

fectcd. *Cremer v. Bulman*, Hil. 8 Geo. 2. resolved, 1 *Barnes's Notes* 57.

Motion to set aside execution against the bail. It appeared that the defendant was rendered, and that the *reddidit* was entered in the judge's book, but not on the bail-piece as usual, the same having been taken away by plaintiff's attorney. *Cur'* held the render to be good, and ordered the execution to be set aside with costs. *M. 5 Geo. 2. Knight v. Winter*, *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 123.—1 *Barnes's Notes* 60. S. C. says defendant was bailed upon an *habeas corpus*, and that the bail-piece had been delivered out by the judge's clerk to plaintiff's attorney, to be filed, who did not file it, but proceeded to judgment against the bail for want of a *reddidit se* being marked upon the bail-piece. *Cur'* held the practice of plaintiff's attorney in taking away the bail-piece, to be unwarrantable, and set aside the judgment with costs, (defendant having done every thing in his power to make the render effectual) defendant consenting to bring no action, and ordered the bail-piece to be filed, and the *reddidit se* entered.

Bail to an action upon a judgment; judgment in this action against defendant. After a *ca. sa.* returned against the principal, and before the return of the writ in an action of debt upon the recognizance against the bail, the court on motion staid proceedings on the recognizance, pending a writ of error brought to reverse the first judgment; the bail consenting to give judgment in the action brought against them. *M. 14 Geo. 2. Gostelow v. Wright*, 2 *Barnes's Notes* 57.

Plaintiff after a *ca. sa.* returned against the principal, filed a bill in an action of debt
against

against *Wall* an attorney, one of the bail first put in (tho' after exception two other bail justified in court) and sued out process against *C. D.* another of the bail, but served it two days only (instead of four) before the return. *Cur'*, on shewing cause why proceedings against *Wall* and *C. D.* should not be staid; held, that the proceedings by bill against *Wall* was regular, but that the other bail having justified he was discharged, and ordered his name to be struck out of the bail-piece, and the entry of the recognizance to be amended accordingly, and gave *Wall* his costs, and staid proceedings against *C. D.* because he was not served with the writ in time. *T. 24 & 25 Geo. 2. Wilson and others v. Lafortune, 2 Barnes's Notes 87.*

Bail cannot be witnesses for the defendant, therefore if defendant would examine him as a witness at the trial; he must make an affidavit that such bail is a material witness. Bail cannot be a witness.

One person became bail for defendant before a judge, and surrendered him to the *Fleet* prison. Plaintiff, after the render, proceeded to serve sheriff with a rule to bring in the body. *Cur'* held the render insufficient, and refused to stay proceedings against the sheriff; but afterwards two bail were put in and justified in court, and thereupon proceedings against the sheriff were staid on payment of costs. *E. 6 Geo. 2. Steward v. Bishop, 1 Barnes's Notes 46.—Pract. Reg. in C. P. 84. S. C.—Putting in one bail is the same as putting in none. M. 8 Geo. 2. Smith v. Randall, Ibid. 85.—1 Barnes's Notes 172. S. C.* One bail as no bail.

Two bail bound by recognizance in 140 *l.* Verdict for the plaintiff against principal for 300 *l.* Plaintiff may proceed against both bail, for one 140 *l.* will not satisfy the recognizance. Two bound, &c.

Recognizance
in declaration
variant from
the record.

A recognizance of bail in the declaration being variant from the record, plaintiff cannot have judgment on *nul tiel record*. *E. 6 Geo. 2. Atterbury v. Ward, 1 Barnes's Notes 46.*

The form of a *scire facias* on a recognizance of bail in debt, *vide p.*

If *nul tiel record* be pleaded in an action of debt, or to a *scire facias*, on a recognizance of bail, the proper officer (*i. e.* the filazer or prothonotary, according to whose bail it is) will draw you up the form of the entry of the recognizance, which you make use of to verify the record.

The entry.

Middlesex. **T**HE sheriff was commanded that he should take *A. B.* late of *Westminster* in his county, widow, if she could have been found in his bailiwick, and that he should have kept her safely so that he might have had her body at this day (that is to say) on the morrow of *All Souls*, to answer *C. D.* of an action, wherefore she broke the close of the said *C.* with force and arms, and did other wrongs to the said *C.* to his great damage, and against the peace of our sovereign lord the king, and also in a plea of trespass upon the case on promises unperformed, to the damage of the said *C.* forty pounds; and now here at this day *E. F.* of *York Street* in *Covent Garden*, in the said county, Gent. and *G. H.* of *St. James's*

Street in the said county, spinster, came personally before Sir *J. K.* Knight, and his companions, justices of this court of Common Bench, and they and each of them acknowledged themselves to owe to the said *C.* the sum of

Note; tho' the recognizance is taken before a judge at his chambers, yet it is entered as taken in court.

of

of forty sum pounds, which said sum they the said *E.* and *G.* and each of them, did will and grant for them and their heirs, to be made and levied of their and each of their lands and chattels, to the use and behoof of the said *C.* and also at the same day the said *A.* came personally before the same justices, and acknowledged to owe to the said *C.* the sum of eighty pounds; which said sum of eighty pounds the said *A.* for herself and her heirs, willed and granted for herself and heirs, to be made and levied of her lands and chattels, to the use and behoof of the said *C.* subject to this condition, that if judgment should happen to be given in the same court here for the said *C.* against the said *A.* in a certain plea of trespass upon the case, then the said *A.* should make satisfaction to the said *C.* for all such damages as should be awarded to the said *C.* in the same court here against the said *A.* or should render her body in execution of the said judgment to the prison of the *Fleet*, and so forth.

See tit. *Scire facias.*

Of Declarations and declaring.

IF the action be in *debt, detinue, covenant, account, annuity* or *replevin*, it must be said in the declaration “the defendant was *summoned* to “answer, &c.” If the action be in *case, trespass, trover* or *ejectment*, then you say in the declaration, “that the defendant was *attached* “to answer, &c.”

On a common *clausum fregit*, plaintiff may declare in any county, or for any cause of action; for that process is only to bring the

party into court. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 75. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 136.

On a common *clausum fregit* with an *acetiam* in *debt*, plaintiff may declare in case, or for any cause of action in any county. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 137, 138. But then he loses his bail.

On a *precipe quod reddat*, plaintiff cannot declare but in *debt*, except he deliver a declaration by the bye; but even in that case he must first deliver a declaration in the original action. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 137.—The like on an attachment of privilege *de placito debiti*, for an attachment of privilege is in nature of a *special* original.

The special writ in battery never mentions but one battery, tho' the declaration may contain many. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 48. and so it is in covenant, tho' many breaches are assigned in the declaration. *Ibid.*

Declaration must be delivered four days exclusive, before the end of the term; as if notice of declaration be given on the 9th of *Feb.* and the term ends the 12th, declaration should have been delivered on the 8th of *February*, to have plea the same term. *E. 3 Geo. 2. Porter, jun. v. Barnes, Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 125.

But an administrator plaintiff must set out his administration.

In an action against an administrator, it is sufficient to call him in the declaration, *administrator of the goods and chattels of the intestate*, without alledging that administration had been granted to him. *Hil. 25 Geo. 2. Wade, jun. v. Wadman, Gent. one &c. administrator, 2 Barnes's Notes* 142.

Plaintiff must declare in prohibition if defendant insists on it. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 356. Declaration in assault and battery containing thirty counts, court refused to order any to be struck

struck out upon reading plaintiff's affidavit that defendant had assaulted him sixty several times. *Hil. 2 Geo. 2. Jones v. Enderup, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 150.*

Three declarations for the same assault ordered to be reduced into one without costs. *Hil. 7 Geo 2. Harper, an attorney, v. Woodhouse, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 151.*

Declaration reduced from nine counts to five, five counts being sufficient to take in plaintiff's whole demands. *Vide Pract. Reg. in C. P. 151. 1 Barnes's Notes 257.*

On a *certiorari* or *habeas corpus*, plaintiff may declare in this court as he pleases, and is not confined to the same species of action he declared in below, tho' the parties were at issue in the court below. *E. 13 Geo. 2. Turner v. Bean, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 221.*

[What time plaintiff has to declare.] Upon all procefs, returnable the first, or any other return in any term, plaintiff has to the end of the next ensuing term to deliver his declaration to the defendant's attorney, or to leave the same in the office, and the defendant's attorney having entered his appearance as of that term in which the procefs is returnable, may at the end of the second term, or in four days after, give a rule to declare, and having demanded a declaration (a) of plaintiff's attorney (if he can be found) the defendant may any time in the vacation of such ensuing term, after the rule for (a) All de- clarations must be de- manded by a note in writing. *Per notice in the office, M. 1 Geo. 2. and must be de- manded of the agent in town, and not of the country attorney. T. 6 & 7 Geo. 2. Elwood v. Elwood, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 124.*

declaring is out, sign a *nonprofs*, but not afterwards, for want of declaration, and the plaintiff shall not, without the leave of the court, have any longer time to declare than as above, other than the time to be limited by the defendants. Rule *Hil. 9 Ann.*—It appears by the above rule that defendant is not bound to accept a declaration after the second term, nor can he sign a non-process after the vacation following the second term. Where no rule to declare is given at the end of the second term, plaintiff has till the effoin-day of the third term to deliver or file his declaration. *M. 4 Geo. 1. Steward v. Harding, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 12.*—*Pract. Reg. in C. P. 121. S. C.*

And it has been held, that plaintiff has two terms to declare in after bail is perfected. *M. 6 Geo. 2. Lin v. Smith, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 121.*

Drawing and ingrossing declaration.] Declaration to be ingrossed on treble one-penny stamp paper, and delivered to defendant's attorney (if defendant appears). Charge on the back for every sheet 4*d.* reckoning seventy-two words to a sheet, besides the duty, and for filing defendant's warrant of attorney, as follows, *viz.* in *debt, trespass* and *detinue*, 4*d.* and in other actions 8*d.* Entering appearance for defendant according to the statute, 5*s.* 10*d.* if at the suit of an attorney 7*s.* 2*d.*

N O T E.

