment will be taken against him if he fails to answer the complaint. Flanary v. Kusha, 143 Minn. 308, 173 N. W. 652; Hammond-Chandler Lumber Co. v. Industrial Commission of Wisconsin, 163 Wis. 596, 158 N. W. 292, 294; Hooper v. Hooper, 67 Or. 187, 135 P. 205.

Civil actions in the courts of record of this state shall be commenced by the service of a summons. Code N. Y. § 127 (Civil Practice Act, § 218).

In Scotch Law
A writ passing under the royal signet, signed by a writer to the signet, and containing the grounds and conclusions of the action, with the warrant for citing the defendant. This writ corresponds to the writ of summons in English procedure. Bell; Paters. Comp.

SUMMONS AND ORDER. In English practice. The summons is the application to a common-law judge at chambers in reference to a pending action, and upon it the judge or master makes the order. Mozley & Whitley.

SUMMONS AND SEVERANCE. The proper name of what is distinguished in the books by the name of "summons and severance"
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is "severance;" for the summons is only a process which must, in certain cases, issue before judgment of severance can be given; while severance is a judgment by which one or more of parties joined in action is enabled to proceed without the other or others. Jacob.

SUMMUM JUS. Lat. Strict right; extreme right. The extremity or rigor of the law. See "Apex Juris."

Summum jus, summa injuria; summa lex, summa crux. Extreme law (rigor of law) is the greatest injury; strict law is great punishment. Hob. 125. That is, insistence upon the full measure of a man's strict legal rights may work the greatest injury to others, unless equity can aid.

SUMNER. See Sompnour.

SUMPTUARY LAWS. Laws made for the purpose of restraining luxury or extravagance, particularly against inordinate expenditures in the matter of apparel, food, furniture, etc.

SUNDAY. The first day of the week is designated by this name; also as the "Lord's Day," and as the "Sabbath." State v. Read, 38 N. J. Law, 586, 121 A. 288, 289.

For Work of Necessity see "Necessity."


SUO NOMINE. Lat. In his own name.

SUO PERICULO. Lat. At his own peril or risk.

SUPELLLEX. Lat. In Roman law. Household furniture. Dig. 33, 10.

SUPER. Lat. Upon; above; over.

SUPER ALTUM MARE. On the high sea. Hob. 212; 2 Ld. Raym. 1453.

Super idem chartarum, mortuis testibus, orit ad patriam de necessitate recurrendum. Co. Litt. 8. The truth of charters is necessarily to be referred to a jury, when the witnesses are dead.

SUPER-JURARE. Over-swear. A term anciently used when a criminal endeavored to excuse himself by his own oath or the oath of one or two witnesses, and the crime objected against him was so plain and notorious that he was convicted on the oaths of many more witnesses. Wharton.

SUPER PRÆROGATIVA REGIS. A writ which formerly lay against the king's tenant's widow for marrying without the royal license. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 174.

SUPER STATUTO. A writ, upon the statute 1 Edw. III. c. 12, that lay against the king's tenant holding in chief, who aliened the king's land without his license.

SUPER STATUTO DE ARTICULIS CLERI. A writ which lay against a sheriff or other officer who distrained in the king's highway, or on lands anciently belonging to the church.

SUPER STATUTO FACTO POUR SENE-SCHAL ET MARSHAL DE ROY, ETC. A writ which lay against a steward or marshal for holding plea in his court, or for trespass or contracts not made or arising within the king's household. Wharton.

SUPER STATUTO VERSUS SERVANTES ET LABORATORES. A writ which lay against him who kept any servants who had left the service of another contrary to law.

SUPER VISUM CORPORIS. Upon view of the body. When an inquest is held over a body found dead, it must be super visum corporis.

SUPERARE RATIONES. In old Scotch law. To have a balance of account due to one; to have one's expenses exceed the receipts.

SUPERCARGO. In maritime law. A person especially employed by the owner of a cargo to take charge of and sell to the best advantage merchandise which has been shipped, and to purchase returning cargoes and to receive freight, as he may be authorized.

SUPERFICIARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. He who has built upon the soil of another, which he has hired for a number of years or forever, yielding a yearly rent. Dig. 43, 18, 1. In other words, a tenant on ground-rent.

SUPERFICIES. Lat. In the civil law. The alienation by the owner of the surface of the soil of all rights necessary for building on the surface, a yearly rent being generally reserved; also a building or erection. Sanders' Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 133.

Superficies solo cedit. Whatever is attached to the land forms part of it. Calvis 2, 73.


SUPERFLUOUS LANDS, in English law, are lands acquired by a railway company under its statutory powers, and not required for the purposes of its undertaking. The company is bound within a certain time to sell
such lands, and, if it does not, they vest in and become the property of the owners of the adjoining lands. Sweet.

SUPERFECATION. In medical jurisprudence. The conception of a second embryo during the gestation of the first, or the conception of a child by a woman already pregnant with another, during the time of such pregnancy.

SUPERINDUCTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A species of oblation. Dig. 28, 4, 1, 1.

SUPERINSTITUTION. The institution of one in an office to which another has been previously instituted; as where A is admitted and instituted to a benefice upon one title, and B is admitted and instituted on the title or presentment of another. 2 Cro. Eliz. 463.

A church being full by institution, if a second institution is granted to the same church this is a superinstitution. Wharton.

SUPERINTEND. To have charge and direction of; to direct the course and oversee the details; to regulate with authority; to manage; to oversee with the power of direction; to take care of with authority. Burrell Engineering & Construction Co. v. Grisler, 111 Tex. 477, 240 S. W. 800, 800; Booth v. State, 170 Ind. 406, 100 N. E. 563, 565, 19 R. A. 1913B, 420, Ann. Cas. 1923D, 687; State v. First State Bank of Jud, 52 N. D. 231, 202 N. W. 391, 402.

SUPERINTENDENT. One who superintends or has the oversight and charge of something with the power of direction; a manager. Indiana Fibre Products Co. v. Cyclone Mfg. Co., 81 Ind. App. 652, 143 N. E. 169, 171.

SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR. In English law. An officer who superintends the registers of births, deaths, and marriages. There is one in every poor-law union in England and Wales.

SUPERIOR, n. One who has a right to command; one who holds a superior rank.

SUPERIOR, adj. Higher; more elevated in rank or office. Possessing larger power. Entitled to command, influence, or control over another.

In estates, some are superior to others. An estate entitled to a servitude or easement over another estate is called the "superior" or "dominant," and the other, the "inferior" or "servient," estate. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 1012.

In the feudal law, until the statute quia emptores precluded subinfeudations, (q. e.) the tenant who granted part of his estate to be held of and from himself as lord was called a "superior."

—Superior and vassal. In Scotch law. A feudal relation corresponding with the English "lord and tenant." Bell.

—Superior courts. In English law. The courts of the highest and most extensive jurisdiction, viz., the court of chancery and the three courts of common law, i.e., the queen's bench, the common pleas, and the exchequer, which sit at Westminster, were commonly thus denominated. But these courts are now united in the supreme court of judicature. In American law. Courts of general or extensive jurisdiction, as distinguished from the inferior courts. As the official style of a tribunal, the term "superior court" bears a different meaning in different states. In some it is a court of intermediate jurisdiction between the trial courts and the chief appellate court; elsewhere it is the designation of the ordinary nisi prius courts; in Delaware it is the court of last resort.


—Superior force. In the law of ballments and of negligence, an uncontrovertible and irresistible force, of human agency, producing results which the person in question could not avoid; equivalent to the Latin phrase "vis major." See Vis.


SUPERNUMERARII. Lat. In Roman law. Advocates who were not registered or enrolled and did not belong to the college of advocates. They were not attached to any local jurisdiction. See Statutis.

SUPERONERATIO. Lat. Surcharging a common; i.e., putting in beasts of a number or kind other than the right of common allows.

—Superoneratione pasturae. A judicial writ that lay against him who was impleaded in the county court for the surcharge of a common with his cattle, in a case where he was formerly impleaded for it in the same court, and the cause was removed into one of the superior courts.

SUPERPLUSAGIUM. In old English law. Overplus; surplus; residue or balance. Bract. fol. 301; Speciman.

SUPERSEDE. To make void, ineffectual, or useless by superior power, or by coming in place of; to set aside, render unnecessary, suspend, or stay. Taylor v. New York Telephone Co., 97 Misc. 140, 160 N. Y. S. 866; Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. Co. v. Holiday, 45
Okl. 536, 145 P. 786, 793; Dick v. King, 73 Mont. 450, 236 P. 1093, 1095.

Thus, it is said that the proceedings of outlawry may be superseded by the entry of appearance before the return of the exquit, or that the court would supersede a flat in bankruptcy, if found to have been improperly issued. Brown.

SUPERSEDEAS. In Practice. The name of a writ containing a command to stay the proceedings at law.


Originally it was a writ directed to an officer, commanding him to desist from enforcing the execution of another writ which he was about to execute, or which might come in his hands. In modern times the term is often used synonymously with a "stay of proceedings," and is employed to designate the effect of an act or proceeding which of itself suspends the enforcement of a judgment; Dullin v. Coal Co., 98 Cal. 306, 33 P. 128.

The only function of the writ of supersedeas is to restrain proceedings upon the judgment from which the appeal has been taken. Lickley v. Board of Education of Los Angeles County, 63 Cal. App. 627, 217 P. 123, 134.

SUPERSTITIOUS USE. In English law. When lands, tenements, rents, goods, or chattels are given, secured, or appointed for and towards the maintenance of a priest or chaplain to say mass, for the maintenance of a priest or other man to pray for the soul of any dead man in such a church or elsewhere, to have and maintain perpetual obits, lamps, torches, etc., to be used at certain times to help to save the souls of men out of purgatory,—in such cases the king, by force of several statutes, is authorized to direct and appoint all such uses to such purposes as are truly charitable. Bac. Abr. "Charitable Uses." The doctrine has no recognition in this country; Appeal of Selbert, 18 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 275; and a bequest to support a Catholic priest, and perhaps other uses void in England, would not be considered as superstitious uses. See Methodist Church v. Remington, 1 Watts (Pa.) 225, 28 Am. Dec. 61; Harrison v. Brophy, 59 Kan. 1, 51 P. 883, 40 L. R. A. 721.

SUPERVENING CAUSE. A new effective cause which, operating independently of anything else, becomes proximate cause of accident. Chesapeake & O. Ry. Co. v. Crum, 140 Va. 333, 125 S. E. 301, 304.

SUPERVENING NEGLIGENCE. That situations may come within the doctrine of last clear chance or supervening negligence, four conditions must exist, to wit: (1) That the injured party has already come into a position of peril; (2) that the injuring party then or thereafter becomes, or in the exercise of ordinary prudence ought to have become, aware, not only of that fact, but also that the party in peril either reasonably cannot escape from it or apparently will not avail himself of opportunities open to him for doing so; (3) that the injuring party subsequently has the opportunity by the exercise of reasonable care to save the other from harm; and (4) that he fails to exercise such care. Fine v. Connecticut Co., 92 Conn. 626, 103 A. 901, 902.

See Last Clear Chance.

SUPERVISE. To oversee; to superintend; to inspect with authority. Hutchins v. City of Des Moines, 176 Iowa, 159, 157 N. W. 881, 890; In re James, 97 Vt. 362, 123 A. 385, 387.

SUPERVISOR. A surveyor or overseer; a highway officer. Also, in some states, the chief officer of a town; one of a board of county officers.

In a broad sense, one having authority over others, to superintend and direct. Cafferty v. Southern Tier Pub. Co., 226 N. Y. 87, 123 N. E. 76, 77.

SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION. Persons appointed and commissioned by the United States circuit judges to supervise the registration of voters and the holding of elections for representatives in congress under Rev. St. §§ 2011-2031; repealed by the act of Feb. 8, 1894 (28 Stat. 36).

SUPERVISORY CONTROL. Control exercised by courts to compel inferior tribunals to act within their jurisdiction, to prohibit them from acting outside their jurisdiction, and to reverse their extrajudicial acts. State v. Superior Court of Dane County, 170 Wis. 385, 175 N. W. 927, 928.

SUPPLEMENT, LETTERS OF. In Scotch practice. A process by which a party not residing within the jurisdiction of an inferior court may be cited to appear before it. Bell.


SUPPLEMENTAL ACT. One designed to improve an existing statute by adding something thereto without changing the original text. First State Bank of Shelby v. Bottnue County Bank, 66 Mont. 306, 185 P. 102, 1B4, 4, 1b A. L. R. 611; Edwards v. Stein, 94 N. J. Eq. 251, 119 A. 504, 507.

SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT. An affidavit made in addition to a previous one, in
order to supply some deficiency in it. Callan v. Lukens, 89 Pa. 136.

SUPPLEMENTAL ANSWER. One which was filed in chancery for the purpose of correcting, adding to, and explaining an answer already filed. Smith, Ch. Pr. 334. French v. Edwards, 9 Fed. Cas. 780; Yeatman v. Patrick, 144 Wash. 241, 257 P. 622, 624.

SUPPLEMENTAL BILL. In equity pleading. A bill filed in addition to an original bill, in order to supply some defect in its original frame or structure which cannot be supplied by amendment. Story, Eq. Pl. §§ 392-393; Bloxham v. Railroad Co., 39 Fla. 243, 22 So. 697; Schwab v. Schwab, 93 Md. 382, 49 A. 331, 52 L. R. A. 414; Thompson v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 119 F. 634; Butler v. Cunningham, 1 Barb. (N. Y.) 87; Bowie v. Minter, 2 Abt. 411; Barlee v. Matthews, 212 Ala. 667, 108 So. 874, 876. A supplemental bill in the nature of a bill of review cannot be entertained unless new facts pertinent to the litigation are alleged which were unknown to the complainants at the date of the original decree; City of Omaha v. Redick, 63 P. 1, 11 O. C. A. 1, 27 U. S. App. 294.

SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIM. A further claim which was filed when further relief was sought after the bringing of a claim. Smith, Ch. Pr. 655.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT. Under the codes of practice obtaining in many of the states, this name is given to a complaint filed in an action to bring to the notice of the court and the opposite party matters occurring after the commencement of action and which may affect the rights asserted. Pound v. Tate, 152 Ind. 327, 30 N. E. 880; Plumer v. McDonald Lumber Co., 74 Wis. 137, 42 N. W. 250; Young v. Matthew Turner Co., 168 Cal. 471, 143 P. 1029, 1030.

SUPPLEMENTAL PLEADING. A “supplemental pleading,” has reference to the inserting of allegations of material facts, which occurred after the original pleading was served, or of which the pleader at that time had no knowledge. Fisher v. Bullock, 198 N. Y. S. 502, 510, 264 App. Div. 523.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROCEEDINGS. Proceedings supplementary to an execution, directed to the discovery of the debtor’s property and its application to the debt for which the execution is issued. They are purely statutory, they are in the nature of a creditor’s bill for the collection of a judgment or tax, and are proceedings in personam and not in rem. In re Maltbie, 223 N. Y. 227, 119 N. E. 389, 391.

SUPPLETORY OATH. See Oath.

SUPPLIANT. The actor in, or party preferring, a petition of right.

SUPPLICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A petition for pardon of a first offense; also a petition for reversal of judgment; also equivalent to “duplicatio,” which corresponds to the common law rejoinder. Calvin.

SUPPLICAVIT. In English law. A writ issuing out of the king’s bench or chancery for taking sureties of the peace. It is commonly directed to the justices of the peace, when they are averse to acting in the affair in their judicial capacity. 4 Bl. Comm. 233.

SUPPLICIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Punishment; corporal punishment for crime. Death was called “ultimum supplicium,” the last or extreme penalty.

SUPPLIES. In English law. The “supplies” in parliamentary proceedings signify the sums of money which are annually voted by the house of commons for the maintenance of the crown and the various public services. Jacob; Brown.

Means of provision or relief; stores; available aggregate of things needed or demanded in amount sufficient for a given use or purpose; accumulated stores reserved for distribution; sufficiency for use or need; a quantity of something supplied or on hand. Northern Pac. Ry. Co. v. Sanders County, 66 Mont. 608, 214 P. 596, 599.

In connection with building contracts this term is used to designate things other than labor, which are consumed in, but do not become a physical part of, the structure and is distinguished from the word “materials,” generally used to designate those things which do become a physical part of the structure. Hurley-Mason Co. v. American Bonding Co., 72 Wash. 564, 140 P. 575, 576, L. R. A. 1915B, 1131, Ann. Cas. 1916A, 945.

SUPPLY, COMMISSIONERS OF. Persons appointed to levy the land-tax in Scotland, and to cause a valuation roll to be annually made up, and to perform other duties in their respective counties. Bell.

SUPPLY, COMMITTEE OF. In English law. All bills which relate to the public income or expenditure must originate with the house of commons, and all bills authorizing expenditure of the public money are based upon resolutions moved in a committee of supply, which is always a committee of the whole house. Wharton.

SUPPORT, v. To support a rule or order is to argue in answer to the arguments of the party who has shown cause against a rule or order nisi.

To provide a means of livelihood; to sustain, to furnish with funds or means for maintenance, to maintain. Board of Com’rs of Logan County v. State, 122 Okl. 268, 254 P. 710, 711; In re Neil's Estate, 191 N. Y. S. 362, 366, 117 Misc. 498; State v. Clausen, 85 Wash. 260, 148 P. 28, 31; Ann. Cas. 1916B; 810.
“Support” also means to vindicate, to maintain, to defend, to uphold with aid or countenance. U. S. v. Schulze (D. C.) 253 F. 377, 379.

SUPPOT. n. That which furnishes a livelihood; a source or means of living; subsistence, sustenance, or living. Great Western Power Co. of California v. Industrial Accident Commission of California, 191 Cal. 424, 218 P. 1098, 1014; Paquin, Limited, v. Westervelt, 93 Conn. 513, 106 A. 766, 767.

In a broad sense the term includes all such means of living as would enable one to live in the degree of comfort suitable and becoming to his station of life. Benjamin F. Shaw Co. v. Palmatory, 105 A. 417, 419, 7 Boyce (Del.) 197. It is said to include anything requisite to housing, feeding, clothing, health, proper recreation, vacation, traveling expense, or other proper cognate purposes. In re Vanderbilt’s Estate, 223 N. Y. S. 314, 318, 129 Misc. 685; and proper care, nursing, and medical attendance in sickness, and suitable burial at death. McKnight v. McKnight, 212 Mich. 318, 150 N. W. 437, 442.

The right of support is an easement consisting in the privilege of resting the joists or beams of one’s house upon, or inserting their ends into, the wall of an adjoining house belonging to another owner. It may arise either from contract or prescription. 3 Kent, Comm. 438.

Support also signifies the right to have one’s ground supported so that it will not cave in, when an adjoining owner makes an excavation. This support is of two kinds, lateral and subjacent. Lateral support is the right of land to be supported by the land which lies next to it. Subjacent support is the right of land to be supported by the land which lies under it.

SUPPRESS. To put a stop to a thing actually existing; to prohibit, put down, or end by force. State v. Mustachia, 152 La. 821, 94 So. 408, 409.

SUPPRESSIO VERI. Lat. Suppression or concealment of the truth. “It is a rule of equity, as well as of law, that a suppressio veri is equivalent to a suggestio falsi; and where either the suppression of the truth or the suggestion of what is false can be proved, in a fact material to the contract, the party injured may have relief against the contract.” Fleming v. Sloum, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 405, 9 Am. Dec. 224; Turney v. Avery, 92 N. J. Eq. 473, 113 A. 710.


SUPRA. Lat. Above; upon. This word occurring by itself in a book refers the reader to a previous part of the book, like “ante;” it is also the initial word of several Latin phrases.

SUPRA PROTEST. See Protest.

SUPRA-RIPARIAN. Upper riparian; higher up the stream. This term is applied to the estate, rights, or duties of a riparian proprietor whose land is situated at a point nearer the source of the stream than the estate with which it is compared.

Suprema potestas seipsum dissolvere potest, Supreme power can dissolve itself. Bac. Max.

SUPREMACY. The state of being supreme, or in the highest station of power; paramount authority; sovereignty; sovereign power.

Act of Supremacy

The English statute 1 Eliz. c. 1, whereby the supremacy and autonomy of the crown in spiritual or ecclesiastical matters was declared and established.

Oath of Supremacy

An oath to uphold the supreme power of the kingdom of England in the person of the reigning sovereign.

SUPREME. Superior to all other things.

SUPREME COURT. A court of high powers and extensive jurisdiction, existing in most of the states. In some it is the official style of the chief appellate court or court of last resort. In others (as New Jersey and New York) the supreme court is a court of general original jurisdiction, possessing also (in New York) some appellate jurisdiction, but not the court of last resort.


—Supreme court of the United States. The court of last resort in the federal judicial system. It is vested by the constitution with original jurisdiction in all cases affecting ambassadors, public ministers, and consuls, and those in which a state is a party, and appellate jurisdiction over all other cases within the judicial power of the United States, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions and under such regulations as congress may make. Its appellate powers extend to the subordinate federal courts, and also (in certain cases) to the supreme courts of the several states. The court is composed of a chief justice and eight associate justices.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE. The court formed by the English judicature act, 1873, (as modified by the judicature act, 1875, the appellate jurisdiction act, 1876, and the judicature act of 1877, 1879, and 1881,) in substitution for the various superior courts of law, equity, admiralty, probate, and divorce, existing when the act was passed, including the court of appeal in chancery and bankruptcy, and the exchequer chamber. It consists of two permanent divisions, viz., a court of original jurisdiction, called the "high court of justice," and a court of appellate jurisdiction, called the "court of appeal." Its title of "supreme" is now a misnomer, as the superior appellate jurisdiction of the house of lords and privy council, which was originally intended to be transferred to it, has been allowed to remain. Sweet.

High Court of Justice

That branch of the English supreme court of judicature (q. v.) which exercises (1) the original jurisdiction formerly exercised by the courts of chancery, the courts of queen's bench, common pleas, and exchequer, the courts of probate, divorce, and admiralty, the court of common pleas at Lancaster, the court of pleas at Durham, and the courts of the judges or commissioners of assize; and (2) the appellate jurisdiction of such of those courts as heard appeals from inferior courts. Judicature act, 1873, § 16.

SUPREME POWER. The highest authority in a state, all other powers in it being inferior thereto. Ruth Nat. L. b. 2, c. 4, p. 67.

SUPREMUS. Lat. Last; the last.

Supremus est quem nemo sequitur. He is last whom no one follows. Dig. 50, 16, 92.

SUR. Fr. On; upon; over. In the titles of real actions "sur" was used to point out what the writ was founded upon. Thus, a real action brought by the owner of a reversion or seigniory, in certain cases where his tenant repudiated his tenure, was called "a writ of right sur disclaimer." So, a writ of entry sur disseisin was a real action to recover the possession of land from a disseisor. Sweet.

SUR CUI ANTE DIVORTIUM. See Cui Ante Divortium.

SUR CUI IN VITA. A writ that lay for the heir of a woman whose husband had aliened her land in fee, and she had omitted to bring the writ of cui in vita for the recovery thereof; in which case her heir might have this writ against the tenant after her decease. Cowell. See Cui in Vita.

SUR DISCLAIMER. A writ in the nature of a writ of right brought by the lord against a tenant who had disclaimed his tenure, to recover the land.

SUR MORTGAGE. Upon a mortgage. In some states the method of enforcing the security of a mortgage, upon default, is by a writ of "seire facias sur mortgage," which requires the defendant (mortgagor) to show cause why it should not be foreclosed.

SURCHARGE, n. An overcharge; an exaction, impost, or incurrence beyond what is just and right, or beyond one's authority or power. "Surcharge" may mean a second or further mortgage. Wharton.

SURCHARGE, n. To put more cattle upon a common than the heritage will sustain or than the party has a right to do. 3 Bl. Comm. 237.

In Equity Practice

To show that a particular item, in favor of the party surcharging, ought to have been included, but was not, in an account which is alleged to be settled or complete. To prove the omission of an item from an account which is before the court as complete, which should be inserted to the credit of the party surcharging. Story, Eq. Jur. § 525; 2 Ves. 595; Perkins v. Hart, 11 Wheat. (U. S.) 237, 6 L. Ed. 463; Dempsey v. McHinlis, 263 Mo. App. 494, 219 S. W. 148, 150. See, also, In re Kenny (D. C.) 269 F. 54, 57.

In General

—Second surcharge. In English law. The surcharge of a common a second time, by the same defendant against whom the common was before admeasured, and for which the writ of second surcharge was given by the statute of Westminster, 2. 3 Bl. Comm. 239.

—Surcharge and falsify. This phrase, as used in the courts of chancery, denotes the liberty which these courts will occasionally grant to a plaintiff, who disputes an account which the defendant alleges to be settled, to scrutinize particular items therein without opening the entire account. The showing an item for which credit ought to have been given, but was not, is to surcharge the account; the proving an item to have been inserted wrongly is to falsify the account. Brown. See Phillips v. Belden, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 23: Rehill v. McTague, 114 Pa. 82, 7 A. 224, 60 Am. Rep. 341; Kennedy v. Adickes, 37 S. C. 174, 15 S. E. 922; Shores-Mueller Co. v. Bell, 21 Ga. App. 194, 94 S. E. 83, 84.

SURDUS. Lat. In the civil law. Deaf; a deaf person. Inst. 2, 12, 3. Surdus et mutus, a deaf and dumb person.

SURENCHÈRE. In French law. A party desirous of repurchasing property at auction before the court, can, by offering one-tenth or one-sixth, according to the case, in addition to the price realized at the sale, oblige the property to be put up once more at auction. This bid upon a bid is called a "surenchère." Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 575.
SURETY. A person who binds himself for the payment of a sum of money, or for the performance of something else, for another. See Dibert v. D'Arcy, 248 Mo. 617, 154 S. W. 1116, 1129; Ensign v. Dunn, 181 Mich. 456, 148 N. W. 945, 344.

One who at the request of another, and for the purpose of securing to him a benefit, becomes responsible for the performance by the latter of some act in favor of a third person, or hypothecates property as security therefor. Civ. Code Cal. § 2831; Civ. Code Dak. § 1073 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 6675; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 1495); Teyler v. Braden, 27 Cal. App. 493, 150 P. 633, 635.

A person who, being liable to pay a debt or perform an obligation, is entitled, if it is enforced against him, to be indemnified by some other person who ought himself to have made payment or performed before the surety was compelled to do so. Smith v. Sheiden, 35 Mich. 42, 24 Am. Rep. 529. And see Young v. McFadden, 125 Ind. 254, 25 N. E. 284; Wise v. Miller, 45 Ohio St. 338, 14 N. E. 218; O'Connor v. Morse, 112 Cal. 31, 44 Pac. 305, 55 Am. St. Rep. 155; Hall v. Weaver (C. C.) 34 F. 106; Mellette Farmers' Elevator Co. v. H. Pochler Co. (D. C.) 13 F.(2d) 430, 431; Bright v. Mack, 197 Ala. 214, 72 So. 433, 436.

A surety and guarantor have this in common, that they are both bound for another person; yet there are points of difference between them. A surety is usually bound with his principal by the same instrument, executed at the same time and on the same consideration. He is an original promisor and debtor from the beginning, and is held ordinarily to every known default of his principal. On the other hand, the contract of guarantor is his own separate undertaking, in which the principal does not join. It is usually entered into before or after that of the principal, and is often founded on a separate consideration from that supporting the contract of the principal. The original contract of the principal is not the guarantor's contract, and the guarantor is not bound to take notice of its non-performance. The surety joins in the same promise as his principal and is primarily liable; the guarantor makes a separate and individual promise and is only secondarily liable. His liability is contingent on the default of his principal, and he only becomes absolutely liable when such default takes place and he is notified thereof. Georgia Casualty Co. v. Dixie Trust & Security Co., 23 Ga. App. 447, 88 S. E. 414, 418; Stifel Estate Co. v. Celis, 220 Mo. App. 667, 291 S. W. 515, 516; Shores-Muehl Co. v. Palmer, 141 Ark. 447, 218 S. W. 295; Anderson v. Bordson, 75 Mont. 516, 244 P. 494, 495; Young v. Merle & Hammer Mfg. Co., 134 Ind. 403, 110 N. E. 659, 671; Farmers' & Merchants' Nat. Bank of Comanche v. Lillard Milling Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 230 S. W. 260, 261; Ricketson v. Linzotte, 90 V. 386, 58 A. 801.


Where a contract defines a time when the promisor is to assume liability for a debt, his obligation is that of surety; but, where there is no time fixed, the obligation is general and merely that of guaranty. Homewood People's Bank v. Hastings, 263 Pa. 366, 106 A. 368, 359.

SURETY COMPANY. A company, usually incorporated, whose business is to assume the responsibility of a surety on the bonds of officers, trustees, executors, guardians, etc., in consideration of a fee proportioned to the amount of the security required.

SURETY INSURANCE. This phrase is generally used as synonymous with "guaranty insurance." People v. Potts, 264 Ill. 522, 106 N. E. 524, 528.

SURETY OF THE PEACE. Surety of the peace is a species of preventive justice, and consists in obliging those persons whom there is a probable ground to suspect of future misbehavior, to stipulate with, and to give full assurance to, the public that such offense as is apprehended shall not take place, by finding pledges or securities for keeping the peace, or for their good behavior. Brown. See Hyde v. Greuch, 62 Md. 582.

SURETSHIIP. The contract of suretyship is that whereby one obligates himself to pay the debt of another in consideration of credit or indulgence, or other benefit given to his principal, the principal remaining bound therefor. It differs from a guaranty in this: that the consideration of the latter is a benefit flowing to the guarantor. Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 3538; Brock Candy Co. v. Craton, 33 Ga. App. 690, 127 S. E. 619, 620; Loewenherz v. Well, 33 Ga. App. 760, 127 S. E. 883, 885. See Surety.

A contract of suretyship is a contract whereby one person engages to be answerable for the debt, default, or miscarriage of another. Pitt. Princ. & Sur. 1, 2; Scandina-vian-American Bank of Fargo v. Westby, 41 N. D. 276, 172 N. W. 665, 670.

An accessory promise by which a person binds himself for another already bound, and agrees with the creditor to satisfy the obligation, if the debtor does not. Civ. Code La. art. 3093; Hope v. Board, 43 La. Ann. 738, 9 So. 754.

A lending of credit to aid a principal having insufficient credit of his own; the one expected to pay, having the primary obligation, being the "principal," and the one bound to pay, if the principal does not, being the "surety." Rollings v. Gunter, 211 Ala. 671, 101 So. 446, 448.

In contracts of "indemnity" against liability, the engagement is to indemnify another against liability on some obligation which he has incurred, or is about to incur, to a third person, and is not, as in "suretyship," a promise to one to whom another is answerable; in the former there is direct privity between the promisor and promisee and no debt owing by the third person to the promisee and the promise has no remedy against the third person, whereas in the latter both principal and surety are
SURFACED. This term, when used in law, is seldom, if ever, limited to mere geometrical superfluities, Clinchfield Coal Corporation v. Compton, 148 Va. 437, 139 S. E. 308, 312, 55 A. L. R. 1376, although when used without any qualifying phrase in a deed, it ordinarily signifies only the superfiacial part of land, Drummond v. White Oak Fuel Co., 104 W. Va. 368, 140 S. E. 57, 58, 50 A. L. R. 303. And when employed in connection with mining, it usually means that part of the earth or geologic section lying over the minerals in question, unless the contract or conveyance otherwise defines it. Marquette Cement Mining Co. v. Oglesby Coal Co. (D. C.) 253 F. 107, 111. Thus, where the surface is granted to one and the underlying coal to another, the “surface” includes the soil and waters which lie above and are superimposed on the coal. Clinchfield Coal Corporation v. Compton, 148 Va. 437, 139 S. E. 308, 312, 55 A. L. R. 1376. Nevertheless, a conveyance of the “surface,” except the oil and gas rights in the land, may be deemed, under certain circumstances, to constitute a conveyance of all the land (including coal deposits), except only the oil and gas rights specifically reserved. Ramage v. South Penn Oil Co., 94 W. Va. 81, 118 S. E. 162, 171, 31 A. L. R. 1509.

The term “surface,” when used as the subject of a conveyance, is not a definite one capable of a definition of universal application, but is susceptible of limitation according to the intention of the parties using it; and in determining its meaning, regard may be had, not only to the language of the deed in which it occurs, but, also to the situation of the parties, the business in which they were engaged, and to the substance of the transaction. Ramage v. South Penn Oil Co., 94 W. Va. 81, 118 S. E. 162, 171, 31 A. L. R. 1509.

SURFACE WATERS. See Water.

SURGEON. One whose profession or occupation is to cure diseases or injuries of the body by manual operation; one who practices surgery; Webster, Dict.; which is therapy of a distinctly operative kind, such as cutting operations, the reduction and putting up of fractures and dislocations and similar manual forms of treatment; Napier v. Greenzweig (C. C. A.) 256 F. 196, 197.

Popularly, one possessing particular knowledge and skill to correct and relieve some unnatural condition of the human body. Maupin v. Southern Surety Co., 205 Mo. App. 81, 220 S. W. 20, 21. One whose occupation is to cure local injuries or disorders, whether by manual operation, or by medication and constitutional treatment. See Smith v. Lane, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 632; Stewart v. Raab, 55 Minn. 20, 56 N. W. 256; Nelson v. State Board of Health, 109 Ky. 769, 57 S. W. 501, 50 L. R. A. 583; Surgery.

SURGERY. The art or practice of healing by manual operation; that branch of medical science which treats of mechanical or operative measures for healing diseases, deformities or injuries. State v. Eustace, 117 Kan. 746, 233 P. 109, 110; Maryland Casualty Co. v. McCallum, 200 Ala. 154, 75 So. 902, 904. Therapy of a distinctly operative kind, such as cutting operations, the reduction and putting up of fractures and dislocations and similar manual forms of treatment. Napier v. Greenzweig (C. C. A.) 256 F. 196, 197. As used in statutes, the term does not include osteopathy. Rev. St. Mo. 1919, § 9292 (Mo. St. Ann. § 13514); Le Grand v. Security Benefit Ass'n, 210 Mo. App. 700, 240 S. W. 852, 853. See, also, State v. Eustace, 117 Kan. 746, 233 P. 106, 110; Ex parte Rust, 35 Cal. App. 422, 169 P. 1050.

The practice of medicine, in contradistinction to the practice of surgery, denotes the treatment of disease by the administration of drugs or other salutary substances. There cannot be a complete separation between the practice of medicine and surgery: the principles of both are the same throughout, and no one is qualified to practice either who does not properly understand the fundamental principles of both.

SURGICAL OPERATION. An act or series of acts performed on a patient's body by a surgeon to produce a cure. Hartford Live Stock Ins. Co. v. McMillen (C. C. A.) 9 F.(2d) 961, 962.

SURMISE. Formerly where a defendant pleaded a local custom, for instance, a custom of the city of London, it was necessary for him to "surmise," that is, to suggest that such custom should be certified to the court by the mouth of the recorder, and without such a surmise the issue was to be tried by the country as other issues of fact are. 1 Burrows, 251; Vin. Abr. 246.

Something offered to a court to move it to grant a prohibition, audite quereles, or other writ grantable thereon. Jacob.

In Ecclesiastical Law


SURNAME. The family name; the name over and above the Christian name. The part of a name which is not given in baptism; the last name; the name common to all members of a family. A patronymic. Riley v. Litchfield, 168 Iowa, 187, 150 N. W. 81, 83, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 172.

SURPLICE FEES. In English ecclesiastical law. Fees payable on ministerial offices of the church; such as baptisms, funerals, marriages, etc.
SURPLUS. That which remains of a fund appropriated for a particular purpose; the remainder of a thing; the overplus; the residue. See Boviard Supply Co. v. American Nat. Bank, 122 Okl. 245, 233 P. 922; Smith v. Cotting, 251 Mass. 42, 120 N. E. 177, 181; People's F. & M. Co. v. Parker, 35 N. J. Law, 577; Towery v. McGaw (Ky.) 56 S. W. 727; Appeal of Coates, 2 Pa. 137; 18 Ves. 466.

The "surplus" of a corporation may mean either the net assets of the corporation in excess of all liabilities including capital stock, Phillips v. U. S. (D. C.) 12 F.(2d) 598, 600, or what remains after making provisions for all liabilities of every kind, except capital stock. Insurance Co. of North America v. McCooch (C. C. A.) 224 F. 657, 658. The term is also defined as the residue of assets after defraying liabilities; Douglas v. Edwards (C. C. A.) 298 F. 229, 237; Cochrane v. Interstate Packing Co., 139 Minn. 452, 167 N. W. 111, 113; the excess of net assets over the face value of the stock; Sexton v. C. L. Percival Co., 185 Iowa, 595, 177 N. W. 85, 86; the excess of gross assets over the outstanding capital stock, without deducting debts or liabilities; State v. State Tax Commission ex rel. Marquette Hotel Inv. Co., 282 Mo. 213, 221 S. W. 721, 722; and as the accumulation of moneys or property in excess of the par value of the stock; People ex rel. McClure Publications v. Purdy, 161 App. Div. 541, 146 N. Y. S. 646; Small v. Sullivan, 245 N. Y. 345, 137 N. E. 261, 263.

There is a sharp distinction between the "surplus," as of a bank, and undivided profits. Surplus, like the capital stock, constitutes the working capital of the bank and is, in addition, a fund for the protection of the depositors. (First Nat. Bank v. Moon, 102 Kan. 334, 179 P. 23, 34, L. R. A. 1915C, 296.) The "undivided profits" constitute a temporary fund created in size from day to day and carried only until dividend periods when it is distributed to the stockholders or transferred to the permanent surplus. It is the fund from which the expenses and losses of the bank are paid. Sarles v. Scandinavian American Bank, 33 N. D. 49, 159 N. W. 356, 357. See also, Willcuts v. Milton Dairy Co., 49 S. Ct. 72, 73, 75 U. S. 251, 22 L. Ed. 11; State ex rel. Payne v. Exchange Bank of Nachtoches, 147 La. 25, 84 So. 481, 482.

As to surplus "Earnings," "Profits," and "Water;" see those titles.


In Accounts

A greater disbursement than the charge of the accountant amounts unto. In another sense, the remainder or overplus of money left. Jacob. A balance over. 1 Lew. 219.

In Pleading


Surplusagium non nocet. Surplusage does no harm. 3 Bouv. Inst. no. 2849; Broom, Max. 627.

SURPRISE.

In Equity Practice

The act by which a party who is entering into a contract is taken unawares, by which sudden confusion or perplexity is created, which renders it proper that a court of equity should relieve the party so surprised. 2 Brown, Ch. 150.

The situation in which a party is placed without any default of his own, which will be injurious to his interests. Rawle v. Skipwith, 8 Mart. N. S. (La.) 407.

Anything which happens without the agency or fault of the party affected by it, tending to disturb and confuse the judgment, or to mislead him, of which the opposite party takes an undue advantage, is in equity a surprise, and one species of fraud for which relief is granted. Code Ga. 1892, § 3180 (Clw. Code 1910, § 4631). And see Turley v. Taylor, 6 Baxt. (Tenn.) 586; Gilderson v. Union Depot R. Co., 129 Mo. 392, 31 S. W. 800; Fretwell v. Laffoon, 77 Mo. 27; Heath v. Scott, 65 Cal. 548, 4 Pac. 557; Zimmerer v. Fremont Nat. Bank, 59 Neb. 631, 81 N. W. 849; Thompson v. Connell, 31 Or. 231, 48 P. 467, 65 Am. St. Rep. 818.

There does not seem anything technical or peculiar in the word "surprise," as used in courts of equity. Where a court of equity relieves on the ground of surprise, it does so upon the ground that the party has been taken unawares, and that he has acted without due deliberation, and under confused and sudden impressions. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 129, note. But Jeremy, Eq. Jur. 365, 383, note, seems to think that the word surprise is a technical expression, and nearly synonymous with fraud. It is sometimes used in this sense when it is deemed presumptive of, or approaching to, fraud. 1 Pomb. Eq. 123; 2 Ch. Cas. 66, 74, 106, 114.

In Law

As a ground for a new trial, that situation in which a party is unexpectedly placed without default on his part, which will work injury to his interests. State v. Price, 131 S. E. 710, 711, 100 W. Va. 699. He must show himself to have been diligent at every stage of the proceedings; Henderson v. Hazlett, 75 W. Va. 255, 83 S. E. 907, 908; and that the
event was one which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against; Cupples v. Zupan, 35 Idaho, 458, 207 P. 328, 329; Rudin v. Luman, 55 Cal. App. 212, 190 P. 574, 577.

A situation, status, or result produced, having a substantive basis of fact and reason, from which the court may justly deduce, as a legal conclusion, that the party will suffer a judicial wrong if not relieved from his mistake. Levy v. Caledonian Ins. Co. (D. C.) 226 F. 336, 337.

The general rule is that when a party or his counsel is “taken by surprise,” in a material point or circumstance which could not have been anticipated, and when want of skill, care, or attention cannot be justly imputed, and injustice has been done, a new trial should be granted. III. New Trials, 521.

SURRENDER BY BAIL. The act, by bail or sureties in a recognizance, of giving up their principal again into custody, in their own discharge. 1 Burrill, Pr. 334.

SURRENDER BY OPERATION OF LAW. This phrase is properly applied to cases where the tenant for life or years has been a party to some act the validity of which he is by law afterwards estopped from disputing, and which would not be valid if his particular estate continued to exist. Copper v. Fretoransky (Com. Pl.) 16 N. Y. S. 806; Ledson v. Burke, 113 Ga. 74, 38 S. E. 313; Brown v. Cairns, 107 Iowa, 727, 77 N. W. 478; Lewis v. Angermiller, 80 Hun, 65, 35 N. Y. S. 69. An implied surrender occurs when an estate incompatible with the existing estate is accepted, or the lessee takes a new lease of the same lands, Livingston v. Potts, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 28; 1 B. & Ald. 50. See Beall v. White, 94 U. S. 3-9, 24 L. Ed. 173; Martin v. Stearns, 52 Iowa, 347, 3 N. W. 92. The rule of law as now settled by recently adjudicated cases is that any acts which are equivalent to an agreement on the part of the tenant to abandon, and on the part of the landlord to resume the possession of the demised premises, amount to a “surrender by operation of law.” (Carlton Chambers Co. v. Trask, 231 Mass. 264, 158 N. E. 756, 785.) The rule may be safely said to be that a surrender is created by operation of law, when the parties to a lease do some act so inconsistent with the subsisting relation of landlord and tenant as to imply that they have both agreed to consider the surrender as made. Flannagan v. Dickerson, 103 Okl. 206, 229 P. 532, 533; Hodgkiss v. Dayton-Brower Co. (Sup.) 136 N. Y. S. 907, 908; Trist & Co. v. Goldstone, 175 Cal. 240, 159 P. 715, 716. A surrender of a lease by act and operation of law arises only when the minds of the parties to the lease concur in relinquishing the relation of landlord and tenant, and the parties execute such intent by acts tantamount to a stipulation to terminate the lease. Lott v. Chaftee, 46 R. I. 242, 126 A. 559, 560; Albrecht v. Thieme, 97 N. J. Law, 103, 116 A. 276, 277.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER. A corporation created by charter may give up or “surrender” its charter to the people, unless the charter was granted under a statute, imposing indefeasible duties on the bodies to which it applies. Grant, Corp. 45.

SURRENDER OF COPYHOLD. The mode of conveying or transferring copyhold property from one person to another is by means of a surrender, which consists in the yielding up of the estate by the tenant into the hands of the lord for such purposes as are expressed in the surrender. The process in most manors is for the tenant to come to the
steward, either in court or out of court, or else to two customary tenants of the same manor, provided there be a custom to warrant it, and there, by delivering up a rod, a glove, or other symbol, as the custom directs, to resign into the hands of the lord, by the hands and acceptance of his steward, or of the said two tenants, all his interest and title to the estate, in trust, to be again granted out by the lord to such persons and for such uses as are named in the surrender, and as the custom of the manor will warrant. Brown.

SURRENDER OF CRIMINALS. The act by which the public authorities deliver a person accused of a crime, and who is found in their jurisdiction, to the authorities within whose jurisdiction it is alleged the crime has been committed.

SURRENDER OF A PREFERENCE. In bankruptcy practice. The surrender to the assignee in bankruptcy, by a preferred creditor, of anything he may have received under his preference and any advantage it gives him, which he must do before he can share in the dividend. In re Richter's Estate, 1 Dill. 544, Fed. Cas. No. 11,803. The word as generally defined may denote either compelled or voluntary action. Keppel v. Bank, 197 U. S. 356, 25 S. Ct. 443, 49 L. Ed. 709. In Bankruptcy Act 1898, § 57g (11 USCA § 93 (g), providing that creditors must surrender preferences before having claims allowed, it is unqualified and generic, and hence embraces both meanings. Keppel v. Bank, supra.

SURRENDER TO USES OF WILL. Formerly a copioushold interest would not pass by will unless it had been surrendered to the use of the will. By St. 55 Geo. III. c. 192, this is no longer necessary. 1 Steph. Comm. 639; Mozley & Whitley.

SURRENDEREE. The person to whom a surrender is made.

SURRENDEROR. One who makes a surrender. One who yields up a copioushold estate for the purpose of conveying it.

SURREPTITIOUS. Stealthily or fraudulently done, taken away, or introduced.

SURRENGATE.

In English Law

One that is substituted or appointed in the room of another, as by a bishop, chancellor, judge, etc.; especially an officer appointed to dispense licenses to marry without banns. 2 Steph. Comm. 247.

In American Law

The name given in some of the states to the judge or judicial officer who has the administration of probate matters, guardian-

ships, etc. See Malone v. Sta. Peter & Paul's Church, 172 N. Y. 293, 64 N. E. 961. In other states he is called judge of probate, register, judge of the orphans' court, etc. He is ordinarily a county officer, with a local jurisdiction limited to his county.

SURROGATE'S COURT. In the United States. A state tribunal, with similar jurisdiction to the court of ordinary, court of probate, etc., relating to matters of probate, etc. 2 Kent, Comm. 409, note b. And see Robinson v. Fair, 128 U. S. 53, 9 S. Ct. 30, 32 L. Ed. 415; In re Hawley, 104 N. Y. 259, 10 N. B. 352.

SURSISE. L. Fr. In old English law. Neglect; omission; default; cessation.

SURSUM REDDERE. Lat. In old conveyancing. To render up; to surrender.

SURSUMREDUITIO. Lat. A surrender.

SURVEY, n. Of land, to ascertain corners, boundaries, divisions, with distances and directions, and not necessarily to compute areas included within defined boundaries. Keer v. Fee, 179 Iowa, 1097, 161 N. W. 545, 547.


In Marine Insurance


In insurance law, the term has acquired a general meaning, inclusive of what is commonly called the "application," which contains the questions propounded on behalf of the company, and the answers of the assured. Albion Lend Works v. Williamsburg City F. Ins. Co. (C. C.) 2 F. 484; May v. Buckeye Ins. Co., 25 Wis. 291, 3 Am. Rep. 76.

In Sales

An examination. Thus, a contract for the sale of canned fish, imposing liability on the seller for damaged cans, to be established by an independent survey, contemplated an examination of the fish, on arrival at destination, by some unbiased and reasonably competent person to determine its condition. Pacific Commercial Co. v. Northwestern Fisheries Co., 115 Wash. 608, 197 P. 930, 935.
In General


SURVEYOR. One who makes surveys of land; one who has the overseeing or care of another person’s land or works.

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS. In English law. A person elected by the inhabitants of a parish, in vestry assembled, to survey the highways therein. He must possess certain qualifications in point of property; and, when elected, he is compellable, unless he can show some grounds of exemption, to take upon himself the office. Mozley & Whitel.-

SURVEYOR OF THE PORT. A revenue officer of the United States appointed for each of the principal ports of entry, whose duties chiefly concern the importations at his station and the determination of their amount and valuation. Rev. St. U. S. § 2627 (19 US CA § 40).

SURVIVE. To continue to live or exist beyond the life, or existence of; to continue to live or exist beyond (a specified period or event); to live through in spite of; live on after passing through; to remain alive; exist in force or operation beyond any period specified. Thompson v. New Orleans Ry. & Light Co., 145 La. 868, 80 So. 19, 20.


The word “survivor,” however, in connection with the power of one of two trustees to act, is used not only with reference to a condition arising where one of such trustees dies, but also as indicating a trustee who continues to administer the trust after his cotrustee is disqualified, has been removed, renounces, or refuses to act. Busch v. Schuttler, 216 Ill. App. 212, 217.

SURVIVORSHIP. The living of one of two or more persons after the death of the other or others.

Survivorship is where a person becomes entitled to property by reason of his having survived another person who had an interest in it. The most familiar example is in the case of joint tenancies, the rule being that on the death of one of two joint tenants the whole property passes to the survivor. Sweet.

SUS. PER COLL. An abbreviation of “suscipitur per collum,” let him be hanged by the neck. Words formerly used in England in signing judgment against a prisoner who was to be executed; being written by the judge in the margin of the sheriff’s calendar or list, opposite the prisoner’s name. 4 Bl. Comm. 403. Written also, “sus’ per coll.”


SUSPECT. To have a slight or even vague idea concerning;—not necessarily involving knowledge or belief or likelihood. Cheek v. Missouri, K. & T. Ry. Co., 89 Kan. 247, 131 P. 617, 624.

“Suspect’ with reference to probable cause as grounds for arrest without warrant is ordinarily used in place of the word believe. U. S. v. Rembert (D. C.) 284 F. 986, 981. But to ‘suspect and believe’ that a person, claiming to have been falsely imprisoned by a deputy sheriff, is a felon, is not the legal equivalent of belief on probable cause. Hill v. Wyrodick, 216 Ala. 225, 113 So. 49, 50.

SUSPEND. To interrupt; to cause to cease for a time; to stay, delay, or hinder; to discontinue temporarily, but with an expectation or purpose of resumption. To forbid a public officer, attorney, employee, or ecclesiastical person from performing his duties or exercising his functions for a more or less definite interval of time. See Insurance Co. v. Aiken, 82 Va. 428; Stack v. O’Hara, 98 Pa. 232; Reeside v. U. S., 8 Wall. 42, 19 L. Ed. 318; Williston v. Camp, 9 Mont. 88, 22 P. 501; Dyer v. Dyer, 17 R. I. 547, 23 A. 910; State v. Melvin, 186 Mo. 566, 66 S. W. 531; Poe v. State, 72 Tex. 625, 10 S. W. 732; Kriebel v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 10 F.(2d) 762, 764; U. S. v. Felder (D. C.) 13 F.(2d) 527, 528.


To cause a temporary cessation, as of work by an employee; to lay off;—not synonymous with remove. Thomas v. City of Chicago, 194 Ill. App. 526, 529.
Also, sometimes, to discontinue or dispense with (permanently); to remove permanently from office; to discharge (an employee) permanently. Phelps v. Connellee (Tex. Civ. App.) 278 S. W. 939, 941. See Suspension.

SUSPENDER. In Scotch law. He in whose favor a suspension is made.

SUSPENSE. When a rent, profit à prendre, and the like, are, in consequence of the unity of possession of the rent, etc., of the land out of which they issue, not in esse for a time, they are said to be in suspense, tune dormient; but they may be revived or awakened. Co. Litt. 313a.

SUSPENSION. A temporary stop of a right, of a law, and the like. Thus, we speak of a suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, of a statute, of the power of alienating an estate, of a person in office, etc.

A temporary cutting off or debarring one, as from the privileges of an institution or society. John B. Stetson University v. Hunt, 88 Fla. 510, 102 So. 637, 639.

An ad interim stoppage or arrest of official power and pay;—not synonymous with “removal,” which terminates wholly the incumbency of the office or employment. State v. Board of Police & Fire Com’rs of La Crosse, 139 Wis. 295, 150 N. W. 493, 494. Temporary withdrawal or cessation from public work as distinguished from permanent severance accomplished by removal, Bols v. City of Fall River, 267 Mass. 471, 154 N. E. 270; “removal” being, however, the broader term, which may on occasion include suspension, State v. Medler, 19 N. M. 292, 142 P. 376, 379.

In Ecclesiastical Law

An ecclesiastical censure, by which a spiritual person is either interdicted the exercise of his ecclesiastical function or hindered from receiving the profits of his benefice. It may be partial or total, for a limited time, or forever, when it is called “deprivation” or “amotion.” Ayl. Pur. 501.

In Scotch Law

A stay of execution until after a further consideration of the cause. Ersk. Inst. 4, 3, 5.

In General

—Pleas in suspension were those which showed some matter of temporary incapacity to proceed with the action or suit. Steph. Pl. 45.

—Suspension of a right. The act by which a party is deprived of the exercise of his right for a time. A temporary stop of a right, a partial extinguishment for a time, as contrasted with a complete extinguishment, where the right is absolutely dead. In re Muser’s Estate, 122 Misc. 164, 205 N. Y. S. 619, 621. Suspension of a right in an estate is a temporary or partial withholding of it from use or exercise. It differs from extinguishment, because a suspended right is susceptible of being revived, which is not the case where the right was extinguished. Bac. Abr. Extinction (A).


—Suspension of arms. An agreement between belligerents, made for a short time or for a particular place, to cease hostilities between them. See, also, Armistice.

—Suspension of business. These words in a statute contemplate an interruption of ordinary business operations, evidenced by some objective features: an interruption of the ordinary course of business, other than a mere failure to meet maturing obligations. Hoover Steel Ball Co. v. Schafer Ball Bearings Co., 89 N. J. Eq. 433, 105 A. 500, 501.

SUSPENSIVE CONDITION. See Condition.

SUSPENSORY CONDITION. See Condition.

SUSPICION. The act of suspending, or the state of being suspected; imagination, generally of something ill; distrust; mistrust; doubt. McCulloch v. State, 66 Ga. 548. The apprehension of something without proof or upon slight evidence. State v. Hall (Mo. App.) 285 S. W. 1099, 1011.

Suspicion implies a belief or opinion based upon facts or circumstances which do not amount to proof. Bushart v. United Inv. Co., 132 S. C. 324, 113 S. E. 67, 69, 55 S. L. R. 527.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER. In the criminal laws of some of the states, a person who is known or strongly suspected to be an habitual criminal, or against whom there is reasonable cause to believe that he has committed a crime or is planning or intending to commit one, or whose actions and behavior give good ground for suspicion and who can give no good account of himself, and who may therefore be arrested or required to give security for good behavior. See McPadin v. San Antonio, 22 Tex. Civ. App. 140, 54 S. W. 48; People v. Russell, 35 Misc. Rep. 765, 72 N. Y. Supp. 1; 4 Bl. Comm. 252.


As to a distinction between “sustaining” and “taking” a loss on a short sale, as regards income tax,

To suffer; bear; undergo. To endure or undergo without failing or yielding; to bear up under. Webster, Dict.

SUTHOURE. The south door of a church, where canonical purgation was performed, and plaints, etc., were heard and determined. Wharton.

SUTLER. A person who, as a business, follows an army and sells provisions and liquor to the troops. A small trader who follows an army and who is licensed to sell goods, especially edibles, to the soldiers. Keane v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 272 F. 577, 582.

SUUM CUIQUE TRIBUERE. Lat. To render to every one his own. One of the three fundamental maxims of the law laid down by Justinian.

SUUS HÆRES. See Hæres.


SUZERAIN. In French and feudal law. The immediate vassal of the king; a crown vassal; a tenant in capite. A lord who possesses a fief whence other fiefs issue. Note 77 of Butler & Hargrave’s notes, Co. Litt. L 3. Also spelled “suzerain.”

In International Law

A state that exercises political control over another state, in relation to which it is sovereign. Webster, Dict.

... The word has no clear or precise signification. It has been extended to the control of European Powers through their colonies over imperfectly civilized people. 12 L. Quart. Rev. 223; [1886] P. 122. See, also, Horsley, Int. L. 106.

In modern times suzerainty is used as descriptive of relations, ill-defined and vague, which exist between powerful and dependent states; its very indefiniteness being its recommendation. While protecting and protected states to draw nearer, the reverse is true of suzerain and vassal states; a protectorate is generally the preliminary to incorporation; suzerainty, to separation. Encycl. Br.

It is said that suzerainty is title without corresponding power; protectorate is power without corresponding title. Freund, Pol. Sci. Quart. (1899) p. 23.

SWAIN; SWAINMOTE. See Sweln; Swinmote.

SWAMP LANDS. See Land.

SWANIMOTE. See Swinmote.

SWARF-MONEY. Warth-money; or guard-money paid in lieu of the service of castleward. Cowell.

SWATCH. Commercially, a small sample of cloth from which suits, etc., are to be ordered.


SWEAR. To put on oath; to administer an oath to a person.

To take an oath; to become bound by an oath duly administered. To declare on oath the truth of a petition, etc.). Indiana Quarries Co. v. Simms, 158 Ky. 415, 133 S. W. 422; Landrum v. Landrum, 159 Ga. 324, 125 S. E. 532, 534, 38 A. L. R. 217.


SWEARING THE PEACE. Showing to a magistrate that one has just cause to be afraid of another in consequence of his menace, in order to have him bound over to keep the peace.

SWEATING. The questioning of a person in custody charged with crime with intent to obtain information concerning his connection therewith or knowledge thereof by plying him with questions, or by threats or other wrongful means, extorting information to be used against him. Act March 19, 1912 (Acts Ky. 1912, c. 135). Under the statute mere questioning amounts to “sweating” if done for the purpose of extorting from the accused information to be used against him; that is, inducing him to unwillingly or involuntarily give such information. Commonwealth v. McClanahan, 153 Ky. 412, 155 S. W. 1131, 1132, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 132.

Sweeping. Comprehensive; including in its scope many persons or objects; as, a sweeping objection.

Sweepstakes. In horse racing, the sum of the stakes for which the subscribers agree to pay for each horse nominated. Stone v. Clay, 61 F. 889, 10 C. C. A. 147.

SWEIN. In old English law. A freeman or freeholder within the forest.

SWEINMOTE. In forest law. A court held before the verderors, as judges, by the steward of the swineimote, thrice in every year, the sweins or freeholders within the forest composing the jury. Its principal jurisdiction was—First, to inquire in the oppressions and grievances committed by the officers of the forest; and, secondly, to receive and try presentments certified from the court of attachments in offenses against vert and venison. 3 Bl. Comm. 72.

SWELL. To enlarge or increase. In action of tort, circumstances of aggravation may "swell" the damages.

SWIFT WITNESS. A term colloquially applied to a witness who is unduly zealous or
partial for the side which calls him, and who betrays his bias by his extreme readiness to answer questions or volunteer information.

SWINDLER. A cheat; one guilty of defrauding divers persons. 1 Term, 748.

SWINDLING. Cheating and defrauding grossly with deliberate artifice. Wyatt v. Ayres, 2 Port. (Ala.) 157; Forrest v. Hanson, 9 Fed. Cas. 456; Chase v. Whitlock, 3 Hill (N. Y.) 140. Usually applied to a transaction where the guilty party procures the delivery to him, under a pretended contract, of the personal property of another, with the felonious design of appropriating it to his own use. 2 Russ. Cr. 130; Stevenson v. Hayden, 2 Mass. 406; Jones v. State, 97 Ga. 430, 25 S. E. 319.

The acquisition of any personal or movable property, money, or instrument of writing conveying or securing a valuable right, by means of some false or deceitful pretense or device, or fraudulent representation, with intent to appropriate the same to the use of the party so acquiring, or of destroying or impairing the rights of the party justly entitled to the same. Pen. Code Tex. 1911, art. 1421 (Vernon's Ann. P. C., art. 1545); May v. State, 15 Tex. App. 499; Cochran v. State, 93 Tex. Cr. R. 458, 248 S. W. 43, 44.

The distinction between swindling and theft by false pretense under Penal Code Tex. 1911, art. 1322 (Vernon's Ann. P. C., art. 1418), depends upon whether the injured party was induced to part or intended to part with both title and possession, in which case the offense is swindling, or whether he intended to part only with possession, in which case it is theft by false pretense. Gibson v. State, 85 Tex. Cr. R. 485, 214 S. W. 341, 342; Gordon v. State, 85 Tex. Cr. R. 481, 214 S. W. 980; Segal v. State, 98 Tex. Cr. R. 485, 266 S. W. 911, 912, 25 A. L. R. 1331.


As used in railroading, a device for moving a small section of track so that rolling stock may be run or shunted from one line to another. Jeffery v. Kewaunee, G. B. & W. Ry. Co., supra. A mechanical arrangement of movable parts of rails for transferring cars from one track to another; also a siding; a turnout. Pittsburgh Rys. Co. v. Borough of Carrick, 259 Pa. 333, 103 A. 106, 106. A track in the nature of a sidetrack adjacent to and used in connection with another line of track, Indiana Rys. & Light Co. v. City of Kokomo, 183 Ind. 543, 108 N. E. 771, 772.


SWITCH-YARD DOCTRINE. The doctrine that there can be no implied license to the public to use the track of a railroad company within the limits of its switch-yard. In Georgia, the doctrine has been held not to apply to a case where there is only one track, which is the main track of the company, although this track may be partly within the yard limits, and occasionally used in connection with the switch-yard. Binion v. Central of Georgia Ry. Co., 12 Ga. App. 663, 78 S. E. 132.

SWITCHING MOVEMENT or OPERATION. This term becomes of importance in determining whether or not the Safety Appliance Act (45 USCA § 1 et seq.) is applicable to a particular set of facts, and is distinguished from “train movement.” Thus, the continuous movement of freight cars, reassembled after switching, from one portion of a railroad yard to another 4,500 feet away, through the business or warehouse part of a city, and crossing several city streets at grade, was held to be a “train movement,” and not a “switching operation.” Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. U. S. (C. A.) 14 F.(2d) 747, 748. For other illustrative cases of “train movements,” see Great Northern Ry. Co. v. U. S. (C. A.) 297 F. 692, 694; Great Northern Ry. Co. v. U. S. (C. A.) 258 F. 190, 191; Kraemer v. Chicago & N. W. Ry. Co., 148 Minn. 310, 181 N. W. 847, 848. For cases of “switching operations,” see U. S. v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co. (C. A.) 255 F. 655; Chattanooga Station Co. v. Harper, 138 Tenn. 562, 199 S. W. 394, 397.

SWITCHING SERVICE. This term is principally used in law in contradistinction to "transportation service," for which different rates may be set. "Transportation service" is one which requires no other service to complete the shipper's object, while "switching service" is one which precedes or follows transportation service. Andrews Steel Co. v. Davis, 210 Ky. 473, 276 S. W. 148, 150, and applies only to a shipment on which legal freight charges have already been earned, or are to be earned, J. P. Doppes Sons Lumber Co. v. Cincinnati, N. O. & T. P. Ry. Co., 92 Ohio St. 206, 110 N. E. 640, 642, L. R. A. 1916D, 452. The word "switching" in this connection is synonymous with "transferring." J. B. Doppes Sons Lumber Co. v. Cincinnati, N. O. & T. P. Ry. Co., supra. The test of distinction between these two services is not only whether the switching service follows transportation, but whether the movement of cars is under the yard-master's direction, in which case it is switching service, or under the trainmaster's direction, in which event it is transportation service. St. Louis, I. M. & S. Ry. Co. v. Clark Pressed Brick Co., 127 Ark. 474, 192 S. W. 382, 384. "Switching
SWOLING OF LAND. "line haul," in that the latter is a definite service rendered between two definite points, to which switching is a mere incident. Cummings Sand & Gravel Co. v. Minneapolis & St. L. Ry. Co., 182 Iowa, 935, 166 N. W. 354, 356, L. R. A. 1915C, 737.

SWOLING OF LAND. So much land as one's plow can till in a year; a hide of land. Cowl.


SWORN BROTHERS. In old English law. Persons who, by mutual oaths, covenant to share in each other's fortunes.

SWORN CLERKS IN CHANCERY. Certain officers in the English court of chancery, whose duties were to keep the records, make copies of pleadings, etc. Their offices were abolished by St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 103.

SYB AND SOM. A Saxon form of greeting, meaning peace and safety.

SYLLABUS. An abstract; a head-note; a note prefixed to the report of an adjudged case, containing an epitome or brief statement of the rulings of the court upon the point or points decided in the case. In West Virginia it is the law of the case, whatever may be the reasoning employed in the opinion of the court. Kuhn v. Coal Co., 215 U. S. 356, 30 S. Ct. 140, 141, 54 L. Ed. 228. The syllabus, however, in that state, is never made up of finding of facts, but is limited to points of law determined. Sometimes the finding of facts is referred to for the purpose of explaining the point of law adjudicated, but only for that purpose. Koonce v. Doolittle, 48 W. Va. 592, 37 S. E. 644, 645. Likewise in Ohio, the authority of decisions of its Supreme Court is limited to points stated in the syllabus. Walsh v. E. G. Shinner & Co. (C. C. A.) 20 F. (2d) 556, 558. But ordinarily, where a head-note, even though prepared by the court, is given no special force by statute or rule of court, the opinion is to be looked to for the original and authentic statement of the grounds of decision. Burbank v. Ernst; 232 U. S. 162, 34 S. Ct. 290, 58 L. Ed. 551.

Also, a catalogue or list; specifically (capitalized), a collection of eighty condemned propositions addressed by Pope Pius IX to all the Catholic episcopate, December 8, 1864. It gave rise to the most violent polemics; the Ultramontane party was loud in its praise, while the liberals treated it as a declaration of war by the church on modern society and civilization. Encycl. Br.

SYLLOGISM. In logic. The full logical form of a single argument. It consists of three propositions, (two premises and the conclusion,) and these contain three terms, of which the two occurring in the conclusion are brought together in the premises by being referred to a common class.

SYLVA CAEDUA. Lat. In ecclesiastical law. Wood of any kind which was kept on purpose to be cut, and which, being cut, grew again from the stump or root. Lynd. Prov. 190; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law 90. And see Silva Caedua.

SYMBOLÆOGRAPHY. The art or cunning rightly to form and make written instruments. It is either judicial or extrajudicial; the latter being wholly occupied with such instruments as concern matters not yet judicially in controversy, such as instruments of agreements or contracts, and testaments or last wills. Wharton.

SYMBOLIC DELIVERY. The constructive delivery of the subject-matter of a sale or gift, where it is cumbersome or inaccessible, by the actual delivery of some article which is conventionally accepted as the symbol or representative of it, or which renders access to it possible, or which is evidence of the purchaser's or donee's title to it. Thus, a present gift of the contents of a box in a bank vault, accompanied by a transfer of the key thereto, is valid as a symbolical delivery. In re Leadenham's Estate, 289 Pa. 216, 137 A. 247, 249.

SYMBOLUM ANIMÆ. Lat. A mortuary, or soul scot. See Soul Scot.

SYMMETRY. Due proportion of several parts of a body to each other; adaptation of the form or dimensions of the several parts of a thing to each other; harmonious relation of parts; conformance; consistency; congruity; correspondence or similarity of form, dimensions, or parts on opposite sides of an axis, center, or a dividing plane. Maxwell v. City of Buhl, 40 Idaho, 644, 236 P. 122, 123.

SYMOND'S INN. Formerly an inn of chancery.


SYNALLAGMATIC CONTRACT. In the civil law. A bilateral or reciprocal contract, in which the parties expressly enter into mutual engagements, each binding himself to the other. Poth. Obl. no. 9. Such are the contracts of sale, hiring, etc.

SYNCHRONISM. Two things may be said to be operating in "synchronism," not merely when they operate simultaneously, but also when their cycles of operation bear a timed relation to each other. Diamond Power Specialty Corporation v. Bayer (C. C. A.) 13 F. (2d) 337, 342.
SYNOCOPARE. To cut short, or pronounce things so as not to be understood. Cowell.

SYNDIC.

In the Civil Law

An advocate or patron; a Burgess or recorder; an agent or attorney who acts for a corporation or university; an actor or procurator; an assignee. Wharton.

The word “syndic” in the civil law corresponds very nearly with that of assignee under the common law. Mobile & O. R. Co. v. Whitney, 39 Ala. 468, 471.

In English Common Law

An agent appointed by a corporation for the purpose of obtaining letters of guardianship and the like, to whom such letters were issued. Minnesota L. & T. Co. v. Beebe, 40 Minn. 7, 41 N. W. 232, 233, 2 L. R. A. 418.

In French Law

The person who is commissioned by the courts to administer a bankruptcy. He fulfills the same functions as the trustee or assignee. Also, one who is chosen to conduct the affairs and attend to the concerns of a body corporate or community. In this sense the word corresponds to director or manager. Rodman Notes to Code de Com., p. 351; Dallas, Dict. Syndic. See Field v. United States, 9 Pet. 182, 9 L. Ed. 94.

In Louisiana

The assignee of a bankrupt. Also, one of several persons to be elected by the creditors of a succession, for the purpose of administering thereon, whenever a succession has been renounced by the heirs, or has been accepted under the benefit of an inventory, and neither the beneficiary heirs, their attorney in fact, nor tutor will accept the administration and give the security required. Civ. Code. La. art. 1224.

SYNDICALISM. The theory, plan, or practice of trade-union action which aims by the general strike and direct action to establish control by local organizations of workers over the means and processes of production. Webster, Dict.

A form or development of trade-unionism, originating in France, which aims at the possession of the means of production and distribution, and ultimately at the control of society and government, by the federated bodies of industrial workers, and which seeks to realize its purposes through the agency of general strikes and of terrorism, sabotage, violence, or other criminal means. New Cent. Dict.

Criminal Syndicalism

Defined by the California Criminal Syndicalism Act as any doctrine or precept advocating, teaching, or aiding and abetting the commission of crimes, sabotage (defined in the act as willful and malicious physical damage or injury to physical property), or unlawful acts of force and violence or unlawful methods of terrorism, as a means of accomplishing a change in industrial ownership, or control, or effecting any political change. See People v. Lesse, 52 Cal. App. 280, 199 P. 46, 47; State v. Dingman, 37 Idaho, 253, 219 P. 760, 763.

SYNDICATE. A university committee. A combination of persons or firms united for the purpose of enterprises too large for individuals to undertake; or a group of financiers who buy up the shares of a company in order to sell them at a profit by creating a scarcity. Mozley & Whitley.


SYNDICATING. Gathering materials suitable for newspaper publication from writers and artists and distributing the same at regular intervals, in the form of matrices, to newspapers throughout the country for publication on the same day. Star Co. v. Wheeler Syndicate, 155 N. Y. S. 752, 784, 91 Misc. Rep. 610.

SYNDICOS, or SYNDICUS. One chosen by a college, municipality, etc., to defend its cause. Calvin. See Syndic.

SYNGRAPHER. The name given by the canonists to deeds or other written instruments of which both parts were written on the same piece of parchment, with some word or letters of the alphabet written between them, through which the parchment was cut in such a manner as to leave half the word on one part and half on the other. It thus corresponded to the chirograph or indenture of the common law. 2 Bl. Comm. 295, 296.

Formerly such writings were attested by the subscription and crosses of the witnesses; afterwards, to prevent frauds and concealments, they made deeds of mutual covenant in a script and rescript, or in a part and counterpart, and in the middle between the two copies they wrote the word syngraphum in large letters, which, being cut through the parchment and one being delivered to each party, on being afterwards put together proved their authenticity.

A deed, bond, or other written instrument under the hand and seal of all the parties. It was so called because the parties wrote together.

SYNOD. A meeting or assembly of ecclesiastical persons concerning religion; being the
same thing, in Greek, as convocation in Latin. There are four kinds: (1) a general or universal synod or council, where bishops of all nations meet; (2) a national synod of the clergy of one nation only; (3) a provincial synod, where ecclesiastical persons of a province only assemble, being now what is called the “convocation;” (4) a diocesan synod, of those of one diocese. A synod in Scotland is composed of three or more presbyteries. Wharton.

A convention of bishops and elders within a district including at least three presbyteries. Com. v. Green, 4 Whart. (Pa.) 560.

A meeting of the few adjoining presbyteries—not the same as an ecumenical council, which is a council of all, and not of a part. Groenbeek v. Dunsecomb, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 346.

SYNODAL. A tribute or payment in money paid to the bishop or archdeacon by the inferior clergy, at the Easter visitation.

SYNODALES TESTES. L. Lat. Synods-men (corrupted into sidesmen) were the urban and rural deans, now the church-wardens. See Sidesmen.

SYNONYMOUS. Expressing the same or nearly the same idea. McCarthy v. Dunlevy-Franklin Co., 277 Pa. 467, 121 A. 409, 410; Hoffine v. Ewing, 60 Neb. 729, 84 N. W. 93, 95.

SYPHILIS. In medical jurisprudence. A venereal disease (vulgarily called “the pox”) of peculiar virulence, infectious by direct contact, capable of hereditary transmission, and the source of various other diseases and, directly or indirectly, of insanity.

SYSTEM. Method; manner; mode. Fosche v. Union Traction Co., 108 Kan. 585, 196 P. 423, 424. An organized plan or scheme in keeping with which the constituent parts thereof are rendered similar and are connected and combined into one complete harmonious whole, importing both a unity of purpose and entirety of operation. Coulter v. Pool, 187 Cal. 181, 201 P. 120, 125. Thus, as used in a constitutional provision making it the duty of the legislature to establish a system of free public schools, the term indicates some degree of uniformity and equality of opportunity for pupils attending such schools. Miller v. Childers, 107 Okl. 57, 238 P. 294, 296.

In mining usage, under the principle that a system or plan of development is sufficient to meet the requirements of annual expenditure in development of mining claims, the term “system” or “general system” of work means that work as it is commenced on the ground is such that if continued it will lead to a discovery and development of the veins or ore bodies that are supposed to be in the claims, or if these are known that the work will facilitate the extraction of ores and minerals. Golden Giant Mining Co. v. Hill, 27 N. M. 124, 195 P. 276, 279, 14 A. L. R. 1450.
T. As an abbreviation, this letter usually stands for either "Territory," "Trinity," "term," "tempore," (in the time of,) or "title."

Every person who was convicted of felony, short of murder, and admitted to the benefit of clergy, was at one time marked with this letter upon the brawn of the thumb. Abolished by 7 & 8 Geo. IV, c. 27. Whart. Dict.

By a law of the Province of Pennsylvania, A. D. 1698, it was provided that a convicted thief should wear a badge in the form of the letter "T," upon his left sleeve, which badge should be at least four inches long and of a color different from that of his outer garment. Linn, Laws Prov. Pa. 275.

T. R. E. An abbreviation of "Tempore Regis Eduardi," (in the time of King Edward,) of common occurrence in Domestacy, when the valuation of manors, as it was in the time of Edward the Confessor, is recounted. Cowell.

TABARD. A short gown; a herald's coat; a surcoat.

TABARDER. One who wears a tabard or short gown; the name is still used as the title of certain bachelors of arts on the old foundation of Queen's College, Oxford. Enc. Lond.

TABELLA. Lat. In Roman law. A tablet. Used in voting; and in giving the verdict of juries and decision of judges; and, when written upon, commonly translated "ballot." The laws which introduced and regulated the mode of voting by ballot were called "leges tabellariae." Calvin; 1 Kent, Comm. 292, note.

TABELLIO. Lat. In Roman law. An officer corresponding in some respects to a notary. His business was to draw legal instruments, (contracts, wills, etc.) and witness their execution. Calvin.

Tabelliones differed from notaries in many respects: they had judicial jurisdiction in some cases; and from their judgments there were no appeals. Notaries were then the clerks or scribes of the tabelliones; they received the agreements of the parties, which they reduced to short notes; and these contracts were not binding until they were written in extenso, which was done by the tabelliones. Jacob Law Dict. Tabellion.

TABERNACULUM. In old records. A public inn, or house of entertainment. Cowell.

TABERNARIUS. Lat. In the Civil Law

A shop-keeper. Dig. 14, 3, 5, 7.

In Old English Law

A taverner or tavern keeper. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 12, § 17.

TABES DORSALIS. In medical jurisprudence. Another name for locomotor ataxia.

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It accompanies attacks of tabetic dementia. See Insanity.

TABETIC DEMENTIA. See Insanity.

TABLE. A synopsis or condensed statement, bringing together numerous items or details so as to be comprehended in a single view; as genealogical tables, exhibiting the names and relationships of all the persons composing a family; life and annuity tables, used by actuaries; interest tables, etc.

TABLE DE MARBRE. Fr. In old French law. Table of Marble: a principal seat of the admiralty, so called. These Tables de Marbre are frequently mentioned in the Ordonnance of the Marine. Burrill.

TABLE OF CASES. An alphabetical list of the adjudged cases cited, referred to, or digested in a legal text-book, volume of reports, or digest, with references to the sections, pages, or paragraphs where they are respectively cited, etc., which is commonly either prefixed or appended to the volume.

TABLE RENTS. In English law. Payments which used to be made to bishops, etc., reserved and appropriated to their table or housekeeping. Wharton.

TABLEAU OF DISTRIBUTION. In Louisiana. A list of creditors of an insolvent estate, stating what each is entitled to. Taylor v. Hollander, 4 Mart. N. S. (La.) 555.

TABULA. Lat. In the civil law. A table or tablet; a thin sheet of wood, which, when covered with wax, was used for writing.

TABULA IN NAUFRAGIO. Lat. A plank in a shipwreck. This phrase is used metaphorically to designate the power subsisting in a third mortgagee, who took without notice of the second mortgagee, to acquire the first incumbrance, attach it to his own, and thus squeeze out and get satisfaction, before the second is admitted to the fund. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 414; 2 Ves. Ch. 573. "It may be fairly said that the doctrine survives only in the unjust and much-criticised English rule of tackling." Ames, Lect. Leg. Hist. 269. See Tacking. The use of the expression is attributed to Sir Matthew Hale. See 2 P. Wms. 491.

TABULÆ. Lat. In Roman law. Tables. Writings of any kind used as evidences of a transaction. Brissoulin. Contracts and written instruments of all kinds, especially wills. So called because originally written on tablets and with wax. Calvinus.

TABULÆ NUPTIALES. In the civil law. A written record of a marriage; or the agreement as to the dow.

TABULARIUS. Lat. A notary, or tabellio. Calvin.
TAC, TAK. In old records. A kind of customary payment by a tenant. Cowell.

TAC FREE. In old records. Free from the common duty or imposition of tac. Cowell.

TACIT. Not expressed; implied or inferred; manifested by the refraining from contradiction or objection; inferred from the situation and circumstances, in the absence of express matter. Thus, tacit consent is consent inferred from the fact that the party kept silence when he had an opportunity to forb'd or refuse.

TACIT ACCEPTANCE. In the civil law, a tacit acceptance of an inheritance takes place when some act is done by the heir which necessarily supposes his intention to accept and which he would have no right to do but in his capacity as heir. Civ. Code La. art. 988.

TACIT HYPOTHECATION. In the civil law, a species of lien or mortgage which is created by operation of law without any express agreement of the parties. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 313. In admiralty law, this term is sometimes applied to a maritime lien, which is not, strictly speaking, an hypothecation in the Roman sense of the term, though it resembles it. See The Nestor, 1 Sumn. 73, 18 Fed. Cas. 9.

TACIT LAW. A law which derives its authority from the common consent of the people without any legislative enactment. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 120.

TACIT MORTGAGE. In the law of Louisiana. The law alone in certain cases gives to the creditor a mortgage on the property of his debtor, without it being requisite that the parties should stipulate it. This is called "legal mortgage." It is called also "tacit mortgage," because it is established by the law without the aid of any agreement. Civ. Code La. art. 3311.

TACIT RELOCATION. In Scotch law. The tacit or implied renewal of a lease, inferred when the landlord, instead of warning a tenant to remove at the stipulated expiration of the lease, has allowed him to continue without making a new agreement. Bell, "Relocation."

TACIT TACK. In Scotch law. An implied tack or lease; inferred from a tacksman's possessing peaceably after his tack is expired. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 153.

Tacita quaedam habentur pro expressis. 8 Coke, 40. Things unexpressed are sometimes considered as expressed.

TACITE. Lat. Silently; impliedly; tacitly.

TACITURNITY. In Scotch law, laches in not prosecuting a legal claim, or in acquiescing in an adverse one. Mosley & Whitley.

TACK, v. To annex some junior lien to a first lien, thereby acquiring priority over an intermediate one. See Tackling.

TACK, n. In Scotch law. A term corresponding to the English "lease," and denoting the same species of contract.

—Tack duty. Rent reserved upon a lease.

TACKING. The uniting of securities given at different times, so as to prevent any intermediate purchaser from claiming a title to redeem or otherwise discharge one lien, which is prior, without redeeming or discharging the other liens also, which are subsequent to his own title. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 412. The term is particularly applied to the action of a third mortgagee who, by buying the first lien and uniting it to his own, gets priority over the second mortgagee. The source and origin of the English doctrine is the case of Marsh v. Lee, 2 Vern. 337; 1 Ch. Cas. 162; 1 Wh. & T. L. C. Eq. 611, notes. This case and the doctrine founded upon it has been the subject of severe criticism. Langd. Eq. Pl. 191. Lord Ch. J. Holt is said to have been one of the first to benefit by the right of tacking; see Holt v. Mill, 2 Vern. 279. This doctrine is inconsistent with the laws which require the recording of mortgages, and in the United States, it does not exist to any extent. Peabody v. Patten, 2 Pick. (Mass.) 517; Brayee v. Bank, 14 Ohio 318; Anderson v. Neff, 11 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 208; Dyer v. Graves, 37 Vt. 375; Parkist v. Alexander, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 89; Bisph. Eq. § 159.

The term is also used in a number of other connections, as of possessions, disabilities, or items in accounts or other dealings. In these several cases the purpose of the proposed tacking is to avoid the bar of a statute of limitations. See Davis v. Cobliens, 174 U.S. 719, 19 S. Ct. 822, 43 L. Ed. 1147; Kilpenberg v. Morris, 80 Ind. 540; Eager v. Com., 4 Mass. 182; Caperton v. Gregory, 11 Grat. (Va.) 505; Sharp v. Stephens' Committee, 21 Ky. L. Rep. 687, 52 S. W. 977; Graham v. Stanton, 177 Mass. 321, 55 N. E. 1023; Moore v. Blackman, 109 Wis. 525, 85 N. W. 429.

The term is applied especially to the process of making out title to land by adverse possession, when the present occupant and claimant has not been in possession for the full statutory period, but adds or "tacks" to his own possession that of previous occupants under whom he claims. See J. B. Streeter Co. v. Fredricksson, 11 N. D. 300, 91 N. W. 692; Frost v. Courtis, 172 Mass. 401, 52 N. E. 515; Lantry v. Wolff, 49 Neb. 374, 68 N. W. 494; Woodruff v. Royden, 105 Tenn. 491, 58 S. W. 1066, 89 Am. St. Rep. 905; Harris v. McGovern, 99 U. S. 161, 25 L. Ed. 317; Murray v. Pannal, 67 N. J. Eq. 724, 57 A. 1132; Johnston v. Case, 131 N. C. 491, 42 S. E. 957.

TACKSMAN. In Scotch law. A tenant or lessee; one to whom a tack is granted. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 153.

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TACTIS SACROSANCTIS. Lat. In old English law. Touching the holy evangelists. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 18, § 21. "A bishop may swear visis evangelistis, [looking at the Gospels,] and not tactis, and it is good enough." Freem. 133.


TAIL. Limited; abridged; reduced; curtailed, as a fee or estate in fee, to a certain order of succession, or to certain heirs.

TAIL, ESTATE IN. An estate of inheritance, which, instead of descending to heirs generally, goes to the heirs of the donee's body, which means his lawful issue, his children, and through them to his grandchildren in a direct line, so long as his posterity endures in a regular order and course of descent, and upon the death of the first owner without issue, the estate determines. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *72. Kolmer v. Miles, 270 Ill. 20, 110 N. E. 407, 408; Inlow v. Herring, 306 Mo. 42, 267 S. W. 893, 899; Tantum v. Campbell, 83 N. J. Eq. 361, 91 A. 120, 122. This is where an estate is limited to a man and the heirs of his body, without any restriction at all; or, according to some authorities, with no other restriction than that in relation to sex. Thus, tail male general is the same thing as tail male; the word "general," in such case, implying that there is no other restriction upon the descent of the estate than that it must go in the male line. So an estate in tail female general is an estate in tail female. The word "general," in the phrase, expresses a purely negative idea, and may denote the absence of any restriction, or the absence of some given restriction which is tacitly understood. Mozley & Whitley.

Tail Male

When certain lands are given to a person and the male heirs of his or her body, this is called an "estate tail male," and the female heirs are not capable of inheriting it.

Tail Special

This denotes an estate in tail where the succession is restricted to certain heirs of the donee's body, and does not go to all of them in general; e.g., where lands and tenements are given to a man and "the heirs of his body on Mary, his now wife, to be gotten;" here no issue can inherit but such special issue as is engendered between those two, not such as the husband may have by another wife, and therefore it is called "special tail." 2 Bl. Comm. 113. It is defined by Cowell as the limitation of lands and tenements to a man and his wife and the heirs of their two bodies. But the phrase need not be thus restricted. Tail special, in its largest sense, is where the gift is restrained to certain heirs of the donee's body, and does not go to all of them in general. Mozley & Whitley.

TAILAGE. See Tallage.

TAILLE. Fr.

In Old French Law

A tax or assessment levied by the king, or by any great lord, upon his subjects, usually taking the form of an imposition upon the owners of real estate. Brande. The equivalent of the English tallage—the typical direct tax in France of the Middle Ages, as tonlieu was the generic term for an indirect tax. See Tallage.
TAILLE

In Old English Law

The fee which is opposed to fee-simple, because it is so mincèd or pared that it is not in the owner's free power to dispose of it, but it is, by the first giver, cut or divided from all other, and tied to the issue of the donee,—in short, an estate-tail. Wharton.


TAILZIE. In Scotch law. An entail. A tailized fee is that which the owner, by exercising his inherent right of disposing of his property, settles upon others than those to whom it would have descended by law. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 161.

TAINT. A conviction of felony, or the person so convicted. Cowell.

TAKE. To lay hold of; to gain or receive into possession; to seize; to deprive one of the use or possession of; to assume ownership. City of Durham v. Wright, 190 N. C. 568, 130 S. E. 161, 163. Thus, constitutions generally provide that a man's property shall not be taken for public uses without just compensation. Evansville & C. R. Co. v. Dick, 9 Ind. 433; Gas Products Co. v. Rankin, 63 Mont. 372, 207 P. 993, 998, 24 A. L. R. 294; Piper v. Ekeren, 180 Wis. 566, 194 N. W. 159, 162, 34 A. L. R. 32. Property may be deemed "taken" within the meaning of these constitutional provisions when it is totally destroyed or rendered valueless, Lund v. Salt Lake County, 58 Utah, 548, 200 P. 510, 513, or when it is damaged by a public use in connection with an actual taking by the exercise of eminent domain, City of St. Louis v. St. Louis, I. M. & S. Ry. Co., 272 Mo. 50, 197 S. W. 107, 111. See, however, United States v. Louisville Bridge Co. (D. C.) 233 F. 270, 277; Richards v. Washington Terminal Co., 233 U. S. 546, 54 S. Ct. 654, 667, 58 L. Ed. 1088, L. R. A. 1915A, 887; Pontiac Improvement Co. v. Board of Comrs of Cleveland Metropolitan Park Dist., 104 Ohio St. 447, 15 N. E. 635, 638, 22 A. L. R. 896.

To "take" a thing is to receive it. Ordinarily if some further action is to be taken by the recipient the use of the word "accept" is expected. Johnston v. Schwenck, 59 Ohio St. 59, 124 N. E. 61, 63, 8 A. L. R. 179.

In the law of larceny, to obtain or assume possession of a chattel unlawfully, and without the owner's consent; to appropriate things to one's own use with felonious intent. Thus, an actual taking is essential to constitute larceny. 4 Bl. Comm. 430. A "taking" occurs when a person with a pre-conceived design to appropriate property to his own use obtains possession of it by means of fraud or trickery. People v. Edwards, 72 Cal. App. 102, 236 P. 944, 948.


To seize or apprehend a person; to arrest the body of a person by virtue of lawful process. Thus, a capias commands the officer to take the body of the defendant. Com. v. Hall, 9 Gray (Mass.) 267, 69 Am. Dec. 255. To acquire the title to an estate; to receive or be entitled to an estate in lands from another person by virtue of some species of title. Thus one is said to "take by purchase," "take by descent," "take a life-interest under the devise," etc. In re Bock, 125 Misc. 663, 211 N. Y. S. 621, 622.

Technically "inherit" is a word of limitation, and "take" is a word of purchase. Barmore v. Darragh (Tex. Civ. App.) 231 S. W. 472, 473.

To receive the verdict of a jury; to superintend the delivery of a verdict; to hold a court. The commission of assize in England empowers the judges to take the assize, that is, according to its ancient meaning, to take the verdict of a peculiar species of jury called an "assize;" but, in its present meaning, "to hold the assizes." 3 Bl. Comm. 59, 155. To choose; e. g., ad capiendas assisas, to choose a jury.

To procure or to obtain (an appeal). Nesvans v. Colomes, 136 La. 1051, 68 So. 122; Cochran v. State, 206 Ala. 74, 89 So. 278.

See, also, Taking.

TAKE AWAY. This term in a statute punishing every person who shall take away any female under 18 from her father for the purpose of prostitution requires only that such person procure or cause her to go away by some persuasion, enticement, or inducement offered, exercised, or held out to the girl, or by furnishing her the means or money with which to go away. State v. Corrigan, 226 Mo. 195, 171 S. W. 51, 54.

TAKE BACK. To revoke; to retract; as, to take back one's promise. Dimock State Bank v. Boehnne, 46 S. D. 50, 190 N. W. 485.

TAKE BY STEALTH. To steal; feloniously to take and carry away the personal goods of another; to take without right, secretly, and without leave or consent of the owner. Bosch v. State, 29 Okl. Cr. 290, 214 P. 563, 564.

TAKE CARE OF. To support; maintain; look after (a person). Ballenger v. Ballenger, 208 Ala. 147, 94 So. 127. To pay (a debt). Scranton Mercantile Co. v. E. Schneider & Co., 163 Ark. 336, 200 S. W. 426, 427.
TAKE EFFECT. To become operative or executed. Miller v. Oliver, 54 Cal. App. 495, 202 P. 188, 171.

TAKE OVER. To assume control or management of; not necessarily involving the transfer of absolute title. New York Trust Co. v. Farmers' Irr. Dist. (C. C. A.) 280 F. 785, 795. See, however, Knight v. First Nat. Bank (C. C. A.) 283 F. 968, 972.

TAKE UP. To pay or discharge (a note). Ashville Sav. Bank v. Lee, 214 Ala. 501, 103 So. 323, 327; McKenzie v. Smith, 18 Ga. App. 626, 69 S. E. 1097, 1098; Dilenbeck v. Herrold, 183 Iowa, 264, 164 N. W. 859, 870. Also, sometimes, to purchase a note. Dilenbeck v. Herrold, supra. To retire (a negotiable instrument); to discharge one's liability on it; —said particularly of an indorser or acceptor.

A party to a negotiable instrument, particularly an indorser or acceptor, is said to "take up" the paper, or to "retire" it, when he pays its amount, or substitutes other security for it, and receives it again into his own hands. See Hartzel v. McCurrg, 54 Neb. 316, 74 N. W. 628; McKenzie v. Smith, 18 Ga. App. 626, 69 S. E. 1097, 1098.

TAKENOKO. Chopped, cooked, and canned bamboo sprouts from Japan, used as a vegetable in a manner similar to asparagus. Nippon Co. v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 548, 549.

TAKER. One who takes or acquires; particularly, one who takes an estate by devise. When an estate is granted subject to a remainder or executory devise, the devisee of the immediate interest is called the "first taker."

TAKING. In criminal law and torts. The act of laying hold upon an article, with or without removing the same. It implies a transfer of possession, dominion, or control. See Take.

Under various statutes relating to sexual offenses, such as the abduction of a girl under the age of 18 years for the purpose of carnal intercourse, to constitute a "taking" no force, actual or constructive, need be exercised. State v. Lauer, 152 Minn. 279, 188 N. W. 558, 559. The "taking" may be effected by persuasion,enticement, or inducement. State v. Richards, 88 Wash. 160, 152 P. 720. And it is not necessary that the girl be taken from the control or against the will of those having lawful authority over her. State v. Lauer, 152 Minn. 279, 188 N. W. 558. But the state must prove conduct by defendant indicating a control, complete or partial, of her person, having sexual intercourse as its object. State v. Clough (Del. Gen. Sess.) 134 A. 172, 173.

TALC. A mineral compound, known as hydrous silicate of magnesium. United States v. R. C. Boeckel & Co. (C. C. A.) 221 F. 855, 856.

TALE. The count or counting of money. Said to be derived from the same root as "tally," Cowell. Whence also the modern word "teller."

In Old Pleading

The plaintiff's count, declaration, or narrative of his case. 3 Bl. Comm. 293.

TALES. Lat. Such; such men. A number of jurors added to a deficient panel to supply the deficiency. Nesbit v. People, 19 Colo. 441, 36 P. 221. See Shields v. Bank, 3 Hun (N. Y.) 477, 479. When, by means of challenges or any other cause, a sufficient number of unexceptionable jurors does not appear at the trial, either party may pray a "tales," as it is termed; that is, a supply of such men as are summoned on the first panel in order to make up the deficiency. Brown. See State v. Mc(jj)crystol, 43 La. Ann. 907, 9 So. 922; Railroad Co. v. Mask, 64 Miss. 738, 2 So. 360.

A list of such jurymen as were of the tales, kept in the king's bench office in England.

TALES DE CIRCUMSTANTIBUS. So many of the by-standers. The emphatic words of the old writ awarded to the sheriff to make up a deficiency of jurors out of the persons present in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 365.

The order of the judge for taking such by-standers as jurors. See Lee v. Harvard, 1 N. J. Law, 233; Fuller v. State, 1 Black. (Eng.) 63.

TALESMAN. A person summoned to act as a juror from among the by-standers in the court. Linehan v. State, 113 Ala. 70, 21 So. 497; Shields v. Niagara County Sav. Bank, 5 Thomp. & C. (N. Y.) 587. A person summoned as one of the tales added to a Jury. Webster, Diet.

TALIO. Lat. In the civil law. Like for like; punishment in the same kind; the punishment of an injury by an act of the same kind, as an eye for an eye, a limb for a limb, etc. Calvin.

Talis interpretatio semper fienda est, ut evitetur absurdum et inconveniens, et ne judicium sit illusorium. 1 Coke, 52. Interpretation is always to be made in such a manner that what is absurd and inconvenient may be avoided, and the judgment be not illusory or nugatory.

Talis non est edem; nam nullum simile est idem. 4 Coke, 18. What is like is not the same; for nothing similar is the same.

Talis res, vel tale rectum, quae vel quod non est in homine adnune superstite sed tantummodo est et consistat in consideratione et intelligentia legis, at quod aliis dixerunt talem non vel tale rectum foro in nubibus. Such a thing or such a right as is not vested in a person then living, but merely exists in the consideration and contemplation of law [is said to be in abeyance] and others have said that such a
thing or such a right is in the clouds. Co. Litt. 342.

TALITER PROCESSUM EST. "So it has proceeded." Words formerly used in pleading, by which a defendant, in justifying his conduct by the process of an inferior court, alleged the proceedings in such inferior court. Steph. Pl. 5th ed. p. 309. Upon pleading the judgment of an inferior court, the proceedings preliminary to such judgment, and on which the same was founded, must, to some extent, appear in the pleading, but the rule is that they may be alleged with a general allegation that "such proceedings were had," instead of a detailed account of the proceedings themselves, and this general allegation is called the "taliter processum est." A like concise mode of stating former proceedings in a suit is adopted at the present day in chancery proceedings upon petitions and in actions in the nature of bills of revivor and supplement. Brown.

TALLAGE, or TAILLAGE. A piece cut out of the whole. Cowell. Used metaphorically for a share of a man's substance paid by way of tribute, toll, or tax, being derived from the French "taille," which signifies to cut a piece out of the whole. Cowell. See State v. Switzler, 143 Mo. 257, 45 S. W. 245, 40 La. A. 280, 65 Am. St. Rep. 653; Lake Shore, etc., R. Co. v. Grand Rapids, 102 Mich. 374, 66 N. W. 707, 29 La. A. 195. A term used to denote subsidies, taxes, customs, and, indeed, any imposition whatsoever by the government for the purpose of raising a revenue. Bacon, Abr. Smuggling, etc. (B); Fort. De Laun. 26; Madd. Exch. c. 17; Co. 2d Inst. 531. A tax upon cities, townships and boroughs granted to the king as a part of the royal revenue. 2 Steph. Com. 622; 1 Poll. & Matt. 647.

TALLAGER. A tax or toll gatherer; mentioned by Chaucer (and spelled "talaliger").

TALLAGIUM. L. Lat. A term including all taxes. 2 Inst. 532; People v. Brooklyn, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 551; Bernard's Tp. v. Allen, 61 N. J. Law, 228, 39 A. 716.

TALLAGIUM FACERE. To give up accounts in the exchequer, where the method of accounting was by tallies.

TALLATIO. A keeping account by tallies. Cowell.

TALLEY, or TALLY. A stick cut into two parts, on each whereof is marked, with notches or otherwise, what is due between debtor and creditor. It was the ancient mode of keeping accounts. One part was held by the creditor, and the other by the debtor. The use of tallies in the exchequer was abolished by St. 23 Geo. III. c. 82, and the old tallies were ordered to be destroyed by St. 4 & 5 Wm. IV. c. 15. Wharton. By the custom of London, sealed tallies were effectual as a deed. Liber Albus 191a. They are admissible by the French and Italian Codes as evidence between traders. It is said that they were negotiable. See Penny Encycl.; Hall, Antq. of Exch, 118.

—Tallies of loan. A term originally used in England to describe exchequer bills, which were issued by the officers of the exchequer when a temporary loan was necessary to meet the exigencies of the government, and charged on the credit of the exchequer in general, and made assignable from one person to another. Briscoe v. Bank of Kentucky, 11 Pet. 328, 9 L. Ed. 769.

—Tally trade. A system of dealing by which dealers furnish certain articles on credit, upon an agreement for the payment of the stipulated price by certain weekly or monthly installments. McCul. Dict.

TALLIA. L. Lat. A tax or tribute; tallage; a share taken or cut out of any one's income or means. Spelman.

TALMUD. A work which embodies the civil and canonical law of the Jewish people.

TALTARUM'S CASE. A case reported in Yearb. 12 Edw. IV. 19-21, which is regarded as having established the foundation of common recoveries.

TAM QUAM. A phrase used as the name of a writ of error from inferior courts, when the error is supposed to be as well in giving the judgment as in awarding execution upon it. (Tam in redittione judicili, quam in adjudications executionis.)

Venire Tam Quam
One by which a jury was summoned, as well to try an issue as to inquire of the damages on a default. 2 Tidd, Pr. 722, 885.

TAME. Domesticated; accustomed to man; reclaimed from a natural state of wildness. In the Latin phrase, tame animals are described as domita naturae.

TAMEN. Lat. Notwithstanding; nevertheless; yet.

TANGIBLE PROPERTY. Goods, wares, and merchandise. In re Arbl's Estate, 127 Misc. 820, 218 N. Y. S. 222, 522. Such property as may be seen, weighed, measured, and estimated by the physical senses, and which is capable of being possessed. People ex rel. Astor Trust Co. v. State Tax Commission, 160 N. Y. S. 545, 855, 174 App. Div. 320. Property which may be touched; such as is perceptible to the senses; corporeal property, whether real or personal. The phrase is used in opposition to such species of property as patents, franchises, copyrights, rents, ways, and incorporeal property generally.

TANISTRY. In old Irish law. A species of tenure, found on ancient usage, which allotted the inheritance of lands, castles, etc., to the "oldest and worthiest man of the de-
ceased’s name and blood.” It was abolished in the reign of James I. Jacob: Wharton.


TANKAGE. Waste matter from tanks, especially the dried, nitrogenous residue from tanks, in which fat has been rendered, used as a fertilizer. Jenkins v. Springfield Reduction & Chemical Co., 119 Mo. App. 534, 154 S. W. 832, 834. The refuse of meat-packing houses, unfit for human consumption, is known as “tankage” or “liquid stick” according to its water content. Darling & Co. v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 86, 87.

TANNERIA. In old English law. Tannery; the trade or business of a tanner. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 52, § 35.


TANTO, RIGHT OF. In Mexican law. The right enjoyed by an usufructuary of property, of buying the property at the same price at which the owner offers it to any other person, or is willing to take from another. Civ. Code Mex. art. 902.

Tantum bona va’ent, quantum vendi possunt. Shep. Touch. 142. Goods are worth so much as they can be sold for. 3 Inst. 306.

Tantum habent de lege, quantum habent de justitia. (Precedents) have value in the law to the extent that they represent justice. Hob. 270.

TARDE VENIT. Lat. In practice. The name of a return made by the sheriff to a writ, when it came into his hands too late to be executed before the return-day.

TARE. A deficiency in the weight or quantity of merchandise by reason of the weight of the box, cask, bag, or other receptacle which contains it and is weighed with it. Also an allowance or abatement of a certain weight or quantity which the seller makes to the buyer, on account of the weight of such box, cask, etc. Napier v. Barney, 5 Blatchf. 191, 17 Fed. Cas. 1149. See Tret.

TIFF. A cartel of commerce, a book of rates, a table or catalogue, drawn usually in alphabetical order, containing the names of several kinds of merchandise, with the duties or customs to be paid for the same, as settled by authority, or agreed on between the several princes and states that hold commerce together. Enc. Lond.; Railway Co. v. Cushman, 92 Tex. 623, 50 S. W. 1099; Pacific S. S. Co. v. Cockett (C. C. A.) 5 F.(2d) 259, 261.

The list or schedule of articles on which a duty is imposed upon their importation into the United States, with the rates at which they are severally taxed. Also the custom or duty payable on such articles. And, derivatively, the system or principle of imposing duties on the importation of foreign merchandise.


TATH. In the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, the lords of manors anciently claimed the privilege of having their tenants’ flocks or sheep brought at night upon their own demesne lands, there to be folded for the improvement of the ground, which liberty was called by the name of the “tath.” Spelman.

TAURI LIBERI LIBERTAS. Lat. A common bull; because he was free to all the tenants within such a manor, liberty, etc.

TAUTOLOGY. Describing the same thing twice in one sentence in equivalent terms; a fault in rhetoric. It differs from repetition or iteration, which is repeating the same sentence in the same or equivalent terms; the latter is sometimes either excusable or necessary in an argument or address; the former (tautology) never. Wharton.


Tavern Keeper. One who keeps a tavern. One who keeps an inn; an innkeeper.

Taverner. In old English law. A seller of wine; one who kept a house or shop for the sale of wine.

Tax. v. To impose a tax; to enact or declare that a pecuniary contribution shall be made by the persons liable, for the support of government. Spoken of an individual, to be taxed is to be included in an assessment made for purposes of taxation.

In Practice

To assess or determine; to liquidate, adjust, or settle. Spoken particularly of taxing costs (q. v.).

Taxes are the enforced proportional contribution of persons and property, levied by the authority of the state for the support of the government, and for all public needs; portions of the property of the citizen, demanded and received by the government, to be disposed of to enable it to discharge its functions. Opinion of Justices, 58 Me. 590; Moog v. Randolph, 77 Ala. 597; Palmer v. Way, 6 Colo. 106; Wagner v. Rock Island, 146 Ill. 139, 34 N. E. 545, 21 L. R. A. 519; In re Hun, 144 N. Y. 472, 39 N. E. 376; Taylor v. Boyd, 63 Tex. 533; Morgan's Co. v. State Board of Health, 118 U. S. 455, 6 S. Ct. 1114, 30 L. Ed. 237; Dranga v. Rowe, 127 Cal. 508, 59 P. 944; McClelland v. State, 138 Ind. 321, 37 N. E. 1059; Hanson v. Vernon, 27 Iowa, 28, 1 Am. Rep. 215; Bonaparte v. State, 63 Md. 465; Pittsburgh, etc., R. Co. v. State, 49 Ohio St. 139, 30 N. E. 435, 16 L. R. A. 359; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Decatur, 147 U. S. 190, 13 S. Ct. 293, 37 L. Ed. 132.

In a general sense, a tax is any contribution imposed by government upon individuals, for the use and service of the state, whether under the name of toll, tribute, tallage, gable, impost, duty, custom, excise, subsidy, aid, supply, or other name. Story, Const. § 950.

Synonyms

In a broad sense, taxes undoubtedly include assessments, and the right to impose assessments has its foundation in the taxing power of the government; and yet, in practice and as generally understood, there is a broad distinction between the two terms. "Taxes," as the term is generally used, are public burdens imposed generally upon the inhabitants of the whole state, or upon some civil division thereof, for governmental purposes, without reference to peculiar benefits to particular individuals or property. "Assessments" have reference to impositions for improvements which are specially beneficial to particular individuals or property, and which are imposed in proportion to the particular benefits supposed to be conferred. They are justified only because the improvements confer special benefits, and are just only when they are divided in proportion to such benefits. Roosevelt Hospital v. New York, 94 N. Y. 112. As distinguished from other kinds of taxation, "assessments" are those special and local impositions upon property in the immediate vicinity of municipal improvements which are necessary to pay for the improvement, and are laid with reference to the special benefit which the property is supposed to have derived therefrom. Hale v. Kenoshia, 29 Wis. 599; Rideonour v. Saffin, 1 Handy (Ohio) 464; King v. Portland, 2 Or. 146; Williams v. Corcoran, 46 Cal. 553; State v. Moenter, 99 Ohio St. 110, 124 N. E. 70, 72; Shaver v. Rice, 209 Ky. 467, 273 S. W. 48, 51; Jackson v. Board of Education of Cedarville Tp. Rural School Dist., Greene County, 115 Ohio St. 368, 154 N. E. 247, 248; Warren v. Lower Salt Creek Drainage Dist. of Logan County, 316 Ill. 345, 147 N. E. 248, 249; Board of Drainage Com's of McCreary County v. Graves County, 209 Ky. 193, 272 S. W. 357, 358; Carlyle v. Bartels, 215 Ill. 271, 148 N. E. 192, 193; State v. Mikelson, 24 N. D. 175, 130 N. W. 525, 527; In re Walker River Irrigation Dist., 4 Nev. 231, 195 P. 327, 330; Withrow v. Board of Drainage Com's of Powder Springs Creek Drainage Dist. No. 2, 155 Ga. 476, 117 S. E. 329, 330.

Taxes differ from subsidies, in being certain and orderly, and from forced contributions, etc., in that they are levied by authority of law, and by some rule of proportion which is intended to insure uniformity of contribution, and a just apportionment of the burdens of government. Cooley, Tax'n, 2.

The words "tax" and "excise," although often used as synonymous, are to be considered as having entirely distinct and separate significations. The former is a charge apportioned either among the whole people of the state, or those residing within certain districts, municipalities, or sections. It is required to be imposed, as we shall more fully explain hereafter, so that, if levied for the public charges of government, it shall be shared according to the estate, real and personal, which each person may possess; or, if raised to defray the cost of some local government of a public nature, it shall be borne by those who will receive some special and peculiar benefit or advantage which an expenditure of money for a public object may cause to
those on whom the tax is assessed. An excise, on the other hand, is of a different character. It is based on no rule of apportionment or equality whatever. It is a fixed, absolute, and direct charge laid on merchandise, products, or commodities, without any regard to the amount of property belonging to those on whom it may fall, or to any supposed relation between money expended for a public object and a special benefit occasioned to those by whom the charge is to be paid. Oliver v. Washington Mills, 11 Allen (Mass.) 274.

In General

—Ad valorem tax. See Ad Valorem.

—Capitation tax. See that title.

—Collateral inheritance tax. See Collateral Inheritance.

—Direct tax. A direct tax is one which is demanded from the very persons who, it is intended or desired, should pay it. Indirect taxes are those which are demanded from one person, in the expectation and intention that he shall indemnify himself at the expense of another. Mill, Pol. Econ. Taxes are divided into “direct,” under which designation would be included those which are assessed upon the property, person, business, income, etc., of those who are to pay them, and “indirect,” or those which are levied on commodities before they reach the consumer, and are paid by those upon whom they ultimately fall, not as taxes, but as part of the market price of the commodity. Cooley, Tax’n, 6.


—Floor tax. A tax on all the distilled spirits “on the floor” of a warehouse, i. e., in the warehouse. Greenbrier Distillery Co. v. U. S. (D. C.) 288 F. 893, 895.

—Franchise tax. See Franchise.

—Income tax. See Income.

—Indirect taxes are those demanded in the first instance from one person in the expectation and intention that he shall indemnify himself at the expense of another. “Ordinarily all taxes paid primarily by persons who can shift the burden upon some one else, or who are under no legal compulsion to pay them, are considered indirect taxes.” Pollock v. Farmers’ L. & T. Co., 157 U. S. 429, 23 L. Ed. 99; Springer v. U. S., 102 U. S. 602, 26 L. Ed. 253; Thomasson v. State, 15 Ind. 451; Foster & Creighton Co. v. Graham, 154 Tenn. 412, 288 S. W. 570, 572, 47 A. L. R. 871.

—Inheritance tax. See Inheritance.

—License tax. See License.

—Local taxes. Those assessments which are limited to certain districts, as poor-rates, parochial taxes, county rates, municipal taxes, etc.

—Occupation tax. See Occupation.

—Parliamentary taxes. Such taxes as are imposed directly by act of parliament, i. e., by the legislature itself, as distinguished from those which are imposed by private individuals or bodies under the authority of an act of parliament. Thus, a sewers rate, not being imposed directly by act of parliament, but by certain persons termed “commissioners of sewers,” is not a parliamentary tax; whereas the income tax, which is directly imposed, and the amount also fixed, by act of parliament, is a parliamentary tax. Brown.

—Personal tax. This term may mean either a tax imposed on the person without reference to property, as a capitation or poll tax, or a tax imposed on personal property, as distinguished from one laid on real property. See Jack v. Walker (C. C.) 79 F. 141; Potter v. Ross, 28 N. J. Law, 517; Bates’ Ann. St. Ohio, 1894, § 2860 (Gen. Code, § 5321).

—Poll tax. See that title.

—Proportional taxes. Taxes are “proportional” when the proportion paid by each taxpayer bears the same ratio to the amount to be raised that the value of his property bears to the total taxable value, and in the case of a special tax when that is apportioned according to the benefits received. In re Opinion of the Justices, 220 Mass. 613, 108 N. E. 570, 572; Perkins v. Inhabitants of Town of Westwood, 226 Mass. 268, 115 N. E. 411, 412; In re Opinion of the Justices, 77 N. H. 611, 93 A. 311, 312.

—Public tax. A tax levied for some general public purpose or for the purposes of the gen-

—Sinking fund tax. See Fund.

—Specific tax. A tax imposed as a fixed sum on each article or item of property of a given class or kind, without regard to its value; opposed to ad valorem tax.

—Succession tax. See Succession.

—Tax certificate. A certificate of the purchase of land at a tax sale thereof, given by the officer making the sale, and which is evidence of the holder's right to receive a deed of the land if it is not redeemed within the time limited by law. See Eaton v. Manitowoc County, 44 Wis. 492; Nelson v. Central Land Co., 35 Minn. 408, 29 N. W. 121.

—Tax-deed. The conveyance given upon a sale of lands made for non-payment of taxes; the deed whereby the officer of the law undertakes to convey the title of the proprietor to the purchaser at the tax-sale.

—Tax lease. The instrument (or estate) given to the purchaser of land at a tax sale, where the law does not permit the sale of the estate in fee for non-payment of taxes, but instead thereof directs the sale of an estate for years.

—Tax levy. The total sum to be raised by a tax. Also the bill, enactment, or measure of legislation by which an annual or general tax is imposed.

—Tax-lien. A statutory lien, existing in favor of the state or municipality, upon the lands of a person charged with taxes, binding the same either for the taxes assessed upon the specific tract of land or (in some jurisdictions) for all the taxes due from the individual, and which may be foreclosed for non-payment, by judgment of a court or sale of the land.

—Taxpayer. A person chargeable with a tax; one from whom government demands a pecuniary contribution towards its support.

—Taxpayers' lists. Written exhibits required to be made out by the taxpayers resident in a district, enumerating all the property owned by them and subject to taxation, to be handed to the assessors, at a specified date or at regular periods, as a basis for assessment and valuation.

—Tax purchaser. A person who buys land at a tax-sale; the person to whom land, at a tax-sale thereof, is struck down.

—Tax roll. See Roll.

—Tax sale. See Sale.

—Tax-title. The title by which one holds land which he purchased at a tax sale. That species of title which is inaugurated by a successful bid for land at a collector's sale of the same for non-payment of taxes, completed by the failure of those entitled to redeem within the specified time, and evidenced by the deed executed to the tax purchaser, or his assignee, by the proper officer.

—Taxing district. The district throughout which a particular tax or assessment is ratably apportioned and levied upon the inhabitants; it may comprise the whole state, one county, a city, a ward, or part of a street.

—Tonnage tax. See Tonnage Duty.

—Wheel tax. A tax on wheeled vehicles of some or all kinds and bicycles.

—Window tax. See Window.

TAXA. L. Lat. A tax. Spelman.

In Old Records
An allotted piece of work; a task.

TAXABLE. Subject to taxation; liable to be assessed, along with others, for a share in a tax. Persons subject to taxation are sometimes called "taxables;" so property which may be assessed for taxation is said to be taxable.

Applied to costs in an action, the word means proper to be taxed or charged up; legally chargeable or assessable.

TAXARE. Lat. To rate or value. Calvin.

To tax; to lay a tax or tribute. Spelman.

In Old English Practice
To assess; to rate or estimate; to moderate or regulate an assessment or rate.

TAXATI. In old European law. Sold'ers of a garrison or fleet, assigned to a certain station. Spelman.

TAXATIO. Lat. In Roman law. Taxation or assessment of damages; the assessment, by the judge, of the amount of damages to be awarded to a plaintiff, and particularly in the way of reducing the amount claimed or sworn to by the latter.

TAXATIO ECCLESIASTICA. The value of ecclesiastical benefices made through every diocese in England, on occasion of Pope Innocent IV. granting to King Henry III. the tenth of all spirituals for three years. This taxation was first made by Walter, bishop of Norwich, delegated by the pope to this office in 38 Hen. III., and hence called "Taxatio Norwicensis." It is also called "Pope Innocent's Valor." Wharton.

TAXATIO EXPENSARUM. In old English practice. Taxation of costs.

TAXATIO NORWICENSIS. A valuation of ecclesiastical benefices made through every diocese in England, by Walter, bishop of Norwich, delegated by the pope to this office in 38 Hen. III. Cowell.
TAXATION. The imposition of a tax; the act or process of imposing and levying a pecuniary charge or enforced contribution, rata- 
ble, or proportioned to value or some other standard, upon persons or property, by or on behalf of a government or one of its divisions 
or agencies, for the purpose of providing revenue for the maintenance and expenses of gov-
ernment.

The term "taxation," both in common parlance and in the laws of the several states, has been ordi-
narily used, not to express the idea of the sovereign 
power which is exercised, but the exercise of that 
power for a particular purpose, viz., to raise a reve-
 nue for the general and ordinary expenses of the 
government, whether it be the state, county, town, or city government. But there is another class of ex-
 penses, also of a public nature, necessary to be pro-
vided for, peculiar to the local government of coun-
ties, cities, towns, and even smaller subdivisions, 
such as opening, grading, improving in various 
ways, and repairing highways and streets, and con-
 structing sewers in cities, and canals and ditches for 
the purpose of drainage in the country. They are 
generally of peculiar local benefit. These burdens 
have always, in every state, from its first settlement, 
been charged upon the localities benefited, and have 
been apportioned upon various principles; but, 
whatever principle of apportionment has been adopt-
ed, they have been known, both in the legislation and 
ordinary speech of the country, by the name of "as-
sessments." Assessments have also, very generally, 
if not always, been apportioned upon principles dif-
ferent from those adopted in "taxation," in the ordi-
nary sense of that term; and any one can see, 
upon a moment's reflection, that the apportionment, 
to bear equally, and do substantial justice to all 
parties, must be made upon a different principle 
from that adopted in "taxation," so called. Emery 

The differences between taxation and taking prop-
erty in right of eminent domain are that taxation 
exacts money or services from individuals, as and 
for their respective shares of contribution to any 
public burden; while private property taken for 
public use, by right of eminent domain, is taken, 
not as the owner's share of contribution to a public 
burden, but as so much beyond his share, and for 
which compensation must be made. Moreover, tax-
ation operates upon a community, or upon a class of 
persons in a community, and by some rule of apportion-
ment; while eminent domain operates upon an 
individual, and without reference to the amount or 
value exacted from any other individual, or class of 
individuals. People v. Brooklyn, 4 N. Y. 419, 55 
Am. Dec. 268.

Double Taxation

See Double.

Taxation of Costs

In practice. The process of ascertaining and 
charging up the amount of costs in an ac-
tion to which a party is legally entitled, or 
which are legally chargeable. And, in Eng-
lish practice, the process of examining the 
items in an attorney's bill of costs and mak-
ing the proper deductions, if any.

TAXERS. Two officers yearly chosen in Cam-
bridge, England, to see the true gauge of all 
the weights and measures.

TAXICAB. A vehicle which operates from a 
fixed station at which the driver receives pas-
sengers or receives telephone calls directing 
where the passengers will be found, and 
which drives to the destination of their pas-
sengers over any streets which are available 
for such travel. Frick v. City of Gary, 192 
Ind. 7, 135 N. E. 346, 347. A conveyance sim-
ilar to a hackney carriage, held for public 
hire at designated places, subject to munici-
pal control. Anderson v. Yellow Cab Co., 
178 Wis. 300, 191 N. W. 748, 750, 51 A. L. R. 
1197. Taxicabs are now so generally in use 
that they are included in the class of common 
Co., 53 Pa. Super. Ct. 78, 82; Kerr v. Pennsyl-
vania & Reading Ry. Co., Id., 83; City of 
Memphis v. State, 133 Tenn. 86, 179 S. W. 
634, L. R. A. 1916B, 1151, Am. Cas. 1917C, 
1056. A coach driven by mechanical power 
on which a taximeter is affixed. People v. 
Cuneen, 94 Misc. 500, 159 N. Y. S. 967, 968.

TAXING MASTER. See Master.

TAXING OFFICER. Each house of parlia-
ment has a taxing officer, whose duty it is to 
tax the costs incurred by the promoters or 
opponents of private bills. May, Parl. Pr. 
843.

TAXING POWER. The power of any gov-
ernment to levy taxes.

TAXT-WARD. An annual payment made to 
a superior in Scotland, instead of the duties 
due to him under the tenure of ward-holding. 
Abolished. Wharton.

TEA CHEST. A box containing a definite 
and prescribed amount of tea, otherwise 
called whole chest (a hundred weight to 140 
pounds or more), now seldom shipped, the 
smaller package being spoken of as half 
chest (75 to 80 pounds, but the weight varies 
according to the kind of ten), and quarter 
chest (from 25 to 30 pounds) and thus a "tea 
chest" in the language of the trade is under-
stood to be a half chest and not a whole 
chest. Japan Tea Co. v. Franklin MacVeagh 

TEACH. To impart knowledge by means of 
lessons; to give instruction in; communicating 
knowledge; introducing into or impressing on 
the mind as truth or information, and may be 
done as well through written communications, 
personal direction, through the public press, or 
through any means by which information may be disseminated, or 
it may be done by the adoption of sentiment 
expressed or arguments made by others 
which are distributed to others for their 
adoption and guidance. Ex parte Bernat (D. 
C), 255 F. 429, 482.

TEACHER. One who teaches or instructs; 
especially one whose business or occupation 
is to teach others; an instructor; preceptor.

TEAM, or THEAME. In old English law. A royalty or privilege granted, by royal charter, to a lord of a manor, for the having, restraining, and judging of bondmen and villeins, with their children, goods, and chattels, etc. Glan. lib. 5, c. 2.

TEAM TRACK. "Team tracks" are analogous to freight depots in that they bear the same relation to carload freight that such depots bear to less than carload freight. Shipper.s have no part in their construction or maintenance. There is a difference between "industrial tracks" and "team tracks." The former are for the handling of carload freight from and to such plants. The cost of construction is usually borne in part by the owners of the plants. Carload freight is switched to and from the plants irrespective of whether the carrier performing the switching service participated in the line haul or not. Miller Engineering Co. v. Louisiana Ry. & Nav. Co., 144 La. 756, 81 So. 314, 317; Miller Engineering Co. v. Louisiana Ry. & Nav. Co., 144 La. 756, 81 So. 314, 317.

TEAM WORK. Within the meaning of an exemption law, this term means work done by a team as a substantial part of a man's business; as in farming, staging, express carrying, drawing of freight, peddling, or the transportation of material or dealt in as a business. Hickok v. Thayer, 49 Vt. 375.


TECHNICAL MORTGAGE. A true and formal mortgage, as distinguished from other instruments which, in some respects, have the character of equitable mortgages. Harrison v. Annapolis & E. R. R. Co., 50 Md. 514.

TEDDING. Spreading. Tedding grass is spreading it out after it is cut in the swath. 10 East, 5.

TEDING-PENNY. In old English law. A small tax or allowance to the sheriff from each titling of his county towards the charge of keeping courts, etc. Cowell.

TEEP. In Hindu law. A note of hand; a promissory note given by a native banker or money-lender to semindars and others, to enable them to furnish government with security for the payment of their rents. Wharton.

TEGULA. In the civil law. A tile. Dig. 19, 1, 15.

TEIND COURT. In Scotch law. A court which has jurisdiction of matters relating to teinds, or tithes.

TEIND MASTERS. Those entitled to tithes.

TEINDS. In Scotch law. A term corresponding to tithes (q. v.) in English ecclesiastical law.

TEINLAND. Sax. In old English law. Land of a thane or Saxon noble; land granted by the crown to a thane or lord. Cowell; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 5.

TELEGRAM. A telegraphic dispatch; a message sent by telegraph.

TELEGRAPH. In the English telegraph act of 1863, the word is defined as "a wire or wires used for the purpose of telegraphic communication, with any casing, coating,

TELEGRAPHIC. A word occasionally used in old English law to describe ancient documents or written evidence of things past. Blount.

TELEPHONE. In a general sense, the name "telephone" applies to any instrument or apparatus which transmits sound beyond the limits of ordinary audibility. But, since the recent discoveries in telephony, the name is technically and primarily restricted to an instrument or device which transmits sound by means of electricity and wires similar to telegraphic wires. In a secondary sense, however, being the sense in which it is most commonly understood, the word “telephone” constitutes a generic term, having reference generally to the art of telephony as an institution, but more particularly to the apparatus, as an entirety, ordinarily used in the transmission, as well as in the reception, of telephonic messages. Hockett v. State, 105 Ind. 261, 5 N. E. 178, 55 Am. Rep. 201; State Public Utilities Commission ex rel. Chicago Telephone Co. v. Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., 285 Ill. 411, 120 N. E. 795, 796.

TELESCOPIC. The word "telescopic" covers the thought of one part fitted within another, and by sliding or working, one against the other, producing prolongation or retraction. Weber Electric Co. v. Connecticut Electric Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.) 263 F. 583, 585.

TELLER. One who numbers or counts. An officer of a bank who receives or pays out money. Also one appointed to count the votes cast in a deliberative or legislative assembly or other meeting. The name was also given to certain officers formerly attached to the English exchequer.

The teller is a considerable officer in the exchequer, of which offices there are four, whose office is to receive all money due to the king, and to give the clerk of the peers a bill to charge him therewith. They also pay to all persons any money payable by the king, and make weekly and yearly books of their receipts and payments, which they deliver to the lord treasurer. Cowell; Jacob.

TELLERS IN PARLIAMENT. In the language of parliament, the "tellers" are the members of the house selected to count the members when a division takes place. In the house of lords a division is effected by the "non-contents" remaining within the bar, and the "contents" going below it, a teller being appointed for each party. In the commons the "aye"s" go into the lobby at one end of the house, and the "noe"s" into the lobby at the other end, the house itself being perfectly empty, and two tellers being appointed for each party. May, Parl. Pr.; Brown.

TELEGRAFUM. An Anglo-Saxon charter of land. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 1, p. 10.

TELLTALES. In railroad practice ropes suspended from a wire across the track warning of a low bridge. West v. R. Co., 179 F. 501, 106 C. C. A. 293.

TELLWorc. That labor which a tenant was bound to do for his lord for a certain number of days.

TEMENAL, or TENEMENTAL. A tax of two shillings upon every plow-land, a decennary.

TEMERE. Lat. In the civil law. Rashly; inconsiderately. A plaintiff was said temere litigare who demanded a thing out of malice, or sued without just cause, and who could show no ground or cause of action. Brisonius.

TEMPERANCE. Habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions; restrained or moderate indulgence; moderation; as temperance in eating and drinking; temperance in the indulgence of joy or mirth. Web. Dict. in People v. Dushay, 54 Cal. 123, 24 P. 277, 12 L. R. A. 117.

TEMPEST. A violent or furious storm; a current of wind rushing with extreme violence, and usually accompanied with rain or snow. See Stover v. Insurance Co., 3 Phila. (Pa.) 39; Thistle v. Union Forwarding Co., 29 U. C. C. P. 54.

TEMPLARS. A religious order of knighthood, instituted about the year 1119, and so called because the members dwelt in a part of the temple of Jerusalem, and not far from the sepulcher of our Lord. They entertained Christian strangers and pilgrims charitably, and their profession was at first to defend travelers from highwaymen and robbers. The order was suppressed A. D. 1307, and their substance given partly to the knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and partly to other religious orders. Brown.

TEMPLE. Two English inns of court, thus called because ancietly the dwelling place of the Knights Templar. On the suppression of the order, they were purchased by some professors of the common law, and converted into hostilia or inns of court. They are called the “Inner” and “Middle Temple,” in relation to Essex House, which was also a
part of the house of the Templars, and called the “Outer Temple,” because situated without Tempie Bar. Enc. Lond.

TEMPORAL LORDS. The peers of England; the bishops are not in strictness held to be peers, but merely lords of parliament, 2 Stepb. Comm. 336, 345.

TEMPORALIS. Lat. In the civil law. Temporary; limited to a certain time.

TEMPORALIS ACTIO. An action which could only be brought within a certain period.

TEMPORALIS EXCEPTION. A temporary exception which barred an action for a time only.

TEMPORALITIES. In English law. The lay fees of bishops, with which their churches are endowed or permitted to be endowed by the liberality of the sovereign, and in virtue of which they become barons and lords of parliament. Spelman. In a wider sense, the money revenues of a church, derived from pew rents, subscriptions, donations, collections, cemetery charges, and other sources. See Barabasz v. Kabat, 86 Md. 28, 37 A. 720.

TEMPORALITY. The laity; secular people.

TEMPORARILY. Lasting for a time only, existing or continuing for a limited time, not of long duration, not permanent, transitory, changing, but a short time. Young v. Povich, 121 Me. 141, 116 A. 26, 27, 29 A. L. R. 48; Burdine v. Sewell, 92 Fla. 375, 109 So. 648, 673; Vercruysse v. Ulaga, 229 Mich. 49, 201 N. W. 192, 193.


As to temporary "Disability" and "Insanity," see those titles.

TEMPORE. Lat. In the time of. Thus, the volume called "Cases tempore Holt" is a collection of cases adjudged in the king's bench during the time of Lord Holt. Wall. Rep. 398.

TEMPORIS EXCEPTION. Lat. In the civil law. A plea of time; a plea of lapse of time, in bar of an action. Corresponding to the plea of prescription, or the statute of limitations, in our law. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 218.

TEMPSUS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Time in general. A time limited; a season; e.g., tempus pessenis, mast in the forest.

TEMPSUS CONTINUUM. In the civil law. A continuous or absolute period of time. A term which begins to run from a certain event, even though he for whom it runs has no knowledge of the event, and in which, when it has once begun to run, all the days are reckoned as they follow one another in the calendar. Dig. 3, 2, 8; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 195.

Tempsus enim modus tollendi obligationes et actiones, quia tempus omittit contra desideres et suos contemnentes. For time is a means of destroying obligations and actions, because time runs against the slothful and contemners of their own rights. Flota, I. 4, c. 5, § 12.

TEMPSUS SEMESTRE. In old English law. The period of six months or half a year, consisting of one hundred and eighty-two days. Cro. Jac. 196.

TEMPSUS UTILE. In the civil law. A profitable or advantageous period of time. A term which begins to run from a certain event, only when he for whom it runs has obtained a knowledge of the event, and in which, when it has once begun to run, these days are not reckoned on which one has no capacity potestas; i.e., on which one cannot prosecute his rights before a court. Dig. 3, 6, 6; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 195. A period of time which runs beneficially: i.e., feast-days are not included, nor does it run against one absent in a foreign country, or on business of the republic, or detained by stress of weather. But one detained by sickness is not protected from its running; for it runs where there is power to act by an agent as well as where there is power to act personally; and the sick man might have deputed his agent. Calvius.
TENANCY.

The Estate of a Tenant

The estate of a tenant, as in the expressions “joint tenancy,” “tenancy in common.”

The Term or Interest of a Tenant

The term or interest of a tenant for years or at will, as when we say that a lessee must remove his fixtures during his tenancy, Sweet.

In General

—General tenancy. A tenancy which is not fixed and made certain in point of duration by the agreement of the parties. Brown v. Bragg, 22 Ind. 122.

—Joint tenancy. An estate in joint tenancy is an estate in fee-simple, fee-tail, for life, for years, or at will, arising by purchase or grant to two or more persons. Joint tenants have one and the same interest, accruing by one and the same conveyance, commencing at one and the same time, and held by one and the same undivided possession. The grand incident of joint tenancy is survivorship, by which the entire tenancy on the decease of any joint tenant remains to the survivors, and at length to the last survivor. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1292; Simons v. McLain, 51 Kan. 153, 32 F. 619; Thornburg v. Wiggins, 135 Ind. 178, 34 N. E. 996; 22 L. R. A. 42, 41 Am. St. Rep. 422; Appeal of Lewis, 85 Mich. 349, 48 N. W. 586, 24 Am. St. Rep. 94; Redemptorist Fathers v. Lawler, 205 Pa. 24, 54 A. 487; Equitable Life Assur. Soc. of the United States v. Weightman, 61 Okl. 106, 160 P. 629, 632, L. R. A. 1917E, 1210; Appeal of Garland, 126 Me. 84, 136 A. 459, 464; Furman v. Brewer, 38 Cal. App. 637, 177 P. 465, 496; Burton v. Cahill, 192 N. C. 505, 135 S. E. 332, 333; Fleming v. Fleming, 194 Iowa 71, 174 N. W. 946, 950; Greenwood v. Bennett, 208 Ala. 680, 95 So. 159, 164; Liese v. Hentze, 326 Ill. 633, 158 N. E. 428; Van Ausdall v. Van Ausdall, 48 L. R. A. 106, 135 A. 850, 851; In re Huggins’ Estate, 96 N. J. Eq. 273, 125 A. 27, 30. A joint interest is one owned by several persons in equal shares, by a title created by a single will or transfer, when expressly declared in the will or transfer to be a joint tenancy, or when granted or devised to executors or trustees as joint tenants. Civ. Code Cal. § 833.

—Several tenancy. A tenancy which is separate, and not held jointly with another person.

—Tenancy at sufferance, or at will. This is the lowest and lowest estate which can subsist in reality. It is in strictness not an estate, but a mere possession only. It arises when a person, after his right to the occupation, under a lawful title, is at an end, continues (having no title at all) in possession of the land, without the agreement or disagreement of the person in whom the right of possession resides. 2 Bl. Comm. 150; Crawford v. Crawford, 139 Ga. 394, 77 S. E. 557, 559; Arnold Realty Co. v. William K. Toole Co., 48 R. I. 204, 125 A. 303, 305; Hartman v. C. A. Hopper & Co., 177 Cal. 414, 170 P. 1115, 1119; Rourke v. Fraser, 43 R. I. 71, 110 A. 377; Rutledge v. White, 206 Ala. 329, 95 So. 599; Molter v. Spencer, 173 Wis. 38, 180 N. W. 261; Hancock v. Maurer, 103 Okl. 186, 229 P. 611, 612; Cole v. Bunch, 85 Okl. 38, 204 P. 119, 121.


TENANT. In the broadest sense, one who holds or possesses lands or tenements by any kind of right or title, whether in fee, for life, for years, at will, or otherwise. Cowdill: Young v. Home Telephone Co. (Mo. App.) 201 S. W. 635, 636; Kavanaugh v. Cohoes Power & Light Corporation, 114 Misc. 590, 187 N. Y. S. 216, 230.


The word “tenant” conveys a much more comprehensive idea in the language of the law than it does in its popular sense. In popular language it is used more particularly as opposed to the word “landlord,” and always seems to imply that the land or property is not the tenant’s own, but belongs to some other person, of whom he immediately holds it. But, in the language of the law, every possessor of land or property is called a “tenant” with reference to such property, and this, whether
such landed property is absolutely his own, or whether he merely holds it under a lease for a certain number of years. Brown.

In Feudal Law

One who holds of another (called "lord" or "superior") by some service; as fealty or rent.

One who has actual possession of lands claimed in suit by another; the defendant in a real action. The correlative of "demandant." 3 Bl. Comm. 189.

Strictly speaking, a "tenant" is a person who holds land; but the term is also applied by analogy to personality. Thus, we speak of a person being tenant for life, or tenant in common, of stock. Sweet.

In General

-Joint tenants. Two or more persons to whom are granted lands or tenements to hold in fee-simple, fee-tail, for life, for years, or at will. 2 Bl. Comm. 179. Persons who own lands by a joint title created expressly by one and the same deed or will. 4 Kent, Comm. 357. Joint tenants have one and the same interest, accruing by one and the same conveyance, commencing at one and the same time, and held by one and the same undivided possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 180.

-Quasi tenant at sufferance. An under-tenant, who is in possession at the determination of an original lease, and is permitted by the reversioner to hold over.

-Sole tenant. He that holds lands by his own right only, without any other person being joined with him. Cowell.

-Tenant a volente. L. Fr. A tenant at will.


-Tenant at will "is where lands or tenements are let by one man to another, to have and to hold to him at the will of the lessor, by force of which lease the lessee is in possession. In this case the lessee is called 'tenant at will,' because he hath no certain nor sure estate, for the lessor may put him out at what time it pleaseth him." Litt. § 68; Sweet. Post v. Post, 14 Barb. (N. Y.) 258; Spalding v. Hall, 6 D. C. 125; Cunningham v. Holton, 55 Me. 36; Willis v. Harrell, 118 Ga. 906, 45 S. E. 704; Standard Realty Co. v. Gates, 99 N. J. Eq. 271, 132 A. 458, 459; Radigan v. Hughes, 86 Conn. 536, 86 A. 220, 222; Lawrence v. Goodstein, 91 Misc. 10, 154 N. Y. S. 229, 231; Angel v. Black Band Consol. Coal Co., 96 W. Va. 47, 122 S. E. 274, 276, 35 A. L. R. 508; Centennial Brewing Co. v. Rouleau, 49 Mont. 490, 143 P. 969, 973; Freedman v. Gordon, 220 Mass. 324, 107 N. E. 982, 983; Norton v. Averholtzer, 63 Cal. App. 358, 218 P. 637, 649; O'Connor v. Brinsfield, 212 Ala. 98, 101 So. 678, 680.

-Tenant by copy of court roll (shortly, "tenant by copy") is the old-fashioned name for a copyholder. Litt. § 73.

-Tenant by the curtesy. One who, on the death of his wife seised of an estate of inheritance, after having by her issue born alive and capable of inheriting her estate, holds the lands and tenements for the term of his life. Co. Litt. 906; 2 Bl. Comm. 126.

-Tenant by the manner. One who has a less estate than a fee in land which remains in the reversioner. He is so called because in avowries and other pleadings it is specially shown in what manner he is tenant of the land, in contradistinction to the very tenant, who is called simply "tenant." Ham. N. P. 393.

-Tenant for life. One who holds lands or tenements for the term of his own life, or for that of any other person, (in which case he is called "pur auter vitæ"), or for more lives than one. 2 Bl. Comm. 120; In re Hyde, 41 Han (N. Y.) 75.

-Tenant for years. One who has the temporary use and possession of lands or tenements not his own, by virtue of a lease or demise granted to him by the owner, for a determinate period of time, as for a year or a fixed number of years. 2 Bl. Comm. 140.

-Tenant from year to year. One who holds lands or tenements under the demise of another, where no certain term has been mentioned, but an annual rent has been reserved. See 1 Steph. Comm. 271; 4 Kent, Comm. 111, 114. One who holds over, by consent given either expressly or constructively, after the determination of a lease for years. 4 Kent, Comm. 112. See Shore v. Porter, 3 Term. 16; Rothschild v. Williamson, 83 Ind. 358; Hunter v. Frost, 47 Minn. 1, 49 N. W. 327; Arbenz v. Exley, 52 W. Va. 476, 44 S. E. 149, 61 L. R. A. 957; Wolverton v. Ward, 74 Okl. 40, 176 P. 924; Coffman v. Sammons, 76 W. Va. 12, 84 S. E. 1001, 1063; Lawrence v. Goodstein, 91 Misc. Rep. 19, 154 N. Y. S. 229, 231.

-Tenant in capite. In feudal and old English law. Tenant in chief; one who held im-
in consequence of the husband's provision, (ex provisione viti.) Originally, she could bar the estate-tail like any other tenant in tail; but the husband's intention having been merely to provide for her during her widowhood, and not to enable her to bar her children of their inheritance, she was early restrained from so doing, by the statute 32 Hen. VII. c. 36. Brown.

Tenant of the demesne. One who is tenant of a mesne lord; as, where A is tenant of B, and C of A. B is the lord, A. the mesne lord, and C. tenant of the demesne. Ham. N. P. 392, 393.

Tenant paravalle. The under-tenant of land; that is, the tenant of a tenant; one who held of a mesne lord.

Tenant to the praecipe. Before the English fines and recoveries act, if land was conveyed to a person for life with remainder to another in tail, the tenant in tail in remainder was unable to bar the entail without the concurrence of the tenant for life, because a common recovery could only be suffered by the person seised of the land. In such a case, if the tenant for life wished to concur in barring the entail, he usually conveyed his life-estate to some other person, in order that the praecipe in the recovery might be issued against the latter, who was therefore called the "tenant to the praecipe." Williams, Selis, 169; Sweet.

Tenants by the verge "are in the same nature as tenants by copy of court roll. [i.e., copyholders.] But the reason why they be called 'tenants by the verge' is for that, when they will surrender their tenements in to the hands of their lord to the use of another, they shall have a little rod (by the custome) in their hand, the which they shall deliver to the steward or to the bailiff, and to the custume, shall deliver to him that taketh the land the same rod, or another rod, in the name of selis; and for this cause they are called 'tenants by the verge,' but they have no other evidence [title-deed] but by copy of court roll." Litt. § 78; Co. Litt. 61a.

TENANT-RIGHT. A kind of customary estate in the north of England, falling under the general class of copyhold, but distinguished from copyhold by many of its incidents. The so-called tenant-right of renewal is the expectation of a lessee that his lease will be renewed, in cases where it is an established practice to renew leases from time to time, as in the case of leases from the crown, from ecclesiastical corporations, or other collegiate bodies. Strictly speaking, there can be no right of renewal against the lessor without an express compact by him to

immediately under the king, in right of his crown and dignity. 2 Bl. Comm. 69.

Tenant in common. Tenants in common are generally defined to be such as hold the same land together by several and distinct titles, but by union of possession, because none knows his own severalty, and therefore they all occupy promiscuously. 2 Bl. Comm. 191. A tenancy in common is where two or more hold the same land, with interests accruing under different titles, or accruing under the same title, but at different periods, or conferred by words of limitation importing that the grantees are to take in distinct shares. 1 Steph. Comm. 223. See Coster v. Lorillard, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 336; Taylor v. Millard, 118 N. Y. 244, 23 N. E. 376, 6 L. R. A. 697; Silloway v. Brown, 12 Allen (Mass.) 30; Gage v. Gage, 66 N. H. 282, 29 A. 543, 28 L. R. A. 829; Hunter v. State, 60 Ark. 312, 30 S. W. 42; Deal v. State, 14 Ga. App. 121, 50 S. E. 557, 542; Anderson v. Lucky, 18 Ga. App. 479, 59 S. E. 631, 632; Talley v. Drumheller, 135 Va. 186, 115 S. E. 517, 519; Tresh er v. McElroy, 90 Fla. 372, 106 So. 79, 80; Smith v. Borradaile, 30 N. M. 62, 227 P. 602, 608; Perry v. Jones, 48 Okl. 362, 150 P. 168, 169; Whyman v. Johnston, 62 Colo. 461, 163 P. 76, 77; Stewart v. Young, 212 Ala. 426, 103 So. 44, 45.

Tenant in dower. This is where the husband of a woman is seised of an estate of inheritance and dies; in this case the wife shall have the third part of all the lands and tenements whereof he was seised at any time during the coverture, to hold to herself for life, as her dower. Co. Litt. 30; 2 Bl. Comm. 129; Combs v. Young, 4 Yerg. (Tenn.) 225, 26 Am. Dec. 225.

Tenant in fee-simple (or tenant in fee). He who has lands, tenements, or hereditaments, to hold to him and his heirs forever, generally, absolutely, and simply; without mentioning what heirs, but referring that to his own pleasure, or to the disposition of the law. 2 Bl. Comm. 194; Litt. § 1.

Tenant in severalty is he who holds lands and tenements in his own right only, without any other person being joined or connected with him in point of interest during his estate therein. 2 Bl. Comm. 179.

Tenant in tail. One who holds an estate in fee-tail, that is, an estate which, by the instrument creating it, is limited to some particular heirs, exclusive of others, as to the heirs of his body or to the heirs, male or female, of his body.

Tenant in tail ex provisione viti. Where an owner of lands, upon or previously to marrying a wife, settled lands upon himself and his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies begotten, and then died, the wife, as survivor, became tenant in tail of the husband's lands,
that effect, though the existence of the custom often influences the price in sales.

The Ulster tenant-right may be described as a right on the tenant's part to sell his holding to the highest bidder, subject to the existing or a reasonable increase of rent from time to time, as circumstances may require, with a reasonable veto reserved to the landlord in respect of the incoming tenant's character and solvency. Mozley & Whitley.

**TENANT'S FIXTURES.** This phrase signifies things which are fixed to the freehold of the demised premises, but which the tenant may detach and take away, provided he does so in season. Wail v. Findis, 4 Gray (Mass.) 256, 270, 64 Am. Dec. 64.

**TENANTABLE REPAIR.** Such a repair as will render a house fit for present habitation.

**TENCON.** L. Fr. A dispute; a quarrel. Kelham.

**TEND.** In old English law. To tender or offer. Cowell.

**TENDER.** An offer of money; the act by which one produces and offers to a person holding a claim or demand against him the amount of money which he considers and admits to be due, in satisfaction of such claim or demand, without any stipulation or condition. Salinas v. Ellis, 26 S. C. 337, 2 S. E. 121; Tompkins v. Batie, 11 Neb. 147, 7 N. W. 747, 38 Am. Rep. 361; Holmes v. Holmes, 12 Barb. (N. Y.) 144; Smith v. Lewis, 26 Conn. 119; Noyes v. Wyckoff, 114 N. Y. 204, 21 N. E. 158; Kelley v. Clark, 23 Idaho, 1, 129 P. 921, 924, Ann. Cas. 1914C, 695; Hart v. Kanawha Oil Co., 79 W. Va. 161, 80 S. E. 694, 606; Bane v. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co., 171 N. C. 328, 88 S. E. 477, 479; St. George's Society v. Sawyer, 204 Iowa, 103, 214 N. W. 877, 878; Kastens v. Ruland, 94 N. J. Eq. 451, 120 A. 21, 22; Mondello v. Hanover Trust Co., 252 Mass. 553, 145 N. E. 136, 137; Wooton v. Dahlquist, 42 Idaho, 121, 244 P. 407, 409; McCall Co. v. Hobbs-Henderson Co., 133 S. C. 455, 136 S. E. 762, 763; Howell v. Ross, 87 Conn. 137, 87 A. 355, 357.


Tender, in pleading, is a plea by defendant that he has been always ready to pay the debt demanded, and before the commencement of the action tendered it to the plaintiff, and now brings it into court ready to be paid to him, etc. Brown, 2A 518.

**Legal Tender.** That kind of coin, money, or circulating medium which the law compels a creditor to accept in payment of his debt, when tendered by the debtor in the right amount.

**Tender of Amends.** An offer by a person who has been guilty of any wrong or breach of contract to pay a sum of money by way of amends. If a defendant in an action make tender of amends, and the plaintiff decline to accept it, the defendant may pay the money into court, and plead the payment into court as a satisfaction of the plaintiff's claim. Mozley & Whitley.

**Tender of Issue.** A form of words in a pleading, by which a party offers to refer the question raised upon it to the appropriate mode of decision. The common tender of an issue of fact by a defendant is expressed by the words, "and of this he puts himself upon the country." Steph. Pl. 54, 230.

**TENEMENT.** This term, in its vulgar acceptance, is only applied to houses and other buildings, but in its original, proper, and legal sense it signifies everything that may be holden, provided it be of a permanent nature, whether it be of a substantial and sensible, or of an unsubstantial, ideal, kind. Thus, liberum tenementum, frank tenement, or freehold, is applicable not only to lands and other solid objects, but also to offices, rents, commons, advowsons, franchises, peerages, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 16; Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 517; Oskaloos Water Co. v. Board of Equalization, 84 Iowa, 407, 51 N. W. 18, 15 L. R. A. 296; Field v. Higgins, 55 Me. 341; Sacket v. Wheaton, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 105; Lenfers v. Henke, 73 Ill. 498, 24 Am. Rep. 263; Sox v. Miracle, 33 N. D. 458, 160 N. W. 716, 719; State v. Bluementhal, 133 Ark. 584, 203 S. W. 36, 37, 51 L. R. A. 1918E, 482; Hughes v. Milby & Dow Coal & Mining Co., 127 Okl. 30, 259 P. 558, 560.

"Tenement" is a word of greater extent than "land," including not only land, but rents, commons, and several other rights and interests issuing out of or concerning land. 1 Steph. Comm. 158, 159.

Its original meaning, according to some, was "house" or "homestead." Jacob. In modern use it also signifies rooms let in houses. Webster.

**Dominant Tenement.** One for the benefit or advantage of which an easement exists or is enjoyed.

**Servient Tenement.** One which is subject to the burden of an easement existing for or enjoyed by another tenement. See Easement.

**TENEMENTAL LAND.** Land distributed by a lord among his tenants, as opposed to the

*Bl.Law Dict. (3d Ed.)*
demesnes which were occupied by himself and his servants. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

TENEMENTIS LEGATIS. An ancient writ, lying to the city of London, or any other corporation, (where the old custom was that men might devise by will lands and tenements, as well as goods and chattels,) for the hearing and determining any controversy touching the same. Reg. Orig. 244.

TENENDAS. In Scotch law. The name of a clause in charters of heritable rights, which derives its name from its first words, "tenendas prædictas terras;" it points out the superior of whom the lands are to be held, and expresses the particular tenure. Ersk. Inst. 2, 3, 24.

TENENDUM. Lat. To hold; to be held. The name of that formal part of a deed which is characterized by the words "to hold." It was formerly used to express the tenure by which the estate granted was to be held; but, since all freehold tenures have been converted into socage, the tenendum is of no further use, and is therefore joined in the habendum,—"to have and to hold." 2 Bl. Comm. 288; 4 Cruise, Dig. 28.

TENENS. A tenant; the defendant in a real action.

TENENTIBUS IN ASSISÄ NON ONERANDIS. A writ that formerly lay for him to whom a disseisor had alienated the land whereof he disseised another, that he should not be molested in assize for damages, if the disseisor had wherewith to satisfy them. Reg. Orig. 214.

TENERE. Lat. In the civil law. To hold; to hold fast; to have in possession; to retain.

In relation to the doctrine of possession, this term expresses merely the fact of manual detention, or the corporal possession of any object, without involving the question of title; while habere (and especially posseedere) denotes the maintenance of possession by a lawful claim; i. e., civil possession, as distinguished from mere natural possession.

TENERI. The Latin name for that clause in a bond in which the obligor expresses that he is "held and firmly bound" to the obligee, his heirs, etc.

TENET; TENUIT. Lat. He holds; he held. In the Latin forms of the writ of waste against a tenant, these words introduced the allegation of tenure. If the tenancy still existed, and recovery of the land was sought, the former word was used, (and the writ was said to be "in the tenet." ) If the tenancy had already determined, the latter term was used, (the writ being described as "in the tenuit," ) and then damages only were sought.

TENHEDED, or TIENHEOFED. In old English law. A dean. Cowell.

TENEMENTALE. The number of ten men, which number, in the time of the Saxons, was called a "decennary;" and ten decennaries made what was called a "hundred." Also a duty or tribute paid to the crown, consisting of two shillings for each plowland. Enc. Lond.

TENNE. A term of heraldry, meaning orange color. In engravings it should be represented by lines in bend sinister crossed by others bar-ways. Herals who blazon by the names of the heavenly bodies, call it "dragon's head;" and those who employ jewels, "jacinth." It is one of the colors called "stainard." Wharton.

TENOR. A term used in pleading to denote that an exact copy is set out. 1 Chit. Crim. Law. 235.

By the tenor of a deed, or other instrument in writing, is signified the matter contained therein, according to the true intent and meaning thereof. Cowell.

"Tenor," in pleading a written instrument, imports that the very words are set out. "Puporto" does not import this, but is equivalent only to "substance." Com. v. Wright, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 65; Dana v. State, 2 Ohio St. 93; State v. Bonney, 34 Me. 384; State v. Atkins, 5 Blackf. (Ind.) 458; State v. Chinn, 142 Mo. 507, 44 S. W. 243; Saugerties Bank v. Delaware & Hudson Co., 195 N. Y. S. 722, 723, 204 App. Div. 211; State v. Collins, 297 Mo. 257, 218 S. W. 599, 602; Johns v. Rice, 165 Iowa, 233, 145 N. W., 290, 291.

The action of proving the tenor, in Scotland, is an action for proving the contents and purport of a deed which has been lost. Bell.

In Chancery Pleading


Tenor est qui legem dat feudo. It is the tenor [of the feudal grant] which regulates its effect and extent. Craigius, Jus Feud. (3d Ed.) 68; Broom, Max. 458.

TENORE INDICTAMENTI MITTENDO. A writ whereby the record of an indictment, and the process thereupon, was called out of another court into the queen's bench. Reg. Orig. 69.

TENORE PRESENTIUM. By the tenor of these presents, i. e., the matter contained therein, or rather the intent and meaning thereof. Cowell.

TENSIERI/E. A sort of ancient tax or military contribution. Wharton.

TENT. A shelter of flexible material supported by poles stretched by cords that are secured by pegs in the ground. Knowles v. State, 19 Ala. App. 476, 38 So. 207, 208; City of St. Louis v. Nash, 280 Mo. 523, 151

TENTATES PANIS. The essay or essay of bread. Blount.

TENTERSDEN'S ACT. In English law. The statute 9 Geo. IV. c. 14, taking its name from Lord Tenterden, who procured its enactment, which is a species of extension of the statute of frauds, and requires the reduction of contracts to writing.

TENTHS. In English Law
A temporary aid issuing out of personal property, and granted to the king by parliament; formerly the real tenth part of all the movables belonging to the subject. 1 Bl. Comm. 308.

In English Ecclesiastical Law
The tenth part of the annual profit of every living in the kingdom, formerly paid to the pope, but by statute 26 Hen. VIII. c. 3, transferred to the crown, and afterwards made a part of the fund called “Queen Anne’s Bounty.” 1 Bl. Comm. 234-286.

TENUI. A term used in stating the tenure in an action for waste done after the termination of the tenancy. See Tenet.

TENURA. In old English law. Tenure.
Tenura est pactio contra communem feudi naturam ac rationem, in contractu interposita. Wright, Ten. 21. Tenure is a compact contrary to the common nature and reason of the fee, put into a contract.

TENURE. The mode or system of holding lands or tenements in subordination to some superior, which, in the feudal ages, was the leading characteristic of real property.
Tenure is the direct result of feudalism, which separated the dominium directum, (the dominion of the soil,) which is placed mediatery or immediately in the crown, from the dominion utile, (the possessory title,) the right to the use and profits in the soil, designated by the term “selsin,” which is the highest interest a subject can acquire. Wharton; Kavanagh v. Cohoes Power & Light Corporation, 114 Misc. 590, 187 N. Y. S. 219, 231.

Wharton gives the following list of tenures which were ultimately developed:

Low Tenures

I. Frank tenement, or freehold. (1) The military tenures (abolished, except grand seigniary, and reduced to free socage tenures) were: Knight service proper, or tenure in chivalry; grand seigniary; corvage. (2) Free socage, or plow-service; either petit seigniary, tenure in burgage, or gavelkind.

II. Vileinage. (1) Pure vileinage, (whence copyholds at the lord’s [nominal] will, which is regulated according to custom). (2) Privileged vileinage, sometimes called “vilainage socage,” (whence tenure in ancient demesne, which is an exalted species of copyhold, held according to custom, and not according to the lord’s will,) and is of three kinds: Tenure in ancient demesne; privileged copyholds, customary freeholds, or free copyholds; copyholds of base tenure.

Spiritual Tenures
I. Frank almonds, or free alma.
II. Tenure by divine service.

Tenure, in its general sense, is a mode of holding or occupying. Thus, we speak of the tenure of an office, meaning the manner in which it is held, especially with regard to time, (tenure for life, tenure during good behavior,) and of tenure of land in the sense of occupation or tenancy, especially with reference to cultivation and questions of political economy; e. g., tenure by peasant priories, cottiers, etc. See Bard v. Grundy, 2 Ky. 169; People v. Waite, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 58; Richman v. Lippincott, 29 N. J. Law, 59; State v. Young, 137 La. 102, 68 So. 241, 241; Hunt v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County, 178 Cal. 470, 173 P. 1097, 1098; Barrett v. Duff, 114 Kan. 220, 217 P. 918, 922.

TENURE BY DIVINE SERVICE is where an ecclesiastical corporation, sole or aggregate, holds land by a certain divine service; as, to say prayers on a certain day in every year, “or to distribute in alms to an hundred poor men an hundred pence at such a day.” Litt. § 137.

TERCE. In Scotch law. Dower; a widow’s right of dower, or a right to a life estate in a third part of the lands of which her husband died seised.

TERCER. In Scotch law. A widow that possesses the third part of her husband’s land, as her legal jointure. 1 Kames, Eq. prof.

TERCERONE. A term applied in the West Indies to a person one of whose parents was white and the other a mulatto. See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 131.

TERM. A word or phrase; an expression; particularly one which possesses a fixed and known meaning in some science, art, or profession.

In the Civil Law
A space of time granted to a debtor for discharging his obligation. Poth. Obl. pt. 2, c. 3, art. 3, § 1; Civ. Code La. art. 2048.

In Estates
“Term” signifies the bounds, limitation, or extent of time for which an estate is granted; as when a man holds an estate for any limited or specific number of years, which is called his “term,” and he himself is called, with reference to the term he so holds, the “termor,” or “tenant of the term.” See Gay Mfg. Co. v. Hobbs, 123 N. C. 40, 38 S. E. 26, 53 Am. St. Rep. 661; Sanderson v. Scranston, 105 Pa. 472; Hurst v. Whitsett, 4 Colo. 84; Taylor v. Terry, 71 Cal. 46, 11 Pac. 813; Cochran v.
Canty, 178 Iowa, 713, 158 N. W. 559, 560. 9

Of Court

The word "term," when used with reference to a court, signifies the space of time during which the court holds a session. A session signifies the time during the term when the court sits for the transaction of business, and the session commences when the court convenes for the term, and continues until final adjournment, either before or at the expiration of the term. The term of the court is the time prescribed by law during which it may be in session. The session of the court is the time of its actual sitting. Lipari v. State, 19 Tex. App. 483. And see Horton v. Miller, 38 Pa. 271; Dees v. State, 78 Miss. 269, 28 South. 849; Conkling v. Ridgely, 112 Ill. 36, 1 N. E. 261, 54 Am. Rep. 204; Brown v. Hume, 16 Grat. (Va.) 462; Brown v. Lest, 136 Ill. 208, 26 N. E. 639; Walton v. State, 147 Miss. 851, 112 So. 790, 793; Ansonia Foundry Co. v. Bethlehem Steel Co., 98 Conn. 501, 120 A. 310, 31 A. L. R. 1087; Wood Oil Co. v. Commonwealth, 196 Ky. 196, 244 S. W. 426, 431, 432; Lanier v. Shayne, 86 Fla. 212, 95 So. 617, 618; Trower v. Mudd (Mo. App.) 242 S. W. 993, 994. But "term" and "session" are often used interchangeably. Nation v. Savelly, 127 Okl. 217, 260 P. 32, 35; Muse v. Harris, 122 Okl. 256, 254 P. 72, 73; Wood Oil Co. v. Commonwealth, 196 Ky. 196, 244 S. W. 426, 431; Curry v. McCaffery, 47 Mont. 191, 131 P. 678, 675; Lewis County Pub. Co. v. Lewis County Court, 75 W. Va. 305, 33 S. E. 996, 995.

In General

—General term. A phrase used in some jurisdictions to denote the ordinary session of a court, for the trial and determination of causes, as distinguished from a special term, for the hearing of motions or arguments or the despatch of various kinds of formal business, or the trial of a special list or class of cases. Or it may denote a sitting of the court in banc. State v. Eggers, 162 Mo. 483, 54 S. W. 498.

—Regular term. A regular term of court is a term begun at the time appointed by law, and continued, in the discretion of the court, to such time as it may appoint, consistent with the law. Wightman v. Karsner, 20 Ala. 451; Glebe v. State, 106 Neb. 251, 183 N. W. 295, 296; Carter v. State, 14 Ga. App. 242, 80 S. E. 533, 534; State v. Thompson, 100 W. Va. 233, 130 S. E. 466, 460; Ex parte Dally, 66 Fla. 345, 63 So. 834, 835.

—Special term. In New York practice, that branch of the court which is held by a single judge for hearing and deciding in the first instance motions and causes of equitable nature is called the "special term," as opposed to the "general term," held by three judges (usually) to hear appeals. Abbott; Grade v. Freeland, 1 N. Y. 232.

—Term attendant on the inheritance. See Attendant Terms.

—Term fee. In English practice. A certain sum which a solicitor is entitled to charge to his client, and the client to recover, if successful, from the unsuccessful party; payable for every term in which any proceedings subsequent to the summons shall take place. Wharton.

—Term for deliberating. By "term for deliberation" is understood the time given to the beneficiary heir, to examine if it be for his interest to accept or reject the succession which has fallen to him. Civ. Code La. art. 1033.

—Term for years. An estate for years and the time during which such estate is to be held are each called a "term;" hence the term may expire before the time, as by a surrender. Co. Litt. 45.

—Term in gross. A term of years is said to be either in gross (outstanding) or attendant upon the inheritance. It is outstanding, or in gross, when it is unattached or disconnected from the estate or inheritance, as where it is in the hands of some third party having no interest in the inheritance; it is attendant, when vested in some trustee in trust for the owner of the inheritance. Brown.

—Term of lease. The word "term," when used in connection with a lease, means the period which is granted for the lessee to occupy the premises, and does not includes the time between the making of the lease and the tenant's entry. Young v. Dake, 5 N. Y. 463, 55 Am. Dec. 356.

TERM

State v. Board of Com'rs of Sierra County, 29 N. M. 269, 222 P. 654, 655, 31 A. L. R. 1310; State v. Oklahoma City, 38 Okl. 349, 134 P. 58, 59, 60; Bayley v. Garrison, 190 Cal. 690, 214 P. 871, 872.

—Term probatory. The period of time allowed to the promoter of an ecclesiastical suit to produce his witnesses, and prove the facts on which he rests his case. Coote, Ecc. Pr. 240, 241.

—Term to conclude. In English ecclesiastical practice. An appointment by the judge of a time at which both parties are understood to renounce all further exhibits and allegations.

—Term to propound all things. In English ecclesiastical practice. An appointment by the judge of a time at which both parties are to exhibit all the acts and instruments which make for their respective causes.

In the Law of Contracts and in Court Practice

The word is generally used in the plural, and “terms” are conditions; propositions stated or promises made which, when assented to or accepted by another, settle the contract and bind the parties. Webster. See Hutchison v. Lord, 1 Wis. 313, 60 Am. Dec. 381; State v. Fawcett, 58 Neb. 371, 78 N. W. 636; Rokes v. Amazon Ins. Co., 51 Md. 512, 34 Am. Rep. 323; Williamson v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 190 Ind. 239, 128 N. E. 758, 761; Roberts-Atkinson Co. v. International Harvester Co. of America, 191 N. C. 291, 131 S. E. 757, 759; Nakdimen v. Ft. Smith & Van Buren Bridge Dist., 115 Ark. 194, 172 S. W. 272, 275.

—Special terms. Peculiar or unusual conditions imposed on a party before granting some application to the favor of the court.

—Under terms. A party is said to be under terms when an indulgence is granted to him by the court in its discretion, on certain conditions. Thus, when an injunction is granted ex parte, the party obtaining it is put under terms to abide by such order as to damages as the court may make at the hearing. Mozley & Whitley.

TERMES DE LA LEY. Terms of the law. The name of a lexicon of the law French words and other technicalities of legal language in old times.

TERMINABLE PROPERTY. This name is sometimes given to property of such a nature that its duration is not perpetual or indefinite, but is limited or liable to terminate upon the happening of an event or the expiration of a fixed term; e. g., a leasehold, a life-annuity, etc.

TERMINATING BUILDING SOCIETIES. Societies, in England, where the members commence their monthly contributions on a particular day, and continue to pay them until the realization of shares to a given amount for each member, by the advance of the capital of the society to such members as required it, and the payment of interest as well as principal by them, so as to insure such realization within a given period of years. They have been almost superseded by permanent building societies. Wharton.

TERMINER. L. Fr. To determine. See Oyer and Termnier.

TERMINI. Lat. Ends; bounds; limiting or terminating points.

TERMINO. In Spanish law. A common; common land. Common because of vicinage. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 1, note.

TERMINUM. A day given to a defendant. Spelman.

TERMINUM QUI PRETERIIT, WRIT OF ENTRY AD. A writ which lay for the reversioner, when the possession was withheld, by the lessee, or a stranger, after the determination of a lease for years. Brown.

TERMINUS. Boundary; a limit, either of space or time. The phrases “terminus a quo” and “terminus ad quem” are used, respectively, to designate the starting point and terminating point of a private way. In the case of a street, road, or railway, either end may be, and commonly is, referred to as the “terminus.”

Terminus annorum certus debet esse et determinatus. Co. Litt. 45. A term of years ought to be certain and determinate.

Terminus et foedum non possunt constare sinum in una eademque persona. Plowd. 29. A term and the fee cannot both be in one and the same person at the same time.

TERMINUS HOMINIS. In English ecclesiastical practice. A time for the determination of appeals, shorter than the terminus juris, appointed by the judge. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 36.

TERMINUS JURIS. In English ecclesiastical practice. The time of one or two years, allowed by law for the determination of appeals. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 83.

TERMOR. He that holds lands or tenements for a term of years or life. But we generally confine the application of the word to a person entitled for a term of years. Mozley & Whitley.

TERMS TO BE UNDER. A party is said to be under terms, when an indulgence is granted to him by the court in its discretion, on certain conditions. Thus, when an injunction is granted ex parte, the party ob-
TERRITORIAL, TERRITORIALITY

TERRA WARRENATA. Land that has the liberty of free-warren.

TERRÆ DOMINICALES REGIS. The demesne lands of the crown.

TERRAGE. In old English law. A kind of tax or charge on land; a boon or duty of plowing, reaping, etc. Cowell.

TERRAGES. An exemption from all uncertain services. Cowell.

TERRARIUS. In old English law. A land-holder.

TERRÆ TENANT. He who is literally in the occupation or possession of the land, as distinguished from the owner out of possession. But, in a more technical sense, the person who is seized of the land, though not in actual occupancy of it, and locally, in Pennsylvania, one who purchases and takes land subject to the existing lien of a mortgage or judgment against a former owner. See Dengler v. Klingler, 13 Pa. 38, 53 Am. Dec. 441; Hulett v. Insurance Co., 114 Pa. 142, 6 A. 554; Handel & Hayden Building & Loan Ass’n v. Elleford, 258 Pa. 143, 101 A. 951, 932.

TERRIER. In English law. A landroll or survey of lands, containing the quantity of acres, tenants’ names, and such like; and in the exchequer there is a terrier of all the glebe lands in England, made about 1358. In general, an ecclesiastical terrier contains a detail of the temporal possessions of the church in every parish. Cowell; Tomlins; Mozley & Whitley.

TERRIS BONIS ET CATALLIS REHABENDIS POST PURGATIONEM. A writ for a clerk to recover his lands, goods, and chattels, formerly seized, after he had cleared himself of the felony of which he was accused, and delivered to his ordinary to be purged. Reg. Orig.

TERRIS ET CATALLIS TENTIS ULTRA DEBITUM LEVATUM. A judicial writ for the restoring of lands or goods to a debtor who is distrained above the amount of the debt. Reg. Jud.

TERRIS LIBERANDIS. A writ that lay for a man convicted by attaint, to bring the record and process before the king, and take a fine for his imprisonment, and then to deliver to him his lands and tenements again, and release him of the strip and waste. Reg. Orig. 232. Also it was a writ for the delivery of lands to the heir, after homage and relief performed, or upon security taken that he should perform them. Id. 293.

TERRITORIAL, TERRITORIALITY. These terms are used to signify connection with, or limitation with reference to, a particular country or territory. Thus, “territorial law” is the correct expression for the law of a particular country or state, although “mu-
TERRITORIAL COURTS. The courts established in the territories of the United States.

TERRITORIAL PROPERTY. The land and water over which the state has jurisdiction and control whether the legal title be in the state itself or in private individuals. Lakes and waters wholly within the state are its property and also the marginal sea within the three-mile limit, but bays and gulfs are not always recognized as state property.

TERRITORY. A part of a country separated from the rest, and subject to a particular jurisdiction.

In American Law

A portion of the United States, which has not yet been admitted as a state of the Union, but is organized with a separate legislature, and with executive and judicial officers appointed by the president. See Ex parte Morgan (D. C.) 20 F. 504; People v. Daniels, 6 Utah, 288, 22 P. 159, 5 L. R. A. 444; Snow v. U. S., 18 Wall. 317, 21 L. Ed. 784; Symons v. Elchingelber, 110 Ohio St. 224, 144 N. E. 279, 281; Ex parte Heikich Terui, 187 Cal. 20, 200 P. 934, 936, 17 A. L. R. 630.

Const. Amend. 18, prohibiting the transportation of intoxicating liquor within or the importation thereof into the United States and territory subject to its jurisdiction, uses the word "territory" as meaning the regional areas of land and adjacent waters over which the United States claims and exercises dominion and control as a sovereign power. Cunard S. S. Co. v. Mellon, 282 U. S. 100, 46 S. Ct. 504, 507, 67 L. Ed. 984, 27 A. L. R. 1366; International Mercantile Marine v. Stuart (D. C.) 255 F. 78, 51; State v. Morton, 31 Idaho, 329, 171 P. 495, 496.

TERRITORY OF A JUDGE. The territorial jurisdiction of a judge; the bounds, or district, within which he may lawfully exercise his judicial authority. Phillips v. Thralls, 25 Kan. 781.

TERROR. Alarm; fright; dread; the state of mind induced by the apprehension of hurt from some hostile or threatening event or manifestation; fear caused by the appearance of danger. In an indictment for riot, it must be charged that the acts done were "to the terror of the people." See Arto v. State, 19 Tex. App. 136.

TERTIA DENUICIATIO. Lat. In old English law. Third publication or proclamation of intended marriage.

TERTIUS INTERVENIENS. Lat. In the civil law. A third person intervening; a third person who comes in between the parties to a suit; one who interpleads. Gilbert's Forum Rom. 47.

TEST. To bring one to a trial and examination, or to ascertain the truth or the quality or fitness of a thing.

Something by which to ascertain the truth respecting another thing; a criterion, gauge, standard, or norm.

In public law, an inquiry or examination addressed to a person appointed or elected to a public office, to ascertain his qualifications therefor, but particularly a scrutiny of his political, religious, or social views, or his attitude of past and present loyalty or disloyalty to the government under which he is to act. See Attorney General v. Detroit Common Council, 58 Mich. 213, 24 N. W. 587, 55 Am. Rep. 675; People v. Hoffman, 116 Ill. 587, 5 N. E. 586, 56 Am. Rep. 783; Rogers v. Buffalo, 51 Hun. 637, 3 N. Y. S. 674.

TEST ACT. The statute 25 Car. II. c. 2, which directed all civil and military officers to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and make the declaration against transubstantiation, within six months after their admission, and also within the same time receive the sacrament according to the usage of the Church of England, under penalty of £500 and disability to hold the office. 4 Bl. Comm. 58, 59. This was abolished by St. 9 Geo. IV. c. 17, so far as concerns receiving the sacrament, and a new form of declaration was substituted.

TEST ACTION. An action selected out of a considerable number of suits, concurrently depending in the same court, brought by several plaintiffs against the same defendant, or by one plaintiff against different defendants, all similar in their circumstances, and embracing the same questions, and to be supported by the same evidence, the selected action to go first to trial, (under an order of court equivalent to consolidation,) and its decision to serve as a test of the right of recovery in the others, all parties agreeing to be bound by the result of the test action.

TEST OATH. An oath required to be taken as a criterion of the fitness of the person to fill a public or political office; but particularly an oath of fidelity and allegiance (past or present) to the established government.

TEST-PAPER. In practice. A paper or instrument shown to a jury as evidence. A term used in the Pennsylvania courts. Depue v. Clare, 7 Pa. 428.

TESTA DE NEVIL. An ancient and authentic record in two volumes, in the custody of the king's remembrancer in the exchequer, said to be compiled by John de Nevil, a justice itinerant, in the eighteenth and twenty-fourth years of Henry III. Cowell. These
volumes were printed in 1807, under the authority of the commissioners of the public records, and contain an account of fees held either immediately of the king or of others who held of the king in capite; fees held in frankalmoine; serjeants hold of the king; widows and heffresses of tenants in capite, whose marriages were in the gift of the king; churches in the gift of the king; escheats, and sums paid for scutages and aids, especially within the county of Hereford. Cowell; Wharton.

TESTABLE. A person is said to be testable when he has capacity to make a will; a man of twenty-one years of age and of sane mind is testable.

TESTACY. The state or condition of leaving a will at one's death. Opposed to intestacy.

TESTAMENT. A disposition of personal property to take place after the owner's decease, according to his desire and direction. Pinche v. Jones, 54 P. 565, 4 C. C. A. 622; Aubert's Appeal, 109 Pa. 447, 1 A. 336; Conklin v. Egerton, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 436; Ragsdale v. Booker, 2 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 348; In re Lester's Will, 100 N. J. Eq. 521, 136 P. 322.

A testament is the act of last will, clothed with certain solemnities, by which the testator disposes of his property, either universally, or by universal title, or by particular title. Civ. Code La. art. 1571.

Strictly speaking, the term denotes only a will of personal property; a will of land not being called a "testament." The word "testament" is now seldom used, except in the heading of a formal will, which usually begins: "This is the last will and testament of me, A. B.," etc. Sweet.

Testament is the true declaration of a man's last will as to that which he would have to be done, after his death. It is compounded, according to Justinian, from testatio mensis; but the better opinion is that it is a simple word formed from the Latin testor, and not a compound word. Mosley & Whitney.

Military Testament
In English law. A nuncupative will, that is, one made by word of mouth, by which a soldier may dispose of his goods, pay, and other personal chattels, without the forms and solemnities which the law requires in other cases. St. 1 Vict. c. 26, § 11.

Mutual Testaments
Wills made by two persons who leave their effects reciprocally to the survivor.

Mystic Testament
A form of testament made under Spanish law which prevailed in Louisiana and California. See Brouzet v. Vassant, 5 Mart. O. S. (La.) 182; Schoultz v. Vassant, 5 Mart. O. S. (La.) 182; Schoul. Wills § 9. In the law of Louisiana. A sealed testament. The mystical or secret testament, otherwise called the "closed testament," is made in the following manner: The testator must sign his dispositions, whether he has written them himself or has caused them to be written by another person. The paper containing those dispositions, or the paper serving as their envelope, must be closed and sealed. The testator shall present it thus closed and sealed to the notary and to seven witnesses, or he shall cause it to be closed and sealed in their presence. Then he shall declare to the notary, in presence of the witnesses, that that paper contains his testament written by himself, or by another by his direction, and signed by him, the testator. The notary shall then draw up the act of superscription, which shall be written on that paper, or on the sheet that serves as its envelope, and that act shall be signed by the testator, and by the notary and the witnesses. Civ. Code La. art. 1584.

Testamenta cum duo inter se pugnania reperientur, ultimum ratum est; sic est, cum duo inter se pugnania reperientur in eodem testamento. Co. Litt. 112. When two conflicting wills are found, the last prevails; so it is when two conflicting clauses occur in the same will.

Testamenta latissimam interpretationem habere debent. Jenk. Cent. 81. Wills ought to have the broadest interpretation.

TESTAMENTARY. Pertaining to a will or testament; as testamentary causes. Derived from, founded on, or appointed by a testamentary or will; as a testamentary guardian, letters testamentary, etc.

A paper, instrument, document, gift, appointment, etc., is said to be "testamentary" when it is written or made so as not to take effect until after the death of the person making it, and to be revocable and retain the property under his control during his life, although he may have believed that it would operate as an instrument of a different character. Sweet.

Letters Testamentary
The formal instrument of authority and appointment given to an executor by the proper court, upon the admission of the will to probate, empowering him to enter upon the discharge of his office as executor.

Testamentary Capacity

Testamentary Causes
In English law. Causes or matters relating to the probate of wills, the granting of
administrations, and the suing for legacies, of which the ecclesiastical courts have jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 93, 98. Testamentary causes are causes relating to the validity and execution of wills. The phrase is generally confined to those causes which were formerly matters of ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and are now dealt with by the court of probate. Moulton & Whitely.

Testamentary Disposition

Testamentary Guardian
A guardian appointed by the last will of a father for the person and real and personal estate of his child until the latter arrives of full age. 1 Bl. Comm. 462; 2 Kent, Comm. 224; In re De Saules, 101 Misc. 447, 167 N. Y. S. 445, 458.

Testamentary Paper or Instrument
An instrument in the nature of a will; an unprotested will; a paper writing which is of the character of a will, though not formally such, and, if allowed as a testament, will have the effect of a will upon the devolution and distribution of property. Young v. O'Donnell, 129 Wash. 219, 224 P. 652, 684.

Testamentary Succession
In Louisiana, that which results from the institution of an heir contained in a testament executed in the form prescribed by law. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 876.

Testamentary Trustee
See Trustee.

TESTAMENTI FACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The ceremony of making a testament, either as testator, heir, or witness.

TESTAMENTUM. Lat.
In the Civil Law
A testament; a will, or last will.

In Old English Law
A testament or will; a disposition of property made in contemplation of death. Bract. fol. 60.

A general name for any instrument of conveyance, including deeds and charters, and so called either because it furnished written testimony of the conveyance, or because it was authenticated by witnesses, (testes,) Spelman.

Testamentum est voluntatis nostrae justa sententia, de eo quod quis post mortem suam fieri velit. A testament is the just expression of our will concerning that which any one wishes done after his death, [or, as Blackstone translates, "the legal declaration of a man's intentions which he wills to be performed after his death."] Dig. 28, 1, 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 450.

Testamentum, i.e., testatio mentis, facta nullo presente metu pericelli, sed cogitatione mortaltatis. Co. Litt. 322. A testament, i.e., the witnessing of one's intention, made under no present fear of danger, but in expectancy of death.

TESTAMENTUM INOFFICIOSUM. Lat. In the civil law. An inofficious testament, (q. v.) Testamentum omne morte consummatum. Every will is perfected by death. A will speaks from the time of death only. Co. Litt. 232.

TESTARI. Lat. In the civil law. To testify; to attest; to declare, publish, or make known a thing before witnesses. To make a will. Calvin.

TESTATE. One who has made a will; one who dies leaving a will.

TESTATION. Witness; evidence.

TESTATOR. One who makes or has made a testament or will; one who dies leaving a will. This term is borrowed from the civil law. Inst. 2, 14, 5, 6.

Testatoris ultima voluntas est perimplenda secundum velit intentionem suam. Co. Litt. 322. The last will of a testator is to be thoroughly fulfilled according to his real intention.

TESTATRIX. A woman who makes a will; a woman who dies leaving a will; a female testator.

TESTATUM. In Practice
When a writ of execution has been directed to the sheriff of a county, and he returns that the defendant is not found in his bailiwick, or that he has no goods there, as the case may be, then a second writ, reciting this former writ and the sheriff's answer to the same, may be directed to the sheriff of some other county wherein the defendant is supposed to be, or to have goods, commanding him to execute the writ as it may require; and this second writ is called a "testatum" writ, from the words with which it concludes, viz.: "Whereupon, on behalf of the said plaintiff, it is testified in our said court that the said defendant is [or has goods, etc.] within your bailiwick."

In Conveyancing
That part of a deed which commences with the words, "This indenture witnesseth."

TESTATUM WRIT. In practice. A writ containing a testatum clause; such as a testatum copias, a testatum fl. fa., and a testatum ca. sa. See Testatum.
TESTATUS. Lat. In the civil law. Testate; one who has made a will. Digg. 50, 17, 7.

TESTE MEIPS. Lat. In old English law and practice. A solemn formula of attestation by the sovereign, used at the conclusion of charters, and other public instruments, and also of original writs out of chancery. Spelman.

TESTE OF A WRIT. In practice. The concluding clause, commencing with the word "Witnes," etc. A writ which bears the teste is sometimes said to be tested.

"Teste" is a word commonly used in the last part of every writ, wherein the date is contained beginning with the words, "Teste meips," meaning the sovereign, if the writ be an original writ, or be issued in the name of the sovereign; but, if the writ be a judicial writ, then the word "Teste" is followed by the name of the chief judge of the court in which the action is brought, or, in case of a vacancy of such office, in the name of the senior puisne judge. Mozley & Whitley.

TESTED. To be tested is to bear the teste. (q. v.)

TESTES. Lat. Witnesses.

Testes ponderantur, non numerantur. Witnesses are weighed, not numbered. That is, in case of a conflict of evidence, the truth is to be sought by weighing the credibility of the respective witnesses, not by the mere numerical preponderance on one side or the other.

Testes qui postulat debet dare eis sumptus competentes. Whosoever demands witnesses must find them in competent provision.

TESTES, TRIAL PER. A trial had before a judge without the intervention of a jury, in which the judge is left to form in his own breast his sentence upon the credit of the witnesses examined; but this mode of trial, although it was common in the civil law, was seldom resorted to in the practice of the common law, but it is now becoming common when each party waives his right to a trial by jury. Brown.

Testibus deponentibus in pari numero, dignioribus est credendum. Where the witnesses who testify are in equal number, [on both sides,] the more worthy are to be believed. 4 Inst. 279.

TESTIFY. To bear witness; to give evidence as a witness; to make a solemn declaration, under oath or affirmation, in a judicial inquiry, for the purpose of establishing or proving some fact. See State v. Robertson, 26 S. C. 117, 1 S. E. 443; Bannon v. Stevens, 13 Kan. 459; Nash v. Hoxie, 59 Wis. 384, 18 N. W. 408; O'Brien v. State, 125 Ind. 53, 25 N. E. 137, 9 L. R. A. 329; Mudge v. Gilbert, 43 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 221.

Testimonia ponderanda sunt, non numeranda. Evidence is to be weighed, not enumerated.

TESTIMONIAL. Besides its ordinary meaning of a written recommendation to character, "testimonial" has a special meaning, under St. 39 Eliz. c. 17, § 8, passed in 1597, under which it signified a certificate under the hand of a justice of the peace, testifying the place and time when and where a soldier or mariner landed, and the place of his dwelling or birth, unto which he was to pass, and a convenient time limited for his passage. Every idle and wandering soldier or mariner not having such a testimonial, or willfully exceeding for above fourteen days the time limited thereby, or forging or counterfeiting such testimonial, was to suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy. This act was repealed, in 1812, by St. 52 Geo. III. c. 31. Mozley & Whitley.

TESTIMONIAL PROOF. In the civil law. Proof by the evidence of witnesses, i.e., parol evidence, as distinguished from proof by written instruments, which is called "literal" proof.

TESTIMONIO. In Spanish law. An authentic copy of a deed or other instrument, made by a notary and given to an interested party as evidence of his title, the original remaining in the public archives. Gulibeau v. Mays, 15 Tex. 414.

TESTIMONIUM CLAUSE. In conveyancing. That clause of a deed or instrument with which it concludes: "In witness whereof, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals."


Negative Testimony

Testimony not bearing directly upon the immediate fact or occurrence under consideration, but evidencing facts from which it may be inferred that the act or fact in question could not possibly have happened. See Barclay v. Hartman, 2 Marv. (Del.) 351, 43 A. 174; Chnadar v. Detroit, G. H. & M. Ry. Co.,
TESTIMONY


Positive Testimony


TESTIS. Lat. A witness; one who gives evidence in court, or who witnesses a document.

Testis de visu preponderat aliis. 4 Inst. 279. An eye-witness is preferred to others.

Testis lupanaris sufficit ad tactum in lupanari. Moore, 817. A lewd person is a sufficient witness to an act committed in a brothel.

Testis nemo in sua causa esse potest. No one can be a witness in his own case.

Testis oculatus unus plus valet quam auriti decem. 4 Inst. 279. One eye-witness is worth more than ten ear-witnesses.

TESTMOIGNE. An old law French term, denoting evidence or testimony or a witness.

Testmoignes ne poent testifier le negative, mes l'affirmative. Witnesses cannot testify to a negative; they must testify to an affirmative.

TEXT-BOOK. A legal treatise which lays down principles or collects decisions on any branch of the law.

TEXTUS ROFFENSIS. In old English law. The Rochester text. An ancient manuscript containing many of the Saxon laws, and the rights, customs, tenures, etc., of the church of Rochester, drawn up by Ernulph, bishop of that see from A. D. 1114 to 1124. Cowell.

THAINLAND. In old English Law. The land which was granted by the Saxon kings to their chains or thanes was so called.


THANAGE OF THE KING. A certain part of the king's land or property, of which the ruler or governor was called 'thane.' Cowell.

THANE. An Anglo-Saxon nobleman; an old title of honor, perhaps equivalent to "baron." There were two orders of thanes—the king's thanes and the ordinary thanes. Soon after the Conquest this name was disused. Cowell.

THANELANDS. Such lands as were granted by charter of the Saxon kings to their thanes with all immunities, except from the trinoda necessitas. Cowell.

THANESHIP. The office and dignity of a thane; the seigniory of a thane.

That which I may defeat by my entry I make good by my confirmation. Co. Litt. 300.

THAVIES INN. An inn of chancery. See Inns of Chancery.


The fund which has received the benefit should make the satisfaction. 4 Bouv. Inst. note 3730. The law abhors a multiplicity of suits.

The parties being in pari casu, Justice is in equilibrio.

The repeal of the law imposing a penalty is itself a remission.

THEATER. Any edifice used for the purpose of dramatic or operatic or other representations, plays, or performances, for admission to which entrance-money is received, not including halls rented or used occasionally for concerts or theatrical representations. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9 (14 Stat. 129). And see Bell v. Mahn, 121 Pa. 225, 15 A. 523, 1 L. R. A. 334, 6 Am. St. Rep. 786; Lee v. State, 56 Ga. 478; Jacko v. State, 22 Ala. 74; Asa G. Candler, Inc. v. Georgia Theater Co., 96 S. E. 226, 227, 148 Ga. 188, L. R. A. 1918F, 389; Consolidated Enterprises v. State, 263

In Scotch Law

The secret and felonious abstraction of the property of another for sake of lucre, without his consent. Alis. Crim. Law, 290.

THEFT-BOTE. The offense committed by a party who, having been robbed and knowing the felon, takes back his goods again, or receives other amends, upon an agreement not to prosecute. See Forschner v. Whitcomb, 44 N. H. 13.

Theft-bote est amenda furti capita, sine consideratione curiae domini regis. 3 Inst. 134. Theft-bote is the paying money to have goods stolen returned, without having any respect for the court of the king.

THEGN. An Anglo-Saxon term meaning a retainer. Afterwards it came to designate the territorial nobility. At a later period these were king's thegns, who were persons of great importance, and inferior thegns. Military service appears to have run through it all. After the Conquest, they were merged into the class of knights. Encycl. Br.

THEGNAGE TENURE. A kind of tenure in Northumbria in the 13th century and beyond, of which little is known. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 132.

THELONIO IRRATIONABILI HABENDO. A writ that formerly lay for him that had any part of the king's demesne in fee-farm, to recover reasonable toll of the king's tenants there, if his demesne had been accustomed to be tolled. Reg. Orig. 57.

THELONIANUS. An abolished writ for citizens or burgesses to assert their right to exemption from toll. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 226.

THELONUS. The toll-man or officer who receives toll. Cowell.

THELUSSON ACT. The statute 39 & 40 Geo. III. c. 98, which restricted accumulations to a term of twenty-one years from the testator's death. It was passed in consequence of litigation over the will of one Thelusson.

THEME. In Saxon law. The power of having jurisdiction over nials or villeins, with their suits or offspring, lands, goods, and chattels. Co. Litt. 116a.

THEMMAGIUM. A duty or acknowledgment paid by inferior tenants in respect of theme or team. Cowell.


THEN AND THERE. At the time and place last previously mentioned or charged. Context, however, may give the phrase a more remote antecedent than the time and place last previously mentioned or charged. Vogrin v. American Steel & Wire Co., 263 Ill. 474, 105 N. E. 332, 333; State v. Mahoney, 115

TENENCE. In surveying, and in descriptions of land by courses and distances, this word, preceding each course given, imports that the following course is continuous with the one before it. Flagg v. Mason, 141 Mass. 66, 6 N. E. 702.

TENENCE DOWN THE RIVER. The expression, “tenence down the river,” as used in field notes of a surveyor of a patent, is construed to mean with the meanders of the river, unless there is positive evidence that the meander line as written was where the surveyor in fact ran it; for such lines are to show the general course of the stream and to be used in estimating acreage, and not necessarily boundary lines. Burkett v. Chestnut (Tex. Civ. App.) 212 S. W. 271, 274.

TEOCAPACY. Government of a state by the immediate direction of God, (or by the assumed direction of a supposititious divinity,) or the state thus governed.

THEGEND. In Saxon law. A husbandman or inferior tenant; an under-thane. Cowell.

THEODOSIAN CODE. See Codex Theodosianus.

THEOF. In Saxon law. Offenders who joined in a body of seven to commit depredations. Wharton.

THEOWES, THEOWMEN, or THEWS. In feudal law. Slaves, captives, or bondmen. Spel. Feuds, c. 5.

THERE. In or at that place. Bedell v. Richardson Lubricating Co., 201 Mo. App. 251, 211 S. W. 104, 106.


THEREBY. By that means; in consequence of that. Full City Ice & Beverage Co. v. Scanlan Coal Co., 208 Ky. 820, 271 S. W. 1097, 1099.

THEREFOR. For that thing; for it, or them. State v. Dayton Lumber Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 159 S. W. 391, 398.

THEREIN. In that place. Mulville v. City of San Diego, 183 Cal. 734, 192 P. 702, 703; City Hospital of Quincy v. Inhabitants of Town of Milton, 232 Mass. 273, 122 N. E. 274.


THESAUER. Treasurer. 3 State Tr. 691.

THESAURUS, THESAURIUM. The treasury; a treasure.

THESAURUS ABSCONDITUS. In old English law. Treasure hidden or buried. Spelman.

Thesaurus competet domino regi, et non domino liberatis, nisi sit per verba specialia. Fitch. Coron. 281. A treasure belongs to the king, and not to the lord of a liberty, unless it be through special words.

THESAURUS INVENTUS. In old English law. Treasure found; treasure-trove. Bract. fol. 1109, 122.

Thesaurus inventus est vetus dispositio pecunia, etc., cujus non extat modo memoria, adeo ut jam dominum non habeat. 3 Inst. 132. Treasure of which there is no recollection, so that it now has no owner.

Thesaurus non competet regi, nisi quando nemo seint qui absurdit thesaurum. 3 Inst. 132. Treasure does not belong to the king, unless no one knows who hid it.

Thesaurus regis est vinculum pacis et bellorum nervus. Godb. 293. The king's treasure is the bond of peace and the sinews of war.

THESMOTETHE. A law-maker; a law-giver.

THETHINGA. A tithing.

THIA. Lat. In the civil and old European law. An aunt.

THIEF. One who has been guilty of larceny or theft. The term covers both compound and simple larceny. America Ins. Co. v. Brynn, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 25; People v. Wolf, 199 Ill. App. 445, 446.

The word "estate" in general is applicable to anything of which riches or fortune may consist. The word is likewise relative to the word "things," which is the second object of jurisprudence, the rules of which are applicable to persons, things, and actions. Civ. Code La. art. 48.

Such permanent objects, not being persons, as are sensible, or perceptible through the senses. Aust. Jur. § 53.

A "thing" is the object of a right; i. e., whatever is treated by the law as the object over which one person exercises a right, and with reference to which another person lies under a duty. Holl. Jur. § 53.

Things are the subjects of dominion or property, as distinguished from persons. They are distributed into three kinds: (1) Things real or immovable, comprehending lands, tenements, and hereditaments; (2) things personal or movable, comprehending goods and chattels; and (3) things mixed, partaking of the characteristics of the two former, as a title-deed, a term for years. The civil law divided things into corporeal (tangis possessum) and incorporeal (tangis non possessum). Wharton.

THINGS IN ACTION. A thing in action is a right to recover money or other personal property by a judicial proceeding. Civ. Code Cal. § 933. See Chase in Action.

THINGS PERSONAL. Goods, money, and all other movables, which may attend the owner's person wherever he things proper to go. 2 Bl. Comm. 16. Things personal consist of goods, money, and all other movables, and of such rights and profits as relate to movables. 1 Steph. Comm. 156. See People v. Holbrook, 13 Johns. (N. Y.) 50; U. S. v. Moulton, 27 Fed. Cas. 11; People v. Brooklyn, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 546; Castle v. Castle (C. C. A.) 267 F. 521, 522.

THINGS REAL. Such things as are permanent, fixed, and immovable, which cannot be carried out of their place; as lands and tenements. 2 Bl. Comm. 16. This definition has been objected to as not embracing incorporeal rights. Mr. Stephen defines things real to consist of things substantial and immovable, and of the rights and profits annexed to or issuing out of these. 1 Steph. Comm. 156. Things real are otherwise described to consist of lands, tenements, and hereditaments. See Bates v. Sparrell, 10 Mass. 324; People v. Brooklyn, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 546; Sox v. Miracle, 55 N. D. 458, 100 N. W. 716, 719.

Things accessory are of the nature of the principal. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 25.

Things are construed according to that which was the cause thereof. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 4.

Things are dissolved as they be contracted. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 7.

Things grounded upon an ill and void beginning cannot have a good perfection. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 8.

Things in action, entry, or re-entry cannot be granted over. Van Rensselaer v. Ball, 19 N. Y. 100, 103.

Things incident cannot be severed. Finch, Law, b. 3, c. 1, n. 12.


Things incident shall pass by the grant of the principal, but not the principal by the grant of the incident. Co. Litt. 152a, 151b; Broom, Max. 433.

Things shall not be void which may possibly be good.

THINGUS. In Saxon law. A thane or nobleman; knight or freeman. Cowell.


THIRD. Following next after the second; also, with reference to any legal instrument or transaction or judicial proceeding; any outsider or person not a party to the affair nor immediately concerned in it.

—Third opposition. In Louisiana, when an execution is levied on property which does not belong to the defendant, but to an outsider, the remedy of the owner is by an intervention called a "third opposition," in which, on his giving security, an injunction or prohibition may be granted to stop the sale. See New Orleans v. Louisiana Const. Co., 129 U. S. 45, 9 S. Ct. 223, 32 L. Ed. 607; Norton v. Walton (C. C. A.) 288 F. 359, 360.

—Third parties. See Party.

—Third penny. A portion (one-third) of the amount of all fines and other profits of the county court, which was reserved for the earl. In the early days when the jurisdiction of those courts was extensive, the remainder going to the king.

States Fair-Pan-American Exposition Co.,
143 La. 884, 79 So. 525, 526.

THIRD-NIGHT-AWN-HINDE. By the laws of
St. Edward the Confessor, if any man lay
a third night in an inn, he was called a "third-
night-awn-hinde," and his host was answer-
able for him if he committed any offense. The
first night, forman-night, or uncouth, (unknow-
en,) he was reckoned a stranger; the second
night, two-night, a guest; and the third
night, an awn-hinde, a domestic. Bract. l. 3.

THIRDBOROUGH, or THIRDBOROW. An
under-constable. Cowell.

THIRDINGS. The third part of the corn
growing on the land, due to the lord for a
heriot on the death of his tenant, within the
manor of Turfart, in Hereford. Blount.

THIRDS. The designation, in colloquial lan-
guage, of that portion of a decedent's personal
estate (one-third) which goes to the wid-
ow where there is also a child or children.
See Yeomans v. Stevens, 2 Allen (Mass.) 350;

THIRLAGE. In Scotch law. A servitude by
which lands are astricted or "thrilled" to a
particular mill, to which the possessors must
carry the grain of the growth of the astricted
lands to be ground, for the payment of such
duties as are either expressed or implied in
the constitution of the right. Ersk. Inst. 2,
9, 18.

THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES. See Articles of
Religion.

THIS. When "this" and "that" refer to dif-
cerent things before expressed, "this" refers
to the thing last mentioned, and "that" to the
thing first mentioned. Russell v. Kennedy,
66 Pa. 231. "This" is a demonstrative ad-
jective, used to point out with particularity a
person or thing present in place or in thought.
Stevens v. Halle (Tex. Civ. App.) 162 S. W.
1025, 1028.

THIS DAY SIX MONTHS. Fixing "this day
six months," or "three months," for the next
stage of a bill, is one of the modes in which
the house of lords and the house of commons
reject bills of which they disapprove. A bill
rejected in this manner cannot be reintroduc-
ated in the same session. Wharton.

THISTLE-TAKE. It was a custom within
the manor of Halton, in Chester, that if, in
driving beasts over a common, the driver per-
mitted them to graze or take but a thistle, he
should pay a halfpenny a-piece to the lord of
the fee. And at Fiskerton, in Nottingham-
shire, by ancient custom, if a native or a cot-
tager killed a swine above a year old, he paid
to the lord a penny, which purchase of leave
to kill a hog was also called "thistle-take." Cowell.

THOROUGHFARE. The term means, ac-
ording to its derivation, a street or passage
through which one can fare. (French,) that is,
a street or highway affording an unobstruct-
ed exit at each end into another street or pub-
lic passage. If the passage is closed at one
end, admitting no exit there, it is called a
"cul de sac." See Cemetery Ass'n v. Menis-
ger, 14 Kan. 315; Mankato v. Warren, 20 Minn.
150 (Gib. 128); Wiggins v. Tallmadge, 11 Barb.
(N. Y.) 462; Morris v. Blunt, 49 Utah, 243,
161 P. 1127, 1130; Simmons v. State, 149 Ark.
348, 222 S. W. 597, 598; In re Wallace, Barnes,
and Matthews Aves. in City of New York,
222 N. Y. 139, 118 N. E. 506, 507.

THRAVE. In old English law. A measure of
corn or grain, consisting of twenty-four
sheaves or four shocks, six sheaves to every
shock. Cowell.

THREAD. A middle line; a line running
through the middle of a stream or road. See
Flum; Flum Aquae; Flum Vicis; Thalweg.

THREAT. In criminal law. A menace; es-
specially, any menace of such a nature and ex-
ten as to unsettle the mind of the person on
whom it operates, and to take away from his
acts that free and voluntary action which alone
French (D. C.) 243 F. 785, 786; State v.
Kramer, 115 A. 8, 11, 1 W. W. Harr. (Del.)
454; State v. Cushin, 17 Wash. 344, 50 P.
512; State v. Brownlee, 84 Iowa, 473, 51 N. W.
25; Cote v. Murphy, 159 Pa. 420, 28 A. 190,

A declaration of one's purpose or intention
to work injury to the person, property, or
rights of another, with a view of restraining
such person's freedom of action. McKenzie
v. State, 113 Neb. 576, 204 N. W. 60, 61; United
States v. Metzdorf (D. C.) 252 F. 933, 937;
United States v. Jasiek (D. C.) 252 F. 931, 932;
Brooker v. Silverthorne, 111 S. C. 553, 99 S. E.
350, 332, 5 A. L. R. 1228; Kamenetsky v. Cor-
coran, 177 App. Div. 605, 164 N. Y. S. 297,
300.

THREATENING LETTERS. Sending threat-
ening letters is the name of the offense of
sending letters containing threats of the kinds
recognized by the statute as criminal. See
People v. Griffin, 2 Barb. (N. Y.) 429.

THREE-DOLLAR PIECE. A gold coin of the
United States, of the value of three dollars;
authorized by the seventh section of the act
of February 21, 1853.

THREE-WEEKS COURT. In the Kentish
custom of gavelot, it was the lord's court. 18
Harv. L. R. 40.

THRENDES. Vassals, but not of the lowest
degree; those who held lands of the chiet
lord.

THRTHING. In Saxon and old English law.
The third part of a county; a division of a

THROUGH LOT. A lot that abuts upon a street at each end. Illinois Surety Co. v. O'Brien (C. C. A.) 223 F. 853, 858.

THROW OUT. To ignore (a bill of indictment.)

THRUSTING. Within the meaning of a criminal statute, "thrusting" is not necessarily an attack with a pointed weapon; it means pushing or driving with force, whether the point of the weapon be sharp or not. State v. Lowry, 38 La. Ann. 1224.

THRUMSA. A Saxon coin worth fourpence. Du Fresne.

THUDE-WEALD. A woodland, or person that looks after a wood.

THURINGIAN CODE. One of the "barbarian codes," as they are termed; supposed by Montesquieu to have been given by Theodoric, king of Austrasia, to the Thuringians, who were his subjects. Esprit des Lois, lib. 29, c. 1.

THWERTNICK. In old English law. The custom of giving entertainments to a sheriff, etc., for three nights.

TICK. A colloquial expression for credit or trust; credit given for goods purchased.

TICKET. In Contracts

A slip of paper containing a certificate that the person to whom it is issued, or the holder, is entitled to some right or privilege therein mentioned or described; such, for example, are railroad tickets, theater tickets, pawn tickets, lottery tickets, etc. See Allaire v. Howell Works Co., 14 N. J. Law. 24; Summerfield v. Hines, 45 Nev. 60, 197 P. 690, 692; Norman v. East Carolina Ry. Co., 161 N. C. 330, 77 S. E. 345, 347, Ann. Cas. 1914D, 917; Interstate Amusement Co. v. Martin, 8 Ala. App. 481, 62 So. 404, 405.

In Election Law


"Before the opening of the polls, * * * the county clerk of the county shall cause to be delivered to the boards of election * * * the proper number of general tickets, * * * in sealed packages, with marks on the outside clearly designating the precinct or polling-place for which they are intended, and the number of ballots enclosed, and in case of a consolidated city and county, also a like number of municipal tickets * * *." Pol. Code Cal. § 1291.

TICKET OF LEAVE. In English law. A license or permit given to a convict, as a reward for good conduct, particularly in the penal settlements, which allows him to go at large, and labor for himself, before the expiration of his sentence, subject to certain specific conditions and revocable upon subsequent misconduct.

TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN. A convict who has obtained a ticket of leave.

TIDAL. In order that a river may be "tidal" at a given spot, it may not be necessary that the water should be salt, but the spot must be one where the tide, in the ordinary and regular course of things, flows and refloows. 8 Q. B. Div. 630.


Neap Tides

Those tides which happen between the full and change of the moon twice in every 24 hours. F. A. Hihn Co. v. City of Santa Cruz, 170 Cal. 430, 150 P. 62, 65.

Tide Lands

See Land.

Tide-water

Water which falls and rises with the ebb and flow of the tide. The term is not usually applied to the open sea, but to coves, bays, rivers, etc.

Tideway


TIDESMEN, in English law, are certain officers of the custom-house, appointed to watch or attend upon ships till the customs are paid; and they are so called because they go aboard the ships at their arrival in the month of the Thames, and come up with the tide. Jacob.

TIE, v. To bind. "The parson is not tied to find the parish clerk." 1 Leon. 94.

TIE, n. When, at an election, neither candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, but each has the same number, there is said
to be a "tie." So when the number of votes cast in favor of any measure, in a legislative or deliberative body, is equal to the number cast against it. See Wooster v. Mullins, 64 Conn. 349, 30 A. 144, 25 L. R. A. 604.

TIEL. L. Fr. Such. *Nul tiel record,* no such record.

TIEMPO INHABIL. Span. A time of inability; a time when the person is not able to pay his debts, (when, for instance, he may not alienate property to the prejudice of his creditors.) The term is used in Louisiana. Brown v. Kenner, 3 Mart. O. S. (La.) 270; Thorn v. Morgan, 4 Mart. N. S. (La.) 292, 18 Am. Dec. 173.

TIERCE. L. Fr. Third. *Tierce meini,* third hand. Brit. c. 120.

TIERCE. A liquid measure, containing the third part of a pipe, or forty-two gallons.

TIGH. In old records. A close or inclosure; a croft. Cowell.

TIGHT. As colloquially applied to a note, bond, mortgage, lease, etc., this term signifies that the clauses providing the creditor's remedy in case of default (as, by foreclosure, execution, distress, etc.) are summary and stringent.

TIGNI IMMITTENDI. Lat. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which is the right of inserting a beam or timber from the wall of one house into that of a neighboring house, in order that it may rest on the latter, and that the wall of the latter may bear this weight. Wharton. See Dig. 8, 2, 36.

TIGNUM. Lat. A civil-law term for building material; timber.

TIHLER. In old Saxon law. An accusation.

TILLAGE. A place tilled or cultivated; land under cultivation, as opposed to lands lying fallow or in pasture.

TIMBER. Wood felled for building or other such like use. In a legal sense it generally means (in England) oak, ash, and elm, but in some parts of England, and generally in America, it is used in a wider sense, which is recognized by the law.