The *alias dict'*, if inserted in the declaration, should be in *Latin* if the bond is so. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 91.*

Delivering

Delivering or filing declaration when defendant appears.] If defendant's attorney has appeared, plaintiff's attorney must deliver a copy of the declaration to him, whereupon he must pay for the same, duty, and warrant as above-mentioned, or on refusal by him, or his clerk in his absence, or if his abode is unknown, it may be left in the office, and then on notice thereof given to defendant (from the time of giving such notice, and not before, declaration is well delivered) and on rule to plead given and out, judgment for want of a plea may be signed, and no plea may be received till declaration, &c. is paid for.

All declarations and notices to be delivered before nine in the evening. Rule 10 Geo. 2.

Declaration delivered to defendant, his attorney being known, is a bad delivery; but if not known, the declaration may be left in the office, and notice thereof given to defendant. *Vide Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 126.

Where neither the defendant nor his attorney, can be found, the court must be applied to, and will order notice, &c. in the office to be good, unless the bail (if any) shew cause to the contrary. See 2 *Barnes's Notes* 243.

Delivering declaration when appearance is entered for defendant according to the statute.] In all cases where a copy of process is served on defendant, and an appearance is entered according to the statute, for preventing frivolous and vexatious arrests (a), copy of declaration must be left in the office, and notice thereof given to defendant, or left at his last or most usual place of abode, signifying the nature of such action, at whose suit it is prosecuted, and in whose office such declaration is left, and from the

(a) 12 Geo. 1. c. 29.

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the time of giving such notice, declaration is well delivered to defendant, and if defendant don't plead within the time limited (a rule to plead being first given and out) judgment may be signed without further calling for a plea. Rule *M.* 1 *Geo.* 2.

N O T E S.

1. Where plaintiff enters an appearance for defendant according to the statute, and notice of the declaration is given to the defendant himself, plaintiff may proceed to judgment without calling on defendant's attorney for a plea, for he is not obliged to take notice of any attorney defendant may, after said appearance entered, employ. *Vide Rep. and Cas. of Pract.* 50. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 177.

2. Plaintiff appeared for defendant according to the statute, filed a declaration, and gave rule to plead, and some days after served defendant with notice of the declaration. *Cur'* held that the rule was irregular, for it should not have been given 'till after the notice was served, the declaration being well delivered from the time of notice only. *Hil.* 8 *Geo.* 2. *Gray v. Saunders, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 111.—1 *Barnes's Notes* 173. S. C.

3. In notice of declaration being left in the office, it is only necessary to set forth the nature of the action, *viz. in debt, or in case*, but need not set forth the substance of the declaration at large. *E.* 4 *Geo.* 2. *Parsons et al' v. Smith, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 63. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 131. S. C.—There was the like resolution in *Prior v. How*, this term, and in *High-*

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more v. Tiffin, Hil. 5. Geo. 2. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 63. and in *Ball and Merrick*, E. 4 Geo. 2. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 132.—Notice of declaration need only mention the nature of the action without mentioning for what, for that will appear by the declaration itself. E. 4 Geo. 2. *Skin v. Gwinnet*, *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 133.

4. But where the notice was “a declaration in an action of trespass on the case,” without further description, it was held insufficient, the intent of the rule being, that defendant should know what he was sued for. Actions on the case for contracts and for torts are widely different; *on several undertakings*, or at least *on promise*, should have been added. Hil. 29 Geo. 2. *Taylor v. Oxley*.

5. Notice of declaration was that “a declaration is left against you in the office, &c. for 15*l.* due by note under your hand”, without saying *in debt or case*. Judgment set aside, for an action of debt might be brought on such note, so that the nature of the action did not appear. M. 9 Geo. 2. *Taylor v. Sbarman*, *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 122. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 216.—Notice was, “that a declaration upon a note under hand, and for goods sold, was filed in the office”, without setting forth the nature of the action, whether *in debt or case*, held to be bad, for an action of debt might be brought for the same. Hil. 5 Geo. 2. *Seller v. Faceby*, *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 68. The nature of the action must be set forth. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 204.

6. The plaintiff having entered an appearance for the defendant, *delivered the declaration*
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(a) Note; by the rule *M. 1 Geo. 2.* the declaration should have been left in the office, and notice thereof given to defendant.

to defendant (a), and at the same time gave him notice thereof, tho' after the appearance he knew the defendant's attorney, yet declaration held to be well delivered, and that it was a complying with the rule *M. 1 Geo. 2.* in an equitable construction. *M. 2 Geo. 2. Morris v. Parry, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 50.*

7. Leaving a declaration in the office, and giving notice to the attorney, who had appeared for the defendant, is the same as if the declaration itself was delivered to him; and plaintiff's attorney is not bound to give notice the same day the declaration is left in the office, but may give notice in any reasonable time afterwards; but it is deemed as no declaration but from the day of notice. *Hil. 6 Geo. 2. Thomas v. Bushell, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 84.*

8. Writ returnable in *Hil.* Declaration left in office the same term. Afterwards appearance entered according to the statute, but no notice of declaration was given till the 12th of *April* for defendant to plead within the first four days of this term. Judgment good, the declaration being a declaration well delivered from the time of the notice (b); but *cur'* made a rule to set aside the judgment on payment of costs, pleading an issuable plea, and taking short notice of trial. *T. 6 & 7 Geo. 2. Mathews and wife administratrix v. Stone, 1 Barnes's Notes 164.*

(a) Vide 2 *Barnes's Notes* 186. S. P.

9. Writ returnable in *Easter* term last, plaintiff appeared for defendant according to the statute, and left declaration in the office, but rested all *Trinity* and *Michaelmas* terms, and before the essoin-day of *Hilary* term gave defendant notice of declaration. Declaration deemed well delivered only from the notice, and consequently came too late. Defendant

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was then out of court. *Hil. 13 Geo. 2. Pritchard v. Lewis, 1 Barnes's Notes 224.—Pract. Reg. in C. P. 135. S. C.*

10. Notice of declaration to one defendant when there are two, irregular, and proceedings staid. *1 Barnes's Notes 171, 208.*

11. Notice of declaration left in the office without date, bad. *Ibid. 210. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 134.*

12. Process served upon defendant, who afterwards removed from his house, and plaintiff not being able to find him, followed the first service, and left the notice of the declaration under the street door of the defendant's empty house. *Cur'* held the judgment regular. *T. 6 & 7 Geo. 2. Sheridan v. Ashby, 1 Barnes's Notes 289.*

13. Notice of declaration sworn to be put under the latch of defendant's door *June 15, 1738*, but not what time of the *day or night*, nor that the person who left the notice knocked at, or endeavoured to open the door. It not appearing that the notice came to the defendant's hands, or any of his family, but being left so openly might be taken away by any body, notice was held insufficient, and judgment set aside. *M. 12 Geo. 2. Talbot v. Odeham, Ibid. 301.*

14. Plaintiff appeared for defendant, and left declaration in the office in *Easter* term, and in *Trinity* term gave notice thereof to defendant, and for want of a plea signed judgment. *Cur'* in *Trinity* term set aside the judgment, the nature of the action being omitted in the notice. In *Michaelmas* term following plaintiff gave new notice of the declaration, and signed a second judgment, which was set aside; for *cur'* held, that

(a) i. e. after
2 terms from
the return of
the writ.

that the declaration was well delivered from the time of serving the second notice only, and that the writ being returnable in *Easter* term last, the declaration was delivered too late (a), and plaintiff must begin again. *M. 6 Geo. 2. Bartholomew one, &c. v. Goulding, 1 Barnes's Notes 204. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 121. S. C. Notice of declaration on the third term too late. Ibid.*

15. Notice of declaration served on a *Sunday* bad within the statute *Car. 2.* which ought to have a large construction in favour of religion. An imparlance granted, *T. 19 & 20 Geo. 2. Walker v. Towne and Lee, 2 Barnes's Notes 245.*

16. Copy of process had been tendered to defendant at his house, who refusing to accept the same, it was left there, and within sixteen days after notice of declaration was left under the door of said house, which was then empty and shut up. *Cur'* thought the shutting up of the house a trick of defendant's to avoid process, &c.—By the general rule *M. 1 Geo. 2.* Notice of declaration is to be left at defendant's last place of abode. *T. 26 & 27 Geo. 2. Wood v. Dodgson, 2 Barnes's Notes 225.*

17. Plaintiff having appeared for defendant, a practising attorney, delivered a declaration to him at his chambers, but did not leave a declaration in the office, and give defendant notice thereof in writing, pursuant to the rule. *Per cur'*: Notice ought to be given to an attorney as well as a common person. *Hil. 2 Geo. 2. Heber, an attorney, v. King, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 128.*

18. Notice to defendant's attorney of a declaration being left in the office, should be in writing. *E. 6 Geo. 2. Hale v. Breedon, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 130.*

19. Notice

19. Notice of a declaration being left in the office must be given before a rule to plead be given. Settled upon hearing counsel on both sides. *M. 8 Geo. 1. Lane v. Elliot, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 131. Ibid. Hil. 8 Geo. 2. Gray and Saunders, S. P.*

20. Notice that a declaration "for goods sold and delivered, and materials found," was left in the office, when there was a count also in the declaration for money lent, good, the nature of the action being set forth. No need to set forth the whole declaration. *E. 2 Geo. 2. Turner, administrator, v. Bownus, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 132.*

21. Judgment set aside without costs, for a defect in the notice of declaration as to the nature of the action. The words of the notice were [*in an action upon the case*] generally without further addition. The intent of the general rule requiring notice is, that defendant should know what he was sued for. Actions on the case on contracts and for torts are extremely various; the notice should have expressed at least *on promise, or on several undertakings and promises. Hil. 29 Geo. 2. Taylor against Oxley in case on promise, Supplement to 2d. vol. Barnes's Notes p. 44.*

General rule for delivering declaration on process returnable *first* or *second* return of any term.] Upon *all* process returnable first or second return of any term, if the plaintiff declares in *London* or *Middlesex*, and the defendant lives *within* twenty miles of *London*, declaration must be delivered with notice to plead within four days *after* (*a*) delivery, in which time (*a*) See note defendant must plead without any imparlance. 1. p. 112. And in case the plaintiff declares in any other county

county, or the defendant lives above twenty miles from *London*, declaration to be delivered with notice to plead within eight days *after* the delivery, in which time defendant must plead, without any imparlance, and in default of pleading as aforesaid, judgment may be signed.

Note; the Rule *M. 3*

Rules *M. 3 Geo. 2.* and *E. 3 Geo. 2.*

Geo. 2. does not mention *notice*, only says defendant shall plead in four or eight days, after declaration delivered; and *E. 3 Geo. 2.* says notice shall be given to plead, &c.

When a declaration may be delivered *de bene esse*.] Upon all procefs returnable *first* or *second* return of any term, declaration may be delivered *de bene esse* at the return of the procefs, with *notice* to plead, as in the *General rule for delivering declaration on procefs returnable first or second return of any term*, is mentioned. Rule *M. 3 Geo. 2.*—Where a *common appearance* is only required, if defendant does not enter it, and plead in time, (a rule to plead being given and out) plaintiff may enter appearance for defendant according to the statute, and sign judgment. And where defendant has put in *special bail*, and does not plead in time, (a rule to plead being given, and the time out) judgment may be signed by default.

N O T E S.

1. Tho' the word *after* in the above rules of *M. 3 Geo. 2.* and *E. 3 Geo. 2.* seems to *exclude* the day of the delivery of the declaration; yet the construction of the said rules must be governed by the rule to plead, which is *inclusive* of the day on which it is given, and therefore if a declaration

claration be left in the office *de bene esse* on the first day of a term; notice thereof may be given on the same day to plead within the first four or eight days (as the case may be) of the term; and not say within the first four or eight days *after* the declaration delivered.

2. In an action which requires only a common appearance, if a declaration be delivered *de bene esse*, plaintiff cannot sign judgment for want of a plea till the time defendant has to enter his appearance is expired; as if the *capias* is returnable on the *octave* of Saint Hilary, and a declaration is left in the office *de bene esse* on 23^d *January*, and notice and a rule to plead is given same day, the rule will be out the 26th; but as the defendant has eight days to appear *exclusive* of the return-day, the plaintiff cannot sign judgment for want of a plea till the 29th *January*, and then an appearance must be first entered either by the defendant or the plaintiff for him.

Attachment of privilege returnable *Thursday* next after 15 *Hil.* a copy whereof was served on defendant before the return, and on the return-day (30th *Jan.*) a declaration was left in the office *de bene esse*, and notice to plead served on defendant; de-

fendant by the statute having eight days to appear after the return of the writ (*i. e.* exclusive of the return-day) *viz.* till 7 *February*, his last day of appearing, and then entered his appearance and pleaded a tender *after* his time for pleading given by the said notice, but *before* the rule to plead expired, plaintiff looked on this plea as a *nullity*, because pleaded after the time of pleading expired, and after the rule to plead was out, signed judgment. Defendant insisted that this plea ought to be received any time before his *time for appearing* expired, or any time before plaintiff was entitled to sign judgment for want of a plea; interlocutory judgment set aside, costs to attend the event of the cause. *T. 28 Geo. 2. Barrard, one, &c. against Irwin, Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes, p. 39.*

3. A common *clausum fregit* returnable first return of this term. Declaration filed *de bene esse*, and notice thereof delivered, and a rule to plead given, plaintiff signed judgment before the expiration of eight days from delivery of the

notice, tho' defendant lived *above* twenty miles from *London*: judgment set aside; the court held that plaintiff should have staid eight days after the delivery of the notice, tho' he gives but a four days rule to plead. *Hil. 6 Geo. 2. Godfrey v. Matthews & al'*, *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 85.* — *M. 7 Geo. 2. Lazenby v. Bradley.* The writ was returnable first return of this term; defendant appeared by his attorney, plaintiff declared in *Yorkshire*, gave rule to plead, and after demanding a plea signed judgment for want thereof in *four* days. *Cur'* held, that pursuant to the rule *M. 3 Geo. 2.* in all cases upon writs returnable first or second return of any term, if plaintiff doth not declare in *London* or *Middlesex*, or the defendant lives *above* twenty miles from *London*, defendant has eight days time to plead. Judgment set aside. 1 *Barnes's Notes 167.* — *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 94.* S. C. says, *cur'* declared that the late rules (*M. 3 Geo. 2.* and *E. 3 Geo. 2.*) should extend to declarations delivered to attorneys as well as to declarations filed in the office *de bene esse*, and notice thereof delivered to defendant.

4. When a declaration is left in the office *de bene esse*, you must indorse thereon, that it is left in the office *de bene esse*, or conditionally; or for this reason judgment will be set aside *without* costs. *Hil. 11 Geo. 2. Evans v. Tillan*, 1 *Barnes's Notes 189.* — But in *T. 24 Geo. 2. in casu Gascoigne & Ux' v. Brown*, 2 *Barnes's Notes 185.* on looking into the general rules *M. 3 Geo. 2.* and *E. 3 Geo. 2.* *cur'* held that it was not necessary to indorse notice to plead on the declaration where it is filed *de bene esse*, and notice thereof given to defendant.

5. A declaration may be delivered *de bene esse* on the essoin or return-day; or on any day after, tho' rule to plead cannot be given till first day of term. *Hil. 5 Geo. 2. Seller v. Taceby, Rep. and Cas. of Praet. in C. P. 68.*

6. Writ served on defendant in *London*; at which time he lodged in *London*, and notice of declaration and to plead in four days; left for him at his lodgings in *London* as his last place of abode; tho' defendant dwelt in the country *above* twenty miles from *London*, and lodged only occasionally in *London*; yet held good, and that defendant had only four days time to plead. *M. 4 Geo. 2. Poulter v. Skinner, Rep. and Cas. of Praet. in C. P. 59.—Praet. Reg. in C. P. 129. S. C. and P.*

7. Declaration filed *de bene esse* first day of term (and notice to defendant), defendant's attorney put in bail in time, whereupon plaintiff's attorney demanded a plea, and for want thereof signed judgment. Defendant insisted that his attorney ought to have had notice of the declaration. The declaration is well delivered *de bene esse*, and notice thereof to defendant's attorney is not necessary. *Hil. 12 Geo. 2. Christophory v. Otto; 1 Barnes's Notes 221.—Praet. Reg. in C. P. 149. S. C.*

8. Plaintiff declared *de bene esse*, and gave notice to plead in four days instead of eight; bad, tho' plaintiff staid eight days before he signed his judgment. *E. 12 Geo. 2. Braty v. Baldock, 1 Barnes's Notes 222.—Praet. Reg. in C. P. 135. S. C.*

9. Declarations *de bene esse* are necessary to take the advantage of the term, if the writ be of the *first* or *second* return, where defendant is

to plead without imparlance, but not otherwise. 2 *Barnes's Notes* 66.

Of delivering declarations on procefs returnable on other returns than *first* or *second*.] If the procefs be returnable on any other return than *first* or *second*, the defendant is intitled to an imparlance, and in such case notice must be for defendant to plead within the first four days of the next term.

Of declaring by the Bye.] Defendant's attorney is bound to receive a declaration by the bye at the suit of the *same* plaintiff, but not at the suit of any other person. *M. 11 Ann. Methwin v. Pople, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 6.

On a *special* writ plaintiff cannot declare by the bye, till he has delivered a declaration in the *original* action, otherwise where the writ is an *acetiam* only, for then the plaintiff by declaring will only lose his bail, but may declare in any action, or in any county, as he may upon a *clausum fregit*, and deliver as many declarations the *same* term between the *same* parties as he will. *Vide M. 4 Geo. 1. Holmes v. Small, and in three other causes, Ibid.* 58.

Declaration may be ~~made~~^{delivered} by the bye in the *same* term, tho' debt and costs on the first declaration are paid. *T. 14 & 15 Geo. 2. Hand, an attorney, v. Willet, Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 144.

On procefs at the suit of the husband *only*, he cannot deliver a declaration by the bye at the suit of himself and wife. But on procefs at the suit of husband and wife he may deliver a declaration by the bye at his own suit *only*.

Wrecks & ux' v. Robins, Rep. and

and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 131.—Pract. Reg. in C. P. 142. S. C.

A declaration by the bye cannot be regularly delivered *after* the term in which the writ was returned, and therefore two declarations by the bye delivered 16th *October* next before this term (after a declaration in chief delivered in *Easter* term last) was held to be out of time. *M. 14 Geo. 2. Dun v. Hutt, in trover, Dun v. Hutt, in assumpsit, 2 Barnes's Notes 270.*

On an attachment of privilege *de placito debiti*, the plaintiff cannot deliver a declaration by the bye *in case*, till he has declared *in debt*. *Pract. Reg. in C. P. 141.*

Particular cases relating to declarations.