The term "timber," as used in commerce, refers generally only to large sticks of wood, squared or capable of being squared for building houses or vessels; and certain trees only having been formerly used for such purposes, namely, the oak, the ash, and the elm, they alone were recognized as timber trees. But the numerous uses to which wood has come to be applied, and the general employment of all kinds of trees for some valuable purpose, has wrought a change in the general acceptance of terms in connection therewith, and we find that Webster defines "timber" to be "that sort of wood which is proper for buildings or for tools, utensils, furniture, carriages, fences, ships, and the like." This would include all sorts of wood from which any useful articles may be made, or which may be used to advantage in any class of manufacture or construction. U. S. v. Storem (C. C.) 14 F. 824; And see Donworth v. Town of Westfield, 44 N. Y. 191; Wilson v. State, 17 Tex. App. 386; U. S. v. Soto, 7 Ariz. 330, 64 F. 420; Great Southern Lumber Co. v. Newsom Bros., 129 Miss. 158, 91 So. 864, 855; Ladnier v. Ingram Day Lumber Co., 132 Miss. 632, 103 So. 369, 370; Colleton Merchantile & Mfg. Co. v. Gruber (D. C.) 7 F. (2d) 689, 696; Jasper Land Co. v. Manchester Sawmills, 209 Ala. 446, 96 So. 417; 418; C. W. Zimmerman Mfg. Co. v. Wilson, 202 Ala. 340, 80 So. 422; Penley v. Emmons, 117 Mo. 108, 107 A. 972, 977; Craddock Mfg. Co. v. Faison, 138 Va. 655, 125 S. E. 355, 355, 39 A. L. R. 1599; Calmer v. Day, 118 Wash. 276, 203 P. 71, 72; Vandiver v. Byrd-Matthews Lumber Co., 146 Ga. 113, 90 S. E. 900, 901; Caldwell v. United States, 39 S. Ct. 397, 398, 294 U. S. 14, 63 L. Ed. 816; W. T. Smith Timber Lumber Co. v. Jernigan, 185 Ala. 125, 64 So. 500, 301, Ann. Cas. 1887C, 654; Lampart Realty Co. v. Kerr, 154 La. 843, 88 So. 265, 268; Anderson v. Great Northern Ry. Co., 22 Idaho, 433, 138 P. 127, 128, Ann. Cas. 1920C, 191; Rea v. State, 17 Ga. App. 476, 87 S. E. 685; Calmer v. Day, 115 Wash. 276, 203 P. 71, 72; Haughley v. Arnold, 195 Ga. 243, 135 S. E. 451; W. T. Smith Lumber Co. v. Jernigan, 185 Ala. 125, 64 So. 500, 301, Ann. Cas. 1920C, 654; Tuscarora Nation of Indians v. Williams, 141 N. Y. S. 297, 295, 79 Misc. 445; Eagle Coal Co. v. Patrick's Adm'rs, 181 Ky. 239, 170 S. W. 900, 961.

TIMBER CULTURE ENTRY. See Entry.

TIMBER-TREES. Oak, ash, elm, in all places, and, by local custom, such other trees as are used in building. 2 Bl. Comm. 281.

TIMBERLODE. A service by which tenants were bound to carry timber felled from the woods to the lord's house. Cowell.

TIME. The measure of duration. The word is expressive both of a precise *point* or *terminus* and of an *interval* between two points.

In Pleading

A point in or space of duration at or during which some fact is alleged to have been committed.

In General

—Cooling time. See that title.

—Reasonable time. Such length of time as may fairly, properly, and reasonably be allowed or required, having regard to the nature of the act or duty, or of the subject-matter, and to the attending circumstances. It is a maxim of English law that "how long a 'reasonable time' ought to be is not defined in law, but is left to the discretion of the judges." Co. Litt. 50. See Hoggins v. Beecraft, 1 Duns (Ky.) 28; Hill v. Hobart, 16 Me. 108; Twin Lick Oil Co. v. Marbury, 91 U. S. 591, 23 L. Ed. 328; Campbell v. Whoriskey, 170 Mass. 60, 49 N. E. 1070; Citizens Bank Bldg. v. L. & E. Wethersfield, 148 Ark. 38, 189 S. W. 361, 362, Ann. Cas. 1917E, 550; In re Sternberg (D. C.) 300 F. 881, 884; Dietrich v. U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation (C. C. A.) 9 F. (2d) 733, 741; Russodania Co. v. United Transp. Co. (D. C.) 281 F. 216; Ely

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do not assaul a resolute man are to be accounted vain.

TINBOUNDING is a custom regulating the manner in which tin is obtained from waste-land, or land which has formerly been waste-land, within certain districts in Cornwall and Devon. The custom is described in the leading case on the subject as follows: "Any person may enter on the waste-land of another, and may mark out by four corner boundaries a certain area. A written description of the plot of land so marked out with metes and bounds, and the name of the person, is recorded in the local stannaries court, and is proclaimed on three successive court-days. If no objection is sustained by any other person, the court awards a writ to the bailiff to deliver possession of the said 'bounds of tin-work' to the 'bounder,' who thereafter has the exclusive right to search for, dig, and take for his own use all tin and tin-ore within the inclosed limits, paying as a royalty to the owner of the waste a certain proportion of the produce under the name of 'toll-tin.'" 10 Q. B. 26, cited in Elton Commons, 115. The right of tin-ranging is not a right of common, but is an interest in land, and, in Devonshire, a corporeal hereditament. In Cornwall tin bounds are personal estate. Sweet.

TINEL. L. Fr. A place where justice was administered. Kelham.

TINEMAN. Sax. In old forest law. A petty officer of the forest who had the care of vert and venison by night, and performed other servile duties.

TINET. In old records. Brush-wood and thorns for fencing and hedging. Cowell; Blount.

TINEWALD. The ancient parliament or annual convention in the Isle of Man, held upon Midsummer-day, at St. John's chapel. Cowell.

TINKERMAN. Fishermen who destroyed the young fry on the river Thames by nets and unlawful engines. Cowell.

TINELLUS. In old Scotch law. The seamark; high-water mark. Tide-mouth. Skene.

TINPENNY. A tribute paid for the liberty of digging in tin-mines. Cowell.

TINSEL OF THE FEU. In Scotch law. The loss of the feu, from allowing two years of feu duty to run into the third unpaid. Bell.

TIPPLING HOUSE. A place where intoxicating drinks are sold in drams or small quantities to be drunk on the premises, and where men resort for drinking purposes. See Leesburg v. Putnam, 106 Ga. 110, 29 S. E. 802; Morrison v. Conn., 7 Dana (Ky.) 219; Patten v. Centralia, 47 Ill. 370; Hussey v. State, 69 Ga. 55; Emporia v. Volmer, 12 Kan. 629;

TIMOERES VANI SUNT ESTIMANDI QUI NON CADUXT IN CONSTANTEM VIRUM. 7 Coke, 17. Fears which

TIPSTAFF.

In English Law

An officer appointed by the marshal of the king's bench to attend upon the judges with a kind of rod or staff tipped with silver, who take into their custody all prisoners, either committed or turned over by the judges at their chambers, etc. Jacob.

In American Law

An officer appointed by the court, whose duty is to wait upon the court when it is in session, preserve order, serve process, guard juries, etc.

TITHER. One who gathers tithes.

TITHES. In English law. The tenth part of the increase, yearly arising and renewing from the profits of lands, the stock upon lands, and the personal industry of the inhabitants. 2 Bl. Comm. 24. A species of incorporeal hereditament, being an ecclesiastical inheritance collateral to the estate of the land, and due only to an ecclesiastical person by ecclesiastical law. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. § 133.

Great Tithes


Mixed Tithes

Those which arise not immediately from the ground, but from those things which are nourished by the ground, e.g., colts, chickens, calves, milk, eggs, etc. 3 Burn, Ecc. Law, 380; 2 Bl. Comm. 24.

Minute Tithes

Small tithes, such as usually belong to a vicar, as of wool, lambs, pigs, butter, cheese, herbs, seeds, eggs, honey, wax, etc.

Personal Tithes

Personal tithes are tithes paid of such profits as come by the labor of a man's person; as by buying and selling, gains of merchandise and handicrafts, etc. Tomlins.

Predial Tithes

Such as arise immediately from the ground; as, grain of all sorts, hay, wood, fruits, and herbs.

Tithe-Free

Exempted from the payment of tithes.

Tithe Rent-Charge

A rent-charge established in lieu of tithes, under the tithes commutation act, 1836, (St. 6 & 7 Wm. IV, c. 71.) As between landlord and tenant, the tenant paying the tithe rent-charge is entitled, in the absence of express agreement, to deduct it from his rent, under section 70 of the above act. And a tithe rent-charge unpaid is recoverable by distress as rent in arrear. Mozley & Whitley.

TITHING. One of the civil divisions of England, being a portion of that greater division called a "hundred." It was so called because ten freeholders with their families composed one. It is said that they were all knit together in one society, and bound to the king for the peaceable behavior of each other. In each of these societies there was one chief or principal person, who, from his office, was called "teething-man," now "tithing-man." Brown.

TITHING-MAN.

In Saxon Law

The head or chief of a tithing or decennary of ten families; he was to decide all lesser causes between neighbors. Jacob, Law Dict. In modern English law, he is the same as an under-constable or peace-officer.

In Modern Law

A constable. "After the introduction of justices of the peace, the offices of constable and tithing-man became so similar that we now regard them as precisely the same." Willc. Const. Introd.

In New England

A parish officer annually elected to preserve good order in the church during divine service, and to make complaint of any disorderly conduct. Webster, Dict.

TITHING-PENNY. In Saxon and old English law. Money paid to the sheriff by the several tithings of his county. Cowell.

TITIUS. In Roman law. A proper name, frequently used in designating an indefinite or fictitious person, or a person referred to by way of illustration. "Titius" and "Seius," in this use, correspond to "John Doe" and "Richard Roe," or to "A. B." and "C. D."

TITLE. The radical meaning of this word appears to be that of a mark, style, or designation; a distinctive appellation; the name by which anything is known. Thus, in the law of persons, a title is an appellation of dignity or distinction, a name denoting the social rank of the person bearing it; as "duke" or "count." So, in legislation, the title of a statute is the heading or preliminary part, furnishing the name by which the act is individually known. It is usually prefixed to the statute in the form of a brief summary of its contents; as "An act for the prevention of gaming." State v. Thomas, 501 Mo. 603, 266 S. W. 1028, 1029. Again, the title of a patent is the short description of the invention, which is copied in the letters patent from the inventor's petition; e.g., "a new and improved method of drying and preparing malt." Johns, Pat. Man. 90.
In the Law of Trade-Marks

A title may become a subject of property; as one who has adopted a particular title for a newspaper, or other business enterprise, may, by long and prior user, or by compliance with statutory provisions as to registration and notice, acquire a right to be protected in the exclusive use of it. Abbott.

The title of a book, or any literary composition, is its name; that is, the heading or caption prefixed to it, and disclosing the distinctive appellation by which it is to be known. This usually comprises a brief description of its subject-matter and the name of its author.

"Title" is also used as the name of one of the subdivisions employed in many literary works, standing intermediate between the divisions denoted by the term "books" or "parts," and those designated as "chapters" and "sections."

In Real Property Law


Title is the means whereby a person's right to property is established. Code Ga. 1882, p. 2348 (Civ. Code 1910, § 3796).

Title may be defined generally to be the evidence of right which a person has to the possession of property. The word "title" certainly does not merely signify the right which a person has to the possession of property; because there are many instances in which a person may have the right to the possession of property, and at the same time have no title to the same. In its ordinary legal acceptation, however, it generally seems to imply a right of possession also. It therefore, appears, on the whole, to signify the outward evidence of the right, rather than the mere right itself. Thus, when it is said that the "most imperfect degree of title consists in the mere naked possession or actual occupation of an estate," it means that the mere circumstance of occupying the estate is the weakest species of evidence of the occupier's right to such possession. The word is defined by Sir Edward Coke thus: Titulus est quies causa possedendi id quod nostrum est, (1 Inst. 34;) that is to say, the ground whether purchase, gift, or other such ground of acquiring; "Titulus" being distinguished in this respect from "modus acquirendi," which is the tradition, i. e., delivery or conveyance of the thing. Brown.

Title is when a man hath lawful cause of entry into lands, whereof another is seized; and it signifies also the means whereby a man comes to lands or tenements, as by feoffment, last will and testament, etc. The word "title" includes a right, but is the more general word. Every right is a title, though every title is not a right for which an action lies. Jacob.

See also Donovan v. Pitchor, 53 Ala. 411, 25 Am. Rep. 494; Ramphouse v. Gaffner, 73 Ill. 468; Pan-


A title is a lawful cause or ground of possessing that which is ours. An interest, though primarily it includes the terms "estate," "right," and "title," has latterly come often to mean less, and to be the same as "concern," "share," and the like. Merrif v. Agricultural Ins. Co., 73 N. Y. 456, 29 Am. Rep. 184.

The investigation of titles is one of the principal branches of conveyancing and in that practice the word "title" has acquired the sense of "history," rather than of "right." Thus, we speak of an abstract of title, and of investigating a title, and describe a document as forming part of the title to property. Sweet.

In Pleading

The right of action which the plaintiff has. The declaration must show the plaintiff's title, and, if such title be not shown in that instrument, the defect cannot be cured by any of the future pleadings. Bac. Abr. "Plead," etc., B. 1.

In Procedure

Every action, petition, or other proceeding has a title, which consists of the name of the court in which it is pending, the names of the parties, etc. Administration actions are further distinguished by the name of the deceased person whose estate is being administered. Every pleading, summons, affidavit, etc., commences with the title. In many cases it is sufficient to give what is called the "short title" of an action, namely, the court, the reference to the record, and the surnames of the first plaintiff and the first defendant. Sweet.

In General

—Absolute title. As applied to title to land, an "absolute" title means an exclusive title, or at least a title which excludes all others not compatible with it; an absolute title to land cannot exist at the same time in different persons or in different governments. Johnson v. McIntosh, 5 Wheat. 543, 558, 5 L. Ed. 651.

—Abstract of title. See that title.

—Adverse title. A title set up in opposition to or defeasance of another title, or one acquired or claimed by adverse possession.

—Bond for title. See Bond.

—Chains of title. See that title.

—Clear title, good title, merchantable title, marketable title, are synonymous; "clear title" meaning that the land is free from incumbrances, "good title" being one free from litigation, palpable defects, and grave doubts, comprising both legal and equitable titles and fairly deductible of record. Ogg v. Herman, 71 Mont. 10, 227 P. 470, 477; Veselka v. Forrest

_Clear title of record, or clear record title_, means freedom from apparent defects, grave doubts, and litigious uncertainties, and is such title as a reasonably prudent person, with full knowledge, would accept. A title dependent for its validity on extraneous evidence, ex parte affidavits, or written guaranties against the results of litigation is not a clear title of record, and is not such title as equity will require a purchaser to accept. Ammerman v. Kornowski, 109 Ohio 156, 234 P. 774, 776; Cleva v. Sullivan, 258 Mass. 345, 154 N. E. 920, 921.

_Color of title_. See that title.

_Covenants for title_. Covenants usually inserted in a conveyance of land, on the part of the grantor, and binding him for the completeness, security, and continuance of the title transferred to the grantee. They comprise "covenants for seisin, for right to convey, against incumbrances, for quiet enjoyment, sometimes for further assurance, and almost always of warranty." Rawle, Coav. § 21.

_Doubtful title_. See that title.


_Imperfect title_. One which requires a further exercise of the granting power to pass the fee in land, or which does not convey full and absolute dominion. Paschal v. Perez, 7 Tex. 367; Paschal v. Dangerfield, 37 Tex. 300; Lambert v. Gant (Tex. Civ. App.) 290 S. W. 548, 551.

_Legal title_. One cognizable or enforceable in a court of law, or one which is complete and perfect so far as regards the apparent right of ownership and possession, but which carries no beneficial interest in the property, another person being equitably entitled thereto; in either case, the antithesis of "equitable title." Wheeler v. Ballard, 91 Kan. 354, 137 P. 759, 790; Burnham v. Hardy Oil Co., 198 Tex. 555, 185 S. W. 1139, 1141; Houston Oil Co. of Texas v. Ainsworth (Tex. Civ. App.) 192 S. W. 614, 617; Tobin v. Garlies, 44 Nev. 179, 191 P. 1063, 1064; Union Tanning Co. v. Lowe, 145 Tenn. 407, 233 S. W. 712, 714.

_Lucrative title_. In the civil law, title acquired without the giving of anything in exchange for it; the title by which a person acquires anything which comes to him as a clear gain, as, for instance, by gift, descent, or devise. Opposed to "onerous title," as to which see infra.

_MARKETABLE TITLE_. See that title.

_ Onerous title_. In the civil law, title to property acquired by the giving of a valuable consideration for it, such as the payment of money, the rendition of services, the performance of conditions, the assumption of obligations, or the discharge of liens on the property; opposed to "lucrative" title, or one acquired by gift or otherwise without the giving of an equivalent. See Scott v. Ward, 13 Cal. 471; Kircher v. Murray (C. C. A.) 54 F. 624; Yates v. Houston, 3 Tex. 453; Rev. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 3556, subd. 22.

_Paper title_. A title to land evidenced by a conveyance or chain of conveyances; the term generally implying that such title, while it has color or plausibility, is without substantial validity.

_Passive title_. In Scotch law. A title incurred by an heir in heritage who does not enter as heir in the regular way, and therefore incurs liability for all the debts of the decedent, irrespective of the amount of assets. Paterson.

_Perfect title_. Various meanings have been attached to this term: (1) One which shows the absolute right of possession and of property in a particular person. Henderson v. Beatty, 124 Iowa, 163, 99 N. W. 716; Converse v. Kellogg, 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 590; Wilcox Lumber Co. v. Bullock, 169 Ga. 532, 35 S. E. 52; Donovan v. Pitcher, 53 Ala. 411, 25 Am. Rep. 654. (2) A grant of land which requires no further act from the legal authority to constitute an absolute title to the land taking effect at once. Hancock v. McKinney, 7 Tex. 457. (3) A title which does not disclose a patent defect suggesting the possibility of a lawsuit to defend it; a title such as a well-informed and prudent man paying full value for the property would be willing to take. Birge v. Bock, 44 Mo. App. 77. (4) A title which is good both at law and in equity. Warner v. Middlesex Mut. Assur Co., 21 Conn. 440. (5) One which is good and valid beyond all reasonable doubt. Sheehy v. Miles, 93 Cal. 288, 28 P. 1046; Reynolds v. Borel, 86 Cal. 538, 25 P. 67. (6) A marketable or merchantable title. Ross v. Smiley, 18 Colo. App. 204, 70 P. 766; McCleary v. Chipman, 32 Ind. App. 459, 68 N. E. 329.
—Presumptive title. A barely presumptive title, which is of the very lowest order, arises out of the mere occupation or simple possession of property, (fus possessionis,) without any apparent right, or any pretense of right, to hold and continue such possession.

—Record title. See Record.

—Singular title. The title by which a party acquires property as a singular successor.

—Tax title. See Tax.

—Title-deeds. Deeds which constitute or are the evidence of title to lands.

—Title by prescription. The right which a possessor acquires to property by reason of the continuance of his possession for a period of time fixed by law. Civil Code 1910, § 4163. Walker v. Steffes, 139 Ga. 520, 77 S. E. 580.

—Title insurance. See Insurance.

—Title of a cause. The distinctive appellation by which any cause in court, or other juridical proceeding, is known and discriminated from others.

—Title of an act. The heading, or introductory clause, of a statute, wherein is briefly recited its purpose or nature, or the subject to which it relates.

—Title of clergymen, (to orders.) Some certain place where they may exercise their functions; also an assurance of being preferred to some ecclesiastical benefit. 2 Steph. Comm. 661.

—Title of declaration. That preliminary clause of a declaration which states the name of the court and the term to which the process is returnable.

—Title of entry. The right to enter upon lands. Cowell.

—Title to orders. In English ecclesiastical law, a title to orders is a certificate of preferment or provision required by the thirty-third canon, in order that a person may be admitted into holy orders, unless he be a fellow or chaplain in Oxford or Cambridge, or master of arts of five years’ standing in either of the universities, and living there at his sole charges; or unless the bishop himself intends shortly to admit him to some benefice or curacy. 2 Steph. Comm. 661.

TITULADA. In Spanish law. Title. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 2.

TITULARS OF ERECTION. Persons who in Scotland, after the Reformation, obtained grants from the crown of the monasteries and priories then erected into temporal lordships. Thus the titles formerly held by the religious houses, as well as the property of the lands, were conferred on these grantees, who were also called “lords of erection” and “titulars of the teinds.” Bell.

TITULUM. Lat.

In the Civil Law

Title; the source or ground of possession; the means whereby possession of a thing is acquired, whether such possession be lawful or not.

In Old Ecclesiastical Law

A temple or church; the material edifice. So called because the priest in charge of it derived therefrom his name and title. Spelman.

Titulus est jusca causa possidenti de quod nostrum est; diebatur a tuendo. 8 Coke, 153. A title is the just right of possessing that which is our own; it is so called from “tuendo,” defending.

TO. This is ordinarily a word of exclusion, when used in describing premises; it excludes the terminus mentioned. Montgomery v. Reed, 69 Me. 514; Littlefield v. Hubbard, 120 Me. 228, 113 A. 304, 306; Sinford v. Watts, 123 Me. 230, 122 A. 573, 574; Skeritt Inv. Co. v. City of Englewood, 79 Colo. 645, 248 P. 6, 8. It may be a word of inclusion, and may also mean “into.” People v. Poole, 284 Ill. 39, 119 N. E. 916, 917; Thompson v. Reynolds, 68 Utah, 416, 204 P. 515, 518; Brandenburg v. Buda Co., 287 Ill. 133, 125 N. E. 514, 516; U. S. v. Alaska Consol. Canneries (D. C.) 2 Fed. (2d) 614, 616.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD. The words in a conveyance which show the estate intended to be conveyed. Thus, in a conveyance of land in fee-simple, the grant is to “A, and his heirs, to have and to hold the said [land] unto and to the use of the said A, his heirs and assigns forever.” Williams, Real Prop. 108.

Strictly speaking, however, the words “to have” denote the estate to be taken, while the words “to hold” signify that it is to be held of some superior lord, i. e., by way of tenure, (q. v.). The former clause is called the “habendum,” the latter, the “tenendum.” Co. Litt. 6a.


TOALIA. In feudal law. A towel. There is a tenure of lands by the service of waiting with a towel at the king’s coronation. Cowell.

TOBACCONIST. Any person, firm, or corporation whose business it is to manufacture cigars, snuff, or tobacco in any form. Act of congress of July 13, 1896, § 9 (14 Stat. 120).

TOFT. A place or piece of ground on which a house formerly stood, which has been de-
stroied by accident or decay. 2 Broom & H. Comm. 17.

TOFTMAN. In old English law. The owner of a toft. Cowell; Spelman.

TOGATI. Lat. In Roman law. Advocates; so called under the empire because they were required, when appearing in court to plead a cause, to wear the toga, which had then ceased to be the customary dress in Rome. Vinct.

TOKEN. A sign or mark; a material evidence of the existence of a fact. Thus, cheating by "false tokens" implies the use of fabricated or deceitfully contrived material objects to assist the person's own fraud and falsehood in accomplishing the cheat. See State v. Green, 18 N. J. Law. 181; State v. Middleton, Dtd. (S. C.) 285; Jones v. State, 50 Ind. 476; State v. Leonard, 73 Or. 451, 144 P. 113, 118; Smith v. State, 74 Fla. 594, 77 So. 274, 277; State v. Whiteaker, 64 Or. 297, 129 P. 534, 537.

TOKEN-MONEY. A conventional medium of exchange consisting of pieces of metal, fashioned in the shape and size of coins, and circulating among private persons, by consent, at a certain value. No longer permitted or recognized as money. 2 Chit. Com. Law. 182.

TOLERATE. To allow so as not to hinder; to permit as something not wholly approved of; to suffer; to endure. Gregory v. U. S., 17 Blatchf. 330, Fed. Cas. No. 5,503.

TOLERATION. The allowance of religious opinions and modes of worship which are contrary to, or different from, those of the established church or belief. Webster.

TOLERATION ACT. The statute 1 W. & M. St. 1, c. 18, for exempting Protestant dissenters from the penalties of certain laws is so called. Brown.

TOLL, v. To bar, defeat, or take away; thus, to toll the entry means to deny or take away the right of entry.
To toll the statute of limitations means to show facts which remove its bar of the action.

TOLL, n. In English Law

Toll means an excise of goods; a seizure of some part for permission of the rest. It has two significations: A liberty to buy and sell within the precincts of the manor, which seems to import as much as a fair or market; a tribute or custom paid for passage. Wharton.

A Saxon word signifying, properly, a payment in towns, markets, and fairs for goods and cattle bought and sold. It is a reasonable sum of money due to the owner of the fair or market, upon sale of things tollable within the same. The word is used for a liberty as well to take as to be free from toll. Jacob.

In Modern English Law

A reasonable sum due to the lord of a fair or market for things sold there which are tollable. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 350, § 628.

In Contracts


In General

—Toll and team. Words constantly associated with Saxon and old English grants of liberties to the lords of manors. Bract. fols. 56, 104b, 124b, 154b. They appear to have imported the privileges of having a market, and jurisdiction of villeins. See Team.

—Toll bridge. A "toll bridge" is a part of the public highway the same as a bridge built by general taxation, the only difference being that it is made at the expense of others, instead of the public, and the cost of construction and maintenance is reimbursed by a toll fixed for the purpose. White River Bridge Co. v. Hurd, 252 S. W. 917, 159 Ark. 652.

—Toll-gatherer. The officer who takes or collects toll.

—Toll-thorough. In English law. A toll for passing through a highway, or over a ferry or bridge. Cowell. A toll paid to a town for such a number of beasts, or for every beast that goes through the town, or over a bridge or ferry belonging to it. Com. Dig. "Toll." C. A toll claimed by an individual where he is bound to repair some particular highway. 3 Stew. Comm. 237. And see King v. Nicholson, 12 East, 340; Charles River Bridge v. Warren Bridge, 11 Pet. 582, 9 L. Ed. 773.


—Toll-turn. In English law. A toll on beasts returning from a market. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 101, § 102. A toll paid at the return
of beasts from fair or market, though they were not sold. Cowell.

TOLLAGE. Payment of toll; money charged or paid as toll; the liberty or franchise of charging toll.

TOLLS. Tolls. In a general sense, or by any manner of customs, subsidy, prestation, impostion, or sum of money demanded for exporting or importing of any wares or merchandise to be taken of the buyer. 2 Inst. 55.

TOLLSESTER. An old excise; a duty paid by tenants of some manors to the lord for liberty to brew and sell ale. Cowell.

TOLSEY. The same as “tollbooth.” Also a place where merchants meet; a local tribunal for small civil causes held at the Guildhall, Bristol.

TOLT. A writt whereby a cause depending in a court baron was taken and removed into a county court. Old Nat. Brev. 4.

TOLTA. In old English law. Wrong; rapine; extortion. Cowell.

TOLZEN COURT. An inferior court of record having civil jurisdiction, still existing at Bristol, England.

TON. A measure of weight; differently fixed, by different statutes, at two thousand pounds avoirdupois, (1 Rev. St. N. Y. 600, § 35), or at twenty hundred-weights, each hundred-weight being one hundred and twelve pounds avoirdupois, (Rev. St. U. S. § 2951 [19 USCA § 420]); Chemung Iron & Steel Co. v. Mersereau Metal Rod Co. (Sup.) 179 N. Y. S. 577, 578.

TONNAGE. The capacity of a vessel for carrying freight or other loads, calculated in tons. But the way of estimating the tonnage varies in different countries. In England, tonnage denotes the actual weight in tons which the vessel can safely carry; in America, her carrying capacity estimated from the cubic dimensions of the hold. See Roberts v. Opdyke, 40 N. Y. 250.

The “tonnage” of a vessel is her capacity to carry cargo, and a charter of “the whole tonnage” of a ship transfers to the charterer only the space necessary for that purpose. Thwing v. Insurance Co., 163 Mass. 405, 4 Am. Rep. 563.

The tonnage of a vessel is her internal cubic capacity, in tons. Inman S. S. Co. v. Tinkler, 94 U. S. 238, 24 L. Ed. 118.

TONNAGE DUTY.

In English Law

A duty imposed by parliament upon merchandise exported and imported, according to a certain rate upon every ton. Brown.

In American Law

A tax laid upon vessels according to their tonnage or cubic capacity.

A tonnage duty is a duty imposed on vessels in proportion to their capacity. The vital principle of a tonnage duty is that it is imposed, whatever the subject, solely according to the rule of weight, either as to the capacity to carry or the actual weight of the thing itself. Inman S. S. Co. v. Tinkler, 94 U. S. 238, 24 L. Ed. 118.

The term “tonnage duty,” as used in the constitutional provision upon state laws imposing tonnage duties, describes a duty proportioned to the tonnage of the vessel; a certain rate on each ton. But it is not to be taken in this restricted sense in the constitutional provision. The general prohibition upon the states against levying duties on imports or exports would have been ineffectual if it had not been extended to duties on the ships which serve as the vehicles of conveyance. The prohibition extends to any duty on the ship, whether a fixed sum upon its whole tonnage or a sum to be ascertained by comparing the amount of tonnage with the rule of duty. Southern S. S. Co. v. New Orleans, 6 Wall. 31, 18 L. Ed. 769.

A tonnage tax is defined to be a duty levied on a vessel according to the tonnage or capacity. It is a tax upon the boat as an instrument of navigation, and not a tax upon the property of a citizen of the state. The North Cape, 6 Blis. 565. Fed. Cas. No. 10,315.

TONNAGE-RENT. When the rent reserved by a mining lease or the like consists of a royalty on every ton of minerals gotten in the mine, it is often called a “tonnage-rent.” There is generally a dead rent in addition. Sweet.

TONNAGIUM. In old English law. A custom or impost upon wines and other merchandise exported or imported, according to a certain rate per ton. Spelman; Cowell.

TONNETIGHT. In old English law. The quantity of a ton or run, in a ship's freight or bulk, for which tonnage or tunnage was paid to the king. Cowell.

TONODERACH. In old Scotch law. A thief-taker.

TONSURA. Lat. In old English law. A shaving, or polling; the having the crown of the head shaven; tonsure. One of the peculiar badges of a clerk or clergyman.

TONSURE. In old English law. A being shaven; the having the head shaven; a shaven head. 4 Bl. Comm. 367.
TONTINE. In French law. A species of association or partnership formed among persons who are in receipt of perpetual or life annuities, with the agreement that the shares or annuities of those who die shall accrue to the survivors. This plan is said to be thus named from Tonti, an Italian, who invented it in the seventeenth century. The principle is used in some forms of life insurance. Merl. Repert: Cahn v. Northwestern Mut. Life Ins. Co., 268 Ill. App. 317, 322; Gourley v. Northwestern Nat. Life Ins. Co., 94 Okl. 46, 220 P. 645, 646.

TOOK AND CARRIED AWAY. In criminal pleading. Technical words necessary in an indictment for simple larceny.


Simple Tool
The servant assumes the risk of the condition of "simple tools."

Tools of Trade, Apparatus of Trade

TOP ANNUAL. In Scotch law. An annual rent out of a house built in a burgh. Whishaw. A duty which, from the act 1551, c. 10, appears to have been due from certain lands in Edinburgh, the nature of which is not now known. Bell.

TORT. Wrong; injury; the opposite of right. So called, according to Lord Coke, because it is wrested, or crooked, being contrary to that which is right and straight. Co. Litt. 1589.

In modern practice, tort is constantly used as an English word to denote a wrong or wrongful act, for which an action will lie, as distinguished from a contract. 3 Bl. Comm. 117.


**Maritime Tort.**

See Maritime.

**Personal Tort.**

One involving or consisting in an injury to the person or to the reputation or feelings, as distinguished from an injury or damage to real or personal property, called a "property tort." See Mumford v. Wright, 55 P. 744, 12 Colo. App. 214.

**Quasi Tort.**

Though not a recognized term of English law, may be conveniently used in those cases where a man who has not committed a tort is liable as if he had. Thus, a master is liable for wrongful acts done by his servant in the course of his employment. Broom, Com. Law, 690; Underhill, Torts, 29.

**TORT-FEASOR.** A wrong-doer; one who commits or is guilty of a tort.

**Joint Tort-Feasors**


**TORTIOUS.** Wrongful; of the nature of a tort. Formerly certain modes of conveyance (e. g., feoffments, fines, etc.) had the effect of passing not merely the estate of the person making the conveyance, but the whole fee-simple, to the injury of the person really entitled to the fee; and they were hence called "tortious conveyances." Litt. § 611; Co. Litt. 271b, n. 1; 330b, n. 1. But this operation has been taken away. Sweet.

**Tortura legum pessima.** The torture or wresting of laws is the worst [kind of torture.] 4 Bacon's Works, 434.

**TORTURE.** In old criminal law. The question; the infliction of violent bodily pain upon a person, by means of the rack, wheel, or other engine, under judicial sanction and superintendence, in connection with the interrogation or examination of the person, as a means of extorting a confession of guilt, or of compelling him to disclose his accomplices.

**TORY.** Originally a nickname for the wild Irish in Ulster. Afterwards given to, and adopted by, one of the two great parliamentary parties which have alternately governed Great Britain since the Revolution in 1688. Wharton.

The name was also given, in America, during the struggle of the colonies for independence, to the party of those residents who favored the side of the king and opposed the war.

**TOT.** In old English practice. A word written by the foreign oppressor or other officer opposite to a debt due the king, to denote that it was a good debt; which was hence said to be tinted.

**TOTA CURIA.** L. Lat. In the old reports. The whole court.

**TOTAL.** Whole, not divided, entire, full, complete, the whole amount. In re Merritt's Estate (Surr.) 150 N. Y. S. 877, 879.

**Illustrative phrases.** Color blindness is not "total and permanent blindness," Pullin v. Locomotive Engineers' Mut. Life & Accident Ins. Ass'n, 24 Ga. App. 724, 105 S. E. 177 (see, however, Routt v. Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, 101 Neb. 783, 165 N. W. 141, 143, holding that color blindness resulting in a railroad employee's discharge was tantamount to the "complete and permanent loss of the sight of both eyes"), but the loss of the loss of an eye is the "total loss of one eye," Juergens Bros. Co. v. Industrial Commission, 290 Ill. 420, 125 N. E. 337, and loss of the use of a hand without total severance was "total loss of the use of the hand," though with a mechanical appliance on his wrist the injured person could perform some manual labor. Mark Mfg. Co. v. Industrial Commission, 286 Ill. 620, 123 N. E. 94. Loss of sight is not "total" where by use of glasses a large percentage of normal vision is attained, Travelers' Ins. Co. v. Richmond (Tex. Civ. App.) 291 S. W. 1086, 1087; and where an employee suffering an injury impairing the vision of both eyes had a remaining vision of 20/50 in one and 20/60 in the other, but had good protective vision remaining enabling him to do coarse work and to earn $3.37 per day as janitor, he was not entitled to compensation under St. Wis. 1921, § 2394—9 (St. 1921, § 2394—44); as for "total blindness of both eyes," Nestle's Food Co. v. Duckow, 178 Wis. 466, 193 N. W. 434.

**TOTAL DISABILITY.** See Disability.

**TOTAL LOSS.**

In **Marine Insurance**

A total loss is the entire destruction or loss, to the insured, of the subject-matter of the policy, by the risks insured against. As to the distinction between "actual" and "constructive" total loss, see infra. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Beacham, 97 A. 708, 709, 128 Md. 414, L. R. A. 1916E, 1168.

In **Fire Insurance**

A total loss is the complete destruction of the insured property by fire, so that nothing.

In General

Partial loss. In marine insurance. The total loss of the vessel covered by a policy of insurance, by its real and substantive destruction, by injuries which leave it no longer existing in specie, by its being reduced to a wreck irretrievably beyond repair, or by its being placed beyond the control of the insured and beyond his power of recovery. Distinguished from a constructive total loss, which occurs where the vessel, though injured by the perils insured against, remains in specie and capable of repair or recovery, but at such an expense, or under such other conditions, that the insured may claim the whole amount of the policy upon abandoning the vessel to the underwriters. "An actual total loss is where the vessel ceases to exist in specie,—becomes a 'mere congeries of planks,' incapable of being repaired; or, where, by the peril insured against, it is placed beyond the control of the insured and beyond his power of recovery. A constructive total loss is where the vessel remains in specie, and is susceptible of repairs or recovery, but at an expense, according to the rule of the English common law, exceeding its value when restored, or, according to the terms of this policy, where the injury is equivalent to fifty per cent. of the agreed value in the policy," and where the insured abandons the vessel to the underwriter. In such cases the insured is entitled to indemnity as for a total loss. An exception to the rule requiring abandonment is found in cases where the loss occurs in foreign ports or seas, where it is impracticable to repair. In such cases the master may sell the vessel for the benefit of all concerned, and the insured may claim as for a total loss by accounting to the insurer for the amount realized on the sale. There are other exceptions to the rule, but it is sufficient now to say that we have found no case in which the doctrine of constructive total loss without abandonment has been admitted, where the injured vessel remained in specie and was brought to its home port by the insured. A well marked distinction between an actual and a constructive total loss is therefore found in this: that in the former no abando-

—Construe total loss. In marine insurance. This occurs where the loss or injury to the vessel insured does not amount to its total disappearance or destruction, but where, although the vessel still remains, the cost of repairing or recovering it would amount to more than its value when so repaired, and consequently the insured abandons it to the underwriters. See Insurance Co. v. Sugar Refining Co., 27 F. 401, 31 C. C. A. 65; St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Beacham, 97 A. 708, 709, 125 Md. 414, L. R. A. 1916F, 1168.

TOTIDEM VERBIS. Lat. In so many words.

TOTIES QUOTIES. Lat. As often as occasion shall arise.

TOTIS VIRIBUS. Lat. With all one's might or power; with all his might; very strenuously.

TOTTED. A good debt to the crown, i. e., a debt paid to the sheriff, to be by him paid over to the king. Cowell; Moxley & Whitley.

Totum praefertur uniuque parti. 3 Coke, 41. The whole is preferable to any single part.

TOUCH. In insurance law. To stop at a port. If there be liberty granted by the policy to touch, or to touch and stay, at an intermediate port on the passage, the better opinion now is that the insured may trade there, when consistent with the object and the furtherance of the adventure, by breaking bulk, or by discharging and taking in cargo, provided it produces no unnecessary delay, nor enhances nor varies the risk. 3 Kent. Comm. 314.

TOUCH AND STAY. Words frequently introduced in policies of insurance, giving the party insured the right to stop and stay at certain designated points in the course of the voyage. A vessel which has the power to touch and stay at a place in the course of the voyage must confine herself strictly to the terms of the liberty so given; for any attempt to trade at such a port during such a stay, as, by shipping or landing goods, will amount to a species of deviation which will discharge the underwriters, unless the ship have also liberty to trade as well as to touch and stay at such a place; 1 Marsh. Ins. 275.
TOUCHING A DEAD BODY. It was an ancient superstition that the body of a murdered man would bleed freshly when touched by his murderer. Hence, in old criminal law, this was resorted to as a means of ascertaining the guilt or innocence of a person suspected of the murder.

TOUJOURS ET ENCORE PRIST. L. Fr. Always and still ready. This is the name of a plea of tender.

TOUR D'ECHELLE. In French law. An easement consisting of the right to rest ladders upon the adjoining estate, when necessary in order to repair a party-wall or buildings supported by it.

TOURN. In old English law. A court of record, having criminal jurisdiction, in each county, held before the sheriff, twice a year, in one place after another; following a certain circuit or rotation.

TOUT. Fr. All; whole; entirely. Tout temps prist, always ready.

Tout ce que la loi ne defend pas est permis. Everything is permitted which is not forbidden by law.

TOUT TEMPS PRIST. L. Fr. Always ready. The emphatic words of the old plea of tender; the defendant alleging that he has always been ready, and still is ready, to discharge the debt. 3 Bl. Comm. 305; 2 Salk. 622.

TOUT UN SOUND. L. Fr. All one sound; sounding the same; idem sonans.

Toute exception non surveille tend à prendre la place du principe. Every exception not watched tends to assume the place of the principle.

TOWAGE. The act or service of towing ships and vessels, usually by means of a small steamer called a "tug." That which is given for towing ships in rivers.

Towage is the drawing a ship or barge along the water by another ship or boat, fastened to her, or by men or horses, etc., on land. It is also money which is given by bargemen to the owner of ground next a river, where they tow a barge or other vessel. Jacob. And see Ryan v. Hook, 34 Hun (N. Y.) 161; The Kingaloche, 26 Eng. Law & Eq. 397; The Egypt (D. C.) 17 F. 370.

TOWAGE SERVICE. In admiralty law. A service rendered to a vessel, by towing, for the mere purpose of expediting her voyage, without reference to any circumstances of danger. It is confined to vessels that have received no injury or damage. The Reward, 1 W. Rob. 177; The Athenian (D. C.) 3 F. 249; McConnichin v. Kerr (D. C.) 9 F. 53; The Plymouth Rock (D. C.) 9 F. 415; The Roanoke (D. C.) 209 F. 114, 115; Smith & Sons Co. v. Trexler Lumber Co. (C. C. A.) 216 F. 134, 138; Sacramento Nav. Co. v. Salz, 273 U. S. 326, 47 S. Ct. 368, 369, 71 L. Ed. 663; The Kennebec (C. C. A.) 251 F. 423, 425; The Mercer (C. C. A.) 297 F. 981, 984.

TOWARD. The word has been held to mean not simply "to" but to include "about." Hudson v. State, 6 Tex. App. 565, 52 Am. Rep. 593. Also, in a course or line leading to, in the direction of. People v. Kreidler, 150 Mich. 654, 147 N. W. 509, 510; State v. Cunningham, 107 Miss. 140, 65 So. 115, 117, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1179; State v. Trent, 122 Or. 444, 239 P. 893, 894.

TOWN.

In English Law

Originally, a vill or titheing; but now a generic term, which comprehends under it the several species of cities, boroughs, and common towns. 1 Bl. Comm. 114.

In American Law

TOWN

. The word "town" is quite commonly used as a generic term and as including both cities and villages. Village of Ashley v. Ashley Lumber Co., 40 N. D. 515, 157 N. W. 87, 90; Desautel v. Auditor of City of Peabody, 251 Mass. 82, 146 N. E. 390, 392; Plainfield-Union Water Co. v. Inhabitants of City of Plainfield, 84 N. J. Law, 634, 87 A. 448, 450.

TOWN AGENT. Under the prohibitory liquor laws in force in some of the New England states a town agent is a person appointed in each town to purchase intoxicating liquors for the town and having the exclusive right to sell the same for the permitted purposes, medical, mechanical, scientific, etc. He either receives a fixed salary or is permitted to make a small profit on his sales. The stock of liquors belongs to the town, and is bought with its money. See Black, Intox. Liq. §§ 204, 205.

TOWN CAUSE. In English practice. A cause tried at the settings for London and Middlesex. 3 Steph. Comm. 517.

TOWN-CLERK. In those states where the town is the unit for local self-government, the town-clerk is a principal officer who keeps the records, issues calls for town-meetings, and performs generally the duties of a secretary to the political organization. See Seamon v. Pitts, 21 R. I. 236, 42 A. 868.

TOWN COLLECTOR. One of the officers of a town charged with collecting the taxes assessed for town purposes.

TOWN COMMISSIONER. In some of the states where the town is the political unit the town commissioners constitute a board of administrative officers charged with the general management of the town's business.

TOWN-CRIER. An officer in a town whose business it is to make proclamations.

TOWN-HALL. The building maintained by a town for town-meetings and the offices of the municipal authorities.

TOWN-MEETING. Under the municipal organization of the New England states, the town-meeting is a legal assembly of the qualified voters of a town, held at stated intervals or on call, for the purpose of electing town officers, and of discussing and deciding on questions relating to the public business, property, and expenses of the town. See In re Foley, 8 Misc. 57, 28 N. Y. S. 608; Railroad Co. v. Mallory, 101 Ill. 588; Comstock v. Lincoln School Committee, 17 R. I. 827, 24 A. 145; Portland Water Co. v. Town of Portland, 97 Conn. 628, 118 A. 84, 88.; In re Opinion of the Justices, 220 Mass. 601, 119 N. E. 775, 781.

TOWN ORDER OR WARRANT. An official direction in writing by the auditing officers of a town, directing the treasurer to pay a sum of money.

TOWN POUND. A place of confinement maintained by a town for strays.

TOWN PURPOSE. When it is said that taxation by a town, or the expenditure of the town's money, must be for town purposes, it is meant that the purposes must be public with respect to the town; i. e., concern the welfare and advantage of the town as a whole.

TOWN-REEVE. The reeve or chief officer of a town.

TOWN TAX. Such tax as a town may levy for its peculiar expenses; as distinguished from a county or state tax.

TOWN TREASURER. The treasurer of a town which is an organized municipal corporation.

TOWNSHIP. 1. In surveys of the public land of the United States, a "township" is a division of territory six miles square, containing thirty-six sections. 2. In some of the states, this is the name given to the civil and political subdivisions of a county. See Town, and Liberty Tp. v. Rock Island Tp., 44 Okl. 358, 144 P. 1025, 1026; People v. Stewart, 281 Ill. 305, 118 N. E. 35, 36; People v. Munising Tp., 215 Mich. 629, 182 N. W. 118, 119; State v. Bone Creek Tp., Butler County, 190 Neb. 202, 120 N. W. 588, 587; City of Hutchinson v. Reno County, 124 Kan. 149, 237 P. 750, 751.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE. One of a board of officers to whom, in some states, affairs of a township are intrusted.

TOXIC. (Lat. toxicon; Gr. toxis.) In medical Jurisprudence. Poisonous; having the character or producing the effects of a poison; referable to a poison; produced by or resulting from a poison.

—Toxic convulsions. Such as are caused by the action of a poison on the nervous system.

—Toxic dementia. Weakness of mind or feeble cerebral activity, approaching imbecility, resulting from continued use or administration of slow poisons or of the more active poisons in repeated small doses, as in cases of lead poisoning and in some cases of addiction to such drugs as opium or alcohol.

—Toxaemia. A condition of anaemia (impoveryishment or deficiency of blood) resulting from the action of certain toxic substances or agents.

—Toxemia or toxasemia. Blood-poisoning; the condition of the system caused by the presence of toxic agents in the circulation; including both septicaemia and pyemia.

—Toxicosis. A diseased state of the system due to the presence and action of any poison.
TOXICAL. Poisonous; containing poison.

TOXICANT. A poison; a toxic agent; any substance capable of producing intoxication or poisoning.

TOXICATE. To poison. Not used to describe the act of one who administers a poison, but the action of the drug or poison itself.

Intoxication
The state of being poisoned; the condition produced by the administration or introduction into the human system of a poison. This term is popularly used as equivalent to "drunkenness," which, however, is more accurately described as "alcoholic intoxication."

Auto-intoxication
Self-empoisonment from the absorption of the toxic products of internal metabolism, e.g., ptomaine poisoning.

TOXICOLOGY. The science of poisons; that department of medical science which treats of poisons, their effect, their recognition, their antidotes, and generally of the diagnosis and therapeutics of poisoning.

TOXIN. In its widest sense, this term may denote any poison or toxicant; but as used in pathology and medical jurisprudence it signifies, in general, any diffusible alkaloidal substance (as, the ptomaines, abrin, brucin, or serpent venoms), and in particular the poisonous products of pathogenic (disease-producing) bacteria.

Anti-Toxin
A product of pathogenic bacteria which, in sufficient quantities, will neutralize the toxin or poisonous product of the same bacteria. In therapeutics, a preventive remedy (administered by inoculation) against the effect of certain kinds of toxins, venoms, and disease-germs, obtained from the blood of an animal which has previously been treated with repeated minute injections of the particular poison or germ to be neutralized.

Toxicomania
An excessive addiction to the use of toxic or poisonous drugs or other substances; a form of mania or affective insanity characterized by an irresistible impulse to indulgence in opium, cocaine, chloral, alcohol, etc.

Toxophobia
Morbid dread of being poisoned; a form of insanity manifesting itself by an excessive and unfounded apprehension of death by poison.

TRABES. Lat.

In the Civil Law
A beam or rafter of a house. Calvin.

In old English Law
A measure of grain, containing twenty-four sheaves; a thrawe. Spelman.

TRACEA. In old English law. The track or trace of a felon, by which he was pursued with the hue and cry; a foot-step, hoof-print, or wheel-track. Bract. fols. 116, 121b.

TRACING. A tracing is a mechanical copy or fac simile of an original, produced by following its lines, with a pen or pencil, through a transparent medium, called tracing paper. Chapman v. Ferry (C. C.) 18 F. 540.


Dead Track
A track having a switch to other tracks at one end only with a bumper at the other end. Hoyer v. Central R. Co. of New Jersey (C. C. A.) 255 F. 498, 494.

Track Delivery Shipment
Carload shipments, as distinguished from ordinary freight unloaded from the cars, known as a "drop shipment" delivery. Boxell v. Receivers of St. Louis & S. F. R. Co., 200 Ala. 306, 76 So. 282, 284.

TRACT. A lot, piece or parcel of land, of greater or less size, the term not import ing, in itself, any precise dimension. See Edwards v. Derrickson, 28 N. J. Law, 45; Schofield v. Harrison Land & Mining Co. (Mo. Sup.) 187 S. W. 61, 61; Smith v. Heyward, 115 S. C. 145, 105 S. E. 275, 279.

A "tract of land," as generally understood, is much more extensive in area than the ordinary town or city lot, and may be used for the usual agricultural or other rural purposes. Young v. Shriver, 56 Cal. App. 633, 206 P. 99, 101; Johnson v. Benbow, 93 Fla. 124, 111 So. 504, 506.

As applied to a mineral location the word "tract" implies a surface location. Whilidin v. Maryland Gold Quartz Mining Co., 33 Cal. App. 270, 164 P. 908, 910.

To constitute single tract of land so that exercise of servitude such as right to mine oil, gas and other minerals will preserve servitude as to the whole tract, it must be so situated that one may pass from one part to another without passing over lands of another, and two sections do not constitute single tract because southwest point of one is northeast point of the other. Lee v. Glaque, 154 La. 491, 97 So. 659, 670.

Tractent fabriola fabric. Let smiths perform the work of smiths. 3 Co. Epist.
TRADAS IN BALLIUM. You deliver to ball. In old English practice. The name of a writ which might be issued in behalf of a party who, upon the writ de odio et atia, had been found to have been maliciously and accused of a crime, commanding the sheriff that, if the prisoner found twelve good and lawful men of the county who would be mainpernors for him, he should deliver him in baill to those twelve, until the next assize. Bract. fol. 123; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 232.


The business which a person has learned and which he carries on for procuring subsistence, or for profit; occupation or employment, particularly mechanical employment; distinguished from the liberal arts and learned professions, and from agriculture. Webster; Woodfield v. Colzey, 47 Ga. 124; People v. Warden of City Prison, 144 N. Y. 529, 39 N. E. 598, 27 L. R. A. 718; In re Stone Cutters' Ass'n, 23 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 520; Polhemus v. De Lisle, 38 N. J. Eq. 250, 130 A. 618, 622; Detroit Taxicab & Transfer Co. v. Callahan (C. C. A.) 1 F.(2d) 911, 912.

Traffic; commerce, exchange of goods for other goods, or for money. All wholesale trade, all buying in order to sell again by wholesale, may be reduced to three sorts: The home trade, the foreign trade of consumption, and the carrying trade. 2 Smith, Wealth Nat. b. 2, c. 5.

The word "trade" originally meant a track or course. Hence it came to mean a way of life, business, or occupation, and especially a handiwork by which one earns a livelihood, or a mercantile business, as opposed to the liberal arts or professions. A still further development makes the word synonymous with commerce. Spenne v. Johnson, 142 Ga. 267, 82 S. E. 646, 648, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 1195; Metropolitan Opera Co. v. Hammerstein, 147 N. Y. S. 532, 534, 182 App. Div. 691.

TRADE ACCEPTANCE. A form of obligation defined in the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board as a draft or bill of exchange drawn by the seller on purchaser of goods sold, and accepted by such purchaser. Atterbury v. Bank of Washington Heights of City of New York, 241 N. Y. 231, 149 N. E. 841, 843.

TRADE AND COMMERCE. The words "trade" and "commerce," when used in juxtaposition import to each other enlarged signification, so as to include practically every business occupation carried on for subsistence or profit, and into which the elements of bargain and sale, barter, exchange, or traffic, enter. State v. Tagami, 195 Cal. 522, 234 P. 102, 105.

TRADE COMMISSION, FEDERAL. An act of congress was passed September 26, 1914, creating a Federal Trade Commission, composed of five commissioners appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The act provides: "That unfair methods of competition in commerce are hereby declared unlawful," and the commission is "directed to prevent persons, partnerships or corporations, except banks, and common carriers subject to the acts to regulate commerce, from using unfair methods of competition in commerce."


TRADE FIXTURES. See Fixtures.


Generally speaking, a "trade-mark" is applicable to a vendible commodity, to which it is affixed, and a "trade-name" to a business and its good will. American Steel Foundries v. Robertson, 46 S. Ct. 169, 162, 209 U. S. 372, 70 L. Ed. 317.

TRADE-MARKS REGISTRATION ACT, 1875. This is the statute 38 & 39 Vict. c. 91, amended by the acts of 1876 and 1877. It provides for the establishment of a register of trade-marks under the superintendence of the commissioners of patents, and for the registration of trade-marks as belonging to particular classes of goods, and for their assignment in connection with the good-will of the business in which they are used. Sweet.

TRADE-NAME. A name used in trade to designate a particular business of certain individuals considered somewhat as an entity, or the place at which a business is located, or of a class of goods, but which is not a technical trade-mark either because not applied or affixed to goods sent into the market.
or because not capable of exclusive appro-
priation by anyone as a trade-mark. "Trade-
names" may, or may not, be exclusive. Non-
exclusive "trade-names" are names that are
publilhed juris in their primary sense, but
which in a secondary sense have come to be
understood as indicating the goods or busi-
ness of a particular trader. "Trade-names"
are acquired by adoption and user and belong
to one who first used them and gave them a
value. St. Louis Independent Packing Co. v.
Houston (C. C. A.) 215 F. 553, 560; Hartzler
455, 104 N. E. 34, 37.

A name which by user and reputation has
acquired the property of indicating that a
certain trade or occupation is carried on by
a particular person. Seb. Trade-Marks, 37.
Sweet.

TRADE-SECRET. A plan or process, tool,
mechanism, or compound known only to its
owner and those of his employees to whom it
is necessary to confide it. Victor Chemical
Works v. Hiff, 299 Ill. 532, 132 N. E. 506, 511;
Cameron Mach. Co. v. Samuel M. Langston
Co. (N. J. Ch.) 113 A. 212, 214; Progress
Laundry Co. v. Hamilton, 208 Ky. 548, 270
S. W. 834, 855. A secret formula or process
not patented, but known only to certain indi-
viduals using it in compounding some article
of trade having a commercial value. Glueol
Mfg. Co. v. Shullist, 239 Mich. 70, 214 N. W.
152, 153; U. S. ex rel. Norwegian Nitrogen
Products Co. v. U. S. Tariff Commission, 6

TRADE UNION. A combination or associa-
tion of men employed in the same trade, (usu-
ally a manual or mechanical trade,) united
for the purpose of regulating the customs
and standards of their trade, fixing prices
or hours of labor, influencing the relations of
employer and employed, enlarging or main-
taining their rights and privileges, and other
similar objects.

TRADE-UNION ACT. The statute 34 & 35
Vic. c. 31, passed in 1871, for the purpose of
giving legal recognition to trade unions, is
known as the "trade-union act," or "trade-
union funds protection act." It provides that
the members of a trade union shall not be
prosecuted for conspiracy merely by reason
that the rules of such union are in restraint
of trade; and that the agreements of trade
unions shall not on that account be void or
voidable. Provisions are also made with ref-
ence to the registration and registered of-
cices of trade unions, and other purposes con-
ected therewith. Mozley & Whitley.

TRADE USAGE. The usage or customs com-
monly observed by persons conversant in, or
connected with, a particular trade.

TRADER. A person engaged in trade; one
whose business is to buy and sell merchan-
dise, or any class of goods, deriving a profit
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from his dealings. 2 Kent. Comm. 389; State
v. Chabourn, 50 N. C. 493, 50 Am. Rep. 94;
In re New York & W. Water Co. (D. C) 98
F. 711; Morris v. Clifton Forge Grocery Co.,
46 W. Va. 197, 52 S. E. 997; Harris v. Na-
tional Surety Co., 258 Mass. 253, 155 N. E.
10, 11; Merchants' & Farmers' Bank v.
Schaaf, 108 Miss. 121, 68 So. 402, 403.

TRADESMAN. In England, a shopkeeper;
in the United States, a mechanic or artificer
of any kind, whose livelihood depends on the
labor of his hands; Richle v. McCauley, 4
Pa. 472.

TRADICION. Span. In Spanish law. De-

TRADING. Engaging in trade, (q. v.) pur-
suing the business or occupation of trade or
of a trader.

TRADING CORPORATION. See Corpora-
tion.

TRADING PARTNERSHIP. A firm the na-
ture of whose business, according to the usu-
al modes of conducting it, imports the neces-
sity of buying and selling. Dowling v. Na-
958, 36 L. Ed. 795; Schumacher v. Summer
Telephone Co. 161 Iowa, 326, 142 N. W. 1094,
Blokland, 123 Or. 128, 261 P. 66, 68.

TRADING STAMPS. The name for a meth-
od of conducting some kinds of retail busi-
ness which consists of an agreement between
a number of merchants and a corporation
that the latter shall print the names of the
former in its subscribers' dictionary and cir-
culate a number of copies of the book, and
that the merchants shall purchase of the cor-
poration a number of so-called trading
stamps, to be given to purchasers with their
purchases, and by them preserved and pasted
in the books aforesaid until a certain number
have been secured, when they shall be pre-
sented to the corporation in exchange for the
choice of certain articles kept in stock by the
D. C. 512.

TRADING VOYAGE. One which contem-
plates the touching and stopping of the ves-
 sel at various ports for the purpose of traf-
 fic or sale and purchase or exchange of com-
modities on account of the owners and ship-
pers, rather than the transportation of cargo
between terminal points, which is called a
"freighting voyage." See Brown v. Jones, 4

TRADITIO. Lat. In the civil law. Deliv-
ery; transfer of possession; a derivative
mode of acquiring, by which the owner of a
corporeal thing, having the right and the
will of aliening it, transfers it for a lawful
consideration to the receiver. Helmee. Elem.
lib. 2, tit. 1, § 380.
TRAFFIC. Commerce; trade; sale or exchange of merchandise, bills, money, and the like. The passing of goods or commodities from one person to another for an equivalent in goods or money; Senior v. Ratterman, 44 Ohio St. 673, 11 N. E. 321; People v. Horan, 293 Ill. 314, 127 N. E. 673, 674; People v. Dunford, 207 N. Y. 17, 100 N. E. 433, 434; Fine v. Moran, 74 Fla. 417, 77 So. 533, 538; Bruno v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 280 F. 649, 655.


TRAFFIC BALANCES. Balances of money collected in payment for the transportation of passengers and freight. Chicago & A. R. Co. v. United States & Mexican Trust Co. (C. C. A.) 225 F. 940, 946.


TRAIL—BASTON. Justices of trail-baston were justices appointed by King Edward I, during his absence in the Scotch and French wars, about the year 1306. They were so styled, says Hollingshed, for trailing or drawing the staff of justice. Their office was to make inquisition, throughout the kingdom, of all officers and others, touching extortion, bribery, and such like grievances, of intruders into other men's lands, barrators, robbers, breakers of the peace, and divers other offenders. Cowell; Tomlins.

TRAILER. A separate vehicle, not driven or propelled by its own power, but drawn by some independent power; a semi-trailer is a separate vehicle which is not driven or propelled by its own power, but, which, to be useful, must be attached to and become a part of another vehicle, and then loses its identity as a separate vehicle. Leamon v. State, 17 Ohio App. 323, 326.


Within the safety appliance act, it is one aggregation of cars drawn by the same engine. If the engine is changed then there is a different train; U. S. v. Boston & M. R. Co. (D. C.) 168 F. 148.

TRAIN WRECK. These words, in an accident insurance policy, mean either total or partial destruction of the train. The smashing in of a portion of a passenger car is a "train wreck," though the car is not derailed, and the train soon continues under its own power. Mochel v. Iowa State Traveling Men's Ass'n, 203 Iowa, 623, 213 N. W. 259, 261, 51 A. L. R. 1327.
TRAINBANDS. The militia; the part of a community trained to martial exercises.

TRAISTIS. In old Scotch law. A roll containing the particular dittay taken up upon malefactors, which, with the porteous, is delivered by the justice clerk to the coroner, to the effect that the persons whose names are contained in the porteous may be attached, conform to the dittay contained in the traistis. So called, because committed to the traist, [trust,] faith, and credit of the clerks and coroner. Skene; Burroll.

TRAITOR. One who, being trusted, betrays; one guilty of treason, (q. v.) Vulcan Detinning Co. v. St. Clair, 315 Ill. 140, 145 N. E. 657, 659.

TRAITOROUSLY. In criminal pleading. An essential word in indictments for treason. The offense must be laid to have been committed traitorously. Whart. Crim. Law, 100.

TRAJECTitia PECUNIA. A loan to a shipper to be repaid only in case of a successful voyage. The lender could charge an extraordinary rate of interest, nautilcum fenus. Holland, Jurispr. 250.

TRAJECTITIUS. Lat. In the civil law. Sent across the sea.

TRAMMER. A mine laborer shoveling the ore or dirt as it is mined or thrown down into tram cars. Mesich v. Tamarack Mining Co., 184 Mich. 563, 151 N. W. 564, 566.

TRAMP. One who roams about from place to place, begging or living without labor or visible means of support; a vagrant. See State v. Hogan, 63 Ohio St. 202, 58 N. E. 572, 52 L. R. A. 563, 81 Am. St. Rep. 626; Miller v. State, 73 Ind. 92; Railway Co. v. Boyle, 115 Ga. 836, 42 S. E. 242, 59 L. R. A. 104.

TRANACT. In Scotch law. To compound. Amb. 185.

In common parlance, equivalent to “carry on,” when used with reference to business. Territory v. Harris, 8 Mont. 140, 19 P. 286; In re Wellings’ Estate, 192 Cal. 506, 221 P. 625, 651.

TRANSACTION BUSINESS. Doing or performing series of acts occupying time, attention, and labor of men for purpose of livelihood, profit or pleasure. Pauline Oil & Gas Co. v. Mutual Tank Line Co., 118 Okl. 111, 246 P. 851, 852.

TRANSACTION. Lat. In the civil law. The settlement of a suit or matter in controversy, by the litigating parties, between themselves, without referring it to arbitration. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8, no. 14. An agreement by which a suit, either pending or about to be commenced, was forborne or discontinued on certain terms. Calvin.

 TRANSACTION.

In the Civil Law

An agreement between two or more persons, who, for preventing or putting an end to a lawsuit, adjust their differences by mutual consent, in the manner which they agree on. This contract must be reduced into writing. Civ. Code La. art. 3071.

In Common Law

Whatever may be done by one person which affects another’s rights, and out of which a cause of action may arise. Scarborough v. Smith, 18 Kan. 406.


In Code Practice

“Transaction,” as used in statutes permitting cause of action arising out of transaction set forth in complaint to be foundation of counterclaim, properly embraces that combination of acts and events, whether in nature of contract or tort, out of which a legal right springs, or upon which a legal obligation is predicated. Haut v. Gunderson, 54 N. D. 826, 211 N. W. 982, 983; Southeastern Life Ins. Co. v. Palmer, 120 S. C. 490, 113 S. E. 310, 311; Scott v. Waggoner, 48 Mont. 536, 139 P. 454, 456, L. R. A. 1916C, 491. Transaction includes all the facts and circumstances out of which the injury arose, Barnard v. Weaver (Mo. App.) 224 S. W. 132, 133; or the entire series of acts and conduct of the parties in the business or proceeding between them which forms the basis of their agreement. Maloney v. Duggan, 67 Mont. 9, 214 P. 1106, 1108.

In Evidence

A “transaction” between a witness and a decedent, within statutory provisions excluding evidence of such transactions, embraces every variety of affairs which can form the subject of negotiations, interviews, or actions between two persons, and includes every method by which one person can derive impressions or information from the conduct, condition, or language of another. Kentucky Utilities Co. v. McCarty’s Adm’r, 169 Ky. 38, 153 S. W. 237, 239; Bright v. Virginia & Gold Hill Water Co. (C. C. A.) 270 F. 410, 413; Madero v. Calzado (Tex. Civ. App.) 281 S. W. 328, 331.

TRANSCRIPT. An official copy of certain proceedings in a court. Thus, any person interested in a judgment or other record of a
court can obtain a transcript of it. U. S. v. Gaussen, 19 Wall. 212, 22 L. Ed. 41; State v. Board of Equalization, 7 Nev. 95; Hastings School Dist. v. Caldwell, 16 Neb. 68, 19 N. W. 634; Dearborn v. Patton, 4 Or. 61.

**TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD.** The printed record as made up in each case for the supreme court of the United States is so called; also in the Circuit Court of Appeals. If a necessary part has been omitted and is subsequently presented to the appellate court, duly certified, it may be made part of the record by direct order. Jurisdiction attaches upon the filing in the court above of the writ of error and is not defeated by irregularity in the transcript or its certification; Burnham v. R. Co., 87 F. 168, 30 C. C. A. 594.

**TRANSCRIPTIO PEDIS FINIS LEVATI MITTENDO IN CANCELLARIUM.** A writ which certified the foot of a fine levied before justices in eyre, etc., into the chancery. Reg. Orig. 669.

**TRANSCRIPTIO RECONCIATIONIS FACTÆ CORAM JUSTICIARIIS ITINERANTIBUS, ETc.** An old writ to certify a cognizance taken by justices in eyre. Reg. Orig. 152.

**TRANSFER, v.** To carry or pass over; to pass a thing over to another; to convey.

**TRANSFER, n.** The passing of a thing or of property from one person to another; alienation; conveyance. 2 Bl. Comm. 294.


In Procedure

"Transfer" is applied to an action or other proceeding, when it is taken from the jurisdiction of one court or judge, and placed under that of another.

In General

—Transfer of a cause. The removal of a cause from the jurisdiction of one court or judge to another by lawful authority.

—Transfer in contemplation of death. A transfer made under a present apprehension on the part of the transferor, from some existing bodily or mental condition or impending peril, creating a reasonable fear that death is near at hand. This apprehension must be direct and animating and the only cause of the transfer. Rea v. Heiner (D. C.) 6 F. (2d) 389, 392.

—Transfer tax. A tax upon the passing of the title to property or a valuable interest therein out of or from the estate of a decedent, by inheritance, devise, or bequest. See In re Hoffman's Estate, 143 N. Y. 327, 38 N. E. 311; In re Gould's Estate, 156 N. Y. 423, 51 N. E. 287; In re Brez's Estate, 172 N. Y. 600, 64 N. E. 958. Sometimes also applied to a tax on the transfer of property, particularly of an incorporeal nature, such as bonds or shares of stock, between living persons.

**TRANSFERABLE.** A term used in a quasi legal sense, to indicate that the character of assignability or negotiability attaches to the particular instrument, or that it may pass from hand to hand, carrying all rights of the original holder. The words "not transferable" are sometimes printed upon a ticket, receipt, or bill of lading, to show that the same will not be good in the hands of any person other than the one to whom first issued.

**TRANSFEREE.** He to whom a transfer is made. Kramer v. Spradlin, 148 Ga. 865, 98 S. E. 457, 458.

**TRANSFERENCE.** In Scotch law. The proceeding to be taken upon the death of one of the parties to a pending suit, whereby the action is transferred or continued, in its then condition, from the decedent to his representatives. Transference is either active or passive: the former, when it is the pursuer (plaintiff) who dies; the latter, upon the death of the defender. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 60.

The transferring of a legacy from the person to whom it was originally given to another; this is a species of ademption, but the latter is the more general term, and includes cases not covered by the former.

**TRANSFERROR.** One who makes a transfer.

Transferentur dominia sine titulo at traditione, per usuaptionem, soil, per longam continuum et pacificam possessionem. Co. Litt. 113. Rights of dominion are transferred without title or delivery, by usuaption, to-wit, long and quiet possession.

**TRANSFRETATIO.** Lat. In old English law. A crossing of the strait, for Dover:1 a passing or sailing over from England to France. The royal passages or voyages to Gascony, Brittany, and other parts of France were so called, and time was sometimes computed from them.

**TRANSGRESSIO.** In old English law. A violation of law. Also trespass; the action of trespass.

Transgressio est cum modus non avertatur neo mensura, debit enim quilibet in suo facto modum habeere at mensuram. Co. Litt. 37. Transgres-
sion is when neither mode nor measure is preserved, for every one in his act ought to have a mode and measure.

TRANSGRESSIONE. In old English law. A writ or action of trespass.

Transgressione multiplicata, crescit pecuniae infidelis. When transgression is multiplied, let the infliction of punishment be increased. 2 Inst. 478.

TRANSGRESSIVE TRUST. See Trust.

TRANSHIPMENT. In maritime law. The act of taking the cargo out of one ship and loading it in another.

TRANSIENT.

In Poor-Laws
A "transient person" is not exactly a person on a journey from one known place to another, but rather a wanderer over the tramp. Middlebury v. Waltham, 6 Vt. 205; Londonderry v. Landgrove, 66 Vt. 284, 29 A. 256.

In Spanish law
A "transient foreigner" is one who visits the country, without the intention of remaining. Yates v. Iams, 10 Tex. 170.

TRANSIENT MERCHANT. A merchant who engages in the vending or sale of merchandise at any place in the state temporarily, and who does not intend to become, and does not become, a permanent merchant of such place. State v. Flemming, 24 N. D. 593, 140 N. W. 874.

TRANSIRE, v. Lat. To go, or pass over; to pass from one thing, person, or place to another.

TRANSIRE, n. In English law. A warrant or permit for the custom-house to let goods pass.


Transit in rem judicatam. It passes into a matter adjudged: it becomes converted into a res judicata or judgment. A contract upon which a judgment is obtained is said to pass in rem judicatam. United States v. Cushman, 2 Sumn. 436, Fed. Cas. No. 14,905; 3 Elast. 251; Robertson v. Smith, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 480, 9 Am. Dec. 227.

Transit terra cum onere. Land passes subject to any burden affecting it. Co. Litt. 231a; Broem, Max. 495, 706.

TRANSPORTATION. See Covenant.

TRANSITIVE COVENANT. See Covenant.

TRANSITORY. Passing from place to place; that may pass or be changed from one place to another; the opposite of "local." See "Action."

TRANSITUS. Lat. Passage from one place to another; transit. In transitu, on the passage, transit, or way. 2 Kent, Comm. 543.

TRANSLADO. Span. A transcript.

TRANSLATION. The reproduction in one language of a book, document, or speech in another language.

The transfer of property; but in this sense it is seldom used. 2 Bl. Comm. 294.

In Ecclesiastical Law
As applied to a bishop, the term denotes his removal from one diocese to another.

TRANSLATITIUM EDICTUM. Lat. In Roman law. The praetor, on his accession to office, did not usually publish an entirely new edict, but retained the whole or a part of that promulgated by his predecessor, as being of an approved or permanently useful character. The portion thus repeated or handed down from year to year was called the "edictum translatitium." See Mackell. Rom. Law, § 36.

TRANSOLATIVITE FACT. A fact by means of which a right is transferred or passes from one person to another; one, that is, which fulfills the double function of terminating the right of one person to an object, and of originating the right of another to it.

TRANSMISSION. In the civil law. The right which heirs or legatees may have of passing to their successors the inheritance or legacy to which they were entitled, if they happen to die without having exercised their rights. Donat, liv. 3, t. 1, s. 10; 4 Toullier, no. 186; Dig. 50, 17, 54; Code, 6, 51.

TRANSPORT. In old New York law. A conveyance of land.


TRANSPORTATION. The removal of goods or persons from one place to another, by a carrier. See Railroad Co. v. Pratt, 22 Wall. 133, 22 L. Ed. 827; Interstate Commerce Com'n v. Brimson, 164 U. S. 447, 14 Sup. Ct. 1125, 38 L. Ed. 1047; Gloucester Ferry Co. v. Pennsylvania, 114 U. S. 196, 5 Sup. Ct. 826, 29 L. Ed. 158.
TRANSPORTATION

Under Interstate Commerce Act, (49 USCA § 1 et seq.), "transportation" includes the entire body of services rendered by a carrier in connection with the receipt, handling, and delivery of property transported, and includes the furnishing of cars. Fletcher v. Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. Co., 103 Kan. 834, 177 P. 1, 2.

In general sense transportation means merely conveyance from one place to another. People v. Martin, 235 Mich. 206, 209 N. W. 87.

In Criminal Law

A species of punishment consisting in removing the criminal from his own country to another, (usually a penal colony,) to remain in exile for a prescribed period. Fong Yue Ting v. U. S., 149 U. S. 668, 13 Sup. Ct. 1016, 37 L. Ed. 905.

TRANSMUTS. In Scotch law, an action of transmutation is an action competent to any one having a partial interest in a writing, or immediate use for it, to support his title or defenses in other actions. It is directed against the custodian of the writing, calling upon him to exhibit it, in order that a transmutat, i. e., a copy, may be judiciously made and delivered to the pursuer. Bell.

TRASLADO. In Spanish law. A copy; a sight. White, New Recop. h. 3, tit. 7, c. 3.

A copy of a document taken by the notary from the original, or a subsequent copy taken from the protocol, and not a copy taken directly from the matrix or protocol. Downing v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 436, 16 S. W. 54.

TRASSANS. Drawing; one who draws. The drawer of a bill of exchange.

TRASSATUS. One who is drawn, or drawn upon. The drawer of a bill of exchange. Heinecc. de Camb. c. 6, §§ 5, 6.


TRAUMATIC. Caused by or resulting from a wound or any external injury; as, traumatic insanity, produced by an injury to or fracture of the skull with consequent pressure on the brain. Straight Creek Fuel Co. v. Hunt, 221 Ky. 263, 298 S. W. 686, 687.

TRAUMATISM. A diseased condition of the body or any part of it caused by a wound or external injury. Markham v. State Industrial Commission, 85 Okl. 81, 205 P. 163, 169.

TRAVAIL. The act of child-bearing. A woman is said to be in her travail from the time the pains of child-bearing commence until her delivery. Scott v. Donovan, 153 Mass. 378, 26 N. E. 871.


TRAVELED PLACE. A place where the public have, in some manner, acquired the legal right to travel. Sanders v. Southern Ry. Co., Carolina Division, 97 S. C. 423, 81 S. E. 786, 788.


TRAVELER. One who passes from place to place, whether for pleasure, instruction, business or health. Lockett v. State, 47 Ala. 45; 10 C. B. N. S. 429. The term is used to designate those who patronize inns; the distance which they travel is not material. Walling v. Potter, 33 Conn. 185.

TRAVELING SALESMAN. A person who travels from town to town and who takes or solicits orders for goods, and forwards them to his principal for approval or rejection. T. C. May Co. v. Menzies Shoe Co., 184 N. C. 150, 113 S. E. 593, 594; Upchurch v. City of La Grange, 159 Ga. 113, 125 S. E. 47, 48.

TRAVELING WAYS. As applied to coal mining, places for the passage of workmen to and from different parts of the mine. Ricard o v. Central Coal & Coke Co., 100 Kan. 95, 163 P. 641, 645.

TRAVEI'

TRAVERSE. In the language of pleading, a traverse signifies a denial. Thus, where a defendant denies any material allegation of fact in the plaintiff's declaration, he is said to traverse it, and the plea itself is thence frequently termed a "traverse." Brown.

In Criminal Practice

To put off or delay the trial of an indictment till a succeeding term. More properly, to deny or take issue upon an indictment. 4 Bl. Comm. 351.

In General

Common traverse. A simple and direct denial of the material allegations of the opposite pleading, concluding to the country, and without inducement or absque hoc.

General traverse. One preceded by a general inducement, and denying in general terms all that is last before alleged on the opposite side, instead of pursuing the words of the allegations which it denies. Gould, Pl. v1. 5.

Special traverse. A peculiar form of traverse or denial, the design of which, as distin-
gushed from a _common_ traverse, is to explain or qualify the denial, instead of putting it in the direct and absolute form. It consists of an affirmative and a negative part; the first setting forth the new affirmative matter tending to explain or qualify the denial, and technically called the "inducement," and the latter constituting the direct denial itself, and technically called the "abque hoc." Steph. Pl. 169-180; Allen v. Stevens, 29 N. J. Law, 513; Chambers v. Hunt, 18 N. J. Law, 352; People v. Pullman's Car Co., 175 Ill. 125, 53 N. E. 664, 64 L. R. A. 366.

**- Traverse jury.** A petit jury; a trial jury; a jury impaneled to try an action or prosecution, as distinguished from a grand jury. State v. James, 96 N. J. Law, 132, 114 A. 503, 505, 16 A. L. R. 1141.

**- Traverse of indictment or presentment.** The taking issue upon and contradicting or denying some chief point of it. Jacob.

**- Traverse of office.** The proving that an inquisition made of lands or goods by the exchequer is defective and untruly made. Tomlins. It is the challenging, by a subject, of an inquest of office, as being defective and untruly made. Mozley & Whitley.

**- Traverse upon a traverse.** One growing out of the same point or subject-matter as is embraced in a preceding traverse on the other side.

**TRAVESER.** In pleading. One who traverses or denies. A prisoner or party indicted; so called from his traversing the indictment.

**TRAVESING NOTE.** This is a pleading in chancery, and consists of a denial put in by the plaintiff on behalf of the defendant, generally denying all the statements in the plaintiff's bill. The effect of it is to put the plaintiff upon proof of the whole contents of his bill, and is only resorted to for the purpose of saving time, and in a case where the plaintiff can safely dispense with an answer. A copy of the note must be served on the defendant. Brown.

**TREACHER, TRECHETOUR, or TREACHER-OUR.** A traitor.

**TREAD-MILL, or TREAD-WHEEL,** is an instrument of prison discipline, being a wheel or cylinder with an horizontal axis, having steps attached to it, up which the prisoners walk, and thus put the axis in motion. The men hold on by a fixed rail, and, as their weight presses down the step upon which they tread, they ascend the next step, and thus drive the wheel. Enc. Brit.

**TREASON.** The offense of attempting by overt acts to overthrow the government of the state to which the offender owes allegiance; or of betraying the state into the hands of a foreign power. Webster.

In England, treason is an offense particularly directed against the person of the sovereign, and consists (1) in compounding or imagining the death of the king or queen, or their eldest son and heir; (2) in violating the king's companion, or the king's eldest daughter unmarried, or the wife of the king's eldest son and heir; (3) in levying war against the king in his realm; (4) in adhering to the king's enemies in his realm, giving to them aid and comfort in the realm or elsewhere, and (5) slaying the chancellor, treasurer, or the king's justices of the one bench or the other, justices in eyre, or justices of assize, and all other justices assigned to hear and determine, being in their places doing their offices. 4 Steph. Comm. 185-188; 4 Bl. Comm. 76-78.


**Constructive Treason**

Treason imputed to a person by law from his conduct or course of actions, though his deeds taken severally do not amount to actual treason. This doctrine is not known in the United States.

**High Treason**

In English law. Treason against the king or sovereign, as distinguished from petit or petty treason, which might formerly be committed against a subject. 4 Bl. Comm. 74, 75; 4 Steph. Comm. 183, 184, note.

**Misprison of Treason**

See Misprison.

**Petit Treason**

In English law. The crime committed by a wife in killing her husband, or a servant his lord or master, or an ecclesiastic his lord or ordinary. 4 Bl. Comm. 75.

**Treason-felony**

Under the English statute 11 & 12 Vict. c. 12, passed in 1846, is the offense of compounding, dishonoring, etc., to depose her majesty from the crown; or to levy war in order to intimidate either house of parliament, etc., or to stir up foreigners by any printing or writing to invade the kingdom. This offense is punishable with penal servitude for life, or for any term not less than five years, etc., under statutes 11 & 12 Vict. c. 12, § 3; 20 & 21 Vict. c. 3, § 2; 27 & 28 Vict. c. 47, § 2. By the statute first above mentioned, the government is enabled to treat as felony many offenses which must formerly have been treated as high treason. Mozley & Whitley.
TREASONABLE. Having the nature or guilt of treason.

TREASURE. A treasure is a thing hidden or buried in the earth, on which no one can prove his property, and which is discovered by chance. Civil Code La. art. 3423, par. 2. See Treasure-Trove.


TREASURER. An officer of a public or private corporation, company, or government, charged with the receipt, custody, and disbursement of its moneys or funds. See State v. Eames, 39 La. Ann. 989, 3 So. 93; Mutual L. Ins. Co. v. Martien, 27 Mont. 437, 71 P. 470; Weld v. May, 9 Cush. (Mass.) 189; In re Millward-Cliff Cracker Co.'s Estate, 161 Pa. 167, 28 A. 1072; Jones v. Marrs, 114 Tex. 62, 263 S. W. 570, 574.

TREASURER, LORD HIGH. Formerly the chief treasurer of England, who had charge of the moneys in the exchequer, the chancellor of the exchequer being under him. He appointed all revenue officers and escheaters, and leased crown lands. The office is obsolete, and his duties are now performed by the lords commissioners of the treasury. Stim. Gloss.

TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES. An officer in the treasury department appointed by the president by and with the advice and consent of the senate. His principal duties are—to receive and keep the moneys of the United States, and disburse the same upon warrants drawn by the secretary of the treasury, countersigned by either comptroller and recorded by the register; to take receipts for all moneys paid by him; to render his account to the first comptroller quarterly, or oftener if required, and transmit a copy thereof, when settled, to the secretary of the treasury; to lay before each house, on the third day of every session of congress, fair and accurate copies of all accounts by him from time to time rendered to and settled with the first comptroller, and a true and perfect account of the state of the treasury; to submit at all times to the secretary of the treasury and the comptroller, or either of them, the inspection of the moneys in his hands. (31 USCA § 141 et seq.)

TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER. In English law. He whose charge was to put the lord treasurer and the rest of the judges of the exchequer in remembrance of such things as were called on and dealt in for the sovereign's behalf. There is still one in Scotland. Wharton.

TREASURY. A place or building in which stores of wealth are reposed; particularly, a place where the public revenues are deposited and kept, and where money is disburseto defray the expenses of government. Webster.

That department of government which is charged with the receipt, custody, and disbursement (pursuant to appropriations) of the public revenues or funds.

TREASURY BENCH. In the English house of commons, the first row of seats on the right hand of the speaker is so called, because occupied by the first lord of the treasury or principal minister of the crown. Brown.

TREASURY CHEST FUND. A fund, in England, originating in the usual balances of certain grants of public money, which is used for banking and loan purposes by the commissioners of the treasury. Wharton.

TREASURY, FIRST LORD OF. A high office of state in Great Britain, usually held by the Prime Minister.

TREASURY NOTE. A note or bill issued by the treasury department by the authority of the United States government, and circulating as money. See Brown v. State, 120 Ala. 342, 25 So. 182.

TREASURY STOCK. Stock belonging to and subject to sale by corporation. Maynard v. Doe Run Lead Co., 305 Mo. 356, 265 S. W. 94. The term implies that the stock has already been regularly issued and has found its way into ownership by the corporation as one of its own stockholders. Union Trust Co. of New Jersey v. Van Schalek, 156 App. Div. 769, 141 N. Y. S. 945, 948.

TREATY. In International Law

An agreement between two or more independent states. Brande. An agreement, league, or contract between two or more nations or sovereignties, formally signed by commissioners properly authorized, and solemnly ratified by the several sovereigns or the supreme power of each state. Webster; Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, 5 Pet. 60, 8 L. Ed. 25; Edge v. Robertson, 112 U. S. 550, 5 S. Ct. 247, 28 L. Ed. 738; Holmes v. Jennison, 14 Pet. 571, 10 L. Ed. 579; U. S. v. Rauscher, 110 U. S. 407, 7 S. Ct. 294, 30 L. Ed. 425; Ex parte Ortiz (C. C.) 100 F. 982; Charlton v. Kelly, 33 S. Ct. 945, 964, 29 S. Ct. 447, 57 L. Ed. 1274, 46 L. R. A. (N. S.) 397.

Personal treaties relate exclusively to the persons of the contracting sovereigns, such as family alliances, and treaties guaranteeing the throne to a particular sovereign and his family. As they re-
late to the persons, they expire of course on the death of the sovereign or the extinction of his family. With the advent of constitutional government in Europe these treaties have lost their importance. Real treaties relate solely to the subject-matters of the convention, independently of the persons of the contracting parties, and continue to bind the state, although there may be changes in its constitution or in the persons of its rulers. Boyd's Wheat. Int. Law § 29.

In Private Law

"Treaty" signifies the discussion of terms which immediately precedes the conclusion of a contract or other transaction. A warranty on the sale of goods, to be valid, must be made during the "treaty" preceding the sale. Chit. Cont. 419; Sweet.

TREATY OF PEACE. An agreement or contract made by belligerent powers, in which they agree to lay down their arms, and by which they stipulate the conditions of peace and regulate the manner in which it is to be restored and supported. Vattel, b. 4, c. 2, § 9.

TREBELLANIC PORTION. "In consequence of this article, the trebellanic portion of the civil law—that is to say, the portion of the property of the testator which the instituted heir had a right to detain when he was charged with a fiducia commissa or fiduciary bequest—is no longer a part of our law." Civ. Code La. art. 1520, par. 3.

TREBLE COSTS. See Costs.

TREBLE DAMAGES. In practice. Damages given by statute in certain cases, consisting of the single damages found by the jury, actually tripled in amount. The usual practice has been for the jury to find the single amount of the damages, and for the court, on motion, to order that amount to be trebled. 2 Tidd, Pr. 888, 894.


TREE. A woody plant, the branches of which spring from, and are supported upon, a trunk or body. Clay v. Tel. Co., 70 Miss. 411, 11 So. 658.

TREET. In old English law. Fine wheat.

TREMAGIUM, TREMESIUM. In old records. The season or time of sowing summer corn, being about March, the third month, to which the word may allude. Cowell.

Tres faciunt collegium. Three make a corporation; three members or requisites to constitute a corporation. Dlg. 50, 16, 8; 1 Bl. Comm. 469.


TRESAYLE. An abolished writ sued on ouster by abatement, on the death of the grandfather's grandfather.

TRESPASS. An unlawful act committed with violence, actual or implied, causing injury to the person, property, or relative rights of another; an injury or misfeasance to the person, property, or rights of another, done with force and violence, either actual or implied in law. See Grumson v. State, 59 Ind. 536, 46 Am. Rep. 178; Southern Ry. Co. v. Harden, 101 Ga. 296, 28 S. E. 547; Blood v. Kemp, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 373; Toledo v. Langdon, 43 Ill. 391; Agnew v. Jones, 74 Miss. 37, 23 So. 25; Hill v. Kimball, 76 Tex. 210, 13 S. W. 59, 7 L. R. A. 618; Brown v. Walker, 158 N. C. 52, 123 S. E. 633, 636; Reed v. Guessford, 7 Boyce (Del.) 228, 105 A. 428, 429.

In the strictest sense, an entry on another's ground, without a lawful authority, and doing some damage, however inconsiderable, to his real property. 3 Bl. Comm. 260. An entry on land without lawful authority by either a man, his servants, or his cattle. Stark v. Sheffield Farms-Sawson-Decker Co. (Mun. Ct.) 168 N. Y. 8. 411, 413.

Trespass, in its most comprehensive sense, signifies any transgression or offense against the law of nature, of society, or of the country in which we live; and this, whether it relates to a man's person or to his property. In its more limited and ordinary sense, it signifies an injury committed with violence, and this violence may be either actual or implied; and the law will imply violence though none is actually used, when the injury is of a direct and immediate kind, and committed on the person or tangible and corporeal property of the plaintiff. Of actual violence, an assault and battery is an instance; of implied, a peaceable but wrongful entry upon a person's land. Brown.

In Practice

A form of action, at the common law, which lies for redress in the shape of money damages for any unlawful injury done to the plaintiff, in respect either to his person, property, or rights, by the immediate force and violence of the defendant.

In General

—Continuing trespass. One which is in its nature a permanent invasion of the rights of another; as, where a person builds on his own land so that a part of the building overhangs his neighbor's land. H. H. Hitt Lumber Co. v. Cullman Property Co., 180 Ala. 13, 68 So. 720, 721.

—Joint trespass. A "joint trespass" occurs where two or more persons unite in committing it, or where some actually commit the tort, the others command, encourage or direct it. Stephens v. Schadler, 182 Ky. 583, 270 S. W. 704.

—Permanent trespass. One which consists of a series of acts, done on successive days, which are of the same nature, and are re-
newed or continued from day to day, so that, in the aggregate, they make up one indivisible wrong. 3 Bl. Comm. 212.

Trespass de bonis asportatis. (Trespass for goods carried away.) In practice. The technical name of that species of action of trespass for injuries to personal property which lies where the injury consists in carrying away the goods or property. See 3 Bl. Comm. 150, 151.

Trespass for mesne profits. A form of action supplemental to an action of ejectment, brought against the tenant in possession to recover the profits which he has wrongfully received during the time of his occupation. 3 Bl. Comm. 205.

Trespass on the case. The form of action, at common law, adapted to the recovery of damages for some injury resulting to a party from the wrongful act of another, unaccompanied by direct or immediate force, or which is the indirect or secondary consequence of defendant's act. Commonly called, by abbreviation, "Case." See Munal v. Brown (C. C.) 70 F. 968; Nolan v. Railroad Co., 70 Conn. 158, 39 A. 115, 43 L. R. A. 305; Christian v. Mills, 2 Walk. (Pa.) 131.

Trespass quare clausum fregit. "Trespass wherefore he broke the close." The common-law action for damages for an unlawful entry or trespass upon the plaintiff's land. In the Latin form of the writ, the defendant was called upon to show why he broke the plaintiff's close; i.e., the real or imaginary structure inclosing the land, whence the name. It is commonly abbreviated to "trespas quo. cl. fr." See Kimball v. Hilton, 92 Me. 214, 42 A. 304.

Trespass to try title. The name of the action used in several of the states for the recovery of the possession of real property, with damages for any trespass committed upon the same by the defendant.

Trespass vi et armis. Trespass with force and arms. The common-law action for damages for any injury committed by the defendant with direct and immediate force or violence against the plaintiff or his property.

TRESPASSER. One who has committed trespass; one who unlawfully enters or intrudes upon another's land, or unlawfully and forcibly takes another's personal property. The term is generally used in a limited sense to designate one who goes upon the premises of another without invitation, express or implied, and does so out of curiosity, or for his own purposes or convenience, and not in the performance of any duty to the owner. Heller v. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co. (C. C. A.) 295 F. 192, 194.

Joint Trespassers

Two or more who unite in committing a trespass. Kansas City v. File, 80 Kan. 157, 55 P. 877; Bonte v. Postel, 109 Ky. 64, 58 S. W. 536, 51 L. R. A. 187.

Trespasser Ab Initio

Trespasser from the beginning. A term applied to a tort-feasor whose acts relate back so as to make a previous act, at the time innocent, unlawful; as, if he enter peaceably, and subsequently commit a breach of the peace, his entry is considered a trespass. Stdm. Gloss. See Wright v. Marvin, 59 Vt. 437, 9 A. 601.

TRESTORNARE. In old English law. To turn aside; to divert a stream from its course. Bract. folis. 115, 234b. To turn or alter the course of a road. Cowell.

TRESVIRI. Lat. In Roman law. Officers who had the charge of prisons, and the execution of condemned criminals. Calvín.

TRET. An allowance made for the water or dust that may be mixed with any commodity. It differs from tales, (q. v.)

TRETHINGA. In old English law. A thing; the court of a thinging.

TREYT. Withdrawn, as a juror. Written also treat. Cowell.

TRIA CAPITA, In Roman law, were civitas, libertas, and familia; i.e., citizenship, freedom, and family rights.

TRIAL. The examination before a competent tribunal, according to the law of the land, of the facts or law put in issue in a cause, for the purpose of determining such issue. Marsch v. Southern New England R. Corporation, 235 Mass. 304, 126 N. E. 519, 520.

The judicial examination of the issues in an action whether they be issues of law or of fact. Code of Iowa 1031, § 11428.


In its strict definition, the word "trial" in criminal procedure means the proceedings in open court after the pleadings are finished and the prosecution is otherwise ready, down to and including the rendition of the verdict. Thomas v. Mills, 117 Ohio St. 114, 157 N. E. 488, 489, 54 A. L. R. 1220.
Fair Trial


Mistrial

See that title.

New Trial

A re-examination of an issue of fact in the same court after a trial and decision by a jury or court or by referees. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 656. A re-examination of the issue in the same court, before another jury, after a verdict has been given. Pen. Code Cal. § 1179. A re-examination in the same court of an issue of fact, or some part or portions thereof, after the verdict by a jury, report of a referee, or a decision by the court. Rev. Code Iowa 1850, § 2887 (Code 1931, § 11549). And see Oxford v. State, 50 Okl. 103, 194 P. 101; Warner v. Godling, 91 Fla. 260, 107 So. 406, 408.

New Trial Paper

In English practice. A paper containing a list of causes in which rules nisi have been obtained for a new trial, or for entering a verdict in place of a nonsuit, or for entering judgment non obstante verdicto, or for otherwise varying or setting aside proceedings which have, taken place at nisi prius. These are called on for argument in the order in which they stand in the paper, on days appointed by the judges for the purpose. Brown.

Public Trial

A trial held in public, in the presence of the public, or in a place accessible and open to the attendance of the public at large, or of persons who may properly be admitted. The requirement of a public trial is for the benefit of the accused; that the public may see he is fairly dealt with and not unjustly condemned, and that the presence of interested spectators may keep his triers keenly alive to a sense of their responsibility and to the importance of their functions; and the requirement is fairly observed if, without partiality or favoritism, a reasonable proportion of the public is suffered to attend, notwithstanding that those persons whose presence could be of no service to the accused, and who would only be drawn thither by a prurient curiosity, are excluded altogether.” Cooley, Const. Lim. *312. And see People v. Hall, 51 App. Div. 37, 64 N. Y. S. 433; People v. Swafford, 65 Cal. 223, 3 P. 509; Commonwealth v. Trinkle, 279 Pa. 564, 124 A. 191, 192; People v. Greeshorn, 230 Mich. 124, 203 N. W. 141, 149.

Separate Trial

See Separate.

Speedy Trial

See that title.

State Trial

See State.

Trial at Bar

A species of trial now seldom resorted to, excepting in cases where the matter in dispute is one of great importance and difficulty. It takes place before all the judges at the bar of the court in which the action is brought. Brown. See 2 Tidd, Pr. 747; Steph. Pl. 84.

Trial at Nisi Prius

In practice. The ordinary kind of trial which takes place at the settings, assizes, or circuit, before a single judge. 2 Tidd, Pr. 751, 819.

Trial by Certificate

A form of trial allowed in cases where the evidence of the person certifying was the only proper criterion of the point in dispute. Under such circumstances, the issue might be determined by the certificate alone, because, if sent to a jury, it would be conclusive upon them, and therefore their intervention was unnecessary. Tomlins.

Trial by Grand Assize

A peculiar mode of trial allowed in writs of right. See Assize; Grand Assize.

Trial by Inspection or Examination

A form of trial in which the judges of the court, upon the testimony of their own senses, decide the point in dispute.

Trial by Jury

A trial in which the issues of fact are to be determined by the verdict of a jury of twelve men, duly selected, impaneled, and sworn. The terms “jury” and “trial by jury” were used at the adoption of the constitution, and always, it is believed, before that time, and almost always since, in a single sense. A jury for the trial of a cause was a body of twelve men, described as upright, well-qualified, and lawful men, disinterested and impartial, not of kin nor personal dependents of either of the parties, having their homes within the jurisdictional limits of the court, drawn and selected by officers free from all bias in favor of or against either party, duly impaneled under the direction of a competent court, sworn to render a true verdict according to the law and the evidence given them, who, after hearing the parties and their evidence, and receiving the instructions of the court relative to the law involved in the trial, and deliberating, when necessary, apart from all extraneous influences, must return their unanimous verdict upon the issue submitted to them. State v. McClear, 11 Nev. 60. And see Gunn v. Union R. Co., 23 R. I. 289, 49 A. 999; State v. Hamey, 168 Mo. 167, 67 S. W. 620, 57 L. R.
TRIAL


**Trial by Proviso**

A proceeding allowed where the plaintiff in an action desists from prosecuting his suit, and does not bring it to trial in convenient time. The defendant, in such case, may take out the *venire facias* to the sheriff, containing these words, "proviso quod," etc., i.e., provided that the plaintiff take out any writ to that purpose, the sheriff shall summon but one jury on them both. This is called "going to trial by proviso." Jacob, th. "Proviso."

**Trial by the Record**

A form of trial resorted to where issue is taken upon a plea of *nulli tert record. In which case the party asserting the existence of a record as pleaded is bound to produce it in court on a day assigned. If the record is forthcoming, the issue is tried by inspection and examination of it. If the record is not produced, judgment is given for his adversary. 3 Bl. Comm. 320.

**Trial by Wager of Battle**

This was a species of trial introduced into England, among other Norman customs, by William the Conqueror, in which the person accused fought with his accuser, under the apprehension that Heaven would give the victory to him who was in the right. 3 Bl. Comm. 337-341.

**Trial by Wager of Law**

In old English law. A method of trial, where the defendant, coming into court, made oath that he did not owe the claim demanded of him, and eleven of his neighbors, as compurgators, swore that they believed him to speak the truth. 3 Bl. Comm. 343. See Wager of Law.

**Trial by Witnesses**

The name "trial per testes" has been used for a trial without the interwention of a jury, is the only method of trial known to the civil law, and is adopted by depostions in chancery. The judge is thus left to form, in his own breast, his sentence upon the credit of the witnesses examined. But it is very rarely used at common law. Tomlinson.

**Trial De Novo**

A new trial or retrial had in an appellate court in which the whole case is gone into as if no trial whatever had been had in the court below. See Karcher v. Green, 8 Howst. (Del.) 163, 32 A. 223; Ex parte Morales (Tex. Cr. App.) 53 S. W. 108; Shultz v. Lempert, 55 Tex. 277; Town of Rayville v. Mann, 136 La. 237, 66 So. 957, 958; Carlson v. Avery Co., 196 Ill. App. 262, 272.

**Trial Jury**

The jury participating in the trial of a given case; or a jury summoned and impaneled for the trial of a case, and in this sense a petit jury as distinguished from a grand jury.

**Trial List**

A list of cases marked down for trial for any one term.

**Trial With Assessors**

Admiralty actions involving nautical questions, e.g., actions of collision, are generally tried in England before a judge, with Trinity Masters sitting as assessors. Rosc. Adm. 179.

**Triatio ibi semper debet fieri, ubi juratores meliores possunt habere notitiam.** Trial ought always to be had where the jurors can have the best information. 7 Coke, 1.

**TRIBAL LANDS.** Lands of Indian reservation which are not occupied by individual Indians and are the unallotted or common lands of the nation. Tuscarora Nation of Indians v. Williams, 79 Misc. 445, 141 N. Y. S. 207, 208.

**TRIBUERE.** Lat. In the civil law. To give; to distribute.

**TRIBUNAL.** The seat of a judge; the place where he administers justice. The whole body of judges who compose a jurisdiction; a judicial court; the jurisdiction which the judges exercise. See Foster v. Worcester, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 81.

**In Roman Law**

An elevated seat occupied by the praetor, when he judged, or heard causes in form. Originally a kind of stage made of wood in the form of a square, and movable, but afterwards built of stone in the form of a semicircle. Adams, Rom. Ant. 132, 133.

**TRIBUNAUX DE COMMERCE.** In French law. Certain courts composed of a president, judges, and substitutes, which take cognizance of all cases between merchants, and of disagreements among partners. Appeals lie from them to the courts of justice. Brown.

**TRIBUTARY, n.** Any stream flowing directly or indirectly into a river. [1869] 1 Q. B. 287.

**TRIBUTARY, adj.** Paying or yielding tribute, taxed or assessed by tribute. Amsbury v. City of Twin Falls, 54 Idaho, 313, 200 P. 723, 724.
TRIBUTE. A contribution which is raised by a prince or sovereign from his subjects to sustain the expenses of the state.

A sum of money paid by an inferior sovereign or state to a superior potentate, to secure the friendship or protection of the latter. Brande.

TRICESIMA. An ancient custom in a borough in the county of Hereford, so called because thirty burgesses paid 1d. rent for their houses to the bishop, who was lord of the manor. Wharton.

TRIDING-MOTE. The court held for a triding or trithing. Cowell.

TRIDUUM. In old English law. The space of three days. Fleeta, lib. 1, c. 51, § 7.

TRIENNIAL ACT. An act of parliament of 1641, which provided that if in every third year parliament was not summoned and assembled before September 3, it should assemble on the second Monday of the next November.

Also an act of 1694, which provided that a parliament be called within three years after dissolution, and that the utmost limit of a parliament be three years. This was followed by the Septennial Act of 1716.

TRIENS. Lat.

In Roman Law

A subdivision of the as, containing four unciae; the proportion of four-twelfths or one-third. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m. A copper coin of the value of one-third of the as. Brande.

In Feudal Law

Dower or third. 2 Bl. Comm. 129.

TRIGAMUS. In old English law. One who has been thrice married; one who, at different times and successively, has had three wives; a trigamist. 3 Inst. 88.

TRIGILD. In Saxon law. A triple gild, geld, or payment; three times the value of a thing, paid as a composition or satisfaction. Spelman.