IRregularity in delivering declarations on notice to be complained of to the court two days before executing inquiry.—It will be too late after inquiry executed. *M. 2 Geo. 2. Wyatt v. Bacon, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 127.—*When any irregularity happens, the party injured must take the first opportunity of applying to the court. *Ibid.*

Declaration delivered to the defendant when his attorney was known by plaintiff's attorney irregular; and *cur'* ordered an imparlance, for it should have been delivered to defendant's attorney, or left in the office, and notice thereof given to defendant's attorney. *Hil. 13 Geo. 1. Turner v. Shrimpton, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 32. Pract. Reg. C. P. 126. S. C.*

Plaintiff's attorney not being able to find defendant's attorney, delivered declaration to defendant, and for want of a plea signed

judgment. And tho' defendant's attorney owned the receipt of the declaration from defendant; yet judgment was set aside, for that declaration was delivered to defendant, and not received by his attorney till after the *essoin-day* of this term. *Hil. 9 Geo. 2. Hutching v. Lillyman, Rep. and Cases of Pract in C. P. 128.*

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Declaration delivered to the attorney in the country not good. *T. 7 & 8 Geo. 2. Adderley v. Dixie, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 101.*

A declaration reduced from four counts to two, there being no necessity for more, and the attorney to pay costs. *Hil. 9 Geo. 2. Mackdonnel v. Gunter & al^s, Rep. and Cases of Pract. in C. P. 128.*—The same term *Morgan and Hill*, the like resolution, but no costs. *Ibid.*

A declaration in trespass reduced from five to two counts. *2 Barnes's Notes 294.*

Plaintiff may amend his declaration on payment of costs by adding new counts any time before the end of the second term, but not afterwards. *T. 10 Geo. 2. Green v. Ball, Rep. and Cases of Pract. in C. P. 131.*

If agent gives time to plead, country attorney cannot sign judgment till that time is out. All matters of this sort are to be transacted between the agents in town, and not by country attornies. *Hil. 11 Geo. 2. Wallace v. Willington, 1 Barnes's Notes 189.*

Pledges need not be put into the declaration. Pledges are upon the writ, and may be found any time before judgment. *E. 15 Geo. 2. Littleholds, one, &c. v. Bosanquett*, by attachment of privilege, *2 Barnes's Notes 134.*

Action of debt on judgment obtained against testator suggesting the judgment to have been obtained in *Essex*. The *venue* in the action of debt was laid in *Essex*, declaration held bad on demurrer; it should have been in *Middlesex*. *M. 20 Geo. 2. Savile v. Wiltshire and another, executors, 2 Barnes's Notes 139.*

Declaration amended, on plaintiff's motion, by changing *venue* from *London* to *Middlesex*, after plea pleaded and issue joined, on payment

ment of costs; it being on a remedial law, and confined to *Middlesex*. In other cases not usual. 2 *Barnes's Notes* 4, 17, 385.

Declaration amended by adding a new count after the second term, on payment of costs of plea, and replication, and defendant having leave to plead *de novo*. 2 *Barnes's Notes* 17.

Declaration amended by adding pledges, and a memorandum making the declaration agreeable to the bill on record, on payment of costs. *M. 22 Geo. 2. Wood v. Boon, Esq;* having privilege of parliament, 2 *Barnes's Notes* 18.

Leave given to amend the declaration delivered, by inserting the usual memorandum, on payment of costs. *T. 21 Geo. 2. Penfold v. Tomlinson, one &c. by bill,* 2 *Barnes's Notes* 287.

Declaration amended in the conclusion from [and therefore they pray suit] to [pray remedy] after demurrer for that cause, by consent. *E. 25 Geo. 2. Spencer and another, executors, v. Thomlinson, one, &c. by bill,* 2 *Barnes's Notes* 134.

Declaration amended after issue joined, notice of trial, and motion for judgment, as in a case of a nonsuit, the amendment being small, and the issue roll not being stuck into the bundle, on payment of costs of application, and for not proceeding to trial, and appointed a peremptory day for trial. *M. 26 Geo. 2. Beere v. Brooking,* 2 *Barnes's Notes* 256.

After *superfedeas* ordered for want of judgment, plaintiff charged defendant with a new declaration for a different cause of action, and held regular. 2 *Barnes's Notes* 348.

Motion to amend declaration by adding two new counts denied, because issue was joined; and *cur'* said it was never usual to give plaintiff

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leave to add a new count after defendant had pleaded. *M. 2. Geo. 2. Cooper v. Middleton, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 16.*

Declaration amended after issue joined, and verdict set aside. *Ibid. 17.*

Amendments tending to a new cause of action, prayed after notice of trial, denied. *Ibid. 19.*

Declaration amended after argument on demurrer, and *ulterius concilium* ordered. *Ibid. 19.*

Pledges to a declaration may be added at any time before judgment signed. *Ibid. 323.*

Plaintiff must declare in prohibition, if defendant insist on it. *Ibid. 356.*

Declaration amended by altering the *venue* after issued joined, and cause entered and counsel feed, by laying the *venue* in *Middlesex* instead of *London*; this being a plain mistake, the *Stat. 9 Geo. 2. c. 29.* directing the action to be brought in *Middlesex*. *T. 13 & 14 Geo. 2. Cooke v. Shone and others, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 20.*

Impar lance.

WHERE the process is returnable the *first* or *second* return of any term, and the declaration is not delivered or filed, and if filed notice of the filing given before the last four days in the term, defendant is intitled to an impar lance of course; and so he is if declaration be on process returnable on any other return than first or second, and in such case the notice must be for the defendant to plead within the first four days of the next term.

N O T E S.

NOTES.

1. Motion for an imparlance till *Michaelmas* term next, because declaration was delivered last *Michaelmas* term, and no plea called for in three terms, according to the rule *M. 1654. f. 15. T. 3 Geo. 2. Cole v. Pinnell, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 57.*

2. When the declaration is delivered so late in term that the defendant is not obliged to plead that term, he must within the first four days in the next term apply to the prothonotary for a *special* imparlance, if he would plead in abatement, which he may do having such *special* imparlance. *M. 6 Geo. 2. Threlkeld v. Goodfellow, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 78. —S. C. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 1. —S. C. 1 Barnes's Notes 149.*

3. Actions for words touching the murder of defendant's husband, imparlance granted till next term, plaintiff being indicted and in custody for the crime. *Hil. 10 Geo. 2. Sibson v. Niven, widow, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 139. —S. C. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 225. —1 Barnes's Notes 150. S. C.*

4. If plaintiff amends his declaration, and pays costs, defendant shall not have an imparlance. *E. 1 Geo. 2. Know v. Wychel et al, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 17, 18.*

5. After an imparlance only four days time to plead in a country cause. *T. 6 & 7 Geo. 2. Mathew and wife v. Stone, Ibid. 288.*

6. An imparlance is a matter of right, *per cur'.* *Ibid. 425.*

7. Plaintiff has a right to enter continuances by imparlance on the roll, from the declaration to judgment or issue. *2 Barnes's Notes 133, 269. 8.*

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8. Time to plead and an imparlance are the same thing. *Ibid.* 133, 269.

9. Too late to plead a tender after a general imparlance. *Hil.* 19 *Geo.* 2. *Smith v. Philips, one, &c.* *Ibid.* 284.

10. There can be no imparlance after a peremptory rule to plead. 2 *Barnes's Notes* §5.

11. Defendant appeared to be a lunatic by affidavits of his wife and Dr. *Monro*, and a commission of lunacy produced under seal in chancery, imparlance ordered on hearing the attornies on both sides. *Ibid.* 181.

12. Writ returnable first return, defendant put in bail in time, and plaintiff declared, an imparlance granted, declaration not having been delivered with notice to plead, according to the general rule, *E.* 3 *Geo.* 2.—But denied where a notice of declaration being left in the office and to plead had been served on defendant, tho' no notice to plead indorsed on the declaration. *Ibid.* 182, 3.—*Ibid.* 185. The court on looking into the general rules *M.* 1. *M.* 3. and *E.* 3 *Geo.* 2. held, that in case of notice of declaration being left, &c. it was not necessary to indorse notice to plead on the declaration, the notice served on the defendant is sufficient; it was the original course. After rule *M.* 1. (directing how notice is to be served on defendant where plaintiff appears for him) defendant was intitled to an imparlance, till the rule of *M.* 3. took away the imparlance. The rule of *E.* 3. directs nothing about the notice, only that declaration shall be delivered *with notice*. The declaration is not compleat till notice.

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13. By virtue of a rule for leave to file a bill so warrant proceedings, plaintiff may, as a necessary consequence, enter an imparlance on the roll. *Ibid.* 184.

14. But where imparlance is not entered on the roll in time, plaintiff pays costs. *Ibid.*

15. Imparlance not to be given in real actions, essoins are sufficient delays. *Ibid.* 2.

16. Imparlance denied, tho' plaintiff declared on several batteries, tho' but one in the writ. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 48.

Rule for bringing money into court.

Cooke,

Michaelmas term in the — year of King George the second, *A.* against *B.* Wednesday the 28th of November, it is ordered, that the defendant shall pay to the plaintiff, or to his attorney, — together with costs, to be taxed by Mr. prothonotary *Cooke*, if the plaintiff will accept thereof, and that thereupon all further proceedings in this action shall be stayed; but if the plaintiff will not accept thereof, the defendant shall immediately bring the said — into this court, and plead the general issue; and if upon the trial of the issue between the said parties, the plaintiff shall become nonsuit, or the jury shall not assess damages to the plaintiff exceeding the said — then the plaintiff shall have no costs, but shall pay to the defendant, or to his attorney, costs to be taxed by the said prothonotary, which costs shall be paid out of the money so brought into court if sufficient for that purpose, and the residue, if any, shall be paid to the plaintiff. But if the money so paid into court be not sufficient to pay the said costs,

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costs, the deficiency shall be made good by the plaintiff; but if upon the trial of the said issue the jury shall assess damages to the plaintiff exceeding the — l. then judgment shall be entered for the plaintiff upon the verdict with costs and the plaintiff shall have the said — l. out of court towards satisfaction of such judgment, and may take out execution for the residue.

Entered. On the
motion of Mr.
Serjeant — for
defendant.

By the court.
FOTHERGILL.

The reason of making the rule for payment of money into court, was to prevent vexation, and to make an end of the cause. *Vide Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 256.

Five pounds or under may be brought in on a motion in the treasury.

N O T E S.