TRINEPOS (Lat.).

In Roman Law

Great-grandson of a grandchild.

TRINEPTIS (Lat.). Great-granddaughter of a grandchild.

TRINITY HOUSE. In English law. A society at Deptford, Incorporated by Hen. VIII. in 1515, for the promotion of commerce and navigation by licensing and regulating pilots, and ordering and erecting beacons, light-houses, buoys, etc. Wharton.

TRINITY MASTERS are elder brethren of the Trinity House. If a question arising in an admiralty action depends upon technical skill and experience in navigation, the judge or court is usually assisted at the hearing by two Trinity Masters, who sit as assessors, and advise the court on questions of a nautical character. Williams & B. Adm. Jur. 271; Sweet.

TRINITY SITTINGS. Sittings of the English court of appeal and of the high court of justice in London and Middlesex, commencing on the Tuesday after Whitsun week, and terminating on the 8th of August.

TRINITY TERM. One of the four terms of the English courts of common law, beginning on the 22d day of May, and ending on the 12th of June. 3 Steph. Comm. 562.

TRINIUMGELDUM. In old European law. An extraordinary kind of composition for an offense, consisting of three times nine, or twenty-seven times the single geld or payment. Spelman.

TRINKETS. Small articles of personal adornment or use when the object is essentially ornamental. 28 L. J. C. P. 626.

TRINODA NECESSITAS. Lat. In Saxon law. A threefold necessity or burden. A term used to denote the three things from contributing to the performance of which no lands were exempted, viz., pontis reparatio, (the repair of bridges), arces constructio, (the building of castles), et expeditio contra hostem, (military service against an enemy.) 1 Bl. Comm. 263, 357.

TRIOIRS. In practice. Persons who are appointed to try challenges to jurors, i. e., to hear and determine whether a juror challenged for favor is or is not qualified to serve.

The lords chosen to try a peer, when indicted for felony, in the court of the lord high steward, are also called "trioris," Molesley & Whitley.

TRIP. In mining, a number of cars attached together and drawn by a mule. Maze v. Big Creek Coal Co. (Mo. App.) 203 S. W. 633, 634.

TRIPARTITE. In conveyancing. Of three parts; a term applied to an indenture to which there are three several parties, (of the first, second, and third parts,) and which is executed in triplicate.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE. A treaty between Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy, formed at the close of the Franco-Prussian War (1870-71).

TRIPLE ENTENTE. A treaty between Russia, France and Great Britain, formed early in the 20th century.

TRIPLICACION. L. Fr. In old pleading. A rejoinder in pleading; the defendant's answer to the plaintiff's replication. Brit. c. 77.
TRIPLICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The reply of the plaintiff to the rejoinder of the defendant. It corresponds to the surrejoinder of common law. Inst. 4, 14; Bract. 1, 5, t. 5, c. 1.

TRISTRIS. In old forest law. A freedom from the duty of attending the lord of a forest when engaged in the chase. Spelman.

TRITAVIA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandmother's great-grandmother; the female ascendant in the sixth degree.

TRITAVUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather's great-grandfather; the male ascendant in the sixth degree.

TRITHING. In Saxon law. One of the territorial divisions of England, being the third part of a county, and comprising three or more hundreds. Within the trithing there was a court held (called "trithing-mote") which resembled the court-leet, but was inferior to the county court.

TRITHING-MOTE. The court held for a trithing or riding.

TRITHING-REEVE. The officer who superintended a trithing or riding.


TRIUMVIRI CAPITALES. Lat. In Roman law. Officers who had charge of the prison, through whose intervention punishments were inflected. They had eight lectors to execute their orders. Veyat, Voc. Jur.

TRIVERBIAL DAYS. In the civil law. Judicial days; days allowed to the priator for deciding causes; days on which the priator might speak the three characteristic words of his office, viz., do, dico, addico. Calvin. Otherwise called "dies fasti." 3 Bl. Comm. 424, and note u.

TRIVIAL. Trifting; Inconsiderable; of small worth or importance. In equity, a demurrer will lie to a bill on the ground of the triviality of the matter in dispute, as being below the dignity of the court. 4 Bouv. Inst. no. 4237.

TRONAGE. In English law: A customary duty or toll for weighing wool; so called because it was weighed by a common tronus, or beam. Planta, lib. 2, c. 12.

TRONATOR. A weigher of wool. Cowell.

TROOPS. "Troops," as used in the railroad land grant acts, requiring the railroads to transport free from toll or other charge troops of the United States, and in the land grant equalization agreements, whereby the railroads were to transport such troops at half rates, means soldiers collectively, a body of soldiers, and does not include discharged soldiers or military prisoners, rejected applicants for enlistment returning home from recruiting depots, accepted applicants for enlistment going to recruiting depots, retired soldiers or soldiers on furloughs, traveling as individuals and not as a body. United States v. Union Pac. R. Co., 249 U. S. 354, 39 S. Ct. 294, 296, 63 L. Ed. 643.

TROPHY MONEY. Money formerly collected and raised in London, and the several counties of England, towards providing harness and maintenance for the militia, etc.

TROVER. In common-law practice, the action of trover (or trover and conversion) is a species of action on the case, and originally lay for the recovery of damages against a person who had found another's goods and wrongfully converted them to his own use. Subsequently the allegation of the loss of the goods by the plaintiff and the finding of them by the defendant was merely fictitious, and the action became the remedy for any wrongful interference with or detention of the goods of another. 3 Steph. Comm. 425. Sweet. See Burnham v. Pidcock, 33 Misc. 65, 66 N. Y. S. 806; Larson v. Dawson, 24 R. I. 317, 53 A. 93, 96 Am. St. Rep. 718; Waring v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 76 Pa. 496; Metropolis Mfg. Co. v. Lynch, 68 Conn. 459, 36 A. 832; Spelman v. Richmond & D. R. Co., 35 S. C. 475, 14 S. E. 947, 28 Am. St. Rep. 858.

In form it is a fiction; in substance, a remedy to recover the value of personal chattels wrongfully converted by another to his own use. 1 Burr. 31; Athens & Pomeroy Coal & Land Co. v. Tracy, 22 Ohio App. 21, 153 N. E. 240, 244; Silverson v. Clanton, 88 Or. 261, 175 P. 833, 835. See Conversion.

TROY WEIGHT. A weight of twelve ounces to the pound, having its name from Troyes, a city in Aube, France.

TRUCE. In International law. A suspension or temporary cessation of hostilities by agreement between belligerent powers; an armistice. Wheat, Int. Law, 442.

TRUCE OF GOD. In medieval law. A truce or suspension of arms promulgated by the church, putting a stop to private hostilities at certain periods or during certain sacred seasons.

TRUCK ACTS. Acts in England, 1 & 2 Wm. IV, amended in 1887 and 1896, which provide that workmen shall not have unreasonable deductions made from their wages (as for fines, damaged goods, materials, or tools), nor have their wages paid otherwise than in current coin, nor be obliged to spend them in any particular place or manner.

TRUE. Conformable to fact; correct; exact; actual; genuine; honest. See First State Bank of Terre Haute v. Hadden (Tex. Civ. App.) 168 S. W. 1108, 1170.
"In one sense, that only is true which is conformable to the actual state of things. In that sense, a statement is untrue which does not express things exactly as they are. But in another and broader sense, the word 'true' is often used as a synonym of 'honest,' 'sincere,' not fraudulent." Moulor v. American L. Ins. Co., 111 U. S. 345, 4 S. Ct. 466, 28 L. Ed. 447.

TRUE BILL. In criminal practice. The indorsement made by a grand jury upon a bill of indictment, when they find it sustained by the evidence laid before them, and are satisfied of the truth of the accusation. 4 Bl. Comm. 306.

TRUE COPY. A true copy, does not mean an absolutely exact copy but means that the copy shall be so true that anybody can understand it. It may contain an error or omission. 51 L. J. Ch. 905.

TRUE, PUBLIC, AND NOTORIOUS. These three qualities used to be formally predicated in the libel in the ecclesiastical courts, of the charges which it contained, at the end of each article severally. Wharton.

TRUE VERDICT. A true "verdict" is the truthful saying of 12 impartial, fair-minded men, who arrive at a conclusion because it is their duty under the evidence to do so, and not because they are coerced, either wittingly or unwittingly, by a trial judge. Meadows v. State, 182 Ala. 51, 62 So. 737, 738, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 663.

TRUST.

I. In General

A right of property, real or personal, held by one party for the benefit of another. See Goodwin v. McMinn, 193 Pa. 616, 44 A. 1094, 74 Am. St. Rep. 703; Beers v. Lyon, 21 Conn. 615; Seymour v. Freer, 8 Wall. 202, 19 L. Ed. 306; Kepplinger v. Kepplinger, 180 Ind. St., 113 N. E. 292, 293; Boyce v. Moseley, 102 S. C. 361, 86 S. E. 771, 773. An obligation arising out of a confidence reposed in the trustee or representative, who has the legal title to property conveyed to him, that he will faithfully apply the property according to the confidence reposed, or, in other words, according to the wishes of the grantor of the trust. 4 Kent, Comm. 304; Willis, Trustees, 2; Beers v. Lyon, 21 Conn. 615; Thornburg v. Buck, 13 Ind. App. 446, 41 N. E. 85; Marble v. Marble's Estate, 304 Ill. 229, 136 N. E. 559, 593. An equitable obligation, either express or implied, resting upon a person by reason of a confidence reposed in him, to apply or deal with property for the benefit of some other person, or for the benefit of himself and another or others, according to such confidence. McCready v. Gewinner, 103 Ga. 628, 29 S. E. 966; Christopher v. Davis (Tex. Civ. App.) 284 S. W. 253, 257; Templeton v. Bockler, 73 Or. 494, 144 P. 405, 409.

A holding of property subject to a duty of employing it or applying its proceeds according to directions given by the person from whom it was derived. Munroe v. Crouse, 59 Hun, 248, 12 N. Y. S. 815.

"Trust" is further defined in a broad comprehensive sense as a relation between two persons, by virtue of which one of them holds property for the benefit of the other, in re Vosburgh's Estate, 279 Pa. 329, 123 A. 813, 815; Shelton v. Harrison, 182 Mo. App. 404, 167 S. W. 634, 636; and as a confidence reposed in one person, by and for the benefit of another, with respect to property held by the former, for the latter's benefit; Teal v. Pleasant Grove Local Union No. 204, Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of America, 200 Ala. 23, 75 So. 335, 337; Moore v. Shiffler, 187 Ky. 7, 216 S. W. 614, 616; State v. Exchange Bank of Ogallala, 114 Neb. 661, 209 N. W. 249, 252.

—Accessory trust. In Scotch law, equivalent to "active" or "special" trust. See infra.

—Active trust. One which imposes upon the trustee the duty of taking active measures in the execution of the trust, as, where property is conveyed to trustees with directions to sell and distribute the proceeds among creditors of the grantor; distinguished from a "passive" or "dry" trust. In re Buch's Estate, 278 Pa. 185, 122 A. 239, 240; Welch v. Northern Bank & Trust Co., 100 Wash. 349, 170 P. 1029, 1032.

—Cestui que trust. The person for whose benefit a trust is created or who is to enjoy the income or the avails of it.

—Charitable trusts. Trusts designed for the benefit of a class or the public generally. They are essentially different from private trusts in that the beneficiaries are uncertain. Bauer v. Myers (C. C. A.) 244 F. 902, 911.

—Complete voluntary trust. One completely created, the subject-matter being designated, the trustee and beneficiary being named, and the limitations and trusts being fully and perfectly declared. In re Leigh's Estate, 186 Iowa, 931, 175 N. W. 143, 146.

—Constructive trust. A trust raised by construction of law, or arising by operation of law, as distinguished from an express trust. Wherever the circumstances of a transaction are such that the person who takes the legal estate in property cannot also enjoy the beneficial interest without necessarily violating some established principle of equity, the court will immediately raise a constructive trust, and fasten it upon the conscience of the legal owner, so as to convert him into a trustee for the parties who in equity are entitled to the beneficial enjoyment. Hill, Trustees, 118; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 511; Nester v. Gross, 86
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-Contingent trust. An express trust may depend for its operation upon a future event, and is then a "contingent" trust. Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 3734.

-Direct trust. A direct trust is an express trust, as distinguished from a constructive or implied trust. Currence v. Ward, 33 W. Va. 367, 27 S. E. 329.

-Directory trust. One which is not completely and finally settled by the instrument creating it, but only defined in its general purpose and to be carried into detail according to later specific directions.

-Dry trust. One which merely vests the legal title in the trustee, and does not require the performance of any active duty on his part to carry out the trust. In re Shaw's Estate, 198 Cal. 352, 246 P. 48, 52; Blackburn v. Blackburn, 167 Ky. 113, 150 S. W. 48, 49.

-Educational trusts. Trusts for the founding, endowing, and supporting schools for the advancement of all useful branches of learning, which are not strictly private. Richards v. Wilson, 185 Ind. 335, 112 N. E. 789, 794.

-Executed trust. A trust of which the scheme has in the outset been completely declared. Adams, Eq. 151. A trust in which the estates and interest in the subject-matter of the trust are completely limited and defined by the instrument creating the trust, and require no further instruments to complete them. Bisp. Eq. 20; Pilott v. Landun, 46 N. J. Eq. 310, 19 A. 25; Dennison v. Goehring, 7 Pa. 177, 47 Am. Dec. 506; In re Fair's Estate, 132 Cal. 528, 60 P. 442, 84 Am. St. Rep. 79; Cushing v. Blake, 29 N. J. Eq. 405; Egerton v. Brownlow, 4 H. L. Cas. 210; Mattson v. U. S. Ensilage Harvester Co., 171 Minn. 237, 213 N. W. 893, 896. As all trusts are executory in this sense, that the trustee is bound to dispose of the estate according to the tenure of this trust, whether active or passive, it would be more accurate and precise to substitute the terms, "perfect" and "imperfect" for "executed" and "executory" trusts. 1 Hayes, Conv. 85.

-Exeuctive trust. One which requires the execution of some further instrument, or the doing of some further act, on the part of the creator of the trust or of the trustee, towards its complete creation or full effect. Martling v. Martling, 55 N. J. Eq. 771, 59 A. 203; Carradine v. Carradine, 35 Md. 729; Cornwall v. Wulff, 148 Md. 542, 50 S. W. 439, 45 L. R. A. 63; In re Fair's Estate, 132 Cal. 523, 60 P. 442, 84 Am. St. Rep. 70; Pilott v. Landun, 46 N. J. Eq. 310, 19 A. 25.

-Express trust. A trust created or declared in express terms, and usually in writing, as distinguished from one inferred by the law from the conduct or dealings of the parties. State v. Campbell, 59 Kan. 246, 52 P. 454; Kaphan v. Toney (Tenn. Ch.) 58 S. W. 913; McMonagle v. McGlenn (C. C.) 85 F. 91; Ransdell v. Moore, 153 Ind. 393, 53 N. E. 767, 53 L. R. A. 753; Sanford v. Van Pelt, 314 Mo. 175, 282 S. W. 1022, 1023; Holsapple v. Schrontz, 65 Ind. App. 390, 117 N. E. 547, 549. Express trusts are those which are created in express terms in the deed, writing, or will, while implied trusts are those which, without being expressed, are deducible from the nature of the transaction, as matters of intent, or which are superinduced upon the transactions by operation of law, as matters of equity, independently of the particular intention of the parties. Brown v. Cherry, 56 Barb. (N. Y.) 635.

-Imperfect trust. An executory trust, (which see;) and see Executed Trust.


-Involuntary trust. "Involuntary" or "constructive" trusts embrace all those instances in which a trust is raised by the doctrines of equity, for the purpose of working out justice in the most efficient manner, when there is no intention of the parties to create a trust relation. This class of trusts may usually be referred to fraud, either actual or constructive, as an essential element. Bank v. Kimball Milling Co., 1 S. D. 393, 47 N. W. 402, 39 Am. St. Rep. 739.

-Massachusetts or Business Trusts. See "Trust Estates as Business Companies."

-Ministerial trusts. (Also called "instrumental trusts"). Those which demand no further exercise of reason or understanding than every intelligent agent must necessarily employ; as to convey an estate. They are a species of special trusts, distinguished from discretionary trusts, which necessarily require much exercise of the understanding. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1896.

-Naked trust. A dry or passive trust; one which requires no action on the part of the trustee, beyond turning over money or property to the ostensi que trust. Cerri v. Akron People's Telephone Co. (D. C.) 210 F. 255, 292.

Precatory trust. Where words employed in a will or other instrument do not amount to a positive command or to a distinct testamentary disposition, but are terms of entreaty, request, recommendation, or expectation, they are termed "precatory words," and from such words the law will raise a trust, called a "precatory trust," to carry out the wishes of the testator or grantor. See Holson v. Barrett, 79 Ky. 378; Hunt v. Hunt, 18 Wash. 14, 50 P. 578; Aldrich v. Aldrich, 172 Mass. 101, 51 N. E. 449.

Private trust. One established or created for the benefit of a certain designated individual or individuals, or a known person or class of persons, clearly identified or capable of identification by the terms of the instrument creating the trust, as distinguished from trusts for public institutions or charitable uses. See Pennoyer v. Wadham, 20 Or. 274, 25 P. 720, 31 L. R. A. 210; Doyle v. Whalen, 87 Me. 414, 32 A. 1022, 31 L. R. A. 118; Brooks v. Belfast, 90 Me. 318, 38 A. 222; Bauer v. Myers (C. C. A.) 244 F. 902, 911.

Proprietary trust. In Scotch law, a naked, dry, or passive trust. See supra.

Public trust. One constituted for the benefit of the public at large or of some considerable portion of it answering a particular description; public trusts and charitable trusts may be considered in general as synonymous expressions. Lewin, Trusts, 2d; Bauer v. Myers (C. C. A.) 244 F. 902, 911.

Resulting trust. One that arises by implication of law, or by the operation and construction of equity, and which is established as consonant to the presumed intention of the parties as gathered from the nature of the transaction. A "resulting trust," arises where the legal estate in property is disposed of, conveyed, or transferred, but the intent appears or is inferred from the terms of the disposition, or from the accompanying facts and circumstances, that the beneficial interest is not to go or be enjoyed with the legal title. Laffkowitz v. Jackson (C. C. A.) 13 F. (2d) 370, 372. See Sanders v. Steele, 124 Ala. 415, 28 So. 882; Dorman v. Dorman, 187 Ill. 154, 58 N. E. 235, 79 Am. St. Rep. 210; Aborn v. Searles, 18 R. I. 357, 27 A. 730; Fulton v. Jansen, 99 Cal. 587, 34 P. 381; Western Union Tel. Co. v. Shepard, 169 N. Y. 710, 62 N. E. 154, 58 L. R. A. 115; Farwell v. Wilcox, 73 Okl. 230, 175 P. 936, 938, 4 A. L. R. 196; (Civ. Code, § 833). Cummings v. Cummings, 55 Cal. App. 433, 208 P. 452, 455.

Secret trusts. Where a testator gives property to a person, on a verbal promise by the legatee or devisee that he will hold it in trust for another person, this is called a "secret trust." Sweet.

Shifting trust. An express trust which is so settled that it may operate in favor of beneficiaries additional to, or substituted for, those first named, upon specified contingencies. Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 3754.

Simple trust. A simple trust corresponds with the ancient use, and arises where property is simply vested in one person for the use of another, and the nature of the trust, not being qualified by the settlor, is left to the construction of law. Perkins v. Brinkley, 133 N. C. 154, 45 S. E. 541; Cone v. Dunham, 59 Conn. 145, 20 A. 311, 8 L. R. A. 647; Dodson v. Ball, 60 Pa. 500, 100 Am. Dec. 586.

Special trust. One in which a trustee is interposed for the execution of some purpose particularly pointed out, and is not, as in case of a simple trust, a mere passive depository of the estate, but is required to exert himself actively in the execution of the settlor's intention; as, where a conveyance is made to trustees upon trust to reconvey, or to sell for the payment of debts. Lew. Tr. 3, 16.

Special trusts have been divided into (1) ministerial (or instrumental) and (2) discretionary. The former, such as demand no further exercise of reason or understanding than every intelligent agent must necessarily employ; the latter, such as cannot be duly administered without the application of a certain degree of prudence and judgment. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1896; Perkins v. Brinkley, 133 N. C. 154, 45 S. E. 541; Flagg v. Ely, 1 Edw. Sel. Cas. (N. Y.) 209; Freer v. Lake, 115 Ill. 662, 4 N. E. 512; Dodson v. Ball, 60 Pa. 496, 100 Am. Dec. 586.

Spendthrift trust. See Spendthrift.

Transgressive trust. A name sometimes applied to a trust which transgresses or violates the rule against perpetuities. See Pulitzer v. Livingston, 95 Me. 359, 36 A. 635.

Trust allotments. Allotments to Indians, in which a certificate or trust patent is issued declaring that the United States will hold the land for a designated period in trust for the allottee. U. S. v. Bowling, 236 U. S. 484, 41 S. Ct. 961, 992, 65 L. Ed. 1061.

Trust company. A corporation formed for the purpose of taking, accepting, and executing all such trusts as may be lawfully committed to it, and acting as testamentary trustee, trustee under deeds of settlement or for married women, executor, guardian, etc. To these functions are sometimes (but not necessarily) added the business of acting as fiscal agent for corporations, attending to the reg.

Trust deed. (1) A species of mortgage given to a trustee for the purpose of securing a numerous class of creditors, as the bondholders of a railroad corporation, with power to foreclose and sell on failure of the payment of their bonds, notes, or other claims. (2) In some of the states, and in the District of Columbia, a trust deed or deed of trust is a security resembling a mortgage, being a conveyance of lands to trustees to secure the payment of a debt, with a power of sale upon default, and upon a trust to apply the net proceeds to paying the debt and to turn over the surplus to the grantor. Dean v. Smith, 53 N. D. 125, 204 N. W. 967, 994; Guaranty Title & Trust Co. v. Thompson, 66 Fla. 983, 113 So. 117, 120.

Trust estate. This term may mean either the estate of the trustee,—that is, the legal title,—or the estate of the beneficiary, or the corpus of the property which is the subject of the trust. See Cooper v. Cooper, 5 N. J. Eq. 9; Farmers' L. & T. Co. v. Carroll, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 643.

Trust ex maleficio. A species of constructive trust arising out of some fraud, misconduct, or breach of faith on the part of the person to be charged as trustee, which renders it an equitable necessity that a trust should be implied. See Rogers v. Richards, 67 Kan. 706, 74 Pac. 255; Kent v. Dean, 128 Ala. 600, 30 South. 543; Barry v. Hill, 186 Pa. 344, 31 Atl. 126; LeFKowitz v. Silver, 182 N. C. 359, 109 S. E. 56, 60, 23 A. L. R. 1491; Yarborough v. Tolbert (Tex. Civ. App.) 252 S. W. 302, 304.

Trust fund. A fund held by a trustee for the specific purposes of the trust; in a more general sense, a fund which, legally or equitably, is subject to be devoted to a particular purpose and cannot or should not be diverted therefrom. In this sense it is often said that the assets of a corporation are a "trust fund" for the payment of its debts. See Henderson v. Indiana Trust Co., 143 Ind. 551, 40 N. E. 516; In re Beard's Estate, 7 Wyo. 194, 50 Pac. 226, 35 L. R. A. 860, 75 Am. St. Rep. 883; Spencer v. Smith (C. C. A.) 201 F. 647, 652; Terhune v. Weise, 132 Wash. 208, 231 P. 954, 955, 28 A. L. R. 94.

Trust in invitum. A constructive trust imposed by equity, contrary to the trustee's intention and will, upon property in his hands. Sanford v. Hamner, 115 Ala. 406, 22 South. 117.

Trust receipt. A well-known instrument of commerce whereby the banker advancing money on an importation takes title directly to himself and as owner delivers the goods to the dealer in whose behalf he is acting secondarily and to whom the title is ultimately to go when the primary right of the banker has been satisfied. People's Nat. Bank v. Mulholland, 228 Mass. 152, 117 N. E. 46, 47.

Voluntary trust. An obligation arising out of a personal confidence reposed in, and voluntarily accepted by, one for the benefit of another, as distinguished from an "involuntary" trust, which is created by operation of law. Civ. Code Cal. §§ 2216, 2217. According to another use of the term, "voluntary" trusts are such as are made in favor of a volunteer, that is, a person who gives nothing in exchange for the trust, but receives it as a pure gift; and in this use the term is distinguished from "trusts for value," the latter being such as are in favor of purchasers, mortgagees, etc. A "voluntary trust" is an equitable gift, and in order to be enforceable by the beneficiaries must be complete. Cameron v. Cameron, 96 Okl. 28, 220 P. 889, 890; Logan v. Ryan, 68 Cal. App. 448, 229 P. 903, 906. The difference between a "gift inter vivos" and a "voluntary trust" is that, in a gift, the thing itself with title passes to the donee, while, in a voluntary trust, the actual title passes to a cestui que trust while the legal title is retained by the settlor, to be held by him for the purposes of the trust or is by the settlor transferred to another to hold for the purposes of the trust. Allen v. Hendrick, 104 Or. 202, 206 P. 733, 740.

2. In Constitutional and Statutory Law
An association or organization of persons or corporations having the intention and power, or the tendency, to create a monopoly, control production, interfere with the free course of trade or transportation, or to fix and regulate the supply and the price of commodities.

In the history of economic development, the "trust" was originally a device by which several corporations engaged in the same general line of business might combine for their mutual advantage, in the direction of eliminating destructive competition, controlling the output of their commodity, and regulating and maintaining its price, but at the same time preserving their separate individual existence, and without any consolidation or merger. This device was the erection of a central committee or board, composed, perhaps, of the presidents or general managers of the different corporations, and the transfer to them of a majority of the stock in each of the corporations, to be held "in trust" for the several stockholders so assigning their holdings. These stockholders received in return "trust certificates" showing that they were entitled to receive the dividends on their assigned stock, though the voting power of it had passed to the trustees. This last feature enabled the trustees or committee to elect all the directors of all the corporations, and through them the officers, and thereby to ex-
ercise an absolutely controlling influence over the policy and operations of each constituent company, to the ends and with the purposes above mentioned. Though the "trust," in this sense, is now seldom if ever resorted to as a form of corporate organization, having given place to the "holding corporation" and other devices, the word has become current in statute laws as well as popular speech, to designate almost any form of combination of a monopolistic character or tendency. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 423; Northern Securities Co. v. U. S., 193 U. S. 157, 24 Sup. Ct. 435, 48 L. Ed. 679; MacGinnis v. Mining Co., 28 Mont. 429, 73 P. 89; State v. Continental Tobacco Co., 177 Mo. 1, 75 S. W. 737; Queen Ins. Co. v. State, 86 Tex. 350, 24 S. W. 357, 22 L. R. A. 483; State v. Insurance Co., 102 Mo. 1, 32 S. W. 550, 45 L. R. A. 333; Georgia Fruit Exchange v. Turnipseed, 9 Ala. App. 123, 62 So. 541, 546; Mallinckrodt Chemical Works v. State of Missouri, 35 S. Ct. 671, 673, 298 U. S. 41, 59 L. Ed. 1192.

In a looser sense the term "trust" is applied to any combination of establishments in the same line of business for securing the same ends by holding the individual interests of each subservient to a common authority for the common interests of all. Mallinckrodt Chemical Works v. State of Missouri, 233 U. S. 41, 35 S. Ct. 671, 673, 59 L. Ed. 1192.

TRUST ESTATES AS BUSINESS COMPANIES. A practice originating in Massachusetts of vesting a business or certain real estate in a group of trustees, who manage it for the benefit of the beneficial owners; the ownership of the latter is evidenced by negotiable (or transferable) shares. The trustees are elected by the shareholders, or, in case of a vacancy, by the board of trustees. Provision is made in the agreement and declaration of trust to the effect that when new trustees are elected, the trust estate shall vest in them without further conveyance. The declaration of trust specifies the powers of the trustees. They have a common seal; the board is organized with the usual officers of a board of trustees; it is governed by by-laws; the officers have the usual powers of like corporate officers; so far as practicable, the trustees in their collective capacity, are to carry on the business under a specified name. The trustees may also hold shares as beneficiaries. Provision may be made for the alteration or amendment of the agreement or declaration in a specified manner. In Eliot v. Freeman, 220 U. S. 175, 31 Sup. Ct. 360, 55 L. Ed. 424, it was held that such a trust was not within the corporation tax provisions of the tariff act of Aug. 5, 1909. See also Zonne v. Minneapolis Syndicate, 220 U. S. 157, 31 Sup. Ct. 361, 55 L. Ed. 428.

TRUSTEE. The person appointed, or required by law, to execute a trust; one in whom an estate, interest, or power is vested, under an express or implied agreement to administer or exercise for the benefit of or to the use of another called the cestui que trust. Pioneer Mining Co. v. Tyberg (C. C. A) 215 F. 501, 506, L. R. A. 1915B, 442; Kuehn v. St. Paul Co-op. Ass'n, 156 Minn. 118, 194 N. W. 112; State v. Exchange Bank of Ogallala, 114 Neb. 664, 206 N. W. 249, 252, 253; Brown v. Bottom Creek Coal & Coke Co., 94 W. Va. 257, 118 S. E. 284, 285.

"Trustee" is also used in a wide and perhaps inaccurate sense, to denote that a person has the duty of carrying out a transaction, in which he and another person are interested, in such manner as will be most for the benefit of the latter, and not in such a way that he himself might be tempted, for the sake of his personal advantage, to neglect the interests of the other. In this sense, directors of companies are said to be "trustees for the shareholders." Sweet.

Conventional Trustee

A "conventional" trustee is one appointed by a decree of court to execute a trust, as distinguished from one appointed by the instrument creating the trust. Gilbert v. Kolb, 85 Md. 627, 37 Atl. 423.

Joint Trustees

Two or more persons who are intrusted with property for the benefit of one or more others.

Judicial Trustee

A "judicial trustee," as distinguished from a conventional trustee, is an officer of a chancery court whose acts are generally limited and defined by familiar and settled rules and procedure. Kramme v. Mewshaw, 147 Md. 535, 128 A. 468, 472.

Public Trustee

An act of 1906 referring to England and Wales provides for the appointment of a public trustee to administer estates of small value, to act as custodian trustee, or as ordinary trustee or judicial trustee, or to administer the property of a convict under the Forfeiture Act.

Quasi Trustee

A person who reaps a benefit from a breach of trust, and so becomes answerable as a trustee. Lewin, Trusts (4th Ed.) 582, 638.

Testamentary Trustee

A trustee appointed by or acting under a will; one appointed to carry out a trust created by a will. The term does not ordinarily include an executor or an administrator with the will annexed, or a guardian, except when they act in the execution of a trust created by the will and which is separable from their functions as executors, etc. See In re Hazard, 51 Hun. 201, 4 N. Y. Supp. 701; In re Valentine's Estate, 1 Misc. 401, 23 N. Y. Supp. 289; In re Hawley, 104 N. Y. 250, 19 N. E. 352.

Trustee Acts

The statutes 13 & 14 Vict. c. 60, passed in 1853, and 15 & 16 Vict. c. 55, passed in 1862,
enabling the court of chancery, without bill filed, to appoint new trustees in lieu of any who, on account of death, lunacy, absence, or otherwise, are unable or unwilling to act as such; and also to make vesting orders by which legal estates and rights may be transferred from the old trustee or trustees to the new trustee or trustees so appointed. Mozley & Whitley.

Trustee Ex Maleficio

A person who, being guilty of wrongful or fraudulent conduct, is held by equity to the duty and liability of a trustee, in relation to the subject-matter, to prevent him from profiting by his own wrong. Rice v. Braden, 243 Pa. 141, 69 A. 877, 880.

Trustee in Bankruptcy

A person in whom the property of a bankrupt is vested in trust for the creditors.

Trustee Process

The name given, in the New England states, to the process of garnishment or foreign attachment.

Trustee Relief Acts

The statute 10 & 11 Viet. c. 96, passed in 1847, and statute 12 & 13 Viet. c. 74, passed in 1849, by which a trustee is enabled to pay money into court, in cases where a difficulty arises respecting the title to the trust fund. Mozley & Whitley.

TRUSTER. In Scotch law. The maker or creator of a trust.

TRUSTIS. In old European law. Trust; faith; confidence; fidelity.

TRUSTOR. A word occasionally, though rarely, used as a designation of the creator, donor, or founder of a trust.

TRUTH. There are three conceptions as to what constitutes "truth": Agreement of thought and reality; eventual verification; and consistency of thought with itself. Memphis Telephone Co. v. Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co. (C. C. A.) 231 F. 835, 842.

TRY. To examine judicially; to examine and investigate a controversy, by the legal method called "trial," for the purpose of determining the issues it involves.

TSAR. The better, though perhaps less common spelling of "czar" (q. v.).

TUAS RES TIBI HABETO. Lat. Have or take your things to yourself. The form of words by which, according to the old Roman law, a man divorced his wife. Calvin.

TUB. In mercantile law. A measure containing sixty pounds of tea, and from fifty-six to eighty-six pounds of camphor. Jacob.

TUB-MAN. In English law. A barrister who has a preaundience in the exchequer, and also one who has a particular place in court, is so called. Brown.

TUCHAS. In Spanish law. Objections or exceptions to witnesses. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 7, c. 10.

TUCKER ACT. The act of March 3, 1887, relating to the jurisdiction of the court of claims. Gari. & Ralston, Fed. Pr. 413.

TUERTO. In Spanish law. Tort. Las Partidas, pt. 7, tit. 6, 1, 5.

TUG. A steam vessel built for towing; synonymous with "tow-boat."

TULLIANUM. Lat. In Roman law. That part of a prison which was under ground. Supposed to be so called from Servius Tullius, who built that part of the first prison in Rome. Adams, Rom. Ant. 290.

TUMBREL. A castigatory, trebucket, or ducking-stool, anciently used as a punishment for common scolds.

TUMULTUOUS PETITIONING. Under St. 13 Car. II. St. 1, c. 5, this was a misdemeanor, and consisted in more than twenty persons signing any petition to the crown or either house of parliament for the alteration of matters established by law in church or state, unless the contents thereof had been approved by three justices, or the majority of the grand jury at assizes or quarter sessions. No petition could be delivered by more than ten persons. 4 Bl. Comm. 147; Mozley & Whitley.

TUN. A measure of wine or oil, containing four hogsheads.

TUNING. The term "tuning" as used with reference to signalling by electro-magnetic waves, or wireless telegraphy, means the bringing of two or more electrical circuits into resonance, or the adjustment of capacity and inductance to secure the time-period vibration or wave length desired. The wave length assigned to a station might be called its "tone." National Electric Signalling Co. v. Telefunken Wireless Telegraph Co. of United States (C. C. A.) 208 F. 679, 695.

TUNGREVE. A town-reeve or bailiff. Cowell.

TUNNAGE. A duty in England anciently due upon all wines imported, over and above the prisse and butlerage. 2 Steph. Com. 628.

TURBA. Lat. In the civil law. A multitude; a crowd or mob; a tumultuous assembly of persons. Said to consist of ten or fifteen, at the least. Calvin.

TURBARY. Turbar, or common of turbary, is the right or liberty of digging turf upon another man's ground. Brown.
TURF AND TWIG. A piece of turf, or a twig or a bough, were delivered by the feoffee to the feoffee in making livery of seisin. 2 Bla. Com. 315.

TURN, or TOURN. The great court-leet of the county, as the old county court was the court-baron. Of this the sheriff is judge, and the court is incident to his office; wherefore it is called the “sherrif’s tourn;” and it had its name originally from the sheriff making a turn of circuit about his shire, and holding this court in each respective hundred. Wharton.

TURNED TO A RIGHT. This phrase means that a person whose estate is divested by usurpation cannot expel the possessor by mere entry, but must have recourse to an action, either possessory or dritural. Mozley & Whitely.

TURNKEY. A person, under the superintendence of a jaller, who has the charge of the keys of the prison, for the purpose of opening and fastening the doors.

TURNOUT. A short side-track on a railroad which may be occupied by one train while another is passing on the main track; a siding. Philadelphia v. R. Co., 133 Pa. 134, 19 A. 356; Indiana Ry. & Light Co. v. City of Kokomo, 186 Ind. 543, 108 N. E. 771, 772.

TURNPike. A gate set across a road, to stop travelers and carriages until toll is paid for the privilege of passage thereon.

TURNPike ROADS. These are roads on which parties have by law a right to erect gates and bars, for the purpose of taking toll, and of refusing the permission to pass along them to all persons who refuse to pay. Northam Bridge Co. v. London Ry. Co., 6 Mees. & W. 428. A turnpike road is a public highway, established by public authority for public use, and is to be regarded as a public easement, and not as private property. The only difference between this and a common highway is that, instead of being made at the public expense in the first instance, it is authorized and laid out by public authority, and made at the expense of individuals in the first instance; and the cost of construction and maintenance is reimbursed by a toll, levied by public authority for the purpose. Com. v. Wilkinson, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 175, 26 Am. Dec. 654.

TURNTABLE DOCTRINE. This doctrine requires the owner of premises not to attract or lure children into unsuspected danger or great bodily harm, by keeping thereon attractive machinery or dangerous instrumentalities in an exposed and unguarded condition, and where injuries have been received by a child so enticed the entry is not regarded as unlawful, and does not necessarily preclude a recovery of damages; the attractiveness of the machine or structure amounting to an invited invitation to enter. Heller v. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co. (C. C. A.) 265 F. 192, 194. It imposes a liability on a property owner for injuries to a child of tender years, resulting from something on his premises that can be operated by such a child and made dangerous by him, and which is attractive to him and calculated to induce him to use it, where he fails to protect the thing so that a child of tender years cannot be hurt by it. Barnhill’s Adm’r v. Mt. Morgan Coal Co. (D. C.) 215 F. 608, 609.

TURPIS. Lat. In the civil law. Base; mean; vile; disgraceful; infamous; unlawful. Applied both to things and persons. Calvin.

TURPIS CAUSA. A base cause; a vile or immoral consideration; a consideration which, on account of its immorality, is not allowed by law to be sufficient either to support a contract or found an action; e. g., future illicit intercourse.

TURPIS CONTRACTUS. An immoral or iniquitous contract.

Turpis est pars quem non convenit cum suo toto. The part which does not agree with its whole is of mean account, [entitled to small or no consideration.] Plowd. 101; Shep. Touch. 87.

TURPITUDE. In its ordinary sense, inherent baseness or vileness of principle or action; shameful wickedness; depravity. In its legal sense, everything done contrary to justice, honesty, modesty, or good morals. State v. Anderson, 117 Kan. 117, 230 P. 315, 317; Hughes v. State Board of Medical Examiners, 162 Ga. 246, 134 S. E. 42, 46; Ex parte Tsunetaro Machida (D. C.) 277 F. 239, 241.

Moral turpitude

A term of frequent occurrence in statutes, especially those providing that a witness’ conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude may be shown as tending to impeach his credibility. In general, it means neither more nor less than “turpitude,” i. e., anything done contrary to justice, honesty, modesty, or good morals. In re Williams, 64 Okl. 316, 167 P. 1149, 1152; In re Humphrey, 174 Cal. 290, 165 P. 60, 62. Indeed, it is sometimes candidly admitted that the word “moral” in this phrase does not add anything to the meaning of the term other than that emphasis which may result from a tautological expression. Hughes v. State Board of Medical Examiners, 162 Ga. 246, 134 S. E. 42, 46. It is also commonly defined as an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the private and social duties which a man owes to his fellow man or to society in general, contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between man and man. Moore v. State, 12 Ala. App. 243, 67 So. 759, 761; Jones v. Brink-

TURPITUDO. Lat. Baseness; infamy; immorality; turpitude.

Tuta est custodia quae sibi met creditur. Hob. 340. That guardianship is secure which is intrusted to itself alone.

TUTELA. Lat. In the civil law. Tutelage; that species of guardianship which continued to the age of puberty; the guardian being called "tutor," and the ward, "pupillus." 1 Dom. Civil Law, b. 2, tit. 1, p. 260. A power given by the civil law over a free person to defend him when by reason of his age he is unable to defend himself. A child under the power of his father was not subject to tutelage, because not a free person, opus liberum.

TUTELA LEGITIMA. Legal tutelage; tutelage created by act of law, as where none had been created by testament. Inst. 1, 15, pr.

TUTELA TESTAMENTARIA. Testamentary tutelage or guardianship; that kind of tutelage which was created by will. Calvin.

TUTELÆ ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action of tutelage; an action which lay for a ward or pupil, on the termination of tutelage, against the tutor or guardian, to compel an account. Calvin.

TUTELAGE. Guardianship; state of being under a guardian. See Tutela.

TUTELAM REDDERE. Lat. In the civil law. To render an account of tutelage. Calvin. Tutelam repositere, to demand an account of tutelage.

TUTEUR. In French law. A kind of guardian.

TUTEUR OFFICIEUX. A person over fifty years of age may be appointed a tutor of this sort to a child over fifteen years of age, with the consent of the parents of such child, or, in their default, the conseil de famille. The duties which such a tutor becomes subject to are analogous to those in English law of a person who puts himself in loco parentis to any one. Brown.

TUTEUR SUBROGÉ. The title of a second guardian appointed for an infant under guardianship. His functions are exercised in case the interests of the infant and his principal guardian conflict. Code Nap. 420; Brown.

Tutius erratur ex parte mitiore. 3 Inst. 220. It is safer to err on the gentler side [or on the side of mercy].

Tutius semper est errare aequitando, quam in pungiendo, ex parte miserercordiae quam ex parte justitiae. It is always safer to err in acquitting than punishing, on the side of mercy than on the side of justice. Branch, Princ.; 2 Hale, P. C. 250; Broom, Max. 326; Com. v. York, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 118, 48 Am. Dec. 373.

TUTOR. In the civil law. This term corresponds nearly to "guardian," (i. e., a person appointed to have the care of the person of a minor and the administration of his estate,) except that the guardian of a minor who has passed a certain age is called "curator," and has powers and duties differing somewhat from those of a tutor.

As to tutors under the laws of Louisiana, see Civ. Code La. art. 246 et seq.

TUTOR ALIENUS. In English law. The name given to a stranger who enters upon the lands of an infant within the age of fourteen, and takes the profits. He may be called to an account by the infant and be charged as guardian in socage. Littleton, § 124; Co. Litt. 890, 90a.

TUTOR PROPRIUS. The name given to one who is rightly a guardian in socage, in contradistinction to a tutor alienus.

TUTORSHIP. The office and power of a tutor. The power which an individual, sui juris, has to take care of the person of one who is unable to take care of himself.

There are four sorts of tutorships: Tutorship by nature; tutorship by will; tutorship by the effect of the law; tutorship by the appointment of the judge. Civ. Code La. art. 247.
TUTORSHIP BY NATURE. Upon the death of either parent, the tutorship of minor children belongs of right to the other. Upon divorce or judicial separation from bed and board of parents, the tutorship of each minor child belongs of right to the parent under whose care he or she has been placed or to whose care he or she has been entrusted. All these cases are called tutorship by nature. Civ. Code La. art. 250.

TUTORSHIP BY WILL. The right of appointing a tutor, whether a relation or a stranger, belongs exclusively to the father or mother dying last. This is called "tutorship by will," because generally it is given by testament; but it may likewise be given by any declaration by the surviving father or mother, executed before a notary and two witnesses. Civ. Code La. art. 257.

TUTRIX. A female tutor.

TWA NIGHT GEST. In Saxon law. A guest on the second night. By the laws of Edward the Confessor it was provided that a man who lodged at an inn, or at the house of another, should be considered, on the first night of his being there, a stranger, (uncuth,;) on the second night, a guest; on the third night, a member of the family. This had reference to the responsibility of the host or enter- tainer for offenses committed by the guest.

TWELFHFHINDI. The highest rank of men in the Saxon government, who were valued at 1200s. If any injury were done to such persons, satisfaction was to be made according to their worth. Cowell.

TWELVE-DAY WRIT. A writ issued under the St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 67, for summary procedure on bills of exchange and promissory notes, abolished by rule of court in 1880. Wharton.

TWELVEMONTH. This term (in the singular number), includes all the year; but twelve months are to be computed according to twenty-eight days for every month. 6 Coke, 62.

TWELVE-MONTH BOND. "Twelve-month bond," under statute effective Jan. 20, 1837 (Hartley's Dig. art. 1277), had a double character, first as an obligation known to the Spanish civil law, and second, as a summary statutory judgment, with the force and effect of any other judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; it being also a consent judgment. Clements v. Texas Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 273 S. W. 993, 1001.

TWELVE TABLES. The earliest statute or code of Roman law, framed by a commission of ten men, B. C. 450, upon the return of a commission of three who had been sent abroad to study foreign laws and institutions. The Twelve Tables consisted partly of laws transcribed from the institutions of other nations, partly of such as were altered and accommodated to the manners of the Romans, partly of new provisions, and mainly, perhaps, of laws and usages under their ancient kings. They formed the source and foundation for the whole later development of Roman jurisprudence. They exist now only in fragmentary form. See 1 Kent, Com. 529.

TWO YEARS. A period of exactly 730 days.

TWO YEARS. A period of exactly 730 days; identical with twenty-four calendar months. Carey v. Deems, 101 N. J. Law, 419, 129 A. 191, 193. Thus, it is held that an accusation filed on March 16, 1912, and charging the commission of an offense on March 18, 1910, was not filed "within two years" after the commission of the offense. McLendon v. State, 14 Ga. App. 274, 80 S. E. 692. But compare In re Pugulis (D. C.) 230 F. 158, 159.

TWYHINDI. The lower order of Saxons, valued at 200s. in the scale of pecuniary mults inflicted for crimes. Cowell. See Twelffhindi.

TYBURN TICKET. In English law. A certificate which was given to the prosecutor of a felony to conviction. By the 19 & 11 Will. III, c. 23, the original proprietor or first assignee of such certificate is exempted from all parish and ward offices within the parish or ward where the felony was committed. Bacon, Abr. Constable (C).

TYHTLAN. In Saxon law. An accusation, impeachment, or charge of any offense.

TYING. A term which, as used in a contract of lease of patented machinery means that the lessee has secured only limited rights of use, and that if he exceeds such limited rights by agreeing not to use the machines of others he may lose his lease. The expression may refer merely to the machine, or may mean either that the lessee is bound by contract or merely is under strong practical inducement.

TYING.

TYLWITH. Brit. A tribe or family branching or issuing out of another. Cowell.

TYMBRELLA. In old English law, a tumbrel, castigatory, or ducking stool, anciently used as an instrument of punishment for common scolds.

TYPEWRITING. The process of printing letter by letter by the use of a typewriter, Acme Coal Co. v. Northrup Nut. Bank of Iola, Kan., 28 Wyo. 66, 146 P. 593, L. R. A. 1915D, 1084, an instrument operated by hand, and used largely in business requiring much correspondence with others, or in connection with commercial transactions. Hooper v. Kennedy, 100 Vt. 314, 137 A. 194, 196. Typewriting, for certain purposes and under different statutes, is sometimes deemed to be included within the term “writing,” and sometimes within the term “printing.”

TYRANNY. Arbitrary or despotiic government; the severe and autocratic exercise of sovereign power, either vested constitutionally in one ruler, or usurped by him by breaking down the division and distribution of governmental powers.

TYRANT. A despot; a sovereign or ruler, legitimate or otherwise, who uses his power unjustly and arbitrarily, to the oppression of his subjects.

TYROTOXICON. In medical jurisprudence. A poisonous ptomaine produced in milk, cheese, cream, or ice-cream by decomposition of albuminous constituents.

TYRRA, or TOIRA. A mount or hill. Cowell.

TYTHE. Tithe, or tenth part.

TYTHING. A company of ten; a district; a tenth part. See Tithing.

TZAR, TZARINA. Formerly, the emperor and empress of Russia. See Czar.
U.

B. An abbreviation for "Upper Bench."

C. An abbreviation for "Upper Canada," used in citing the reports.

R. Initials of "uti rogást," be it as you desire, a ballot thus inscribed, by which the Romans voted in favor of a bill or candidate. Tayl. Civil Law, 191.

S. An abbreviation for "United States."

UBERRIMA FIDES. Lat. The most abundant good faith; absolute and perfect candor or openness and honesty: the absence of any concealment or deception, however slight. A phrase used to express the perfect good faith, concealing nothing, with which a contract must be made; for example, in the case of insurance, the insured must observe the most perfect good faith towards the insurer. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 317.

Contracts of life insurance are said to be "uberrima fides" when any material misrepresentation or concealment is fatal to them. Equitable Life Assur. Soc. v. McElroy, 28 C. C. A. 255, 83 F. 631, 636.

Ubi aliquid conceditur, conceditur et id sine quo res ipsa esse non potest. When anything is granted, that also is granted without which the thing granted cannot exist. Broom, Max. 483; 13 Mees. & W. 706.

Ubi aliquid impeditur propter unum, eo remoto, tollitur impedimentum. Where anything is impeded by one single cause, that if be removed, the impediment is removed. Branch, Princ., citing 5 Coke, 77a.

Ubi cessat remedium ordinarium, ibi decurritur ad extraordinarium. Where the ordinary remedy fails, recourse must be had to an extraordinary one. 4 Coke, 929.

Ubi culpa est, ibi ponas subesse debet. Where the crime is committed, there ought the punishment to be undergone. Jenk. Cent. 325.

Ubi damna dantur, victus victori in expensis condemnari debet. Where damages are given, the vanguard party ought to be condemned in costs to the victor. 2 Inst. 289; 3 Sharsw. Bla. Comm. 399.

Ubi eadem ratio, ibi eadem lex; et de similibus idem est iudicium. 7 Coke, 18. Where the same reason exists, there the same law prevails; and, of things similar, the judgment is similar. Where there is the same reason, there is the same law, and the same judgment should be rendered on the same state of facts. Broom, Max. 103, n., 103, 155.

Ubi est forum, ibi ergo est jus. The law of the forum governs. 31 Law Mag. & Rev. 471.

Ubi est specialis, et ratio generalis generaliter accipienda est. See Ubi lex est specialis, etc.

Ubi et dantis et accipientis turpitudo versatur, non posse repeti dicimus; quotiens autem accipientis turpitudo versatur, repeti posse. Where there is turpitude on the part of both giver and receiver, we say it cannot be recovered back; but as often as the turpitude is on the side of the receiver [alone] it can be recovered back. Mason v. Walte, 17 Mass. 562.

Ubi factum nullum, ibi fortia nulla. Where there is no principal fact, there can be no accessory. 4 Coke, 426. Where there is no act, there can be no force.

Ubi jus, ibi remedium. Where there is a right, there is a remedy. Broom, Max. 101, 204; 1 Term R. 512; Co. Litt. 1573; 7 G. W. 197; Carroll v. Rye Tp., 13 N. D. 458, 101 N. W. 894, 897; Henry v. Cherry & Webb, 30 R. I. 13, 73 A. 97, 101, 24 L. R. A. 901, 136 Am. St. Rep. 928, 18 Ann. Cas. 1006; Clv. Code Ga. 1905, § 4929 (Clv. Code 1910, § 5006). It is said that the rule of primitive law was the reverse: Where there is a remedy, there is a right. Salmond, Jurispr. 645.

Ubi jus incertum, ibi jus nullum. Where the law is uncertain, there is no law.

Ubi lex aliumque cogit ostendere causam, necesse est quod causa sit justa et legitima. Where the law compels a man to show cause, it is necessary that the cause be just and lawful. 2 Inst. 289.

Ubi lex est specialis, et ratio ejus generalis, generaliter accipienda est. 2 Inst. 43. Where the law is special, and the reason of it general, it ought to be taken as being general. When the reason for a particular legislative act and acts of the same general character is the same, they should have the same effect. Guille v. La Crosse Gas & Electric Co., 145 Wise. 157, 130 N. W. 244, 241.

Ubi lex non distinguat, nec nos distinguere debeamus. Where the law does not distinguish, neither ought we to distinguish. 7 Coke, 50.

Ubi major pars est, ibi totum. Where the greater part is, there the whole is. That is, majorities govern. Moore, 578.

Ubi matrimonium, ibi dos. Where there is marriage, there is dower. Bract. 32.

Ubi non adest norma legis, omnia quasi pro suspectis habenda sunt. When the law fails to serve as a rule, almost everything ought to be suspected. Bac. Aphorisms, 25.

Ubi non est annua renovatio, ibi decima non debent solvi. Where there is no annual renovation, there tithes ought not to be paid.

Ubi non est condenadi auctoritas, ibi non est parendi necessitas. Dav. Ir. K. B. 60. Where there is no authority for establishing a rule, there is no necessity of obeying it.

Ubi non est directa lex, standum est arbitrio judicis, vel procedendum ad similia. Eilsem. Post. N. 41. Where there is no direct law, the opinion of the judge is to be taken, or references to be made to similar cases.
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Ubi non est lex, ibi non est transgression, quod mandat. Where there is no law, there is no transgression, so far as relates to the world. 4 Coke, 168.

Ubi non est manifesta injustitia, judices habentur pro bonis viris, et judicatum pro veritate. Where there is no manifest injustice, the judges are to be regarded as honest men, and their judgment as true. Golf v. Low, 1 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 341, 345.

Ubi non est principalis, non potest esse accessorius. 4 Coke, 48. Where there is no principal, there cannot be an accessory.

Ubi nulla est conjectura que ducat alio, verba intelligenda sunt ex proprietate, non grammatica, sed populari ex usu. Where there is nothing to call for a different construction, [the] words [of an instrument] are to be understood, not according to their strict grammatical meaning, but according to their popular and ordinary sense. Grot. de Jure B. lib. 2, c. 16.

Ubi nullum matrimonium, ibi nulla dos. Where there is no marriage, there is no dower. Bract. fol. 92; 2 Bl. Comm. 130; Co. Litt. 32c.

Ubi periculum, ibi et lucrum collocatur. He at whose risk a thing is, should receive the profits arising from it.

Ubi pugna est in testamento juberetur, neutrum ratum est. Where repugnant or inconsistent directions are contained in a will, neither is valid. Dig. 50, 17, 188, pr.

Ubi quid generaliter conceditur inest hoc exceptio, si non aliquid sit contra jus fasque. 10 Coke, 78. Where a thing is conceded generally [or granted in general terms], this exception is implied: that there shall be nothing contrary to law and right.

Ubi quis delinquit, ibi punietur. Where a man offends, there he shall be punished. 6 Coke, 47b. In cases of felony, the trial shall be always by the common law in the same place where the offense was, and shall not be supposed in any other place. Id.

UBI RE VERA. Where in reality; when in truth or in point of fact. Cro. Eliz. 645; Cro. Jac. 4.

UBI SUPRA. Lat. Where above mentioned. Webster, Dict.

Ubi verba conjuncta non sunt sufficit alterum esse factum. Dig. 50, 17, 110, 3. Where words are not conjoined, it is enough if one or other be compiled with. Where words are used disjunctively, it is sufficient that either one of the things enumerated be performed.

Ubicunque est injuria, ibi damnum sequitur. Wherever there is a wrong, there damage follows. 10 Co. 116.

UBIQUITY. Omnipresence; presence in several places, or in all places, at one time. A fiction of English law is the "legal ubiquity" of the sovereign, by which he is constructively present in all the courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 270.

UDAL. A term mentioned by Blackstone as used in England to denote that kind of right in real property which is called, in English law, "allodial." 2 Bl. Comm. 45, note f.

UKAAS, UKASE. Originally, a law or ordinance made by the czar of Russia. Hence, any official decree or proclamation. Webster, Dict.

ULLAGE. In commercial law. The amount wanting when a cask, on being gauged, is found not to be completely full.

ULNA FERREA. L. Lat. In old English law. The iron ell; the standard ell of iron, kept in the exchequer for the rule of measure.

ULNAGE. Alnage. See Alnager.

ULTIMA RATIO. Lat. The last argument; the last resort; the means last to be resorted to.

Ultima voluntas testatoris est perimpenda secundum veram intentionem suam. The last will of a testator is to be fulfilled according to his true intention. Co. Litt. 322; Broom, Max. 506.

ULTIMATE FACTS. In pleading and practice. Issuable facts. Maxwell Steel Vault Co. v. National Casket Co. (D. C) 205 F. 515, 524. The issuable, constitutive, or traversable facts essential to the statement of the cause of action. Musser v. Musser, 281 Mo. 649, 221 S. W. 46, 50. Facts in issue as opposed to probative or evidential facts, the latter being such as serve to establish or disprove the issue. Kahn v. Central Smelting Co., 2 Utah, 579. They are found in that vaguely defined field lying between evidential facts on one side and the primary issue or conclusion of law on the other. Universal Oil Products Co. v. Skelly Oil Co. (D. C) 12 F.(2d) 271, 272. Facts are either "evidential facts," meaning facts which can be directly established by testimony or evidence, or "ultimate facts," which can only be deduced by inference from evidential facts. Real Estate Title, Ins. & Trust Co. v. Lederer (D. C) 229 F. 799, 804. And see Fact.

ULTIMATUM. Lat. The last. The final and ultimate proposition made in negotiating a treaty, a contract, or the like. The word also means the result of a negotiation, and it comprehends the final determination of a party concerned in the matter in dispute.

ULTIMUM SUPPLICIUM. Lat. The last or extreme punishment; the extremity of punishment; the punishment of death. 4 Bl. Comm. 17.

Ultimum supplicium esse mortem solam interpretatam. The extreme punishment we consider to be death alone. Dig. 48, 19, 21.
ULTIMUS HÆRES. Lat. The last or remote heir; the lord. So called in contradistinction to the hæres proximus and the hæres remotior. Dalr. Feud. Prop. 110.

ULTRA. Lat. Beyond; outside of; in excess of.

Damages Ultra

Damages beyond a sum paid into court.

Ultra Mare

Beyond sea. One of the old essoins or excuses for not appearing in court at the return of process. Bract. fol. 338.

Ultra Reprises

After deduction of drawbacks; in excess of deductions or expenses.

Ultra Vires

A term used to express the action of a corporation which is beyond the powers conferred upon it by its charter, or the statutes under which it was instituted. 13 Am. Law Rep. 632. The modern technical designation, in the law of corporations, of acts beyond the scope of the powers of a corporation, as defined by its charter or act of incorporation. Lambeth v. City of Thomasville, 179 N. C. 452, 162 S. E. 775, 776. The term "ultra vires," whether with perfect accuracy or not, as to the acts of a corporation, or acts purporting to be done by it, has been used in more than one sense. Georgia Granite R. Co. v. Miller, 144 Ga. 665, 87 S. E. 570; McPherson v. Foster, 48 Iowa, 48, 22 Am. Rep. 215.

An act is ultra vires in the strictest sense when it is beyond the scope of the powers granted by law to the corporation, so that it is not in the power of the corporation to perform it under any circumstances or for any purpose. Buck Creek Lumber Co. v. Nelson, 188 Ala. 243, 66 So. 476, 477; Crowder State Bank v. Ætna Powder Co., 41 Okl. 304, 135 P. 392, 393, L. R. A. 1917A, 1021; Desdemona State Bank & Trust Co. v. Streety (Tex. Civ. App.) 250 S. W. 283, 288; Houston v. Utah Lake Land, Water & Power Co., 53 Utah, 392, 47 A. L. R. 1227, 127 P. 174, 176; Lincoln Court Realty Co. v. Kentucky Title Savings Bank & Trust Co., 163 Ky. 940, 185 S. W. 159, 158; Richmond, F. & P. R. Co. v. Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac and Richmond & Petersburg Railroad Connection Co., 145 Va. 266, 133 S. E. 888, 888; Wagge v. Toler, 80 Cal. App. 501, 251 P. 973, 977; Whitney Arms Co. v. Barlow, 63 N. Y. 68, 29 Am. Rep. 504. See, also, Chicago, R. I. & P. R. Co. v. Union Pac. R. Co. (C. C.) 47 F. 15. Sometimes an act is said to be ultra vires with reference to the rights of certain persons when the corporation cannot legally perform such act without their consent. Sometimes an act is said to be ultra vires with reference to some specific purpose, when the corporation cannot perform it for that purpose. See James E. Estate v. Mecca Co., 40 Cal. App. 315, 181 P. 415, 416. "Ultra vires" is also sometimes applied to an act which, though within the powers of a corporation, is not binding on it because the consent or agreement of the corporation has not been given in the manner required by its constitution. Thus, where a company delegates certain powers to its directors, all acts done by the directors beyond the scope of those powers are ultra vires, and not binding on the company, unless it subsequently ratifies them. Sweet. And see Miners' Ditch Co. v. Zellerbach, 37 Cal. 578, 90 Am. Dec. 39; Minnesota Thresher Mfg. Co. v. Langdon, 44 Minn. 37, 46 N. W. 312; State v. Morris & E. R. Co., 23 N. J. Law, 360; Central Transp. Co. v. Pullman's Palace Car Co., 139 U. S. 21, 14 S. Ct. 478, 35 L. Ed. 56; Latimer v. Bard (C. C.) 76 F. 543; Edwards County v. Jennings (Tex. Civ. App.) 33 S. W. 585. "Ultra vires contracts" include not only those entirely without the scope and purpose of the charter privileges and objects, but also those beyond the limitation of the charter powers, though within the purposes contemplated by the articles of incorporation. American Southern Nat. Bank v. Smith, 170 Ky. 512, 158 S. W. 492, 495, Ann. Cas. 1915B, 953. While the phrase "ultra vires" has been used to designate, not only acts beyond the express and implied powers of a corporation, but also acts contrary to public policy or contrary to some express statute prohibiting them, the latter class of acts is now termed illegal, and the "ultra vires" confined to the former class. In re Grand Union Co. (C. C. A.) 219 F. 353, 363; Staacke v. Routledge, 111 Tex. 459, 241 S. W. 994, 998; Pennsylvania R. Co. v. Minis, 120 Md. 461, 496, 87 A. 1062, 1072.

Ultra posse non potest esse, et vice versa. What is beyond possibility cannot exist, and the reverse, [what cannot exist is not possible.] Wing Max. 100.

ULTRONEOUS WITNESS. In Scotch law. A volunteer witness; one who appears to give evidence without being called upon. 2 Allis. Crim. Pr. 393.

UMPIRAGE. The decision of an umpire. Powell v. Ford, 4 Lea. (Tenn.) 288. The word "umpirage," in reference to an umpire, is the same as the word "award," in reference to arbitrators; but "award" is commonly applied to the decision of the umpire also.

UMPIRE. A third person appointed to decide between two other judges or referees who differ in opinion. Randel v. Canal, 1 Harr. (Del.) 280. When matters in dispute are submitted to two or more arbitrators, and they do not agree in their decision, it is usual for another person to be called in as "umpire," to whose sole judgment it is then referred. Brown. And see Ingraham v. Whitmore, 75 Ill. 39; Tyler v. Webb, 10 B. Mon. (Ky.) 123; Lyon v. Blossom, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 325. An "umpire," strictly speaking, makes his award.
Independently of that of the arbitrators.


A third person, chosen by two arbitrators who cannot agree, is not, in the strict sense, an umpire, unless he succeeds to the duties of those who have chosen him to accomplish that wherein they have failed, making the original arbitrators functus officio. Lower v. Fallay, 98 Or. 141, 188 P. 715, 719.

UN- "Un-" is a prefix used indiscriminately, and may mean simply "not." Thus, "unlawful" means "not authorized by law." State v. Sanders, 136 La. 1059, 68 So. 123, 126, Ann. Cas. 1916D, 105.

Un ne doit prendre advantage de son tort desmesne. 2 And. 38, 40. One ought not to take advantage of his own wrong.

Una persona vix potest supplere vices duarum. 7 Coke, 118. One person can scarcely supply the place of two. See 9 H. L. Cas. 274.

UNA VOCE. Lat. With one voice; unanimously; without dissent.

UNABLE. This term, as used in a statute providing that evidence given in a former trial may be proved in a subsequent trial, where the witness is unable to testify, means mentally and physically unable. Hansen-Ryunning v. Oregon-Washington R. & Nav. Co., 105 Or. 67, 209 P. 462, 464.

UNACCURED. Not become due, as rent on a lease. Elms Realty Co. v. Wood, 255 Mo. 130, 225 S. W. 1002, 1005.

UNADJUSTED. Uncertain; not agreed upon. Richardson v. Woodbury, 43 Mo. 214.

UNALIENABLE. Inalienable; incapable of being aliened, that is, sold and transferred.

UNANIMITY. Agreement of all the persons concerned, in holding one and the same opinion or determination of any matter or question; as the concurrence of a jury in deciding upon their verdict. See Unanimous.

UNANIMOUS. To say that a proposition was adopted by a "unanimous" vote does not always mean that every one present voted for the proposition, but it may, and generally does, mean, when a viva voce vote is taken, that no one voted in the negative. State v. Stephens, 193 Mo. App. 34, 150 S. W. 630, 631.

UNASCERTAINED DUTIES. Payment in gross, on an estimate as to amount, and where the merchant, on a final liquidation, is entitled by law to allowances or deductions which do not depend on the rate of duty charged, but on the ascertained of the quantity of the article subject to duty. Moke v. Barney, 5 Blatchf. 274, Fed. Cas. No. 9,698.


In the Hours of Service Act, "unavoidable accident" means a fortuitous happening caused by some human agency over which the carrier may have some control, yet which could not have been prevented by the exercise of due care, and "act of God" is an accident not occasioned by human agency, but by physical causes alone: United States v. Pennsylvania Co. (D. C.) 239 F. 761, 764: while "casualty," differing from the others and not so broad as to deprive them of meaning and use, is an occurrence or happening due to or present to or by action of a human agency, i. e., some human agency which the carrier could not control; United States v. Great Northern Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 220 F. 629, 633.

The term is sometimes defined, however, as synonymous with "act of God,"—any accident produced by physical causes which are inevitable, such as lightning, storms, perils of the sea, earthquakes, inundations, sudden death, or illness. Early v. Hampton, 15 Ga. App. 56, 82 S. E. 669, 671.

UNAVOIDABLE CASUALTY. An event or accident which human prudence, foresight, and sagacity cannot prevent. Fernwood Mining Co. v. Pluma, 138 Ark. 198, 211 S. W. 139, 163; Crystal Spring Distillery Co. v. Cox, 1 C. C. A. 363, 49 F. 555, 6 U. S. App. 42; Welles v. Castles, 3 Gray (Mass.) 325. If any care, prudence, or foresight a thing could have been guarded against, it is not unavoidable. Central Line of Boats v. Lowe, 50 Ga. 509; E. P. Barnes & Bro. v. Eastin, 190 Ky. 392, 227 S. W. 578, 580. The term is not ordinarily limited to an act of God. Kirby v. Davis, 210 Ala. 192, 97 So. 655, 656.

An "unavoidable casualty or misfortune," within the meaning of statutes in several states relating to the vacation of judgments, means some casualty or misfortune growing
out of conditions or circumstances that prevented the party or his attorney from doing something that, except thereof, would have been done, and does not include mistakes or errors of judgment growing out of misconstruction or misunderstanding of the law, or the failure of parties or counsel through mistake to avail themselves of remedies, which if resorted to would have prevented the casualty or misfortune. Commonwealth v. Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co., 185 Ky. 300, 215 S. W. 42, 44. The term refers to events which human prudence or foresight cannot prevent (but see Kohlman v. Moore, 175 Ky. 710, 194 S. W. 933, 935), such as disease and death, miscarriage of the mails, or mistake in the wording of a telegram. Wagner v. Lucas, 79 Okl. 231, 193 P. 421, 422. It may include the sickness. Thweatt v. Grand Temple and Tabernacle of International Order of Twelve Knights and Daughters of Taber, of Arkansas, 128 Ark. 268, 193 S. W. 508, 509, or death of an attorney. Columbia County v. England, 151 Ark. 456, 236 S. W. 625, 626, or his failure, through some oversight or misunderstanding, to defend. Krause v. Hobart, 175 Iowa, 330, 155 N. W. 279, but it does not apply to the neglect of an attorney or his client; Gavin v. Heath, 125 Okl. 118, 256 P. 745, 746; McGuire v. Mishawaka Woollen Mills, 218 Ky. 530, 291 S. W. 747, 749.

UNAVOIDABLE CAUSE. A cause which reasonably prudent and careful men under like circumstances do not and would not ordinarily anticipate, and whose effects, under similar circumstances, they do not and would not ordinarily avoid. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co. v. U. S., 194 F. 342, 114 C. C. A. 334.

UNAVOIDABLE DANGERS. This term in a marine policy covering unavoidable dangers of the river includes the unexplained capsizing of a vessel, though human intervention existed in the operation of the vessel, for "unavoidable dangers" mean those unpreventable by persons operating the vessel, and, like the term perils of the sea, include all kinds of marine casualties, thus including accidents in which there is human intervention. A river vessel's tendency to turn over, due to topheavy construction, necessary on account of the shallowness of rivers, is an "unavoidable danger" within the policy. Hillman Transp. Co. v. Home Ins. Co. of New York, 268 Pa. 517, 112 A. 108, 111.

UNBOLTED CORN MEAL. The courts judicially know that corn meal is an unmixed meal made from entire grains of corn, and that "unbolted corn meal" is simply meal not bolted, or from which the bran has not been sifted or separated. Miller Grain & Commission Co. v. International Sugar Feed No. 2 Co., 197 Ala. 100, 72 So. 368.


UNCONSTITUTIONAL. That which is contrary to the constitution. The opposite of
UNCONSTITUTIONAL


This word is used in two different senses. One, which may be called the English sense, is that the legislation conflicts with some recognized general principle. This is no more than to say that it is unwise, or is based upon a wrong or unsound principle, or conflicts with a generally accepted policy. The other, which may be called the American sense, is that the legislation conflicts with some provision of our written Constitution, which it is beyond the power of the Legislature to change. U. S. v. American Brewing Co. (D. C.) 1 F. (2d) 194, 192.

This expression as applied to an act of parliament means simply that it is, in the opinion of the speaker, opposed to the spirit of the English constitution; it cannot mean that the act is either a breach of the law or is void. When applied to a law passed by the French parliament, it means that the law is contrary to the articles of the constitution; it does not necessarily mean that the law in question is void, for it is by no means certain that any French court will refuse to enforce a law because it is unconstitutional. It would probably, though not of necessity, be, when employed by a Frenchman, a term of censure. Dicey, Const. 616.

UNCONTROLLABLE IMPULSE. As an excuse for the commission of an act otherwise criminal, this term means an impulse towards its commission of such intensity and persistence that it cannot be resisted by the person subject to it, in the enflozed condition of his will and moral sense resulting from derangement or mania. See Insanity. And see State v. O'Neill, 51 Kan. 661, 33 P. 297, 24 L. R. A. 555.

UNCORE PRIST. L. Pr. Still ready. A species of plea or replication by which the party alleges that he is still ready to pay or perform all that is justly demanded of him. In conjunction with the phrase "tantem prist," it signifies that he has always been and still is ready to do what is required, thus saving costs where the whole cause is admitted, or preventing delay where it is a replication, if the allegation is made out. 3 Bl. Comm. 303.

UNCUTH. In Saxon law. Unknown; a stranger. A person entertained in the house of another was, on the first night of his entertainment, so called. Bract. fol. 124b. See Twain Night Gest.

UNDE NIHIL HABET. Lat. In old English law. The name of the writ of dower, which lay for a widow, where no dower at all had been assigned her within the time limited by law. 3 Bl. Comm. 188.

UNDEFENDED. A term sometimes applied to one who is obliged to make his own defense when on trial, or in a civil cause. A cause is said to be undefended when the defendant makes default, in not putting in an appearance to the plaintiff's action; in not putting in his statement of defense; or in not appearing at the trial either personally or by counsel, after having received due notice. Mozley & Whiteley.

UNDER. Sometimes used in its literal sense of "below in position," but more frequently in its secondary meaning of "inferior" or "subordinate." Mills v. Stoddard, 8 How. 355, 12 L. Ed. 1107.

According to; as, "under the testimony." Bouvier v. State, 123 Ind. 66, 183 N. E. 87. But a count declaring on a contract alleging that plaintiff did the work "under" the contract has been held demurrable as not being equivalent to an allegation that plaintiff did the work as required by or in accordance with the contract. Patterson v. Camp, 209 Ala. 514, 96 So. 805.

UNDER AND SUBJECT. Words frequently used in conveyances of land which is subject to a mortgage, to show that the grantee takes subject to such mortgage. See Walker v. Physick, 5 Pa. 208; Moore's Appeal, 88 Pa. 453, 32 Am. Rep. 469; Blood v. Crew Livick Co., 171 Pa. 328, 32 A. 344; Lavelle v. Gordon, 15 Mont. 515, 39 P. 740; 27 Am. L. Reg. (N. St.) 357, 401.

UNDER-CHAMBERLAINS OF THE EXCHEQUER. Two officers who cleared the tallies written by the clerk of the tallies. Read the same, that the clerk of the poll and comptrollers thereof might see their entries were true. They also made searches for records in the treasury, and had the custody of Domesday Book. Cowell. The office is now abolished.

UNDER CONTROL. This phrase does not necessarily mean the ability to stop instantaneously under any and all circumstances, an automobile being "under control" within the meaning of the law if it is moving at such a rate, and the mechanism and power under such control, that it can be brought to a stop with a reasonable degree of celerity. Carruthers v. Campbell, 195 Iowa, 386, 192 N. W. 135, 28 A. L. R. 912. In general, as applied to street cars or railroad trains, the term denotes the control and preparation appropriate to probable emergencies. Lincon v. Pacific Electric Ry. Co., 33 Cal. App. 83, 164 P. 412, 445; Tarrant v. Kansas City Ry. Co. (Mo. App.) 226 S. W. 617, 618. It is such control as will enable a train to be stopped promptly if need should arise. Missouri K. & T. Ry. Co. v. Missouri Pac. Ry. Co., 103 Kan. 1, 175 P. 97, 102. It implies the ability to stop within the distance the track is seen to be clear. Fuller v. Oregon-Washington R. & Nav. Co., 83 Or. 160, 183 P. 338, 341; Moyes v. St. Louis, I. M. & S. Ry. Co. (Mo. Sup.) 198 S. W. 1027, 1030.
UNDER HERD. A term conveying the idea that a considerable number of domestic animals are gathered together and held together by herders in constant attendance and in control of their movements from place to place on a public range or within certain areas. Schreiner v. Deep Creek Stock Ass’n, 68 Mont. 104, 217 P. 663, 665.

UNDER-LEASE. In conveyancing. A lease granted by one who is himself a lessee for years, for any fewer or less number of years than he himself holds. If a deed passes all the estate or time of the termor, it is an assignment; but, if it be for less portion of time than the whole term, it is an under-lease, and leaves a reversion in the termor. 4 Kent, Comm. 96. And even a conveyance of the whole estate by the lessee, reserving to himself the rent, with a power of re-entry for non-payment, was held to be not an assignment, but an under-lease. 1 Stra. 405; Woodf. L. & T. 731. The transfer of a part only of the lands, though for the whole term, is an under-lease. Fulton v. Stuart, 2 Ohio 216, 15 Am. Dec. 542; contra, Cox v. Fenwick, 4 Bibb (Ky) 533.

UNDER-SHERIFF. An officer who acts directly under the sheriff, and performs all the duties of the sheriff’s office, a few only excepted where the personal presence of the sheriff is necessary. The sheriff is civilly responsible for the acts or omissions of his under-sheriff. Mozley & Whitely. A sheriff’s deputy, who, being designated by the sheriff as an “under-sheriff,” becomes his chief deputy with authority by virtue of his appointment to execute all the ordinary duties of the office of sheriff. Shriran v. Dallas, 21 Cal. App. 405, 132 P. 454, 458. A distinction is sometimes made between this officer and a deputy, the latter being appointed for a special occasion or purpose, while the former discharges, in general, all the duties required by the sheriff’s office.

UNDER-TENANT. A tenant under one who is himself a tenant; one who holds by underlease.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR. This expression, or substantially identical language, in an accident policy has been held to contemplate intoxication in some substantial degree. Robinson v. Hawkeye Commercial Men’s Ass’n, 186 Iowa 759, 171 N. W. 118, 120. And as employed in statutes or ordinances relating to the operation of motor vehicles, it has been construed as equivalent to the words, “in an intoxicated condition,” State v. Dudley, 159 La. 872, 106 So. 364, 365, and to the words, “in a drunken or partly drunken condition,” Daniels v. State, 155 Tenn. 549, 296 S. W. 20, 23, but not as synonymous with the words, “while intoxicated,” Cannon v. State, 91 Fla. 214, 107 So. 360, 362. The expression is said to cover not only all the well-known and easily recognized conditions and degrees of intoxication, but any abnormal mental or physical condition which is the result of indulging in any degree in intoxicating liquors and which tends to deprive the driver of that clearness of intellect and control of himself which he would otherwise possess. Latimer v. Wilson, 103 N. J. Law, 130, 134 A. 750, 751. It is applicable to the condition created where intoxicating liquor has so far affected the nervous system, brain, or muscles of the driver as to impair an appreciable degree his ability to operate an automobile in a manner that an ordinarily prudent and cautious man in the full possession of his faculties, using reasonable care, would drive a similar vehicle under like conditions. People v. Dingle, 56 Cal. App. 445, 205 P. 705, 706; People v. Mc Kee, 80 Cal. App. 290, 251 P. 675, 677.

UNDER-TREASURER OF ENGLAND. He who transacted the business of the lord high treasurer.

UNDER-TUTOR. In Louisiana. In every tutoryship there shall be an under-tutor, whom it shall be the duty of the judge to appoint at the time letters of tutorship are certified for the tutor. It is the duty of the under-tutor to act for the minor whenever the interest of the minor is in opposition to the interest of the tutor. Civ. Code La. arts. 273, 275.

UNDER WAY. Not being at anchor, or made fast to the shore, or aground;—said of vessels subject to the navigation rules embraced in Act June 7, 1897, c. 4, 30 Stat. 90 (33 USCA § 150 et seq., 46 USCA § 351 note). The George W. Elder (C. C. A) 249 F. 950, 958; The Nimrod 175 F. 520. Thus, a vessel lying with her nose against the bank of a stream and holding her position against the current by the movement of her wheel is a vessel under way, and not entitled to the rights of an anchored vessel. The Ruth, 156 F. 87, 109 C. C. A. 199. And a steamer being towed down stream by tugs without any steam on her boilers, except for steering purposes, is nevertheless “under way.” The Scandinavia (D. C.) 11 F.(2d) 542, 543.

UNDERGROUND WATERS. See Water, subtitle Subterranean Waters.

UNDERGROWTH. A term applicable to plants growing under or below other greater plants. Clay v. Telegraph Co., 70 Miss. 411, 11 So. 658.

UNDERLIE THE LAW. In Scotch criminal procedure, an accused person, in appearing to take his trial, is said “to comear and underlie the law.” Mozley & Whitely.

UNDERSTAND. To know; to appreciate; as, to understand the nature and effect of
an act. Western Indemnity Co. v. MacKech-
nie (Tex. Civ. App.) 214 S. W. 458, 460. To
have a full and clear knowledge of; to com-
prehend. Chaney v. Baker, 304 Ill. 382, 136
N. E. 804, 807. Thus, to invalidate a deed
on the ground that the grantor did not un-
derstand the nature of the act, the grantor
must be incapable of comprehending that
the effect of the act would divest him of the
title to the land set forth in the deed. Miller
v. Folsom, 49 Okl. 74, 149 P. 1185, 1188. As
used in connection with the execution of wills
and other instruments, the term includes the
realization of the practical effects and conse-
quences of the proposed act. Tillman v.
Ogren, 90 Misc. 503, 196 N. Y. S. 39, 40.

UNDERSTANDING. In the law of contracts.
An agreement. Southern Ry. Co. v. Powell,
124 Va. 65, 97 S. E. 357, 358. An implied
agreement resulting from the express terms
of another agreement, whether written or oral.
United States v. United Shoe Machin-
ery Co. (D. C.) 234 F. 127, 145. An informal
agreement, or a concurrence as to its terms.
Barkow v. Sanger, 47 Wis. 597, 3 N. W. 19.
A valid contract engagement of a somewhat
informal character. Winslow v. Lumber Co.,
32 Minn. 283, 20 N. W. 145. This is a loose
and ambiguous term, unless it be accompa-
nied by some expression to show that it con-
stituted a meeting of the minds of parties
upon something respecting which they in-
tended to be bound. Camp v. Waring, 25
Conn. 529.

The term may also import simply a wish
or hope, as in a will bequeathing property
to another with the "understanding" that at the
legatee's death, all property derived
under the will should be given to the testa-
trix's sister. Vincent v. Rix, 127 Misc. 639,
217 N. Y. S. 393, 399.

UNDERSTOOD. The phrase "it is under-
stood," when employed as a word of contract
in a written agreement, has the same force
as the words "it is agreed." Higginson v.
Weld, 14 Gray (Mass.) 165; Phoenix Iron &
Steel Co. v. Wilkoff Co. (C. C. A.) 253 F. 165,
167; Mertz v. Fleming, 185 Wis. 58, 200 N.
W. 655, 656.

UNDERTAKE. To perform; to attempt; to
try. Hence, a person, such as a seller of
goods, who "undertakes" to make a propor-
tionate delivery in each month, is not abso-
lutely obligated to do so. Garcia S. en C. v.
Taggart Coal Co., 27 Ga. App. 204, 108 S. E.
72, 78.

UNDERTAKER. One who undertakes (to
do something). In a mechanic's lien statute,
the word has been held not to include a mere
furnisher of material in connection with the
erction of the building. In re American

One whose business is to prepare the dead
for burial and to take the charge and man-
agement of funerals. Anderson v. State, 19

Ala. App. 606, 99 So. 775, 777; State v. Whyte,
177 Wis. 541, 158 N. W. 607, 608, 23 A. L. R.
67.

UNDERTAKING. A promise, engagement, or
stipulation. An engagement by one of the
parties to a contract to the other, as dis-
guished from the mutual engagement of the
parties to each other. 5 East 17; 4 B. &
Aid. 555, followed in Alexander v. State, 28
Tex. App. 183, 12 S. W. 595. It does not
necessarily imply a consideration. Thomp-
son v. Blanchard, 3 N. Y. 335.

In a somewhat special sense, a promise given
in the course of legal proceedings by a
party or his counsel, generally as a condition
to obtaining some concession from the court
or the opposite party. Sweet.

A promise or security in any form. Code,
Iowa, § 48, par. 20.

An official undertaking, such as one by a county
clerk or other officer under statute, unlike an
official bond, is not required to be signed by the
principal. Fleischner v. Florey, 111 Or. 25, 224 P. 831,
832.

UNDERTOOK. Agreed; promised; assumed.
This is the technical word to be used in
alleging the promise which forms the basis of
an action of assumpsit. Bacon, Abr. As-
sumpsit (F).

UNDERWRITE. To insure life or property.
See Underwriter.

To insure the sale of corporate bonds or
similar securities to the public by agreeing
to buy those which are not sold. Busch v.
Stromberg-Carlson Tel. Mfg. Co. (C. C. A.)
217 F. 328, 330; Stewart v. G. L. Miller &
R. 559. To agree to sell bonds, etc., to the
public, or to furnish the necessary money
for such securities, and to buy those which
cannot be sold. Minot v. Burroughs, 223
Mass. 505, 112 N. E. 629, 622; Rauer's Law &
Collection Co. v. Harrell, 32 Cal. App. 45,
162 P. 125, 131.

An underwriting contract, aside from its use in
insurance, is an agreement, made before corporate
shares are brought before the public, that in the
event of the public not taking all the shares or the
number mentioned in the agreement, the underwriter
will take the shares which the public do not take;
"underwriting" being a purchase, together with a
guaranty of a sale of the bonds. Fraser v. Home
Telephone & Telegraph Co., 91 Wash. 253, 157 P. 692,
694; International Products Co. v. Vail's Estate, 97

UNDERWRITER. The person who insures
another, as in a fire or life policy; the in-
surer. See Childs v. Fremen's Ins. Co., 66
Minn. 383, 69 N. W. 141, 33 L. R. A. 99.
Especially, a person who joins with others in
entering into a marine policy of insurance as
insurer.

One who underwrites corporate bonds or
stocks. Fraser v. Home Telephone & Tele-
who agrees with others to purchase an entire issue of bonds or other securities, usually at the end of a certain period. By reason of such underwriting, the bonds, etc., obtain a market value or a value as collateral security. See Underwrite.

UNDISPUTED FACT. Within the meaning of a statute, an admitted fact, which the court has not deemed sufficiently material to add to the finding, or has inadvertently omitted from it; a fact not found by the court does not become an "undisputed fact," merely because one or more witnesses testify to it without direct contradiction. Dexter Yarn Co. v. American Fabrics Co., 102 Conn. 329, 329 A. 327, 592.


The terms "surplus" and "undivided profits" have different meanings in banking circles. State ex rel. Payne v. Exchange Bank of Natchez, 84 So. 481, 482; 147 La. 25. Surplus, like the capital stock, constitutes the working capital of the bank and is in addition, a fund for the protection of the depositors. The "undivided profits" constitute a temporary fund changing in size from day to day and carried only until dividend periods when it is distributed to the stockholders or transferred to the permanent surplus. It is the fund from which the expenses and losses of the bank are paid. Barles v. Scandinavian American Bank, 35 N. D. 49, 156 N. W. 555, 557.

"Surplus" and "undivided profits," as commonly employed in corporate accounting, denote an excess in the aggregate value of the assets of the corporation over the sum of liabilities, including capital stock; "surplus" describing such part of the excess in the value of the corporate assets as is treated by the corporation as part of the permanent capital, while the term "undivided profits" designates such part of the excess as consists of profits neither distributed as dividends nor carried to the surplus account. Willets v. Milton Dairy Co., 48 S. Ct. 71, 72, 270 U. S. 235, 72 L. Ed. 247.

UNDIVIDED RIGHT. An undivided right or title, or a title to an undivided portion of an estate, is that owned by one of two or more tenants in common or joint tenants before partition. Held by the same title by two or more persons, whether their rights are equal as to value or quantity, or unequal. See In re Wellington, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 98, 26 Am. Dec. 631.

UNDORES. In old English law. Minors or persons under age not capable of bearing arms. Plcta. I, 1, c. 9; Cowell.

UNDE. More than necessary; not proper; illegal. Webb v. Superior Court In and for Del Norte County, 28 Cal. App. 391, 152 P. 957, 958. See, also, Elk Hotel Co. v. United Fuel Gas Co., 75 W. Va. 200, 83 S. E. 222, 824, L. R. A. 1917E, 970. Under an allegation of the "undue" execution of a will, every species of duress, fraud, undue influence, or whatever else shows undue execution may be proved. Thompson v. Miller, 182 Ind. 545, 107 N. E. 74, 75.

UNDUE INFLUENCE. The antithesis of right influence. In re Ball's Estate, 135 Wis. 27, 141 N. W. 8, 12. In regard to the making of a will and other such matters, undue influence is persuasion carried to the point of overpowering the will, or such a control over the person in question as prevents him from acting intelligently, understandingly, and voluntarily, and in effect destroys his free agency, and constrains him to do what he would not have done if such control had not been exercised. See Bennett v. Bennett, 59 N. J. Eq. 439, 26 A. 573; Francis v. Wilkinson, 147 Ill. 370, 35 N. E. 150; Conley v. Nailer, 118 U. S. 127, 6 S. Ct. 1001, 30 L. Ed. 112; Marx v. McGlynn, 88 N. Y. 370; Gonsawar v. Donehoo, 255 Pa. 502, 100 A. 264, 266; In re Hudson's Estate, 131 Minn. 483, 155 N. W. 392, 395; Black v. Funk, 97 Kan. 509, 156 P. 959, 960; Creighton v. Creighton (C. C. A.) 261 F. 333, 335; Folsom v. Buttolph, 82 Ind. App. 283, 145 N. E. 255, 262; Appeal of Rogers, 128 Me. 459, 128 A. 634, 636; Statute's Ex'r v. Wheeler, 157 Ky. 391, 210 S. W. 411, 415; In re Chooper's Estate, 112 Okl. 234, 239 P. 592, 593; Burroughs v. Reed, 150 Ga. 724, 105 S. E. 290, 291; In re Killins' Estate, 210 Mich. 614, 178 N. W. 14, 15; Scott v. Townsend (Tex. Civ. App.) 159 S. W. 342, 349; Brown v. Brown, 171 N. C. 649, 88 S. E. 870, 871; Pratt v. Carns, 80 Fla. 243, 85 So. 681, 683.

Undue influence consists (1) in the use, by one in whom a confidence is reposed by another, or who holds a real or apparent authority over him, of such confidence or authority, for the purpose of obtaining an unfair advantage over him; (2) in taking an unfair advantage of another's weakness of mind; or (3) in taking a grossly oppressive and unfair advantage of another's necessities or distress. Clev. Code Dak. § 886 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1918, § 5582); Rev. Code S. D. 1919. § 819); Buchanan v. Prall, 39 N. D. 423, 187 N. W. 488, 490; Dooliver v. Dooliver, 91 Cal. 642, 30 P. 4.

"Undue influence" sufficient to avoid a will is that which compels the testator to do that which is against his will, from fear, the desire of peace, or some feeling that he is unable to resist, and must be such as to overcome his free will in conscious judgment and substitute the wicked purposes of another instead, and be the efficient cause, without which the abominous disposition would not have been made; In re Allen's Estate, 116 Or. 467, 241 P. 966, 968; Shephey v. Stevens (C. C.) 155 F. 147; and must have been directly connected with and have operated at the time of the execution of the will; Crane v. Henard, 196 Ind. 341, 148 N. E. 577, 581.
Undue influence at elections occurs where any one interferes with the free exercise of a voter's franchise, by violence, intimidation, or otherwise. It is a misdemeanor. 1 Russ. Crimes, 321; Steph. Crim. Dig. 79.

UNEARNED INCREMENT. The increase in the value of property from the growth of population. Seaboard Air Line Ry. v. U. S. (D. C.) 275 F. 77, 82.

UNEDUCATED. Not synonymous with illiterate. A man might be able to read and write, carry on a business correspondence, understand business transactions, and be "uneeducated" by all his contracts, and yet be an "uneeducated" man. Baker v. Patton, 144 Ga. 502, 87 S. E. 659, 660.

UNEQUAL. Ill-balanced; uneven; partial; unfair; not synonymous with inappropriate, which means unsuitable, unfit, or improper. Lane v. St. Denis Catholic Church of Benton (Mo. App.) 274 S. W. 1103, 1106.

UNEQUIVOCAL. Without doubt; clearly demonstrated; free from uncertainty. As used in an instruction on the proof necessary to make out a case, it requires proof of the highest possible character, equaling, if not exceeding, the proof required of the state in a criminal case, while the term "clear and convincing" indicates a degree of proof required in civil cases less than the degree required in criminal cases, but more than is required in the ordinary civil action. Merrick v. Ditzler, 91 Ohio St. 256, 110 N. E. 495, 494.

UNERRING. Incapable of error or failure; certain; sure; infallible. Gardner v. State, 27 Wyo. 316, 196 P. 750, 752, 15 A. L. R. 1040.

UNEXCEPTIONABLE. Without any fault; not subject to any objection or criticism. Washam v. Beatty, 210 Ala. 635, 99 So. 163, 167.

UNFAIR. In the labor movement, unfriendly to organized labor; refusing to recognize its rules and regulations; —applied particularly to employers, e. g., one who refuses to employ members of a trade union. Steffes v. Motion Picture Mach. Operators' Union, 136 Minn. 200, 161 N. W. 524. When borne on a banner carried by pickets of a theater, the term signifies that patronage of the theater is to be withheld because of action taken with reference thereto by a labor or trade union. Campbell v. Motion Picture Mach. Operators' Union of Minneapolis, Local 219, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees of U. S. and Canada, 151 Minn. 220, 186 N. W. 781, 782, 27 A. L. R. 631.

UNFAIR COMPETITION. A term which may be applied generally to all dishonest or fraudulent rivalry in trade and commerce, but is particularly applied in the courts of equity (where it may be restrained by injunction)
to the practice of endeavoring to substitute one's own goods or products in the markets for those of another, having an established reputation and extensive sale, by means of imitating or counterfeiting the name, title, size, shape, or distinctive peculiarities of the article, or the shape, color, label, wrapper, or general appearance of the package, or other such simulations, the imitation being carried far enough to mislead the general public or deceive an unwary purchaser, and yet not amounting to an absolute counterfeit or to the infringement of a trade-mark or trade-name. Called in France and Germany "concurrency deloaye." See Reddaway v. Bunham, [1896] App. Cas. 199; Singer Mfg. Co. v. June Mfg. Co., 163 U. S. 109, 16 S. Ct. 1002, 41 L. Ed. 118; Dennison Mfg. Co. v. Thomas Mfg. Co. (C. C.) 94 F. 631; Simmonds Medicine Co. v. Mansfield Drug Co., 93 Tenn. 84, 23 S. W. 165; Cornelius v. Ferguson, 17 S. D. 451, 97 N. W. 389; Sterling Remedy Co. v. Eureka Chemical Co., 56 F. 108, 25 C. C. A. 314.


UNFAITHFUL. Characterized by bad faith;—not synonymous with "illegal," which means unlawful or contrary to law, nor with "improper," which, as applied to conduct, implies such conduct as a man of ordinary and reasonable prudence would not, under the circumstances, have been guilty of. State v. American Surety Co. of New York, 26 Idaho, 652, 145 P. 1067, 1104, Ann. Cas. 1916E, 209.

UNFIT. Not fit; unsuitable; not adapted to the performance of one's duties;—not necessarily synonymous with incompetent, for a man might be unfit to discharge a dignified office by reason of his moral character, though he could not be said to be incompetent. State v. Latham, 174 Ala. 281, 61 So. 351.

UNFIT FOR USE AS A BEVERAGE. This language in a statute is not necessarily applicable to an alcoholic compound or preparation merely because it may be drunk in sufficient quantities to produce death. Thamm v. Merritt, 111 Neb. 639, 197 N. W. 418, 414.

UNFORESEEN CAUSE. With reference to causes excusing delay, under the Workmen's Compensation Act, in giving notice of injury, a cause which could not have been reasonably foreseen as likely to arise or occur, and yet is of such a nature as to have substantially interfered with the giving of the notice. Wardwell's Case, 121 Me. 215, 116 A. 447, 448. A reasonable cause. Donahue v. R. A. Sherman's Sons Co., 39 R. I. 373, 98 A. 109, L. R. A. 1917A, 76.

UNFORESEEN EVENT. In the civil law. A vis major; an uncontrollable force;—so used in Civ. Code La. art. 2697, relating to the termination of a lease by the total destruction of the property. Knapp v. Guerin, 144 La. 754, 81 So. 302, 305.

UNGELD. In Saxon law. An outlaw; a person whose murder required no composition to be made, or werelegd to be paid, by his slave.

UNICA TAXATIO. The obsolete language of a special award of venire, to be offered, on several defendants, one pleads, and one lets judgment go by default, whereby the jury, who are to try and assess damages on the issue, are also to assess damages against the defendant suffering judgment by default. Wharton.

UNIFACTORIAL OBLIGATION. See Contract.

UNIFORM, n. Within the meaning of an ordinance requiring a traction company to give free transportation to members of the police force and fire department when in uniform, a plain clothes man, whose only prescribed uniform was a metal badge which might be worn concealed, while wearing such badge was "in uniform." Montgomery Light & Traction Co. v. Avant, 202 Ala. 404, 90 So. 497, 498, 3 A. L. R. 384.

UNIFORM, adj. Conforming to one rule, mode, or unvarying standard; not different at different times or places; applicable to all places or divisions of a country. People v. Vickroy, 268 Ill. 384, 107 N. E. 683, 640. Equable; applying alike to all within a class. Buffalo v. Mitchell, 106 Miss. 253, 63 So. 458, 459, 50 L. R. A. (N. S.) 423.

"Uniform operation," as used in a constitutional provision requiring all laws of a general nature to have a uniform operation, does not mean that the law shall operate alike on all persons, but that it shall affect all persons uniformly who stand in the same category, or all those who stand in the same relation with respect to particular privileges and immunities conferred by the act. Gregory v. Hecke, 73 Cal. App. 286, 238 P. 787, 788. It means that the law shall apply to all persons, matters, or things which it is intended to affect. It operates alike on all who come within the scope of its provisions, constitutional uniformity is secured. Cooper v. Rollins, 152 Ga. 588, 110 S. E. 726, 728, 29 A. L. R. 1096.

The words "general" and "uniform" as applied to laws have a meaning antithetical to special or discriminatory laws. Ex parte Nowak, 184 Cal. 701, 192 P. 402, 404. The term "uniform," however, does not mean universal. Watson v. Greely, 67 Cal. App. 223, 227 P. 664, 670.

The burdens of taxation, to be uniform, must have the essential of equality, and must bear alike upon all the property within the limits of the unit wherein it is lawful to levy taxes for a purpose, whether that unit be the state, county, or a municipality. Lang v. Commonwealth, 190 Ky. 299, 226 S. W. 379, 382. See, also, Jordan v. Duval County, 68 Fla. 45, 66 So. 285, 286.

With reference to locality, a tax is "uniform" when it operates with equal force and effect in every place in where the subject of it is found, and with reference to classification, it is uniform when it operates without distinction or discrimination upon all persons composing the described class. Hart v. Board of Comrs. of Burke County, 152 N. C. 161, 134 S. E. 493, 496.

A tax is valid as being at a "uniform rate" if imposed at the same rate in proportion to value as is imposed on other property in the taxing district, for the tax is then proportional and reasonable. In re Opinion of the Justices, 77 N. H. 411, 92 A. 211, 312.

---Uniform laws. A considerable number of laws have been approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and many of them have been adopted in one or more jurisdictions in the United States and its possessions. Among the more important of these laws are the Uniform Negotiable Instruments Act which has been adopted in all the states as well as in the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, and Porto Rico; the Uniform Sales Act, which in 1922 had been adopted in 33 jurisdictions; the Uniform Bills of Lading Act, in 28 jurisdictions; the Uniform Stock Transfer Act, in 23 jurisdictions; the Uniform Aeronautics Act, in 22; and the Uniform Partnership Act, in 19. Others which may be mentioned include the Uniform Warehouse Receipts, Declaratory Judgments, Fiduciaries, Fraudulent Conveyance, Desertion and Non-support, and Veterans' Guardianship Acts.


"Uniformity of operation" of laws does not require "universality of operation." The former term relates to similarity of conditions affecting subjects or localities of the state that are appropriately classified. The latter term relates to the whole and every part of the state. State v. Daniel, 87 Fla. 270, 99 So. 804, 809.

The constitutional requirement of "uniformity" is complied with when the law operates uniformly upon all persons brought within the relations and circumstances provided by it. Abbott v. Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Fulton County, 190 Ga. 567, 129 S. E. 38, 41.

Uniformity in taxation implies equality in the burden of the taxation, which cannot exist without uniformity in the mode of assessment, as well as in the rate of taxation. Further, the uniformity must be coextensive with the territory to which it applies. And it must be extended to all property subject to taxation, so that all property may be taxed alike and equally. Exchange Bank v. Hines, 3 Ohio St. 13. And see Edye v. Robertson, 112 U. S. 650, 5 S. Ct. 247, 28 L. Ed. 708; Adams v. Mississippi State Bank, 75 Miss. 701, 21 So. 395; People v. Auditor General, 7 Mich. 90; Hilger v. Moore, 50 Mont. 146, 182 P. 477, 481.

As a principle of taxation, it is established that "uniformity" does not mean universality. Gallardo v. Porto Rico Ry., Light & Power Co. (C. C. A.) 13 F. (2d) 318, 325.

The rule of "uniformity" does not require that all subjects be taxed, nor taxed alike, but is complied with when the tax is levied equally and uniformly on all subjects of the same class and kind. Simms v. Ahrens, 167 Ark. 567, 271 S. W. 720, 729. The uniformity required in taxation is uniformity in rate, assessment, and valuation of the particular tax involved, and has no reference to a uniformity of the sum total of taxes which a citizen is required to pay. King v. Sullivan County, 128 Tenn. 369, 190 S. W. 847, 848.


UNIFORMITY, ACT OF. An act which regulates the terms of membership in the Church of England and the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, (St. 18 & 19 Car. II. c. 4.) See St. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 59. The act of uniformity has been amended by the St. 25 & 26 Vict. c.
UNIFORMITY OF PROCESS ACT. The English statute of 2 Wm. IV, c. 39, establishing a uniform process for the commencement of actions in all the courts of law at Westminster. 3 Steph. Comm. 506. The improved system thus established was more fully amended by the Procedure Acts of 1852, 1854, and 1890, and by the Judicature Acts of 1873 and 1875.

UNIGENITURE. The state of being the only begotten.

UNILATERAL. One-sided; ex parte; having relation to only one of two or more persons or things.

UNILATERAL CONTRACT. See Contract.

UNILATERAL MISTAKE. A mistake or misunderstanding as to the terms or effect of a contract, made or entertained by one of the parties to it but not by the other. Green v. Stone, 54 N. J. Eq. 387, 34 A. 1099, 55 Am. St. Rep. 577; Kent v. Atlanta B. & A. R. Co., 189 Ala. 48, 66 So. 598, 599.

UNILATERAL RECORD. Records are unilateral when offered to show a particular fact, as a prima facie case, either for or against a stranger. Colligan v. Conney, 107 Tenn. 214, 64 S. W. 31.

UNIMPEACHABLE WITNESS. Under a statute requiring proof of a holographic will by the unimpeachable evidence of at least three disinterested witnesses to the testator's handwriting, an "unimpeachable witness" is one whom the jury finds to speak truthfully and whose conclusion they find to be correct, notwithstanding the presence of other evidence contradicting him. Sneed v. Reynolds, 166 Ark. 551, 266 S. W. 656, 689; Murphy v. Murphy, 144 Ark. 429, 222 S. W. 721, 723.