1. Money may be brought into court upon the common rule after rule to plead is out, at any time before plea pleaded. *M.* 6 *Geo.* 2. *Anon.* 1 *Barnes's Notes* 197. — Rule to pay money into court discharged, the money not having been paid in till after plea pleaded. *Hil.* 11 *Geo.* 2. *Straphon v. Thompson*, *Ibid.* 200. — *Cur'* can't give leave to bring money into court after plea pleaded without plaintiff's consent. 2 *Barnes's Notes* 275. — *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 261. S. P. — In *M.* 13 *Geo.* 2. *Usher et al' v. Edmunds*, leave was given to withdraw the general issue, plead the same *de novo*, and pay money into court. In this case plaintiff had directed his attorney to pay money into court on the common rule, the attorney died before
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it could be done, and his clerk delivered the general issue by mistake. *Cur'*: The general practice is against defendant, but must be dispensed with in case of accidents. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 262.

2. Motion, upon affidavit that defendant was dead, that 10*l.* paid into court might be paid to his executors, denied *per cur'*, *M. 6 Geo. 2. Knapton v. Drew*, 1 *Barnes's Notes* 197.—*Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 252. S. C. and P. for *per cur'*, money being once paid in it belongs to the plaintiff.

3. Motion to bring principal, interest and costs into court, and refer to prothonotary. *Cur'* refused to grant the rule, plaintiff being an executor, but said, plaintiff might be willing to accept the debt and costs, and therefore granted a rule to shew cause. *Hil. 6 Geo. 2. Bryan, executor, against Holloway*, 1 *Barnes's Notes* 197.

4. Money paid into court in debt for rent, and *nil debet* pleaded; so in covenant for not payment of rent. *T. 7 & 8 Geo. 2. Dixon v. Allen (a)*, *Ibid.* 198.—*Ibid.* 201. *M. 12 Geo. 2. White v. Daman*, S. P. *(a) Pract. Reg. in C. P.*
257. S. C.

5. Where plaintiff sues as administrator, rule to bring money into court must be so drawn up. *Hil. 8 Geo. 2. Satterthwaite and wife administratrix v. Watford. Ibid.* 198.

6. After issue joined and notice of trial, plaintiff may have leave to take money out of court with costs, to the time of bringing the same in, on payment of costs to defendant, subsequent to the time of bringing the money into court. *Hil. 8 Geo. 2. Savage v. Francklyn, Ibid.*—*Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 254. S. C.—*Hil. 13 Geo. 2. Davies v. Mansell, Bart. Ibid.* 255. S. P.—2 *Barnes's Notes* 230. *Hil. 17 Geo. 2. Vane v. Mechell*, S. P.

S. P.—*Ibid.* 235. *E.* 24 *Geo.* 2. *Bate, assignee, v. Crane, in covenant*, S. P. Defendant's subsequent costs to be paid out of the money in court.

7. Plaintiff recovers a smaller sum than that paid into court, defendant shall have that money out of court towards his costs. In the treasury *Hil.* 8 *Geo.* 2. *Anon.* 1 *Barnes's Notes* 199.

8. Tho' plaintiff dies before trial, defendant cannot have his money back. *E.* 5 *Geo.* 2. *Crockay v. Martin, Ibid.* 199.—*Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 255. *S. C. Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 129. says it was objected that the money belonged to plaintiff's executor, that a rule was made that the plaintiff's executor should bring a new action, and in the mean time all things should stay.

9. In trover, motion to bring the goods specified in the declaration into court, but they being ponderous, motion denied, *per cur'*. But plaintiff to shew cause why he should not consent to accept the goods and costs. *T.* 10 *Geo.* 2. *Cock v. Holgate, 1 Barnes's Notes* 200. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 260.—*Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 130. *S. C.* says, the motion was to bring many household goods into court. If it had been any particular thing, *Cur'* would have granted it, but they would not incumber the court with many goods, but made a rule as above.—*Watkinson v. Cockshot, Hil.* 6 *Geo.* 2. A motion to bring goods into court denied. *Ibid.*

10. Money cannot be brought into court after a regular judgment. *Per cur'*, *M.* 12 *Geo.* 2. *Burgess v. Pollamounter, 1 Barnes's Notes* 200. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 262. *S. C.* 2 *Barnes's Notes* — *T.* 21 *Geo.* 2. *Tidmarsh v. Smith, in covenant,*

nant, S. P. Rule to bring money into court comes in lieu of a tender.—*Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 258. *Hil.* 6 *Geo.* 2. *Grove v. Ask*, S. P. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 289. S. P. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 85. S. P.

11. After money paid in, and issue joined, it cannot afterwards be increased. *Per Cur'*, *Hil.* 13 *Geo.* 2. *Swan v. Freeman*, *ibid.* 202. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 263. S. C.—2 *Barnes's Notes* 233. Leave to add more money denied, defendant having pleaded and brought no money in. *M.* 22 *Geo.* 2. *Green, executor, v. Beaton*, in covenant. 2 *Barnes's Notes* 233.

12. Common rule obtained from secondary for payment of money on a bill penal, with a count added on *mutuatus*, is wrong; but *Cur'* refused to set it aside after verdict in defendant's favour. *E.* 14 *Geo.* 2. *Peirce v. Sanders*, 2 *Barnes's Notes* 228.

13. Rule to shew cause why on defendant's bringing into court curtains, &c. proceedings should not stay, discharged, they having been altered, and thereby lessened in value.—These sort of rules are discretionary. *M.* 15 *Geo.* 2. *Royden v. Batty*, in trover, *ibid.* 229.

14. Money brought into court in covenant, where the breach was assigned in a sum certain, *viz.* for 11*l.* for not dressing corn. *Hil.* 15 *Geo.* 2. *Walnouth v. Houghton*, *ibid.*

15. Money brought in by defendant ordered to be paid out to plaintiff though judgment arrested, and consequently no costs were to be paid on either side. *E.* 16 *Geo.* 2. *Fisher v. Kitchingman*, *ibid.* 230.

16. Leave to bring money into court refused in an action on a bond, conditioned for bailiff's good behaviour, and for his paying money
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collected for the sheriff's use. *Hil. 18 Geo. 2. Atkins v. Taylor, ibid. 231.*

17. So in an action of debt for the penalty of a charterparty. *E. 19 Geo. 2. Yeoman v. Ross, ibid.*

18. Leave to pay money, &c. with respect to two counts, and as to the rest to plead the general issue; the statute of limitations and a set off. This is similar to covenant for not payment of rent where other breaches are also assigned. If plaintiff takes the money out, he must have costs of the whole to that time. *Curr'* will not give defendant leave to pay money into court, and plead as to some of the counts, and demurrer (a) to the rest. *T. 21 & 22 Geo. 2. Hellier v. Hellier, widow and administratrix, in case, in nine counts, ibid. 232.*

(a) Motion to pay money into court on all the counts

in the declaration except the last, and to demur to that, denied *M. 2 Geo. 2. James v. Halsey, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 256.*—Motion to bring money into court upon some of the promises in the declaration, and to demur to one of the promises, denied. *M. 2 Geo. 2. James v. Gofey, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 43.*

19. In debt for penalty of a bond, conditioned for performance of covenants in a lease; breach assigned for non-payment of 10*l.* for half a year's rent. Motion to bring 10*l.* into court on the common rule denied. This has never been done in debt, though in covenant it may. By the 8 & 9 *W. 3.* the judgment in covenant is to stand, and *scire facias* may be sued out for subsequent breaches, but that statute does not extend to this case. In debt on bond for payment of money by instalments, money cannot be brought in on the common rule. On suffering plaintiff to enter judgment, and payment of 10*l.* and costs, proceedings

ceedings staid. *Hil. 22 Geo. 2. Wright v. Bennington, 2 Barnes's Notes 233.*

20. Leave to bring money, and plead *plene administravit*, as well as the general issue, to the whole. *Hil. 23 Geo. 2. Austin v. Ross, executor, 2 Barnes's Notes 234.*

21. Leave to plead bankruptcy to the first count, pay money, &c. on the common rule, and plead the general issue to the other counts. *E. 16 Geo. 2. Hall v. Lane, in case, on several promises, 2 Barnes's Notes 276.*

22. Leave to withdraw plea, pay 50 *l.* into court, and plead the general issue, defendant doing so within a week, and taking short notice of trial for next assizes. *T. 26 & 27 Geo. 2. Pitfield v. Morey, ibid. 296.*

23. Money is paid into court, the plaintiff refuses it, proceeds to trial, and is nonsuited; defendant cannot have it back, for defendant by bringing the money into court had admitted that the plaintiff was intitled to it at all events. Afterwards plaintiff brought a new action, and in *Hil. 1 Geo. 2. Cur'* made a rule for plaintiff to have the money if he thought fit, but if not, that it should remain in court upon the common rule in the new action. *M. 1 Geo. 2. Lane v. Wilkinson, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 250. — Vide Dickins v. Tallowin, p. 130. Ca. 25.*

Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 36. T. 13 Geo. 1. Lane and others v. Wilkinson S. P. defendant cannot have the money, for he paid it into court knowing and being conscious that he owed the plaintiff so much, and therefore the plaintiff shall have it. Ibid.