UNIMPROVED LAND. A statutory term which includes lands, once improved, that have reverted to a state of nature, as well as lands that have never been improved. Moore v. Morris, 118 Ark. 516, 177 S. W. 6, 8.

UNINCLOSED PLACE. A place not entirely inclosed, an "inclosed" place being a place inclosed on all sides by some sort of material. Ex parte Wissner, 32 Cal. App. 637, 163 P. 865, 869.

UNINTELLIGIBLE. That which cannot be understood.

UNIO. Lat. In canon law. A consolidation of two churches into one. Cowell.

UNIO PROLIIUM. Lat. Uniting of offspring. A method of adoption, chiefly used in Germany, by which step-children (on either or both sides of the house) are made equal, in respect to the right of succession, with the children who spring from the marriage of the two contracting parties. See Helmecc. Elem. § 188.

UNION. A league; a federation; an unincorporated association of persons for a common purpose; as, a trade or labor union. Hughes v. State, 109 Ark. 403, 160 S. W. 209.

In Ecclesiastical Law
Two or more benefices which have been united into one benefice. Sweet.

In English Poor-Law
Two or more parishes which have been consolidated for the better administration of the poor-law therein.

In Public Law
A popular term in America for the United States; also, in Great Britain, for the consolidated governments of England and Scotland, or for the political tie between Great Britain and Ireland.

In Scotch Law
A "clause of union" is a clause in a feuoment by which two estates, separated or not adjacent, are united as one, for the purpose of making a single seisin suffice for both.

UNION-JACK. The national flag of Great Britain and Ireland, which combines the banner of St. Patrick with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. The word "jack" is most probably derived from the surcoat, charged with a red cross, anciently used by the English soldiery. This appears to have been called a "jacquet," whence the word "jacket," anciently written "jacquit." Some, however, without a shadow of evidence, derive the word from "Jacques," the first alteration having been made in the reign of King James I. Wharton.

UNION MORTGAGE CLAUSE. A clause, as in a fire policy (together with the rider making the loss, if any, payable to the mortgagee), which provides that if the policy is made payable to a mortgagee of the insured real estate, no act or default of any person other than such mortgagee, or his agents or those claiming under him, shall affect his right to recover in case of loss on such real estate. Bankers' Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 158 Minn. 363, 197 N. W. 749.

UNION OF CHURCHES. A combining and consolidating of two churches into one. Also it is when one church is made subject to another, and one man is rector of both; and where a conventual church is made a cathedral. Tomlins.
UNION SOLDIERS. Those who fought in the American Civil War in support of the Union, in contradistinction to Confederate soldiers, who fought for the establishment of the new confederacy. Keely v. Board of Sup'rs of Dubuque County, 158 Iowa, 295, 139 N. W. 473, 474.

UNIT. A term sometimes used in the sense of a share, as in an oil syndicate, Chew v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 9 F. (2d) 348, 351, or as equivalent to an investment security, State v. Summerland, 150 Minn. 266, 185 N. W. 255, 256.

UNIT OF PRODUCTION. The "unit of production" method of determining the taxable net income or profit in the oil or gas business is accomplished by a system of accounting by which is ascertained, as nearly as science will permit, the total amount of recoverable oil in the property, and to each barrel of this oil is assigned its part of the capital investment, and from the sale price of each barrel produced and sold there is deducted the expenses of producing it, and its proportion of the capital investment, leaving the balance as profit, and thus, when the property is exhausted, the operator has received back his capital and expenses, and accounted for his net income or loss. Carter v. Phillips, 88 Okl. 202, 212 P. 747, 750.

UNITAS PERSONARUM. Lat. The unity of persons, as that between husband and wife, or ancestor and heir.

UNIFIED IN INTEREST. A statutory term applicable to codefendants only when they are similarly interested in and will be similarly affected by the determination of the issues involved in the action; McCord v. McCord, 194 Ohio St. 274, 135 N. E. 545, 549; c. g., joint obligors upon a guaranty; Columbus Graphophone Co. v. Slawson, 190 Ohio St. 473, 126 N. E. 890, 891.

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. The official title of the kingdom composed of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and including the colonies and possessions beyond the seas, under the act of January 1, 1801, effecting the union between Ireland and Great Britain.

UNITED STATES BONDS. Obligations for payment of money which have been at various times issued by the government of the United States.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS. It shall be the duty of the district court of each judicial district to appoint such number of persons, to be known as United States commissioners, at such places in the district as may be designated by the district court: Rev. St. U. S. § 627 (28 USCA § 526, note). See 5 USCA § 92; 8 USCA § 45; 15 USCA §§ 561, 641, 651, 652; 22 USCA § 257; 28 USCA §§ 123, 126, 392, 393, 526, 758; Austill v. United States, 58 Ct. Cl. 222; United States v. Mareca (D. C.) 206 F. 713.

UNITED STATES COURTS. Except in the case of impeachments the judicial power of the United States is vested by the Constitution in a supreme court and such other inferior courts as may be from time to time established by congress. All the judges are appointed by the president, with the advice and consent of the senate, to hold office during good behavior, and their compensation cannot be diminished during their terms of office. The judges, other than those of the supreme court, are circuit judges and district judges. The circuit judges compose the circuit courts of appeals and the district judges hold the district courts, and also at times sit in the circuit courts of appeal. For a detailed statement of the territorial boundaries of the several districts and divisions of districts, see 28 USCA § 114 et seq. and various special acts.

In statutes, the words "court of the district" (Prieto v. U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, 193 N. Y. S. 342, 17 Misc. 703), and "courts of the United States," are commonly deemed to refer to federal courts and not to state courts. General Inv. Co. v. Lake Shore & M. S. Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 269 F. 235, 237.

UNITED STATES CURRENCY. Commonly understood to include every form of currency authorized by the United States government, whether issued directly by it or under its authority. Appel v. State, 28 Ariz. 416, 237 P. 190, 191.

UNITED STATES NOTES. Promissory notes, resembling bank-notes, issued by the government of the United States.

UNITED STATES OFFICER. Usually and strictly, in United States statutes, a person appointed in the manner declared under Const. art. 2, § 2, McGrath v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 275 F. 294, 300, providing for the appointment of officers, either by the President and the Senate, the President alone, the courts of law, or the heads of departments, Steele v. U. S., 45 S. Ct. 417, 418, 267 U. S. 505, 69 L. Ed. 761. Thus, a prohibition agent, appointed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, is not an "officer of the United States," within the meaning of article 2, § 2. Keen v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 300 F. 493, 496. A receiver appointed by a federal court may be an "officer of the United States," within the meaning of Criminal Code, § 37, and Act March 4, 1911 (18 USCA §§ 185, 189), Weltzel v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 274 F. 101, 102, but not within the meaning of the Revenue Act Oct. 3, 1917, § 201(a), 40 Stat. 303, the words "officers or employees" meaning persons holding offices that are public stations, conferred by appointment of the government, and embracing.
the idea of tenure, duration, emolument, and duties fixed by law. Fleming v. Bowers (D. C.) 11 F.(2d) 789, 790. An "officer of the United States," within Const. art. 4, § 3, is one who holds office under appointment by the President, or by heads of departments authorized to make appointments, usually evidenced by a commission, but a commission is not essential to the validity of the appointment. Fekete v. City of East St. Louis, 315 Ill. 58, 145 N. E. 692, 693, 40 A. L. R. 650.

UNITY. In the law of estates. The peculiar characteristic of an estate held by several in joint tenancy, and which is fourfold, viz., unity of interest, unity of title, unity of time, and unity of possession. In other words, joint tenants have one and the same interest, accruing by one and the same conveyance, commencing at one and the same time, and held by one and the same undivided possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 180.

UNITY OF INTEREST. This term is applied to joint tenants, to signify that no one of them can have a greater interest in the property than each of the others, while, in the case of tenants in common, one of them may have a larger share than any of the others. Williams, Real Prop. 134, 139.

UNITY OF POSSESSION. Joint possession of two rights by several titles. As if I take a lease of land from a person at a certain rent, and afterwards I buy the fee-simple of such land, by this I acquire unity of possession, by which the lease is extinguished. Cowell: Brown. It is also one of the essential properties of a joint estate, each of the tenants having the entire possession as well of every parcel as of the whole. 2 Bl. Comm. 182.

UNITY OF SEisin is where a person seised of land which is subject to an easement, profit à prendre, or similar right, also becomes seised of the land to which the easement or other right is annexed. Sweet.

UNITY OF TIME. One of the essential properties of a joint estate; the estates of the tenants being vested at one and the same period. 2 Bl. Comm. 181.

UNITY OF TITLE is applied to joint tenants, to signify that they hold their property by one and the same title, while tenants in common may take property by several titles. Williams, Real Prop. 134.

Unius omnino testis responsio non audiatur. The answer of one witness shall not be heard at all; the testimony of a single witness shall not be admitted under any circumstances. A maxim of the civil and canon law. Cod. 4, 20, 9; 3 Bl. Comm. 370; Best, Ev. p. 426, § 330, and note.

Uniusculi ingenios contractus initium spectandum est, et causa. The commencement and cause of every contract are to be regarded. Digest, 17, 1, 8; Story, Bailm. § 58.

UNIVERSAL. Having relation to the whole or an entirety; pertaining to all without exception; a term more extensive than "general," which latter may admit of exceptions. See Blair v. Howell, 68 Iowa, 619, 25 N. W. 199; Koen v. State, 33 Neb. 676, 53 N. W. 595, 17 L. R. A. 821.

UNIVERSAL AGENT. One who is appointed to do all the acts which the principal can personally do, and which he may lawfully delegate the power to another to do. Story, Abs. 18; Baldwin v. Tucker, 112 Ky. 282, 45 S. W. 841, 57 L. R. A. 451; Wood v. McCain, 7 Ala. 800.

UNIVERSAL LEGACY. See Legacy.

UNIVERSAL PARTNERSHIP. See Partnership.

UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION. In Scotch law. A term applied to the representation by an heir of his ancestor. Bell.

UNIVERSAL SUCCESSION. In the civil law. Succession to the entire estate of another, living or dead, though generally the latter, importing succession to the entire property of the predecessor as a juridical entirety, that is, to all his active as well as passive legal relations. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 649.

Universalia sunt notiora singularibus. 2 Rolle, 294. Things universal are better known than things particular.

UNIVERSITAS. Lat. In the civil law. A corporation aggregate. Digest, 3, 4, 7. Literally, a whole formed out of many individuals. 1 Bl. Comm. 469.

UNIVERSITAS FACTI. In the civil law. A plurality of corporeal things of the same kind, which are regarded as a whole; e.g., a herd of cattle, a stock of goods. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 162.

UNIVERSITAS JURIS. In the civil law. A quantity of things of all sorts, corporeal as well as incorporeal, which, taken together, are regarded as a whole; e.g., an inheritance, an estate. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 162.

UNIVERSITAS RERUM. In the civil law. Literally, a whole of things. Several single things, which, though not mechanically connected with one another, are, when taken together, regarded as a whole in any legal respect. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 162.

Universitas vel corporatio non dicitur aliquid facere nisi id sit collegialiter deliberatum, etiam si major pars id faciat. A university or cor-
poration is not said to do anything unless it be deliberated upon as a body, although the majority should do it. Duv. 48.

UNIVERSITY. An institution of higher learning, consisting of an assemblage of colleges united under one corporate organization and government, affording instruction in the arts and sciences and the learned professions, and conferring degrees. See Com. v. Banks, 198 Pa. 397, 48 A. 277.

UNIVERSITY COURT. See Chancellor's Courts in the Two Universities.

UNIVERSUS. Lat. The whole; all together. Calvin.

UNJUST. Contrary to right and justice, or to the enjoyment of his rights by another, or to the standards of conduct furnished by the laws. U. S. v. Oglesby Grocery Co. (D. C.) 264 F. 681, 695; Komen v. City of St. Louis, 316 Mo. 9, 259 S. W. 588, 541.

UNKOUTH. Unknown. The law French form of the Saxon "uncouth." Britt. c. 12.

UNLAGE. Sax. An unjust law.

UNLARICH. In old Scotch law. That which is done without law or against law. Spelman.

UNLAW. In Scott law. A witness was formerly inadmissible who was not worth the king's unlae; i. e., the sum of £10 Scots, then the common fine for absence from court and for small delinquencies. Bell.

UNLAWFUL. That which is contrary to law or unauthorized by law. State v. Chenault, 20 N. M. 151, 147 P. 283, 285.

"Unlawful" and "illegal" are frequently used as synonymous terms, but, in the proper sense of the word, "unlawful," as applied to promises, agreements, considerations, and the like, denotes that they are ineffectual in law because they involve acts which, although not illegal, i. e., positively forbidden, are disapproved of by the law, and are therefore not recognized as the ground of legal rights, either because they are immoral or because they are against public policy. It is on this ground that contracts in restraint of marriage or of trade are generally void. Sweet. And see Hagerman v. Buchman, 45 N. J. Eq. 292, 17 A. 946, 14 Am. St. Rep. 732; Tatton v. State, 66 Ala. 467; Johnson v. State, 66 Ohio St. 39, 63 N. E. 697, 61 L. R. A. 277, 50 Am. St. Rep. 564; Pinder v. State, 27 Fla. 370, 5 So. 837, 26 Am. St. Rep. 75; MacDaniel v. U. S., 87 F. 521, 30 C. C. A. 670; People v. Chicago Gas Trust Co., 130 Ill. 268, 22 N. E. 798, 8 L. R. A. 497, 17 Am. St. Rep. 319.

UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. At common law. The meeting together of three or more persons, to the disturbance of the public peace, and with the intention of co-operating in the forcible and violent execution of some unlawful private enterprise. If they take steps towards the performance of their purpose, it becomes a rout; and, if they put their design into actual execution, it is a riot. 4 Bl. Comm. 146. Any meeting of great numbers of people, with such circumstances of terror as cannot but endanger the public peace, and raise fears and jealousies among the subjects of the realm. 4 Steph. Comm. 254; Shields v. State, 187 Wis. 448, 204 N. W. 486, 487, 40 A. L. R. 945.

UNLAWFUL DETAINER. The unjustifiable retention of the possession of lands by one whose original entry was lawful and of right, but whose right to the possession has terminated and who refuses to quit, as in the case of a tenant holding over after the termination of the lease and in spite of a demand for possession by the landlord. McDevitt v. Lambert, 80 Ala. 536; Silva v. Campbell, 84 Cal. 420, 24 Pac. 316; Code Tenn. 1896, § 5093 (Code 1932, § 9247).

Where an entry upon lands is unlawful, whether forcible or not, and the subsequent conduct is forcible and tortious, the offense committed is a "forcible entry and detainer;" but where the original entry is lawful, and the subsequent holding forcible and tortious, the offense is an "unlawful detainer" only. Pullen v. Boney, 4 N. J. Law. 129.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY. An entry upon lands effected peaceably and without force, but which is without color of title and is accomplished by means of fraud or some other willful wrong. Dickinson v. Maguire, 9 Cal. 46; Bisco v. Haller, 9 Neb. 149, 1 N. W. 978.

UNLAWFULLY. Illegally; wrongfully. Dickinson v. New York, 92 N. Y. 584; Dawson v. Hamilton, 264 Mo. 108, 174 S. W. 425, 430; see State v. Massey, 97 N. C. 463, 2 S. E. 445. This word is frequently used in indictments in the description of the offense: it is necessary when the crime did not exist at common law, and when a statute, in describing an offense which it creates, uses the word; 1 Moad. C. C. 330; but is unnecessary whenever the crime existed at common law and is manifestly illegal; 1 Chit. Cr. L. *241.

UNLESS. "If it be not that;" "If it be not the case that;" "if not;" "supposing not;" "if it be not;" "except." West Lumber Co. v. Keen (Tex. Com. App.) 237 S. W. 236; State v. Timmerari, 96 N. J. Law. 442, 115 A. 394, 395; Ward v. Interstate Business Men's Acc. Ass'n, 185 Iowa, 674, 196 N. W. 451, 452.

"UNLESS" LEASE. An oil and gas lease which provides that lease will be rendered null and void and lessee will automatically be relieved from liability, upon failure to commence operations or to pay rent. It must be expressly stipulated in the lease that lease
shall become null and void at a certain time "unless" the lessee begins operations or pays the rental stipulated. Brunson v. Carter Oil Co. (D. C.) 259 F. 656, 663.


UNLIQUIDATED. Not ascertained in amount; not determined; remaining unassessed or unsettled; as unliquidated damages. A debt is spoken of as "unliquidated," if the amount thereof cannot be ascertained by the trial by a mere computation, based on the terms of the obligation or on some other accepted standard. Hettrick Mfg. Co. v. Barish, 199 N. Y. S. 755, 767, 120 Misc. 673.

Under the law of accord and satisfaction, a claim or debt will be regarded as unliquidated if it is in dispute as to the proper amount. Early-Foster Co. v. W. F. Klump & Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 229 S. W. 1015, 1018; Schultz v. Farmers' Elevator Co., 174 Iowa, 667, 156 N. W. 716, 719. See Damages.

UNLIVERY. A term used in maritime law to designate the unloading of cargo of a vessel at the place where it is properly to be delivered. The Two Catharines, 24 Fed. Cas. 429.

UNMARRIED. Its primary meaning is "never having been married"; but it is a word of flexible meaning and it may be construed as not having a husband or wife at the time in question. 9 H. L. Cas. 601; People v. Weinstock (Mag. Ct.) 140 N. Y. S. 453, 458; Mcrs v. Denver & R. G. R. Co., 61 Colo. 302, 157 P. 196, 197, L. R. A. 1917D, 287. A divorced woman has been held an unmarried woman; In re Giles, 85 C. C. A. 418, 158 F. 596; State v. Wallace, 79 Or. 129, 154 P. 430, L. R. A. 1916D, 467.

UNNATURAL OFFENSE. The infamous crime against nature; i. e., sodomy or buggery.

UNNATURAL WILL. An expression applied to disposition of estate or large portion thereof to strangers, to exclusion of natural objects of testator's bounty without apparent reason. In re Shay's Estate, 196 Cal. 355, 237 P. 1079, 1083.


Uno absurdo dato, infinita sequuntur. 1 Coke, 162. One absurdity being allowed, an infinity follows.

UNO ACTU. Lat. In a single act; by one and the same act.


UNPRECEDEDENTED. Unusual and extraordinary; affording no reasonable warning or expectation of recurrence. Nashville, C. & St. L. Ry. v. Yarbrough, 194 Ala. 162, 69 So. 582, 584.

UNQUES. L. Fr. Ever; always. Ne unques, never.


UNREASONABLE. Beyond the rules of reason or moderation; Immoderate or exorbitant. U. S. v. Oglesby Grocery Co. (D. C.) 264 F. 691, 695. See "Search."

UNRULY AND DANGEROUS. "Unruly and dangerous" animals, within the meaning of the law, are such as are likely to injure other domestic animals and persons. Fink v. United States Coal & Coke Co., 72 W. Va. 507, 78 S. E. 702, 703.


UNSEATED LAND. See Land.


Also, within the meaning of the Harter Act (46 USCA §§ 190-195), unable to withstand an extraordinary peril, such as a tropical hurricane, when the master and manager knew or should have known, when the ship left her home port, that the hurricane was approaching. Texas & Gulf S. S. Co. v. Parker (C. C. A.) 283 F. 804, 805. See, also, Seaworthiness.

UNSOLEMN WAR. War denounced without a declaration; war made not upon general but special declaration; imperfect war. People v. McLeod, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 409, 37 Am. Dec. 328.

UNSOLEMN WILL. In the Civil Law

One in which an executor is not appointed. Swinh. Wills 29.

UNTHRIFT. A prodigal; a spendthrift. 1 Bl. Comm. 306.

UNTIL. Up to time of. "Until" is a word of limitation, used ordinarily to restrict that which precedes to what immediately follows it, and its office is to fix some point of time or some event upon the arrival or occurrence of which what precedes will cease to exist. State v. Kehoe, 49 Mont. 552, 144 P. 162, 164; Whitford v. Lee, 97 Conn. 554, 117 A. 554, 556; Board of Education of School Dist. No. 41 v. Morgan, 316 Ill. 143, 147 N. E. 34, 37; Irwin v. Irwin, 179 App. Div. 871, 167 N. Y. S. 76, 78.

UNTRUE. Prima facie inaccurate, but not necessarily wilfully false. 3 B. & S. 929.

Unumquodque dissolvitur eadem ligamine quo ligatur. Every obligation is dissolved by the same solemnity with which it is created. Broom, Max. 884.

Unumquodque eadem modo quo colligatur est dissolvit. —quo constituitur, destruitur. Everything is dissolved by the same means by which it is put together, —destroyed by the same means by which it is established. 2 Rolle, 39; Broom, Max. 891.

Unumquodque est id quod est principalis in ipso. Hob. 123. That which is the principal part of a thing is the thing itself.

Unumquodque principiorum est sibimetipsi fides; et perspicua vera non tant probanda. Every general principle [or maxim of law] is its own pledge or warrant; and things that are clearly true are not to be proved. Branch; Co. Litt. 11.

UNUS NULLUS RULE, THE. The rule of evidence which obtains in the civil law, that the testimony of one witness is equivalent to the testimony of none. Wharton.

UNVALUED POLICY. One in which the value of the interest at risk is not fixed in the policy but is estimated by a certain standard, and, in case of loss, is made out by proof. Peninsular & O. S. S. Co. v. Atlantic Mut. Ins. Co. (D. C.) 185 F. 172.

UNWHOLECAI FOOD. Food not fit to be eaten; food which if eaten would be injurious.

UNWORTHY. Unbecoming, discreditable, not having suitable qualities or value. Alsup v. State, 91 Tex. Cr. R. 224, 238 S. W. 667, 669.

UNWRITTEN LAW. All that portion of the law, observed and administered in the courts, which has not been enacted or promulgated in the form of a statute or ordinance, including the unenacted portions of the common law, general and particular customs having the force of law, and the rules, principles, and maxims established by judicial precedents or the successive like decisions of the courts. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1899; B. & C. Comp. Or. 1901, § 736 (Code 1930, § 9-069).

A popular expression to designate a supposed rule of law that a man who takes the life of his wife's paramour or daughter's seducer is not guilty of a criminal offence. Almerigi v. State, 17 Okl. Cr. 458, 188 P. 1091, 1096. A trial judge is said to have expressed to a jury his approval of a verdict based upon such a theory; see 43 Canada L. J. 794; it is said to have received recognition in California; see 19 Green Bag 724, an article from the London L. J.; see also 12 Law Notes 224. The rule was much urged upon a jury in the common pleas of Philadelphia: Biddle, J., said to counsel: "In this court the 'unwritten law' is not worth the paper it isn't written on."


ULIFTED HAND. The hand raised towards the heavens, in one of the forms of taking an oath, instead of being laid upon the Gospels.

UPPER BENCH. The court of king's bench, in England, was so called during the interval between 1649 and 1660, the period of the commonwealth, Rolle being then chief Justice. See 3 Bl. Comm. 202.

UPSET PRICE. The price at which any subject, as lands or goods, is exposed to sale by auction, below which it is not to be sold. In a final decree in foreclosure, the decree should name an upset price large enough to cover costs and all allowances made by the court, receiver's certificates and interest, lien prior to the bonds, amounts diverted from the earnings, and all undetermined claims which will be settled before the confirmation and sale; Blair v. St. Louis, H. & K. R. Co. (C. C.) 25 F. 232.
UP SUN. In Scotch law. Between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Pointing must be executed with up sun. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 32.

URBAN HOMESTEAD. See Homestead.

URBAN SERVITUDE. City servitudes, or servitudes of houses, are called "urban." They are the easements appertaining to the building and construction of houses; as, for instance, the right to light and air, or the right to build a house so as to throw the rain-water on a neighbor's house. Mozeley & Whitely; Civ. Code La. § 711.

URBS. Lat. In Roman law. A city, or a walled town. Sometimes it is put for civitas, and denotes the inhabitants, or both the city and its inhabitants; i.e., the municipality or commonwealth. By way of special pre-eminence, urbs meant the city of Rome. Ainsworth.

URE. L. Fr. Effect; practice. Mis en ure, put in practice; carried into effect. Kelham.


This word, as used in English law, differs from "custom" and "prescription." In that no man may claim a rent common or other inheritance by usage, though he may by prescription. Moreover, a usage is local in all cases, and must be proved; whereas, a custom is frequently general, and as such is noticed without proof. "Usage," in French law, is the "usage" of Roman law, and corresponds very nearly to the tenancy at will or on sufferance of English law. Brown.

"Usage," in its most extensive meaning, includes both custom and prescription; but, in its narrower signification, the term refers to a general habit, mode, or course of procedure. A usage differs from a custom, in that it does not require that the usage should be immemorial to establish it; but the usage must be known, certain, uniform, reasonable, and not contrary to law. Lowry v. Read, 3 Brewst. (Pa.) 452.

"Usage" is also called a "custom," though the latter word has also another signification; it is a long and uniform practice, applied to habits, modes, and courses of dealing. It relates to modes of action, and does not comprehend the mere adoption of certain peculiar doctrines or rules of law. Dickinson v. Gay, 7 Allen (Mass.) 92, 92 Am. Dec. 655.

General Usage
One which prevails generally throughout the country, or is followed generally by a given profession or trade, and is not local in its nature or observance.

Usage of Trade

USANCE. In mercantile law. The common period fixed by the usage or custom or habit of dealing between the country where a bill is drawn, and that where it is payable, for the payment of bills of exchange. It means, in some countries, a month, in others two or more months, and in others half a month. Story, Bills, §§ 50, 144, 332.


USE, n. A confidence reposed in another, who was made tenant of the land, or terre-tenant, that he would dispose of the land according to the intention of the cestui que use, or him to whose use it was granted, and suffer him to take the profits. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

A right in one person, called the "cestui que use," to take the profits of land of which another has the legal title and possession, together with the duty of defending the same, and of making estates thereof according to the direction of the cestui que use. Bouvier.

Uses and trusts are not so much different things as different aspects of the same subject. A use regards principally the beneficial interest; a trust regards principally the nominal ownership. The usage of the two terms is, however, widely different. The word "use" is employed to denote either an estate vested since the statute of uses, and by force of that statute, or to denote such an estate created before that statute as, had it been created since, would have become a legal estate by force of the statute. The word "trust" is employed since that statute to denote the relation between the party invested with the legal estate (whether by force of that statute or independently of it) and the party beneficially entitled, who has hitherto been said to have the equitable estate. Mozeley & Whitely.

In Conveyancing
"Use" literally means "benefit;" thus, in an ordinary assignment of chattels, the assignor transfers the property to the assignee for his "absolute use and benefit." In the expressions "separate use," "superstitious use," and "charitable use," "use" has the same meaning. Sweet.

In the Civil Law
A right of receiving so much of the natural profits of a thing as is necessary to daily
sustenance. It differs from "usufruct," which is a right not only to use, but to enjoy. 1 Browne, Civil & Adm. Law, 184.

Use is the right given to any one to make a gratuitous use of a thing belonging to another, or to exact such a portion of the fruit it produces as is necessary for his personal wants and those of his family. Civ. Code La. art. 620.

In a Non-technical Sense

The "use" of a thing means that one is to enjoy, hold, occupy, or have some manner of benefit thereof. Mace v. Hollenbeck (Mo. Sup.) 175 S. W. 876, 877; Bryson v. Hicks, 75 Ind. App. 111, 134 N. E. 874, 875. Use also means usefulness, utility, advantage, productive of benefit. Williams v. City of Norman, 85 Okl. 230, 205 P. 144, 145; National Surety Co. v. Jacquet, 95 W. Va. 452, 121 S. E. 291, 295, 36 A. L. R. 1171.

In General

―Costui que use. A person for whose use and benefit lands or tenements are held by another. The latter, before the statute of uses, was called the "feoffee to use," and held the nominal or legal title.

―Charitable use. See Charitable.

―Contingent use. A use limited to take effect upon the happening of some future contingent event; as where lands are conveyed to the use of A. and B., after a marriage shall be had between them. 2 Bl. Comm. 334; Haywood v. Shreve, 44 N. J. Law, 94; Jemison v. Blowers, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 692.

―Executed use. The first use in a conveyance upon which the statute of uses operates by bringing the possession to it, the combination of which, i.e., the use and the possession, form the legal estate, and thus the statute is said to execute the use. Wharton.

―Executory uses. These are springing uses, which confer a legal title answering to an executory devise; as when a limitation to the use of A. in fee is defeasible by a limitation to the use of B., to arise at a future period, or on a given event.

―Feoffee to uses. A person to whom (before the statute of uses) land was conveyed "for the use" of a third person. He held the nominal or legal title, while the third person, called the "costui que use," was entitled to the beneficial enjoyment of the estate.

―Official use. An active use before the statute of uses, which imposed some duty on the legal owner or feoffee to uses, as a conveyance to A. with directions for him to sell the estate and distribute the proceeds among B., C., and D. To enable A. to perform this duty, he had the legal possession of the estate to be sold. Wharton.

―Passive use. A permissive use. (q. e.)

―Permissive use. A passive use which was resorted to before the statute of uses, in order to avoid a harsh law; as that of mortmain or a feudal forfeiture. It was a mere invention in order to evade the law by secrecy; as a conveyance to A. to the use of B. A. simply held the possession, and B. enjoyed the profits of the estate. Wharton.

―Resulting use. A use raised by equity for the benefit of a feoffor who has made a voluntary conveyance to uses without any declaration of the use. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 100. A resulting use arises where the legal selsin is transferred, and no use is expressly declared, nor any consideration or evidence of intent to direct the use. The use then remains in the original grantor, for it cannot be supposed that the estate was intended to be given away, and the statute immediately transfers the legal estate to such resulting use. Wharton.

―Secondary use. A use limited to take effect in derogation of a preceding estate, otherwise called a "shifting use," as a conveyance to the use of A. and his heirs, with a proviso that, when B. returns from India, then to the use of C. and his heirs. 1 Steph. Comm. 546.

―Shifting use. A use which is so limited that it will be made to shift or transfer itself, from one beneficiary to another, upon the occurrence of a certain event after its creation. For example, an estate is limited to the use of A. and his heirs, provided that, upon the return of B. from Rome, it shall be to the use of C. and his heirs; this is a shifting use, which transfers itself to C. when the event happens. 1 Steph. Comm. 503; 2 Bl. Comm. 335. These shifting uses are common in all settlements; and, in marriage settlements, the first use is always to the owner in fee till the marriage, and then to other uses. The fee remains with the owner until the marriage, and then it shifts as uses arise. 4 Kent, Comm. 287.

―Springing use. A use limited to arise on a future event where no preceding use is limited, and which does not take effect in derogation of any other interest than that which results to the grantor, or remains in him in the mean time. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 281; Smith v. Brisson, 90 N. C. 288.

―Statute of uses. An English statute enacted in 1536, (27 Hen. VIII, c. 10,) directed against the practice of creating uses in lands, and which converted the purely equitable title of persons entitled to a use into a legal title or absolute ownership with right of possession. The statute is said to "execute the use," that is, it abolishes the intervening estate of the feoffee to uses, and makes the beneficial interest of the costui que use an absolute legal title. See Ohio & Colorado
Smelting & Refining Co. v. Barr, 58 Colo. 116, 144 P. 552, 554.

—Superstitious uses. See that title.

—Use and occupation. This is the name of an action, being a variety of assumpsit, to be maintained by a landlord against one who has had the occupation and enjoyment of an estate, under a contract to pay therefor, express or implied, but not under such a lease as would support an action specifically for rent. Thackray v. Ritz, 223 N. Y. S. 668, 669, 130 Misc. 403.

—Use plaintiff. One for whose use (benefit) an action is brought in the name of another. Thus, where the assignee of a chose in action is not allowed to sue in his own name, the action would be entitled “A. B. (the assignor) for the Use of C. D. (the assignee) against E. F.” In this case, C. D. is called the “use plaintiff.”

USEE. A person for whose use a suit is brought; otherwise termed the “use plaintiff.”

USEFUL. The term “useful,” as used in the patent law, when applied to a machine, means that the machine will accomplish its purpose practically when applied in industry. Besser v. Merrilat Culvert Core Co. (C. C. A.) 243 F. 611.

By “useful” is meant such an invention as may be applied to some beneficial use in society, in contradistinction to an invention which is injurious to the morals, the health, or the good order of society. Bedford v. Hunt, 1 Mason, 302, Fed. Cas. No. 1,217.

USEFULNESS. Capabilities for use. The word pertains to the future as well as to the past. Chesapeake, O. & S. W. R. Co. v. Dyer Co., 87 Tenn. 712, 11 S. W. 943.

USER. The actual exercise or enjoyment of any right or property. It is particularly used of franchises.

Adverse User

Such a use of the property under claim of right as the owner himself would make, asking no permission, and disregarding all other claims to it, so far as they conflict with this use. Blanchard v. Moulton, 63 Me. 434; Murray v. Scribner, 74 Wis. 692, 43 N. W. 549; Ward v. Warren, 82 N. Y. 265; Outhwaite v. Foote, 240 Mich. 327, 215 N. W. 331, 332; Thorworth v. Scheets, 269 Ill. 573, 110 N. E. 42, 45; Cummins v. Dumas, 147 Miss. 215, 113 So. 322, 334.

USER DE ACTION. L. Fr. In old practice. The pursuing or bringing an action. Cowell.

USHER. This word is said to be derived from “huisser,” and is the name of a subordinate officer in some English courts of law. Archb. Pr. 25.

USHER OF THE BLACK ROD. The gentleman usher of the black rod is an officer of the house of lords appointed by letters patent from the crown. His duties are, by himself or deputy, to desire the attendance of the commons in the house of peers when the royal assent is given to bills, either by the king in person or by commission, to execute orders for the commitment of persons guilty of breach of privilege, and also to assist in the introduction of peers when they take the oaths and their seats. Brown.

USO. In Spanish law. Usage; that which arises from certain things which men say and do and practice uninterruptedly for a great length of time, without any hindrance whatever. Las Partidas, pt. 1, tit. 2, l. 1.

USQUE. Lat. Up to; until. This is a word of exclusion, and a release of all demands usque ad a certain day does not cover a bond made on that day. 2 Mod. 28.


USQUE AD FILUM AQUE, OR VIÆ. Up to the middle of the stream or road.

USUAL. Habitual; ordinary; customary; according to usage or custom; commonly established, observed, or practised. Such as is in common use or occurs in ordinary practice or course of events. See Chicago & A. R. Co. v. Hause, 71 Ill. App. 147; Kellogg v. Curtis, 69 Me. 234, 31 Am. Rep. 278; Tescher v. Merean, 118 Ind. 586, 21 N. E. 310; Trust Co. v. Norris, 61 Minn. 256, 63 N. W. 634; Commonwealth v. Weber, 105 A. 348, 349, 259 Pa. 592; Ollmen’s Reciprocal Ass’n v. Gilleland (Tex. Com. App.) 291 S. W. 197, 199; Roberts Coal Co. v. Corder Coal Co., 143 Va. 133, 129 S. E. 341, 344.

USUAL COVENANTS. See Covenant.

USUAL TERMS. A phrase in the common-law practice, which meant pleading issuable, rejoining gratis, and taking short notice of trial. When a defendant obtained further time to plead, these were the terms usually imposed. Wharton.

USUARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. One who had the mere use of a thing belonging to another for the purpose of supplying his daily wants; a usuary. Dig. 7, 8, 10, pr.; Calvin.

USUCAPIO, or USUCAPTIO. A term of Roman law used to denote a mode of acquisition of property. It corresponds very nearly to the term “prescription.” But the prescription of Roman law differed from that of the English law, in this: that no nulla fide pos-
sessor (i. e., person in possession knowingly of the property of another) could, by however long a period, acquire title by possession merely. The two essential requisites to usufructio were justa causa (i. e., title) and bona fides, (i. e., ignorance.) The term "usufructio" is sometimes, but erroneously, written "usufruction." Brown. See Pavey v. Vance, 56 Ohio St. 102, 46 N. E. 898.

Usufructio constituta est ut aliquis litter m finit esse. Prescription was instituted that there might be some end to litigation. Dig. 41, 10, 5; Broom, Max. 894, note.

USUFRUCT. In the civil law. The right of enjoying a thing, the property of which is vested in another, and to draw from the same all the profit, utility, and advantage which it may produce, provided it be without altering the substance of the thing. Cliv. Code La. art. 533. And see Muford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 162; Cartwright v. Cartwright, 18 Tex. 628; Strausse v. Sheriff, 43 La. Ann. 501, 9 So. 102.

Imperfect Usufruct
An imperfect or quasi usufruct is that which is of things which would be useless to the usufructuary if he did not consume or expend them or change the substance of them; as, money, grain, liquor. Cliv. Code La. art. 534.

Perfect Usufruct
An usufruct in those things which the usufructuary can enjoy without changing their substance, though their substance may be diminished or deteriorate naturally by time or by the use to which they are applied, as, a house, a piece of land, furniture, and other movable effects. Cliv. Code La. art. 534.

Quasi Usufruct
In the civil law. Originally the usufruct gave no right to the substance of the thing, and consequently none to its consumption; hence only an inconsumable thing could be the object of it, whether movable or immovable. But in later times the right of usufruct was, by analogy, extended to consumable things, and therewith arose the distinction between true and quasi usufructs. See Macleoid, Rom. Law, § 307; Cliv. Code La. art. 534.

Usufructuary. In the civil law. One who has the usufruct or right of enjoying anything in which he has no property, Cartwright v. Cartwright, 18 Tex. 628.

Usufruit. In French law. The same as the usufruct of the English and Roman law.

Usura. Lat. In the civil law. Money given for the use of money; interest. Commonly used in the plural, "usura." Dig. 22, 1.

Usura est commodo detum certum quod propter usum rei mutata recipitur. Sed secundario spirans de aliqua retributione, ad voluntatem ejus qui

Mutus est, hoc non est vitium. Usury is a certain benefit which is received for the use of a thing lent. But to have an understanding [literally, to breathe or whisper] in an incidental way, about some compensation to be made at the pleasure of the borrower, is not lawful. Branch, Princ.; 5 Coke, 70b; Glan. lib. 7, c. 16.

Usura Manifesta. Manifest or open usury; as distinguished from usura valuta, veiled or concealed usury, which consists in giving a bond for the loan, in the amount of which is included the stipulated interest.

Usura Maritima. Interest taken on bottomry or respondentia bonds, which is proportioned to the risk, and is not affected by the usury laws.


Usuriovs. Pertaining to usury; partaking of the nature of usury; involving usury; tainted with usury; as, a usurious contract.

Usurpatio. Lat. In the civil law. The interruption of a usufructio, by some act on the part of the real owner. Calvin.

Usurpation. Torts
The unlawful assumption of the use of property which belongs to another; an interruption or the disturbing a man in his right and possession. Tomlins.

In Public Law
The unlawful seizure or assumption of sovereign power; the assumption of government or supreme power by force or illegally, in derogation of the constitution and of the rights of the lawful ruler.

Usurpation of Advowson. An injury which consists in the absolute ouster or dispossession of the patron from the advowson or right of presentation, and which happens when a stranger who has no right presents a clerk, and the latter is thereupon admitted and instituted. Brown.

Usurpation of Franchise or Office. The unjustly intruding upon or exercising any office, franchise, or liberty belonging to another.

Usurped Power. In insurance. An invasion from abroad, or an internal rebellion, where armed are drawn up against each other, when the laws are silent, and when the firing of towns becomes unavoidable. These words cannot mean the power of a common mob. 2 Marsh. Ins. 791.

Usurper. One who assumes the right of government by force, contrary to and in violation of the constitution of the country. Toul, Droit. Civ. n. 32.
One who intrudes himself into an office which is vacant, and ousted the incumbent without any color of title whatever; his acts are void in every respect; McCraw v. Williams, 33 Grat. (Va.) 513; Hooper v. Goodwin, 48 Me. 50.

**USURY.**

**In Old English Law**


**In Modern Law**

Unlawful interest; a premium or compensation paid or stipulated to be paid for the use of money borrowed or returned, beyond the rate of interest established by law. Carter v. Hook, 116 Va. 812, 83 S. E. 386, 389. An unconscionable or exorbitant rate or amount of interest. Grossman v. Calonial Land & Improvement Co., 103 N. J. Law, 93, 154 A. 740, 742.

A profit greater than the lawful rate of interest. Intentionally exacted as a bonus, for the forbearance of an existing indebtedness or a loan of money, imposed upon the necessities of the borrower in a transaction where the money is to be returned at all events. Monk v. Goldstein, 172 N. C. 516, 99 S. E. 619, 526.

"Usury" can attach only to a loan of money or to the forbearance of a debt. Commercial Credit Co. v. Tarwater, 225 Ala. 123, 110 So. 36, 40, 48 A. L. R. 167.

An unlawful contract upon the loan of money, to receive the same again with exorbitant increase. 4 Bl. Comm. 156.


Usury is odious in law.

**USUS.** Lat. In Roman law. A precarious enjoyment of land, corresponding with the right of *habitation* of houses, and being closely analogous to the tenancy at sufferance or at will of English law. The *usuarius* (i.e., tenant by usus) could only hold on so long as the owner found him convenient, and had to go so soon as ever he was in the owner's way, (molestus.) The usuarius could not have a friend to share the produce. It was scarcely permitted to him (Justinian says) to have even his wife with him on the land; and he could not let or sell, the right being strictly personal to himself. Brown.

**USUS BELLCII.** Lat. In international law. Warlike uses or objects. It is the usus bellici which determine an article to be contraband. 1 Kent, Comm. 141.

Usus est dominium fiduciarium. Bac. St. Uses. Use is a fiduciary dominion.

Usus et status sive possessio potius differunt secundum rationem fori, quam secundum rationem rei. Bac. St. Uses. Use and estate, or possession, differ more in the rule of the court than in the rule of the matter.

**USUS FRUCTUS.** Lat. In Roman law. Usufruct; usufructuary right or possession. The temporary right of using a thing, without having the ultimate property, or full dominion, of the substance. 2 Bl. Comm. 327.

**UT CURRERE SOLEBAT.** Lat. As it was wont to run; applied to a water-course.

**UT DE FEOO.** L. Lat. As of fee.

**UT HOSPITAE.** Lat. As guests. 1 Salk. 25, pl. 10.

Ut possa ad paucos, metus ad omnem perveniat. That the punishment may reach a few, but the fear of it affect all. A maxim in criminal law, expressive of one of the principal objects of human punishment. 4 Inst. 6; 4 Bl. Comm. 11.


Ut summa potestatis regis est posse quantum velit, sic magnitudinis est velle quantum possit. 3 Inst. 236. As the highest power of a king is to be able to do all he wishes, so the highest greatness of him is to wish all he is able to do.

**UTAS.** In old English practice. Octave; the octave; the eighth day following any term or feast. Cowell.

**UTENSIL.** A much broader term than "tool," though it may be applicable to many implements designated tools in common parlance. Murphy v. Continental Ins. Co., 178 Iowa, 375, 157 N. W. 855, 857; L. R. A. 1917B, 934.

**UTERINE.** Born of the same mother. A uterine brother or sister is one born of the same mother, but by a different father.

**UTERO-GESTATION.** Pregnancy.
UTERQUE. Lat. Both; each. "The justices, being in doubt as to the meaning of this word in an indictment, demanded the opinions of grammarians, who delivered their opinions that this word doth aptly signify one of them." 1 Leon. 241.

UTFANGTHEF, or UTFANGENETHEF. In Saxon and old English law. The privilege of a lord of a manor to judge and punish a thief dwelling out of his liberty, and committing theft without the same, if he were caught within the lord’s jurisdiction. Cowell.

The right of the lord of a manor to hang a thief caught with the stolen goods, whether or not the capture was made on the manor. 1 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 11. See Infangenthef.

UTI. Lat. In the civil law. To use. Strictly, to use for necessary purposes; as distinguished from "frut," to enjoy. Heinecc. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 4, § 415.

UTI FRUI. Lat. In the civil law. To have the full use and enjoyment of a thing, without damage to its substance. Calvin.

UTI POSSIDETIS. Lat.

In the Civil Law

A species of interdict for the purpose of retaining possession of a thing, granted to one who, at the time of contesting suit, was in possession of an immovable thing, in order that he might be declared the legal possessor. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 6, no. 8. See Utrubi.

In International Law

A phrase used to signify that the parties to a treaty are to retain possession of what they have acquired by force during the war. Wheat. Int. Law, 827.

A treaty which terminates a war may adopt this principle or that of the status quo ante bellum, or a combination of the two. In default of any treaty stipulation, the former doctrine prevails. Guillermo Alvarez y Sanches v. U. S., 42 Ct. Cl. 458.

UTI ROGAS. Lat. In Roman law. The form of words by which a vote in favor of a proposed law was orally expressed. Ut i rogas, volo vel jubeo, as you ask, I will or order; I vote as you propose; I am for the law. The letters "U. R." on a ballot expressed the same sentiment. Adams, Rom. Ant. 98, 100.

Utile per inutille non vitatur. The useful is not vitiated by the useless. Surplusage does not spoil the remaining part if that is good in itself. Dyer, 392; Broom, Max. 627; 2 Wheat. 221, 4 L. Ed. 224; 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 298; 6 Mass. 905; 12 Mass. 438.


UTILIS. Lat. In the civil law. Useful; benefical; equitable; available. Actio utilis, an equitable action. Calvin. Dies utilis, an available day.

UTILITY. In patent law. The absence of frivolity and mischievousness, and utility for some beneficial purpose. Rob. Pat. § 339. But there is no utility if the invention can be used only to commit a fraud with; Klein v. Russell, 19 Wall. 433, 22 L. Ed. 116; or for some immoral purpose; Lowell v. Lewis, 1 Mason, 182, Fed. Cas. No. 8,588; or can be used only for gambling purposes in saloons; Schultz v. Holtz (C. C.) 82 Fed. 448; or if the invention is dangerous in its use; Mitchell v. Tilghman, 19 Wall. 287, 22 L. Ed. 125.

The "utility" which an infringing defendant is estopped to deny means sufficient practical utility to make a device useful in the sense of the patent statute. The estoppel does not forbid him to deny that there is any useful function, or new result serving to give inventive character to the slight step which a patentee has taken in differentiation from prior art. Sandy MacGregor Co. v. Vaco Grip Co. (C. C. A.) 2 F. (2d) 655, 656.

UTLAGATUS, or UTLAGATUM. In old English law. An outlawed person; an outlaw.

Utlagatus est quasi extra legem positus. Caput gerit lupinum. 7 Coke, 14. An outlaw is, as it were, put out of the protection of the law. He bears the head of a wolf.

Utlagatus pro contumacia et fuga, non propter hoc convictus est de facto principali. Fleet. One who is outlawed for contumacy and flight is not on that account convicted of the principal fact.


UTLESSE. An escape of a felon out of prison.


It is the duty of a common carrier to use the utmost care, skill, and diligence to transport its passengers, which means the care, skill, and diligence that a cautious man in similar employment would use. Link v. Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. (Mo. App.) 233 S. W. 884, 837.

UTMOST RESISTANCE. This term, under the rule that to constitute rape there must be utmost resistance by the woman, is a relative rather than a positive term. What would be "utmost resistance" on the part of a weak and nervous person, with a temperament easily frightened, might be the veriest sham on the part of a robust person in good health, whose nerves and courage are normal. McLain v. State, 150 Wis. 204, 149 N. W. 771, 772.

UTRUBI. In the Civil Law

The name of a species of interdict for retaining a thing, granted for the purpose of
protecting the possession of a movable thing, as the \textit{uti possidetis} was granted for an immovable. Inst. 4, 15, 4; Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 200.

\textbf{In Scotch Law}

An interdict as to movables, by which the colorable possession of a \textit{bona fide} holder is continued until the final settlement of a contested right; corresponding to \textit{uti possidetis} as to heritable property. Bell.

\textbf{UTRUMQUE NOSTRUM.} Both of us. Words used formerly in bonds.

\textbf{UTTER, v.} To put or send (as a forged check) into circulation; Smith v. Commonwealth, 151 Ky. 517, 512 S. W. 574, 575; to publish or put forth; Barron v. State, 12 Ga. App. 342, 77 S. E. 214, 215; Valley Dry Goods Co. v. Buford, 114 Miss. 414, 75 So. 252, 254; to offer; Bish. Cr. L. § 607. To utter and publish an instrument, as a counterfeit note, is to declare or assert, directly or indirectly, by words or actions, that it is good; uttering it is a declaration that it is good, with an intention or offer to pass it. Whart. Crim. Law, § 703; People v. Bradford, 84 Cal. App. 707, 258 P. 660, 662; Com. v. Searle, 2 Blinn. (Pa.) 338; Am. Dec. 446.

To utter, as used in a statute against forgery and counterfeiting, means to offer, whether accepted or not, a forged instrument, with the representation, by words or actions, that the same is genuine. See State v. Horner, 48 Mo. 522; People v. Rathbun, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 521; Lindsey v. State, 38 Ohio St. 511; State v. Calkins, 73 Iowa, 128, 24 N. W. 777; People v. Caton, 25 Mich. 392; Commonwealth v. Penwick, 177 Ky. 685, 228 S. W. 32, 34, L. R. A. 1921B, 119; 2 Bish. Cr. L. § 606.

"Utttering" or "publishing" a check consists in presenting it for payment, and the act is then done although no money may be obtained. State v. Hohn, 106 Kan. 251, 194 P. 921, 924.

\textbf{UTTER, adj.} Entire; complete; absolute; total. In a statute making utter desertion for three years a ground for divorce, it suggests an abnegation of all the duties and obligations resulting from the marriage con-

\textbf{TRACT.} Moody v. Moody, 118 Me. 454, 108 A. 849.

\textbf{UTTER BAR.} In English law. The bar at which those barristers, usually junior men, practice who have not yet been raised to the dignity of king's counsel. These junior barristers are said to plead without the bar; while those of the higher rank are admitted to seats within the bar, and address the court or a jury from a place reserved for them, and divided off by a bar. Brown. Also called "outer bar."

\textbf{UTTER BARRISTER.} In English law. Those barristers who plead without the bar, and are distinguished from benchers, or those who have been readers, and who are allowed to plead within the bar, as the king's counsel are. Cowell. See Outer Bar.

\textbf{UXOR.} Lat. In the civil law. A wife; a woman lawfully married.

\textbf{Et Uxor}

And his wife. A term used in indexing, abstracting, and describing conveyances made by a man and his wife as grantors, or to a man and his wife as grantees. Often abbreviated "et ux." Thus, "John Doe et ux. to Richard Roe."

\textbf{Jure Uxoris}

In right of his wife. A term used of a husband who joins in a deed, is seized of an estate, brings a suit, etc., in the right or on the behalf of his wife. 3 Bl. Comm. 210.

\textbf{Uxor et filius sunt nomina nature.} Wife and son are names of nature. 4 Bac. Works, 350.

\textbf{Uxor non est sui juris, sed sub potestate viri.} A wife is not her own mistress, but is under the power of her husband. 3 Inst. 108.

\textbf{Uxor sequitur domicilium viri.} A wife follows the domicile of her husband. Tray. Lat. Max. 608.

\textbf{UXORICIDE.} The killing of a wife by her husband; one who murders his wife. Not a technical term of the law.
V. As an abbreviation, this letter may stand for "Victoria," "volume," or "verb;" also "vide" (see) and "etce (word).

It is also a common abbreviation of "versus," in the titles of causes, and reported cases.

V. C. An abbreviation for "vice-chancellor.

V. C. C. An abbreviation for "vice-chancellor's court.

V. E. An abbreviation for "condizioni esponea." (q. v.)

V. G. An abbreviation for "verbi gratia," for the sake of example.

VACANCY. A place which is empty. An unoccupied or unfilled post, position, or office. Wallace v. Payne, 197 Cal. 539, 241 P. 879, 888. An existing office, etc., without an incumbent. State v. Board of Election Comrs of City of Tipton, 136 Ind. 472, 149 N. E. 69, 71. The state of being destitute of an incumbent, or a proper or legally qualified officer. Ashcroft v. Goodman, 159 Tenn. 623, 292 S. W. 923. The term is principally applied to an interruption in the incumbency of an office, or to cases where the office is not occupied by one who has a legal right to hold it and to exercise the rights and perform the duties pertaining thereto. Frank v. Davis, 144 Va. 539, 131 S. E. 784, 785; Clark v. Wonnacott, 30 Idaho, 98, 162 P. 1074, 1075.

The term applies not only to an interregnum in an existing office, but it applies also to any act or thing which would establish the condition of an office when it is first created, and has been filled by no incumbent. Walsh v. Comm., 83 Pa. 426, 33 Am. Rep. 771. And see Collins v. State, 8 Ind. 350; People v. Opel, 188 Ill. 194, 58 N. E. 996; Gormley v. Taylor, 44 Ga. 75. See also, however, Delehanty v. Britt, 46 App. Div. 736, 140 N. Y. S. 97, 98.

The word "vacancy," when applied to official positions, means, in its ordinary and popular sense, that an office is unoccupied, and that there is no incumbent who has a lawful right to continue therein until the happening of a future event, though the word is sometimes used with reference to an office temporarily filled. Putrell v. Oldham, 107 Ark. 386, 155 S. W. 502, 504, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 571; State v. Caudill, 3 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 344, 138 A. 304, 307.

The word "vacancy," in its literal and precise sense, means a place that is empty or unoccupied, but, as applied to the expiration of a term of office, it is ordinarily given a more liberal, figurative meaning conforming to the intention of the lawmaker and the purpose to be accomplished. According to the latter meaning, the expiration of the term of office creates a vacancy, though the incumbent is willing to continue performing the duties of the office. State v. Young, 157 La. 395, 98 So. 241, 247; People v. Brundage, 236 Ill. 179, 129 N. E. 560, 562.


As used in fire insurance policies, which commonly provide that the policies shall be void if the premises become vacant or unoccupied, the terms "vacant" and "unoccupied" are not synonymous. "Vacant" may be construed to mean empty of all furniture and household articles, while "unoccupied" means not used as a dwelling by human beings. Russell v. Granite State Fire Ins. Co., 121 Me. 246, 116 A. 554, 555; Parmeter v. Williamsburg City Fire Ins. Co., 48 N. D. 530, 185 N. W. 310, 311; Herrman v. Ins. Co., 81 N. Y. 184, 37 Am. Rep. 483. Yet a dwelling house may be vacant although it may be far from being empty of everything but air. Robinson v. Mennonite Mut. Fire Ins. Co., 91 Kan. 860, 139 P. 420, 422.


As to vacant "Possession" and "Succession," see those titles.

VACANTIA BONA. Lat. In the civil law. Goods without an owner, or in which no one claims a property; escheated goods. Inst. 2, 6, 4; 1 Bl. Comm. 238.

VACATE. To annul; to set aside; to cancel or rescind; to render an act void; as, to vacate an entry of record, or a judgment. With reference to the effect of an appeal on a judgment or decree, it is not synonymous with "suspend." Stewart v. O'Neal (C. C. A.) 237 F. 897, 903.

To put an end to; as, to vacate a street. McClure v. Clarke County, 167 Iowa, 14, 148 N. W. 1015, 1017.

To move out; to make vacant or empty; to leave; especially, to surrender possession by removal; to cease from occupancy. Ruble v. Ruble (Tex. Civ. App.) 264 S. W. 1015, 1020; Polich v. Severson, 68 Mont. 223, 216 P. 786, 787.

VACATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Exemption; immunity; privilege; dispensation; exemption from the burden of office. Calvin.

VACATION. The act or result of vacating. An intermission of procedure; a stated interval in the round of the duties of one's em-


In a statute providing that issues of law may be tried by the circuit court in vacation, the word “vacation” includes any period during which court might legally have been held, which period elapses between one day’s session of court and another day’s session, even though both be days of the same term. State v. Denis, 49 S. D. 219, 167 N. W. 151, 152.

In Ecclesiastical Law

Vacation signifies that a church or benefice is vacant; e. g., on the death or resignation of the incumbent, until his successor is appointed. 2 Inst. 359.; Philiun. Ecc. Law, 495.

VACATION BARRISTER. See Barrister.

VACATUR. Lat. Let it be vacated. In practice, a rule or order by which a proceeding is vacated; a vacating.

VACATURA. An avoidance of an ecclesiastical benefice. Cowell.

VACCARIA. In old English law. A dairyhouse. Co. Litt. 56.


VACUUM. Practically synonymous with suction, although suction may be the result of vacuum. Pennsylvania Rubber Co. v. Dreadnaught Tire & Rubber Co. (D. C.) 225 F. 138, 141.

VACUIS. Lat. In the civil law. Empty; void; vacant; unoccupied. Calvin.

VADES. Lat. In the civil law. Pledges; sureties; bail; security for the appearance of a defendant or accused person in court. Calvin.

VADIARE DUELLUM. L. Lat. In old English law. To wage or gage the duelium; to wage battle; to give pledges mutually for engaging in the trial by combat.


VADIUM. Lat. A pledge; security by pledge of property. Cogg v. Bernard, 2 Id. Raym. 918.

VADIUM MORTUUM. A mortgage or dead pledge; a security given by the borrower of a sum of money, by which he grants to the lender an estate in fee, on condition that, if the money be not repaid at the time appointed, the estate so put in pledge shall continue to the lender as dead or gone from the mortgagor. 2 Bl. Comm. 157.

VADIUM PONERE. To take bail for the appearance of a person in a court of justice. Tomlins.

VADIUM VIVUM. A species of security by which the borrower of a sum of money made over his estate to the lender until he had received that sum out of the issues and profits of the land. It was so called because neither the money nor the lands were lost, and were not left in dead pledge, but this was a living pledge, for the profits of the land were constantly paying off the debt. Litt. § 206; 1 Pow. Mortg. 3; Termes de la Ley; Spect v. Spect, 88 Cal. 437, 26 P. 203, 15 L. R. A. 157, 22 Am. St. Rep. 314; O'Neill v. Gray, 59 Hun (N. Y.) 596; Kortright v. Cady, 21 N. Y. 344, 75 Am. Dec. 145.

VADLET. In old English law. The king’s eldest son; hence the valet or knave follows the king and queen in a pack of cards. Bar. Obs. St. 344.

VADUM. In old records, a ford, or wading place. Cowell.

VAGABOND. One that wanders about, and has no certain dwelling; an idle fellow. Jacob. Not synonymous with vagrant. Johnson v. State, 28 Tex. App. 562, 13 S. W. 1005. See Vagrant. Under an Illinois statute, an idle and dissolute person is not a "vagabond"
unless he goes about begging. People v. Klein, 292 Ill. 420, 127 N. E. 72, 75.

Vagabonds are described in old English statutes as "such as wake on the night and sleep on the day, and haunt customary taverns and ale-houses and routs about; and no man wot from whence they came, nor whither they go." 4 Bl. Comm. 169. See Forsyth v. Forsyth, 46 N. J. Eq. 408, 19 A. 115; Johnson v. State, 28 Tex. App. 362, 18 S. W. 1006.

Vagabundium nuncupamus eum qui nullibi domicilium contraxit habitatio. We call him a "vagabond" who has acquired nowhere a domicile of residence. Philbin. Dom. 23, note.

VAGRANCY. At common law, the act of going about from place to place by a person without visible means of support, who is idle, and who, though able to work for his or her maintenance, refuses to do so, but lives without labor or on the charity of others. Ex parte Hugdins, 86 W. Va. 526, 103 S. E. 327, 328, 9 A. L. R. 1361. Although obtaining a livelihood by gambling is not vagrancy or vagabondage at common law, it may be declared vagrancy and denounced as such by a statute or municipal ordinance. Town of Marksville v. Brouillette, 142 La. 516, 77 So. 790, 791. See Vagrant.

VAGRANT. A wandering, idle person; a strolling or sturdy beggar; a person who refuses to work, or goes about begging; an able-bodied married man who has neglected and refused to provide support for his family; State v. Chapman (Mo. App.) 202 S. W. 429, 440; one who strolls from place to place; one who has no settled habitation; an incorrigible rogue; a vagabond. Ex parte Oates, 91 Tex. Cr. R. 79, 238 S. W. 930, 931. A general term, including, in English law, the several classes of idle and disorderly persons, rogues, and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues. 4 Steph. Comm. 308, 309.

In American law, the term is variously defined by statute but the general meaning is that of an able-bodied person having no visible means of support and who lives idle without seeking work, or who is a professional beggar, or roams about from place to place without regular employment or fixed residence; and in some states the term also includes those who have a fixed habitation and pursue a regular calling which is condemned by the law as immoral, such as gambling or prostitution. See In re Jordan, 90 Mich. 530 N. W. 1087; In re Alderman and Justices of the Peace, 2 Pars. Eq. Cas. (Pa.) 464; Roberts v. State, 14 Mo. 145, 55 Am. Dec. 97; McLean v. State, 16 Ala. App. 196, 76 So. 480; James v. State, 37 Ga. App. 126, 138 S. E. 913, 914; Code Cr. Proc. N. Y. § 887, subd. 4, as amended by Laws 1919, c. 502. And see the statutes of the various other states, under which the term may be so defined as to apply to a clairvoyant; Stauffer v. State, 85 Tex. Cr. R. 1, 200 S. W. 748, 749; and a seller of liquors; McCrosky v. State, 17 Ala. App. 523, 87 So. 219, 220; as well as to a prostitute, a tin-horn gambler, a beggar, or a habitual drunkard; Campbell v. State, 31 Okl. Cr. 39, 237 P. 133, 134.

Under the statute (Act March 3, 1909, § 1, 35 Stat. 711 [D. C. Code 1929, T. 6, § 291]), defining vagrants as persons leading an idle or immoral life, who have no property to support them, and who are able of body to work and do not work, a woman cannot be convicted as a vagrant when she has on deposit to her credit in a bank $1,000, even though the money was the proceeds of prostitution. Rose v. District of Columbia, 51 App. D. C. 222, 227 F. 621.

VAGRANT ACT. In English law. The statute 5 Geo. IV. c. 53, which is an act for the punishment of idle and disorderly persons. 2 Chit. St. 145. The act of 17 Geo. II divided vagrants into idle and disorderly persons; rogues and vagabonds; and incorrigible rogues. Other statutes were passed as late as 32 Geo. III bearing on this subject. See Jacob's Law Dict. s. v. Vagrant.

VAGUE. Uncertain; not susceptible of being understood. 6 B. & C. 683. Vague and unsatisfactory testimony is that which is dim and shadowy and fails to relieve the mind of the trier of facts from doubt or uncertainty. Wellska's Case, 125 Me. 147, 131 A. 890, 891.


Valeat quantum valere potest. It shall have effect as far as it can have effect. Cowp. 600; 4Kent, Comm. 498; Shep. Touch. 87.

VALEC, VAELCT, or VADELET. In old English law. A young gentleman; also a servitor or gentleman of the chamber. Cowell.

VALENTIA. L. Lat. The value or price of anything.

VALESHERIA. In old English law. The proving by the kindred of the slain, one on the father's side, and another on that of the mother, that a man was a Welshman. Warton. See Engleshire.

VALET. Anciently, a name denoting young gentlemen of rank and family, but afterwards applied to those of lower degree; now used for a menial servant, more particularly occupied about the person of his employer. Cab. Lawy. 800.

VALID. Of binding force; legally sufficient or efficacious; authorized by law. Anderson, L. Dict.; Morrison v. Farmers' & Traders' State Bank, 70 Mont. 146, 225 P. 123, 125. Good 'or sufficient in point of law; efficacious; executed with the proper formalities; incapable of being rightfully overthrown or set aside; sustainable and effective in law, as distinguished from that which exists or took place in fact or appearance, but has
not the requisites to enable it to be recognized and enforced by law. Thompson v. Town of Frostproof, 80 Fla. 32, 103 So. 118; United States v. McCutchen (D. C.) 234 F. 702, 709. A deed, will, or other instrument, which has received all the formalities required by law, is said to be valid.

Merititious; as, a valid defense. Berring-
er v. Stevens, 145 Ark. 238, 225 S. W. 14, 15.

VALID REASON. These words, in a statute providing for the withdrawal of the names of petitioners for a road improvement district when valid reasons therefor are presented, mean a sound sufficient reason, such as fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, duress, etc., a reason upon which the petitioner could support or justify his change in attitude. The word “valid” necessarily possesses an element of legal strength and force, and inconsistent positions have no such effect. Echols v. Trice, 130 Ark. 97, 196 S. W. 501, 502.

VALIDATE. To test the validity of; to make valid; to confirm. Thompson v. Town of Frostproof, 89 Fla. 32, 103 So. 118.

VALIDITY. Legal sufficiency, in contradistinction to mere regularity. Home Ins. Co. of New York v. Galign, 74 Colo. 62, 218 P. 907, 908. “An official sale, an order, judgment, or decree may be regular,—the whole practice in reference to its entry may be correct—but still invalid, for reasons going behind the regularity of its forms.” Sharp-leigh v. Surdam, 1 Filp. 487, Fed. Cas. No. 12,711.

VALIDITY OF A STATUTE. This phrase, within the meaning of a constitutional provision relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, refers to the power to enact the particular statute, and not merely to its judicial construction or application. Bochner v. Yuma County, 15 Ariz. 546, 140 P. 507, 508.

VALIDITY OF A TREATY. “The term ‘validity,’ as applied to treaties, admits of two descriptions—necessary and voluntary. By the former is meant that which results from the treaties having been made by persons authorized by, and for purposes consistent with, the constitution. By voluntary validity is meant that validity which a treaty, voidable by reason of violation by the other party, still continues to retain by the silent acquiescence and will of the nation. It is voluntary, because it is at the will of the nation to let it remain or to extinguish it. The principles which govern and decide the necessary validity of a treaty are of a judicial nature, while those on which its voluntary validity depends are of a political nature.” 2 Palme 688, as paraphrased in 5 Moore, Int. L. Dig. 158.

VALIDITY OF A WILL. These words, within the meaning of a statute constituting the legal basis of a right of appeal to the orphans’ court from a decree of the register, include only questions of the genuineness of the instrument and the testamentary capacity of the testator, including his freedom from all restraint and undue influence, and not questions as to the operation of the will. In re Baum’s Estate, 260 Pa. 33, 108 A. 614, 615.

VALUABLE CONSIDERATION

VALUABLE. Of financial or market value; commanding or worth a good price; of considerable worth in any respect; estimable. Webster, Diet.

VALUABLE CONSIDERATION. A class of consideration upon which a promise may be founded, which entitles the promisee to enforce his claim against an unwilling promisor. Cockrell v. McKenna, 108 N. J. Law, 166, 134 A. 857, 886, 48 A. L. R. 234. Some legal right acquired by the promisor in consideration of his promise, or forborne by the promisee in consideration of such promise. Thomas v. Mott, 74 W. Va. 493, 82 S. E. 325, 326. A thing of value parted with, or a new obligation assumed, at the time of obtaining a thing, which is a substantial compensation for that which is obtained thereby. It is also called simply “value.” Civ. Code Dak. § 2121 (Comp. Laws N. D. 1913, § 7303; Rev. Code S. D. 1919, § 27). It may consist of some right, interest, profit, or benefit accruing to one party, or some forbearance, detriment, loss, or responsibility given, suffered, or undertaken by the other. Callahan v. Ridgeway, 138 S. C. 10, 135 S. E. 446, 469; Smith v. Maxey,
VALUABLE IMPROVEMENTS. As used in a statute relating to the specific performance of a parol contract for the purchase of real estate, improvements of such character as add permanent value to the freehold, and such as would not likely be made by one not claiming the right to the possession and enjoyment of the freehold estate. Improvements of a temporary and unsubstantial character will not amount to such part performance as, when accompanied by possession alone, will take the contract out of the operation of the statute of frauds. Farr v. West, 152 Ga. 595, 110 S. E. 724. The valuable improvements may, however, be slight and of small value, provided they are substantial and permanent in their nature, beneficial to the freehold, and such as none but an owner would ordinarily make. Vickers v. Robinson, 157 Ga. 731, 122 S. E. 405, 408.

VALUABLE THING. This phrase, as used in statutes relating to cheating and defrauding by means of false pretenses, does not embrace a mere pecuniary advantage devoid of any physical attribute possessed by money, chattels, or valuable securities. State v. Tower, 122 Kan. 115, 251 P. 461, 462, 52 A. L. R. 1160. The words include everything of value; State v. Thatcher, 35 N. J. Law, 452; as a promissory note; State v. Tomlin, 29 N. J. Law, 13; or a physician's services; State v. Ball, 114 Miss. 505, 75 So. 373, 374, L. R. A. 1917E, 1016. In statutes pertaining to the bribery or personation of a state or federal officer, the term includes a substantial favor asked by a public official in return for the official's promise to give protection in illicit traffic in intoxicating liquors; Scott v. State, 107 Ohio St. 475, 141 N. E. 19, 22; and a month's lodging obtained by personating a United States officer; U. S. v. Ballard (D. C.) 115 F. 757.

VALUATION. The act of ascertaining the worth of a thing. The estimated worth of a thing. See Lowenstein v. Schiffer, 38 App. Div. 178, 56 N. Y. S. 674; State v. Central Pac. R. Co., 7 Nev. 104; Sergeant v. Dwyer, 44 Minn. 309, 46 N. W. 444; Eldridge v. City of Bellingham, 106 Wash. 96, 179 P. 110, 112; Soniat v. Board of State Affairs, 146 La. 450, 83 So. 760, 762. In taxation, it is not the assessment, but is only its most important element. Adams v. Lamb-Fish Lumber Co., 104 Miss. 48, 61 So. 8, 7.

VALUATION LIST. In English law. A list of all the ratable hereditaments in a parish, showing the names of the occupier, the owner, the property, the extent of the property, the gross estimated rental, and the ratable value; prepared by the overseers of each parish in a union under section 14 of the union assessment committee act, 1802, (St. 25 & 26 Vlet. c. 163,) for the purposes of the poor rate. Wharton.

VALUE. The utility of an object in satisfying, directly or indirectly, the needs or desires of human beings, called by economists "value in use;" or its worth consisting in the power of purchasing other objects, called "value in exchange." Also the estimated or appraised worth of any object of property, calculated in money.

value thereof, is the true, inherent, and essential value, not depending upon accident, place, or person, but the same everywhere and to every one, and in this sense regulating the value of the coinage is merely determining and maintaining coinage composed of certain coins within certain limitations at a certain specific composition and weight. Klatonburg v. Quaislett, 114 Neb. 16, 265 N. W. 577, 578.

Clear Value

The “clear value” of an estate for the purpose of an inheritance tax is what remains after all claims against it have been paid. In re Hildebrand’s Estate, 262 Pa. 112, 194 A. 963.

Net Value

The “reserve” or “net value” of a life insurance policy is the fund accumulated out of the net premiums during the earlier years of the policy while the premium uniform throughout life or a term of years exceeds the actual value of the risk, and with the net premiums to be received in the future is the exact mathematical equivalent of the obligation incurred by the company. Hay v. Meridian Life & Trust Co., 57 Ind. App. 336, 101 N. E. 651, 654. The “net value” of a policy is equivalent to “reserve,” and means that part of the annual premium paid by insured which, according to the American Experience Table of Mortality, must be set aside to meet or mature the company’s obligations to insured, the net value of a policy on a given date being its actual value, its reserve. Jefferson v. New York Life Ins. Co., 151 Ky. 609, 152 S. W. 780, 783.

Value of Matter in Controversy

As used in the Judicial Code, § 24 (28 USCA § 41), the pecuniary result to either party which a judgment entered in the case would directly produce, either at once or in the future. Elliott v. Empire Natural Gas Co. (C. A.) 4 F. (2d) 493, 497.

Value of Plant in Successful Operation

Synonymous with “going value,” or “going concern value,” meaning the additional value that a purchaser will give for the properties and business of the companies because they are going concerns with established businesses; the additional value, over and above the fair and reasonable value of the physical properties plus the working capital, which a customer would pay for the property because it is a going concern. Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. v. Whitcomb (D. C.) 12 F.(2d) 279, 284.

Value received

A phrase usually employed in a bill of exchange or promissory note, to denote that a consideration has been given for it. Baker v. Thomas, 102 Neb. 401, 167 N. W. 407. It is prima facie evidence of consideration; Palmer v. Blanchard, 113 Me. 380, 94 A. 220, 223, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 809; Moses v. Bank, 19 U.
S. 298, 12 S. Ct. 900, 37 L. Ed. 743; although not necessarily in money; Osgood v. Bringolf, 32 Iowa, 265. The phrase when put in a bill of exchange, will bear two interpretations: The drawer of the bill may be presumed to acknowledge the fact that he has received value from the payee; 3 Maule & S. 351; Benjamin v. Tillman, 2 McLean 213, Fed. Cas. No. 1,304; or when the bill has been made payable to the order of the drawer and accepted, it implies that value has been received by the acceptor; 5 Maule & S. 75; Thurman v. Van Brun, 19 Barb. (N. Y.) 409. The words are not required by the Uniform Negotiable Instruments Act.

VALUED POLICY. One which expresses on its face an agreement that the thing insured should be valued at a specified sum; Civ. Code Cal. § 2596; distinguished from an open policy, which is one in which the value of the thing insured is not agreed upon, but is left to be determined in case of loss; Civ. Code Cal. § 2595. A "valued policy" is one in which a definite valuation is by agreement of both parties put on the subject-matter of the insurance and written in the face of the policy and such value, in the absence of fraud or mistake, is conclusive on the parties. Lec v. Hamilton Fire Ins. Co., 130 Misc. Rep. 365, 229 N. Y. S. 411, 412. A policy is called "valued," when the parties, having agreed upon the value of the Interest insured, in order to save the necessity of further proof have inserted the valuation in the policy, in the nature of liquidated damages. 1 Duer, Ins. 97; Columbia Trust Co. v. Norske Lloyd Ins. Co., 100 Misc. 550, 165 N. Y. S. 915, 919.


VALUER. A person whose business is to appraise or set a value upon property.

VALVASORS, or VIDAMES. An obsolete tit of dignity next to a peer. 2 Inst. 667; 2 Steph. Comm. 612.

Vanna est illa potentia quam nunquam venit in actum. That power is vain [idle and useless] which never comes into action, [which is never exercised.] 2 Coke, 51.

Vani timores sunt aestimandi, qui non cadunt in constantem virum. Those are to be regarded as idle fears which do not affect a steady [firm or resolute] man. 7 Coke, 27.

Vani timoris justa excusatio non est. A frivolous fear is not a legal excuse. Dig. 50, 17, 184; 2 Inst. 483; Broom, Max. 256, n.


VARA. A Spanish-American measure of length, equal to 33 English inches or a trifle more or less, varying according to local usage. See U. S. v. Perot, 98 U. S. 428, 25 L. Ed. 261.


VARIANCE. In pleading and practice. A discrepancy or disagreement between two instruments or two steps in the same cause, which ought by law to be entirely consonant. Thus, if the evidence adduced by the plaintiff does not agree with the allegations of his declaration, it is a variance; and so if the statement of the cause of action in the declaration does not coincide with that given in the writ. See Desser v. Topper, 79 N. Y. 288; Mulligan v. U. S., 120 F. 98, 56 C. C. A. 50; Bank of New Brunswick v. Arrowmith, 9 N. J. Law, 257; Skinner v. Grant, 12 Vt. 462; State v. Wadsworth, 30 Conn. 57; Mathews v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 15 F. (2d) 130, 142.


To constitute a "variance," there must be a real and tangible difference between the allegations in the pleading and the proof offered in its support. James A. C. Tait & Co. v. Stryker, 117 Or. 338, 243 P. 104, 106. The difference must be substantial and material. Epstein v. Waes, 28 N. Y. 305, 216 N. Y. 506, 508; Johnson v. Dombey, 92 Vt. 267, 105 A. 1098, 1049. It must be one that actually misleads the adverse party to his prejudice in maintaining his action or defense on the merits; German-American Bank of Seattle v. Wright, 85 Wash. 460, 148 P. 799, 771. Ann. Cas. 1917D, 381; State v. Earley, 113 Kan. 446, 239 P. 861, 862; Rev. St. Mo. 1929, § 1272 (Mo. St. Ann. § 871); Civ. Code Frac. Ky. § 129; Comp. St. Wyo. 1910, § 6951 (Rev. St. 1931, § 89-1705), or, in criminal cases, one which might mislead the defense or expose a defendant to being put twice in jeopardy for the same offense; Braehers v. State, 38 Okl. Cr. 175, 259 P. 665, 667; Marshall v. State, 116 Neb. 45, 215 N. W. 564, 568; People v. Boneye, 327 Ill. 124, 158 N. E. 421, 438.

"Variance," i. e., a disagreement between allegations and proof in some matter which, in point of law, is essential to the claim or charge, differs from "repugnancy," which consists of two inconsistent allegations in one pleading. Fowler v. State, 20 Okl. Cr. 410, 208 P. 900, 901.

"Variance" also differs from failure of proof. Gordon v. Pollock, 124 Okl. 94, 223 P. 1021, 1022. A variance occurs when, though the pleading and proof do not exactly correspond, they may be made to do
so by amendment in the discretion of the court and
upon such terms and conditions as may be just.
Deligny v. Tatsa Furniture Co., 190 N. C. 189, 6
S. E. 980, 984.

VARRANTIZATION. In old Scotch law. War-
ransy.

VAS. Lat. In the civil law. A pledge; a
sSurety; bail or surety in a criminal pro-
ceeding or civil action. Calvin.

VASECTOMY. A comparatively simple and
painless operation, performed by section (cut-
ting) of the vas deferens or spermatic cord, or
by a tying off or ligaturing thereof;—some-
times performed on rapists and other crim-
inals (especially sexual offenders), and on per-
sons who are mentally defective. Laws Ind.
1907, c. 215; Acts Conn. 1909, c. 209; Stat.
Cal. 1909, c. 720; Laws Iowa 1911, c. 129;
Stat. § 2287); Rev. Laws Nev. § 6203 (Comp.
Laws 1929, § 5977). Some of these and simi-
lar statutes have been declared unconstitutional;
Williams v. Smith, 190 Ind. 526, 131
N. E. 2; Mickel v. Henrichs (D. C.) 262 F. 657;
Smith v. Bd. of Examiners, 85 N. J. Law, 46,
88 A. 963; but in 1927, the validity of a Vir-
ginia statute (Laws 1924, c. 394) providing for
vasectomy in the case of males and for
salpingectomy in the case of females was
sustained in Buck v. Bell, 274 U. S. 200, 47
S. Ct. 584, 71 L. Ed. 1000, affirming 143 Va.
310, 130 S. E. 510, 51 A. L. R. 855. Steriliza-
tion of the female may also be accomplished
by an operation known as oophorectomy or

VASSAL.

In Feudal Law

A feudal tenant or grantee; a feudatory; the
holder of a fief on a feudal tenure, and
by the obligation of performing feudal ser-
tices. The correlative term was "lord." The
vassal himself might be lord of some other vassal.
In after-times, this word was used to sig-
nify a species of slave who owed servitude
and was in a state of dependency on a su-
perior lord. 2 Bla. Comm. 53.

In International Law

Vassal states are states which are suppos-
ed to possess only those rights and privileg-
es which have been expressly granted to
them, but actually they seem to be well-nigh
independent. Hershey, Int. L. 106. Egypt
was such; also Crete.

VASSALAGE. The state or condition of a
vassal.

VASELIA. The tenure or holding of a
vassal. Cowell.

VASTUM. L. Lat. A waste or common lying
open to the cattle of all tenants who have
a right of commoning. Cowell.

VASTUM FORESTÆ VEL BOSCI. In old
records. Waste of a forest or wood. That
part of a forest or wood wherein the trees
and underwood were so destroyed that it lay
in a manner waste and barren. Paroch. An-
tiq. 351, 497; Cowell.

VAUDERIE. In old European law. Sor-
cery; witchcraft; the profession of the Vau-
doists;

VAUDEVILLE. A species of theatrical en-
tertainment, composed of isolated acts form-
ing a balanced show. Part v. B. F. Keith
Vaudeville Exchange (C. C. A.) 12 F.(2d) 341,
342. And see Princess Amusement Co. v.
Wells (C. C. A.) 271 F. 229, 231.

VAYASORY. The lands that a vavasour
held. Cowell.

VAVASOUR. One who was in dignity next
to a baron. Brit. 109; Bract. lib. 1, c. 8.
One who held of a baron. Enc. Brit.

VEAL-MONEY. The tenants of the manor of
Bradford, in the county of Wilts, paid a
yearly rent by this name to their lord, in lieu
of venal paid formerly in kind. Wharton.

VEGORIN. In old Lombardic law. The of-
fense of stopping one on the way; forestal-
ing. Spelman.

PECTICAL JUDICARIUM. Lat. Fines paid
to the crown to defray the expenses of main-
taining courts of justice. 3 Saik. 35.

Vestigial, origine ipsa, jus Caesarum et regum
patrimoniale est. Dav. 12. Tribute, in its ori-
gin, is the patrimonial right of emperors and
kings.

VECTIVALIA. In Roman law. Customs-du-
ties; taxes paid upon the importation or ex-
portation of certain kinds of merchandise.
Cod. 4, 61. They differed from tribute, which
was a tax paid by each individual.
Rent from state lands. Hunter, Rom. L.
901.

VECTURA. In maritime law. Freight.

VEGETABLE. The meaning of this word in
the tariff law is not limited to such vege-
tables as grow in a vegetable garden. Whether
a certain vegetable product is or is not a
vegetable depends upon the use to which it is
or may be put, and each case must depend up-
on its own facts. Togasaki & Co. v. U. S., 12
Ct. Cust. App. 463, 465. The test is whether
it is eaten and treated as a vegetable in the
kitchen and dining room. If so, it is a vege-
table: but, if used and eaten as a condiment
or relish only, it is not. Nippon Co. v. U.

VEHICLE. Any carriage, conveyance, or oth-
er artificial contrivance used, or capable of
being used, as a means of transportation on
land;—not ordinarily including locomotives,
cars, and street cars which run and are op-
VEIES. l. Fr. Distresses forbidden to be reprieved; the refusing to let the owner have his cattle which were distrainted. Kelham.

VEILINGS. As used in the tariff act, a material chiefly or exclusively used for the making of veils. A veil is a piece of cloth or other material, usually thin and light, designed to be worn over the head and face as an ornament or to protect or wholly or partly conceal the face from view. The textile material which is used to make or screen the features resting beneath the face panels of caskets would be commonly and popularly regarded as veiling. Tiedeman & Sons v. U. S., 8 Ct. Cust. App. 134, 135.


A requirement that a miner shall locate his claim "along the vein" means along the out-crop or course of the apex, and not along the strike. Stewart Mining Co. v. Bourne (C. C. A.) 218 F. 237, 239.

The terms "principal," "original," and "primary," as well as "secondary," "accidental," and "incident-
al," have all been employed to describe the different veins found within the same surface boundaries, but their meaning is not entirely clear in all cases. They may refer to the relative importance or value of the different veins, or the relations to each other, or to the time of discovery, but the words "sec-
ondary," "accidental," and "incidental" are most frequently used to distinguish between the discovery vein and other veins within the same surface boundaries. Northport Smelting & Refining Co. v. Lone Pine-Surprise Consol. Mines Co. (D. C.) 211 F. 106, 111.

Discovery Vein

That vein which served as a basis of the location, in contradistinction to secondary, accidental, and incidental veins. Northport Smelting & Refining Co. v. Long Pine-Surprise Consol. Mines Co. (D. C.) 271 F. 105, 113. The primary vein for the purpose of locating a mining claim and determining which are the end and which the side-lines. Where the dis-
covery vein crosses the opposite side lines of the claim as located, the side lines become end lines, not only with respect to such vein, but for determination of extralateral rights in any other vein which apaxes within the claim. Northport Smelting & Refining Co. v. Lone Pine-Surprise Consol. Mines Co. (C. C. A.) 278 F. 719, 729.

VEJOURS. Viewers; persons sent by the court to take a view of any place in question, for the better decision of the right. It signifies, also, such as are sent to view those that essoient themselves de malo lecti, (i.e., excuse themselves on ground of illness) whether they be in truth so sick as that they cannot appear, or whether they do counterfeit. Cowell.


VELITIS JUBEATIS QUIRITES? Lat. Is it your will and pleasure, Romans? The form of proposing a law to the Roman people. Tayl. Civil Law, 155.

Velle non creditur qui obsequit imperio patris vel domini. He is not presumed to consent who obeys the orders of his father or his master. Dig. 50, 17, 4.

VELTRARIA. The office of dog-leader, or coursuer. Cowell.

VELTRARIUS. One who leads greyhounds. Blount.


VENAL. Pertaining to something that is bought; capable of being bought; offered for sale; mercenary. Used usually in an evil sense, such purchase or sale being regarded as corrupt and illegal.

VENARIA. Beasts caught in the woods by hunting.

VENATIO. Hunting. Cowell.

VEND. To sell; to transfer the ownership of an article to another for a price in money. The term is not commonly applied to the sale of real estate, although its derivatives "vendor" and "vendee" are.

VENDEE. A purchaser or buyer; one to whom anything is sold. Generally used of the purchaser of real property, one who acquires chattels by sale being called a "buyer."

Vendens eandem rem duobus falsarius est. He is fraudulent who sells the same thing twice. Jenk. Cent. 107.

VENDETTA. A private blood feud, in which a family seeks to avenge one of its members on the offender or his family. Stephens v. Howells Sales Co. (D. C.) 16 F. (2d) 805, 808.

VENDIBLE. Fit or suitable to be sold; capable of transfer by sale; merchantable.

VENDITA. In old European law. A tax upon things sold in markets and public fairs. Spelman.

VENDITIO. Lat. In the civil law. In a strict sense, sale; the act of selling; the contract of sale, otherwise called "emptio vendito." Inst. 3, 24. Calvin.

In a large sense, any mode or species of alienation; any contract by which the property or ownership of a thing may be transferred. 1d.

VENDING. Sale; the act of selling.

VENDITIONI EXPOSANAS. Lat. You expose to sale. Richmond Cedar Works v. Stringfellow (D. C.) 296 F. 254, 272. The name of a writ of execution, requiring a sale to be made, directed to a sheriff when he has levied upon goods under a fieri facias, but returned that they remained unsold for want of buyers; and in some jurisdictions it is issued to cause a sale to be made of lands, seized under a former writ, after they have been condemned or passed upon by an inquisition. Frequently abbreviated to "vend. ex." See Beebe v. U. S., 161 U. S. 104, 16 S. Ct. 532, 40 L. Ed. 633; Borden v. Tillman, 39 Tex. 273; Ritchie v. Higginbotham, 26 Kan. 648; W. T. Carter & Bro. v. Bendy (Tex. Civ. App.) 251 S. W. 265, 272.

The office of a "venditional exposans" is to sell property previously taken in execution, and it is not a writ separate from the fi. fa., but a part of it. McLanahan v. Goodman, 265 Pa. 45, 108 A. 206, 207.

VENDOR. Lat. A seller; a vendor. Inst. 3, 24; Bract. fol. 41.

VENDOR REGIS. In old English law. The king's seller or salesman; the person who exposed to sale those goods and chattels which were seized or distrained to answer any debt due to the king. Cowell.

VENDITRIX. Lat. A female vendor. Cod. 4, 51, 3.

VENDOR. The person who transfers property by sale, particularly real estate, "seller" being more commonly used for one who sells personality. The latter may, however, with entire propriety, be termed a vendor; Atlantic Refining Co. v. Van Valkenburg, 265 Pa. 456, 109 A. 208, 210; c. g., a merchant; a retail dealer; Edgin v. Bell-Wayland Co. (Okl. Cr. App.) 149 P. 1145, L. R. A. 1915F, 916; sometimes, one who buys to sell; Commonwealth v. Thorne, Neal & Co.; 70 Pa. Super. Ct. 589, 602.

One who negotiates the sale, and becomes the recipient of the consideration, though the title comes to the vendee from another source; and not from the vendor. Rutland v. Brister,
VENIR DE NOVO. See Venire Facias.

VENIRE FACIAS. Lat. In practice, a judicial writ directed to the sheriff of the county in which an action is to be tried, commanding him that he “cause to come” before the court, on a certain day therein mentioned, twelve good and lawful men of the body of his county, qualified according to law, by whom the truth of the matter may be the better known, and who are in no wise of kin either to the plaintiff or to the defendant, to make a jury of the county between the parties in the action, because as well the plaintiff as the defendant, between whom the matter in variance is, have put themselves upon that jury, and that he return the names of the jurors, etc. 2 Tidd, Pr. 777, 778; 3 Bl. Comm. 392.

VENIRE FACIAS AD RESPONDENDUM. A writ to summon a person, against whom an indictment for a misdemeanor has been found, to appear and be arraigned for the offense. A justice's warrant is now more commonly used. Archb. Crim. Pl. 81; Sweet.

VENIRE FACIAS DE NOVO. A fresh or new venire, which the court grants when there has been some impropriety or irregularity in returning the jury, or where the verdict is so imperfect or ambiguous that no judgment can be given upon it, or where a judgment is reversed on error, and a new trial awarded. See Bosseker v. Cramer, 18 Ind. 44; Maxwell v. Wright, 169 Ind. 515, 67 N. E. 267. “The ancient common-law mode of proceeding to a new trial was by a writ of venire facias de novo. The new trial is a modern invention, intended to mitigate the severity of the proceeding to attain. While a venire de novo and new trial are quite different, they are alike in that a new trial takes place in both. The material difference between them is that a venire de novo must be granted upon matters appearing upon the face of the record, but a new trial may be granted for things out of the record. Lowry v. Indianapolis Traction & Terminal Co., 77 Ind. App. 138, 126 N. E. 223, 225. See, also, 1 Wills. 48; 47 Am. L. Rev. 377.

VENIRE FACIAS JURATORES. A judicial writ directed to the sheriff, when issue was joined in an action, commanding him to cause to come to Westminster, on such a day, twelve free and lawful men of his county by whom the truth of the matter at issue might be better known. This writ was abolished by section 104 of the common-law procedure act, 1852, and by section 105 a precept.
issued by the judges of assize is substituted in its place. The process so substituted is sometimes loosely spoken of as "venire." Brown. See, also, Steph. Pl. 104; Criddland v. Floyd, 6 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 414; 3 Chitty, Pr. 797.

VENIRE FACIAS TOT MATRONAS. A writ to summon a jury of matrons to execute the writ de ventre inspiciendo.

VENIREMAN. A member of a panel of jurors; a juror summoned by a writ of venire facias.

VENIT ET DEFENDIT. L. Lat. In old pleading. Comes and defends. The proper words of appearance and defense in an action. 1 Ld. Raym. 117.

VENIT ET DICIT. Lat. In old pleading. Comes and says. 2 Salk. 544.

VENTE. In French law. Sale; contract of sale.

VENTE A RÉMÉRÉ. A conditional sale, in which the seller reserves the right to redeem or repurchase at the same price. The term is used in Canada and Louisiana.

VENTE ALEATOIRE. A sale subject to an uncertain event.

VENTE AUX ENCHÈRES. An auction.

VENGER, VENTRE. Lat. The belly; the womb; the wife. Used in law as designating the maternal parentage of children. Thus, where in ordinary phraseology we should say that A. was B.'s child by his first wife, he would be described in law as "by the first venter." Brown. A child is said to be en ventre sa mere before it is born; while it is a foetus.

VENTRE INSPIECIENDO. See De Ventre Inspeiciendo; Venire facias tot matronas.


VENUE. Formerly spelled viene. Co. Litt. 125a. In pleading and practice. A neighborhood; the neighborhood, place, or county in which an injury is declared to have been done, or fact declared to have happened. 3 B. Comm. 294; Jackson v. State, 157 Ind. 694, 121 N. E. 114, 115; Orthwein v. Germania Life Ins. Co. of City of New York, 261 Mo. 650, 170 S. W. 885, 887; 4 C. & P. 363; Helges v. Comm., 26 Pa. 513; Searcy v. State, 4 Tex. 450; People v. Lafuente, 6 Cal. 202.

Also, the county (or geographical division) in which an action or prosecution is brought for trial, and which is to furnish the panel of jurors. To "change the venue" is to transfer the cause for trial to another county or district. See Moore v. Gardner, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 243; Armstrong v. Emmet, 16 Tex. Civ. App. 242, 41 S. W. 87; Sullivan v. Hall, 86 Mich. 7, 48 N. W. 646, 13 L. R. A. 556; State v. McKinney, 5 Nev. 198; Loftus v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 107 Ohio St. 352, 140 N. E. 94, 96; Paige v. Sinclair, 237 Mass. 482, 130 N. E. 177, 178. However, the transfer of a case from division 2 of a county circuit court to division 1 thereof may also constitute a "change of venue." Towle v. City of St. Joseph (Mo. App.) 185 S. W. 1151, 1152.

"Venue" means the place at which an action is tried, and not merely the judge or court by whom it is tried. State ex rel. McAllister v. State, 278 Mo. 650, 214 S. W. 85, 87, 8 A. L. R. 1256.

"Jurisdiction" of the court means the inherent power to decide a case, whereas "venue" designates the particular county or city in which a court with jurisdiction may hear and determine the case. Southern Sand & Gravel Co. v. Massaponax Sand & Gravel Corporation, 16 Va. 317, 105 S. E. 812, 813. See, also, Davis v. City of Waycross, 16 Ga. App. 239, 55 S. E. 81. But compare People v. Wakao, 32 Cal. App. 454, 165 P. 729, 731.

In the common-law practice, that part of the declaration in an action which designates the county in which the action is to be tried. Sweet.

Local Venue

In pleading. A venue which must be laid in a particular county. When the action could have arisen only in a particular county, it is local, and the venue must be laid in that county. 1 Tidd, Pr. 427; Deacon v. Shreve, 23 N. J. Law, 204.

VERANDA. A porch; a portico; a covered place of entrance to a building, differentiated from its principal mass. Hieronymus v. Moran, 272 Ill. 254, 111 N. E. 1022, 1025.

VERAY. L. Fr. True. An old form of verul. Thus, veray, or true, tenant, is one who holds in fee-simple; veray tenant by the manner, is the same as tenant by the manner, (q. v.), with this difference only: that the fee-simple instead of remaining in the lord, is given by him or by the law to another. Ham. N. P. 395, 394.

VERBA. Lat. (Plural of verbum.) Words.

Verba accipienda sunt cum effectu, ut sortian- tur effectum. Words are to be received with effect, so that they may produce effect. Bac. Max.

Verba accipienda sunt secundum subjectam materiam. 6 Coke, 62. Words are to be understood with reference to the subject-matter.

Verba accipienda ut sortiantur effectum. Words are to be taken so that they may have some effect. 4 Bacon, Works 258.

Verba aquil voca, ac in dubio sensu positae, intellegitur digniori et potentiori sensu. Equiv-
ocal words, and such as are put in a doubt-ful sense, are [to be] understood in the more worthy and effectual sense [in their best and most effective sense]. 6 Coke, 20a.

Verba aliquid operari debent; debent intelligi ut aliquid operentur. 8 Coke, 94. Words ought to have some operation; they ought to be interpreted in such a way as to have some operation.

Verba aliquid operari debent, verba cum effectu sunt accepientia. Words are to be taken so as to have effect. Bacon, Max. Reg. 3, p. 47. See 1 Duer, Ins. 210, 211, 216.

Verba artis ex arte. Terms of art should be explained from the art. 2 Kent, Comm. 556, note.

VERBA CANCELLARIAE. Words of the chancery. The technical style of writs framed in the office of chancery. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 10, § 3.

Verba chartarum fortius accepientur contra praerentem. The words of charters are to be received more strongly against the grantor [or the person offering them]. Co. Litt. 33; Broom, Max. 594; Bacon, Max. Reg. 3; Noy, Max., 9th ed. p. 48; 3 B. & P. 399, 403; 1 C. & M. 857; 8 Term 505; 15 East 546; 1 Ball. & B. 335; 2 Pars. Con. 22.

Verba cum effectu accepientia sunt. Bac. Max. 3. Words ought to be used so as to give them their effect.

Verba currentis moneta, tempus solutionis designant. Dav. 20. The words "current money" designate current at the time of payment.

Verba debent intelligi cum effectu, ut res magis valeat quam pereat. Words ought to be understood with effect, that a thing may rather be preserved than destroyed. 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. 530.

Verba debent intelligi ut aliquid operentur. Words ought to be understood so as to have some operation. 8 Coke, 94a.

Verba dicta de persona intelligi debent de conditione personae. Words spoken of a person are to be understood of the condition of the person. 2 Rolle, 72.

Verba fortius accepientur contra praerentem. Words are to be taken most strongly against him who uses them. Bac. Max. 11, reg. 3.

Verba generalia generaliter sunt intelligenda. 3 Inst. 76. General words are to be generally understood.

Verba generalia restringuntur ad habilitatem rei vel aptitudinem personæ. General words must be narrowed either to the nature of the subject-matter or to the aptitude of the person. Broom, Max. 648; Bacon, Max. Reg. 10; 11 C. B. 254, 356.

Verba illata (relata) inesse videntur. Words referred to are to be considered as if incorporated. Broom, Max. 674, 677; 11 Mees. & W. 183; 10 C. B. 261, 262, 266.

Verba in differenti materia per prius, non per posterius, intelligenda sunt. Words on a different subject are to be understood by what precedes, not by what comes after. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba intelligenda sunt in casu possibili. Words are to be understood in [or "of," or "in reference to"] a possible case. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba intentioni, non e contra, debent inserire. 8 Coke, 94. Words ought to be made subservient to the intent, not the intent to the words. 6 Allen (Mass.) 324; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 527; 2 Sharsw. Bla. Comm. 379.

Verba ita sunt intelligenda, ut res magis valeat quam pereat. The words [of an instrument] have to be so understood, that the subject-matter may rather be of force than perish, [rather be preserved than destroyed; or, in other words, that the instrument may have effect, if possible.] Bac. Max. 17, in reg. 3; Plowd. 156; 2 Bl. Comm. 380; 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

Verba mere equivoca, si per communem usum loquendi in intellectu certo summuntur, talis intellectus praerendus est. [In the case of] words merely equivocal, if they are taken by the common usage of speech in a certain sense, such sense is to be preferred. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba nihil operari melius est quam absurde. It is better that words should have no operation at all than [that they should operate] absurdly. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba non tam intuenda, quam causa et natura rel, ut mens contrahentium ex eiusmodi quam ex verbis appareat. The words [of a contract] are not so much to be looked at as the cause and nature of the thing, [which is the subject of it,] in order that the intention of the contracting parties may appear rather from them than from the words. Calvin.

Verba offendi possunt, imo ad eis recedere licet, ut verba ad sanum intellectum reducantur. Words may be opposed, [taken in a contrary sense,] nay, may we disregard them altogether, in order that the [general] words [of an instrument] may be restored to a sound meaning. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba ordinativa quando verificari possint in sua vera significacione, trahi ad extraneum intellectum non debent. When the words of an ordinance can be carried into effect in their own true meaning, they ought not to be drawn to a foreign intendment. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.
Verba posteriora propter certitudinem addita, ad prora qua certitudine indulgent, sunt referenda. Subsequent words, added for the purpose of certainty, are to be referred to the preceding words which require the certainty. Wing. Max. 167, max. 53; Broom. Max. 556; 6 Coke, 226.

VERBA PRECARIA. In the civil law. Precatory words; words of trust, or used to create a trust.

Verbo pro re et subjecta materia accepi debent. Words ought to be understood in favor of the thing and subject-matter. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba qua aliquid operari possunt non debent esse superfusa. Words which can have any kind of operation ought not to be [considered] superfluous. Calvin.

Verba, quantumvis generalia, ad aptitudinem restringantur, etiamsi nullam aliament pertenur restrictionem. Words, howsoever general, are restrained to fitness, (i.e., to harmonize with the subject-matter,) though they would bear no other restriction. Spiegelius.

Verba relata hoc maxime operantur per referentiam, ut in eis inesse videntur. Related words [words connected with others by reference] have this particular operation by the reference, that they are considered as being inserted in those clauses which refer to them.] Co. Litt. 96, 350cc. Words to which reference is made in an instrument have the same effect and operation as if they were inserted in the clauses referring to them. Broom. Max. 673; 14 East 508.

Verba relata inesse videntur. Words to which reference is made seem to be incorporated. 11 Cush. (Mass.) 137.

Verba secundum materiam subjectam intellige nemo est qui nesciat. There is no one who does not know that words are to be understood according to their subject-matter. Calvin.

Verba semper accipienda sunt in mitiori sensu. Words are always to be taken in the milder sense. 4 Coke, 13a.

Verba strictae significations ad latam extendi possunt, si subis ratio. Words of a strict or narrow signification may be extended to a broad meaning, if there be ground in reason for it. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.; Spiegelius.

Verba sunt indices animi. Words are the indices of or indicators of the mind or thought. Latch, 106.

VERBAL. Strictly, of or pertaining to words; expressed in words, whether spoken or written, but commonly in spoken words; hence, by confusion, spoken; oral. Webster, Dict. Parol; by word of mouth; as, verbal agreement, verbal evidence; or written, but not signed, or not executed with the formalities required for a deed or prescribed by statute in particular cases. Musgrove v. Jackson, 58 Miss. 580.

VERBAL NOTE. A memorandum or note, in diplomacy, not signed, sent when an affair has continued a long time without any reply. In order to avoid the appearance of an urgency which perhaps is not required; and, on the other hand, to guard against the supposition that it is forgotten, or that there is an intention of not prosecuting it any further. Wharton.

VERBAL PROCESS. In Louisiana. Procès verbal, (q. v.)