24. Money paid back out of court to defendant towards satisfaction of his costs, he having a verdict. *T. 1 Geo. 2. Rathbone v. Steadham, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 251. — Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 54. — E. 8 Geo. 2. Maddox v. Paston. Six pounds brought into*

court on the common rule, and plaintiff recovered but five pounds; by the words of the rule, plaintiff was to have the money out of court, but the defendant moved to have the six pounds paid in part of his own costs, and granted. *E. 8 Geo. 2. Maddox v. Paston, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 117.*

25. Plaintiff nonsuited at trial after money brought into court, new action brought, leave to defendant to pay in a further sum, and both sums to remain on the common rule in the new action. *T. 3 Geo. 2. Dickins v. Tallowin, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 252.*

26. Money paid into court to attend the event of the verdict, paid back to the defendant, the plaintiff being nonsuited. *E. 6 Geo. 2. Frampton v. Cooke, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 253.*

27. Costs of paying money into court, and taking it out, must be paid by defendant, tho' the money was tendered (after rule for paying it into court) to plaintiff's attorney and refused before paid in; for though defendant tendered the debt, he could not tender the costs till they were taxed. *T. 8 & 9 Geo. 2. Cotton v. Perk's, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 258.—Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 120. S. C.*

28. Leave to plead double, and to bring money into court. *Hil. 9 Geo. 2. Bowles v. Wheeler, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 260.—Pract. Reg. in C. P. 310. M. 11 Geo. 1. Dun v. Holditch S. P.*

29. Motion to bring money into court, defendant suggesting that the ejectment was brought for nonpayment of a fine, and for letting a lease contrary to the custom of the manor, but denied; for though it can be no disadvantage to a lessor to stay proceedings on payment of his
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his rent and costs, yet the granting this motion may probably give the defendant such an advantage over the lessors, who have brought this ejectment for a just cause, as may do them injustice. *Hil. 1 Geo. 2. Rocks v. Atease, on the demise of Lady Briscoe, widow, et al', Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 42.*

30. An action of assault, and for taking away one shilling; moved to bring the shilling into court, and plaintiff to proceed at his peril for the residue, rule to shew cause, but *Q.* whether it was ever made absolute, or opposed? *T. 2 Geo. 2. Smith v. Dobby, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 46.*

31. In trover, motion to bring a note into court, and granted. Court thought it as reasonable that goods, or their value, should be brought into court in an action of trover, as money in an *assumpsit*. *M. 4 Geo. 2. Tuney v. Clarke, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 59.*—*Billings v. Wilcocks, Hil. 1733.* a rule was granted for bringing working tools into court. *Ibid.*

32. Motion to pay money into court, but not brought in till three terms after; proceedings set aside, upon payment of costs by the defendant. *M. 7 Geo. 2. Bond v. Jope, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 93.*

33. In replevin and avowry for rent, the plaintiff was allowed to bring money into court.

34. Where the plaintiff is an executor [or administrator] money may not be brought into court; *per cur'*, but a rule was granted for the plaintiff to shew cause. *Hil. 6 Geo. 2. Gibbs, executor, v. Gawler, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 250.*

The reason given is, *that an executor or administrator is not by law to pay costs*; Q. therefore whether money may not be brought into court, if the action brought by the executor or administrator be such an action as he might have brought in his own right, and in which he need not have named himself executor or administrator, for in such an action he will be liable to pay costs on a nonsuit, &c.

35. Case on several *Undertakings* and *promises*, the last count for money received for plaintiff's use as executrix; rule to shew cause why defendant should not have leave to pay money into court on the common rule, as to the *last* count, and why, if plaintiff should not recover more money than the sum paid into court on that count, and shall not recover any thing on the other counts, why she should not pay defendant's costs, it appearing that plaintiff might, as to the fourth count, have brought the action in her own right. On shewing cause a rule was entered into by consent, that plaintiff do accept the money offered, as to the last count, with costs hitherto as to it, and that the last count be struck out of the declaration. *Hil. 25 Geo. 2. Emes Widow, executrix, v. Jew, 2 Barnes's Notes 236.*

36. Defendant moved for leave to bring money into court, denied, she being an executor,—but afterwards was allowed, consenting not to take the money out again. *M. 1 Geo. 2. Cas v. Iveson, executor, Praet. Reg. in C. P. 249.*

37. Defendant paid money (37*l.*) into court on the common rule, the plaintiff proceeded to trial, and recovered a larger sum, and afterwards

wards became a bankrupt; the assignees under the commission moved to have the money paid out of court to them; which was opposed by plaintiff's attorney, who submitted whether he who had been the means of recovering the verdict, ought not to be first paid his bill of costs? Rule to refer his bill to the prothonotary to be taxed, and the attorney to allow 7*l.* 4*s.* received by him of plaintiff in part, and then to be paid out of the 37*l.* and the residue to be paid the assignees. *T. 27 & 28 Geo. 2. Owston v. O Brian, M. S. Notes, Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes, p. 11. S. C.*

38. Rule to bring money into court upon the breach assigned for nonpayment of rent made last *Trinity* term; plaintiff afterwards died (*viz.* in *July* last) before any thing further done. Plaintiff's executrix moved for leave to take the money out of court, with costs to the time it was paid in, which plaintiff in his life-time was intitled to. A rule was made by consent, That the money be paid out of court to plaintiff's executrix with such costs as plaintiff would have been intitled to, if he had accepted the money at first; and that no action should be brought by the executrix for the same cause for which the former action was brought by the testator. *E. 27 Geo. 2. Rogers, assignee, against Stanford, assignee, in covenant broken, Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes, p. 40.*

39. Action on bond to a trustee, to secure an annuity by instalments to defendant's wife. Rule absolute to stay proceedings on payment of 3*l.* (the only instalment due) and costs. *T. 27 & 28 Geo. 2. Moss, administrator, v. Hardy, Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes p. 41.*

40. Defendant obtained a rule for plaintiff to shew cause, why he should not have leave to bring into court, on the common rule, 40 s. in lieu of each heriot demanded by plaintiff; but on shewing cause the covenant appeared to be, to render to plaintiff the best live beast for a heriot, or pay him 40 s. in lieu thereof, at plaintiff's election. Rule discharged. *Hil. 28 Geo. 2. Davy, Baronet, v. Martyn, assignee, &c. in covenant broken, Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes 41.*

41. Upon the common motion by defendant to bring principal, interest and costs into court, pursuant to the statute; objected by plaintiff, that he being an executor, this case is not within the statute. *Bryan, executor, against Holloway, Hil. 6 Geo. 2.* was quoted to shew that such a notion was once entertained. But *per cur'*: The words of the statute are general and extend to all actions on bond, brought by executors as well as other persons. Rule absolute to bring principal, Interest and costs into Court, and thereupon proceedings to be stayed. *Hil. 28 Geo. 2. Wright, executor, v. Swayne, Esquire, in debt on bond, Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes 42.*

42. Rule absolute for leave to withdraw plea of general issue, on payment of costs, pay 2 l. 2 s. into court on common rule, and plead the same plea again; defendant taking notice of trial for the sitting after term in *Middlesex*. No delay had been occasioned to plaintiff by defendant's omitting to bring money into court before plea pleaded. *Hil. 29 Geo. 2. Phillips v. Barker, Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes p. 42.*

Venue.

OF laying the *venue* in *local* actions.] All real and mixt actions, as waste, *ejectione firmæ*, &c. are *local*, and must be laid in the county where the lands lie. And actions of trespass *quare clausum fregit*, must be laid in the county where the wrong was done.

Of laying *venue* in *transitory* actions.] Actions of *debt*, *detinue*, *assault*, *annuity*, *account*, &c. are transitory, and may be laid in any county where the plaintiff pleaseth.

But by a rule of this court, actions *upon the case*, *trespass for goods*, *assault*, or *imprisonment*, arising in any *English* county, are to be laid in the proper counties, unless they arise where the justices of *nisi prius* seldom come. And because *trespass* or *trover* for goods, *battery*, imprisonment and slander, must needs be notorious in what county they arise, the attorney knowingly laying them out of their proper county (unless in cases before expressed, or such other causes as shall be allowed by a judge of the court) shall be severely punished. Rule M. 1654. sect. 8.

Of changing the *venue*.] In a transitory action *before the defendant has pleaded*, on motion and affidavit, that the cause of action (if any) arose in the county of *A*. and not in the county of *B*. as laid in the declaration, or elsewhere out of the county of *A*, the court will change the *venue* to the proper county, and the defendant must plead to the new action, as he should have done to the former, without delay, and the *venue* may be changed in this manner, though

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the defendant comes in on the *exigent*. *Same Rule.*

The defendant cannot move to change the *venue* in any action until his appearance be entered. Rule *E. 24 Car. 2.*

N O T E S.

1. Formerly the *venue* could not be changed after application, and an order obtained for time to plead, nor even after a summons. *Vide Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 57, 126. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 425, 426. 1 Barnes's Notes 342, 344, 350, 338, 348. 2 Barnes's Notes 387.* But now by a rule of this court made *M. 16 Geo. 2.* any defendant may move to change the *venue* at any time before plea pleaded, in all such actions where the *venue* may be changed by the course of this court, notwithstanding such defendant may have applied for and obtained further time to plead before such motion made.

2. The *venue* was changed from *Middlesex* to *London*, for *London* has always been considered in this respect as a county at large, and motions to change the *venue* into *London* have usually been granted, though not to any other city or town which is a county of itself. *Hil. 1 Geo. 2. Biddolph v. Brown, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 41. Venue changed from Norfolk into London. T. 8 & 9 Geo. 2. Bickley v. Mackerell, 1 Barnes's Notes 341. — Gallant v. Squire, T. 5 & 6 Geo. 2. Venue changed from the city of Norwich to London. Cur' said the venue had been often changed into London. They do so in B. R. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 429.*

3. *Venue* changed from *London* to *Middlesex*. *Hil.* 13 *Geo.* 2. *Stoneham v. Denton*, *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 430.—1 *Barnes's Notes* 352. *Stoneham v. Dent* *S. P.*—The like resolution, *Gibson v. Letchmere*, *Hil.* 3 *Geo.* 2. in *B. R. Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 430.

4. Affidavit to change the *venue* should be, that “the plaintiff’s cause of action (if any such he hath) did arise in, &c.” and not that the promises in the declaration were made in, &c. and not in, &c. *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 421, 422. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 336.