Verbis standum ubi nulla ambiguitas. One must abide by the words where there is no ambiguity. Tray. Lat. Max. 612.


VERDERER, or VERDEROR. An officer of the king's forest, who is sworn to maintain and keep the assizes of the forest, and to view, receive, and enroll the attachments and presentments of all manner of trespasses of vert and venison in the forest. Manw. c. 6, § 5.


Until accepted by the court, a finding of the jury is not a "verdict." Schultam v. Stock, 80 Conn. 227, 53 A. 531. The only "verdict" is that which the jury announces orally to the court, and which is received and recorded as the jury's finding. Matice v. Maryland Casualty Co. (D. C.) 5 F.(2d) 233.

Although in common language, the word may be used in a more extended sense, it has a well-defined significance in law. It means the decision of a jury, and not the decision of a court or a referee or
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a commissioner. Kernan v. Petigo, 25 Kan. 655. “Decision” bears the same relation to non-jury cases as “verdict” to jury cases, and a “verdict” is a conclusion upon the facts, and in effect a direction for judgment, while a “decision” is an order for judgment, and determines the judgment to be entered. Schofield v. Baker (D. C.) 242 F. 667, 658.

Adverse Verdict

Where a party, appealing from an allowance of damages by commissioners, recovers a verdict in his favor, but for a less amount of damages than had been originally allowed, such verdict is adverse to him, within the meaning of his undertaking to pay costs if the verdict should be adverse to him. Hamblin v. Burnstable County, 16 Gray (Mass.) 256.

Chance Verdict

One determined by hazard or lot, and not by the deliberate understanding and agreement of the jury. Goodman v. Cody, 1 Wash. T. 335, 34 Am. Rep. 808; Dixon v. Plums, 38 Cal. 384, 42 P. 268, 20 L. R. A. 698, 35 Am. St. Rep. 180; Improvement Co. v. Adams, 1 Colo. App. 250, 28 P. 662. A verdict is not a “chance verdict” merely because, in arriving at the amount, the jury took each juror’s estimate of what should be assessed as the damages and divided the total by the number of jurors, and afterward knowingly and understandingly agreed that such quotient should be the amount of the verdict. Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Lenton, 31 N. D. 555, 154 N. W. 275, 277. See, also, Foley v. Hornung, 35 Cal. App. 394, 169 P. 765, 709; Quotient verdict, infra.

Compromise Verdict

One which is the result, not of justifiable concession of views, but of improper compromise of the vital principles which should have controlled the decision. Goolet v. Matt J. Ward Co. (C. C. A.) 242 F. 65, 67. Although it is proper for jurors to harmonize their views and reach a verdict with proper regard for each other’s opinions, it is not proper for any juror to surrender his conscientious convictions on any material issue in return for a relinquishment by others of their like settled opinions on another issue, producing a result which does not command the approval of the whole panel. Snyder v. Portland Ry., Light & Power Co., 107 Or. 673, 215 P. 887, 889.

False Verdict

One obviously opposed to the principles of right and justice; an untrue verdict. Formerly, if a jury gave a false verdict, the party injured by it might sue out and prosecute a writ of attaint against them, either at common law or on the statute 11 Hen. VII. c. 21, at his election, for the purpose of reversing the judgment and punishing the jury for their verdict; but not where the jury erred merely in point of law, if they found according to the judge’s direction. The practice of setting aside verdicts and granting new trials, however, so superseded the use of attaints that there is no instance of one to be found in the books of reports later than in the time of Elizabeth, and it was altogether abolished by 6 Geo. IV. c. 50, § 60. Wharton.

General Verdict

A verdict whereby the jury find either for the plaintiff or for the defendant in general terms; the ordinary form of a verdict. Glenn v. Summer, 10 S. Ct. 41, 122 U. S. 152, 32 L. Ed. 301; Childs v. Carpenter, 32 A. 750, 57 Me. 114. A finding by the jury in the terms of the issue referred to them. Settle v. Allison, 8 Ga. 208, 52 Am. Dec. 393; Tidd, Pr. 798. That by which the jury pronounces generally on all of the issues in favor of plaintiff or defendant. Skelton v. City of Newberg, 148 P. 53, 55, 76 Or. 126; Cleveland, C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. v. Wolf, 125 N. E. 38, 40, 189 Ind. 585. That by which they pronounce generally upon all or any of the issues, either in favor of the plaintiff or defendant;—distinguished from a special verdict, which is that by which the jury finds facts only. Comp. Stat. Okl. 1921, § 531 (Code 1931, § 369). A “general verdict” is one by which the jury pronounces at the same time on the facts and the law, either in favor of the plaintiff or the defendant. Schofield v. Baker (D. C.) 242 F. 657, 658; Co. Litt. 228; 4 Bla. Comm. 461. A general verdict of guilty in a criminal case means guilty on every count. Simmons v. State, 134 S. E. 54, 55, 162 Ga. 316.

Open Verdict

A verdict of a coroner’s jury which finds that the subject “came to his death by means to the jury unknown,” or “came to his death at the hands of a person or persons to the jury unknown,” that is, one which leaves open either the question whether any crime was committed or the identity of the criminal.

Partial Verdict

In criminal law, a verdict by which the jury acquit the defendant as to a part of the accusation and find him guilty as to the residue. State v. McGee, 33 S. E. 353, 55 S. C. 247, 74 Am. St. Rep. 741; U. S. v. Watkins, 28 Fed. Cas. 410.

Privy Verdict

One given after the judge has left or adjourned the court, and the jury, being agreed, in order to be delivered from their confinement, obtain leave to give their verdict privately to the judge out of court. Such a verdict is of no force unless afterwards affirmed by a public verdict given openly in court. This practice is now superseded by that of rendering a sealed verdict. See Young v. Seymour, 4 Neb. 80.

Public Verdict

A verdict openly delivered by the jury in court. Withee v. Rowe, 45 Me. 571.
**Quotient Verdict**


Sealed Verdict

See Sealed.

**Verdict of Guilty But Insane**

A special verdict which amounts to an acquittal of the person tried. Rex v. Taylor, [1915] 2 K. B. 709, 712.

**Verdict of no Cause of Action**


**Verdict of Not Guilty**

Simply a verdict of not proven in the particular case tried; it is not a verdict of innocence, and hence is not conclusive against the state in favor of any other person than the defendant who was actually acquitted. Woody v. State, 156 P. 450, 452, 10 Okl. Cr. 322, 49 L. R. A. (N. S.) 479.

**Verdict Subject to Opinion of Court**

A verdict returned by the jury, the entry of judgment upon which is subject to the determination of points of law reserved by the court upon the trial.

**VEREBOT.** Sax. In old records. A packet-boat or transport vessel. Cowell.

**VEREDICTUM.** L. Lat. In old English law. A verdict; a declaration of the truth of a matter in issue, submitted to a jury for trial.

**Veredictum, quasi dictum veritatis; ut judicium quasi juris dictum.** Co. Litt. 226. The verdict is, as it were, the dictum [saying] of truth; as the judgment is the dictum of law.

**VERGE, or VIRGE.** In English law. The compass of the royal court, which bounds the jurisdiction of the lord steward of the household; it seems to have been twelve miles about. Brit. 68. An uncertain quantity of land from fifteen to thirty acres. 28 Edw. I. Also a stick, or rod, whereby one is admitted tenant to a copyhold estate. Old Nat. Brev. 17.

**VERGELT.** In Saxon law. A mulct or fine for a crime. See Wergild.

**VERGENS AD INOPIAM.** L. Lat. In Scotch law. Verging towards poverty; in declining circumstances. 2 Kames, Eq. 8.

**VERGERS.** In English law. Officers who carry white wands before the justices of either bench. Cowell. Mentioned in Fleta, as officers of the king’s court, who oppressed the people by demanding exorbitant fees. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 38.

**Verification.**

In Pleading

A certain formula with which all pleadings containing new affirmative matter must conclude, being in itself an averment that the party pleading is ready to establish the truth of what he has set forth.

The usual form of verification of a plea containing matter of fact is, “And this he is ready to verify,” etc. See 3 Bla. Comm. 300.
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In Practice
The examination of a writing for the purpose of ascertaining its truth. A certificate or affidavit that it is true.

"Verification" is not identical with "authentication." A notary may verify a mortgagee's written statement of the actual amount of his claim, but need not authenticate the act by his seal. Ashley v. Wright, 19 Ohio St. 251.

Confirmation of the correctness, truth, or authenticity of a pleading, account, or other paper, by an affidavit, oath, or deposition. Herbert v. Roxana Petroleum Corporation (D. C.) 12 F. (2d) 81, 83; McDonald v. Rosen- garten, 134 Ill. 126, 25 N. E. 429; Summerfield v. Phoenix Assur. Co. (C. C.) 65 F. 296; Patterson v. Brooklyn, 6 App. Div. 127, 40 N. Y. S. 551.


To prove to be true or correct; to confer or establish the truth or authority of; to confirm; to substantiate. City of Arlington v. Dallas-Fort Worth Safety Coach Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 270 S. W. 1094, 1095; State v. Lock, 302 Mo. 400, 259 S. W. 116, 120. To make certain by comparison. State v. Brown, 53 Fla. 339, 91 So. 370, 371.

The word "verify" sometimes means to confirm and substantiate by oath, and sometimes by argument. When used in legal proceedings it is generally employed in the former sense. De Witt v. Heramer, 3 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 284.

VERILY. In very truth; beyond doubt or question; in fact; certainly; truly; confidently; really. Gregg v. Sigurdson, 67 Mont. 272, 215 P. 662.

Veritas, a quocunque diecitur, a Deo est. 4 Inst. 153. Truth, by whomsoever pronounced, is from God.

Veritas demonstrationis tollit errorem nominis. The truth of the description removes an error in the name. 1 Le. Raym. 303.

Veritas habenda est in jurator; justitia et judicium in judice. Truth is the desideratum in a juror; justice and judgment in a judge. Bract. fol. 185b.

Veritas nihil veretur nisi abscondi. Truth fears nothing but to be hid. 9 Coke, 208.

Veritas nimium altercando amittitur. Truth is lost by excessive altercation. Hob. 344.

Veritas nominis tollit errorem demonstrationis. The truth of the name takes away the error of description. Bacon, Max. Reg. 25; Broom, Max. 637, 641; 8 Taunt. 313; 2 Jones, Eq. (N. C.) 72.

Veritas, quae minime defensatur opprimitur; et qui non improbat, approbat. 3 Inst. 27. Truth which is not sufficiently defended is overpowered; and he who does not disapprove, approves.

Veritatem qui non libere pronunciavit proderit veritatis. 4 Inst. Epil. He who does not freely speak the truth is a betrayer of truth.

VERITY. Truth; truthfulness; conformity to fact. The records of a court "import uncontrollable verity." 1 Black, Judgm. § 276.

VERNA. Lat. In the civil law. A slave born in his master's house.

VERSARI. Lat. In the civil law. To be employed; to be conversant. Versari male in tutela, to misconduct one's self in a guardianship. Calvin.

VERSUS. Lat. Against. In the title of a cause, the name of the plaintiff is put first, followed by the word "versus," then the defendant's name. Thus, "Fletcher versus Peck," or "Fletcher against Peck." The word is commonly abbreviated "v.s." or "v." Vs. and versus have become ingrained upon the English language; their meaning is as well understood and their use quite as appropriate as the word against could be. Smith v. Butler, 25 N. H. 523.

VERT. Everything bearing green leaves in a forest. Manwood, For. Law 146.

Also that power which a man has, by royal grant, to cut green wood in a forest.

In heraldry, green color, called "venus" in the arms of princes, and "emerald" in those of peers, and expressed in engravings by lines in bend. Wharton.

VERUS. Lat. True; truthful; genuine; actual; real; just.

VERY. In a high degree; to no small extent; exceedingly; extremely. Shriver v. Union Stockyards Nat. Bank, 117 Kan. 638, 232 P. 1062, 1066.

VERY LORD AND VERY TENANT. They that are immediate lord and tenant one to another. Cowell.

VESSEL. A ship, brig, sloop, or other craft used in navigation. The word in its broadest sense is more comprehensive than "ship." Any structure which is made to float upon the water, for purposes of commerce or war, whether impelled by wind, steam, or oars. Chaffe v. Ludeling, 27 La. Ann. 607.

RL.LAW Dict. (3d Ed.)
Every description of water craft or other contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation in water or in water and in air. Act Sept. 21, 1922, c. 356 (19 USCA § 231).

Every description of water-craft or other artificial contrivances used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water. Rev. St. U. S. § 3 (1 USCA § 3). Under this definition, the term has been held to include a large dredging barge, having no propelling power, but capable of being towed at sea; City of Los Angeles v. United Dredging Co. (C. C. A.) 14 F. (2d) 304, 305; and likewise a house boat, not permanently attached to the shore, though without motive power; The Ark (D. C.) 17 F. (2d) 446, 447; but not a wharfboat, secured to the shore by cables and used as an office, warehouse, and wharf, and having water and electric light connections and telephone system; Evansville & Bowling Green Packet Co. v. Chero Colita Bottling Co., 271 U. S. 19, 46 S. Ct. 379, 380, 70 L. Ed. 805; nor a dry dock used for the repair of vessels, though capable of being floated and towed from place to place; Berton v. Tietjen & Lang Dry Dock Co. (D. C.) 219 F. 763, 771.

As used in various other statutes, the word "vessel" has been held applicable to a ferryboat; Port Huron & Sarnia Ferry Co. v. Lawson (D. C.) 292 F. 216, 219; a pile driver scow; George Leary Const. Co. v. Matson (C. C. A.) 272 F. 461, 462; a derrick boat, carrying a derrick used for loading logs from the river bank upon boats; Patton-Tully Transp. Co. v. Turner (C. C. A.) 269 F. 334, 335; a hydroplane or seaplane while moving on the water; Heimhardt v. Newport Flying Service Corporation, 232 N. Y. 115, 122 N. E. 372, 12 A. L. R. 1234; and even to a log raft; The Libby Maine (D. C.) 3 F. (2d) 79, 80. The term is broad enough to include a vessel's tackle, apparel, furniture, chronometer and appurtenances. The Libbie (D. C.) 144 F. 921.

The word has also been held to include a new ship as soon as its hull has been launched; The Pintins (C. C. A.) 236 F. 122; and any structure which is so far completed as to be capable of being used as a means of transportation on water; R. R. Richardson & Co. v. Fairbanks, Morse & Co. (C. C. A.) 11 F. (2d) 103, 104; but not an old hull built of timber taken from an old dry dock; The Dredge A (D. C.) 217 F. 617, 630. Contrera, Moore v. Underwriters (C. C. A.) 14 F. 232.

The words "boat," "craft," and "water craft" are usually applied to small vessels, while larger vessels, especially in the case of large iron steamships, are usually referred to by the term "steamers," or "steamships," or "vessel." The Saxon (D. C.) 269 F. 635, 641.

A utensil, such as a bottle, designed to hold liquids, etc. Old Tavern Farm v. Fickett, 125 Me. 123, 131 A. 365, 366.

**Foreign Vessel**

A vessel owned by residents in, or sailling under the flag of, a foreign nation. *"Foreign vessel," under the embargo act of January, 1808, means a vessel under the flag of a foreign power, and not a vessel upon which foreigners domiciled in the United States have an interest. The Sally, 1 Gall. 58, Fed. Cas. No. 12,227.*

**Public Vessel**

One owned and used by a nation or government for its public service, whether in its navy, its revenue service, or otherwise.

**VEST.** To accrue to; to be fixed; to take effect; to give a fixed and indefeasible right.


The normal sense of the word is to indicate a present and immediate interest, as distinguished from one that is contingent. In re Stocker's Estate, 280 Pa. 355, 103 A. 885, 886; Class v. Strack, 85 N. J. Eq. 525, 47 A. 466, 466; Shortum v. Scurto, 155 Minn. 230, 155 N. W. 364, 365; Crawford v. Carlile, 258 Ala. 379, 99 So. 565, 571.

To clothe with possession; to deliver full possession of land or of an estate; to give seisin; to enteoff. Spelman.

**VESTA.** The crop on the ground. Cowell.

**VESTED.** Fixed; accrued; settled; absolute. Orthwell v. Germania Life Ins. Co. of City of New York, 261 Mo. 650, 170 S. W. 885, 885. Having the character or giving the rights of absolute ownership; not contingent; not subject to be defeated or void by a condition precedent. See Scott v. West, 63 Ws. 529, 24 N. W. 161; McGillis v. McGillis, 11 App. Div. 359, 42 N. Y. S. 924; Smith v. Prosey, 39 Misc. 385, 79 N. Y. S. 851.

**VESTED DEVISE.** See Devise.

**VESTED ESTATE.** An interest clothed with a present, legal, and existing right of alienation. Anderson v. Menefee (Tex. Civ. App.) 174 S. W. 904, 905. Any estate, property, or interest is called "vested," whether in possession or not, which is not subject to any condition precedent and unperformed. The interest may be either a present and immediate interest, or it may be a future but uncontingent, and therefore transmissible, interest. Brown. See Tylor v. Gould, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 388; Flanner v. Fellows, 208 Ill. 138, 68 N. E. 1057; Tindall v. Tindall, 167 Mo. 218, 60 S. W. 1092; Ward v. Edge, 100 Ky. 757, 39 S. W. 440. A vested estate, whether present or future, may be absolutely or defeasibly vested. L'Estrange v. Huxnqnet, 59 Mich. 425, 50 N. W. 1077, 28 Am. St. Rep. 310. If a
Vested in Interest

A legal term applied to a present fixed right of future enjoyment; as reservations, vested remainders, such executory devises, future uses, conditional limitations, and other future interests as are not referred to, or made to depend on, a period or event that is uncertain. Wharton. See Smith v. West, 108 Ill. 337; Hawley v. James, 5 Paige (N. Y.) 460; Gates v. Seibert, 157 Mo. 254, 57 S. W. 1065, 80 Am. St. Rep. 625.

Vested Interest. A present right or title to a thing, which carries with it an existing right of alienation, even though the right to possession or enjoyment may be postponed to some uncertain time in the future, as distinguished from a future right, which may never materialize or ripen into title, and which matters not how long or for what length of time the future possession or right of enjoyment may be postponed, if the present right exists to alienate and pass title. Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co. v. Tiffany, 202 Ky. 418, 260 S. W. 357, 359. A future interest not dependent on an uncertain period or event, or a fixed present right of future enjoyment. In re Whiting (D. C.) 3 F. (2d) 440, 441; McManus v. Peerless Casualty Co., 114 Me. 98, 93 A. 510. It is not the uncertainty of enjoyment in the future, but the uncertainty of the right of enjoyment, which makes the difference between a "vested" and a "contingent" interest. Mahoney v. Mahoney, 98 Conn. 525, 120 A. 342, 345. A future interest is vested when there is a person in being who would have a right, defeasible or indefeasible, to the immediate possession of the property, upon the cessation of the intermediate or precedent interest. Civil Code Cal. § 694. See Allison v. Allison, 101 Va. 537, 44 S. E. 904, 63 L. R. A. 920; Hawkins v. Bohling, 168 Ill. 214, 48 N. E. 94; Stewart v. Harriman, 56 N. H. 25, 22 Am. Rep. 408; Bunting v. Speck, 41 Kan. 424, 21 P. 286, 3 L. R. A. 680.

Vested Legacy. A legacy given in such terms that there is a fixed, indefeasible right to its payment. In re Central Union Trust Co. of New York, 153 N. Y. S. 671, 673, 193 App. Div. 292. A legacy payable at a future time, certain to arrive, and not subject to conditions precedent, is vested, where there is a person in esse at the testator's death capable of taking when the time arrives, though his interest may be altogether defeated by his own death. In re Marshall's Estate, 228 Pa. 145, 195 A. 63, 64. A legacy is said to be vested when the words of the testator making the bequest convey a transmissible interest, whether present or future, to the legatee in the legacy. Thus a legacy to one to be paid when he attains the age of twenty-one years is a vested legacy, because it is given unconditionally and absolutely, and therefore vests an immediate interest in the legatee, of which the enjoyment only is deferred or postponed. Brown. See Magoffin v. Patton, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 113; Talmadge v. Seaman, 85 Hun. 242, 52 N. Y. S. 906; Rubencan v. McKee, 6 A. 639, 6 Del. Ch. 40.

Vested Remainder. See Remainder.

Vested Rights. In constitutional law. Rights which have so completely and definitely accrued to or settled in a person that they are not subject to be defeated or canceled by the act of any other private person, and which it is right and equitable that the government should recognize and protect, as being lawful in themselves, and settled according to the then current rules of law and of which the individual could not be deprived arbitrarily without injustice, or of which he could not justly be deprived otherwise than by the established methods of procedure and for the public welfare. See Cassard v. Tracy, 82 La. Ann. 855, 27 So. 363, 49 L. R. A. 272; Stimson Land Co. v. Rawson (C. C.) 62 F. 439; Grind er v. Nelson, 9 Gill. (Md.) 309, 52 Am. Dec. 694; Moore v. State, 43 N. J. Law, 243, 39 Am. Rep. 558; Board of Com'rs of Everglades Drainage Dist. v. Forbes Pioneer Boat Line, 80 Fla. 232, 98 So. 190, 202; McDonald v. McDonald, 212 Ala. 137, 102 So. 38, 41, 36 A. L. R. 761; Parker v. Schrimshe (Tex. Civ. App.) 172 S. W. 165, 168. A right is not "vested" unless it is more than a mere expectation based on the anticipated continuance of present laws; it must be an established interest in property, not open to doubt. Leach v. Commercial Sav. Bank of Des Moines, 205 Iowa 1154, 215 N. W. 517; McCoot v. Church v. Smith (Tex. Civ. App.) 194 S. W. 831, 834. To be vested in its accurate legal sense, a right must be complete and consummated, and one of which the person to whom it belongs cannot be divested without his consent. Merchants' Bank v. Garrard, 158 Ga. 867, 124 S. E. 715, 717, 38 A. L. R. 102; Jennings v. Capen, 321 Ill. 291, 151 N. E. 900, 902. Rights are vested when the right to enjoyment, present or prospective, has become the property of some particular person or persons as a present interest. They are expectant, when they depend upon the continued existence of the present condition of things until the happening of some future event. They are contingent when they are only to come into existence on an event or condition which may not happen or be performed until some other event may prevent their vesting. Avery v. Curtis, 108 U. S. 235, 235 P. 196, 197; Wirtz v. Nestos, 51 N. D. 603, 200 N. W. 524, 530; U. S. v. Helmrich (D. C.) 12 F. (2d) 938, 940; Arnold & Murdock Co. v.

VESTIGIAL WORDS. Those contained in a statute which by reason of a succession of statutes on the same subject-matter, amending or modifying previous provisions of the same, are rendered useless or meaningless by such amendments. They should not be permitted to defeat the fair meaning of the statute. Saltonstall v. Birtwell, 164 U. S. 70, 17 S. Ct. 19, 41 L. Ed. 348.

VESTIGIUM. Lat. In the law of evidence, a vestige, mark, or sign; a trace, track, or impression left by a physical object. Fleta, 1. 1, c. 28, § 6.

VESTING ORDER. In English law. An order which may be granted by the chancery division of the high court of justice, (and formerly by chancery,) passing the legal estate in lieu of a conveyance. Commissioners also, under modern statutes, have similar powers. St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 55; Wharton.

VESTRY. In ecclesiastical law. The place in a church where the priest's vestures are deposited. Also an assembly of the minister, church-wardens, and parishioners, usually held in the vestry of the church, or in a building called a "vestry-hall," to act upon business of the church. Mozley & Whitley.

VESTRY CESS. A rate levied in Ireland for parochial purposes, abolished by St. 27 Vict. c. 17.

VESTRY-CLERK. An officer appointed to attend vestries, and take an account of their proceedings, etc.

VESTRY-MEN. A select number of parishioners elected in large and populous parishes to take care of the concerns of the parish; so called because they used ordinarily to meet in the vestry of the church. Cowell.

VESTURA. A crop of grass or corn. Also a garment; metaphorically applied to a possession or seized.

VESTURA TERRÆ. In old English law. The vesture of the land; that is, the corn, grass, underwood, sweepage, and the like. Co. Litt. 4b. See Simpson v. Coe, 4 N. H. 301.


VESTURE OF LAND. A phrase including all things, trees excepted, which grow upon the surface of the land, and clothe it externally. Ham. N. P. 151.

VETERA STATUTA. Lat. Ancient statutes. The English statutes from Magna Charta to the end of the reign of Edward II. are so called; those from the beginning of the reign of Edward III. being contradistinguished by the appellation of "Nova Statuta." 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 85.


VETITUM NAMIVM. L. Lat. Where the bailiff of a lord distrains beasts or goods of another, and the lord forbids the bailiff to deliver them when the sheriff comes to make replevin, the owner of the cattle may demand satisfaction in placitum de velito namio. 2 Inst. 140; 2 Bl. Comm. 148.

VETO (Lat. I forbid). The refusal of assent by the executive officer whose assent is necessary to perfect a law which has been passed by the legislative body, and the message which is usually sent to such body by the executive, stating such refusal and the reasons therefor. It is either absolute or qualified, according as the effect of its exercise is either to destroy the bill finally, or to prevent its becoming law unless again passed by a stated proportion of votes or with other formalities. Or the veto may be merely suspensory. See People v. Board of Councilmen (Super. Buff.) 20 N. Y. Supp. 51.

Pocket Veto
Non-approval of a legislative act by the president or state governor, with the result that it fails to become a law, not by a written disapproval, (a veto in the ordinary form,) but by remaining silent until the adjournment of the legislative body, when that adjournment takes place before the expiration of the period allowed by the constitution for the examination of the bill by the executive.

VETUS JUS. Lat. The old law. A term used in the civil law, sometimes to designate the law of the Twelve Tables, and sometimes merely a law which was in force previous to the passage of a subsequent law. Calvin.

VEX. To harrass, disquiet, annoy; as by repeated litigation upon the same facts.

VEXARI. Lat. To be harrassed, vexed, or annoyed; to be prosecuted; as in the maxim, Nemo debet bis vexari pro una et cadem causa, no one should be twice prosecuted for one and the same cause.

VEXATA QUESTIO. Lat. A vexed question; a question often agitated or discussed, but not determined or settled; a question or point which has been differently determined,
and so left doubtful. 7 Coke, 45b; 3 Burrows, 1547.

VEXATION. The injury or damage which is suffered in consequence of the tricks of another.

VEXATIOUS. A proceeding is said to be vexations when the party bringing it is not acting bona fide, and merely wishes to annoy or embarrass his opponent, or when it is not calculated to lead to any practical result. Such a proceeding is often described as "trifarious and vexatious," and the court may stay it on that ground. Sweet.

VEXATIOUS ACTIONS ACT. An act of parliament of 1586, authorizing the High Court to make an order, on the application of the attorney-general, that a person shown to be habitually and vexatiously litigious, without reasonable ground, shall not institute legal proceedings in that or any other court, without leave of the High Court judge thereof, upon satisfactory proof that such legal proceedings are not an abuse of the process of the court and that there is a prima facie ground therefor. The order when made is published in the Gazette. See 76 L. T. 351; [1913] W. N. 274 (Div. Ct.).

VEXED QUESTION. A question or point of law often discussed or agitated, but not determined or settled.

VI AUT CLAM. Lat. In the civil law. By force or covertly. Dig. 43, 24.

VI BONORUM RAPTORUM. Lat. In the civil law. Of goods taken away by force. The name of an action given by the pretor as a remedy for the violent taking of another's property. Inst. 4, 2; Dig. 47, 8.

VI ET ARMIS. Lat. With force and arms. See Trespass.

VIA. Lat.

In the Civil Law

Way; a road; a right of way. The right of walking, riding, and driving over another's land. Inst. 2, 3, pr. A species of rural servitude, which included iter (a footpath) and actus, (a driveway).

In the Old English law

A way; a public road; a foot, horse, and cart way. Co. Litt. 56a.

Via antiqua via est tuta. The old way is the safe way. Manning v. Manning's Exrs, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 527, 530.

VIA ORDINARIA; VIA EXECUTIVA. In the law of Louisiana, the former phrase means in the ordinary way or by ordinary process, the latter means by executory process or in an executory proceeding. A proceeding in a civil action is "ordinary" when a citation takes place and all the delays and forms of law are observed; "executory" when seizure is obtained against the property of the debtor, without previous citation, in virtue of an act or title importing confession of judgment, or in other cases provided by law. Code Prac. La. art. 98.

VIA PUBLICA. In the civil law. A public way or road, the land itself belonging to the public. Dig. 45, 8, 2, 21.

VIA REGIA. In English law. The king's highway for all men. Co. Litt. 56a. The highway or common road, called "the king's" highway, because authorized by him and under his protection. Cowell.

Via trita est tutissima. The trodden path is the safest. Broom, Max. 154; 10 Coke, 142.

VIABILITY. Capability of living. A term used to denote the power a new-born child possesses of continuing its independent existence.

VIALE. Capable of life. This term is applied to a newly-born infant, and especially to one prematurely born, which is not only born alive, but in such a state of organic development as to make possible the continuance of its life.

VIAE SERVITUS. Lat. A right of way over another's land.

VIAGÈRE RENTE. In French law. A rentcharge or annuity payable for the life of the annuitant.

VIANDER. In old English law. A returning officer. 7 Mod. 13.

VIATOR. Lat. In Roman law. A summoner or apparitor; an officer who attended on the tribunals and seldies.

VICAR. One who performs the functions of another; a substitute. Also the incumbent of an appropriated or impropricated ecclesiastical benefice, as distinguished from the incumbent of a non-appropriated benefice, who is called a "rector." Wharton. See Pinder v. Barr, 4 El. & Bl. 115.

VICAR GENERAL. An ecclesiastical officer who assists the archbishop in the discharge of his office.

VICARAGE. In English ecclesiastical law. The living or benefice of a vicar, as a personage is of a parson. 1 Bl. Comm. 387, 388.

VICARIAL TITHES. Petty or small tithes payable to the vicar. 2 Steph. Comm. 681.

VICARIO, etc. An ancient writ for a spiritual person imprisoned, upon forfeiture of a recognizance, etc. Reg. Orig. 147.

VICARIUS APOSTOLICUS. An officer through whom the Pope exercises authority in parts remote, and who is sometimes sent with episcopal functions into provinces where
there is no bishop resident or there has been a long vacancy in the see, or into infidel or heretical countries. 2 Phill. Int. L 529.

Vicarius non habet vicarium. A deputy has not [cannot have] a deputy. A delegated power cannot be again delegated. Broom, Max. 589.

VICE. A fault, defect, or imperfection. In the civil law, redhibitory vices are such faults or imperfections in the subject-matter of a sale as will give the purchaser the right to return the article and demand back the price.

VICE. Lat. In the place or stead. Vice mea, in my place.

—Vice-admiral. An officer in the navy next in rank after the admiral.

—Vice-admiral of the coast. A county officer in England appointed by the admiral “to be answerable to the high admiral for all the coasts of the sea, when need and occasion shall be.” He also had power to arrest ships, when found within a certain district, for the use of the king. His office was judicial as well as ministerial. The appointment to the office is still made for a few countries of England.

—Vice-admiralty courts. In English law, Courts established in the king’s possessions beyond the seas, with jurisdiction over maritime causes, including those relating to prize. 3 Steph. Comm. 453; 3 Bl. Comm. 69.

—Vice-chamberlain. A great officer under the lord chamberlain, who, in the absence of the lord chamberlain, has the control and command of the officers appertaining to that part of the royal household which is called the “chamber.” Cowell.

—Vice-chancellor. See Chancellor.

—Vice-comes. A title formerly bestowed on the sheriff of a county, when he was regarded as the deputy of the count or earl. Co. Litt. 168.


—Vice commercial agent. In the consular service of the United States, this is the title of a consular officer who is substituted temporarily to fill the place of a commercial agent when the latter is absent or relieved from duty. Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (22 USCA § 51).

—Vice-constable of England. An ancient officer in the time of Edward IV.

—Vice consul. In the consular service of the United States this term denotes a consular officer who is substituted temporarily to fill the place of a consul who is absent or relieved from duty. 22 USCA § 51. Schumler v. Russell, 88 Tex. 83, 18 S. W. 484. In international law generally the term designates a commercial agent who acts in the place or stead of a consul or who has charge of a portion of his territory. In old English law, it meant the deputy or substitute of an earl (comes), who was anciently called “consul,” answering to the more modern “vice-comes.” Burrill.

—Vice-dominus. A sheriff.

—Vice-dominus episcopi. The vicar general or commissary of a bishop. Blount.

—Vice-gerent. A deputy or lieutenant.


—Vice-marshall. An officer who was appointed to assist the earl marshal.

—Vice-president of the United States. The title of the second officer, in point of rank, in the executive branch of the government of the United States.

—Vice-principal. See Principal.

—Vice versa. Conversely; in inverted order; in reverse manner.

VICE-COMES NON MISIT BREVIE. The sheriff hath not sent the writ. The form of continuance on the record after issue and before trial. 7 Mod. 349; 11 Mod. 231.

VICEROY. A person clothed with authority to act in place of the king; hence, the usual title of the governor of a dependency.


VICINETUM. The neighborhood; vicinage; the venue. Co. Litt. 185b.

Viciini vicinius praesumuntur scire. 4 Inst. 173. Persons living in the neighborhood are presumed to know the neighborhood.

VICINITY. Neighborhood; etymologically, by common understanding, it admits of a wider latitude than proximity or contiguity, and may embrace a more extended space than that lying contiguous to the place in question; and, as applied to towns and other territorial divisions, may embrace those not adjacent; Hale v. Ins. Co. 12 Gray (Mass.) 545; Langley v. Barnstead, 63 N. H. 246; State v. Longley, 119 Me. 355, 112 A. 260, 262; Chandler, Gardner & Williams v. Reynolds, 259 Mass. 306, 145 N. E. 476, 478.

VICIOUS INTROMISSION. In Scot. law. A meddling with the moveables of a deceased,
VICIS ET VENELLI S MUNDANDIS

without confirmation or probate of his will or other title. Wharton.

VICIS ET VENELLI S MUNDANDIS. An ancient writ against the mayor or bailiff of a town, etc., for the clean keeping of their streets and lanes. Reg. Orig. 267.

VICOUNTIEL, or VICONTIEL. Anything that belongs to the sheriffs, as vicontiel arvita; i.e., such as are triable in the sheriff’s court. As to vicontiel rents, see St. 6 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 69, §§ 12, 13, which places them under the management of the commissioners of the woods and forests. Cowell.

VICOUNTIEL JURISDICTION. That jurisdiction which belongs to the officers of a county; as sheriffs, coroners, etc.


VICTUS. Lat. In the civil law. Sustenance; support; the means of living.

VIDAME. In French feudal law. Originally, an officer who represented the bishop, as the viscount did the count. In process of time, these dignitaries erected their offices into fiefs, and became feudal nobles, such as the vidame of Chartres, Rheims, etc., continuing to take their titles from the seat of the bishop whom they represented, although the lands held by virtue of their fiefs might be situated elsewhere. Brande; Burrill.

VIDE. Lat. A word of reference. Vide ante, or vide supra, refers to a previous passage, vide post, or vide infra, to a subsequent passage, in a book.

Videbis ea sepe committi que sepe vindicantu, 3 Inst. Epil. You will see these things frequently committed which are frequently punished.

VIDELICET. Lat. The words “to-wit,” or “that is to say,” so frequently used in pleading, are technically called the “videlicet” or “isetlicet;” and when any fact alleged in pleading is preceded by, or accompanied with these words, such fact is, in the language of the law, said to be “laid under a videlicet.” The use of the videlicet is to point out, particularize, or render more specific that which has been previously stated in general language only; also to explain that which is doubtful or obscure. Brown. See Stukeley v. Butler, Hob. 171; Gleason v. McVickar, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 43; Sullivan v. State, 67 Miss. 346, 7 So. 275; Clark v. Employers’ Liability Assur. Co., 72 Vt. 458, 48 A. 639; Com. v. Quinlan, 153 Mass. 488, 27 N. E. 8.


VIDIMUS. An inspeximus, (q. v.) Barring, Ob. St. 5.

VIDUA REGIS. Lat. In old English law. A king’s widow. The widow of a tenant in capite. So called, because she was not allowed to marry a second time without the king’s permission; obtaining her dower also from the assignation of the king, and having the king for her patron and defender. Spelman.

VIDUITATIS PROFESSIO. Lat. The making a solemn profession to live a sole and chaste woman.

VIDUITY. Widowhood.

VIE. Fr. Life; occurring in the phrases estu que vie, par autre vie, etc.

VIEW. The right of prospect; the outlook or prospect from the windows of one’s house. A species of urban servitude which prohibits the obstruction of such prospect. 3 Kent, Comm. 448.

We understand by view every opening which may more or less facilitate the means of looking out of a building. Lights are those openings which are made rather for the admission of light than to look out of. Civ. Code La. art. 715.

Also an inspection by the jury previously to the trial of property in controversy, or of a place where a crime has been committed. See Garbarsky v. Simsken, 90 Misc. 105, 73 N. Y. S. 109; Wakefield v. Railroad Co., 63 Me. 285; Lancaster County v. Holyoke, 37 Neb. 325, 55 N. W. 950, 21 L. R. A. 394; Commonwealth v. Dascalakis, 246 Mass. 12, 140 N. E. 470, 477.

VIEW AND DELIVERY. When a right of common is exercisable not over the whole waste, but only in convenient places indicated from time to time by the lord of the manor or his bailiff, it is said to be exercisable after “view and delivery.” Elton, Commons, 230.

VIEW, DEMAND OF. In real actions, the defendant was entitled to demand a view, that is, a sight of the thing, in order to ascertain its identity and other circumstances. As, if a real action were brought against a tenant, and such tenant did not exactly know what land it was that the demandant asked, then he might pray the view, which was that he might see the land which the demandant claimed. Brown.

VIEW OF AN INQUEST. A view or inspection taken by a jury, summoned upon an inquisition or inquest, of the place or property
to which the inquisition or inquiry refers. Brown.

VIEW OF FRANK-PLEDGE. In English law. An examination to see if every free-
man above twelve years of age within the district had taken the oath of allegiance, and
found nine freeman pledges for his peaceable demeanor. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 7.

VIEWERS. Persons appointed by a court to
make an investigation of certain matters, or
to examine a particular locality, (as, the pro-
posed site of a new road,) and to report to the
court the result of their inspection, with their
opinion on the same.

In Old Practice
Persons appointed under writs of view to

VIF-GAGE. L. Fr. In old English law. A
virtum vadium or living pledge, as distin-
guished from a mortgage or dead pledge.
Properly, an estate given as security for a
debt, the debt to be satisfied out of the rents,
issues, and profits.

VIGIL. In ecclesiastical law. The eve or
next day before any solemn feast.

VIGILANCE. Watchfulness; precaution; a
proper degree of activity and promptness in
pursuing one's rights or guarding them from
infraction, or in making or discovering op-
opportunities for the enforcement of one's law-
ful claims and demands. It is the opposite of
laches.

Vigilantibus et non dormientibus jura subveni-
unt. The laws aid those who are vigilant, not
those who sleep upon their rights. 2 Inst.
690; Merchants' Bank of Newburyport, Presi-
dent, etc., of, v. Stevenson, 7 Allen (Mass.)
496; Broom, Max. 892.

VIGOR. Lat. Strength; virtue; force; ef-
ciency. Proprino vigore, by its own force.

VIIS ET MODIS. Lat. In the ecclesiastical
courts, service of a decree or citation viis et
modis, i. e., by all "ways and means" likely
to affect the party with knowledge of its con-
tents, is equivalent to substituted service in the
temporal courts, and is opposed to per-

VILL. In old English law, this word was
used to signify the parts into which a hundred or
wapentake was divided. It also signifies a
town or city.

Demi-vill
A town consisting of five freemen, or frank-
pledges. Spelman.

Villa est ex pluribus mansionibus vicinata, et
collata ex pluribus vicinis, et sub appellatone
villarum continentur burgi et civitates. Co. Litt.
115. Vill is a neighborhood of many man-
sions, a collection of many neighbors, and
under the term of "vills" boroughs and cities are
contained.

VILLA REGIA. Lat. In Saxon law. A royal
residence. Spelman.

VILLAGE. Any small assemblage of houses
for dwellings or business, or both, in the coun-
try, whether they are situated upon regularly
laid out streets and alleys or not. Hebert v.
Lavalle, 27 Ill. 448; People v. Van Nuyes
Lighting Dist. of Los Angeles County, 173
Cal. 792, 162 P. 97, 98, Ann. Cas. 19181), 255;
State v. Booth, 169 Iowa, 143, 149 N. W. 244,
245. The houses comprising the village must be
reasonably contiguous to each other. State v.
County Com'r's of McKinley County, 20 N.

In some states, this is the legal description of
a class of municipal corporations of smaller
population than "cities" and having a
simpler form of government, and correspond-
ing to "towns" and "boroughs," as these terms are
employed elsewhere.

VILLAIN. An opprobrious epithet, implying
great moral delinquency, and equivalent to
knife, rascal, or scoundrel. The word is
liebelous. 1 Bos. & P. 331.

VILLANIS REGIS SUBTRACTIS REDUC-
CENDIS. A writ for the bringing back of
the king's bondmen, that had been carried away by others out of his manors
where they belonged. Reg. Orig. 87.

VILLANUM SERVITIUM. In old English

VILLEIN. A person attached to a manor,
who was substantially in the condition of a
slave, who performed the base and servile
work upon the manor for the lord, and was,
in most respects, a subject of property be-

VILLEIN IN GROSS. A villain who was an-
exed to the person of the lord, and trans-
ferable by deed from one owner to another.
2 Bl. Comm. 93.

VILLEIN REGARDANT. A villain annexed
to the manor of land; a serf.

VILLEIN SERVICES. Base services, such as
villeins performed. 2 Bl. Comm. 93. They
were not, however, exclusively confined to
villeins, since they might be performed by
freemen, without impairing their free condi-

VILLEIN SOCAGE. In feudal and old Eng-
lish law. A species of tenure in which the
services to be rendered were certain and de-
terminate, but were of a base or servile na-
ture; i.e., not suitable to a man of free
and honorable rank. This was also called
"privileged villeinage," to distinguish it from
"pure villeinage," in which the services were
not certain, but the tenant was obliged
to do whatever he was commanded. 2 Bl.
Comm. 61.
VILLENAGE. A servile kind of tenure belonging to lands or tenements, whereby the tenant was bound to do all such services as the lord commanded, or were fit for a villen to do. Cowell. See Villein.

Pure Villenage
A base tenure, where a man holds upon terms of doing whatsoever is commanded of him, nor knows in the evening what is to be done in the morning, and is always bound to an uncertain service. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 188.

VILENOUS JUDGMENT. A judgment which deprived one of his libera lex, whereby he was discredited and disabled as a juror or witness; forfeited his goods and chattels and lands for life; wasted the lands, razed the houses, rooted up the trees, and committed his body to prison. It has become obsolete. 4 Bl. Comm. 136; 4 Steph. Comm. 230; 4 Droom & H. Comm. 153. Wharton.

Vim vi repellere licet, modo fiat moderatim inculpatae tutela, non ad sumendum vindicatam, sed ad propulsandum injuriam. It is lawful to repel force by force, provided it be done with the moderation of blameless defense, not for the purpose of taking revenge, but to ward off injury. Co. Litt. 162a.

VINAGRIUM. A payment of a certain quantity of wine instead of rent for a vineyard. 2 Mon. Ang. p. 980.

VINCULACION. In Spanish law. An entail. Schum. Civil Law, 305.

VINCULO. In Spanish law. The bond, chain, or tie of marriage. White, New Recop, b. 1, tit. 6, c. 1, § 2.

VINCULO MATRIMONII. See A Vinculo Matrimonii; Divorce.

VINCULUM JURIS. Lat. In the Roman law, an obligation is defined as a vinculum juris, i. e., "a bond of law," whereby one party becomes or is bound to another to do something according to law.

VINDEX. Lat. In the civil law. A defender.

VINDICARE. Lat. In the civil law. To claim, or challenge; to demand one's own; to assert a right in or to a thing; to assert or claim a property in a thing; to claim a thing as one's own. Calvin.

VINDICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The claiming a thing as one's own; the asserting of a right or title in or to a thing.

VINDICATORY PARTS OF LAWS. The sanction of the laws, whereby it is signified what evil or penalty shall be incurred by such as commit any public wrongs, and transgress or neglect their duty. 1 Steph. Comm. 37.

VINDICTA. In Roman law. A rod or wand; and, from the use of that instrument in their course, various legal acts came to be distinguished by the term; e. g., one of the three ancient modes of manumission was by the vindicta; also the rod or wand intervened in the progress of the old action of vindicatio, whence the name of that action. Brown.

VINDICTIVE DAMAGES. See Damages.

VINOUS LIQUORS. This term includes all alcoholic beverages made from the juice of the grape by the process of fermentation, and perhaps similar liquors made from apples and from some species of berries; but not pure alcohol nor distilled liquors nor malt liquors such as beer and ale. See Adler v. State, 55 Ala. 23; Heyfelt v. State, 73 Miss. 415, 15 So. 925; Lemly v. State, 70 Miss. 241, 12 So. 22, 29 L. R. A. 645; Com. v. Heyburg, 122 Pa. 290, 16 A. 351, 2 L. R. A. 415; Feldman v. Morrison, 1 Ill. App. 462; Hinton v. State, 132 Ala. 29, 31 So. 593.

VINTNER. One who sells wine. A covenant prohibiting the trade of a vintner includes a person selling wines not to be drunk on the premises. 25 L. T. (N. S.) 312.

VIO. Fr. In French law. Rape. Barring, Ob. St. 139.

VIOLATION. Injury; infringement; breach of right, duty or law; ravishment; seduction. The statute 25 Edw. III. St. 5, c. 2, enacts that any person who shall violate the king's companion shall be guilty of high treason.

VIOLENCE. The abuse of force. That force which is employed against common right, against the laws, and against public liberty. Merl. Répert.


VIOLENT. Characterized or caused by violence; severe; assaulting the person (and metaphorically, the mind) with a great degree of force.

VIOLENT DEATH. Death caused by violent external means, as distinguished from natural death, caused by disease or the wasting of the vital forces.

VIOLENT PRESCRIPTION. In the law of evidence. Proof of a fact by the proof of circumstances which necessarily attend it. 3 Bl. Comm. 371. Violent presumption is many times equal to full proof. Id. See Davis v.
VIOLENT PROFITS. Mesme profits in Scotland. "They are so called because due on the tenant's forcible or unwarrantable detaining the possession after he ought to have removed." Ersk. Inst. 2, 6, 54; Bell.

Violenta præsumtio aliquando est plena probatio. Co. Litt. 6b. Violent presumption is sometimes full proof.

VIOLENTLY. By the use of force; forcibly; with violence. The term is used in indictments for certain offenses. State v. Blake, 39 Me. 324; State v. Williams, 32 La. Ann. 337, 36 Am. Rep. 272; Craig v. State, 157 Ind. 574, 62 N. E. 5; State v. Crawford, 60 Utah, 6, 206 P. 717, 718.

Viperina est expositio quae corrodit viscera textus. 11 Coke, 54. It is a poisonous exposition which destroys the vitals of the text.

VIR. Lat. A man, especially as marking the sex. In the Latin phrases and maxims of the old English law, this word generally means "husband," the expression vir et uxor corresponding to the law French baron et feme.

Vir et uxor consentur in lege una persona. Jenk. Cent. 27. Husband and wife are considered one person in law.

Vir et uxor sunt quasi unius persona, quia caro et sanguis uxus; res ista sit propria uxoris, vir tamen ejus custos, cum sit caput mulieris. Co. Litt. 112. Man and wife are, as it were, one person, because only one flesh and blood; although the property may be the wife's, the husband is keeper of it, since he is the head of the wife.

Vir militians Deo non implectitur securibus negotiis. Co. Litt. 70. A man fighting for God must not be involved in secular business.

VIRES. Lat. (The plural of "vīs,") Powers; forces; capabilities; natural powers; powers granted or limited. See Ultra Vires.

Vires acquirit eundo. It gains strength by continuance. Mann v. Manu's Ex'r, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 231, 237.

VIRGA. In old English law. A rod or staff; a rod or ensign of office. Cowell.

VIRGA TERRÆ. (or VIRGATA TERRÆ.) In old English law. A yard-land; a measure of land of variable quantity, containing in some places twenty, in others twenty-four, in others thirty, and in others forty, acres. Cowell; Co. Litt. 5a.

VIRGATA. A quarter of an acre of land. It might also be used to express a quarter of a hide of land.

VIRGATA REGIA. In old English law. The verge; the bounds of the king's household, within which the court of the steward had jurisdiction. Crabb, Eng. Law, 185.

VIRGATE. A yard-land.

VIRGE, TENANT BY. A species of copsholder, who holds by the virge or rod.

VIRGO INTACTA. Lat. A pure virgin.

VIRIDARIO ELIGENDO. A writ for choice of a verderer in the forest. Reg. Orig. 177.

VIRILIA. The privy members of a man, to cut off which was felony by the common law, though the party consented to it. Bract. 1, 3, 144; Cowell.

VIRTUE. The phrase "by virtue" differs in meaning from "under color."

Acts done "virtue officii" are those within the authority of the officer, when properly performed, but which are performed improperly; acts done "colore officii" are those which are entirely outside or beyond the authority conferred by the office. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco v. Smith, 42 Idaho, 224, 241 P. 1102, 1104. For instance, the proper fees are received by virtue of the office; exortion is under color of the office. Phil. Law, 350.

VIRTUOUS. A woman is a "virtuous female" if her body be pure and if she has never had sexual intercourse with another, though both her mind and heart be impure. Thomas v. State, 19 Ga. App. 104, 91 S. E. 247, 250.

VIRTUTE CJUS. Lat. By virtue whereof. This was the clause in a pleading justifying an entry upon land, by which the party alleged that it was in virtue of an order from one entitled that he entered. Wharton.

VIRTUTE OFFICI. Lat. By virtue of his office. By the authority vested in him as the incumbent of the particular office.

VIS. Lat. Any kind of force, violence, or disturbance relating to a man's person or his property.

VIS ABLATIVA. In the civil law. Ablative force; force which is exerted in taking away a thing from another. Calvin.

VIS ARMATA. In the civil and old English law. Armed force; force exerted by means of arms or weapons.

VIS CLANDESTINA. In old English law. Clandestine force; such as is used by night. Bract. fol. 162.

VIS COMPULSIVA. In the civil and old English law. Compulsive force; that which is exerted to compel another to do an act against his will; force exerted by menaces or terror.

VIS DIVINA. In the civil law. Divine or superhuman force; the act of God.

VIS ET METUS. In Scotch law. Force and fear. Bell.
VIS EXPULSIVA. In old English law. Expulsive force; force used to expel another, or put him out of his possession. Bracton contrasts it with "vis simplex," and divides it into expulsive force with arms, and expulsive force without arms. Bract. fol. 162.

VIS EXTURBATIVA. In the civil law. Ex turbative force; force used to thrust out another. Force used between two contending claimants of possession, the one endeavoring to thrust out the other. Calvin.

VIS FLUMINIS. In the civil law. The force of a river; the force exerted by a stream or current; water-power.

VIS IMPRESSA. The original act of force out of which an injury arises, as distinguished from "vis proxima," the proximate force, or immediate cause of the injury. 2 Greenl. Ev. § 224.

VIS INERMIS. In old English law. Unarmed force; the opposite of "vis armata." Bract. fol. 162.

VIS INJURIOSA. In old English law. Wrongful force; otherwise called "illicita," (unlawful.) Bract. fol. 162.

VIS INQUIETATIVA. In the civil law. Disquieting force. Calvin. Bracton defines it to be where one does not permit another to use his possession quietly and in peace. Bract. fol. 162.

VIS LAICA. In old English law. Lay force; an armed force used to hold possession of a church. Reg. Orig. 59, 60.

Vis legibus est inimica. 3 Inst. 176. Violence is inimical to the laws.


VIS MAJOR. A greater or superior force; an irresistible force. A loss by vis major is one that results immediately from a natural cause without the intervention of man, and could not have been prevented by the exercise of prudence, diligence, and care. The George Shiras, 61 F. 300, 9 C. C. A. 511, 17 U. S. App. 528; Brousseau v. The Hudson, 11 La. Ann. 428; Nugent v. Smith, 1 C. P. Div. 437. A natural and inevitable necessity, and one arising wholly above the control of human agencies, and which occurs independently of human action or neglect. The Adventuress (D. C.) 224 F. 834, 839. In the civil law, this term is sometimes used as synonymous with "vis divina," or the act of God. Calvin.

VIS PERTUBATIVA. In old English law. Force used between parties contending for a possession.

VIS PROXIMA. Immediate force. See Vis Impressa.

VIS SIMPLEX. In old English law. Simple or mere force. Distinguished by Bracton from "vis armata," and also from "vis expulsiva." Bract. fol. 162.

VISA. An official indorsement upon a document, passport, commercial book, etc., to certify that it has been examined and found correct or in due form. See also Vise.

VISCOUNT. A decree of English nobility, next below that of earl. An old title of the sheriff.

VISÉ. An indorsement made on a passport by the proper authorities, denoting that it has been examined, and that the person who bears it is permitted to proceed on his journey. Webster. See also Visa.


VISIT. In international law. The right of visit or visitation is the right of a cruiser or war-ship to stop a vessel sailing under another flag on the high seas, and send an officer to such vessel to ascertain whether her nationality is what it purports to be. It is exercisable only when suspicious circumstances attend the vessel to be visited; as when she is suspected of a piratical character.


VISITATION BOOKS. In English law. Books compiled by the heralds, when progresses were solemnly and regularly made into every part of the kingdom, to inquire into the state of families, and to register such marriages and descents as were verified to them upon oath; they were allowed to be good evidence of pedigree. 3 Bl. Comm. 105; 3 Steph. Comm. 724.

VISITOR. An inspector of the government of corporations, or bodies politic. 1 Bl. Comm. 482.

Visitor is an inspector of the government of a corporation, etc. The ordinary is visitor of spiritual corporations. But corporations instituted for private charity, if they are lay, are visitable by the founder, or whom he shall appoint; and from the sentence of such visitor there lies no appeal. By implication of law, the founder and his heirs are visitors of lay foundations, if no particular par-
son is appointed by him to see that the charity is not perverted. Jacob.

The term “visitor” is also applied to an official appointed to see and report upon persons found lunatics by inquisition, and to a person appointed by a school board to visit houses and see that parents are complying with the provisions in reference to the education of their children. Mozley & Whitely.

VISITOR OF MANNERS. The regarder’s office in the forest. Manw. I. 195.

VISNE. L. Fr. The neighborhood; vicinage; venue. The district from which juries were drawn at common law. Ex parte McNeeley, 36 W. Va. 84, 14 S. E. 436, 15 L. R. A. 225, 52 Am. St. Rep. 521; State v. Kemp, 34 Minn. 61, 24 N. W. 340.

VISUS. Lat. In old English practice. View; inspection, either of a place or a person.

VITAL STATISTICS. Public records kept by a state, city or other governmental subdivision, under a statutory provision, of births, marriages and deaths, and disease.

VITIATE. To impair; to make void or voidable; to cause to fail of force or effect; to destroy or annul, either entirely or in part, the legal efficacy and binding force of an act or instrument; as when it is said that fraud vitiates a contract.

VITILIGATE. To litigate caustically, vexatiously, or from merely quarrelsome motives.

VITIOUS INTROMISSION. In Scotch law. An unwarrantable intermeddling with the movable estate of a person deceased, without the order of law. Ersk. Prin. b. 3, tit. 9, § 25. The irregular intermeddling with the effects of a deceased person, which subjects the party to the whole debts of the deceased. 2 Kames, Eq. 527.

VITIUM CLERICI. In old English law. The mistake of a clerk; a clerical error.


Vitium est quod fugi debet, nisi, rationem non invenas, mox legem sine ratione esse clamans. Ellesm. Post. N. 56. It is a fault which ought to be avoided, that if you cannot discover the reason you should presently exclaim that the law is without reason.

VITIUM SCRIPTORIS. In old English law. The fault or mistake of a writer or copyist; a clerical error. Gilb. Forum Rom. 185.


VITRICUS. Lat. In the civil law. A stepfather; a mother’s second husband. Calvin.

VIVA AQUA. Lat. In the civil law. Living water; running water; that which issues from a spring or fountain. Calvin.

VIVA PECUNIA. Lat. Cattle, which obtained this name from being received during the Saxon period as money upon most occasions, at certain regulated prices. Cowell.

VIVA VOCE. Lat. With the living voice; by word of mouth. As applied to the examination of witnesses, this phrase is equivalent to “orally.” It is used in contradistinction to evidence on affidavits or depositions. As descriptive of a species of voting, it signifies voting by speech or outcry, as distinguished from voting by a written or printed ballot.

VIVARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. An inclosed place, where live wild animals are kept. Calvin; Spelman.

VIVARY. In English law. A place for keeping wild animals alive, including fishes; a fish pond, park, or warren.

VIVUM VADUUM. See Vadium.

Vix ulla lex fieri potest quae omnibus commoda sit, sed si majori parti prospicient, utilis est. Scarcely any law can be made which is adapted to all, but, if it provide for the greater part, it is useful. Plowd. 309.

VIZ. A contraction for videlicet, to-wit, namely, that is to say.

VOCABULA ARTIS. Lat. Words of art; technical terms.

Vocabula artium explicanda sunt secondum definitiones prudentum. Terms of arts are to be explained according to the definitions of the learned or skilled [in such arts.] Bl. Law Tracts, 6.

VOCARE AD CURIAM. In feudal law. To summon to court. Feud. Lib. 2, tit. 22.

VOCATIO IN JUS. Lat. A summoning to court. In the earlier practice of the Roman law, (under the legis actiones,) the creditor orally called upon his debtor to go with him before the praetor for the purpose of determining their controversy, saying, “In jus camus; in jus te voca.” This was called “vocatio in jus.”

VOCATION. A calling, a systematic employment in an occupation appropriate to the person employed. Miller v. Stevens, 224 Mich. 620, 195 N. W. 481, 482.


VCOCO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. I call; I summon; I vouch. In jus voco te, I summon you to court; I summon you before the prétor. The formula by which a Roman action was ancienly commenced. Adams, Rom. Ant. 242.

VOID. Null; ineffectual; nugatory; having no legal force or binding effect; unable, in law, to support the purpose for which it was intended. McGarry v. Village of Wilmette, 303 Ill. 147, 135 N. E. 96, 98; Mobile County v. Williams, 180 Ala. 638, 61 So. 903, 905. "Void" seldom implies entire nullity; but is, in a legal sense, subject to large qualifications in view of all the circumstances calling for its application, and the rights and interests to be affected in a given case. Brown v. Brown, 90 N. H. 538, 552. Thus Way v. Root, 174 Mich. 418, 140 N. W. 577, 579. Things are voidable which are valid and effectual until they are avoided by some act, while things are often said to be void which are without validity until confirmed; Toy v. Hopkins, 212 U. S. 542, 29 S. Ct. 416, 53 L. Ed. 644; Unkle v. Wills (C. C. A.) 281 F. 29, 41.

There is this difference between the two words "void" and "voidable:" void in the strict sense means that an instrument or transaction is nugatory and ineffectual so that nothing can cure it; voidable, when an imperfection or defect can be cured by the act or confirmation of him who could take advantage of it. Wharton. The term "void," however, as applicable to conveyances or other agreements, has not at all times been used with technical precision, nor restricted to its peculiar and limited sense, as contradistinguished from "voidable:" It being frequently introduced, even by legal writers and jurists, when the purpose is nothing further than to indicate that a contract was invalid, and not being in law. But the distinction between the terms "void" and "voidable," in their application to contracts, is often one of great practical importance; and, whenever entire technical accuracy is required, the term "void" can only be properly applied to those contracts that are of no effect whatever, such as are a mere nullity, and incapable of confirmation or ratification. Allis v. Billings, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 415, 39 Am. Dec. 744.

In Statutes

The word "void" is used in statutes in the sense of utterly void so as to be incapable of ratification, and also in the sense of voidable and resort must be had to the rules of construction in many cases to determine in which sense the Legislature intended to use it. An act or contract neither wrong in itself nor against public policy, which has been declared void by statute for the protection or benefit of a certain party, or class of parties, is voidable only. Westerlund v. Black Bear Mining Co. (C. C. A.) 205 F. 569, 611; Elerick v. Reed, 113 Okl. 105, 240 P. 1045, 1047; 44 A. L. R. 474; Sherman v. Smith, 195 Iowa, 654, 169 N. W. 216; 217; U. S. v. New York & Porto Rico S. S. Co., 230 U. S. 88, 36 S. Ct. 41, 42, 60 L. Ed. 161.

As to Judgments

The words "void" and "voidable," as applied to a judgment, are not interchangeable; a voidable judgment being subject to validation by subsequent acts, while a void judgment cannot be vitalized by any subsequent action of the parties, but is subject to collateral attack. Owens v. Cocroft, 14 Ga. App. 922, 80 S. E. 906, 907.

As to Marriage

A "void marriage" is one not good for any legal purpose, the invalidity of which may be maintained in any proceeding between any parties, while a "voidable marriage" is one where there is an imperfection which can be inquired into only during the lives of both of the parties in a proceeding to obtain a sentence declaring it void. State v. Smith, 101 S. C. 293, 8 S. E. 958, 959, Ann. Cas. 1917 C, 149.


Void things are as no things. People v. Shall, 9 Cow. (N. Y.) 778, 784.

VOIDABLE. That may be avoided, or declared void; not absolutely void, or void in itself. Most of the acts of infants are voidable only, and not absolutely void. 2 Kent, Comm. 234. See Void.

VOIDANCE. The act of emptying; ejection from a benefice.

VOIR DIRE. L. Fr. To speak the truth. This phrase denotes the preliminary examination which the court may make of one presented as a witness or juror, where his competency, interest, etc., is objected to.

VOITURE. Fr. Carriage; transportation by carriage.

VOLENS. Lat. Willing. He is said to be willing who either expressly consents or tacitly makes no opposition. Calvin.


Voluit, sed non dixit. He willed, but he did not say. He may have intended so, but he did not say so. A maxim frequently used in the construction of wills, in answer to arguments based upon the supposed intention of a testator. 2 Pow. Dev. 625; 4 Kent, Comm. 538.

VOLUMEN. Lat. In the civil law. A volume; so called from its form, being rolled up.

VOLUMUS. Lat. We will; it is our will. The first word of a clause in the royal writs of protection and letters patent. Cowell.


Done by design or Intention; purposed; intended. Federal Sav. & Ins. Co. v. Rager, 75 Ind. App. 299, 128 N. E. 773, 774. The word, especially in statutes, often implies knowledge of essential facts. Sweeney v. Sweeney, 96 Vt. 195, 118 A. 892, 26 A. L. R. 1096; Choate v. State, 19 Okl. Cr. 169, 197 P. 1060, 1063. Using the word in a somewhat special sense, it is also said that if the circumstances under which vessel leaves port are such that it must be known that she will be compelled to deviate for reasons such as shortage of fuel, the deviation is "voluntary." The Malcolm Baxter, Jr. (C. C. A.) 20 F.(2d) 304, 306.

Without consideration; without valuable consideration; gratuitous, as a voluntary conveyance. London v. G. L. Anderson Brass Works, 197 Ala. 16, 72 So. 359, 363. Also, having a merely nominal consideration; as, a voluntary deed. Russ v. Blackshear, 88 Fla. 573, 102 So. 749, 750.


VOLUNTARY COURTESY. A voluntary act of kindness; an act of kindness performed by one man towards another, of the free will and inclination of the doer, without any previous request or promise of reward made by him who is the object of the courtesy; from which the law will not imply a promise of remuneration. Holthouse.

VOLUNTARY EXPOSURE TO UNNECESSARY DANGER. An intentional act which reasonable and ordinary prudence would pronounce dangerous. Archibald v. Order of United Commercial Travelers, 117 Me. 418, 104 A. 792, 793; Federal Sav. & Ins. Co. v. Rager, 75 Ind. App. 299, 128 N. E. 773, 774. Intentional exposure to unnecessary danger, implying a conscious knowledge of the danger. Empire Life Ins. Co. v. Allen, 111 Ga. 413, 81 S. E. 120, 122. The voluntary doing of an act which is not necessary to be done, but which requires exposure to known danger to which one would not be exposed if unnecessary act is not done. Lundau v. Travelers' Ins. Co., 315 Mo. 790, 287 S. W. 346, 351. The term implies a conscious, intentional exposure, something of which one is conscious but willing to take the risk.

VOLUNTARY IGNORANCE. This exists where a party might, by taking reasonable pains, have acquired the necessary knowledge, but has neglected to do so.

VOLUNTAS. Lat. Properly, volition, purpose, or intention, or a design or the feeling or impulse which prompts the commission of an act; but in old English law the term was often used to denote a will, that is, the last will and testament of a decedent, more properly called testamentum.

Voluntas donatoris in charta doni sui manifeste expressa observetur. Co. Litt. 21. The will of the donor manifestly expressed in his deed of gift is to be observed.

Voluntas est justa sententia de eo quod quis post mortem suam fieri velit. A will is an exact opinion or determination concerning that which each one wishes to be done after his death.

Voluntas et propositum distinguunt maleficia. The will and the proposed end distinguish crimes. Bract. fols. 29, 136b.

Voluntas facit quod in testamento scriptum valet. Dig. 30, 1, 12, 3. It is intention which gives effect to the wording of a will.

Voluntas in delictis, non exitus spectatur. 2 Inst. 57. In crimes, the will, and not the consequence, is looked to.

Voluntas reputatur pro facte. The intention is to be taken for the deed. 3 Inst. 69; Broom, Max. 311.

Voluntas testatoris est ambulatoria usque ad extremum vitæ exitum. 4 Coke, 61. The will of a testator is ambulatory until the latest moment of life.


Voluntas ultima testatoris est perimplenda secundum veram intentionem suam. Co. Litt. 322. The last will of the testator is to be fulfilled according to his true intention.

VOLUNTEER. One who gives his services without any express or implied promise of remuneration. Sweet; Seavert v. Cooper, 187 Iowa, 1109, 175 N. W. 19, 21. One who intrudes himself into a matter which does not concern him, or one who pays the debt of another without request, when he is not legally or morally bound to do so, and when he has no interest to protect in making such payment. Missouri, K. & T. Ry. Co. of Texas v. Hood (Tex. Civ. App.) 172 S. W. 1120. See Irvine v. Angus, 93 F. 638, 85 C. C. A. 501; Arn-

In Conveyancing
One who holds a title under a voluntary conveyance, i.e., one made without consideration, good or valuable, to support it.

In the Law of Master and Servant
The term "Volunteer" includes one who, without the assent of the master and without justification arising from a legitimate personal interest, unnecessarily assists a servant in the performance of the master's business. Kalmich v. White, 95 Conn. 508, 111 A. 845, 846; Eugene Dietzen Co. v. Industrial Board of Illinois, 279 Ill. 11, 116 N. E. 684, 685, Ann. Cas. 1918B, 764; Goshen Furnace Corporation v. Tolley's Adm'r, 134 Va. 404, 114 S. E. 728, 730.

In Military Law
One who freely and voluntarily offers himself for service in the army or navy; as distinguished from one who is compelled to serve by draft or conscription, and also from one entered by enlistment in the standing army.

VOTE. Suffrage; the expression of his will, preference, or choice, formally manifested by a member of a legislative or deliberative body, or of a constituency or a body of qualified electors, in regard to the decision to be made by the body as a whole upon any proposed measure or proceeding, or the selection of an officer or representative. And the aggregate of the expressions of will or choice, thus manifested by individuals, is called the "vote of the body." See Maynard v. Board of Canvassers, 84 Mich. 228, 47 N. W. 756, 11 L. R. A. 332; Gillespie v. Palmer, 20 Wis. 546; Davis v. Brown, 46 W. Va. 719, 34 S. E. 859; Straughan v. Meyers, 208 Mo. 550, 187 S. W. 1159, 1161; State v. State Board of Canvassers, 44 N. D. 126, 172 N. W. 89, 87.

Casting Vote
See that title.

Cumulative Voting
See Cumulative.

Voting Trust
A term applied to the accumulation in a single hand or in a few hands of shares of corporate stock, belonging to several or many owners, in trust for purpose of voting the shares in order, thereby, to control the business of the company through selection of directors. Manson v. Curtis, 223 N. Y. 513, 119 N. E. 559, 561, Ann. Cas. 1918E, 247; Grunb v. Blish, 88 Ind. App. 309, 152 N. E. 609, 611.

VOTER. The word "voters," as ordinarily used, has two meanings—persons who perform the act of voting, and persons who have the qualifications entitling them to vote. Its meaning depends on the connections in which it is used, and is not always equivalent to electors. Board of Education of Oklahoma City v. Woodworth, 89 Okl. 192, 214 P. 1077, 1079. See Clayton v. Hill City, 111 Kan. 395, 297 P. 770.

In a limited sense a voter is a person having the legal right to vote, sometimes called a legal voter. Acezel v. United States (C. C. A.) 292 F. 652, 657; Trammell v. Griffin, 141 Tenn. 139, 297 S. W. 726; State ex inf. Barrett ex rel. Newman v. Clements, 305 Mo. 297, 264 S. W. 984, 986; State v. Stewart, 57 Mont. 397, 188 P. 904, 907.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS. In the houses of parliament the clerks at the tables make brief entries of all that is actually done; and those minutes, which are printed from day to day for the use of members, are called the "votes and proceedings of parliament." From these votes and proceedings the journals of the house are subsequently prepared, by making the entries at greater length. Brown.

VOTUM. Lat. A vow or promise. Dies votorum, the wedding day. Fl. i. 1, c. 4.

VOUCH. To call upon; to call in to warrant: to call upon the grantor or warrantor to defend the title to an estate.

To vouch is to call upon, rely on, or quote as an authority. Thus, in the old writers, to vouch a case or report is to quote it as an authority. Co. Litt. 70a.

VOUCHEE. In common recoveries, the person who is called to warrant or defend the title is called the "vouchee." 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2003.

Common Vouchee
In common recoveries, the person who is vouched to warranty. In this fictitious proceeding the oyer of the court usually performs the office of a common vouchee. 2 Bl. Comm. 358; 2 Bouv. Inst. n. 2003.

VOUCHER. A receipt, acquittance, or release, which may serve as evidence of payment or discharge of a debt, or to certify the correctness of accounts. An account-book containing the acquittances or receipts showing the accountant's discharge of his obligations. Whitwell v. Willard, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 218.

When used in connection with the disbursement of money, voucher means a written or printed instrument in the nature of a bill of particulars, account, etc., which shows on what account and by what authority a particular payment has been made. State v. Moore, 30 Neb. 579, 54 N. W. 866; People v. Swigert, 107 Ill. 495. An instrument that shows on what account, or by what authority, a particular payment of money is made. Camp & Du Puy v. Lauterman, 75 Or. 134, 152 P. 288, 289.
In Old Conveyancing

The person on whom the tenant calls to defend the title to the land, because he warranted the title to him at the time of the original purchase.

VOUCHER TO WARRANTY. The calling one who has warranted lands, by the party warranted, to come and defend the suit for him. Co. Litt. 101b.

Vox emissa volat; litera scripta manet. The spoken word flies; the written letter remains. Broom, Max. 666.

VOX SIGNATA. In Scotch practice. An emphatic or essential word. 2 Alis. Crim. Pr. 280.

VOYAGE. In maritime law. The passing of a vessel by sea from one place, port, or country to another. The term is held to include the enterprise entered upon, and not merely the route. Friend v. Insurance Co., 113 Mass. 326.

Foreign Voyage

A voyage to some port or place within the territory of a foreign nation. The terminus of a voyage determines its character. If it be within the limits of a foreign jurisdiction, it is a foreign voyage, and not otherwise. Taber v. United States, 1 Story, 1, Fed. Cas. No. 13,722; The Three Brothers, 23 Fed. Cas. 1,162.

Voyage Insured

In insurance law. A transit at sea from the terminus a quo to the terminus ad quem, in a prescribed course of navigation, which is never set out in any policy; but virtually forms parts of all policies, and is as binding on the parties thereto as though it were minutely detailed. 1 Arn. Ins. 333.

Voyage Policy

See Policy of Insurance.

VRAIC. Seaweed. It is used in great quantities by the inhabitants of Jersey and Guernsey for manure, and also for fuel by the poorer classes.

VS. An abbreviation for versus, (against,) constantly used in legal proceedings, and especially in entitling cases.

VULGAR. "Vulgar" signifies lack of cultivation or refinement. Darnell v. State, 72 Tex. Cr. R. 271, 161 S. W. 971.

Vulgaris opinio est duplex, viz., orta inter graves et discretos, quam multum veritatis habet, et opinio orta inter levos et vulgares homines absque specie veritatis. 4 Coke 107. Common opinion is of two kinds, viz., that which arises among grave and discreet men, which has much truth in it, and that which arises among light and common men, without any appearance of truth.

VULGARI PURGATIO. Lat. In old English law. Common purgation; a name given to the trial by ordeal, to distinguish it from the canonical purgation, which was by the oath of the party. 4 Bl. Comm. 342.

VULGO CONCEPTI. Lat. In the civil law. Spurious children; bastards.

VULGO QUÆSITI. Lat. In the civil law. Spurious children; literally, gotten from the people; the offspring of promiscuous cohabitation, who are considered as having no father. Inst. 3, 4, 3; Id. 3, 5, 4.

W. D. An abbreviation for “Western District.”

WACREOUR. L. Fr. A vagabond, or vagrant. Brit. c. 29.

WADIA. A pledge. See Vadium; Fides Facta.

WADSET. In Scotch law. The old term for a mortgage. A right by which lands or other heritable subjects are impregnated by the proprietor to his creditor in security of his debt. Wadsets are usually drawn in the form of mutual contracts, in which one party sells the land, and the other grants the right of reversion. Ersk. Inst. 2, S. 3.

WADSETTER. In Scotch law. A creditor to whom a wadset is made, corresponding to a mortgagee.

WAFTORS. Conductors of vessels at sea. Cowell.

WAGA. In old English law. A weigh: a measure of cheese, salt, wool, etc., containing two hundred and fifty-six pounds avoirdupois. Cowell; Spelman.

WAGE. In old English practice. To give security for the performance of a thing. Cowell.

WAGER. A contract by which two or more parties agree that a certain sum of money or other thing shall be paid or delivered to one of them or that they shall gain or lose on the happening of an uncertain event or upon the ascertaining of a fact in dispute, where the parties have no interest in the event except that arising from the possibility of such gain or loss. Trust Co. v. Goodrich, 75 Ill. 569; Jordan v. Kent, 44 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 207; Winward v. Lincoln, 29 H. L. 476, 51 A. 106, 64 L. R. A. 169; Edson v. Pawlet, 22 Vt. 293; Woodcock v. McQueen, 11 Ind. 15; Fareira v. Gabell, 89 Pa. 90; Kitchen v. Londonback, 48 Ohio St. 177, 26 N. E. 979, 29 Am. St. Rep. 540; H. Seay & Co. v. Moore (Tex. Com. App.) 261 S. W. 1013, 1014; Young v. Stephenson, 82 Okl. 239, 200 P. 225, 228, 24 A. L. R. 978. See, also, Bet.

WAGER OF BATTLE. The trial by wager of battle was a species of trial Introduced into England, among other Norman customs, by William the Conqueror, in which the person accused fought with her accuser, under the apprehension that Heaven would give the victory to him who was in the right. 3 Bl. Comm. 337. It was abolished by St. 59 Geo. III, c. 49.

WAGER OF LAW. In old practice. The giving of gage or sureties by a defendant in an action of debt that at a certain day assigned he would make his law; that is, would take an oath in open court that he did not owe the debt, and at the same time bring with him eleven neighbors, (called “compurgators,”) who should avow upon their oaths that they believed in their consciences that he said the truth. Glanv. Lib. 1, c. 9, 12; Bract. fol. 156b; Brit. c. 27; 2 Bl. Comm. 343; Cro. Eliz. 818.

WAGER POLICY. See Policy of Insurance.

WAGERING CONTRACT. One in which the parties stipulate that they shall gain or lose, upon the happening of an uncertain event, in which they have no interest except that arising from the possibility of such gain or loss. Fareira v. Gabell, 89 Pa. 90.

WAGES. A compensation given to a hired person for his or her services; the compensation agreed upon by a master to be paid to a servant, or any other person hired to do work or business for him. Claris v. Solvay Process Co., 184 App. Div. 629, 172 N. Y. S. 420, 428; Russell v. McLaughley, 82 Ind. App. 624, 147 N. E. 282, 284; Cooks v. Lynepris, 175 Mich. 299, 144 N. W. 514, 515; Phoenix Iron Co. v. Roanoke Bridge Co., 169 N. C. 512, 68 S. E. 184, 185.

Agreed compensation for services by workmen, clerks or servants—those who have served an employer in a subordinate or menial capacity and who are supposed to be dependent upon their earnings to pay for their present support, whether they are to be paid by the hour, the day, the week, the month, the job, or the piece. In re Gurewitz, 121 P. 982, 58 C. C. A. 320.

Maritime Law

The compensation allowed to seamen for their services on board a vessel during a voyage.

In Political Economy

The reward paid, whether in money or goods, to human exertion, considered as a factor in the production of wealth, for its co-operation in the process.

"Three factors contribute to the production of commodities.—nature, labor, and capital. Each must have a share of the product as its reward, and this share, if it is just, must be proportionate to the several contributions. The share of the natural agents is rent; the share of labor, wages; the share of capital, interest. The clerk receives a salary; the lawyer and doctor, fees; the manufacturer, profits. Salary, fees, and profits are so many forms of wages for services rendered." De Laveleye, Pol. Econ.
—Wage earner. One who earns his living by labor of a mental or mechanical kind or performed in a subordinate capacity, such as domestic servants, mechanics, farm hands, clerks, porters, and messengers. In the United States bankruptcy act of 1898, an individual who works for wages, salary, or hire, at a compensation not exceeding $1,500 per year. See In re Pilger (D. C.) 118 F. 206; In re Gurewitz, 121 F. 982, 38 C. C. A. 820.

WAGON. A common vehicle for the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise of all descriptions. The term does not include a hackney-coach. Quigley v. Gorham, 5 Cal. 418, 63 Am. Dec. 139.

A "wagon" has been defined as a vehicle moving on wheels and usually drawn by horses. The word wagon is a generic term and includes other species of vehicle by whatever name they may be called. An automobile is a vehicle propelled by power generated within itself, used to convey passengers or materials, and in a general sense is a wagon. Strycker v. Richardson, 77 Pa. Super. Ct. 232, 235, but see contra United States v. One Automobile (D. C.) 237 F. 381, 382; Whitney v. Weinzitc, 153 Minn. 162, 190 N. W. 57, 28 A. L. R. 68.

WAGONAGE. Money paid for carriage in a wagon.

WAIF. Waifs are goods found, but claimed by nobody; that of which every one waives the claim. Also, goods stolen and waived, or thrown away by the thief in his flight, for fear of being apprehended. Wharton.

Waifs are to be distinguished from bona fugitiva, which are the goods of the felon himself, which he abandons in his flight from justice. Brown. See People v. Kattz, 3 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 138; Hall v. Gildersleeve, 36 N. J. Law, 237.

WAIB-BOTE. In feudal and old English law. Timber for wagons or carts.

WAIBLE. In old records. That may be plowed or manured; tillable. Cowell; Blount.

WAIBLE. In old English law. The team and instruments of husbandry belonging to a countryman, and especially to a villein who was required to perform agricultural services.


WAITING CLERKS. Officers whose duty it formerly was to wait in attendance upon the court of chancery. The office was abolished in 1842 by St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 108. Mozley & Whitley.

WAIVE, v. To abandon or throw away; as when a thief, in his flight, throws aside the stolen goods, in order to facilitate his escape, he is technically said to waive them.

In modern law, to renounce, repudiate, or surrender a claim, a privilege, a right, or the opportunity to take advantage of some defect, irregularity, or wrong. If a person is said to waive a benefit when he renounces or disclaims it, and he is said to waive a tort or injury when he abandons the remedy which the law gives him for it. Sweet.

WAIVE, n. A woman outlawed. The term is, as it were, the feminine of "outlaw," the latter being always applied to a man; "waive," to a woman. Cowell.


A "waiver" is a voluntary relinquishment of a known right, while "estoppel" is based on some colluding conduct of one person which, being relied on, operates to the prejudice of another, and is applied to the wrongdoer by the court in denial of some right which otherwise might exist. In insurance cases the terms are used interchangeably, and it is sometimes expressed as "waiver by estoppel." Debrock v. Rochester-German Ins. Co. of Rochester, N. Y., 143 N. Y. 698, 614, 177 Mich. 442, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 96; Crawford v. Winterbottom, 88 N. J. Law, 538, 96 A. 497, 498. See also, Sovereign Camp, Woodman of the World, v. Newson, 142 Ark. 123, 219 S. W. 759, 767, 14 A. L. R. 903.

Implied Waiver

A waiver is implied where one party has pursued such a course of conduct with refer-
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ence to the other party as to evidence an intention to waive his rights or the advantage to which he may be entitled, or where the conduct pursued is inconsistent with any other honest intention than an intention of such waiver, provided that the other party concerned has been induced by such conduct to act upon the belief that there has been a waiver, and has incurred trouble or expense thereby. Astreith v. German-American Ins. Co., 131 F. 20, 65 C. C. A. 251; Roumage v. Insurance Co., 13 N. J. Law, 124.

Waiver of Exemption

A clause inserted in a note, bond, lease, etc., expressly waiving the benefit of the laws exempting limited amounts of personal property from levy and sale on judicial process, so far as concerns the enforcement of the particular debt or obligation. See Mitchell v. Coates, 47 Pa. 203; Wyman v. Gay, 90 Me. 36, 37 A. 325, 60 Am. St. Rep. 238; Howard B. & L. Ass'n v. Philadelphia & R. R. Co., 102 Pa. 223.

Waiver of Protest

An agreement by the indorser of a note or bill to be bound in his character of indorser without the formality of a protest in case of non-payment, or, in the case of paper which cannot or is not required to be protested, dispensing with the necessity of a demand and notice. See First Nat. Bank v. Falkenhahn, 94 Cal. 141, 29 P. 863; Coddington v. Davis, 1 N. Y. 190.

Waiver of Tort

The election, by an injured party, for purposes of redress, to treat the facts as establishing an implied contract, which he may enforce, instead of an injury by fraud or wrong, for the committing of which he may demand damages, compensatory or exemplary. Harway v. Mayor, etc., of City of New York, 1 Hun (N. Y.) 630.

WAKEMAN. The chief magistrate of Ripon, in Yorkshire.

WAKENING. In Scotch law. The revival of an action. A process by which an action that has lain over and not been insisted in for a year and a day, and thus technically said to have “fallen asleep,” is wakened, or put in motion again. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 170; Ersk. Prin. 4, 1, 33.

WALAPAUZ. In old Lombardic law. The disguising the head or face, with the intent of committing a theft.

WALENSIS. In old English law. A Welshman.

WALESCHERY. The being a Welshman. Spelman.

WALISCUUS. In Saxon law. A servant, or any ministerial officer. Cowell.

WALKERS. Foresters who have the care of a certain space of ground assigned to them. Cowell.

WALL. An erection of stone, brick, or other material, raised to some height, and intended for purposes of security or inclosure. In law, this term occurs in such compounds as “ancient wall,” “party-wall,” “division-wall,” etc.

Common Wall

A party wall; one which has been built at the common expense of the two owners whose properties are contiguous, or a wall built by one party in which the other has acquired a common right. Campbell v. Mesler, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 342, 8 Am. Dec. 570.

WALLIA. In old English law. A wall; a sea-wall; a mound, bank, or wall erected in marshy districts as a protection against the sea. Spelman.

WAMPUM. Beads made of shells, used as money by the North American Indians, and which continued current in New York as late as 1693.

WAND OF PEACE. In Scotch law. A wand or staff carried by the messenger of a court, and which, when deformed, (that is, hindered from executing process,) he breaks, as a symbol of the defacement, and protest for remedy of law. 2 Forb. Inst. 207.

WANDER. To ramble here and there without any certain course. Guidoni v. Wheeler (C. C. A.) 230 F. 93, 96; Ex parte Karnastron, 297 Mo. 384, 249 S. W. 595, 596.

WANLASS. An ancient customary tenure of lands; i. e., to drive deer to a stand that the lord may have a shot. Blount, Ten. 140.

WANT OF REPAIR. As to highways, a “defect” or “want of repair” is anything in the state or condition of the highway which renders it unsafe or inconvenient for ordinary travel. Gregoire v. City of Lowell, 253 Mass. 119, 148 N. E. 376.


WANTON NEGLIGENCE. The negligent act of one who, without having the intent to injure, is conscious from his knowledge of the existing circumstances and conditions that his conduct will naturally and probably result in injury. United Transp. Co. v. Mass, 155 N. Y. S. 110, 117, 91 Misc. 311.
WANTON AND FURIOUS DRIVING. An offence against public health, which under the stat. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 100, s. 58, is punishable as a misdemeanor by fine or imprisonment. In this country the offence is usually provided for by state, county, or municipal legislation.


A heentious act by one man towards the person of another, without regard to his rights. See State v. Brigan, 94 N. C. 888.

WAPENTAKE. In English law. A local division of the country; the name is in use north of the Trent to denote a hundred. The derivation of the name is said to be from "weapon" and "tale," and indicates that the division was originally of a military character. Cowell; Brown.

Also a hundred court.

WAR. An armed contest between nations. Grotius, de Jure Bell. L. 1, c. 1. The state of nations among whom there is an interruption of all pacific relations, and a general contention by force, authorized by the sovereign. 1 Kent, *61. See, also, Commercial Cable Co. v. Burleson (D. C.) 255 F. 99, 105; Vanderbilt v. Travelers' Ins. Co., 184 N. Y. S. 54, 55, 112 Misc. 248.

Every connection by force between two nations, in external matters, under the authority of their respective governments, is a public war. If war is declared in form, it is called "solem," and is of the perfect kind; because the whole nation is at war with another whole nation. When the hostilities are limited as respects places, persons, and things, the war is properly termed "imperfect war." Bas v. Tingy, 4 Dall. 37, 40, 1 L. Ed. 731.

Articles of War

See Article.

Civil War

An internecine war. A war carried on between opposing masses of citizens of the same country or nation. Before the declaration of independence, the war between Great Britain and the United Colonies was a civil war; but instantly on that event the war changed its nature, and became a public war between independent states. Hubbard v. Exp. Co., 10 R. L. 244; Brown v. Hlat, 4 Fed. Cas. 387; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 607, 17 L. Ed. 459; Central R. & B. Co. v. Ward, 37 Ga. 515.

Laws of War

See Law.

Mixed War

A mixed war is one which is made on one side by public authority, and on the other by mere private persons. People v. McLeod, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 377, 415, 37 Am. Dec. 328.

Private War


Public War

Every contention by force, between two nations, in external matters, under the authority of their respective governments. Prize Cases, 2 Black, 666, 17 L. Ed. 459; People v. McLeod, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 483, 37 Am. Dec. 328.

Solemn War

A war made in form by public declaration; a war solemnly declared by one state against another.

War-Office

In England. A department of state from which the sovereign issues orders to his forces. Wharton.

WARABI. Dried wild ferns from Japan, used as a vegetable in a manner similar to spinach. Niccon Co. v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cust. App. 548, 549.

WARD. Guarding; care; charge; as, the ward of a castle; so in the phrase "watch and ward." A division in the city of London committed to the special ward (guardianship) of an alderman.

A territorial division is adopted in most American cities by which the municipality is separated into a number of precincts or districts called "wards" for purposes of police, sanitary regulations, prevention of fires, elections, etc. A corridor, room, or other division of a prison, hospital, or asylum. A person, especially an infant, placed by authority of law under the care of a guardian.

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—Ward-corn. In old English law. The duty of keeping watch and ward, with a horn to
blow upon any occasion of surprise. 1 Mon. Ang. 976.

—Ward-figh. Sax. In old records. Warde-
fee; the value of a ward, or the money paid to
the lord for his redemption from wardship.
Blount.

—Ward-holding. In old Scotch law. Tenure
by military service; the proper feudal tenure
of Scotland. Abolished by St. 20 Geo. II. c.

—Ward in chancery. An infant who is under
the superintendence of the chancellor.

—Ward-mote. In English law. A court kept
in every ward in London, commonly called
the "ward-mote court," or "inquest." Cowell.

—Ward-penny. In old English law. Money
paid to the sheriff or castellains, for the duty
of watching and warding a castle. Spelman.

—Ward-staff. In old records. A constable's
or watchman's staff. Cowell.

—Ward-wit. In old English law. Immunity
or exemption from the duty or service of
ward, or from contributing to such service.
Spelman. Exemption from amercement for
not finding a man to do ward. Fleta, lib. 1,
c. 47, § 16.

—Wardage. Money paid and contributed to
watch and ward. Domesday.

—Wards of admiralty. Seamen are sometimes
thus designated, because, in view of their gen-
eral improvidence and rashness, the admir-
alty courts are accustomed to scrutinize with
great care their bargains and engagements,
when brought before them, with a view to
protecting them against imposition and over-
reaching.

—Wardship. In military tenures, the right of
the lord to have custody, as guardian, of the
body and lands of the infant heir, without any
account of profits, until he was twenty-one or
she sixteen. In socage the guardian was ac-
countable for profits; and he was not the
lord, but the nearest relative to whom the
inheritance could not descend, and the ward-
ship ceased at fourteen. In copyholds, the
lord was the guardian, but was perhaps ac-
Comm. 67.

—Wardship in chivalry. An incident to the
tenure of knighth-service.

—Wardship in copyholds. The lord is guardi-
an of his infant tenant by special custom.

WARDA. L. Lat.

In old English law

Ward; guard; protection; keeping; cus-
tody. Spelman.

A ward; an infant under wardship. Id.
by a registrar of the principal registry to a
person who had entered a caveat, warning
him, within six days after service, to enter
an appearance to the caveat in the principal
registry, and to set forth his interest, conclud-
ing with a notice that in default of his doing
so the court would proceed to do all such acts,
matters, and things as should be neces-
sary. By the rules under the judicature acts,
a writ of summons has been substituted for a
warning. Sweet.

WARNISTURA. In old records. Garni-
ture; furniture; provision. Cowell.

WARNOTH. In old English law. An ancient
custom, whereby, if any tenant holding of the
Castle of Dover failed in paying his rent at
the day, he should forfeit double, and, for the
second failure, treble, etc. Cowell.

WARP. A rope attached to some fixed point,
used for moving a ship. Pub. St. Mass. 1882,
p. 1297.

WARRANT. In Old English. A writ or precept
issued by a magistrate, justice, or other competent
authority, addressed to a sheriff, constable, or
other officer, requiring him to arrest the body
of a person therein named, and bring him
before the magistrate or court, to answer, or
to be examined, touching some offense which
he is charged with having committed. See,
also, Bench-Warrant; Search-Warrant.

3. An order by which the drawer authorizes
one person to pay a particular sum of money.
Shawnee County v. Carter, 2 Kan. 130.

4. An authority issued to a collector of tax-
es, empowering him to collect the taxes ex-
tended on the assessment roll, and to make
distress and sale of goods or land in default
of payment.

5. An order issued by the proper authori-
ties of a municipal corporation, authorizing
the payee or holder to receive a certain sum
out of the municipal treasury. Town of Bith-
837, 838; State v. State Board of Examiners,
74 Mont. 1, 238 P. 316, 320.

6. In England, a dividend warrant or cou-
pon. See Coupons.

In General

—Bench warrant. See Bench.

—Death warrant. A warrant issued general-
ly by the chief executive authority of a state,
directed to the sheriff or other proper local
officer or the warden of a jail, commanding
him at a certain time to proceed to carry in-
to execution a sentence of death imposed by
the court upon a convicted criminal.

—Distress warrant. See Distress.

See Coupons.

—General warrant. A process which formerly
issued from the state secretary's office in
England to take up (without naming any
persons) the author, printer, and publisher of
such obscene and seditious libels as were
specified in it. It was declared illegal and
void for uncertainty by a vote of the house
of commons on the 22d April, 1766. Wharton.

—Land warrant. A warrant issued at the lo-
cal land offices of the United States to pur-
chasers of public lands, on the surrender of
which at the general land office at Washing-
ton, they receive a conveyance from the gen-
eral government.

—Landlord's warrant. See Landlord.

—Search warrant. See that title.

—Warrant creditor. See Creditor.

—Warrant in bankruptcy. A warrant issued,
upon an adjudication in bankruptcy, direct-
ing the marshal to take possession of the
bankrupt's property, notify creditors, etc.
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—Warrant of arrest. See Arrest.

—Warrant of attorney. In practice. An instrument in writing, addressed to one or more attorneys therein named, authorizing them, generally, to appear in any court, or in some specified court, on behalf of the person giving it, and to confess judgment in favor of some particular person therein named, in an action of debt. It usually contains a stipulation not to bring any writ of error, or file a bill in equity, so as to delay him. 2 Burrill, Pr. 239; Treat v. Tolman, 113 F. 592, 51 C. C. A. 522.

—Warrant of commitment. A warrant of commitment is a written authority committing a person to custody.

—Warrant officers. In the United States navy, these are a class of inferior officers who hold their rank by virtue of a written warrant instead of a commission, including boatswains, gunners, carpenters, etc.

—Warrant to sue and defend. In old practice. A special warrant from the crown, authorizing a party to appoint an attorney to sue or defend for him. 3 Bl. Comm. 25. A special authority given by a party to his attorney, to commence a suit, or to appear and defend a suit, in his behalf. These warrants are now disused, though formal entries of them upon the record were long retained in practice. 1 Burrill, Pr. 39.

WARRANTEE. A person to whom a warrant is made.

WARRANTIA CHARTÆ. In old practice. Warranty of charter. A writ which lay for one who, being enfeoffed of lands or tenements, with a clause of warranty, was afterwards impeded in an assign or other action in which he could not vouch to warranty. In such case, it might be brought against the warrantor, to compel him to assist the tenant with a good plea or defense, or else to render damages and the value of the land, if recovered against the tenant. Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 506.

WARRANTIA CUSTODIÆ. An old English writ, which lay for him who was challenged to be a ward to another, in respect to land said to be holden by knight-service; which land, when it was bought by the ancestors of the ward, was warranted free from such thraldom. The writ lay against the warrantor and his heirs. Cowell.

WARRANTIA DIEI. A writ which lay for a man who, having had a day assigned him personally to appear in court in any action in which he was sued, was in the mean time, by commandment, employed in the king's service, so that he could not come at the day assigned. It was directed to the justices that they might not record him in default for that day. Cowell.

WARRANTIZARE. In old conveyancing. To warrant; to bind one's self, by covenant in a deed of conveyance, to defend the grantee in his title and possession.

Warrantizare est defendere et acquietare tenentem, qui warrantum vocavit, in seizina sua; et tenens de re warranti excambium habebit ad valentiam. Co. Litt. 365. To warrant is to defend and insure in peace the tenant, who calls for warranty, in his seisin; and the tenant in warranty will have an exchange in proportion to its value.

WARRANTOR. One who makes a warrant. Shep. Touch. 181.

Warrantor potest excipere quod querens non tenet terram de qua petit warrantiam, et quod donum fuit insufficientes. Hob. 21. A warrantor may object that the complainant does not hold the land of which he seeks the warranty, and that the gift was insufficient.

WARRANTY.

In Real Property Law

A real covenant by the grantor of lands, for himself and his heirs, to warrant and defend the title and possession of the estate granted, to the grantee and his heirs, whereby, either upon voucher, or judgment in the writ of warrantia charte, and the eviction of the grantee by paramount title, the grantor was bound to recompense him with other lands of equal value. Co. Litt. 365a. See “Covenant.”

In Sales of Personal Property

A statement or representation made by the seller of goods, contemporaneously with and as a part of the contract of sale, though collateral to the express object of it, having reference to the character, quality, or title of the goods, by which he promises or undertakes that certain facts are or shall be as he then represents them. Hausken v. Hodson-Fee-naughty Co., 109 Wash. 606, 187 P. 319, 321; Martin v. American Magnestone Corporation (Mo. App.) 247 S. W. 465, 466.

A statement of fact respecting the quality or character of goods sold, made by the seller to induce the sale, and relied on by the buyer. Hercules Powder Co. v. Rich (C. C. A.) 3 F.(2d) 12, 14; American Fruit Product Co. v. Davenport Vinegar & Pickling Works, 172 Iowa, 683, 154 N. W. 1031, 1034; Van Horn v. Staats, 297 Ill. 530, 151 N. E. 158, 154.

In Contracts

An undertaking or stipulation, in writing, or verbally, that a certain fact in relation to the subject of a contract is or shall be as it is stated or promised to be. An express or implied statement of something which a party undertakes shall be a part of a contract, and, though part of the contract, collateral to the express object of it. United Iron Works Co. v. Henryetta Coal & Mining Co., 62 Okl. 90, 162 P. 206, 210; Hurley-Mason
A warranty differs from a representation in that a warranty must always be given contemporaneously with, and as part of, the contract; whereas a representation precedes and induces the contract. And, while that is their difference in nature, their difference in consequence or effect is this: that, upon breach of warranty, (or false warranty,) the contract remains binding, and damages only are recoverable for the breach; whereas, upon a false representation, the defrauded party may elect to avoid the contract, and recover the entire price paid. Brown. And see Griswold v. Morrison, 53 Cal. App. 93, 259 P. 82, 92.

The same transaction cannot be characterized as a warranty and a fraud at the same time. A warranty rests upon contract, while fraud, or fraudulent representations have no element of contract in them, but are essentially a tort. When judges or law-writers speak of a fraudulent warranty, the language always seems one of perjury or misconduct. If there is a breach of warranty, it cannot be said that the warranty was fraudulent, with any more propriety than any other contract can be said to have been fraudulent, because there has been a breach of it. On the other hand, to speak of a false representation as a contract or warranty, or as tending to prove a contract or warranty, is a perversion of language and of correct ideas. Rose v. Hurley, 59 Ind. 81; Boysen v. Petersen, 203 Iowa, 1073, 211 N. W. 894, 896.

In Insurance

In the law of insurance, "warranty" means any assertion or undertaking on the part of the assured, whether expressed in the contract or capable of being annexed to it, on the strict and literal truth or performance of which the liability of the underwriter is made to depend. Maude & P. Shipp. 377; Sweet.

A "warranty" in a policy of insurance is an expressed stipulation that something then exists, or has happened, or been done, or shall happen or be done, and it must be literally and strictly complied with by assured whether the truth of the fact or the happening of the event be or be not material to the risk or connected with the cause of loss. Brown v. Connecticut Fire Ins. Co. of Hartford, Conn., 52 Okt. 392, 153 P. 173, 177; Walker v. Fireman's Fund Ins. Co., 114 Or. 545, 234 P. 542, 548. See also "Representation."

In General

—Affirmative warranty. In the law of insurance, warranties may be either affirmative or promissory. Affirmative warranties may be either express or implied, but they usually consist of positive representations in the policy of the existence of some fact or state of things at the time, or previous to the time, of the making of the policy; they are, in general, conditions precedent, and if untrue, whether material to the risk or not, the policy does not attach, as it is not the contract of the insurer. Maupin v. Insurance Co., 53 W. Va. 557, 45 S. E. 1003; Hendricks v. Insurance Co., 8 Johns. (N. Y.) 1; Cowan v. Insurance Co., 78 Cal. 181, 29 P. 408; Orient Ins. Co. v. Van Zandt-Bruce Drug Co., 50 Okl. 565, 151 P. 323, 324.

—Collateral warranty. Existed when the heirs' title was not derived from the warranting ancestor, and yet it barred the heir from claiming the land by any collateral title, upon the presumption that he might thereafter have assets by descent from or through the ancestor; and it imposed upon him the obligation of giving the warrantee other lands in case of eviction, provided he had assets. 2 Bl. Com. 301.

—Continuing warranty. One which applies to the whole period during which the contract is in force; e. g., an undertaking in a charter-party that a vessel shall continue to be of the same class that she was at the time the charter-party was made.

—Covenant of warranty. See Covenant.

—Express warranty. In contracts and sales, one created by the apt and explicit statements of the seller or person to be bound. See Borrekins v. Bevan, 3 Rawle (Pa.) 36, 23 Am. Dec. 85; White v. Stelloh, 14 Wis. 435, 43 N. W. 98; Danforth v. Crookshanks, 68 Mo. App. 316; Hausken v. Hudson-Fenning Co., 109 Wash. 606, 187 P. 319, 321. In the law of insurance, an agreement expressed in a policy, whereby the assured stipulates that certain facts relating to the risk are or shall be true, or certain acts relating to the same subject have been or shall be done. 1 Phil. Ins. (4th Ed.) p. 425; Petit v. German Ins. Co. (C. C.) 98 F. 802; Etna Ins. Co. v. Grube, 6 Minn. 82 (Gh. 32); Insurance Co. v. Morgan, 90 Va. 280, 18 S. E. 191.

—General warranty. The name of a covenant of warranty inserted in deeds, by which the grantor binds himself, his heirs, assigns, "warrant and forever defend" to the grantee, his heirs, etc., the title thereby conveyed, against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever. Where the warranty is only against the claims of persons claiming "by, through, or under" the grantor or his heirs, it is called a "special warranty."

—Implied warranty. A warranty raised by the law as an inference from the acts of the parties or the circumstances of the transaction. Hausken v. Hudson-Fenning Co., 109 Wash. 606, 187 P. 319, 321. Thus, if the seller of a chattel have possession of it and sell it as his own, and not as agent for another, and for a fair price, he is understood to warrant the title. 2 Kent, Comm. 478. A warranty implied from the general tenor of an instrument, or from particular words used in it, although no express warranty is mentioned. Thus, in every policy of insurance there is an implied warranty that the ship is seaworthy when the policy attaches. 3 Kent Comm. 287; 1 Phil. Ins. 308.
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—Lineal warranty. In old conveyancing, the kind of warranty which existed when the heir derived title to the land warranted either from or through the ancestor who made the warranty.

—Personal warranty. One available in personal actions, and arising from the obligation which one has contracted to pay the whole or part of a debt due by another to a third person. Flanders v. Seelye, 105 U. S. 718, 26 L. Ed. 1217.

—Promissory warranty. In the law of insurance, a warranty which requires the performance or omission of certain things or the existence of certain facts after the beginning of the contract of insurance and during its continuance, and the breach of which will avoid the policy. See King v. Relief Ass'n, 35 App. Div. 58, 54 N. Y. S. 1057; Maupin v. Insurance Co., 53 W. Va. 557, 45 S. E. 1005; McKenzie v. Insurance Co., 112 Cal. 548, 41 P. 922.

—Special warranty. A clause of warranty inserted in a deed of lands, by which the grantor covenants, for himself and his heirs, to "warrant and forever defend" the title to the same, to the grantee and his heirs, etc., against all persons claiming "by, through, or under" the grantor or his heirs. If the warranty is against the claims of all persons whatsoever, it is called a "general" warranty.

—Warranty deed. One which contains a covenant of warranty.

—Warranty, voucher to. In old practice. The calling a warrantor into court by the party warranted, (when tenant in a real action brought for recovery of such lands,) to defend the suit for him. Co. Litt. 1019.

WARREN. A term in English law for a place in which birds, fishes, or wild beasts are kept.
A franchise or privilege, either by prescription or grant from the king, to keep beasts and fowls of warren, which are hares, conveys, partridges, pheasants, etc.
Also any place to which such privilege extends. Mozeley & Whitley.

Free Warren
A franchise for the preserving and custody of beasts and fowls of warren. 2 Bl. Comm. 39, 417; Co. Litt. 233. This franchise gave the grantee sole right of killing, so far as his warren extended, on condition of excluding other persons. 2 Bl. Comm. 39.

WARSWORTH. In Saxon law. A customary or usual tribute or contribution towards armor, or the arming of the forces.

WARTH. In old English law. A customary payment, supposed to be the same with ward-denny. Speelman; Blount.

WASH. A shallow part of a river or arm of the sea.
The sandy, rocky, gravelly, boulder-bestrained part of a river bottom deposited on level land near mouth of a canyon representing rocks and gravel washed down by a mountain stream. Haack v. San Fernando Mission Land Co., 177 Cal. 146, 189 P. 1021, 1022.

WASH BANK. A bank composed of such substance that it is liable to be washed away by the action of the water thereon, so as to become unsafe to travelers on highways. Kerr v. Bougher, 16 Ohio App. 434, 437.

WASH SALE or WASHED SALE. In the language of the stock exchange, this term is applied to the operation of simultaneously buying and selling the same stock. In re Wetengel (C. C. A.) 238 F. 788, 799.

WASHING-HORN. The sounding of a horn for washing before dinner. The custom was formerly observed in the Temple.

WASHINGTON, TREATY OF. A treaty signed on May 8, 1871, between Great Britain and the United States of America, with reference to certain differences arising out of the war between the northern and southern states of the Union, the Canadian fisheries, and other matters. Wharton.

WASTE. Spoil or destruction, done or permitted, to lands, houses, gardens, trees, or other corporeal hereditaments, by the tenant thereof, to the prejudice of the heir, or of him in reversion or remainder. 2 Bl. Comm. 251. A destruction or material alteration or deterioration of the freehold, or of the improvements forming a material part thereof, by any person rightfully in possession, but who has not the fee title or the full estate. Hayman v. Rownd, 82 Neb. 598, 118 N. W. 328, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 623. See Stephenson v. National Bank of Winter Haven, 92 Fla. 347, 100 So. 424, 425; Keogh v. Peck, 316 Ill. 318, 147 N. E. 266, 268, 38 A. L. R. 1151; Thomas v. Thomas, 166 N. C. 627, 82 S. E. 1002, 1003, L. R. A 1915B, 219.
Waste is a lasting damage to the reversion caused by the destruction, by the tenant for life or years, of such things on the land as are not included in its temporary profits. Prodlitt v. Henderson, 29 Mo. 325.

In Old English Criminal Law
A prerogative or liberty, on the part of the crown, of committing waste on the lands of felons, by pulling down their houses, extirpating their gardens, plowing their meadows, and cutting down their woods. 4 Bl. Comm. 885.

In General
—Commissive waste. Active or positive waste; waste done by acts of spoliation or de-
struction, rather than by mere neglect; the same as voluntary waste. See infra.

—Double waste. See Double.

—Equitable waste. Injury to a reversion or remainder in real estate, which is not recognized by the courts of law as waste, but which equity will interpose to prevent or remedy. Gannon v. Peterson, 198 Ill. 372, 62 N. E. 210, 55 L. R. A. 701; Crowe v. Wilson, 65 Md. 479, 5 A. 427, 57 Am. Rep. 343. Otherwise defined as an unconsensual abuse of the privilege of non-impeachability for waste at common law, whereby a tenant for life, without impeachment of waste, will be restrained from committing willful, destructive, malicious, or extravagant waste, such as pulling down houses, cutting timber of too young a growth, or trees planted for ornament, or for shelter of premises. Wharton.

—Imprecahment of waste. Liability for waste committed, or a demand or suit for compensation for waste committed upon lands or tenements by a tenant thereof who has no right to commit waste. On the other hand, a tenure “without impeachment of waste” signifies that the tenant cannot be called to account for waste committed.

—Nul waste. “No waste.” The name of a plea in an action of waste, denying the commission of waste, and forming the general issue.

—Permissive waste. That kind of waste which is a matter of omission only, as by suffering a house to fall for want of necessary reparations. 2 Bl. Comm. 281; Willey v. Laraway, 64 Vt. 559, 25 A. 436; Beekman v. Van Dolsen, 63 Hun. 487, 18 N. Y. S. 376; White v. Wagner, 4 Har. & J. (Md.) 391, 7 Am. Dec. 674.

—Voluntary waste. Active or positive waste; waste done or committed, in contradistinction to that which results from mere negligence, which is called “permissive” waste. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2304. “Voluntary waste” is the willful destruction or carrying away of something attached to the frehold, and “permissive waste” is the failure to take reasonable care of the premises. Fisher’s Ex’r v. Hancy, 180 Ky. 257, 202 S. W. 495, 496. Voluntary or commissive waste consists of injury to the demised premises or some part thereof, when occasioned by some deliberate or voluntary act, as, for instance, the pulling down of a house or removal of floors, windows, doors, furnaces, shelves, or other things affixed to and forming part of the frehold. Regan v. Luthy, 16 Daly, 413, 11 N. Y. S. 709. Contrasted with “permissive” waste.

—Writ of waste. See that title.

WASTE-BOOK. A book used by merchants, to receive rough entries or memoranda of all transactions in the order of their occurrence, previous to their being posted in the journal. Otherwise called a “blotter.”

WASTEL. A standard of quality of bread, made of the finest white flour. Cocket bread was slightly inferior in quality. The statute of 1260 mentions seven kinds of bread. See Assise; Studer, Oak Book of Southampton, Vol. II.

WASTING PROPERTY. A mine or a patent is considered a wasting property. See 41 Ch. Div. 1.

WASTING TRUST. A trust in which the trustee may apply a part of the principal to make good a deficiency of income.

WASTORS. In old statutes. A kind of thieves.

WATCH, v. To keep guard; to stand as sentinel; to be on guard at night, for the preservation of the peace and good order.

WATCH, n. A body of constables on duty on any particular night.

A division of a ship’s crew. At sea, the ship’s company is divided into two watches, larboard and standboard, with a mate to command each. O’Hara v. Luckenbach S. S. Co., 230 U. S. 354, 46 S. Ct. 157, 160, 70 L. Ed. 333.

WATCH AND WARD. “Watch” denotes keeping guard during the night; “ward,” by day.

WATCHMAN. An officer in many cities and towns, whose duty it is to watch during the night and take care of the property of the inhabitants. Coerver v. Crescent Lead & Zinc Corporation, 315 Mo. 276, 286 S. W. 3, 10.

WATER. As designating a commodity or a subject of ownership, this term has the same meaning in law as in common speech; but in another sense, and especially in the plural, it may designate a body of water, such as a river, a lake, or an ocean, or an aggregate of such bodies of water, as in the phrases “foreign waters,” “waters of the United States,” and the like.

Water is neither land nor tenement nor susceptible of absolute ownership. It is a movable thing and must of necessity continue common by the law of nature. It admits only of a transient usufructuary property, and if it escapes for a moment, the right to it is gone forever, the qualified owner having no legal power of reclamation. It is not capable of being sued for by the name of “water,” nor by a calculation of its cubical or superficial measure; but the suit must be brought for the land which lies at the bottom covered with water. As water is not land, neither is it a tenement, because it is not of a permanent nature, nor the subject of absolute property. It is not in any possible sense real estate, and hence is not embraced in a covenant of general warranty. Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 518.
WATER

Developed Water
Water which is brought to the surface and made available for use by the party claiming the water. Mountain Lake Mining Co. v. Midway Irr. Co., 47 Utah, 346, 140 P. 929, 933.

Foreign Waters
Those belonging to another nation or country or subject to another jurisdiction, as distinguished from "domestic" waters. The Pilot, 50 Fed. 437, 1 C. C. A. 523.

Inland Waters
See Inland.

Navigable Waters
See Navigable.

Percolating Waters
Those which pass through the ground beneath the surface of the earth without any definite channel, and do not form a part of the body or flow, surface or subterranean, of any water-course. They may be either rain waters which are slowly infiltrating through the soil or waters seeping through the banks or the bed of a stream, and which have so far left the bed and the other waters as to have lost their character as a part of the flow of that stream. Vineland Irr. Dist. v. Azusa Irr. Co., 126 Cal. 456, 58 Pac. 1057, 46 L. R. A. 820; Los Angeles v. Pomeroy, 124 Cal. 507, 57 Pac. 585; Herriman Irr. Co. v. Keel, 25 Utah, 96, 69 Pac. 719; Deadwood Cent. R. Co. v. Barker, 14 S. D. 558, 86 N. W. 619; Montecito Val. Water Co. v. Santa Barbara, 141 Cal. 576, 77 Pac. 1113; Clinchfield Coal, Corporation v. Compton, 148 Va. 437, 139 S. E. 308, 311, 55 L. R. A. 1376; Flanigan v. State, 115 Misc. 91, 133 N. Y. S. 594, 955.

Private Waters
Non-navigable streams, or bodies of water not open to the resort and use of the general public, but entirely owned and controlled by one or more individuals. Piazsek v. Drainage Dist. No. 1 of Jefferson County, 119 Kan. 113, 237 P. 1059, 1060.

Public Waters
Such as are adapted for the purposes of navigation, or those to which the general public have a right of access, as distinguished from artificial lakes, ponds, and other bodies of water privately owned, or similar natural bodies of water owned exclusively by one or more persons. See Lamprey v. Metcalf, 52 Minn. 181, 53 N. W. 1139, 18 L. R. A. 670, 38 Am. St. Rep. 541; Carter v. Thurston, 58 N. H. 104, 42 Am. Rep. 564; Cobb v. Davenport, 32 N. J. Law, 369; West Point Water-Power Co. v. State, 49 Neb. 223, 66 N. W. 507; State v. Therault, 70 Vt. 617, 41 Atl. 1056, 43 L. R. A. 290, 67 Am. St. Rep. 649.

Subterranean Waters
Waters which lie wholly beneath the surface of the ground, and which either cooe or seep through the subsurface strata without pursuing any defined course or channel, (percolating waters) or flow in a permanent and regular but invisible course, or lie under the earth in a more or less immovable body, as a subterranean lake.

Surface Waters
As distinguished from the waters of a natural stream, lake, or pond, surface waters are such as diffuse themselves over the surface of the ground, following no defined course or channel, and not gathering into or forming any more definite body of water than a mere bog or marsh. They generally originate in rains and melting snows, but the flood waters of a river may also be considered as surface waters if they become separated from the main current, or leave it never to return, and spread out over lower ground. See Schaefer v. Marthaler, 31 Minn. 487, 28 N. W. 726, 57 Am. Rep. 40; Crawford v. Rambo, 44 Ohio St. 279, 7 N. E. 429; New York, etc., R. Co. v. Hamlet Hay Co., 140 Ind. 344, 47 N. E. 1060; Cairo, etc., R. Co. v. Brevoort (C. C.) 62 Fed. 129, 25 L. R. A. 527; Brandenburg v. Zeigler, 62 S. C. 18, 39 S. E. 790, 55 L. R. A. 414, 89 Am. St. Rep. 887; Jones v. Hannovan, 55 Mo. 467; Tampa Waterworks Co. v. Cline, 37 Fla. 586, 29 South. 780, 33 L. R. A. 376, 53 Am. St. Rep. 262; San Gabriel Valley Country Club v. Los Angeles County, 182 Cal. 392, 188 P. 554, 566, 9 L. R. A. 1200; Thompson v. New Haven Water Co., 86 Conn. 597, 86 A. 685, 588, 45 L. R. A. (N. S.) 457.

Surplus Water
Water running off from ground which has been irrigated; water not consumed by the process of irrigation; water which the land irrigated will not take up. Wedgworth v. Wedgeworth, 20 Ariz. 518, 181 P. 952, 954.

Tide Waters
See Tide.

Water-Ballif
The title of an officer, in port towns in England, appointed for the searching of ships. Also of an officer belonging to the city of London, who had the supervising and search of the fish brought thither. Cowell.

Water-Bayley
In American Law. An officer mentioned in the colony laws of New Plymouth, (A. D. 1671,) whose duty was to collect dues for the colony for fish taken in their waters. Probably another form of water-ballif. Burrell.

Water Course
See that title infra.

Water Front
Land or land with buildings fronting on a body of water. City of Long Beach v. Lemonby, 175 Cal. 575, 166 P. 333, 335.
**WATER-GAGE**
A sea-wall or bank to restrain the current and overflowing of the water; also an instrument to measure water. Cowell.

**WATER-GANG**
A Saxon word for a trench or course to carry a stream of water, such as are commonly made to drain water out of marshes. Cowell.

**WATER-GAVEL**
In old records. A gavel or rent paid for fishing in or other benefit received from some river or water. Cowell; Blount.

**WATER-LOGGED**

**WATER-MARK**
See that title infra.

**WATER-MEASURE**
In old statutes. A measure greater than Winchester measure by about three gallons in the bushel. Cowell.

**WATER-ORDEAL**
In Saxon and old English law. The ordeal or trial by water. The hot-water ordeal was performed by plunging the bare arm up to the elbow in boiling water, and escaping unhurt thereby. 4 Bl. Comm. 343. The cold-water ordeal was performed by casting the person suspected into a river or pond of cold water, when, if he floated therein, without any action of swimming it was deemed an evidence of his guilt; but, if he sunk, he was acquitted. Id.

**WATER-PACKED**
A "water-packed" bale of cotton is one to the lint of which water is added in such a manner that the weight is increased, or in which water-damaged cotton is placed, or the sampling sides of which are packed with lint cotton not so wet or water-damaged. Wallace v. Crothwait, 106 Ala. 356, 71 So. 666, 667.

**WATER POWER**
The water power to which a riparian owner is entitled consists of the fall in the stream, when in its natural state, as it passes through his land, or along the boundary of it; or, in other words, it consists of the difference of level between the surface where the stream first touches his land, and the surface where it leaves it. McCollum v. Whitaker, 3 Rawle (Pa.) 90, 23 Am. Dec. 102.

**WATER RIGHT**
A legal right, in the nature of a corporeal hereditament, to use the water of a natural stream or water furnished through a ditch or canal, for general or specific purposes, such as irrigation, mining, power, or domestic use, either to its full capacity or to a measured extent or during a defined portion of the time. See Hill v. Newman, 5 Cal. 445, 65 Am. Dec. 140; Cary v. Daniels, 8 Metc. (Mass.) 489, 41 Am. Dec. 332; Canal Co. v. Hess, 6 Colo. App. 497, 42 Pac. 90; Murphy v. Kerr (D. C.) 296 F. 536, 541.

**WATER RIGHT CLAIM**
A "water right claim," as filed with the state engineer, is merely a declaration of intention to create a water right. Washington State Sugar Co. v. Goodrich, 27 Idaho, 26, 147 P. 1073, 1076.

**WATERSCAPE**
An aqueduct or passage for water.

**WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES**
All waters within the United States which are navigable for the purposes of commerce, or whose navigation successfully aids commerce, are included in this term. The Daniel Ball, 6 Fed. Cas. 1161.

**WATER COURSE**

There must be a stream usually flowing in a particular direction, though it may not flow continually. It may sometimes be dry. It must flow in a definite channel, having a bed, sides, or banks, and usually discharge itself into some other stream or body of water. It must be something more than a mere surface drainage over the entire face of a tract of land, occasioned by unusual freshets or other extraordinary causes. It does not include the water flowing in the hollows or ravines in land, which is the mere surface water from rains or melting snow, and is discharged through them from a higher to a lower level, but which at other times are destitute of water. Such hollows or ravines are not, in legal contemplation, water courses. Hoyt v. Hudson, 27 Wis. 665, 9 Am. Rep. 473; Sangulietti v. Pock, 132 Cal. 465, 69 P. 95, 89 Am. St. Rep. 138; Luther v. Winnamucco Co., 9 Cush. (Mass.) 371; Pyle v. Richards, 17 Neb. 180, 22 N. W. 373. But if the topography of the surrounding country is such that water accumulates in great quantities after heavy rains or at the season of melting snows, and descends periodically through a well-defined chan-
WATER COURSE

A natural stream flowing in a defined bed or channel; one formed by the natural flow of the water, as determined by the general superfluities or conformation of the surrounding country, as distinguished from an "artificial" water course, formed by the work of man, such as a ditch or canal. See Barkley v. Wilcox, 86 N. Y. 140, 40 Am. Rep. 519; Hawley v. Sheldon, 64 Vt. 491, 24 Atl. 717, 33 Am. St. Rep. 941; Porter v. Armstrong, 120 N. C. 101, 39 S. E. 789; Gaskill v. Barnett, 52 Ind. App. 654, 101 N. E. 49, 42; Williams v. Bass, 179 Wis. 364, 191 N. W. 499, 500.

WATER-MARK. A mark indicating the highest point to which water rises, or the lowest point to which it sinks.

High-Water Mark

This term is properly applicable to tidal waters, and designates the line on the shore reached by the water at the high or flood tide. With reference to the waters of artificial ponds or lakes, created by dams in unnavigable streams, it denotes the highest point on the shores to which the dams can raise the water in ordinary circumstances. Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 423, 14 L. Ed. 159; Storger v. Freeman, 6 Mass. 427, 4 Am. Dec. 155; Mobile Transp. Co. v. Mobile, 128 Ala. 335, 29 South. 645, 64 L. R. A. 333, 88 Am. St. Rep. 149; Morrison v. First Nat. Bank, 88 Me. 155, 33 Atl. 782; Brady v. Blackinton, 113 Mass. 245; Cook v. McClure, 58 N. Y. 444, 17 Am. Rep. 270. The high-water mark of a river, not subject to tide, is the line which the river impresses on the soil by covering it for sufficient periods to deprive it of vegetation, and to destroy its value for agriculture. Raile v. Dollar, 34 Idaho, 652, 203 P. 489, 471; Diana Shooting Club v. Husting, 156 Wis. 261, 145 N. W. 816, 826, Ann. Cas. 1915C, 1145; Union Sand & Gravel Co. v. Northcott, 102 W. Va. 519, 155 S. E. 589, 592; Tilden v. Smith, 94 F. 502, 113 So. 708, 712.

Low-Water Mark

That line on the shore of the sea or other body of water which marks the edge of the waters at the lowest point of the ordinary ebb tide. See Stover v. Jack, 60 Pa. 342, 180 Am. Dec. 585; Gerrish v. Proprietors of Union Wharf, 26 Me. 365, 46 Am. Dec. 588. The "low-water mark" of a river is the point to which the water recedes at its lowest stage. Union Sand & Gravel Co. v. Northcott, 102 W. Va. 519, 155 S. E. 589, 592; Joyce-Watkins Co. v. Industrial Commission, 325 Ill. 378, 156 N. E. 346, 348.

WATERED STOCK. Stock which is issued by a corporation as fully-paid up stock, when in fact the whole amount of the par value thereof has not been paid in. Harn v. Smith, 86 Okl. 137, 204 P. 642, 644; Bank of Commerce v. Goolsby, 130 Ark. 416, 136 S. W. 805, 807; Loud v. Solomon, 188 Mich. 7, 154 N. W. 73, 75.

WAVESON. In old records. Such goods as, after a wreck, swim or float on the waves. Jacob.

WAX SCOT. A duty annually paid twice a year towards the charge of wax candles in churches. Spelman.

WAY. A passage, path, road, or street. In a technical sense, a "right" of passage over land.

A right of way is the privilege which an individual, or a particular description of persons, as the inhabitants of a village, or the owners or occupiers of certain farms, have of going over another's grounds. It is an incorporeal hereditament of a real nature, entirely different from a public highway. Cruise, Dig. tit. 24, § 1.

The term "way" is derived from the Saxon, and means a right of use for passengers. It may be private or public. By the term "right of way" is generally meant a private way, which is an incorporeal hereditament of that class of easements in which a particular person, or particular description of persons, have an interest and a right, though another person is the owner of the fee of the land in which it is claimed. Wild v. Dolg. 43 Ind. 452, 15 Am. Rep. 389.

"Ways are appendant or appurtenant" when they are incident to an estate, one term being on the land of the party claiming it; while "way in gross" must be a personal right, not assignable nor inheritable. Safety Building & Loan Co. v. Lyles, 131 S. C. 540, 128 S. E. 724, 725. See "Easement."

Private Way


Right of Way

See that title.
Way of Necessity

A "way of necessity" exists where land granted is completely environed by land of the grantor, or partially by his land and the land of strangers. The law implies from these facts that a private right of way over the grantor's land was granted to the grantee as appurtenant to the estate. Gwinn v. Gwinn, 77 W. Va. 251, 87 S. E. 371, 373; Violet v. Martin, 62 Mont. 335, 206 P. 221, 223. "Way of necessity" is also reserved to vendor, whose land is accessible only over vendor's land. Alcorn v. Reading, 66 Utah, 509, 243 P. 922, 925 and is synonymous with easement by implication. Haas v. Brannon, 99 Okl. 94, 225 P. 931, 935. See "Easement."

WAY-BILL. A writing in which is set down the names of passengers who are carried in a public conveyance, or the description of goods sent with a common carrier by land. Wharton.

WAY-GOING CROP. A crop of grain sown by a tenant for a term certain, during his tenancy, but which will not ripen until after the expiration of his lease; to this, by custom in some places, the tenant is entitled. Marple v. Brister, 63 Pa. Super. Ct. 470, 473.

WAYLEAVE is a right of way over or through land for the carriage of minerals from a mine or quarry. It is an easement, being a species of the class called "rights of way," and is generally created by express grant or reservation. Sweet.

WAYNAGIUM. Implements of husbandry. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 5, p. 268.

WAYS AND MEANS. In a legislative body, the "committee on ways and means" is a committee appointed to inquire into and consider the methods and sources for raising revenue, and to propose means for providing the funds needed by the government.

WAYWARDENS. The English highway acts provide that in every parish forming part of a highway district there shall annually be elected one or more waywardens. The waywardens so elected, and the justices for the county residing within the district, form the highway board for the district. Each waywarden also represents his parish in regard to the levy of the highway rates, and in questions arising concerning the liability of his parish to repairs, etc. Sweet.

WEALD. Sax. A wood; the woody part of a country.

WEALREF. In old English law. The robbing of a dead man in his grave.

WEALTH. All material objects, capable of satisfying human wants, desires, or tastes, having a value in exchange, and upon which human labor has been expended; i.e., which have, by such labor, been either reclaimed from nature, extracted or gathered from the earth or sea, manufactured from raw materials, improved, adopted, or cultivated.

"The aggregate of all the things, whether material or immaterial, which contribute to comfort and enjoyment, which cannot be obtained without more or less labor, and which are objects of frequent barter and sale, is what we usually call 'wealth.'" Bowen, Pol. Econ. See Branhm v. State, 96 Ga. 307, 22 S. E. 957.

WEAPON. An instrument used in fighting; an instrument of offensive or defensive combat. People v. Simons, 124 Misc. 28, 207 N. Y. S. 56, 57. The term is chiefly used, in law, in the statutes prohibiting the carrying of "concealed" or "deadly" weapons. See those titles. And see also "Offensive."

WEAR, or WEAR. A great dam or fence made across a river, or against water, formed of stakes interlaced by twigs of osier, and accommodated for the taking of fish, or to convey a stream to a mill. Cowell; Jacob.

WEAR AND TEAR. "Natural wear and tear" means deterioration or depreciation in value by ordinary and reasonable use of the subject-matter. Green v. Kelly, 20 N. J. Law, 548.

WEARING APPAREL. As generally used in statutes, refers not merely to a person's outer clothing, but covers all articles usually worn, and includes underclothing; Arnold v. U. S., 147 U. S. 494, 13 S. Ct. 406, 37 L. Ed. 253. It may include a gold watch; Stewart v. McClung, 12 Or. 451, 8 P. 447, 53 Am. Rep. 374; but see Smith v. Rogers, 16 Ga. 479; Gooch v. Gooch, 33 Me. 535; a pearl necklace; U. S. v. One Pearl Chain, 71 C. A. 500, 139 P. 518; but not a travelling trunk or a brasspin; Towns v. Pratt, 33 N. H. 345, 66 Am. Dec. 726; and under the revenue laws shoes are not included; Swayne v. Hager (C. C.) 37 F. 782.

WEATHERING. "Weathering" of natural gas to produce commercial gasoline is merely separating off by evaporation a sufficient quantity of the highly volatile constituents to reduce the vapor tension of the remaining liquid mixture to the desired figure. Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corporation v. Texas Co. (D. C.) 21 F.(2d) 199, 201.


WEDBEDRIP. Sax. In old English law. A customary service which tenants paid to their lords, in cutting down their corn, or doing other harvest duties; as if a covenant to reap for the lord at the time of his bidding or commanding. Cowell.

WEEK. A period of seven consecutive days of time; and, in some uses, the period beginning with Sunday and ending with Sat-

WEEK-WORK. In early English times, the obligation of a tenant to work two or three days in every week for his lord, during the greater part of the year, and four or five during the summer months. 1 Poll. & Mattl, 349.

WEADING. In old European law. The judicial combat, or duel; the trial by battle.

WEIGHAGE. In English law. A duty or toll paid for weighing merchandise. It is called "tronage" for weighing wool at the king's beam, or "pesage" for weighing other avoidupois goods. 2 Chit. Com. Law, 16.

WEIGHT. A measure of heaviness or ponderosity; and in a metaphorical sense influence, effectiveness, or power to influence judgment or conduct. The quantity of heaviness, the quality of being heavy, the degree or extent of downward pressure under the influence of gravity, or the quantity of matter as estimated by the balance or scale. Dwight & Lloyd Sintering Co. v. American Ore Reclamation Co. (C. C. A.) 263 F. 315, 316.

Gross Weight
The whole weight of goods and merchandise, including the dust and dross, and also the chest or bag, etc., upon which tare and tret are allowed.

Miner's Weight
Such quantity of mine-run material, as operators and miners may, from time to time, agree as being necessary or sufficient to produce a ton of prepared coal. Drake v. Berry, 269 Pa. S. 102 A. 315, 329.


WELDING. The art, practiced immemorially, of uniting two pieces of metal in one piece by heating those portions which are to be welded to a temperature at which they become plastic, and then pressing them strongly together, so as to effect a union. Thompson Spot Welder Co. v. Ford Motor Co., 265 U. S. 445, 44 S. Ct. 533, 534, 68 L. Ed. 1098.

WELFARE. Well-doing or well-being in any respect; the enjoyment of health and common blessings of life; exemption from any evil or calamity; prosperity; happiness. Wise- man v. Tanner (D. C.) 221 F. 694, 695.

WELL, adj. In Marine Insurance
A term used as descriptive of the safety and soundness of a vessel, in a warranty of her condition at a particular time and place; as, "warranted well at _____ on _____.

In the Old Reports
Good, sufficient, unobjectionable in law; the opposite of "ill."

WELL. n. A hole or shaft sunk into the earth in order to obtain a fluid, such as water, oil, brine, or natural gas, from a subterranean supply. See West v. McDonald, 67 Or. 551, 336 P. 659, 651; Eastern Gulf Oil Co. v. Kentucky State Tax Commission (D. C.) 17 F.(2d) 394, 396; Knight Bros. v. Standard Oil Co., 147 La. 272, 84 So. 653, 655.

In a deed, well designates the portion of land under and occupied by the excavation, and its surrounding retaining walls, and by any structures or appliances built upon the land to facilitate its use, and also the water actually at any time in the excavation. Davis v. Spaulding, 157 Mass. 431, 32 N. E. 650, 19 L. R. A. 102.

Completed Well
In oil prospecting leases, a well drilled to the formation or sand in which oil in district in question is usually and commonly found. Kies v. Williams, 190 Ky. 596, 228 S. W. 40, 41.

WELL-BORN MEN. A tribunal in New Amsterdam (New York). 1 Fiske, Dutch and Quaker Colonies 238.

WELL KNOWING. A phrase used in pleading as the technical expression in laying a scentiner, (q. v.)

WELSH MORTGAGE. See Mortgage.

WELSHING. Receiving a sum of money or valuable thing, undertaking to return the same or the value thereof together with other money, if an event (for example, the result of a horse-race) shall be determined in a certain manner, and at the time of receiving the deposit intending to cheat and defraud the depositor. Coldr. & Hawks. Gambling 308. The crime is larceny at common law.


WEND. In old records. A large extent of ground, comprising several jago; a perambulation; a circuit. Spelman; Cowell.


WERA, or WERE. The estimation or price of a man, especially of one slain. In the criminal law of the Anglo-Saxons, every man's
life had its value, called a "were," or "capitis estimatione."

WEREGILT, or WERGILD. This was the price of homicide, or other atrocious personal offense, paid partly to the king for the loss of a subject, partly to the lord for the loss of a vassal, and partly to the next of kin of the injured person. In the Anglo-Saxon laws, the amount of compensation varied with the degree or rank of the party slain. Brown. See Angild; Angyde; Asshitment.

WERELADA. A purging from a crime by the oaths of several persons, according to the degree and quality of the accused. Cowell.

WERGELT. In old Scotch law. A sum paid by an offender as a compensation or satisfaction for the offense; a weregild, or wergild.

WERP-GELD. Belg. In European law. Contribution for jettison; average.

WESTMINSTER. A city immediately adjoining London, and forming a part of the metropolis; formerly the seat of the superior courts of the kingdom.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION. A document containing a statement of religious doctrine, concocted at a conference of British and continental Protestant divines at Westminster, in the year 1643, which subsequently became the basis of the Scotch Presbyterian Church. Wharton.

WESTMINSTER THE FIRST, STATUTE OF. The statute 3 Edw. I., A. D. 1275. This statute, which deserves the name of a code rather than an act, is divided into fifty-one chapters. Without extending the exemption of churchmen from civil jurisdiction, it protects the property of the church from the violence and spoliation of the king and the nobles, provides for freedom of popular elections, because sheriffs, coroners, and conservators of the peace were still chosen by the freeholders in the county court, and attempts had been made to influence the election of knights of the shire, from the time when they were instituted. It contains a declaration to enforce the enactment of Magna Charta against excessive fines, which might operate as perpetual imprisonment; enumerates and corrects the abuses of tenures, particularly as to marriage of wards; regulates the levying of tolls, which were imposed arbitrarily by the barons and by cities and boroughs; corrects and restrains the powers of the king's escheator and other officers; amends the criminal law, putting the crime of rape on the footing to which it has been lately restored, as most grievous, but not capital, offense; and embraces the subject of procedure in civil and criminal matters, introducing many regulations to render it cheap, simple, and expeditious. 1 Camp. Lives ld. Ch. p. 167; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 9, p. 107. Certain parts of this act are repealed by St. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125. Wharton.

WESTMINSTER THE SECOND, STATUTE OF. The statute 13 Edw. I. St. 1, A. D. 1285, otherwise called the "Statute de Donis Conditionibus." See 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 10, p. 163. Certain parts of this act are repealed by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 64, and St. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125. Wharton.


WEST SAXON LAKE. The laws of the West Saxons, which obtained in the counties to the south and west of England, from Kent to Devonshire. Blackstone supposes these to have been much the same with the laws of Alfred, being the municipal law of the far most considerable part of his dominions, and particularly including Berkshire, the seat of his peculiar residence. 1 Bl. Comm. 63.

WET. A term used to designate one in favor of allowing the sale of intoxicating liquors. State v. Shumaker, 200 Ind. 623, 157 N. E. 769, 778.

WETHER. A castrated ram, at least one year old. In an indictment it may be called a "sheep." Rex v. Birket, 4 Car. & P. 216.

WHACK. To divide into shares, apportion, parcel out, make a division settlement, square accounts, or to pay. Schook v. Zimmerman, 188 Mich. 617, 153 N. W. 528, 531.

WHALE. A royal fish, the head being the king's property, and the tail the queen's. 2 Steph. Comm. 19, 448, 540.

WALER. A vessel employed in the whale fishery.

WHARF. A perpendicular bank or mound, raised on the shore of a harbor, river, canal, etc., or extending some distance into the water, for the convenience of lading and unlading vessels. Webster.

A broad, plain place near a river, canal, or other water, to lay wares on that are brought to or from the water. Cowell.

A structure erected on a shore below high-water mark, and sometimes extending into the channel, for the laying vessels alongside to load or unload, and on which stores are often erected for the reception of cargoes. Doane v. Broad Street Ass'n, 6 Mass. 332; Langdon v. New York, 93 N. Y. 151; Dubuque v. Stout, 22 Iowa. 47; Geiger v. Pflor, 8 Pla. 352; Palen v. Ocean City, 44 N. J. Law, 963, 46 Atl. 774; State v. Mohler, 212 Ala. 466, 105 So. 552, 558; Harris v. City of St. Helens, 72 Or. 377, 143 P. 941, 944, Ann. Cas. 1915D, 1073.
Private Wharf

One whose owner or lessee has the exclusive enjoyment or use thereof. Hamilton v. Portland State Pier Site Dist., 120 Me. 15, 112 A. 896, 840; The M. L. C. No. 10 (C. C. A.) 10 F. (2d) 699, 702.

Public Wharf

One to which vessels and the public can resort, either at will or on assignment of a berth by a harbor authority. Kauffman v. Brooklyn Eastern Dist. Terminal Co., 180 App. Div. 858, 165 N. Y. S. 320, 121.

Sufferance Wharves

Such as may be appointed by the commissioners for the purpose of customs, under the British act of 1876.


Strictly speaking "wharfage" is money due, or money actually paid, for the privilege of landing goods upon a wharf or loading a vessel from a wharf. J. Brown, Adm. 37.

WHARFINGER. One who owns or keeps a wharf for the purpose of receiving and shipping merchandise to or from it for hire. M. & J. Tracy v. Marks, Lissberger & Son (C. C. A.) 283 F. 100, 101.

WHEEL. An engine of torture used in medieval Europe, on which a criminal was bound while his limbs or bones were broken one by one till he died.

WHEELAGE. Duty or toll paid for carts, etc., passing over certain ground. Cowell.

WHELPS. The young of certain animals of a base nature or fera natura.

WHEN. At what time. At that time. St. Louis v. Withaus, 80 Mo. 646, 3 S. W. 385; Behnke v. Ruthsau (Mo. App.) 251 S. W. 391, 392; Commonwealth v. Cohen, 250 Mass. 570, 146 N. E. 228, 229.


In wills, adverbs of time, such as "after" or "when." do not of themselves create a contingent remainder, but refer rather to the time the enjoyment of the estate is commenced. Riley v. Kirk, 213 Mo. App. 581, 253 S. W. 59, 53; In re Bechtel's Es-
WHEREAS. When in fact. Used in this sense in a pleading, it does not transform an averment into a recital. Stoltz v. People, 59 Colo. 342, 148 P. 865, 866.

This word may, however, imply a recital of a past fact, and, in general, cannot be used in the direct and positive averment of a fact in a declaration or plea. Those facts which are directly denied by the terms of the general issue, or which may, by the established usage of pleading, be specially traversed, must be averred in positive and direct terms; but facts, however material, which are not directly denied by the terms of the general issue, though liable to be contested under it, and which, according to the usage of pleading, cannot be specially traversed, may be alleged in the declaration by way of recital, under a whereas. 2 Chitty, Pl. 161, 178, 291.

Although. Hill v. Smith, 95 Conn. 579, 111 A. 840, 842.

WHEREUPON. Upon which; after which. Lee v. Cook, 1 Wyo. 419.


WHICH. A clause introduced by the relative pronoun "which" is a sufficient allegation of the fact stated in it, if, when read in connection with its context, it plainly manifests an intent on the part of the pleader to set up such fact and rely upon it. Bishop v. Wheeling Mold & Foundry Co., 82 W. Va. 637, 96 S. E. 1020, 1022.

WHIG. This name was applied in Scotland, A. D. 1648, to those violent Covenanters who opposed the Duke of Hamilton's invasion of England in order to restore Charles I. The appellation of "Whig" and "Tory" to political factions was first heard of in A. D. 1679, and, though as senseless as any cant terms that could be devised, they became instantly as familiar in use as they have since continued. 2 Hall, Const. Hist. c. 12; Wharton.


WHIPPING. A mode of punishment, by the infliction of stripes, occasionally used in England and in a few of the American states. See Act of February 28, 1359, § 5 (18 USCA § 545); 1 Geo. IV. c. 57; 5 & 6 Vict.; 25 Vict. c. 18; 24 & 25 Vict. c. 100; and 26 & 27 Vict. c. 90.

WHIPPING-POST. A post or stake to which a criminal is tied to undergo the punishment of whipping.

WHISKY. An intoxicating liquor; Hensberg v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 288 F. 370, 371; Singer v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 278 F. 415, 417; containing many times one-half of 1 per cent. of alcohol; Albert v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 281 F. 511, 513; and at least more than 2.75 per cent. of alcohol; People ex rel. Thomsen v. Commissioner of Correction of New York City, 115 Misc. 331, 158 N. Y. S. 46, 52; distilled from grain, barley, maize, wheat, rye, etc.; Mullins v. Commonwealth, 115 Va. 945, 79 S. E. 324, 327; Weller v. State, 150 Md. 278, 132 A. 624, 626; and generally used as a beverage; State v. Wright, 312 Mo. 626, 290 S. W. 703, 705; U. S. v. Jones (D. C.) 295 F. 131, 133.

Within the pure food act of 1906, it is the product of sound grain distilled at a low temperature so as to retain in the distillate the consgeneric properties of the grain which gives to the liquor when matured by aging in charred casks its desirable potable character. Neutral spirits which are distilled at a high temperature may be made from different materials and do not contain such properties, and which are not rendered potable by aging although reduced by water to potable strength, and from which most of the fusel oil has been removed, are not whisky, nor a like substance with whisky. Woolner & Co. v. Reznick (C. C.) 170 F. 882.

As used in a Montana statute, the term includes illicitly distilled or produced (i. e., "moonshine") whisky, even though it contains fusel oil and is not aged or proved as was whisky in commerce when the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted. State v. Sediack, 74 Mont. 261, 258 P. 1902, 1905.

WHITE ACRE. A fictitious name given to a piece of land, in the English books, for purposes of illustration.

WHITE BONNET. In Scotch law. A fictitious offerer or bidder at a roup or auction sale. Bell.

WHITE MEATS. In old English law. Milk, butter, cheese, eggs, and any composition of them. Cowell.

WHITE METAL. In a special technical sense, the copper sulphide remaining when, in smelting copper ore, copper matte is treated to break up and remove iron-sulphide. United Verde Copper Co. v. Peirce-Smith Converter Co. (C. C. A.) 7 F.(2d) 13, 14.


WHITE PERSONS. As used in Rev. St. U. S. § 2189 (Naturalization Act March 26, 1790, c. 3, 1 Stat. 103, as amended by Act Feb. 18, 1875, c. 90, § 1, 18 Stat. 318 [8 USCA § 359]), members of the white or Caucasian race, as distinct from the black, red, yellow, and brown races. Petition of Enskur Emsen Charr (D. C.) 273 F. 267, 269; Takao Ozawa v. U. S., 260 U. S. 175, 43 S. Ct. 65, 68, 67 L. Ed. 199; In re Ah Yup, 5 Savy, 355, Fed. Cas. No. 194.

This term, however, does not necessarily include all Caucasians. In re Sadar Bhagub Singh (D. C.) 246 F. 496, 498. It is a popular and not a scientific term, and must be given its popular meaning, and as such is not to be construed as identical with
“Caucasian,” unless the latter term is given its popular meaning, as referring to recognized racial distinctions existing at present, and not to possibly common ancestry of dissimilar races. In the popular meaning, “white persons” refers to immigrants from the British Isles and Northwestern Europe, who composed most of the population when the Naturalization Act was adopted, and the later immigrants from Eastern, Southern, and Middle Europe, who were unquestionably akin to those already here and readily amalgamated with them, and does not include a high-caste Hindu, even though some authorities class such Hindus as members of the Caucasian race. U. S. v. Bhagat Singh Thind, 261 U. S. 384, 43 S. Ct. 338, 338, 341, 67 L. Ed. 616; Akbar Kumar Morumdar v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 269 F. 240, 242; U. S. v. Khan (D. C.) 1 F.(2d) 1006, 1007.

The term excludes, in addition to a high-caste Hindu or an Arabian; U. S. v. Ali (D. C.) 1 F.(2d) 728, 721; a Mongolian; In re Ah Yup, 5 Savv. 155, Fed. Cas. No. 104; In re Fischer (D. C.) 21 F.(2d) 1047; Terrace v. Thompson (D. C.) 274 F. 841, 845; In re Lampitoe (D. C.) 232 F. 382. It has been held to include a Syrián; Dow v. United States (C. C. A.) 226 F. 145; In re Ellis (D. C.) 179 F. 1002; Beesho v. U. S. 178 F. 249, 181 C. C. A. 668; and an Armenian; In re Haledjian (C. C.) 174 F. 834.

In the legislation of the slave period, persons without admixture of colored blood, whatever the actual complexion might be. Du Val v. Johnson, 39 Ark. 192. See, also, White Race.

In South Africa, persons of European descent. [1806] T. S. 621.

WHITE RACE. Within the meaning of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, § 207, providing that there shall be separate schools for the white and colored races, the Caucasian race;—the term “colored races,” being used in contradistinction to the white race, and embracing all other races. Rice v. Gong Lum, 139 Miss. 760, 104 So. 105, 107. See, also, White Persons.

WHITE RENTS. In English law. Rents paid in silver, and called “white rents,” or “redditus abit,” to distinguish them from rents payable in corn, labor, provisions, etc., called “black-rent” or “black-mail.” Co. 2d Inst. 19. See Alba Firma.

WHITE SLAVE. A term used in the United States statutes and in common talk (though not very appropriately) to indicate a female with reference to whom an offense is committed under the so-called Mann White Slave Traffic Act of June 26, 1910 (18 USC §§ 307–404), prohibiting the transportation in interstate and foreign commerce for immoral purposes of women and girls.

WHITE SPURS. A kind of esquires. Cowell.

WHITECAPS. The name of an unlawful organization against which Tennessee in 1897 enacted a statute (Acts 1897, c. 52) entitled, “An act to prevent and punish the formation or continuance of conspiracies and combinations for certain unlawful purposes,” etc., commonly known as the “Law against White-caps.” Persons guilty of any offense under the act were rendered incompetent for jury service. Jenkins v. State, 39 Tenn. 526, 42 S. W. 263.

WHITEFRIARS. A place in London between the Temple and Blackfriars, which was formerly a sanctuary, and therefore privileged from arrest. Wharton.

WHITEHART SILVER. A mullet on certain lands in or near to the forest of Whitehart, paid into the exchequer. Imposed by Henry III. upon Thomas de la Landa, for killing a beautiful white hart which that king before had spared in hunting. Camd. Brit. 150.

WHITSUN ROTHINGS. Pentecostals, (q. v.)

WHITSUNDAY. The feast of Pentecost, being the fiftieth day after Easter, and the first of the four cross-quarter days of the year. Wharton.

WHITTANWARI. In old English law. A class of offenders who whitened stolen ox-hides and horse-hides so that they could not be known and identified.


WHOLE BLOOD. See Blood.

WHOLE CHEST. In the tea trade, a chest containing 100 to 140 pounds or more. Japan Tea Co. v. Franklin MacVeagh & Co., 142 Minn. 152, 171 N. W. 305, 307.

WHOLESALE. To sell by wholesale is to sell by large parcels, generally in original packages, and not by retail; to sell goods in gross to retailers, who sell to consumers, Kass v. Hirschberg, Schultz & Co., 191 App. Div. 300, 181 N. Y. S. 35, 37. A sale at “retail” and one at “wholesale” are opposed to each other, one being a sale in small quantities, and the other in large quantities. Kentucky Consumers’ Oil Co. v. Commonwealth, 192 Ky. 437, 238 S. W. 582, 583. See, also, Commonwealth v. Consolidated Dressed Beef Co., 245 Pa. 605, 91 A. 1065, 1066, Ann. Cas. 1917A, 966. In statutes, however, the term “wholesale dealer” may include retail dealers. State v. Pioneer Oil & Refining Co. (Tex. Com. App.) 292 S. W. 869, 872.

WHOLESALE PRICE. The price fixed on merchandise by one who buys in large quantities from the producer or manufacturer, and who sells the same to jobbers or to retail dealers therein. Fawker v. Paper Co., 88 Iowa, 169, 55 N. W. 200, 45 Am. St. Rep. 280.
WHOLESALE. One who buys in comparatively large quantities, and who sells, usually in smaller quantities, but never to the ultimate consumer of an individual unit. He sells either to a "jobber," a sort of middleman, or to a "retailer," who sells to the consumer. The quantities bought by the wholesaler may vary from a fraction of a car load to many car loads; it being the character, not of his buying, but of his selling, that marks him as a wholesaler. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. v. Cream of Wheat Co. (C. C. A.) 227 F. 46, 47. Under an act regulating the sale of imitation milk, a person selling cans of milk in quantities of one full case or more at a time. Ex parte Reiniger, 184 Cal. 97, 193 P. 81, 83.


WHORemaster. Ordinarily, one who practices lewdness; also, one who keeps or procures whores for others; a pimp; a procurer. Hickerson v. Masters, 190 Ky. 168, 228 S. W. 1072, 1073.

WIC. A place on the sea-shore or the bank of a river.

WICA. A country house or farm. Cowell.

WICK. Sax. A village, town, or district. Hence, in composition, the territory over which a given jurisdiction extends. Thus, "balilwicx" is the territorial jurisdiction of a bailiff or sheriff or constable. "Sheriff-wick" was also used in the old books.

WIDEN. To increase in width; to extend. In re Day, 109 A. 573, 7 Boyce (Del.) 556.


Grass Widow. See that title.

King's Widow. One whose deceased husband had been the king's tenant in capite; she could not marry again without the royal permission.

Widow's Bench. The share of her husband's estate which a widow is allowed besides her jointure.

Widow's Chamber. In London, the apparel of a widow and the furniture of her chamber, left by her deceased husband, is so called, and the widow is entitled to it. 2 Bl. Comm. 518.

Widow's Quarantine. In Old English law. The space of forty days after the death of a man who died seized of lands, during which his widow might remain in her husband's capital mansion-house, without rent, and during which time her dower should be assigned. 2 Bl. Comm. 135.

Widow's Tereus. In Scotch law. The right which a wife has after her husband's death to a third of the rents of lands in which her husband died intestate; dower. Bell.

WIDOWER. A man who has lost his wife by death and has not married again. Abrams v. Unknown Heirs of Rice, 317 Mo. 216, 295 S. W. 83, 85.

WIDOWHOOD. The state or condition of being a widow, or, sometimes, a widower. An estate is sometimes settled upon a woman "during widowhood," which is expressed in Latin, "durante viduatu.

WIFA. L. Lat. In old European law. A mark or sign; a mark set up on land, to denote an exclusive occupation, or to prohibit entry. Spelman.

WIFE. A woman united to a man by marriage; a woman who has a husband living and undivorced. The correlative term is "husband." Davis v. Bass, 158 N. C. 200, 124 S. E. 206, 568; Lakes v. Merrill, 121 Ark. 361, 151 S. W. 136, 137; Ex parte Suzanne (D. C.) 295 F. 713, 714. The word, as used in statutes, may include a woman who has entered into a void marriage contract. Hart v. Hart, 198 Ill. App. 555, 557. In wills, it may include a widow, Williams v. Fundingsland, 74 Colo. 315, 221 P. 1084, 1086, or a divorcee, In re Miller, 171 App. Div. 229, 157 N. Y. S. 390, 393.

WIFE AND CHILDREN. A conveyance or devise by a man to his wife and children will be presumed, in the absence of language indicating a contrary purpose, to be to wife for life, with remainder to her and grantor’s or testator’s children. Sower v. Lillard, 207 Ky. 283, 269 S. W. 330, 331.

WIFE’S EQUITY. When a husband is compelled to seek the aid of a court of equity for the purpose of obtaining the possession or control of his wife’s estate, that court will recognize the right of the wife to have a suitable and reasonable provision made, by settlement or otherwise, for herself and her children, out of the property thus brought within its jurisdiction. This right is called the “wife’s equity,” or “equity to a settlement.” See 2 Kent, Comm. 139.

WIFE’S PART. See Legitime.

WIGREVE. In old English law. The overseer of a wood. Cowell.

WILD ANIMALS (or animals fero naturae). Animals of an untamable disposition; animals in a state of nature.

WILD FOWL. Any large edible bird of a wild nature. Crabtree v. State, 123 Ark. 68, 184 S. W. 430.

WILD LAND. Land in a state of nature, as distinguished from improved or cultivated land. Clark v. Phelps, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 203. Land in a wilderness state, not used in connection with improved estates. Central Maine Power Co. v. Rollins, 126 Me. 299, 138 A. 170, 174. When land is contiguous to improved and cultivated land, and commonly used therewith for fuel, fencing, repairs, or pasturing, it no longer has the character of "wild land." Holden v. Page, 107 A. 492, 494, 118 Me. 242.

WILD’S CASE, RULE IN. A devisee to B. and his children or issue, B. having no issue at the time of the devise, gives him an estate tail; but, if he have issue at the time, B. and his children take joint estates for life. 6 Coke, 169; Tudor, Lead. Cas. Real Prop. 542, 551.

WILL, n. An auxiliary verb commonly having the mandatory sense of “shall” or “must.” Tennessee Cent. R. Co. v. Morgan, 132 Tenn. 1, 175 S. W. 1148, 1153; Crouch v. State, 23 Okl. Cr. 325, 214 P. 747, 745; State v. Summer (Mo. App.) 283 S. W. 123, 124. It is a word of certainty, while the word “may” is one of speculation and uncertainty. Carson v. Turrish, 140 Minn. 448, 168 N. W. 349, 352, L. R. A. 1912P, 154.

WILL, n. Wish; desire; pleasure; inclination; choice; the faculty of conscious, and especially of deliberate, action. State v. Schwab, 109 Ohio St. 552, 143 N. E. 29, 31. When a person expresses his “will” that a particular disposition be made of his property, his words are words of command. Temple v. Russell, 231 Mass. 231, 146 N. E. 679, 680, 49 A. L. R. 1, and the word “will” as so used is mandatory, comprehensive, and positive in nature, Mastellar v. Atkinson, 94 Kan. 279, 146 P. 307, 308, Ann. Cas. 1917B, 502.

In the Law of Wills


An instrument by which a person makes a disposition of his property, to take effect after his death, which instrument is, in its own nature, ambulatory and revocable during his life. Wells v. Lewis, 190 Ky. 625, 228 S. W. 3, 4; McConnell v. Robbins, 129 Ind. 359, 44 N. E. 50, 61. It is this ambulatory quality which forms the characteristic of wills; for though a disposition by deed may postpone the possessor or enjoyer, or even vesting, until the death of the disposing party, yet the postponement is in such case produced by the express terms, and does not result from the nature of the instrument. McDaniel v. Johns, 45 Miss. 641. And see Jasper v. Jasper, 17 Or. 590, 22 P. 132; Leath- ers v. Greenacre, 13 Mo. 567; and see v. Stem, 67 Mla. 481. 32 Ind. 131, 1 Am. St. Rep. 408; George v. Green, 13 N. H. 594; In re Harrison's Estate, 196 Pa. 576, 44 A. 888; Bayley v. Bailey, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 249; Reagan v. Stanley, 11 Lea ( Tenn.) 324; Lane v. Hill, 63 N. H. 358, 44 Atl. 507; Cussin v. Egerton, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 488. If the grantor intends that the title of the property described in the instrument shall pass on its execution to the grantee, it is a deed, though the interest conveyed or its enjoyment is postponed till after the death of the grantor; but, if it is intended no interests shall vest till after the grantor's death, it is a will, as a deed cannot be ambulatory. Philiber v. Mullins, 53 S. E. 552, 554, 167 N. C. 495; Henderson v. Henderson, 210 Ala. 73, 97 So. 353, 372; Civ. Code Ga. 1910, § 3228. Instruments conveying a present interest are deeds, and not wills; Jung v. Petersmann (Tex. Civ. App.) 194 S. W. 202, 205; for wills pass no interest until after the death of the maker: Williams v. Fivesawch (Tex. Civ. App.) 227 S. W. 509, 510; Sims v. Brown, 232 Mo. 58, 158 S. W. 624, 627.

Except where it would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the legislature, the word "will" shall extend to a testament, and to a codicil, and to an appointment by will, or by writing in the nature of a will, in exercise of a power; and also to any other testamentary disposition. Code Va. 1887, § 5251 (Code 1930, § 5253).

The distinction between a "will" and a "power of appointment" is that a will concerns the estate of the testator, while an appointment under a power concerns the estate of the donor of the power. Thompson v. Few, 214 Mass. 350, 102 N. E. 122.

The difference between a will and a trust is that a will operates from the moment of death, while a trust operates in praesenti to a certain extent. Allen v. Hendrick, 194 Or. 205, 206 P. 733, 740. A trust inter vivos is distinguishable from a will in that such a gift may be made by parol and, upon the acceptance of the gift by the donee, the gift is irrevocable by the donee, while ordinarily a will is required to be in writing, and usually is made in view of the fact of death, and is ineffective until the death of the testator and the admission of the will to probate. York v. Trigg, 87 Okl. 214, 209 P. 417, 422.

The term will, as an expression of the final disposition of one's property, is confined to the English laws and those countries which derive their jurisprudence from that source. The term testamentary, or testamentum, is exclusively used in the Roman civil law and by the continental writers upon that subject.

A will, when it operates upon personal property, is sometimes called a "testament," and when upon real estate, a "devise," but the more general and the more popular denomination of the instrument embracing equally real and personal estate is that of "last will and testament." 4 Kent, Comm. 501; In re Kiitz's Will, 211 N. Y. S. 460, 461, 125 Misc. Rep. 473.

In Criminal Law

The power of the mind which directs the action of a man.

In Scotch Practice

That part or clause of a process which contains the mandate or command to the officer. Bell.

In General

Ambulatory will. A changeable will (ambulatoria voluntas), the phrase merely denoting the power which a testator possesses of altering his will during his life-time. See Hattersley v. Bissett, 50 N. J. Eq. 577, 23 A. 332.

Conditional will. A conditional disposition is one which depends upon the occurrence of some uncertain event, by which it is either to take effect or to be defeated. Rogers v. Mosler, 121 Okl. 213, 245 P. 36, 88. If the happening of an event named in a will is the reason for making the will, it is "unconditional"; but, if the testator intends to dispose of his property in case the event happens, the will is "conditional." Ferguson v. Ferguson (Tex. Civ. App.) 285 S. W. 383, 385.

Conjoint will. See Joint Will, infra.


Double will. Called also a "counter," "mutual," or "reciprocal" will. Wright v. Wright, 215 Ky. 394, 253 S. W. 188, 189. See Double.

Estate at will. This estate entitles the grantee or lessee to the possession of land during the pleasure of both the grantor and himself, yet it creates no sure or durable right, and is bounded by no definite limits as to duration. It must be at the reciprocal will of both parties, (for, if it be at the will of the lessor only, it is a lease for life,) and the dissent of either determines it. Wharton.

Holographic will. One that is entirely written, dated, and signed by the hand of the testator himself. In re Hall's Estate, 106 Okt. 124, 233 P. 816, 917; In re Cole's Will, 171 N. C. 74, 187 S. E. 962; Civ. Code La. art. 1558. Sometimes spelled " holographic." Succession of Cunningham, 112 La. 701, 77 So. 506, 510. The statutes in the different states differ to some extent, but agree substantially with the English statute of Charles II. Compliance with the precise terms of the statutory definition or requirements is commonly insisted upon with the utmost meticulousness. In re Thorn's Estate, 158 Cal. 512, 122 P. 19, 20.

Joint and mutual will. One executed jointly by two persons with reciprocal provisions, which shows on its face that the devises are made one in consideration of the other. Wright v. Wright, 215 Ky. 394, 253 S. W. 188.
189; Bright v. Cox, 147 Ga. 474, 94 S. E. 572, 573.

Joint will. One where the same instrument is made the will of two or more persons and is jointly signed by them. Such wills are usually executed to make testamentary disposition of joint property. Bright v. Cox, 147 Ga. 474, 94 S. E. 572, 573; Campbell v. Dunkelberger, 172 Iowa, 385, 158 N. W. 56, 58. A joint or conjoint will is a testamentary instrument executed by two or more persons, in pursuance of a common intention, for the purpose of disposing of their several interests in property owned by them in common, or of their separate property treated as a common fund, to a third person or persons. Ginn v. Edmundson, 173 N. C. 85, 91 S. E. 696.

Mutual will. One in which two or more persons make mutual or reciprocal provisions in favor of each other. Ginn v. Edmundson, 173 N. C. 85, 91 S. E. 696. “Mutual wills” are the separate wills of two persons which are reciprocal in their provisions, and such a will may be both joint and mutual. Campbell v. Dunkelberger, 172 Iowa, 385, 158 N. W. 56, 58; Carle v. Miles, 89 Kan. 540, 132 P. 146, Ann. Cas. 1915A, 363; Bright v. Cox, 147 Ga. 474, 94 S. E. 572, 573. Sometimes called a “reciprocal,” “double,” or “counter” will. Wright v. Wright, 215 Ky. 594, 255 S. W. 188, 189.

Mystic will. See Testament.

Non-intervention will. In some jurisdictions, one authorizing the executor to act without bond and to manage, control, and settle the estate without the intervention of any court whatsoever. In re Macdonald’s Estate, 29 Wash. 422, 428, 69 P. 1111.

Nuncupative will. See that title.

Reciprocal will. One in which two or more persons make mutual or reciprocal provisions in favor of each other. Ginn v. Edmundson, 173 N. C. 85, 91 S. E. 696. Also known as a “mutual,” “double,” or “counter” will. Wright v. Wright, 215 Ky. 594, 255 S. W. 188, 189.


Statute of wills. See Wills Act, infra.

Willa. In Hindu law. The relation between a master or patron and his freedman, and the relation between two persons who had made a reciprocal testamentary contract. Wharton.


A “willful” act may be described as one done intentionally, knowingly, and purposely, without justifiable excuse, as distinguished from an act done carelessly, thoughtlessly, heedlessly, or inadvertently. Lobbell Car Wheel Co. v. Subielski, 155 A. 462, 464, 2 W. W. Harr. (Del.) 462.


“Willfulness” implies an act done intentionally and designedly; “wantonness” implies action without regard to the rights of others, a conscious failure to observe care, a conscious invasion of the rights of others, willful, unrestrained action; and “recklessness” a disregard of consequences, an indifference whether a wrong or injury is done or not, and an indifference to natural and probable conse-


Words which import an exercise of the will, such as "feloniously," "maliciously," and "unlawfully," will supply the place of the word "willfully" in an indictment. Howestine v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 283 F. 1, 3; Chapman v. Comm., 3 Whart. (P.A.) 427, 54 Am. Dec. 555; Courreg, State v. Waters (Mo. App.) 199 S. W. 264; State v. Hyman, 118 Mo. 436, 102 A. 231, 222.

WILLFULL AND MALICIOUS INJURY. The word "willfully," as used in this phrase in the Bankruptcy Act July 1, 1898, c. 541, § 17 (2), 30 Stat. 550, as amended by the Act of Feb. 2, 1903, c. 457, 32 Stat. 707 (11 USCA § 95), means intentional though not necessarily de-liberate. Nunn v. Dreiborg, 255 Mich. 383, 200 N. W. 89, 90; Wellman v. Mead, 92 Vt. 322, 107 A. 396, 404. Mere negligence is not enough; In re Roberts (D. C.) 292 F. 257, 259; In re Byrne (C. C. A.) 266 F. 98, 100; there must be an intent to commit a wrong either through actual malice or from which malice will be implied; McClellan v. Schmidt (D. C.) 235 F. 986, 987. Such an injury does not necessarily involve hatred or ill will, as a state of mind, but arises from intentional wrong committed without just cause or excuse. In re Dixon (D. C.) 21 F.(2d) 505, 506. It may involve merely a willful disregard of what one knows to be his duty, an act which is against good morals and wrongfully in and of itself, and which necessarily causes injury and is done intentionally. In re Stenger (D. C.) 283 F. 419, 420; In re Phillips (D. C.) 298 F. 135, 138.

WILLFUL MURDER. The unlawful and intentional killing of another without excuse or mitigating circumstances. State v. Dalton, 178 N. C. 779, 101 S. E. 548, 549.

WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE. See Negligence.


WILLS ACT. In England. The statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 1, passed in 1540, by which persons seized in fee-simple of lands held in socage tenure were enabled to devise the same at their will and pleasure, except to bodies corporate; and those who held estates by the tenure of chivalry were enabled to devise two-thirds as persons of the free-born class.

Also, the statute 7 Wm. IV. & 1 Vict. c. 26, passed in 1837, and also called "Lord Langdale's Act." This act permits of the disposition by will of every kind of interest in real and personal estate, and provides that all wills, whether of real or of personal estate, shall be attested by two witnesses, and that such attestation shall be sufficient. Other important alterations are effected by this statute in the law of wills. Mozley & Whitley.

WINCHESTER MEASURE. The standard measure of England, originally kept at Winchester. 1 Bl. Comm. 274.

WINCHESTER, STATUTE OF. A statute passed in the thirteenth year of the reign of Edward I., by which the old Saxon law of police was enforced, with many additional provisions. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 163; Crabb, Hist. Eng. Law, 159. It required every man to provide himself with armor to aid in keep-
ing the peace; and if it did not create the offices of high and petty constables, it recognized and regulated them, and charged them with duties answering somewhat to those of our militia officers. The statute took its name from the ancient capital of the kingdom. It was repealed by the Statute of 7 & 8 Geo. IV. c. 27. See 1 Sel. Essays 153.

**WIND SHIELD.** On automobiles, the glass between the two front standards or posts— not ordinarily including wind deflectors placed outside of such standards. Hammond v. Benzer Corporation (D. C.) 295 F. 308, 312.

**WIND UP.** To settle the accounts and liquidate the assets of a partnership or corporation, for the purpose of making distribution and dissolving the concern. State v. Norman, 86 Okl. 38, 206 P. 322, 327; State v. Quigley, 93 Okl. 296, 220 P. 315; Foster v. Stewart, 113 Kan. 402, 214 P. 425, 430; Barrett v. Skalesky, 118 Kan. 162, 293 P. 1043.

**WINDING-UP ACTS.** In English law. General acts of parliament, regulating settlement of corporate affairs on dissolution.

**WINDOW.** An opening made in the wall of a building to admit light and air; and to furnish a view or prospect. Hale v. Ins. Co., 46 Mo. App. 505; Benner v. Benner, 119 Me. 79, 109 A. 376, 377. The use of this word in law is chiefly in connection with the doctrine of ancient lights and other rights of adjacent owners.

**WINDOW ENVELOPE.** One which has on its face a patch of transparent paper forming a window through which an address written upon an enclosure can be seen. Outlook Envelope Co. v. Samuel Campbell Envelope Co. (C. C. A.) 223 F. 327, 329.

**WINDOW TAX.** A tax on windows, levied on houses which contained more than six windows, and were worth more than £5 per annum; established by St. 7 Wm. III. c. 18. St. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 36, substituted for this tax a tax on inhabited houses. Wharton.

**WINDSHAKES.** Cracks in timber that are due to the wind when the timber stood, or to drying in the center after the timber is cut. Swartz v. Bergendahl-Knight Co., 259 Pa. 422, 103 A. 220, 221.

**WINDSOR FOREST.** A royal forest founded by Henry VIII.

**WINDSTORM.** This term, as used in a policy indemnifying against damage to property by windstorm, cyclone, or tornado, takes its meaning from the words "tornado" and "cyclone," and should be construed to be something more than an ordinary gust of wind, no matter how prolonged, and though the whirling features which usually accompany tornadoes and cyclones need not be present, it must assume the aspect of a storm. Scottish Un.

**WINDY SHOTS.** In blasting operations, explosions which cause pieces of rock to fly up in the air. Brede v. Minnesota Crushed Stone Co., 146 Minn. 406, 175 N. W. 820, 821.

**WINE.** The fermented juice of the grape. State v. Moore, 5 Blackf. (Ind.) 115; Burzo v. State, 191 Ind. 319, 130 N. E. 796, 797; United States v. Sweet Valley Wine Co. (D. C.) 208 F. 155, 175. A vinous liquor, Peretto v. State, 31 Okl. Cr. 319, 228 P. 870, containing more than 1 per cent. of alcohol, People v. Mueller, 185 Cal. 528, 145 P. 750, 751. Sometimes loosely used as to unfermented juice of the grape or any fruit used as a beverage. State v. Rosasco, 103 Or. 343, 205 P. 290, 295. But see State v. Dennison, 85 W. Va. 261, 101 S. E. 458, 460.

**WINTER.** A period of three months, whether reckoned astronomically from the winter solstice, on December 21, to the vernal equinox, on March 21, or according to the conventional method used in the United States as including December, January, and February. Saarela v. Hoglund, 198 Ill. App. 455, 487. In a popular sense, the cold months. Whitney v. Aronson, 130 P. 700, 21 Cal. App. 9.

**WINTER CIRCUIT.** An occasional circuit appointed for the trial of prisoners, in England, and in some cases of civil causes, between Michaelmas and Hilary terms.

**WINTER HEYNING.** The season between 11th November and 23d April, which is excepted from the liberty of commoning in certain forests. St. 23 Car. II. c. 3.

**WISBY, LAWS OF.** The name given to a code of maritime laws promulgated at Wisby, then the capital of Gothland, in Sweden, in the latter part of the thirteenth century. This compilation resembled the laws of Oleron in many respects, and was early adopted, as a system of sea laws, by the commercial nations of Northern Europe. It formed the foundation for the subsequent code of the Hansatic League. A translation of the Laws of Wisby may be seen in the appendix to 1 Pet. Adm. And see 3 Kent, Comm. 13. They are also printed in 30 Fed. Cas. 1189.

**WISH.** Eager desire; longing; expression of desire; a thing desired; an object of desire. Nolce v. Schnell, 101 N. J. Eq. 252, 157 A. 582, 589, 52 A. L. R. 965. As used in wills, it is sometimes merely directory or precatory; Colonial Trust Co. v. Brown, 105 Conn. 261, 135 A. 556, 566; Schill v. Schill, 101 N. J. Eq. 482, 158 A. 530, 531; and sometimes mandatory; Strout v. Strout, 117 Me. 357, 104 A. 577, 578; being equivalent to "will," Tzeses v. Tenez Const. Co., 97 N. J. Eq. 501, 128 A. 388, or to "give" or "devise," Brown v. Brown, 180 N. C. 433, 104 S. E. 889, 890.
WISTA. In Saxon law. Half a hide of land, or sixty acres.

WIT. To know; to learn; to be informed. Used only in the infinitive, to self, which term is equivalent to "that is to say," "namely," or "videlicet."

WITAM. The purgation from an offense by the oath of the requisite number of witnesses.

WITAN. In Saxon law. Wise men; persons of information, especially in the laws; the king's advisers; members of the king's council; the optimates, or principal men of the kingdom. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 11, note.

WITCHCRAFT. Under Sts. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 8, and 1 Jac. I. c. 12, the offense of witchcraft, or supposed intercourse with evil spirits, was punishable with death. These acts were not repealed till 1733. 4 Bl. Comm. 66, 61. In Salem, in 1692, 20 persons were put to death by hanging. The last victims in England were executed in 1716, and the last in Scotland in 1722. 2 Ency. Americana, 430, 431; 1 Beard, Rise of Amer. Civilization, 150.

WITE. Sax. A punishment, pain, penalty, mulct, or criminal fine. Cowell.

An atonement among the early Germans by a wrong-doer to the king or the community. It is said to be the germ of the idea that wrong is not simply the affair of the injured individual, and is therefore a condition precedent to the growth of a criminal law. 2 Holdsw. Hist. E. L. 37. See 1 Sel. Essays, Anglo-Amer. L. H. 100.

WITEKDEN. A taxation of the West Saxons, imposed by the public council of the kingdom.

WITENA DOM. In Saxon law. The judgment of the county court, or other court of competent jurisdiction, on the title to property, real or personal. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 22.

WITENAGEMOT. (Spelled, also, witenagemot, wittenagemot, witenagemote, etc.) "The assembly of wise men." This was the great national council or parliament of the Saxons in England, comprising the noblemen, high ecclesiastics, and other great thanes of the kingdom, advising and aiding the king in the general administration of government.

It was the grand council of the kingdom, and was held, generally, in the open air, by public notice or particular summons, in or near some city or populous town. These notices or summonses were issued upon determination by the king's select counsellors, or the body met without notice, when the throne was vacant, to elect a new king. Subsequently to the Norman Conquest it was called commune consilium regni, curia regis and finally parliament; but its character had become considerably changed. It was a court of last resort, more especially for determining disputes between the king and his thanes, and, ultimately, from all inferior tribunals. Great offenders, particularly those who were members of or might be summoned to the king's court, were here tried. The casual loss of title-deeds was supplied, and a very extensive equity jurisdiction exercised. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 72; 1 Bla. Comm. 147; 1 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law 7; 9 Co. Pref. It passed out of existence with the Norman Conquest, and the subsequent Parliament was a separate growth, and not a continuation of the Witenagemot. 29 Ency. Americana, 433.

WITENS. The chiefs of the Saxon lords or thanes, their nobles, and wise men.


WITH ALL FAULTS. This phrase, used in a contract of sale, implies that the purchaser assumes the risk of all defects and imperfections, provided they do not destroy the identity of the thing sold.

WITH STRONG HAND. In pleading. A technical phrase indispensable in describing a forcible entry in an indictment. No other word or circumlocution will answer the same purpose. Rex v. Wilson, 5 Term R. 357.

WITHDRAW. To take away what has been enjoyed; to take from. Central R. & B. Co. v. State, 54 Ga. 400. To remove. Hamilton v. Kentucky Distilleries & Warehouse Co. (C. C.) 258 F. 326, 327.

WITHDRAWAL. The withdrawal of charg-es is a failure to prosecute by the person preferring them;—distinguished from a dismissal, which is a determination of their invalidity by the tribunal hearing them. Butler v. McSweeney, 222 Mass. 5, 169 N. E. 653, 655.

WITHDRAWING A JUROR. In practice. The withdrawing of one of the twelve jurors from the box, with the result that, the jury being now found to be incomplete, no further proceedings can be had in the cause. The withdrawing of a juror is always by the agreement of the parties, and is frequently done at the recommendation of the judge, where it is doubtful whether the action will lie; and in such case the consequence is that each party pays his own costs (in Pennsylvania it is held that the costs abide the event of the suit). It is, however, no bar to a future action for the same cause. 2 Tld, Pr. 861, 862; 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 156; Wabash R. Co. v. McCormick, 23 Ind. App. 255, 55 N. E. 251; People v. Judges of New York, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 27; Glendening v. Canary, 64 N. Y. 636; Wolcott v. Studebaker (C. C.) 54 F. 8; 3 Term 657; 1 Cr. M. & R. 64; Tr. & H. Pr. § 689; Ry. & M. 402; 3 B. & Ad. 349; 3 Chitty, Pr. 917. In American practice, it is usually a mere method of continuing a case, for some good reason. The cases are collected in a note in 48 L. R. A. 432.
A statute providing that nothing in the act should be construed as affecting the powers of municipalities to regulate motor vehicles which are used "within their limits" for public hire, means vehicles doing business between points within the municipalities themselves, and does not include vehicles carrying passengers exclusively to or from points without the municipalities. City of Argenta v. Keath, 139 Ark. 334, 177 S. W. 698, 697, L. R. A. 1918B, 888. Compare Converse v. Northern Pac. Ry. Co. (C. C. A.) 2 F.(2d) 859, 900.

When used in statutes and contracts with reference to the time for performing some act, as in the phrase "within ten days," and in similar expressions, the word "within" may be variously understood. It may mean in; during; inside of. State v. Justice Court of Silver Bow Tp., Silver Bow County, 59 Mont. 53, 257 P. 1034, 1036; State v. Risjord, 183 Wis. 253, 198 N. W. 273, 274; Gallup & Co. v. Rosler, 172 N. C. 283, 90 S. E. 209, 212. See, also, McDonald v. Incorporated Town of Broken Bow, 71 Okl. 223, 170 P. 599, 601. On the other hand, it may mean not, beyond not later than; prior to. Levert v. Read, 54 Ala. 529, 531; In re Cliff Improvement, 122 Wash. 235, 210 P. 676, 677; Live Oak Lumber Co. v. Farr, 28 Cal. App. 641, 153 P. 741, 742. See, also, Royal Grocery Co. v. Oliver, 57 Cal. App. 278, 207 P. 61, 62, with which compare State v. Howell, 77 Wash. 651, 138 P. 286, 287. It may be used In the sense of the end of. Adams v. Cumminiskey, 4 Cush. (Mass.) 420; contra, Dorr v. Bankers' Surety Co. (Mo. App.) 213 S. W. 398, 400.

The use of the word "within" as a limit of time, or degree, or space, embraces the last day, or degree, or entire distance, covered by the limit fixed. Rice v. J. H. Beavers & Co., 196 Ala. 356, 71 So. 659; Ardersy v. Dunn, 181 Ind. 255, 104 N. E. 299, 300; Laws N. Y. 1910, c. 347.


WITHOUT DAY. A term used to signify that an adjournment or continuance is indefinite or final, or that no subsequent time is fixed for another meeting, or for further proceedings. See Sine Die.


WITHOUT HER CONSENT. This phrase, as used in the law of rape, is equivalent to "against the will," and signifies the manifestation of the utmost reluctance and greatest resistance on the woman's part. State v. Catron, 317 Mo. 894, 296 S. W. 141, 148.
WITHOUT IMPEACHMENT OF WASTE. The effect of the insertion of this clause in a lease for life is to give the tenant the right to cut timber on the estate, without making himself thereby liable to an action for waste. When a tenant for life holds the land without impeachment of waste, he is, of course, dispensable for waste, whether wilful or otherwise. But still this right must not be wantonly abused so as to destroy the estate; and he will be enjoined from committing malicious waste. Bac. Abr. Waste (N); 2 Eq. Cas. Abr. Waste (A, pl. S). And see Derham v. Hovey, 195 Mich. 243, 161 N. W. 883, 884, 21 A. L. R. 699.

WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION. In a statute punishing any parent who willfully or without justification deserts a child under 16 years of age in destitute or necessitous circumstances, the term "without justification" is equivalent to "wilfully." Ex parte Strong, 93 Tex. Cr. R. 250, 252 S. W. 767, 769.

WITHOUT NOTICE. As used of purchasers, etc., equivalent to "in good faith." Hunt v. Gragg, 19 N. M. 450, 145 P. 138, 138.


WITHOUT RECOURSE. This phrase, used in making a qualified indorsement of a negotiable instrument, signifies that the indorser means to save himself from liability to subsequent holders, and if a notification is refused by the parties primarily liable, recourse cannot be had to him. See Thompson v. First State Bank, 102 Ga. 696, 29 S. E. 610; Êpler v. Funk, 8 Pa. 468; Youngberg v. Nelson, 51 Minn. 172, 53 N. W. 629, 38 Am. St. Rep. 497; Bankhead v. Owen, 60 Ala. 461; National City Bank of St. Louis, Mo. v. Taylor (Tex. Civ. App.) 283 S. W. 613, 618; Binswanger v. Hewitt, 79 Misc. 425, 140 N. Y. S. 143, 145. See, also (as to a deed), Robinson v. Boynton Coal Co., 58 Pa. Super. Ct. 176, 179. An indorser "without recourse" specially declines to assume any responsibility for payment. Arthur v. Rosier, 217 Mo. App. 352, 266 S. W. 737, 738. He assumes no contractual liability by virtue of the indorsement itself, Kaill v. Bell, 88 Kan. 666, 129 P. 1135, 1136, and becomes a mere assignor of the title to the paper, Cameron v. Ham, 23 Ohio App. 350, 155 N. E. 655, 656, but such an indorsement does not indicate that the indorsee takes with notice of defects, or that he does not take on credit of the other parties to the note, Robertson v. American Inv. Co., 170 Ark. 413, 279 S. W. 1008, 1010.

WITHOUT RESERVE. A term applied to a sale by auction, indicating that no price is reserved.

WITHOUT STINT. Without limit; without any specified number.

WITHOUT THE STATE. This phrase, in a statute providing that in computing limitations, the time during which the defendant shall be without the state shall be excluded, has no relation to mere temporary absence from domicile or residence in the state. Clegg v. Bishop, 105 Conn. 564, 136 A. 102, 104.

WITHOUT THIS, THAT. In pleading. Formal words used in pleadings by way of traverse, particularly by way of special traverse, (q. v.), importing an express denial of some matter of fact alleged in a previous pleading, including the declaration, pleas, replication, etc. Steph. Pl. 168, 169, 170, 180. The Latin term is abegue hoc. Com. Dig. Pleader (G 1); 1 Chitty, Pl. 576, note a.

WITNESS, v. To subscribe one's name to a deed, will, or other document, for the purpose of attesting its authenticity, and proving its execution, if required, by bearing witness thereto.

WITNESS, n. In the primary sense of the word, a person who has knowledge of an event. As the most direct mode of acquiring knowledge of an event is by seeing it, "witness" has acquired the sense of a person who is present at and observes a transaction. Sweet. See State v. Desorges, 47 La. Ann. 1167, 17 South. 311; In re Losee's Will, 13 Misc. 298, 34 N. Y. Supp. 1129; Bliss v. Shuman, 47 Me. 248.

A person whose declaration under oath (or affirmation) is received as evidence for any purpose, whether such declaration be made on oral examination or by deposition or affidavit. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1878.

One who is called upon to be present at a transaction, as a wedding, or the making of a will, that he may thereafter, if necessary, testify to the transaction.
WOOD. The tough, hard substance of all trees and shrubs. It includes not only the hard fiber bundles of trees and shrubs in general, but also the tougher fibrous components of some herbaceous plants. It is a very broad term and includes not only material obtained from exogenous plants, but also like substances obtained from palms, from bamboo (which is a giant grass), and from some ferns (which are herbaceous plants). Steinhardt & Bro. v. U. S., 9 Ct. Cust. App. 62, 63.

WOOD-CORN. In old records. A certain quantity of oats or other grain, paid by customary tenants to the lord, for liberty to pick up dead or broken wood. Cowell.

WOOD-GELD. In old English law. Money paid for the liberty of taking wood in a forest. Cowell.

Immunity from such payment. Spelman.

WOOD LEAVE. A license or right to cut down, remove, and use standing timber on a given estate or tract of land. Osborne v. O'Reilly, 42 N. J. Eq. 467, 9 Atl. 298.

WOOD-MOTE. In forest law. The old name of the court of attachments; otherwise called the "Forty-Days Court." Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 71.

WOOD PLEA COURT. A court held twice in the year in the forest of Clun, in Shropshire, for determining all matters of wood and agistments. Cowell.

WOOD-SPORTING. The name of an old prison in London.

WOODS. A forest; land covered with a large and thick collection of natural forest trees. The old books say that a grant of "all his woods" (omnes boscos suos) will pass the land, as well as the trees growing upon it. Co. Litt. 4b. See Averitt v. Murrell, 49 N. C. 323; Hall v. Cranford, 50 N. C. 3; Achenbach v. Johnston, 84 N. C. 264.

WOODSIDER. This term has been applied to an overseer of work in the woods for a private turpentine operator. Griffith v. Hullon, 90 Fla. 582, 197 So. 354, 355.

WOODWARDS. Officers of the forest, whose duty consists in looking after the wood and vert and venison, and preventing offenses relating to the same. Manw. 189.


WOOL-SACK. The seat of the lord chancellor of England in the house of lords, being a large square bag of wool, without back or
arms, covered with red cloth. Webster; Brande.

WORDS. As used in law, this term generally signifies the technical terms and phrases appropriate to particular instruments, or aptly fitted to the expression of a particular intention in legal instruments. See the subtitles following.

WORDS OF ART. The vocabulary or terminology of a particular art or science, and especially those expressions which are idiomatic or peculiar to it. See Cargill v. Thompson, 57 Minn. 534, 50 N. W. 638.

WORDS OF LIMITATION. See Limitation.

WORDS OF PROCREATION. To create an estate by will, it is necessary that words of procreation should be used in order to confine the estate to the descendants of the first grantee, as in the usual form of limitation,—"to A. and the heirs of his body." Sweet.

WORDS OF PURCHASE. See Purchase.

WORK. Any form of physical or mental exertions, or both combined, for the attainment of some object other than recreation or amusement. Republic Tool & Mfg. Co. v. Lenarz, 17 Ohio App. 500, 501, 502.

WORK AND LABOR. The name of one of the common counts of actions of assumpsit, being for work and labor done and materials furnished by the plaintiff for the defendant.

WORK—BEAST, or WORK—HORSE. These terms mean an animal of the horse kind, which can be rendered fit for service, as well as one of maturer age and in actual use. Winfrey v. Zimmerman, 8 Bush (Ky.) 557.

WORK FLOATS. "Work floats," used to recover sunken logs, are rafts made of logs with boards nailed across on which men stand to work. Ledoux v. Joncas, 163 Minn. 498, 204 N. W. 635, 636.

WORK—HOUSE. A place where convicts (or paupers) are confined and kept at labor.

WORKING DAYS.

In Maritime Law

Running or calendar days on which law permits work to be done, excluding Sundays and legal holidays. Sherwood v. American Sugar Refining Co. (C. C. A.) 8 F. (2d) 586, 588; The Olaf (D. C.) 248 F. 807, 809.

Under Construction Contracts

The term "working days" may exclude not only Sundays and holidays, but also days upon which no work can be done because of weather conditions. Christopher & Simpson Architectural Iron & Foundry Co. v. E. A. Steinauer Const. Co., 260 Mo. App. 33, 205 S. W. 278, 283; F. J. Munn Contracting Co. v. Village of Kenmore, 164 Misc. 205, 171 N. Y. S. 673.

WORKMAN. One who labors; one employed to do business for another; one engaged in some form of manual labor, whether skilled or unskilled. Harris v. City of Baltimore, 151 Md. 11, 133 A. 888, 889; Europe v. Addison Amusements, 231 N. Y. 105, 131 N. E. 750.

A "workman," in the broad sense, is one who works in any department of physical or mental labor, but in common speech is one who is employed in manual labor, such as an artificer, mechanic, or artisan; while an "employed" in a broad sense is one who receives salary, wages, or other compensation from another, but the term is usually applied to clerks, laborers, etc., and not to the higher officers of a corporation. Bowne v. S. W. Bowne Co., 221 N. Y. 28, 116 N. E. 304, 305.

Under Workmen's Compensation Acts

The term "workman" in the Workmen's Compensation Act means, as the act states, one who engages to furnish services subject to the control of an employer, and the relation necessary to constitute one an employer and another a workman under the act is the relation of master and servant originating in a contract for personal services, subject to complete control of the details of the work and the mode of its performance. Landberg v. State Industrial Accident Commission, 107 Or. 408, 215 P. 504, 506.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACTS. Laws passed in most of the states of the Union which provide for fixed awards to employees or their dependents in case of industrial accidents and dispense with proof of negligence and legal actions. Some of the acts go beyond the simple determination of the right to compensation, and provide insurance systems, either under state supervision or otherwise.

Under the acts, methods are usually prescribed for the expression by employers and workmen of their preference as to the acceptance or rejection of the compensation system. This ranges from each workman filing a written rejection to a presumed acceptance in the absence of formal rejection.

Under the elective system in most of the states, it is made an inducement, that where employers refuse to come within the provisions of the compensation law, the customary defenses to actions for injuries shall not be allowed them.

WORKS. Sometimes, a mill, factory, or other establishment for performing industrial labor of any sort (South St. Joseph Land Co. v. Pitt, 114 Mo. 335, 21 S. W. 449); also, a building, structure, or erection of any kind upon land, as in the civil-law phrase "new works."

New Works

A term of the civil law comprehending every sort of edifice or other structure which is newly commenced on a given estate or lot. Its importance lies chiefly in the fact that a
remedy is given (“denunciation of new works”) to an adjacent proprietor whose property would be injured or subjected to a more onerous servitude if such a work were allowed to proceed to completion.

**Public Works**

Works, whether of construction or adaptation, undertaken and carried out by the national, state, or municipal authorities, and designed to subserve some purpose of public necessity, use, or convenience; such as public buildings, roads, aqueducts, parks, etc. See Ellis v. Common Council, 123 Mich. 567, 82 N. W. 244; Winters v. Dulinth, 82 Minn. 127, 54 N. W. 756; Clough v. City of Colorado Springs, 70 Colo. 87, 197 P. 896; Johnston v. City of Hartford, 96 Conn. 143, 133 A. 273, 274; American Tobacco Co v. Missouri Pac. Ry. Co., 247 Mo. 374, 157 S. W. 592, 552; Chattanooga & Tennessee River Power Co. v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 209 F. 28, 29. All fixed works constructed for public use. State v. A. H. Read Co., 33 Wyo. 357, 240 P. 208, 211. The term usually relates to the construction of public improvements and not to their maintenance or operation. State v. Peters, 112 Ohio St. 249, 147 N. E. 81, 83. It is not so uncertain as to invalidate a statute providing that in the employment of mechanics and laborers in the construction of public works, preference shall be given to citizens. Lee v. City of Lynn, 223 Mass. 109, 111 N. E. 700, 701.


**WORLD.** This term sometimes denotes all persons whatsoever who may have, claim, or acquire an interest in the subject-matter; as in saying that a judgment in rem binds “all the world.”

**WORLDLY.** Of or pertaining to the world or the present state of existence; temporal, earthly; devoted to, interested in, or connected with this present life, and its cares, advantages, or pleasures, to the exclusion of those of a future life. Anderson v. Gilson, 136 Ohio St. 684, 157 N. E. 377, 379, 54 A. L. R. 92. Concerned with enjoyment of this present existence; secular, not religious, spiritual, or holy. Commonwealth v. American Baseball Club of Philadelphia, 290 Pa. 136, 128 A. 497, 499, 53 A. L. R. 1027.

**WORLDLY EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS,** which, on Sunday, is prohibited by statutes in some states, includes the operation of a motion picture show under the New Jersey Vice and Immorality Act, § 1 (4 Comp. St. 1910, p. 6712), Rosenberg v. Arrowsmith, 82 N. J. Eq. 570, 89 A. 524, 525, and one who does this habitually is guilty of keeping a disorderly house. State v. Rosenberg (N. J. Sup.) 115 A. 203. The words also include, in Delaware, under Rev. Code 1915, § 4734, the playing of football on Sunday, knowing that tickets of admission were being offered for sale and sold to the public, Walsh v. State (Del. Super.) 138 A. 160, 163, and, in Pennsylvania, professional baseball, Commonwealth v. American Baseball Club of Philadelphia, 290 Pa. 136, 138 A. 497, 499, 53 A. L. R. 1027. But in the latter state it has been thought, at least by the lower courts, that notwithstanding Act April 22, 1794 (3 Smith’s Laws, p. 177), § 1 (18 PS § 1891) one may lawfully purchase a cigar on Sunday. Commonwealth v. Hoover, 25 Pa. Super. Ct. 133, 134.


**In English Law**

A title of honor or dignity used in addresses to certain magistrates and other persons of rank or office. Co. 2d Inst. 668; Bacon, Abr. Misnomer (A 2).

**Public Worship**

This term may mean the worship of God, conducted and observed under public authority; or it may mean worship in an open or public place, without privacy or concealment; or it may mean the performance of religious exercises, under a provision for an equal right in the whole public to participate in its benefits; or it may be used in contradistinction to worship in the family or the closet. In this country, what is called “public worship” is commonly conducted by voluntary societies, constituted according to their own notions of ecclesiastical authority and ritual propriety, opening their places of worship, and admitting to their religious services such persons, and upon such terms, and subject to such regulations, as they may choose to designate and establish. A church absolutely belonging to the public, and in which all persons without restriction have equal rights, such as the public enjoy in highways or public lands, is certainly a very rare institution. Attorney General v. Merrimack Mfg. Co., 14 Gray (Mass.) 586.

WORT. Mash; wash; specifically, the mash after the malt, or other active ingredient, has been added, either before or during fermentation. Pack v. State, 116 Or. 416, 241 P. 300, 392.

"Mash" means crushed malt, meal, rye, wheat, or corn, etc., steeped and stirred in hot water to form "wort," a liquid in incipient fermentation, and "wash," a fermented wort ready for distillation, or from which the spirit is distilled. Neal v. State, 184 Ark. 334, 424 S. W. 578, 579.

WORTH or WORTH. A cartilage or country farm.

WORTH. The quality of a thing which gives it value. McLane v. Pittsburg Rys. Co., 230 Pa. 29, 79 A. 237, 238. Although "worth" in some connections may mean more than pecuniary value, in law it means that sum of valuable qualities which renders a thing valuable and useful expressed in the current medium of the country; value. Duke v. City of Anniston, 5 Ala. App. 348, 60 So. 447.

WORSTIEST OF BLOOD. In the English law of descent. A term applied to males, expressive of the preference given to them over females. See 2 Bl. Comm. 294-296. See some singular reasons given for this in Plowd. 395.

WORTHING OF LAND. A certain quantity of land so called in the manor of Kingsland, in Hereford. The tenants are called "worthies." Wharton.


In criminal cases, especially under statutes (such as 9 Geo. IV. c. 21, § 12), an injury to the person by which the skin is broken. State v. Henggeler, 312 Mo. 15, 278 S. W. 743, 746; State v. Leonard, 22 Mo. 451; Moriarty v. Brooks, 6 Car. & P. 684; State v. Foster, 156 La. 591, 101 So. 255, 257. It must include a complete parting or solution of the external or internal skin. State v. Coontz, 94 W. Va. 50, 117 S. E. 701, 703.

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Under other statutes, a "wound" does not necessarily import a breaking of the skin, but includes injuries of every kind which affect the body, whether they are cuts, lacerations, fractures, or bruises. State v. Hammerill (Kan. Sup.) 58 P. 559; Gatlin v. State, 18 Ga. App. 9, 89 S. E. 345. Also, any lesion of the body, Robinson v. Masonic Protective Ass'n, 87 Vt. 138, 88 A. 331, 47 L. R. A. (N. S.) 924, a "lesion" being a hurt, loss, or injury. People v. Durrand, 307 Ill. 611, 139 N. E. 78, 83.

"In legal medicine, the term 'wound' is used in a much more comprehensive sense than in surgery. In the latter, it means strictly a solution of continuity; in the former, injuries of every description that affect either the hard or the soft parts; and accordingly under it are comprehended bruises, contusions, fractures, lacerations," etc. 2 Beck. Med. Jur. 166.

WOUNDING. An aggravated species of assault and battery, consisting in one person giving another some dangerous hurt. 3 Bl. Comm. 121.

Wrecceum maris significat illa bona que naufragio ad terram pulluntur. A wreck of the sea signifies those goods which are driven to shore from a shipwreck.


WRECK, n.

At Common Law

Such goods as after a shipwreck are cast upon the land by the sea, and, as lying within the territory of some county, do not belong to the jurisdiction of the admiralty, but to the common law. 2 Inst. 167; 1 Bl. Comm. 290.

Goods found at low water, between high and low water mark, and goods between the same limits partly resting on the ground, but still moved by the water, are wreck. 3 Hagg. Adm. 257, 294.

Goods cast ashore from a wrecked vessel, where no living creature has escaped from the wreck alive; and which are forfeited to the crown, or to persons having the franchise of wreck. Cowell. But if claimed by the true owner within a year and a day the goods, or their proceeds, must be restored to him, by virtue of statute. Westm. 1, 3 Edw. I. c. 4.

In American Law

Goods cast ashore by the sea, and not claimed by the owner within a year, or other specified period; which, in such case, become the property of the state. 2 Kent, Comm. 322. See, also, Proctor v. Adams, 113 Mass. 375, 18 Am. Rep. 500; Barker v. Bates, 13 Pick. (Mass.) 255, 23 Am. Dec. 675. The term applies to property cast upon land by the sea; Baker v. Hoag, 7 N. Y. 555, 59 Am. Dec. 431; to jetsam, flotsam, and ligan; Murphy v. Dunham (D. C.) 38 F. 503.
In Maritime Law


Wreck Commissioners

Persons appointed by the English lord chancellor under the merchant shipping act, 1876, (section 29,) to hold investigations at the request of the board of trade into losses, abandonments, damages, and casualties of or to ships on or near the coast of the United Kingdom, whereby loss of life is caused. Sweet.

WRECKFREE. Exempt from the forfeiture of shipwrecked goods and vessels to the king. Cowell.

WRESTLING. Engaging in a contest, usually between two persons, who seek to throw each other to the ground or floor, commonly in such a manner that one contestant's shoulders are held against the ground or floor. Jacobs v. Loyal Protective Ins. Co., 97 Vt. 518, 124 A. 848, 852.

WRINKLE. A stria; furrow; channel; hollow; depression; rut; cup; pocket; dimple. Maxim Mfg. Co. v. Imperial Mach. Co. (C. C. A.) 286 F. 79, 83.

WRIST-DROP. A form of paralysis of the hand and wrist resulting from an affection of the nerve which supplies the muscles of the forearm, wrist, and hand. Freeman v. Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co., 52 Mont. 1, 154 P. 912, 913.

WRIT. A precept in writing, couched in the form of a letter, running in the name of the king, president, or state, issuing from a court of justice, and sealed with its seal, addressed to a sheriff or other officer of the law, or directly to the person whose action the court desires to command, either as the commencement of a suit or other proceeding, or as incidental to its progress, and requiring the performance of a specified act, or giving authority and commission to have it done. Process. Love v. National Liberty Ins. Co., 157 Ga. 259, 121 S. E. 648, 649.

For the names and description of various particular writs, see the titles below.

In Old English Law

An instrument in the form of a letter; a letter or letters of attorney. This is a very ancient sense of the word. In the old books, "writ" is used as equivalent to "action;" hence writs are sometimes divided into real, personal, and mixed.

In Scotch Law

A writing; an instrument in writing, as a deed, bond, contract, etc. 2 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, pp. 175-179.

In General

—Alias writ. A second writ issued in the same cause, where a former writ of the same kind has been issued without effect.

—Close writ. In English law, a name given to certain letters of the sovereign, sealed with his great seal and directed to particular persons and for particular purposes, which, not being proper for public inspection, were closed up and sealed on the outside; also, a writ directed to the sheriff instead of to the lord. 2 Bl. Comm. 346, 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 45.

—Concurrent writs. Duplicate originals, or several writs running at the same time for the same purpose, for service on or arrest of a person, when it is not known where he is to be found; or for service on several persons, as when there are several defendants to an action. Mozley & Whitley.

—Judicial writs. In English practice. The capas and all other writs subsequent to the original writ not issuing out of chancery, but from the court to which the original was returnable. Being grounded on what had passed in that court in consequence of the sheriff's return, they were called judicial writs, in contradistinction to the writs issued out of chancery, which were called original writs. 3 Bl. Comm. 282. Such writs as issue under the private seal of the courts, and not under the great seal of England, and are tested or witnessed, not in the king's name, but in the name of the chief judge of the court out of which they issue. The word "judicial" is used in contradistinction to "original;" original writs being such as issue out of chancery under the great seal, and are witnessed in the king's name. See 3 Bl. Comm. 282; Pullman's Palace-Car Co. v. Washburn (C. C.) 66 F. 792.

—Junior writ. One which is issued, or comes to the officer's hands, at a later time than a similar writ, at the suit of another party, or on a different claim, against the same defendant.

—Original writ. In English practice. An original writ was the process formerly in use for the commencement of personal actions. It was a mandatory letter from the king, issuing out of chancery, sealed with the great seal, and directed to the sheriff of the county.

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wherein the injury was committed, or was supposed to have been committed, requiring him to command the wrong-doer or accused party either to do justice to the plaintiff or else to appear in court and answer the accusation against him. This writ is now dis- used, the writ of summons being the process prescribed by the uniformity of process act for commencing personal actions; and under the judicature act, 1873, all suits, even in the court of chancery, are to be commenced by such writs of summons. Brown.

—Patent writ. In old practice, an open writ; one not closed or sealed up.

—Peremptory writ. An original writ, called from the words of the writ a "st to fecere securn", and which directed the sheriff to cause the defendant to appear in court without any option given him, provided the plaintiff gave the sheriff security effectually to prosecute his claim. The writ was very occasionally in use, and only where nothing was specifically demanded, but only a satisfaction in general; as in the case of writs of trespass on the case, wherein no debt or other specific thing was sued for, but only damages to be assessed by a jury. Brown.

—Prerogative writs. Those issued by the exercise of the extraordinary power of the crown (the court, in modern practice) on proper cause shown; namely, the writs of procedendo, mandamus, prohibition, quo warranto, habeas corpus, and certiorari.

WRIT DE BONO ET MALO. See De Bono et Malo: Assize.

WRIT DE EJECTIONE FIRMAE. See Ejec- tione Firmae.

WRIT DE HERETICO COMBURENDO. See De Hereticos Comburendo.

WRIT DE HOMINE REPELLANDO. See De Homine Repellando.

WRIT DE ODIO ET ATIA. See De Odio et Atia.

WRIT DE RATIONABILI PARTE BONO- RUM. See De Rationabili Parte Bonorum.

WRIT OF AD QUOD DAMNUM. See Ad Quod Damnum.

WRIT OF ASSISTANCE. The name of a writ which issues from the court of chancery, in aid of the execution of a judgment at law, to put the complainant into possession of lands adjudged to him, when the sheriff cannot execute the judgment. See Eimerick v. Miller (Ind. App.) 82 N. E. 286; Hager- man v. Heltzel, 21 Wash. 444, 38 P. 560; O'Connor v. Schaeffel (City Ct. N. Y.) 11 N. Y. 5; Knight v. Houghtaling, 94 N. C. 410; Clarke v. Aldridge, 102 N. C. 326, 78 S. E. 216, 217; McDonnell v. Hartnett, 323 Ill. 87, 158 N. E. 668; Marblehead Land Co. v. Los Angeles County (D. C.) 275 F. 305.

A form of process issued by an equity court to transfer the possession of lands, title or possession to which it has previously adjudicated, as a means of enforcing its decree. Southern State Bank v. Leverette, 187 N. C. 743, 123 S. E. 68, 69; Booker v. Fidel- ity Trust Co., 196 Ind. 373, 145 N. E. 493, 495.

Its office is to give effect to chancery decrees, where the rights of the parties are fixed thereby. Ramsdell v. Maxwell, 32 Mich. 285. It is founded on the general principle that a court of equity will, when it can do so justly, carry its own decrees into full execution without relying on the co-operation of any other tribunal; Beatty v. De Forest, 27 N. J. Eq. 482; and grows out of the principle that the jurisdiction to enforce is coexistent with the jurisdiction to hear and determine rights; Beck v. Kirk, 69 Mont. 392, 223 P. 499, 500; Fox v. Stubenrauch, 2 Cal. App. 88, 83 P. 82.

A "writ of assistance" is equivalent to the writ of habeas facias possessionem at law, and issues as of course without notice, so far as the parties to the record are concerned, when necessary to execute a decree. Gardner v. Duncan, 104 Misc. 473, 61 So. 545, 546.

While the office of both a writ of assistance and a writ of possession is to put the party entitled thereto into the possession of property, the former issues from equity and the latter from law. Southern State Bank v. Leverette, 187 N. C. 743, 123 S. E. 68, 69.

An ancient writ issuing out of the exchequer. Moz. & W. A writ issuing from the court of exchequer to the sheriff commanding him to be in aid of the king's tenants by knight's service, or the king's collectors, debtors, or accountants, to enforce payment of their own dues, in order to enable them to pay their own dues to the king. 1 Madox, Hist. Exch. 675.