5. *Venue* may be changed from *Middlesex*, though the plaintiff be an attorney, if he sues by *capias* and not by attachment. *T.* 10 *Geo.* 2. *Welland v. Funieall*, *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 132.—*Welland v. Feument*, *T.* 7 & 8 *Geo.* 2. *S. P. Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 419. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 339. *S. C.*

6. The words of the Affidavit for changing the *venue*, were that “plaintiff’s cause of action (if any) arose in the county of *B.* and not in the county of *M.* or elsewhere out of the county of *B.* to the defendant’s knowledge or belief,” which words were held to be insufficient as not being positive. *M.* 7 *Geo.* 2. *Belshaw v. Porter*, *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 422. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 338. *S. C.*

7. An attorney not declaring in person loses his privilege, and therefore *venue* changed from *Middlesex* into *Suffolk*. *Hil.* 7 *Geo.* 2. *Dent v. Lambert*, 1 *Barnes's Notes* 338.

8. *Venue* cannot be changed after defendant is bound to plead the general issue, and take short notice of trial, for changing the *venue* would in effect be putting off the trial. *M.* 8 *Geo.* 2. *Orpwood v. Banniere*, *Pract. Reg. in C. P.*

C. P. 70. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 337. *Hardress v. Sandell*, M. 7 Geo. 2. S. P.

9. *Venue* cannot be changed after plea pleaded. Hil. 13 Geo. 1. *Carter, Esquire, v. Dormer, Esquire*, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 33. — *Costar and wife v. Standen*, Hil. 8 Geo. 2. S. P. *Ibid.* 192. Pract. Reg. in C. P. S. C.—But may at any time before, though rule to plead be out. Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 159.

10. *Venue* not changed on a bill of exchange or promissory notes, for these are in the nature of specialties. T. 8 & 9 G. 2. *Ward v. Colclough*, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 119. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 341. S. C. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 417. S. C.—*Viggers v. Viggers*, T. 10 Geo. 2. Cur' made the like resolution, and so it was said to be ruled in B. R. Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 119.—Motion to change the *venue* from *Middlesex* to *Surry*. On producing declaration, it appeared to be an action on a promissory note only, therefore rule discharged. M. 12 Geo. 2. *Watson v. Lewis*, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 152.—*Watson v. Wallis*, M. 12 Geo. 2. S. P. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 418.—*Rice v. Vinal*, H. 10 Geo. 2. There was a count in the declaration upon a promissory note; cur', let plaintiff make affidavit that there is a *real* note, which he did, and thereupon the rule to change the *venue nisi* was discharged. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 417. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 345. S. C.—*Ibid.* 351. *Maugir v. Hinds*, Hil. 13 Geo. 2. Action on a bill of exchange only, *venue* not changed, plaintiff undertaking not to give evidence upon any other count, save that upon said bill.—2 *Barnes's Notes* 390. Cur' refused to change the *venue* where declaration contained *int' al'* a promissory note, on which plaintiff undertook to give evidence

dence at the peril of a nonsuit. *M. 17 Geo. 2. Duke of Bedford v. Bray, Ibid. 392. Litson v. Cooke, Hil. 21 Geo. 2. S. P.*

11. Affidavit "that if the words were spoken as in the declaration, they were spoken in Herefordshire and not in Middlesex," held bad, the words should be mentioned in the affidavit. *Hil. 8 Geo. 2. Castle v. Boucher, 1 Barnes's Notes 340.*

12. *Venue* never changed into a county palatine. *T. 6 & 7 Geo. 2. Herbert v. Shawe, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 91. 1 Barnes's Notes 337. S. C.—Pract. Reg. in C. P. 429. S. C.—1 Barnes's Notes 337. S. C.—Crastell v. Cockerell, 1 Barnes's Notes 341. S. P.*

Venue arising in a county palatine. Rule to shew cause why it should not be laid in an adjacent county upon

a full affidavit. *M. 5 Geo. 2. Denison v. Law, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 428.—2 Barnes's Notes 386. Richardson v. Walker et al', T. 14 & 15 Geo. 2. Venue is never changed into a county palatine.*

13. *Venue* laid at *Leek* without saying in the county aforesaid, held good on demurrer. *E. 9 Geo. 2. Spooner v. Milward, 1 Barnes's Notes 342.*

14. May move to change the *venue* after time to perfect bail. *M. 10 Geo. 2. Newby v. Burton, 1 Barnes's Notes 338.*

15. Defendant pleads after rule *nisi* to change the *venue*, and before it was made absolute, no waiver of the rule, seeing defendant's first application to the court was made before plea pleaded. *M. 10 Geo. 2. Lucas v. Rudd, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. 136. Pract. Reg. in C. P. 423. S. C. 2 Barnes's Notes 392. T. 24 & 25 Geo. 2. Herbert v. Flower and others, in trover, S. P.* The plea put in by inadvertency is no waiver of the rule. *Cur'* gave defendant leave to withdraw

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withdraw the plea on payment of costs, and made the rule absolute to change the *venue*.

16. *Venue* not changed in *scandalum magnatum*. T. 10 Geo. 2. *Lord Griffin v. Bugby*, *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 132.—*Lord Griffin v. Buckley*, *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 417. S. C.—1 *Barnes's Notes* 343. *Lord Griffin v. Buckby*, S. C.—*Lord Stanford v. Brown*, T. 1 Geo. 1. The like resolution, *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 132.—*Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 417. S. C.

17. An attorney has no privilege to change the *venue* into *Middlesex*, where he is defendant. M. 10 Geo. 2. *Mills v. Johnson*, an attorney. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 135.—*Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 419. S. C. 1 *Barnes's Notes* 344. *Cooper v. Mills*, attorney, M. 10 Geo. 2. S. P.—But where an attorney is plaintiff and sues as such, he has a right to lay his action in *Middlesex* in any case, and the *venue* cannot be changed. E. 7 Geo. 2. *Dent, an attorney, v. Lambert*, *Pract. Reg. C. P.* 418.—1 *Barnes's Notes* 339.—*Ibid.* 352. *Warden v. Norden*, Hil. 13 Geo. 2. S. P.

18. Trespass against three defendants, *venue* changed on the motion of *two* only, for the defendant who does not apply to have the *venue* changed, may have been made a defendant merely to fix the *venue* in a wrong county. T. 10 Geo. 2. *Box v. Read et al'*, *Pract. Reg. in C. P.* 430.—*Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P.* 133. S. C.—1 *Barnes's Notes* 343. S. C. says, affidavit of *one* of the defendants held sufficient to ground a motion to change the *venue*.

19. *Norfolk* in the margin, in the body of the declaration *venue* was laid at the city of *Norwich* in the county of the same city throughout

throughout, inquiry executed by the sheriff of *Norwich* good, for the county in the margin will help, but not hurt. *Hil. 10 Geo. 2. Howse v. Haselwood, 1 Barnes's Notes 345. Ibid. 346. Sheers v. Bartlett, T. 11 & 12 Geo. 2. S. P.*

20. A serjeant at law not suing by a writ of privilege shall not have the benefit of his privilege to retain the *venue* in *Middlesex*, and the *venue* was changed. *Hil. 11 Geo. 2. Girdler, Serjeant at law, v. Matthews, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 145.—Pract. Reg. in C. P. 420. S. C. 1 Barnes's Notes 346. S. C. Note; plaintiff had sued by original.*

A serjeant at law hath a particular writ of privilege. *Brev' Judic' 4. Vidian's Entries—Herne 203,*

A declaration for him. But

if he does not make use of his writ of privilege, he waves his privilege; a Barrister at law hath a right to sue in *Middlesex*, but he hath no writ of privilege.

21. Motion on the last day of the term to change the *venue* too late, for plaintiff cannot have an opportunity of shewing cause. *Hil. 12 Geo. 2. Thompson v. Rand, Pract. in C. P. 426. Ibid. 427.*

22. Defendant may move to change the *venue* after an imparlance, and before plea pleaded. *M. 13 Geo. 2. Anon. Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 159.—1 Barnes's Notes 350. Blackstock v. Payne S. C.*

23. Declaration amended on plaintiff's motion, by changing *venue* from *London* to *Middlesex*, after plea pleaded and issue joined, on payment of costs, it being on a *remedial* law, and confined to *Middlesex*; in other cases not usual. *2 Barnes's Notes 4, 17, 385.*

24. An action for words laid in *London*, motion to change the *venue* upon affidavit of the words being spoken in the town of *Southampton*, but denied, because the court doth not use to change

change the *venue* into a city, or town and county within itself, without the consent of the parties. *T. 13 Geo. 1. Gardiner v. Forbes, Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 36.*—*Earby v. Windows, Hil. 5 Geo. 2.* for the same reason a motion to change the *venue* from *Middlesex* to the city of *York*, was denied. *Ibid.*—*Pract. Reg. in C. P. 429. S. C. Robins v. Webber, Hil. 1 Geo. 2.* A motion to change the *venue* from *Middlesex* to the city of *Exeter*, was denied. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. in C. P. 36.*—*Lane, widow, v. Newman, Hil. 6 Geo. 2.* Motion to change the *venue* from *London* to *Exeter* denied, for *Cur'* will not change the *venue* to a city and county of itself without consent. *Ibid. 82.*—*Cowling v. Reynoldson, T. 6 & 7 Geo. 2.* The like motion was again for the same reason denied by the court. *Ibid.*—*1 Barnes's Notes 336. S.C.*—*Lutwidge v. Wilcox, T. 10 Geo. 2.* Motion to change the *venue* from *Cumberland* to *Bristol*, or *Somersetshire*, the adjacent county, at plaintiff's election, denied. *1 Barnes's Notes 343.*

Where the *venue* is changed an original is necessary. *Ibid.*

25. In an action against an attorney, the *venue* was changed from *Middlesex* into *Surry*, without costs of a new bill. *M. 12 Geo. 2. Davies v. Gravean attorney, 1 Barnes's Notes 348.*—*Vide T. 13 Geo. 2. Winter v. Southam an attorney. Ibid. 350.*

26. Motion to change the *venue* from *Westmorland* to *Leicester*, on the last day of the term received, for the *venue* being in *Westmorland*, the cause cannot be tried till the summer assizes, plaintiff to shew cause on the first day of the next term. *Hil. 14 Geo. 2. Cumpston v. Buckley, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 427.*

27. Motion

27. Motion to change the *venue* from *Worcestershire* to *Gloucestershire*, on the last day but one of the term, granted, unless plaintiff signify to the officer, that he will undertake to give material evidence, which if he will do, rule to be discharged. *Hil. 14 Geo. 2. Hill v. Wadley, Pract. Reg. in C. P. 427.*

28. *Venue* not to be changed where plaintiff may lose a trial. *Hil. 14 Geo. 2. Atwood v. Kennedy. Ibid. 428.*

29. Motion to change the *venue* from *Yorkshire* into the city of *York* denied. *Hil. 15 Geo. 2. Lewis v. Askham, 2 Barnes's Notes 386.*

30. *Venue* refused to be changed from *London* into *Kent*, the adjacent county, upon affidavit that the cause of action accrued within the city of *Canterbury*. *E. 15 Geo. 2. Davis v. Jordan, 2 Barnes's Notes 387.*

31. This action was brought by plaintiff an inn-keeper at *Appleby* in *Westmorland*, against defendant one of the knights of that shire, for a large demand of wine, &c. provided at the last election; defendant moved upon the common affidavit to change the *venue* from *Yorkshire* into *Westmorland*, where the assizes are held but once a year; it appeared that one of the plaintiff's witnesses was going to *Ireland*, and would not return for two years, and that plaintiff's

M. S. Rep. S. C. states it thus: On the defendant's affidavit a rule was made to shew cause why the venue should not be changed from Yorkshire to Westmorland. The defendant in his affidavit swore, that the plaintiff's cause of action (if any) arose in Westmorland, and that York was 200 miles from the place of his abode, and that he had sixty ancient witnesses which must be carried at a very great expence to York. Upon the shewing cause the plaintiff made an affidavit, that he is an inn-keeper at , and that defendant was a candidate at the last election, that he had his house to entertain his friends and relations, and that there was great profusion of wine and punch during the election, which lasted three days. That after the election a bill of 500 l. was delivered by him to the defendant, and that the defendant re-

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uses to pay plaintiff's creditors, of whom he had bought him; that he wine, &c. were very pressing upon him. Upon is a member these occasions the court acts according to for *Westmor-* discretion, and the general rules of justice and *land*, and has a large ac- the
quaintance.

That his tenants generally are upon the *petty* juries there; that one *Monsey*, who was his clerk of the cellar at that time, was going to Ireland in April, and would stay a year. That several of his creditors threaten to sue him after the next Lent assizes.

It was urged in behalf of the plaintiff that he would lose the term, there being no Lent assizes in *Westmorland*; and cited Lord *Shaftsbury* case, 1 *Vent.* 363. and *Salk.* 670. and said, that the changing of the venue was not *ex debito justitiæ*, and that the court would not change it out of a county which has an assize twice a year, into a county that has an assize but once a year.

Skinner Serjeant, urged in the defendant's behalf, that both parties lived in *Westmorland*; that it was true that the case in *Vent.* was such, but that the times ran hard on Lord *Shaftsbury*; that he had heard some judges say, there was no law in those days (a); that he did not like precedents from those times; that if this prevails, no knight of the shire can ever try a cause in his own county: He must know the gentlemen of his county: He must be beloved by his freeholders. The defendant cannot be in a better condition at *York*, for here is privilege against them, a right which defendant ought to insist on, when a bill of this extravagant nature is delivered, and the election lasted but three days.

Bootle Serjeant, agreed it was not a matter *ex debito justitiæ*, but said *venues* have been changed from a county, where there are assizes twice a year, to a county where there is but one assize in a year; and said it had been granted on his motion in this court, but cited no case.

Willes Ch. Just. agreed it was not *ex debito justitiæ*, but *discretionary*. When I say *discretionary*, I would be understood to mean that we ought to act according to the general rules of law. I don't like Lord *Shaftsbury's* (b) case, it shall never be a rule for me; I will not say there was no law

(a) *E.* 34 *Car.* 2.

(b) This was an action of *scandalum magnatum*, for saying that the Earl was a traitor, &c. The action being laid in *London* where the words were supposed to be spoken, it was moved in behalf of the defendant, that the venue might be changed into some other county; and affidavits were read, that the plaintiff had a great interest in the city, and an intimacy with the present sheriffs; so that the defendant could not expect an indifferent trial there, and therefore the court did think fit to take the cause out of *London*, and gave the Earl the election of any other county; but he refused to try it elsewhere, and would rather let the action fall. *E.* 34 *Car.* 2. The Earl of *Shaftsbury* v. *Cradock*, in *B. R. Vent.* 363. See *Salk.* 67.

the particular rules of practice in being. *Per cur'*: in those days. This action is laid in the next county to that where the action accrued. Had it been laid in *Middlesex* or any distant county, the court probably would not have obliged defendant to bring his witnesses (some of whom appeared to be aged and infirm) so far, but in this case it would be injustice to deny a trial at next *Yorkshire* assizes. *Venue* refused to be changed. *M. 16 Geo. 2. Rickaby v. Wilson, Esquire, 2 Barnes's Notes 388.*

It is a settled rule, we will not change the *venue* into *Psolk, Hull, or Canturbury,* because we don't know when the assizes will be held there; we will not

change it into the city of *Worcester* from the county of *Worcester*, because the cause must be tried at the same place. But I don't see why we may not from *Middlesex* to the city of *Worcester*, as well as from *Middlesex* to *London* (a). In this case I will have no consideration about privilege, - it is what I have nothing to do with. We should change a *venue* on motion either in *Mich.* or *Hil.* term (b), if no inconvenience to the party. We ought not to mind what plaintiff swears about the defendant's interest, that would be running into Lord *Shaftsbury's* case, but what he swears about his witness's going to *Ireland*, and his creditors threatening to sue him, is material. It appears to me it will be not only an inconvenience, but matter of injustice, to hinder the plaintiff from trying the cause the next assizes.

Parker and *Burnett* agree, (*absente Fortescue Aland, Justice*) and *Burnett* said, that a delay of justice was a denial of justice. And as to Mr. *Wilson's* influence there is nothing in it, for the more influence he has he will not care to stand trial for a just debt.

Willes, Chief Justice said, possibly some of the witnesses may live as near *York* as *Westmorland*. If the plaintiff had laid his action in *Middlesex* (as he might have done, it being a transitory action,) We would have changed the *venue*, for we would not have put the defendant to bring the witnesses an 100 miles. The rule to shew cause was discharged. *M. S. Rep.*— The practice is settled, that a *venue* cannot be changed into *Hull, Canterbury, &c.* because it is not known when an assizes will be held there, nor into the city of *Worcester* or *Gloucester*, out of the county at large, because the assizes for the city and for the county at large are held at the same place. In *Easter* or *Trinity* terms the *venue* may be changed into a city or county where the assizes are held but once a year, as *Bristol, Cumberland, &c.* In *M.* and *H.* terms there is no certain rule, but the court should change the *venue* then, if it could be done without manifest inconvenience. *Per cur', in S. C. 2 Barnes's Notes 388.*

(a) The plaintiff's counsel had urged the rule to be, that the *venue* was never changed from a county to a city.

(b) It was understood that the *venue* was not to be changed in *Mich.* or *Hil.* term.

32. *Venue* changed though motion for rule to shew cause not made till last day of last term, declaration being delivered so late that defendant could not apply sooner. T. 16 Geo. 2. *Haywood v. Wells*, 2 *Barnes's Notes* 387.

33. Action of covenant on deed for non-payment of rent for lands in *Kent*, laid in *Middiesex*, motion to change the *venue* denied. If *local* defendant will have advantage, if *transitory* the *venue* cannot be changed, the action being on a *specialty*. M. 18 Geo. 2. *Bradley v. Adey*, 2 *Barnes's Notes* 390.

34. In case for deceit by warranting *an unsound horse*. *Venue* changed on the common affidavit. Hil. 19 Geo. 2. *Everet v. Sansum*, 2 *Barnes's Notes* 390. — In this case *cur'* held that the *venue* may be changed in all actions in their nature *transitory*, except in cases of *privilege*, *specialty*, *promissory notes* or bills of exchange. *Ibid.*

35. Action on the case brought on a custom of the borough of *Leicester*, against defendant for exercising the trade of a watchmaker there, he not being a freeman, and not on a market or fair day, the *venue* was changed from *London* to *Leicester*, upon reading the declaration, *without the usual affidavit*. Note; The borough of *Leicester* is within the county at large. There is a commission of gaol-delivery every assizes for this borough, but no commission of *nisi prius*. T. 19 & 20 Geo. 2. *Mayor, &c. of Leicester v. Green alias Smith*, *Special action on the case*, *Ibid.* 391.

36. *Venue* changed from *Middlesex* to *Monmouthshire* in an action against the late sheriff. But by consent the jury process to be returned by the coroners, the new under-sheriff having been under-sheriff to defendant. *Hil. 29 Geo. 2. Davies, widow, v. Parry, Esquire, late sheriff of Monmouthshire, for an escape. Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes, p. 60.*

37. *Venue* refused to be changed from *London* into *Essex*, defendant by a judge's order for time to plead having consented to rejoin *gratis*, and take notice of trial for the sitting in *London*. *T. 28 Geo. 2. Hunter v. Gray; Smith v. Gray, Supplement to 2 vol. Barnes's Notes, p. 59.*

Though having obtained an order for time to plead, generally speaking is no hindrance to the changing of a *venue*,

yet if defendant will consent to take notice of trial in the county where the action is originally laid, that consent shall bind him. Had the judge been informed of the defendant's intention to move to change the *venue*, he would have made the order without prejudice to such motion. *Ibid.*