WRIT OF ASSOCIATION. In English practice. A writ whereby certain persons (usually the clerk of assize and his subordinate officers) are directed to associate themselves with the justices and serjeants; and they are required to admit the said persons into their society in order to take the assizes. 3 Bl. Comm. 59.

WRIT OF ATTACHMENT. A writ employed to enforce obedience to an order or judgment of the court. It may take the form of commanding the sheriff to attach the disobedient party and to have him before the court to answer his contempt. Smith, Act. 178.

In its generic sense, any mesne civil process in the nature of a writ on which property may be attached, including trustee process, Smith v. Smith, 120 Me. 379, 115 A. 87, 88.

WRIT OF CONSPIRACY. A writ which ancien-
spired to injure the plaintiff, under the same circumstances which would now give him an action on the case. It did not lie at common law, in any case, except when the conspiracy was to indict the party either of treason or felony; all the other cases of conspiracy in the books were but actions on the case. Hutchins v. Hutchins, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 104.

WRIT OF COVENANT. A writ which lies where a party claims damages for breach of covenant; i. e., of a promise under seal.

WRIT OF DEBT. A writ which lies where the party claims the recovery of a debt; i. e., a liquidated or certain sum of money alleged to be due to him.

This is debt in the debt, which is the principal and only common form. There is another species mentioned in the books, called the debt in the defendant, which lies for the specific recovery of goods under a contract to deliver them. 1 Chitty, Pl. 194.

WRIT OF DECEIT. The name of a writ which lies where one man has done anything in the name of another, by which the latter is damned and deceived. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 95, E.

WRIT OF DELIVERY. A writ of execution employed to enforce a judgment for the delivery of chattels. It commands the sheriff to cause the chattels mentioned in the writ to be returned to the person who has obtained the judgment; and, if the chattels cannot be found, to distress the person against whom the judgment was given until he returns them. Smith, Act. 173; Sweet.

WRIT OF DETINUE. A writ which lies where a party claims the specific recovery of goods and chattels, or deeds and writings, detained from him. This is seldom used; trover is the more frequent remedy, in cases where it may be brought.

WRIT OF DOWER. This is either a writ of dower unde nihili habeat, which lies for a widow, commanding the tenant to assign her dower, no part of which has yet been set off to her; or a writ of right of dower, whereby she seeks to recover the remainder of the dower to which she is entitled, part having been already received from the tenant. This latter writ is seldom used.

WRIT OF EJECTMENT. The writ in an action of ejectment, for the recovery of lands. See Ejectment.

WRIT OF ENTRY. A real action to recover the possession of land where the tenant (or owner) has been dispossessed or otherwise wrongfully dispossessed. If the disseisor has aliened the land, or if it has descended to his heir, the writ of entry is said to be in the per, because it alleges that the defendant (the allience or heir) obtained possession through the original disseisor. If two alienations (or descents) have taken place, the writ is in the per and cui, because it alleges that the defendant (the second allience) obtained possession through the first allience, to whom the original disseisor had aliened it. If more than two alienations (or descents) have taken place, the writ is in the post, because it simply alleges that the defendant acquired possession after the original disseisor. Co. Litt. 228b; 3 Bl. Comm. 180. The writ of entry was abolished, with other real actions, in England, by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27, § 36, but is still in use in a few of the states of the Union. Sweet. See, also, Entry, Writ of.

WRIT OF ERROR. A writ issued from a court of appellate jurisdiction, directed to the judge or judges of a court of record, requiring them to remit to the appellate court the record of an action before them, in which a final judgment has been entered, in order that examination may be made of certain errors alleged to have been committed, and that the judgment may be reversed, corrected, or affirmed, as the case may require. Siegelschiffer v. Penn Mut. Life Ins. Co. (C. C. A.) 245 F. 226, 228; Ward v. Williams, 270 Ill. 547, 110 N. E. 521, 523; Board of County Com'rs of Harford County v. Jay, 122 Md. 324, 50 A. 715, 717. It is of common-law origin and was used to review alleged errors of law, Buessel v. U. S. (C. C. A.) 285 F. 511, 514, arising on the face of the proceedings, Curless v. Watson, 180 Ind. 190, 102 N. E. 497, 499, or apparent on the judgment record, Lippitt v. Bidwell, 57 Conn. 605, 59 A. 347, 349. See, generally, 1 Vern. 169; 1 Salk. 322; 2 Saund. 46, 101; 3 Bl. Comm. 405. While an appeal operates as a supersedeas, and is in effect a continuation of the original suit, a writ of error is a new suit or proceeding. Thompson v. Davis, 237 Ill. 11, 130 N. E. 455, 457; Reed v. State, 94 Fla. 32, 113 So. 630, 633; Boston & M. R. R. v. State, 77 N. H. 437, 93 A. 306. When the writ, being directed to the judges of a court of record in which final judgment has been given, commands those judges themselves to examine the record, it is called a "writ of error coram nobis" or vosib. See those titles, infra.

The office of an ordinary "writ of error" at common law was to remove the record to a superior court for the review of errors of law appearing on the face thereof, while the principal office of a "writ of error coram nobis" was to enable the court rendering a judgment to reconsider it, and grant relief from errors of fact not appearing on the face of the record, where the latter was still before such court. People v. Reid, 136 Cal. 249, 232 P. 457, 459, 36 A. L. R. 1455.

A commission by which the judges of one court are authorized to examine a record upon which a judgment was given in another court, and, on such examination, to affirm or reverse the same, according to law. Cohens v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 459, 5 L. Ed. 257.
As used in Circuit Court of Appeals Act § 5, the proceedings by which a cause, in which there has been a final judgment, is removed from a court below to an appellate court for review, reversal, or affirmance. In re Stearns & White Co. (C. C. A.) 295 F. 833, 836.

WRIT OF ERROR CORAM NOBIS. A common-law writ, the purpose of which is to correct a judgment in the same court in which it was rendered, on the ground of error of fact, Washington v. State, 92 Fla. 740, 110 So. 230, 232, for which the statute provides no other remedy, which fact did not appear of record, Ernst v. State, 181 Wis. 155, 193 N. W. 578, or was unknown to the court when judgment was pronounced, and which, if known, would have prevented the judgment, and which was unknown, and could not have been known to the party by the exercise of reasonable diligence in time to have been otherwise presented to the court, unless he was prevented from so presenting them by duress, fear, or other sufficient cause; Nichols v. State, 56 Fla. 208, 89 So. 502, 504; State ex rel. Mitchell, Co. Atty., v. Swindall, 33 Okl. Cr. 210, 241 P. 456, 458; as where judgment is rendered against a party after his death, or an infant not properly represented by guardian, or a feme covert where common-law disability still exists, or where some defect exists in the process or the execution thereof; Schneider v. Schneider (Mo. App.) 273 S. W. 1061, 1083; 1 Saund. 101; Steph. Pl. 211; Day v. Hamburger, 1 Browne, Pa. 75. At common law in England, it issued from the Court of King's Bench to a judgment of that court. Its principal aim is to afford the court in which an action was tried an opportunity to correct its own record with reference to a vital fact not known when the judgment was rendered. Lamb v. State, 91 Fla. 396, 107 So. 535, 537, 538; Rhodes v. State, 190 Ind. 183, 156 N. E. 359, 362. It is also said that at common law it lay to correct purely ministerial errors of the officers of the court. Oram v. Illinois Commercial Men's Ass'n, 290 Ill. 516, 103 N. E. 459, 461.

WRIT OF ERROR CORAM VOBIS. This writ, at the English common law, is distinguished from "writ of error coram nobis," in that the former issued from the Court of King's Bench to a judgment of the Court of Common Pleas, whereas the latter issued from the Court of King's Bench to a judgment of that court. Lamb v. State, 91 Fla. 396, 107 So. 535, 537.

WRIT OF EXECUTION. A writ to put in force the judgment or decree of a court.

WRIT OF EXIGI FACIAS. See Exigent.

WRIT OF FALSE JUDGMENT. A writ which appears to be still in use to bring appeals to the English high court from inferior courts not of record proceeding according to the course of the common law. Archb. Pr. 1427.

WRIT OF FORMEDON. A writ which lies for the recovery of an estate by a person claiming as issue in tail, or by the remainder-man or reversioner after the termination of the entail. See Formedon.

WRIT OF INQUIRY. In common-law practice. A writ which issues after the plaintiff in an action has obtained a judgment by default, on an unliquidated claim, directing the sheriff, with the aid of a jury, to inquire into the amount of the plaintiff's demand and assess his damages. Lennon v. Rawitzer, 57 Conn. 353, 354; Havens v. Hartford & N. R. Co., 28 Conn. 70; McGowin v. Dickson, 152 Ala. 154, 21 So. 685, 688.

WRIT OF MAINPRISE, or MAINPRISE. In English law. A writ directed to the sheriff, either generally, when any man is imprisoned for a bailable offense and bail has been refused, or specially, when the offense or cause of commitment is not properly bailable below, commanding him to take sureties for the prisoner's appearance, commonly called "mainporners," and to set him at large. 3 Bl. Comm. 128. See also, Mainprise.

WRIT OF MANDAMUS. See Mandamus.

WRIT OF MESNE. In old English law. A writ which was so called by reason of the words used in the writ, namely, "unde idem A. qui medius est inter C. et praefatum B.;" that is, A., who is mesne between C., the lord paramount, and B., the tenant paravallis. Co. Litt. 100a.

WRIT OF POSSESSION. This is the writ of execution employed to enforce a judgment to recover the possession of land. It commands the sheriff to enter the land and give possession of it to the person entitled under the judgment. Smith, Act. 175. For a distinction between this writ and the "Writ of Assistance," see that title.

WRIT OF PRÆCEPE. This writ is also called a "writ of covenant," and is sued out by the party to whom lands are to be conveyed by fine, the foundation of which is a supposed agreement or covenant that the one shall convey the land to the other. 2 Bl. Comm. 349.

WRIT OF PREVENTION. This name is given to certain writs which may be issued in anticipation of suits which may arise. Co. Litt. 100. See Quia Timet.

WRIT OF PROCESS. See Process; Action.

WRIT OF PROCLAMATION. In English law. By the statute 31 Eliz. c. 3, § 1, when an exigent is sued out, a writ of proclamation shall issue at the same time, commanding the sheriff of the county where the defendant dwells to make three proclamations
thcre, in places the most notorious, and most likely to come to his knowledge, a month before the outlawry shall take place. 3 Bl. Comm. 284.

When it is not directed to the same sheriff as the exigent is, it is called a foreign writ of proclamation. 4 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law 261.

WRIT OF PROHIBITION. See Prohibition.

WRIT OF PROTECTION. In England, the king may, by his writ of protection, privilege any person in his service from arrest in civil proceedings during a year and a day; but this prerogative is seldom, if ever, exercised. Archb. Pr. 687. See Co. Litt. 130a.

WRIT OF QUARE IMPEDIT. See Quare Impedit.

WRIT OF RECAPTION. If, pending an action of replevin for a distress, the defendant distrains again for the same rent or service, the owner of the goods is not driven to another action of replevin, but is allowed a writ of reparation, by which he recovers the goods and damages for the defendant's contempt of the process of the law in making a second distress while the matter is sub judice. Woodf. Landl. & Ten. 484.

WRIT OF REPLEVIN. See Replevin.

WRIT OF RESTITUTION. A writ which is issued on the reversal of a judgment commanding the sheriff to restore to the defendant below the thing levied upon, if it has not been sold, and, if it has been sold, the proceeds. Bac. Abr. "Execution," Q. A writ which lies, after the reversal of a judgment, to restore a party to all that he has lost by occasion of the judgment. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1183.

WRIT OF REVIEW. A general designation of any form of process issuing from an appellate court and intended to bring up for review the record or decision of the court below. Burrell v. Burrell, 10 Mass. 222; Hopkins v. Benson, 21 Me. 401; West v. De Moss, 50 La. Ann. 1349, 24 So. 325.

In Code practice, a substitute for, or equivalent of, the writ of certiorari. California & O. Land Co. v. Gowen (C. C.) 48 F. 775; Burnett v. Douglas County, 4 Or. 389; In re Vineyard, 78 Hun. 58, 28 N. Y. S. 1059.

WRIT OF RIGHT. A writ which lay for one who had the right of property, against another who had the right of possession and the actual occupation. The writ properly lay only to recover corporeal hereditaments for an estate in fee-simple; but there were other writs, said to be "in the nature of a writ of right," available for the recovery of incorporeal hereditaments or of lands for a less estate than a fee-simple. Brown; Fitzh. N. B. 1 (B); 3 Bl. Comm. 391.

"Originally a writ of right is so called because it orders the feudal lord to do full right to the demandant, plenus rectum tenere. . . . But when possessory actions have been established in the king's court, 'right' is contrasted with 'seisin,' and all writs originating proprietary actions for land . . . come to be known as 'writs of right,'" Matland, in 2 Sel. Essays, Anglo-Am. Leg. Hist. 563.

In another sense, a writ which is grantable as a matter of right, as opposed to a "prerogative writ," which is issued only as a matter of grace or discretion.

WRIT OF SUMMONS. The writ by which, under the English judicature acts, all actions are commenced.

WRIT OF SUPERSEDEAS. See Supersedeas.

WRIT OF SUPERVISORY CONTROL. A writ which is issued only to correct erroneous rulings made by the lower court within its jurisdiction, where there is no appeal, or the remedy by appeal cannot afford adequate relief, and gross injustice is threatened as the result of such rulings. State v. District Court of First Judicial Dist. in and for Lewis and Clark County, 50 Mont. 428, 147 P. 612, 613.

WRIT OF TOLT. In old English law. The name of a writ to remove proceedings on a writ of right patent from the court-baron into the county court.

WRIT OF TRIAL. In English law. A writ directing an action brought in a superior court to be tried in an inferior court or before the under-sheriff, under St. 3 & 4 Win. IV, c. 42. It is now superseded by the county courts act of 1887, c. 142, § 6, by which a defendant, in certain cases, is enabled to obtain an order that the action be tried in a county court. 3 Steph. Comm. 615, n. 1; Monley & Whitley.

WRIT OF WASTE. The name of a writ to be issued against a tenant who has committed waste of the premises. There were anciently several forms of this writ, adapted to the particular circumstances. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 125.

WRIT PRO RETORNO HABENDO. A writ commanding the return of the goods to the defendant, upon a judgment in his favor in replevin, upon the plaintiff's default.

WRITER TO THE SIGNET. In Scotch law. An officer nearly corresponding to an attorney at law, in English and American practice. "Writers to the signet," called also "clerks to the signet," derive their name from the circumstance that they were anecdotally clerks in the office of the secretary of state, by whom writs were prepared and issued under the royal signet or seal; and, when the signet became employed in judicial proceedings, they obtained a monopoly of the privileges of act-
ing as agents or attorneys before the court of session. Brande, voc. "Signet."

WRITER OF THE TALLIES. In England, An officer of the exchequer whose duty it was to write upon the tallies the letters of tellers' bills.

WRITING. The expression of ideas by letters visible to the eye. Clason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 491. The giving an outward and objective form to a contract, will, etc., by means of letters or marks placed upon paper, parchment, or other material substance.

In the most general sense of the word, "writing" denotes a document, whether manuscript or printed, as opposed to mere spoken words. Writing is essential to the validity of certain contracts and other transactions. Sweet. See "Instrument."

WRITING OBLIGATORY. The technical name by which a bond is described in pleading. Denton v. Adams, 6 Vt. 40.

WRITTEN CONTRACT. One which is all in writing so that all terms can be ascertained from Instrument itself. Sallo v. Boas, 327 Ill. 145, 158 N. E. 364, 365.

WRITTEN INSTRUMENT. Something reduced to writing as a means of evidence, and as the means of giving formal expression to some act or contract. Curlee Clothing Co. v. Lowery (Tex. Civ. App.) 275 S. W. 730, 732.

WRITTEN LAW. One of the two leading divisions of the Roman law, comprising the legea, plebsiscita, senatus-consulta, principum placa, magistratu rum edicta, and responsa prudencium. Inst. 1, 2, 3.

Statute law; law deriving its force from express legislative enactment. 1 Bl. Comm. 62, 85.

WRONG. An injury; a tort; a violation of right or of law.

In its most usual sense, wrong signifies an injury committed to the person or property of another, or to his relative rights unconnected with contract; and these wrongs are committed with or without force. Lisk v. Hora, 109 Ohio St. 519, 143 N. E. 545, 546. But in a more extended signification, wrong includes the violation of a contract; a failure by a man to perform his undertaking or promise is a wrong or injury to him to whom it was made; 3 Bl. Comm. 158.

The idea of rights naturally suggests the correlative one of wrongs; for every right is capable of being violated. A right to receive payment for goods sold (for example) implies a wrong on the part of him who owes, but within the price; a right to live in personal security, a wrong on the part of him who commits personal violence. And therefore, while, in a general point of view, the law is intended for the establishment and maintenance of rights, we find it, on closer examination, to be dealing both with rights and wrongs. It first fixes the character and definition of rights, and then, with a view to their effectual security, proceeds to define wrongs, and to devise the means by which the latter shall be prevented or redressed. 1 Steph. Comm. 126.

Private Wrong


Public Wrongs

Violations of public rights and duties which affect the whole community, considered as a community; crimes and misdemeanors. 3 Bl. Comm. 2; 4 Bl. Comm. 1.

Real Wrong

In old English law. An injury to the free-hold.

WRONG-DOER. One who commits an injury; a tort-feasor. The term ordinarily imports an invasion of right to the damage of the party who suffers such invasion. Merrill v. Comstock, 154 Wis. 454, 143 N. W. 313, 317.


WRONGLFULLY. In a wrong manner; unjustly; in a manner contrary to the moral law, or to justice. Webster, cited Board of Com'r's of Howard County v. Armstrong, 91 Ind. 536.

WRONGLFULLY INTENDING. In the language of pleading, this phrase is appropriate to be used in alleging the malicious motive of the defendant in committing the injury which forms the cause of action.

WRONGOUS. In Scotch law. Wrongful; unlawful; as wrongous imprisonment. Ersk. Prin. 4, 4, 25.

WURTH. In Saxon law. Worthy; competent; capable. Athesewurthe, worthy of oath; admissible or competent to be sworn. Spelman.

WYE. As applied to a street railway, a "wye" means a track with two branches, one joining the main track from one direction and the other joining the main track from another direction. Falls v. Grand Rapids, G. H. & M. Ry. Co., 189 Mich. 644, 155 N. W. 548, 549.

WYTE. In old English law. Acquittance or immunity from amercement.
X. In the written terminology of various arts and trades, where two or more dimensions of the same piece or article are to be stated, this letter is a well-known symbol equivalent to the word "by." Thus, the formula "3 x 5 in." will be understood, or may be explained by parol evidence, to mean "three by five inches," that is, measuring three inches in one direction and five in another. See Jaqua v. Witham & A. Co., 106 Ind. 547, 7 N. E. 314.

XENODOCHIUM. In the civil and old English law. An inn allowed by public license, for the entertainment of strangers, and other guests. Calvin; Cowell.

A hospital; a place where sick and infirm persons are taken care of. Cowell.

XENODOCHY. Reception of stranger; hospitality. Enc. Lond.

XYLON. A punishment among the Greeks answering to our stocks. Wharton.
YA ET NAY. In old records. Mere assertion and denial, without oath.

YARD. A measure of length, containing three feet, or thirty-six inches.
A piece of land inclosed for the use and accommodation of the inhabitants of a house.

YARGLAND, or virgata terra, is a quantity of land, said by some to be twenty acres, but by Coke to be of uncertain extent.

YEAL AND NAY. Yes and no. According to a charter of Athelstan, the people of Ripon were to be believed in all actions or suits upon their yea and nay, without the necessity of taking any oath. Brown.

See also, Yeas and Nays.

YEAR. The period in which the revolution of the earth round the sun, and the accompanying changes in the order of nature, are completed. Generally, when a statute speaks of a year, twelve calendar, and not lunar, months are intended. Cro. Jac. 166. The year is either astronomical, ecclesiastical, or regnal, beginning on the 1st of January, or 25th of March, or the day of the sovereign's accession. Wharton.

The civil year differs from the astronomical, the latter being composed of three hundred and sixty-five days, five hours, forty-eight seconds and a fraction, while the former consists sometimes of three hundred and sixty-five days, and at others, in leap-years, of three hundred sixty-six days.

When the period of a "year" is named, a calendar year is generally intended, but the subject-matter or context of statute or contract in which the term is found or to which it relates may alter its meaning. J. L. Hammett Co. v. Alfred Peates Co., 217 Mass. 520, 305 N. E. 370, L. R. A. 1935A, 334. See also City of Sedalia v. Chalfant (C. C. A.) 4 F. (2d) 350, 352, and People v. Eecheman, 63 Colo. 227, 165 P. 260, 262, in which the term "preceding year" in a statute is said to mean the preceding twelve months, and not preceding calendar year.

Natural Year

In old English law. That period of time in which the sun was supposed to revolve in its orbit, consisting of 365 days and one-fourth of a day, or six hours. Bract. fol. 350a.

Year and Day

This period was fixed for many purposes in law. Thus, in the case of an estray, if the owner did not claim it within that time, it became the property of the lord. So the owners of wreck must claim it within a year and a day. Death must follow upon wounding within a year and a day if the wounding is to be indicted as murder. Also, a year and a day were given for prosecuting or avoiding certain legal acts; e.g., for bringing actions after entry, for making claim for avoiding a fine, etc. Brown.

Year Books

Books of reports of cases in a regular series from the reign of the English King Edward I., inclusive, to the time of Henry VIII., which were taken by the prothonotaries or chief scriveners of the courts, at the expense of the crown, and published annually; whence their name, "Year Books." Brown.

Year, Day, and Waste

In English law. An ancient prerogative of the king, whereby he was entitled to the profits, for a year and a day, of the lands of persons attainted of petty treason or felony, together with the right of wasting the tenements, afterwards restoring the property to the lord of the fee. Abrogated by St. 54 Geo. III. c. 145. Wharton.

See An, Jour, et Waste.

—Year of our Lord. In England the time of an offense may be alleged as that of the sovereign's reign, or as that of the year of our Lord. The former is the usual mode. Hence there "year" alone might not indicate the time intended, but as we have no other era, therefore, any particular year must mean that year in our era. Com. v. Doran, 14 Gray (Mass.) 38. The abbreviation A. D. may be omitted; and the word year is not fatal; State v. Bartlett, 47 Me. 393; contra, Com. v. McLoon, 5 Gray (Mass.) 92, 66 Am. Dec. 354.

—Year to year, tenancy from. This estate arises either expressly, as when land is let from year to year; or by a general parol demise, without any determinate interest, but reserving the payment of an annual rent; or impliedly, as when property is occupied generally under a rent payable yearly, half-yearly, or quarterly; or when a tenant holds over, after the expiration of his term, without having entered into any new contract, and pays rent, (before which he is tenant on sufferance.) Wharton.

—Years, estate for. See Estate for Years.

YEAS AND NAYS. The affirmative and negative votes on a bill or measure before a legislative assembly. "Calling the yeas and nays" is calling for the individual and oral vote of each member, usually upon a call of the roll.

YEME. In old records. Winter; a corruption of the Latin "hiema."

YEOMAN. In English law. A commoner; a freeholder under the rank of gentleman. Cowell. A man who has free land of forty
shillings by the year; who was anctently thereby qualified to serve on juries, vote for knights of the shire, and do any other act, where the law requires one that is probus et legalis homo. 1 Bl. Comm. 403, 407.

This term is occasionally used in American law, but without any definite meaning, except in the United States navy, where it designates an appointive petty officer, who has charge of the stores and supplies in his department of the ship's economy.

YEOMANRY. The collected body of yeomen.

YEOMEN OF THE GUARD. Properly called "yeomen of the guard of the royal household;" a body of men of the best rank under the gentry, and of a larger stature than ordinary, every one being required to be six feet high. Enc. Lond.

YEVEN, or YEVEN. Given; dated. Cowell.

YIDDISH. A Middle High German dialect, or number of dialects, spoken by Jews, containing a large number of Germanized Hebrew words, and using Hebrew characters for its literature. U. S. v. Tod (C. C. A.) 294 F. 820, 822.

YIELD.

In the Law of Real Property

To perform a service due by a tenant to his lord. Hence the usual form of reservation of a rent in a lease begins with the words "yielding and paying." Sweet.

In Patent Law

The word "yielding," as used in a patent claim, is not the equivalent of "resilient," or "spring-supported," but may be applied to a part which is retractable at will. Mergenthaler Linotype Co. v. International Typesetting Mach. Co. (D. C.) 229 F. 188, 192.

YIELDING AND PAYING. In conveyancing. The initial words of that clause in leases in which the rent to be paid by the lessee is mentioned and reserved.

YOKELET. A little farm, requiring but a yoke of oxen to till it.

YORK—ANTWERP RULES. Certain rules relating to uniform bills of lading formulated by the Association for the Reform and Codification of the Laws of Nations, now the International Law Association.

These rules are commonly incorporated in contracts of affreightment. They are the result of conferences of representatives of mercantile interests from several countries, in the interest of uniformity of law. They have no statutory authority. The text is in Macnachan's Mercht. Shipping. For a history of them, see Lowndes, Gen. Av.

YORK, CUSTOM OF. A custom of the province of York in England, by which the effects of an intestate, after payment of his debts, are in general divided according to the ancient universal doctrine of the pars rationabilis; that is, one-third each to the widow, children, and administrator. 2 Bl. Comm. 518.

YORK, STATUTE OF. An important English statute passed at the city of York, in the twelfth year of Edward II., containing provisions on the subject of attorneys, witnesses, the taking of inquests by nisi prius, etc. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 299-302.

YOUNGER CHILDREN. This phrase, when used in English conveyancing with reference to settlements of land, signifies all such children as are not entitled to the rights of an eldest son. It therefore includes daughters, even those who are older than the eldest son. Moxley & Whitley.

YOUTH. This word may include children and young persons of both sexes. Nelson v. Cushing, 2 Cush. (Mass.) 518, 528.

YULE. The times of Christmas and Lammas.

YVERNAIL BLE. L. Fr. Winter grain. Kelham.
ZAMINDAR. See Zemindar.

ZANJA. Span. A water ditch or artificial canal, and particularly one used for purposes of irrigation. See Pico v. Collinas, 32 Cal. 378.


ZEALOT. This word is commonly taken in a bad sense, as denoting a separatist from the Church of England, or a fanatic. Brown.

ZEALOUS WITNESS. An untechnical term denoting a witness, on the trial of a cause, who manifests a partiality for the side calling him, and an eager readiness to tell anything which he thinks may be of advantage to that side.

ZEIR. O. Sc. Year. “Zeir and day.” Bell.

ZEMINDAR. In Hindu law. Landkeeper. An officer who under the Mohammedan government was charged with the financial superintendence of the lands of a district, the protection of the cultivators, and the realization of the government’s share of its produce, either in money or kind. Wharton.

ZEOLITE PROCESS. The “zeolite process” of softening water consists in passing hard water through a filter bed of granular sodium zeolites, which exchange their sodium base for the calcium and magnesium in the water. Permutt Co. v. Wadham (D. C.) 294 F. 370, 371.

ZEOLITES. Minerals which have the peculiar faculty of exchanging the base with which they may be chemically combined for another, which is present in a solution brought into contact with them. Permutt Co. v. Wadham (D. C.) 294 F. 370, 371.

ZETETICK. Proceeding by inquiry. Enc. Lond.

ZIGARI, or ZINGARI. Rogues and vagabonds in the middle ages; from Zigi, now Circassia.

ZOLL-VEREIN. A union of German states for uniformity of customs, established in 1819. It continued until the unification of the German empire, including Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria, Wurttemberg, Baden, Hesse-Cassel, Brunswick, and Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and all intermediate principalities. It was subsequently superseded by the German empire; and the federal council of the empire took the place of that of the Zoll-Verein. Wharton.

ZONING. The division of a city by legislative regulation into districts and the prescription and application in each district of regulations having to do with structural and architectural designs of buildings and of regulations prescribing use to which buildings within designated districts may be put. Miller v. Board of Public Works of City of Los Angeles, 195 Cal. 477, 234 P. 381, 384, 33 A. L. R. 1479; In re Opinion of the Justices, 121 Me. 501, 128 A. 181, 184.

ZYGOCEPHALUM. In the civil law. A measure or quantity of land. Nov. 17, c. 8. As much land as a yoke of oxen could plow in a day. Calvin.

ZYGOSTATES. In the civil law. A weigher; an officer who held or looked to the balance in weighing money between buyer and seller; an officer appointed to determine controversies about the weight of money. Spelman.

ZYTHUM. Lat. A liquor or beverage made of wheat or barley. Dig. 33, 6, 9, pr.
# APPENDIX

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ed Judgments of Victoria.
Abr. Abridgment.—Abridged.
Ad. Jus. Adam's Justiciary Reports (Scottish).
Ad. & E. (or Ad. & Ell.). Adolphus & Ellis' English King's Bench Reports.
Ad. & Ell. N. S. Adolphus & Ellis' Reports, New Series;—English Queen's Bench (commonly cited Q. B.).
Adams, Eq. Adams' Equity.
Add. Addison's Reports, Pennsylvania;—Addams' English Ecclesiastical Reports.
Add. Ecc. Addams' Ecclesiastical Reports.
Addams. Addams' Ecclesiastical Reports, English.
Addis. (or Add. Pa.). Addison's (Pennsylvania County Court) Reports.
Adm. & Ecc. Admiralty and Ecclesiastical;—English Law Reports, Admiralty and Ecclesiastical.
Adol. & El. Adolphus & Ellis' Reports, English King's Bench.
Adol. & El. (N. S.). Adolphus & Ellis' Reports, New Series, English Queen's Bench.
Adolph. & E. Adolphus & Ellis' English King's Bench Reports.
Adolph. & E. N. S. Adolphus & Ellis' New Series (usually cited as Queen's Bench).
Agra, H. C. Agra High Court Reports (India).
Alk. Alkens' Vermont Reports.
Alkens (Vt.). Alkens' Reports, Vermont.
Ainsw. (or Ainsworth). Ainsworth's Lexicon.
Al. Alyea's Select Cases, King's Bench;—Alabama;—Allen.
Al. & Nap. Alcock & Napler's Irish King's Bench Reports.
Ala. Alabama;—Alabama Reports.
Ala. N. S. Alabama Reports, New Series.
Ala. Sel. Cas. Alabama Select Cases, by Shepherd, see Alabama Reports, vols. 37, 38 and 39.
Alaska Co. Alaska Codes, Carter.
Ale. (or Ale. Reg. or Ale. Reg. Cas.). Alcock's Irish Registry Cases.
Ale. & Nap. Alcock & Napler's Irish King's Bench Reports.
Ald. Alden's Condensed Reports, Pennsylvania.
Aley. Aley's Select Cases, English King's Bench.
All. Allen's Massachusetts Reports.
All. N. B. Allen's New Brunswick Reports.
All. Ser. Allahabad Series, Indian Law Reports.
All. Tel. Cas. Allen's Telegraph Cases.
Allen Tel. Cas. Allen's Telegraph Cases.
Allin. Allinson, Pennsylvania Superior and District Court.
Am. Corp. Cas. American Corporation Cases (Withrow's).
Am. Cr. Tr. American Criminal Trials.
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Am. Dig. American Digest.
Am. L. C. R. P. Sharswood and Budd's Leading Cases on Real Property.
Am. L. Cas. American Leading Cases.
Am. L. T. R. American Law Times Reports.
Am. Law Rec. American Law Record (Cincinnati).
Am. Lead. Cas. American Leading Cases (Hare & Wallace's).
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- **B.C.R.** Saunders & Cole's Ball Court Reports, English; British Columbia Reports.
- **B.C.R.** (or **B.C.R. Rep.**) Saunders & Cole's Ball Court Reports, English; British Columbia Reports.
- **B.C.** (or **B.C.R.**) Barbour's Chancery Reports, New York.
- **B.D. & O.** Blackham, Dundas & Osborne's Nisi Prius Reports, Ireland.
- **B.L.R.** Bengal Law Reports.
- **B.M.** Burrow's Reports tempore Mansfield; Ben Monroe's Reports, Kentucky; Moore's Reports, English.
- **B.Man.** Ben Monroe's Reports, Kentucky.
- **B.Moore.** Moore's Reports, English.
- **B.N.C.** Binghman's New Cases, English Common Pleas; Brooke's New Cases, English King's Bench; Busbee's North Carolina Law Reports.
- **B.N.F.** Buller's Nisi Prius.
- **B.P.B.** Buller's Paper Book, Lincoln's Inn Library.
- **B.P.C.** Brown's Cases in Parliament.
- **B.P.L. Cas.** Bott's Poor Law Cases.
- **B.P.N.R.** Bosanquet & Puller's New Reports, English Common Pleas.
- **B.P.R.** Brown's Parliamentary Reports.
- **B.R.** Bancus Regis, or King's Bench; Bankruptcy Reports; Bankruptcy Register, New York; National Bankruptcy Register Reports.
- **B.R.H.** Cases in King's Bench tempore Hardwicke.
- **B. & A.** Barnewall & Adolphus' English King's Bench Reports; Barnewall & Alderson's English King's Bench Reports; Baron & Arnold's English Election Cases; Banning & Arden's Patent Cases.
- **B. & Ad. (or Adol.)** Barnewall & Adolphus' English King's Bench Reports.
- **B. & Ald.** Barnewall & Alderson's English King's Bench Reports.
- **B. & Arn.** Barron & Arnold's Election Cases.
- **B. & Aust.** Barron & Austin's English Election Cases.
- **B. & C.** Barnewall & Cresswell's English King's Bench Reports.
- **B. & D.** Henloe & Dalison, English.
- **B. & F.** Broderip & Fremantle's English Ecclesiastical Reports.
- **B. & H.** Blatchford & Howland's United States District Court Reports.
- **B. & H. Dig.** Bennett & Heard's Massachusetts Digest.

| B. & I. | Bankruptcy and Insolvency Cases. |
| B. & L. | Browning & Lushington's English Admiralty Reports. |
| B. & M. (or B. & Maen.) | Browne & Macnamara's Reports, English. |
| B. & F. | Bosanquet & Puller's English Common Pleas Reports. |
| B. & F. N.R. | Bosanquet & Puller's New Reports. |
| B. & S. | Best & Smith's English Queen's Bench Reports. |
| B. & V. | Beling & Vanderstraaten's Reports, Ceylon. |
| B. & Be. | Ball & Beatty's Irish Chancery Reports. |
| B. & A. Aph. (or B. & Aphorisms) | Bacon's (Sir Francis) Aphorisms. |
| B. & Ad. | Bacon's Georgia Digest. |
| B. & Max. | Bacon's (Sir Francis) Maxims. |
| B. & Read. Uses. | Bacon (Sir Francis), Reading upon the Statute of Uses. |
| B. & S. St. Uses. | Bacon (Sir Francis), Reading upon the Statute of Uses. |
| B. & A. Ix. | Bacon (Sir Francis), Law Tracts. |
| B. & A. Works. | Bacon's (Sir Francis), Works. |
| B. & A. Bacon. | Bacon's Abridgment; Bacon's Aphorisms; Bacon's Complete Arbitrator; Bacon's Elements of the Common Law; Bacon on Government; Bacon's Law Tracts; Bacon on Leases and Terms of Years; Bacon's Maxims; Bacon on Uses. |
| B. & A. Bail Ct. Cas. | Lowndes & Maxwell's English Ball Court Cases. |
| B. & A. Bail Ct. Rep. | Saunders & Cole's English Ball Court Reports; Lowndes & Maxwell's English Ball Court Cases. |
| B. & A. Bail Dig. | Bailey's North Carolina Digest. |
| B. & A. Bail Eq. | Bailey's Equity Reports, South Carolina. |
| B. & A. Bailey. | Bailey's Law Reports, South Carolina Court of Appeals. |
| B. & A. Bailey Eq. | Bailey's Equity Reports, South Carolina Court of Appeals. |
| B. & A. Bailill. Dig. | Bailie's Digest of Mohammadan Law. |
| B. & A. Bald. (or Bald. C.C.) | Baldwin's United States Circuit Court Reports; Baldus (Commentator on the Code); Baldasseroni (on Maritime Law). |
Baldw. Dig. Baldwin's Connecticut Digest.


Ball & B. Ball & Beatty's Irish Chancery Reports.

Bank. and Ins. R. Bankruptcy and Insolvency Reports, English.


Bank. & Ins. Bankruptcy and Insolvency Reports, English.

Banks. Banks' Reports, vols. 1-5 Kansas.


Bar. Barnardiston's English King's Bench Reports;—Barnardiston's Chancery;—Bar Reports in all the Courts, English;—Barbour's Supreme Court Reports, New York;—Barrows' Reports, vol. 18 Rhode Island.

Bar. Ch. (or Chy.). Barnardiston's English Chancery Reports.


Bar. N. Barnes' Notes, English Common Pleas Reports.

Bar. Obs. St. Barrington's Observations upon the Statutes from Magna Charta to 21 James I.

Bar. & Ad. Barnewall & Adolphus' English King's Bench Reports.

Bar. & Al. Barnewall & Alderson's English King's Bench Reports.


Bar. & Aust. (or An.). Barron & Austin's English Election Cases.

Bar. & Cr. Barnewall & Cresswell's English King's Bench Reports.


Barb. Ch. Barbour's New York Chancery Reports.


Barb. Dig. Barber's Digest of Kentucky.

Barb. S. C. Barbour's Supreme Court Reports, New York.


Bare. Dig. Barclay's Missouri Digest.
Beaw. (or Beaw. Lex Merc.). Beawes' Lex Mercatoria.
Beck. Beck's Reports, vols. 12-16 Colorado; also vol. 1 Colorado Court of Appeals.
Bee. Bee's United States District Court Reports.
Bee Adm. Bee's Admiralty. An Appendix to Bee's District Court Reports.
Bee C. C. R. Bee's Crown Cases Reserved, English.
Beebe Cit. Beebe's Ohio Citations.
Bel. Bellevue's English King's Bench Reports;—Bellasis' Bombay Reports;—Belling's Ceylon Reports;—Belling's Reports, vols. 4-8 Oregon.
Beling. Beling's Ceylon Reports.
Beling & Van. Beling & Vanderstraeten's Ceylon Reports.
Bell. Bell's Dictionary and Digest of the Laws of Scotland;—Bell's English Crown Cases Reserved;—Bell's Scotch Appeal Cases;—Bell's Scotch Session Cases;—Bell's Calcutta Reports, India;—Bellevue's English King's Bench Reports;—Brooke's New Cases, by Bellevue;—Belling's Reports, vols. 4-8 Oregon;—Bellasis' Bombay Reports.
Bell C. C. Bell's English Crown Cases Reserved;—Bellasis' Civil Cases, Bombay;—Bellasis' Criminal Cases, Bombay.
Bell C. H. C. Bell's Reports, Calcutta High Court.
Bell Cas. Bell's Cases, Scotch Court of Session.
Bell Cas. t. H. VIII. Brooke's New Cases (collected by Bellevue).
Bell. Cas. t. R. II. Bellevue's English King's Bench Reports (time of Richard II).
Bell, Comm. Bell's Commentaries on the Law of Scotland.
Bell Cr. C. Bell's English Crown Cases;—Bell's Criminal Cases, Bombay.
Bell, Dict. Bell's Dictionary and Digest of the Laws of Scotland.
Bell fol. Bell's folio Reports, Scotch Court of Session.
Bell H. C. Bell's Reports, High Court of Calcutta.
Bell H. L. (or Bell, H. L. Sc.). Bell's House of Lords' Cases, Scotch Appeals.
Bell Oct. (or Svo.). Bell's octavo Reports, Scotch Court of Session.
Bell P. C. Bell's Cases in Parliament, Scotch Appeals.
Bell Sc. App. Bell's Appeals to House of Lords from Scotland.
Bell Sc. Dig. Bell's Scottish Digest.
Bell Ses. Cas. Bell's Cases in the Scotch Court of Session.
Bellas. Bellasis' Criminal (or Civil) Cases, Bombay.
Bellevue. Bellevue's English King's Bench Reports.
Bellevue t. H. VIII. Brooke's New Cases (collected by Bellevue).
Bellinger. Bellinger's Reports, vols. 4-8 Oregon.
Belt Bro. Belt's edition of Brown's Chancery Reports.
Belt Sup. Belt's Supplement to Vesey Senior's English Chancery Reports.
Belt Ves. Sen. Belt's edition of Vesey Senior's English Chancery Reports.
Bened. Benedict's United States District Court Reports.
Benn. Mon. Ben Monroe's Reports, Kentucky.
Benn. & Dal. Benloe & Dallison's English Common Pleas Reports.
Benn. & H. L. C. Bennett & Heard's Leading Criminal Cases.
Benn. & S. Dig. Benjamin & Slidell's Louisiana Digest.
Bench & B. Bench and Bar (periodical), Chicago.
Bend. Bendloe (see Benl).
Bened. Benedict's United States District Court Reports.
Beng. L. R. Bengal Law Reports, India.
Beng. S. D. A. Bengal Sudder Dewanny Adawlut Reports.
Benj. Sales. Benjamin on Sales.
Beal. Benloe's or Bendloe's English King's Bench Reports.
Beal. in Ashe. Benloe at the end of Ashe's Tables.
Beal. in Keil. Benloe or Bendloe in Keilway's Reports.
Beal. & Dal. Benloe & Dallison's Common Pleas Reports.
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Chase. Chase's United States Circuit Court Decisions.

Chev. Cheves' South Carolina Law Reports.

Chev. Ch. (or Eq.). Cheves' South Carolina Equity Reports.

Cheves. Cheves' Law Reports, South Carolina.


Chip. D. D. Chipman's Vermont Reports.

Chip. MS. Reports printed from Chipman's Manuscript, New Brunswick.

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Chit. (or Chitt.). Chitty's English Bail Court Reports.


Chit. Pl. Chitty on Pleading.

Chit. Pr. Chitty's General Practice.


Chitt. Chitty's English Bail Court Reports.

Chr. Rep. Chamber Reports, Upper Canada.

Chr. Rob. Christopher Robinson's English Admiralty Reports.

Chute, Eq. Chute's Equity under the Judicature Act.


City Ct. R. City Court Reports, New York.


Cl. App. Clark's Appeal Cases, House of Lords.

Cl. Ch. Clarke's Chancery Reports, New York.

Cl. Home. Clerk Home, Scotch Session Cases.

Cl. & Fin. (or F.). Clark & Finnelly's House of Lords Cases.

Cl. & Fin. N. S. House of Lords Cases, by Clark.

Cl. & H. Clarke & Hall's Contested Elections in Congress.

Clark. English House of Lords Cases, by Clark;—Clark's Reports, vol. 58 Alabama. See, also, Clarke.

Clark Dig. Clark's Digest, House of Lords Reports.

Clark & F. (or Fin.). Clark & Finnelly's Reports, English House of Lords.

Clark & Fin. N. S. Clark's House of Lords Cases.


Clarke Ch. Clarke's New York Chancery Reports.


Clem. Clemens' Reports, vols. 57-59 Kansas.

Clerk Home. Clerk Home's Decisions, Scotch Court of Session.

Cliff. Clifford's United States Circuit Court Reports.

Cliff. (South.) El. Cas. Clifford's Southwick Election Cases.

Cliff. & Rick. Clifford & Rickard's English Locus Standi Reports.

Cliff. & St. Clifford & Stephens' English Locus Standi Reports.

Cliff. Clifford's Reports, United States, First Circuit.


Clow L. C. on Torts. Clow's Leading Cases on Torts.

Co. Coke's English King's Bench Reports.

Co. Ent. Coke's Entries.

Co. G. Reports and Cases of Practice in Common Pleas tempore Anne, Geo. I., and Geo. II., by Sir G. Coke. (Same as Coke's Practice Reports.)

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Craw. & D. Crawford & Dix's Circuit Court Cases, Ireland.
Craw. & D. Ab. Cas. Crawford & Dix's Abridged Cases, Ireland.
Creasy. Creasy's Ceylon Reports.
Cripp's Ch. Cas. Cripp's Church and Clergy Cases.
Critch. Critchfield's Reports, vols. 5-21 Ohio State.
Cro. Croke's English King's Bench Reports;—Keiley's English King's Bench Reports.
Cro. Car. Croke's English King's Bench Reports tempore Charles I. (3 Cro.).
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Cromp. & M. (or Mees.). Crompton & Meeson's English Exchequer Reports.
Crounce. Crounce's Reports, vol. 3 Nebraska.
Crowther. Crowther's Ceylon Reports.
Cruise Dig. Cruise's Digest of the Law of Real Property.
Crum Ins. Crump on Marine Insurance.
Ct. App. N. Z. Court of Appeals Reports, New Zealand.
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D. & War. Drury & Warren's Reports, Irish Chancery.

Dak. Dakota;—Dakota Territory Reports.

Dal. Dallas' United States Reports;—Dallas' English Common Pleas Reports (bound with Benloe);—Dalrymple's Scotch Session Cases.


Dale Ecc. Dale's Ecclesiastical Reports, English.

Dale Leg. Rit. Dale's Legal Ritual (Ecclesiastical) Reports.

Dalison. Dalison's English Common Pleas Reports (bound with Benloe).

Dall. Dallas' Pennsylvania and United States Reports.

Dall. Dec. (or Dall. Dig.) Dallam's Texas Decisions, printed originally in Dallam's Digest.

Dall. in Keil. Dallison in Keilway's Reports, English King's Bench.

Dall. S. C. Dallas' United States Supreme Court Reports.

Dallas. Dallas' Pennsylvania and United States Reports.

Dalloz. Dictionnaire général et raisonné de législation, de doctrine, et de jurisprudence, en matière civile, commerciale, criminelle, administratrive, et de droit public.

Dair. Dalrymple's Decisions, Scotch Court of Session;—(Dalrymple of Stair's Decisions, Scotch Court of Session;—(Dalrymple of Hailes' Scotch Session Cases.


Dalrymple. (Sir Hew) Dalrymple's Scotch Session Cases; (Sir David Dalrymple of Hailes' Scotch Session Cases; (Sir James Dalrymple of Stair's Scotch Session Cases. See, also, Dal. and Dair.

Daly. Daly's New York Common Pleas Reports.

Dampier MSS. Dampier's Paper Book, Lincoln's Inn Library.


Dan. & Li. Danson & Lloyd's Mercantile Cases.

Dana. Dana's Kentucky Reports.

Dane Abr. Dane's Abridgment.


Danielli, Ch. Pr. Danielli's Chancery Practice.

Dann. Dann's Arizona Reports;—Danner's Reports, vol. 42 Alabama;—Dann's California Reports.

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Daril Pr. Ct. Sess. Darling, Practice of the Court of Session (Scotch).

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Dav. Coke. Davies' Abridgment of Coke's Reports.

Dav. Conv. Davidson's Conveyancing.

Dav. Dig. Davison's Indiana Digest.

Dav. Ir. Davies' Irish Reports.

Dav. Ir. K. B. Davies' Reports, Irish King's Bench.


Dav. & Mer. Davison & Merivale's Reports, Queen’s Bench.

Davies. Davies' United States District Court Reports (republished as 2 Ware).


Davies. Davies' (or Davie's or Davy's) Irish King's Bench Reports.

Davis. Davis' Hawaiian Reports; Davis' (or Davy's) Irish King's Bench Reports; —Davis' Reports, vols. 108-176 United States Supreme Court.

Davis (J. C. B.). Davis' United States Supreme Court Reports.

Davis, Bldg, Soc. Davis' Law of Building Societies.

Day. Day's Connecticut Reports;—Connecticut Reports, proper, reported by Day.


Dea. Deady's United States District Court Reports.

Dea. & Chit. Deacon & Chitty's English Bankruptcy Reports.

Dea. & Sw. Deane & Swaby's Reports, Probate and Divorce.

Deane. Deacon's English Bankruptcy Reports.

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Deady. Deady’s United States Circuit Reports.


Deane & Sw. Deane & Swabey's English Ecclesiastical Reports.

Dears. C. C. Dearsly's English Crown Cases.

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De Hart, Mil. Law. De Hart on Military Law.


Del. Delaware.—Delaware Reports;—Del- lane's English Revision Cases.

Del. Ch. Delaware Chancery Reports, by Bates.

Del. Co. Delaware County Reports, Pennsylvania.

Del. Cr. Cas. Delaware Criminal Cases, by Houston.


Delchainky. Miscellaneous Reports, New York.


Demol. Demolombe's Code Napoleon.


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Dutch. Dutcher's New Jersey Reports.
Duv. Duvall's Kentucky Reports;—Duvall's Reports, Canada Supreme Court.
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F. Abr. Fitzherbert's Abridgment is commonly referred to by the other law writers by the title and number of the placita only, e. g. "coron. 30."
F. B. C. Fonblanque's Bankruptcy Cases.
F. B. R. Full Bench Rulings, Bengal.
F. B. R. N. W. P. Full Bench Rulings, Northwest Provinces, India.
F. C. Federal Cases.
F. N. B. Fitzherbert's Natura Brevium.
E. & T. Foster & Finlason's English Nistl
Prior Reports.
F. & Fitz. Falconer & Fitzherbert's English Election Cases.
F. & S. Fox and Smith's Irish King's Bench Reports.
Fairfield. Fairfield's Reports, vols. 10–12
Maine.
Fale. Falconer's Scotch Court of Session Cases.
Fale. & Fitz. Falconer & Fitzherbert's English Election Cases.
Far. (or Furr.). Farresley (see Farresley).
Farresley. Farresley's Reports, vol. 7
Modern Reports;— Farresley's Cases in Holt's King's Bench Reports.
Fearn, Rem. Fearn on Contingent Remainders.
Fed. Ca. (or Cas.). Federal Cases.
Fent. N. Z. Fenton's New Zealand Reports.
Ferard, Flxt. Amos & Ferard on Fixtures.
Ferg. Cons. Ferguson's (Scotch) Consitorial Reports.
Fergus. (Ferguson of) Kilgerran's Scotch Session Cases.
Ferriere. Ferriere's Dictionnaire de Droit et de Pratique.
Fend. Lib. The Book of Feuds. See this dictionary, s. v. "Liber Feudorum."
Ff. Pandecte (Juris Civilis)
Field, Corp. Field on Corporations.
Fin. Finch's English Chancery Reports;—Finlason (see Finl).
Finch. English Chancery Reports tempore Finch.
Finch Ins. Dig. Finch's Insurance Digest.

Finch L. C. Finch's Land Cases.
Finl. L. C. Finlason's Leading Cases on Pleading.
First pt. Edw. III. Part II of the Year Books.
Fish. Cas. Fisher's Cases, United States District Courts.
Fish. Mortg. Fisher on Mortgages.
Fish. Prize (or Pr. Cas.). Fisher's United States Prize Cases.
Fitz. Fitzherbert's Abridgment (see F. & Fitz).
Fitzg. Fitzgibbon's English King's Bench Reports.
Fitzh. Abr. Fitzherbert's Abridgment.
Fl. Fleta;— Flanders (see Fland). 
Fl. & K. (or Fl. & Kel.). Flanagan & Kelly's Irish Rolls Court Reports.
Fla. Florida;— Florida Reports.
Flan. & Kel. Flanagan & Kelly's Irish Rolls Court Reports.
Fleta. Fleta, Commentarius Juris Anglici.
Flip. Fliplin's United States Circuit Court Reports.
Flor. Florida;— Florida Reports.
Fogg. Fogg's Reports, vols. 32-37, New Hampshire.
Fol. P. L. Cas. Foley's Poor Law Cases.
Fonbl. Fonblanque's Equity;— Fonblanque on Medical Jurisprudence;— Fonblanque's New Reports, English Bankruptcy.
Fonbl. Eq. Fonblanque's Equity.
Fonbl. R. Fonblanque's English Cases (or New Reports) in Bankruptcy.
For. Forrest's Exchequer Reports;—Forrester's Chancery Reports (Cases tempore Taibot).
For. de Laud. Fortescue's De Laudibus Legum Angliae.
Forb. Forbes' Decisions in the Scotch Court of Session.

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G. M. Dudd. G. M. Dudley's Georgia Reports.  
G. O. General Orders, Court of Chancery, Ontario.  
G. & D. Gale & Davidson's English Queen's Bench Reports.  
G. & G. Goldsmith & Guthrie, Missouri.  
G. & J. Gill & Johnson's Maryland Reports;—Glyn & Jameson's English Bankruptcy Reports.  
Ga. Georgia;—Georgia Reports.  
Gains. Gains' Institutes.  
Galbraith. Galbraith's Reports, vols. 9–12 Florida.  
Gal. Gale's English Exchequer Reports.  
Gale, Easem. Gale on Easements.  
Gale & Dav. Gale & Davidson's Queen's Bench Reports.  
Gall. Gallison's Reports, United States Circuit Courts.  
Gall. Cr. Cas. Gallick's Reports (French Criminal Cases).  
Gantt Dig. Gantt's Digest Statutes, Arkansas.  
Gardn. P. C. Gardner Peerage Case, reported by Le Marchant.  
Gaspar. Gaspar's Small Cause Court Reports, Bengal.  
Gaz. Dig. Gazzam's Digest of Bankruptcy Decisions.  
Geld. & M. Geldart & Maddock's English Chancery Reports, vol. 6 Maddock's Reports.  
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Gen. Dig. General Digest American and English Reports.  
Geo. Georgia;—Georgia Reports;—King George (as 13 Geo. II.).  
Geo. Coop. George Cooper's English Chancery Cases, time of Eldon.  
Geo. Dig. George's Digest, Mississippi.  
Gibbs' Jud. Chr. Gibbs' Judicial Chronicle.  
Gibson. (Gibson of) Durie's Decisions, Scotch Court of Session.  
Giff. (or Giff.). Giffard's English Vice-Chancellors' Reports.  
Giff. & Fal. Glennour & Falconer's Scotch Session Cases.  
Giff. & H. Giffard and Henning's Reports, English Chancery.  
Gilb. Gilbert's Reports, English Chancery.  
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Har. (Del.). Harrington’s Reports, vols. 1-5 Delaware.
Har. St. Tr. Hargrave’s State Trials.
Har. & Gill. Harris & Gill’s Maryland Reports.
Har. & J. (Md.). Harris & Johnson’s Maryland Reports.
Har. & John. Harris & Johnson’s Maryland Reports.
Har. & McH. Harris & McHenry’s Maryland Reports.
Har. & Ruth. Harrison & Rutherford’s English Common Pleas Reports.
Har. & Woll. Harrison & Wollaston’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Harc. Harcarse’s Decisions, Scotch Court of Session.
Hard. (or Hardin). Hardin’s Kentucky Reports.
Hard. (or Hardres). Hardres’ English Exchequer Reports.
Hardes. Hardey, Delaware Term Reports.
Hardr. (or Hardres). Hardres’ English Exchequer Reports.
Hardw. Cases tempore Hardwicke, by Hedgeway;—Cases tempore Hardwicke, by Lee.
Hare. Hare’s English Vice-Chancellors’ Reports.
Hare & Wal. L. C. American Leading Cases, edited by Hare & Wallace.
Harg. Hargrave’s State Trials;—Hargrave’s Reports, vols. 68-75 North Carolina.
Harg. Law Tracts. Hargrave’s Law Tracts.
Harg. St. Tr. (or State Tr.). Hargrave’s State Trials.
Harp. Harper’s South Carolina Law Reports.
Harp. Eq. Harper’s Equity Reports, South Carolina.
Harr. (Mich.) Harrington’s Michigan Chancery Reports.
Harr. Con. La. R. Harrison’s Condensed Louisiana Reports.
Harr. Dig. Harrison’s Digest, English.
Harr. & Gill. Harris & Gill’s Maryland Reports.
Harr. & Hodg. Harrison & Hodg’s Upper Canada Municipal Reports.
Harr. & J. Harris & Johnson’s Maryland Reports.
Harr. & McH. Harris & McHenry’s Maryland Reports.
Harr. & Ruth. Harrison & Rutherford’s English Common Pleas Reports.
Harr. & Sim. Harris & Simrall’s Reports, vols. 49-52 Mississippi.
Harr. & Woll. Harrison & Wollaston’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Harrington. Harrington’s Delaware Reports;—Harrington’s Michigan Chancery Reports.
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HARRIS DIG. Harris' Digest, Georgia.
HARRIS & SIMRALL. Harris & Simrall's Reports, vols. 49-52 Mississippi.
HARRISON. Harrison's Reports, vols. 15-17 and 23-29 Indiana.
HART. Hartley's Reports, vols. 4-10 Texas;—Hartley's Digest of Texas Laws.
HARTLEY. Hartley's Reports, vols. 4-10 Texas.
HARTLEY & HARTLEY. Hartley & Hartley's Reports, vols. 11-21 Texas.
HASK. Haskell's United States Circuit Court Reports.
HAST. Hastings' Reports, vols. 69-70 Maine.
HAV. Ch. Rep. Haviland's Chancery Reports, Prince Edward Island.
HAV. P. E. I. Haviland's Reports, Prince Edward Island.
HAW. Hawkins (see Hawk.);—Hawaiian Reports;—Hawley's Reports, vols. 10-20 Nevada.
HAW. Cr. Rep. Hawley's American Criminal Reports.
HAW. W. C. Hawes' Will Case.
HAWAI. (or Hawaiian Rep.). Hawai (Sandwich Islands) Reports.
HAWK. Co. Litt. Hawkins' Coke upon Littleton.
HAWK. P. C. (or PI. Or.). Hawkins' Pleas of the Crown.
HAWKINS. Hawkins' Reports, vols. 19-24 Louisiana Annual.
HAWKS. Hawkins' North Carolina Reports.
HAWL. Cr. R. Hawley's American Criminal Reports.
HAWLEY. Hawley's Reports, vols. 10-20 Nevada.
HAY. Haywood's North Carolina Reports;—Haywood's Tennessee Reports (Haywood's Reports are sometimes referred to as though numbered consecutively from North Carolina through Tennessee);—Hayes' Irish Exchequer Reports. See also Hayes;—Hayes' Reports, Calcutta;—Hay's Scotch Decisions.

HAY ACC. (or Dec.). Hay's Decisions on Accidents and Negligence.
HAY EXCH. Hayes' Irish Exchequer Reports.
HAY P. L. Hay's Poor Law Decisions.
HAY & H. Hayward & Hazelton's United States Circuit Court Reports.
HAY & HAZ. Hayward & Hazelton, Circuit Court, District of Columbia.
HAY & J. Hayes & Jones, Irish.
HAY & M. (or Marr.). Hay & Marriott's Admiralty Reports (usually cited, Marriott's Reports).
HAYES (or Hayes Exch.). Hayes' Irish Exchequer Reports.
HAYES, Conv. Hayes on Conveyancing.
HAYES & JO. (or Jon.). Hayes & Jones' Irish Exchequer Reports.
HAYN. LEAD. CAS. Haynes' Students' Leading Cases.
HAYNES, EQ. Haynes' Outlines of Equity.

HILLYER. Haywood's North Carolina Reports;—Haywood's Tennessee Reports (see Hay).
HAYW. L. R. Hayward's Law Register, Boston.
HAYW. & H. Hayward & Hazelton's United States Circuit Court Reports.
HEAD. Head's Tennessee Reports.
HEATH. Heath's Reports, vols. 36-40 Maine.
HECK. Cas. Hecker's Cases on Warranty.
HEDGES. Hedges' Reports, vols. 2-6 Montana.
HEINECE. ANT. ROM. Heineceus (J. G.) Antiquatuum Romanorum (Roman Antiquities).
HEINECE. DE CAMB. Heineceus (J. G.) Elementa Juris Cambillalis.
HEINECE. ELM. Heineceus (J. G.) Elementa Juris Civiles (Elements of the Civil Law).
HEISK. Heiskell's Tennessee Reports.
HELM. Helm's Reports, vols. 2-9 Nevada.
HEM. Hemstead, United States;—Hemmingway, Mississippi.
HEM. & M. Hemming & Miller's English Vice-Chancellors' Reports.
HEMP. (or HEMPST.). Hemstead's United States Circuit Court Reports.
HEN. BL. Henry Blackstone's English Common Pleas Reports.
HEN. MAN. CAS. Henry's Manumission Cases.
HEN. & M. (va.) Hening & Munford's Virginia Reports.
HEN. & MUN. Hening & Munford's Virginia Reports.
HEPB. Hepburn's Reports, vols. 3, 4 California;—Hepburn's Reports, vols. 13 Pennsylvania.
HET. (or HETL.). Heltley's English Common Pleas Reports.
HEYW. CA. Haywood's Table of Cases, Georgia.
HIGH CT. High Court Reports, Northwest Provinces of India.
HIGHT. Hight's Reports, vols. 57-58 Iowa.
HILL. Hill's New York Reports;—Hill's Law Reports, South Carolina.
HILL EQU. (or CH.). Hill's Equity, South Carolina Reports.
HILL N. Y. Hill's New York Reports.
HILL NEW TRIALS. Hilliard on New Trials.
HILL REAL PROP. Hilliard on Real Property.
HILL S. C. Hill's South Carolina Reports (Law or Equity).
HILL & DEN. Hill & Denio, New York.
HILL & DEN. SUPP. Lalor's Supplement to Hill & Denio's Reports, New York.
HILLYER. Hillyer's Reports, vols. 20-22 California.
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Hu. Hughes' United States Circuit Court Reports;—Hughes' Kentucky Reports.


Hubb. Suce. Hubback's Evidence of Succession.

Hubbard. Hubbard's Reports, vols. 45-51 Maine.

Hud. & Br. Hudson & Brooke's Irish King's Bench Reports.

Hugh. Hughes' United States Circuit Court Reports;—Hughes' Kentucky Reports.

Hugh. (Ky.). Hughes Kentucky Reports.

Hughes. Hughes' United States Circuit Court Reports.


Hum. Humphreys' Tennessee Reports.

Hume. Hume's Scotch Session Cases.


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Humph. (or Humph. [Tenn.]). Humphrey's Tennessee Reports.

Hun. Hun's New York Supreme Court Reports, also Appellate Division Supreme Court, New York.


Hunt Cas. Hunt's Annuity Cases.

Hunt, Eq. Hunt's Suit in Equity.

Hunter, Rom. Law. Hunter on Roman Law.

Hunter, Suit Eq. Hunter's Proceeding in a Suit in Equity.

Hur. Hurlstone (see Hurl).

Hurl. & C. (or Colt.). Hurlstone & Coltman's English Exchequer Reports.


Hurl. & N. (or Nor.). Hurlstone & Norman's English Exchequer Reports.

Hurl. & Walm. Hurlstone & Walmsley's English Exchequer Reports.

Hut. Hutton's English Common Pleas Reports.

Hutch. Hutcheson's Reports, vols. 81-84 Alabama.

Hutt. Hutton's English Common Pleas Reports.

Hyde. Hyde's Reports, Bengal.
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<td>International Revenue Record, New York City.</td>
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Inst. Epil. | Epitome to [a designated part or volume of] Coke’s Institutes. |
| Inst. Cler. | Instructor Clericalis. |
| Int. Case. | Bowe’s Interesting Cases, English and Irish. |
| Int. Private Law. | Westlake’s Private International Law. |
| Iowa. | Iowa Reports. |
| Ir. | Irish;--Ireland;--Iredell’s North Carolina Law or Equity Reports. |
| Ir. C. L. | Irish Common Law Reports. |
| Ir. Ch. | Irish Chancery Reports. |
| Ir. Cir. (or Ir. Cir. Rep.). | Irish Circuit Reports. |
| Ir. Ecc. | Irish Ecclesiastical Reports, by Milward. |
| Ir. Eq. | Irish Equity Reports. |
| Ir. L. | Irish Law Reports. |
| Ir. L. N. S. | Irish Common Law Reports. |
| Ir. L. R. | Irish Law Reports;--The Law Reports, Ireland, now cited by the year. |
| Ir. Law & Ch. | Irish Common Law and Chancery Reports (New Series). |
| Ir. Law & Eq. | Irish Law and Equity Reports (Old Series). |
| Ir. R. | Irish Law Reports for year 1894. |
| Ir. R. C. L. | Irish Reports, Common Law Series. |
| Ir. R. Eq. | Irish Reports, Equity Series. |
| Ir. R. Reg. App. | Irish Reports, Registration Appeals. |
| Ir. R. Reg. & L. | Irish Reports, Registry and Land Cases. |
| Ir. St. Tr. | Irish State Trials (Ridgeway’s). |
| Ir. T. R. (or Term Rep.). | Irish Term Reports (by Ridgeway, Lapp & Schoales). |
| Ired. | Iredell’s North Carolina Law Reports. |
| Ired. Eq. | Iredell’s North Carolina Equity Reports. |
| Iriv. | Irvine’s Scotch Justiciary Reports. |
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J

J. C. Johnson's New York Reports.
J. C. J. C. R. Johnson's Cases, New York Supreme Court.
J. C. P. Justice of the Common Pleas.
J. Ch. (or J. C. R.) Johnson's New York Chancery Reports.
J. d'O. Les Jugemens d'Oleron.
J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) J. J. Marshall's Kentucky Reports.
J. P. Sm. J. P. Smith's English King's Bench Reports.
J. R. Johnson's New York Reports.
J. S. G. J. S. Green's New Jersey Reports.
J. Scott. Reporter English Common Bench Reports.
J. V. C. Voet, Com. ad Pand. Voet (Jan), Commentarius ad Pandectas.
J. & H. Johnson & Hemming's English Vice-Chancellors' Reports.
J. & L. (or J. & La T.) Jones & La Touche's Irish Chancery Reports.
J. & S. J. & S. Jones & Spencer's New York Superior Court Reports.
J. & W. Jacob & Walker's English Chancery Reports.
J. W. Jacobus (King James)—Jacob's English Chancery Reports—Jacob's Law Dictionary.
J. W. Jacob & Walker's English Chancery Reports.
J. & W. (or Walk.) Jacob & Walker's English Chancery Reports.
J. & W. Jacob's Law Dictionary.
J. W. James (N. Se.) James' Reports, Nova Scotia.
J. W. Webb & B. Webb & Bourke's Irish Queen's Bench Reports.
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| Jones W. | Sir William Jones' English King's Bench Reports. |
| Jones & C. | Jones & Cary's Irish Exchequer Reports. |
| Jones & La. T. | Jones & La Touche's Irish Chancery Reports. |
| Jones & McM. (Pa.) | Jones & McMurtrie's Pennsylvania Supreme Court Reports. |
| Jones & Spen. | Jones & Spencer's New York Superior Court Reports. |
| Jud. & Sw. | Judah & Swan's Reports, Jamaica. |
| Judd | Judd's Reports, vol. 4 Hawaii. |
| Just. Dig. | Digest of Justinian, 50 books. |
| Just. Inst. | Justinian's Institutes. See note following "Inst. 1, 2, 31." |
| Juta | Juta's Cape of Good Hope Reports. |

| K | Keener, Quasi Contr. | Keener's Cases on Quasi Contracts. |
| Kell. (or Kelw.) | Keilway's English King's Bench Reports. |
| Kel. 1 | Sir John Kelyng's English Crown Cases. |
| Kel. 2 | William Kelyng's English Chancery Reports. |
| Kel. W. | Wm. Kelyng's English Chancery Reports. |
| Kelham | Kelham's Norman French Law Dictionary. |
| Kellen | Kellen's Reports, vols. 146-155 Massachusetts. |
| Kelly | Kelly's Reports, vols. 1-3 Georgia. |
| Kelly & Cobb | Kelly & Cobb's Reports, vols. 4-5 Georgia. |
| Kelyng J. | Kelyng's English Crown Cases. |
| Kelynge W. | Kelynge's English Chancery Reports. |
| Ken. | Kentucky (see Ky.);—Kenyon English King's Bench Reports. |
| Kenan | Kenan's Reports, vols. 76-91 North Carolina. |
| Kennett | Kennett's Glossary;—Kennett upon Impropiations. |
Kennett, Gloss.  Kennett’s Glossary.
Kent. Kent’s Commentaries on American Law.
Kent, Com. (or Comm.). Kent’s Commentaries on American Law.
Keny. Kenyon’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Keny. C. H. (or 3 Keny.). Chancery Reports at the end of 2 Kenyon.
Kern. Kern’s Reports, vols. 100–118 Indiana.—Kerman’s Reports, vols. 11–14 New York Court of Appeals.
Kerr (N. B.). Kerr’s New Brunswick Reports.
Kerse. Kerse’s Manuscript Decisions, Scotch Court of Session.
Key. (or Keyes). Keyes’ New York Court of Appeals Reports.
Keyl. Kelway’s (or Keylway’s) English King’s Bench Reports.
Kilk. Kilkerrnan’s Decisions, Scotch Court of Session.
King. King’s Reports, vols. 5, 6 Louisiana Annual.
King Cas. temp. Select Cases tempore King, English Chancery.
King’s Conf. Ca. King’s Conflicting Cases.
Kir. (Kirb. or Kirby). Kirby’s Connecticut Reports.

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Kitch. (or Kitch. Courts). Kitchin on Jurisdictions of Courts-Leet, Courts-Baron, etc.
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Kn. N. S. W. Knox, New South Wales Reports.
Kn. & O. Knapp & Ombl’s English Election Reports.
Knowles. Knowles’ Reports, vol. 3 Rhode Island.
Knox. Knox, New South Wales Reports.
Kolze. Transvaal Reports by Kolze.
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Ky. Kentucky.—Kentucky Reports.
Ky. L. R. Kentucky Law Reporter.
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Lush Fr. | Lush's Common Law Practice.
Lut. | Lutwyche's English Common Pleas Reports.
Lut. R. C. | Lutwyche's English Registration Appeal Cases.
Lutw. E. | Lutwyche's English Common Pleas Reports.

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M. | Massachusetts.—Maryland.—Maine.—Michigan.—Minnesota.—Mississippi.—Missouri.—Montana.
M. A. | Missouri Appeals.
M. C. C. | Moody's English Crown Cases, Reserved.
M. D. & D. (or De G.). | Montagu, Deacon & De Gex's English Bankruptcy Reports.
M. G. & S. | Manning, Granger, & Scott's English Common Pleas Reports.
M. P. C. | Moore's English Privy Council Cases.
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M. & C. | Mylne & Craig's English Chancery Reports;—Montagu & Chitty's English Bankruptcy Reports.
M. & Ch. Bankr. | Montagu & Chitty's English Bankruptcy Reports.
M. & G. | Manning & Granger's English Common Pleas Reports;—Maddock & Geldart's English Chancery Reports, vol. 6 Maddock's Reports.
M. & Gel. | Maddock & Geldart's English Chancery Reports, vol. 6 Maddock's Reports.
M. & Gord. | Macnaghten & Gordon's English Chancery Reports.
M. & H. | Murphy & Hurstone's English Exchequer Reports.
M. & K. | Mylne & Keen's English Chancery Reports.
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Marr. Marriott’s English Admiralty Decisions;—Marrack’s European Assurance Cases.
Mar. Maraden’s English Admiralty Reports.
Marsh. Beng. (or Calc.). Marshall’s Bengal Reports.
Mart. Martin (see Martin).
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Mart. N. S. (La.) Martin’s Louisiana Reports, New Series.
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Mart. & Y. (Tenn.). Martin & Yerger’s Tennessee Reports.
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Martin. Martin’s Louisiana Reports;—Martin’s North Carolina Reports;—Martin’s Reports, vols. 21-30 Georgia;—Martin’s Reports, vols. 54-70 Indiana.
Martin Index. Martin’s Index to Virginia Reports.
Marv. Marvel’s Reports, Delaware.

Mc. (or Mason [U. S.]). Mason’s United States Circuit Court Reports.
Mass. Massachusetts.—Massachusetts Reports.
Mast. Master’s Reports, vols. 25-28 Canada Supreme Court.
Mat. Mathews.
Mathews. Mathews’ Reports, vols. 6-9 West Virginia.
Maul. & Sel. (or Maule & S.). Maule & Selwyn’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Max. Dig. Maxwell’s Nebraska Digest.
May, Parl. Law. May’s Parliamentary Law.
May, Parl. Pr. May’s Parliamentary Practice.
McAll. (or McAl). McAllister’s United States Circuit Court Reports.
McCa. McCahon’s Reports (United States District Court for the District of Kansas).
McCar. McCarter’s New Jersey Equity Reports;—McCarty’s New York Civil Procedure Reports.
McCII. McClelland’s English Exchequer Reports.
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McCook. McCook’s Reports, vol. 1 Ohio State.
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Moore P. C.  Moore's English Privy Council Reports.
Moore & Payne's English Common Pleas Reports.
Moore & S.  Moore & Scott's English Common Pleas Reports.
Mor.  Morison's Dictionary of Decisions in the Court of Session, Scotland;—Morris (see Morr.).
Mor. Ia.  Morris' Iowa Reports.
Mor. Min. Rep.  Morrison's Mining Reports.
Mor. St. Cas.  Morris' Mississippi State Cases.
Mor. Syn.  Morison's Synopsis, Scotch Session Cases.
Mor. Tran.  Morrison's Transcript of United States Supreme Court Decisions.
Moril. Dig.  Morley's East Indian Digest.
Mor.  Morris’ Iowa Reports (see also, Morris and Mor.)—Morrow’s Reports, vols. 23-36 Oregon.—Morrell's English Bankruptcy Reports.
Morr. Trans.  Morrison's Transcript, United States Supreme Court Decisions.
Morris & Har.  Morris & Harrington's Sudder Dewanny Adawlut Reports, Bombay.
Morse Tr.  Morse’s Famous Trials.
Morton.  Morton's Reports, Bengal.
Mos.  Mosely's English Chancery Reports.
Moul. Ch. F.  Moulton's Chancery Practice, New York.
Mum. Jam.  Mumford's Jamaica Reports.
Mumf.  Mumford's Jamaica Reports.
Mun. (or Munf).  Mumford's Virginia Reports.
Mun.  Murphy’s North Carolina Reports;—Murray’s Scotch Jury Court Reports;—Murray's Ceylon Reports;—Murray's New South Wales Reports.
Mun. & Hurl.  Murphy & Hurristone’s English Exchequer Reports.
Munph.  Murphy’s North Carolina Reports.
Murr.  Murray’s Scotch Jury Trials;—Murray’s Ceylon Reports;—Murray’s New South Wales Reports.
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Murray (Ceylon).  Murray’s Ceylon Reports.
Mutukina.  Mutukina’s Ceylon Reports.
Myer Dig.  Myer's Texas Digest.
Myl. & C. (or Cr.).  Myline & Craig’s English Chancery Reports.
Myl. & K. (or Myline & K.).  Myline & Keen’s English Chancery Reports.
Myr.  Myrick’s California Probate Court Reports.
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Nott & Hop. Nott & Hopkins' United States Court of Claims Reports.


Nott & McC. Nott & McCord's South Carolina Reports.

Nov. Novella. The Novels or New Constitutions.


Noy. Noy's English King's Bench Reports.


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**O’Keefe Ord.** (O’Keefe’s Orders in Chancery, Ireland.)

Okl. Oklahoma;—Oklahoma Reports.

Okl. Cr. Oklahoma Criminal Reports.

Okla. Oklahoma;—Oklahoma Reports.

Ole. (or Ole. Adm.) Olson’s United States District Court, Admiralty.

Old Ben. Benloe in Benloë & Dallison, English Common Pleas Reports.


Oldr. Oldright’s Reports, Nova Scotia.

Oliv. B. & L. Oliver, Beavan & LeFroy’s Reports, vols. 5-7, English Railway and Canal Cases.

Oll. B. & F. Ollivier, Bell, & Fitzgerald, New Zealand.

O’Mal. & H. O’Malley & Hardcastle’s English Election Cases.

Onsl. N. P. Onslow’s Nisi Prius.

Ont. Ontario;—Ontario Reports.

Ont. App. R. Ontario Appeal Reports.


Ont. P. R. (or Ont. Pr. Rep.) Ontario Practice Reports.


Or. Oregon;—Oregon Reports.

Or. T. Rep. Orleans Term Reports, vols. 1, 2 Martin, Louisiana.

Ord. de la Mar. (or Ord. Mar.) Ordonnance de la Marine de Louis XIV.

Oreg. Oregon;—Oregon Reports.


Orl. T. R. Orleans Term Reports, vols. 1, 2 Martin, Louisiana.


Ort. Inst. Ortolan’s Institutes of Justinian.

Ot. Otto’s United States Supreme Court Reports.


Over. (or Overton). Overton’s Tennessee Reports.

Ow. Owen’s English King’s Bench Reports;—New South Wales Reports.

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| Paley, Prin. & Ag. | Paley on Principal and Agent. |
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| Par. Eq. Cas. | Parsons' Select Equity Cases, Pennsylvania. |
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Parl. Cas. Parliamentary Cases (House of Lords Reports).


Par. Parsons (see Par.).

Par. Ans. Parsons’ Answer to the Fifth Part of Coke’s Reports.

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Pea. Peake’s English Nisi Prius Reports.


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Pearce C. C. Pearce’s Reports in Dearsly’s Crown Cases. English.

Pear. Pearson’s Reports, Pennsylvania.


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Peckw. Peckwell’s English Election Cases.

Peeples. Peeples’ Reports, vols. 7-97 Georgia.

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Pen. N. J. Pennington’s New Jersey Reports.

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Penn. Pennsylvania;—Pennsylvania State Reports;—Pennypacker’s Unreported Pennsylvania Cases;—Pennington’s New Jersey Reports;—Pennwell’s Delaware Reports.


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Penning. Pennington’s New Jersey Reports.

Penny. Pennypacker’s Unreported Pennsylvania Cases;—Pennypacker’s Pennsylvania Colonial Cases.

Perr. & W. Penrose & Watts’ Pennsylvania Reports.


Per. & Dav. Perry & Davison’s English King’s Bench Reports.

Per. & Kn. Perry & Knapp’s English Election Reports.

Perk. Perkins on Conveyancing;—Perkins on Pleading;—Perkins’ Profitable Book (Conveyancing).

Perry. Sir Erskine Perry’s Reports, in Morley’s (East) Indian Digest;—Perry’s Oriental Cases, Bombay.

Perry & D. Perry & Davison’s English King’s Bench Reports.

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Q. B. U. C. Queen's Bench Reports, Upper Canada.
Q. L. R. Quebec Law Reports;—Queensland Law Reports.

Q. P. R. Quebec Practice Reports.
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- **Roccus, Ins.** Roccus on Insurance.
- **Rodman** Rodman’s Reports, vols. 75–52 Kentucky.
- **Rogers.** Rogers’ Reports, vols. 47–51 Louisiana Annual.
- **Rol.** Rolle’s English King’s Bench Reports.
- **Roll.** Roll of the Term.
- **Rolle.** Rolle’s English King’s Bench Reports.
- **Rolle Abr.** Rolle’s Abbradgment.
- **Rolle R.** Rolle’s English King’s Bench Reports.
- **Rolls Ct. Rep.** Rolls’ Court Reports.
- **Rom.** Romilly’s Notes of Cases, English Chancery.
- **Root.** Root’s Connecticut Reports.
- **Rose. Adm.** Roscoe’s Admiralty Jurisdiction and Practice.
- **Rose N. P.** Roscoe’s Nisi Prius.
- **Rose Real Act.** Roscoe on Real Actions.
- **Rose (or Rose R. C.).** Roscoe’s Reports, English Bankruptcy.
- **Rose Notes.** Roscoe’s Notes on United States Reports.
- **Ross, Conv.** Ross’ Lectures on Conveyancing, etc., Scotland.
- **Rot. Flor.** Rotte Florintine (Reports of the Supreme Court, or Rota, of Florence).
- **Rot. Parl.** Rotula Parliametarie.
- **Rowe.** Rowe’s Interesting Parliamentary and Military Cases.
- **Rowe Rep.** Rowe’s Reports (Irish).
<p>| S. | Shaw, Dunlop, &amp; Bell’s Scotch Court of Session Reports (1st Series);—Shaw’s Scotch House of Lords Appeal Cases;—Southeastern Reporter (properly cited S. E.);—Southwestern Reporter (properly cited S. W.);—New York Supplement;—Supreme Court Reporter. |
| S. A. L. R. | South Australian Law Reports. |
| S. App. | Shaw’s Scotch House of Lords Appeal Cases. |
| S. Aust. L. R. | South Australian Law Reports. |
| S. B. | Upper Bench, or Supreme Bench. |
| S. C. | South Carolina;—South Carolina Reports, New Series;—Same Case;—Superior Court;—Supreme Court;—Sessions Cases;—Samuel Carter (see Orlando Bridgman). |
| S. C. A. | Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, Canada. |
| S. C. C. | Select Chancery Cases (part 3 of Cases in Chancery);—Small Cause Court, India. |
| S. C. Dig. | Cassell’s Supreme Court Digest, Canada. |
| S. C. E. | Select Cases Relating to Evidence, Strange. |
| S. C. R. | South Carolina Reports, New Series;—Harper’s South Carolina Reports;—Supreme Court Reports;—Supreme Court Rules;—Supreme Court of Canada Reports. |
| S. Car. | South Carolina;—South Carolina Reports, New Series. |
| S. Ct. | Supreme Court Reporter. |
| S. D. | South Dakota;—South Dakota Reports. |
| S. D. A. | Sudder Dewanny Adawlut Reports, India. |
| S. D. &amp; B. | Shaw, Dunlop &amp; Bell’s Scotch Court of Session Reports (1st Series). |
| S. D. &amp; B. Sup. | Shaw, Dunlop &amp; Bell’s Supplement, containing House of Lords Decisions. |
| S. E. | Southeastern Reporter. |
| S. F. | Used by the West Publishing Company to locate place where decision is from, as, “S. F. 50,” San Francisco Case No. 50 on Docket. |
| S. F. A. | Sudder Footheree Adawlut Reports, India. |
| S. Just. | Shaw’s Justiciary Cases, Scotland. |
| S. L. C. | Smith’s Leading Cases. |
| S. R. | State Reporter, New York. |
| S. S. C. | Sandford’s New York City Superior Court Reports. |
| S. T. | (or St. Trl.). State Trials. |
| S. T. D. | Synopsis Treasurer’s Decisions. |
| S. Teind. | Shaw’s Teind Cases, Scotland. |
| S. V. A. R. | Stuart’s Vice-Admiralty Reports, Quebec. |
| S. W. | Southwestern;—Southwestern Reporter. |
| S. &amp; B. | Smith &amp; Batty’s Irish King’s Bench Reports. |
| S. &amp; C. | Saunders &amp; Cole’s English Ball Court Reports;—Swan &amp; Critchfield, Revised Statutes, Ohio. |
| S. &amp; D. | Shaw, Dunlop, &amp; Bell’s Scotch Court of Session Reports (1st series). |
| S. &amp; G. | Smale &amp; Giffard, English. |
| S. &amp; L. | Schoales &amp; Lefroy’s Irish Chancery Reports. |
| S. &amp; M. | Shaw &amp; Maclean’s Appeal Cases, House of Lords;—Smedes &amp; Marshall’s Mississippi Reports. |
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| S. &amp; R. | Sergeant &amp; Rawle’s Pennsylvania Reports. |
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| S. &amp; Sm. | Searle &amp; Smith’s English Probate and Divorce Reports. |
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| Salik. | Salik’s English King’s Bench Reports. |
| Salim. Abr. | Salmon’s Abridgment of State Trials. |
| Salm. St. R. | Salmon’s Edition of the State Trials. |
| Sand. | Sandford’s New York Superior Court Reports. |
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| Sau. &amp; Sc. | Sausse &amp; Scully’s Irish Rolls Court Reports. |
| Sauls. | Saulsbury’s Reports, vols. 5–8 Delaware. |
| Saund. | Saunders’ English King’s Bench Reports. |</p>
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South.  Southern Reporter.
South Car.  South Carolina.
Southard. Southard’s New Jersey Reports.
Sp.  Spink’s English Ecclesiastical and Admiralty Reports;—Sparks’ South Carolina Law Reports.
Sp. Eq. (or Ch.).  Spears’ South Carolina Equity Reports.
Sp. Pr. Cas.  Spink’s Prize Cases.
Sp. & Sel. Cas.  Special and Selected Law Cases.
Sparks.  Sparks’ Reports, British Burma.
Spaulding.  Spaulding’s Reports, vols. 71-80 Maine.
Spears (or Speers).  Spears’ (or Speers’) South Carolina Law Reports.
Spears (or Speers) Eq.  Spears’ (or Speers’) South Carolina Equity Reports.
Spelman.  Spelman, Glossarium Archeologicum.
Spence, Ch.  Spence’s Equitable Jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery.
Spencer.  Spencer’s New Jersey Reports;—Spencer’s Reports, vols. 10-20 Minnesota.
Spinks.  Spink’s English Ecclesiastical and Admiralty Reports.
Spinks, P. C.  Spink’s English Prize Cases.
Spottis.  Sir R. Spottiswoode’s Reports, Scotch Court of Session.
Spr. (or Sprague).  Sprague’s United States District Court (Admiralty) Decisions.
St. State.—Story’s United States Circuit Court Reports (see Sto.);—Stair’s Scotch Court of Session Reports;—Stuart’s (Milne & Peddie) Scotch Session Cases;—Statutes.
St. at Large.  South Carolina Session Laws.
St. Cas.  Stillingfleet’s Ecclesiastical Cases, English.
St. Ch. Cas.  Star Chamber Cases.
St. Clem.  St. Clement’s Church Case, Philadelphia.
St. Eccl. Cas.  Stillingfleet’s Ecclesiastical Cases.
St. M. & P.  Stuart, Milne & Peddie, Scotch.
St. Mark.  St. Mark’s Church Case, Philadelphia.
St. Marth.  Statute of Marlbridge.
St. Mert.  Statute of Merton.
St. Tr.  The State Trials, English.
Stafford.  Stafford’s Reports, vols. 69-71 Vermont.
Stair.  Stair’s Reports, Scotch Court of Session.
Stair, Inst.  Stair’s Institutes of the Laws of Scotland.
Stanton.  Stanton’s Reports, vols. 11-13 Ohio.
Star.  Starkie’s English Nisi Prius Reports.
Star Ch. Ca.  Star Chamber Cases.
Stark, N. P.  Starkie’s English Nisi Prius Reports.
Starkie, Ev.  Starkie on Evidence.
State Tr.  State Trials, English.
Staundef.  Staundorff, Exposition of the King’s Prerogative.
Stearns, Real Act.  Stearns’ Real Actions.
Steph. Dig.  Stephen’s Quebec Law Digest.
Stev. Dig.  Stevens’ New Brunswick Digest.
Stevens & G.  Stevens & Graham’s Reports, vols. 89-111 Georgia.
Stew.  Stewart’s Alabama Reports;—Stewart’s New Jersey Equity Reports;—Stewart’s (R. W.) Reports, vols. 1-10 South Dakota.
Stew. (N. J.)  Stewart’s New Jersey Equity Reports.
Stew. Adm.  Stewart’s Vice-Admiralty Reports, Nova Scotia.
Stew. N. Sc.  Stewart’s Admiralty Reports, Nova Scotia.
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Stew. & P.  Stewart & Porter’s Alabama Reports.
Stiles.  Stiles’ Reports, vols. 22-29 Iowa.

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**Stimson.** Stimson's Law Glossary.
**Stiness.** Stiness' Reports, vols. 20-21 Rhode Island.
**Sto.** (or **Sto. C. C.**). Story's United States Circuit Court Reports.
**Stock.** Stockton's New Jersey Equity Reports;—Stockton, New Brunswick (same as Bercourt's Reports).
**Stockett.** Stockett's Reports, vols. 27-79 Maryland.
**Stockt. Ch.** Stockton's New Jersey Chancery Reports.
**Story.** Story's United States Circuit Court Reports. See, also, Sto.
**Story, Ag.** Story on Agency.
**Story, Bailm.** Story on Bailments.
**Story, Bills.** Story on Bills.
**Story, Confl. Laws.** Story on Conflict of Laws.
**Story, Const.** Story on the Constitution.
**Story, Cont.** Story on Contracts.
**Story, Eq. Jnr.** Story's Equity Jurisprudence.
**Story, Eq. Pl.** Story's Equity Pleading.
**Story, Laws.** Story's Laws of the United States.
**Story, Partn.** Story on Partnership.
**Story, Prom. Notes.** Story on Promissory Notes.
**Story, U. S. Laws.** Story's Laws of the United States.
**Str.** Strange's English King's Bench Reports.
**Str. Cas. Ev. (or Str. Svo.).** Strange's Cases of Evidence ("Octavo Strange").
**Str. N. C.** Sir T. Strange's Notes of Cases, Madras.
**Str.** Strange.
**Strahan.** Strahan's Reports, vol. 19 Oregon.
**Stran.** Strangé.
**Strange.** Strange's Reports, English Courts.
**Strange, Madras.** Strange's Notes of Cases, Madras.
**Stratton.** Stratton's Reports, vols. 12-14 Oregon.
**Stringfellow.** Stringfellow's Reports, vols. 9-11 Missouri.
**Strob.** Strobhart's South Carolina Law Reports.
**Strob. Eq. (or Ch.).** Strobhart's South Carolina Equity Reports.
**Struve.** Struve's Reports, vol. 3 Washington Territory.
**Stu. Adm. (or V. A.).** Stuart's Lower Canada Vice-Admiralty Reports.
**Stu. Ap.** Stuart's Appeal Cases (Lower Canada King's Bench Reports).
**Stu. K. B. (or L. C.).** Stuart's Lower Canada King's Bench Reports.
**Stu. Mil. & Ped.** Stuart, Milne & Peddie's Scotch Court of Session Reports.
**Stuart.** Stuart's Lower Canada King's Bench Reports;—Stuart's Lower Canada Vice-Admiralty Reports;—Stuart, Milne & Peddie's Scotch Court of Session Reports.
**Stuart L. C. H. B.** Stuart's Lower Canada King's Bench Reports.
**Stuart L. C. V. A.** Stuart's Lower Canada Vice-Admiralty Reports.
**Sty.** Style's English King's Bench Reports.
**Sty. Pr. Reg.** Style's Practical Register.
**Sud. Dew. Ad.** Sudder Dewanny Adawlut Reports, India.
**Sud. Dew. Rep.** Sudder Dewanny's Reports, Northwest Provinces, India.
**Sugd. Powers.** Sugden on Powers.
**Sugd. Vend.** Sugden on Vendors and Purchasers.
**Sum.** Sumner's United States Circuit Court Reports.
**Summ. Dec.** Summary Decisions, Bengal.
**Summerfield.** Summerfield's Reports, vol. 21 Nevada.
**Summ.** Sumner's United States Circuit Court Reports.
**Sup.** Supreme.
**Sup. Ct.** Supreme Court Reporter.
**Sup. Ct. Rep.** Supreme Court Reporter of Decisions of United States Supreme Court.
**Super.** Superior Court;—Superior Court Reports.
**Supp.** New York Supplement Reports.
**Supp. Ves. Jun.** Supplement to Vesey, Jr.'s, Reports.
**Supr.** Supreme;—Superior Court Reports.
**Sur.** Surrogate.
**Susq. L. C.** Susquehanna Leading Chronicle.
**Suth.** Sutherland's Reports.
**Suth. Bengal.** Sutherland's High Court Reports, Bengal.
**Suth. Dam.** Sutherland on the Law of Damages.
**Suth. F. B. R.** Sutherland's Full Bench Rulings, Bengal.
**Suth. P. C. J. (or A.).** Sutherland's Privy Council Judgments or Appeals.
**Suth. W. R.** Sutherland's Weekly Reporter, Calcutta.
**Sw.** Swanson's English Chancery Reports;—Swabey's English Admiralty Reports;—Sweeney's New York Superior Court Reports;—Swan's Tennessee Reports;—Swinton's Scotch Justiciary Cases;—Swan;—Street;—Swift.
**Sw. (or Swab.) & Tr.** Swabey & Tristram's English Probate and Divorce Reports.
**Swab. (or Swab. Admr.).** Swabey's English Admiralty Reports.
**Swan.** Swan's Tennessee Reports;—Swanston's English Chancery Reports.
**Swan. Ch.** Swanston's English Chancery Reports.
**Swan Tr.** Swan's Treatise, Ohio.
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Till. & Yates App. Tillinghast & Yates on Appeals.
Tillman. Tillman’s Reports, vols. 68, 69, 71, 73, 75 Alabama.
Times L. R. Times Law Reports.
Tinw. Tinwald’s Reports, Scotch Court of Sessions.
To. Jo. Sir Thomas Jones’ English King’s Bench Reports.
Tobey. Tobey’s Reports, vols. 9–10 Rhode Island.
Tomi. (or Toml. [Cas.]). Tomlins’ Election Evidence Cases.
Tot. (or Toth.). Tottill’s English Chancery Reports.
Touch. Sheppard’s Touchstone.
Toull. Toullier’s Droit Civil Français.
Toull. Droit Civil Fr. (or Toullier, Dr. Civ. Fr.). Toullier’s Droit Civil Français.
Town. St. Tr. Townsend’s Modern State Trials.
Townsh. Pl. Townshend’s Pleading.
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Tray. Lat. Max. (or Log. Max.). Trayner, Latin Maxims and Phrases, etc.
Tread. (or Tread. Const. [S. C.]). Treadway’s South Carolina Constitutional Reports.
Tred. Tredgold’s Reports, Cape Colony.
Tri. Bish. Trial of the Seven Bishops.
Tri. E of Cov. Trial of the Earl of Coventry.
Tripp. Tripp’s Reports, vols. 5–6 Dakota.
Tristram. Tristram’s Supplement to vol. 4 Swaby & Tristram.
Tru. Trueman’s New Brunswick Reports and Equity Cases.
Tuck. Tucker’s New York Surrogate Reports.—Tucker’s Select Cases, Newfoundland.—Tucker’s Reports, vols. 166–175 Massachusetts.—Tucker’s District of Columbia Appeals Reports.
Tuck. Sel. Cas. Tucker’s Select Cases, Newfoundland.
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| V. Vermont;—Vermont Reports;—Victoria;—Virginia;—Virginia Reports. |
| V. C. C. Vice-Chancellor's Court. |
| V. L. R. Victorian Law Reports, Australia. (For Victorian see Vic.) |
| V. N. Van Ness' Prize Cases. |
| V. R. Vermont Reports. |
| V. & E. Vesey & Beames' English Chancery Reports. |
| V. & S. Vernon & Scriven's Irish King's Bench Reports. |
| Va. Virginia;—Virginia Reports;—Gilmer's Virginia Reports. |
| Va. Cas. Virginia Cases (by Brockenbrough & Holmes). |
| Va. R. Virginia Reports;—Gilmer's Virginia Reports. |
| Van L. Vander Linden's Practice, Cape Colony. |
| Van N. Van Ness' Prize Cases. |
| Vanderstr. Vanderstraaten's Ceylon Reports. |
| Vaug. (or Vaugh.) Vaughan's English Common Pleas Reports. |
| Vaughan. Vaughan's English Common Pleas Reports. |
| Ve. (or Ves.) Vesey's English Chancery Reports. |
| Ve. (or Ves.) & B. Vesey & Beames' English Chancery Reports. |
| Veazey. Veazey's Reports, vols 30-46 Vermont. |
| Vent. Ventris' English Common Pleas Reports. |
| Ventr. Ventris' English King's Bench Reports. |
| Ver. (or Verm.). Vermont Reports. |
| Vern. Vernon's English Chancery Reports. |
| Vern. & Scr. (or Scriv.). Vernon & Scriven's Irish King's Bench Reports. |
| Ves. Vesey's English Chancery Reports. |
| Ves. Jnr. Vesey, Jr.'s, English Chancery Reports. |
| Ves. Sen. (or Sr.). Vesey, Sr.'s, English Chancery Reports. |
| Ves. & B. (or Bea.). Vesey & Beames' English Chancery Reports. |
| Vez. Vesey's (Vesey's) English Chancery Reports. |
| Vict. Queen Victoria. |
| Vict. L. R. Victorian Law Reports, Australia. |
| Vil. & Br. Vilas & Bryant's Edition of the Wisconsin Reports. |
| Vilas. Vilas' New York Criminal Reports. |
| Vin. Abr. Viner's Abridgment. |
| Virg. Virginia (see Va.);—Virginia. |
| Virgin. Virginia's Reports, vols 52-60 Maine;—Virginia (see Va.). |
| Viz. Videlicet (that is to say). |
| Vo. Verbo. |
| Voet, Com. ad Pand. Voet, Commentarius ad Pandectas. |
| Vr. Vroom's New Jersey Reports. |
| Vt. Vermont;—Vermont Reports. |

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W. King William,—Wheaton's United States Supreme Court Reports;—Wendell's New York Reports;—Watt's Reports, Pennsylvania;—Weekly; — Wisconsin; — Wyoming;—Wright's Ohio Reports.

W. A. Western Australia.

W. B. Sir William Blackstone's English King's Bench Reports.

W. C. C. Washington's United States Circuit Court Reports.


W. H. & G. Welsby, Hurlstone & Gordon's English Exchequer Reports.

W. Jo. Sir William Jones' English King's Bench Reports.

W. Kel. William Kelyng's English Chancery Reports.

W. N. Weekly Notes, London.

W. P. Cas. Wollaston's English Ball Court (Practice) Cases.


W. Rob. W. Robinson's English Admiralty Reports.

W. T. R. Weekly Transcript Reports, New York.

W. Ty. R. Washington Territory Reports.

W. V. A. West Virginia;—West Virginia Reports.


W. W. & D. Willmore, Wollaston & Davidson.

W. W. & H. Willmore, Wollaston, & Hodges' English Queen's Bench Reports.

W. & B. Dig. Walker & Bates' Digest, Ohio.

W. & C. Wilson & Courtenay's Scotch Appeal Cases (see Wilson & Shaw).

W. & L. Dig. Wood & Long's Digest, Illinois.

W. & M. Woodbury & Minot's United States Circuit Court Reports;—William & Mary.


W. & W. White & Wilson's Texas Court of Appeals, Civil Cases.

W. & W. Viet. Wyatt & Webb's Victorian Reports.

W. Watts' Reports, Pennsylvania;—Wales.

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Wait, Act. & Def. Wait's Actions and Defences.

Wait Dig. Wait's Digest, New York.

Wait St. Pap. Wait's State Papers of the United States.

Wal. Wallace (see Wall).

Wal. by L. Wallis' Irish Reports, by Lyne.

Wal. Jr. (or Wall. Jr.). Wallace's (J. W.) United States Circuit Court Reports.


Walk. (Pa.). Walker's Pennsylvania Reports.

Walk. Ch. (or Mich.). Walker's Michigan Chancery Reports.

Walk. Miss. Walker's Mississippi Reports.

Wall. Wallace's United States Supreme Court Reports;—Wallace's (S.) United States Circuit Court Reports;—Wallace's Philadelphia Reports;—Wallis' Irish Chancery Reports.

Wall. C. C. Wallace's United States Circuit Court Reports, Third Circuit.

Wall. Rep. Wallace on the Reporters;—Wallace's United States Supreme Court Reports.

Wall. S. C. Wallace's United States Supreme Court Reports.

Wall. Sen. (or Wal. Sr.). Wallace's (J. B.) United States Circuit Court Reports.

Wallis. Wallis' Irish Chancery Reports.

Wallis by L. Wallis' Irish Chancery Reports, by Lyne.

Ward. Ward's Reports, Ohio;—Warden & Smith's Reports, Ohio.


Warden. Warden's Reports, vol. 3 Ohio State.

Ware. Ware's United States District Court Reports.

Warth Code. West Virginia Code, 1899.

Warr. Abst. Warrelle on Abstracts of Title.


Wash. C. C. Washington's United States Circuit Court Reports.

Wash. St. Washington State Reports.

Wash. Ter. Washington Territory Reports.

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Wyman.  Wyman's Reports, India.


Wyo.  Wyoming;— Wyoming Reports.

Wyo. T.  Wyoming Territory.

Wythe.  Wythe's Virginia Chancery Reports.

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Y.  Yeates' Pennsylvania Reports.

Y. B.  Year Book, English King's Bench, etc.

Y. B. Ed. I.  Year Books of Edward I.

Y. B. P. 1, Edw. II.  Year Books, Part 1, Edward II.

Y. B. S. C.  Year Books, Selected Cases, I.

Y. L. R.  York Legal Record.

Y. & C.  Young & Colyer's English Chancery Reports and Exchequer.

Y. J.  Young & Jervis' English Exchequer Reports.

Yates Sel. Cas.  Yates' New York Select Cases.

Yea. (or Yeates).  Yeates' Pennsylvania Reports.

Yearb.  Year Book, English King's Bench, etc.

Yearb. P. 7, Hen. VI.  Year Books, Part 7, Henry VI.

Yel.  Yelverton's English King's Bench Reports.

Yelv.  Yelverton, English.

Yerg.  Yeager's Tennessee Reports.

Yo.  Young (see You).


You.  Young's English Exchequer Equity Reports.

You. & Coll. Ch.  Younge & Collyer's English Chancery Reports.

You. & Coll. Ex.  Younge & Collyer's English Exchequer Equity Reports.

You. & Jerv.  Younge & Jervis' English Exchequer Reports.

Young.  Young's Reports, vols. 31–47 Minnesota.

Young Adm.  Young's Nova Scotia Admiralty Cases.

Young Adm. Dec.  Young's Admiralty Decisions.

Young M. L. Cas.  Young's Maritime Law Cases.

Young, Naut. Dict.  Young, Nautical Dictionary.

Younge.  Younge's English Exchequer Equity Reports.

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Younge & Coll. Ex.  Younge & Collyer's English Exchequer Equity Reports.

Younge & J.  Younge & Jervis, English.

Yuk.  Yukon Territory.

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Zab.  Zabriskie's New Jersey Reports.

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